

*“We Are An Easter People
and Alleluia Is Our Song!”*

He is risen



~ Third Sunday of Easter ~ May 1, 2022 ~

The Emmaus Pastorate Parishes of St. Patrick, St. Mark, St. Joseph, St. Mary and Sacred Heart~

Worship This Week

Monday, May 2

St. Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
Rdgs: Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119; Jn 6:22-29
No Morning Eucharist (Fr. John's day off)

Tuesday, May 3

Sts. Philip & James, Apostles
Rdgs: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19; Jn 14:6-14

8:00 a.m. Word & Communion (St. Patrick)

8:00 a.m. Eucharist (Sacred Heart)

Jim & Kathy Funke †

Wednesday, May 4

Rdgs: Acts 8:1-8; Ps 66; Jn 6:35-40



7:00 a.m. Eucharist (St. Mark)

Francis & Wilma Holtz †

Thursday, May 5

National Day of Prayer
Rdgs: Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66; Jn 6:44-51



8:00 a.m. Eucharist (St. Mary)

Reconciliation & Adoration will follow Eucharist

The People of Ukraine

4:30 p.m. Adoration (St. Mark)

Friday, May 6

Rdgs: Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117; Jn 6:52-59



8:00 a.m. Eucharist (St. Joseph)

Reconciliation & Adoration will follow Eucharist

Carol & Rita Geraghty †

Saturday, May 7—Fourth Sunday of Easter

Rdgs: Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116; Jn 6:60-69

4:00 p.m. Eucharist (St. Joseph)

Baccalaureate

Mya Erickson †

6:00 p.m. Eucharist (St. Mary)

Baccalaureate

For the People

Sunday, May 8—Fourth Sunday of Easter

World Day of Prayer for Vocations
Rdgs: Acts 13:14, 43-52; Ps 100;; Rv 7:9-17
Jn 10:27-30

8:00 a.m. Eucharist (Sacred Heart)

Baccalaureate

Jim & Patty Shea †



10:00 a.m. Eucharist (St. Mark)

Mary Smock †

Thank You in memory of Jim and Kathy Funke, live-stream and KMCH 94.7 FM radio sponsors for the Fourth Sunday of Easter, May 8.



Salt for the Weak



"Come, have breakfast."

Yup, He said it!

We ascribe wondrous power and amazing teaching to the words of Jesus, yet as master teacher, He uses the simplest of words and experiences in His ministry. Did you remember this passage where Jesus cooked fish for the disciples after they had been fishing?

"Come, have breakfast."

Sandwiched between a miraculous catch of fish and an intimate conversation about feeding sheep, Jesus appealed to the purely human needs of hunger and hospitality. After eating and conversing with them and strengthening His relationship with them, He now would feed them with the words of everlasting life.

"Come, have breakfast."

Now, it's our turn.

Called to be disciples of Jesus, called to *imitate* and not merely *admire* Jesus, we are called to use our own hospitality as opportunities for conversation, encouragement, and, yes, for evangelization. You never know how the offer of a cup of coffee, a beer or a meal could open the door to soften a hardened heart, heal an old wound, or restore a damaged friendship.

"Come, have breakfast."

Who is Jesus calling YOU to invite?

Easter Season Reflection Questions...

1. The group of guys in today's Gospel (Jn 21:1-19) were no strangers to fishing. After they had been at it all night and not caught anything, what do you think their first reaction was when a stranger on the shore gave them advice on where to fish?
2. How open are you to direction in your own life— especially when things are a challenge and you're doing the best you can with no results? Can you be open and humble enough to come to Jesus for direction and guidance?
3. Put yourself in Simon Peter's sandals as Jesus asked him no less than three times, if he loved Him... How would you feel if someone close to you did the same? Each time, Jesus gave Peter a response, an action— if you love me, you'll feed and tend others. How does that apply to us? If we really love Jesus, how will we show it?

**Financial Reports for the Month of March 2022
The Emmaus Pastorate**

Pastorate

Income.....\$13,671.00
Expenses.....\$14,684.00
Deficit(\$1,013.00)

St. Patrick Colesburg

Income.....\$2,986.00
Expenses.....\$10,266.00
Deficit(\$7,280.00)

TAXA—\$5,257

St. Mark, Edgewood

Income.....\$16,123.00
Expenses.....\$30,913.00
Deficit(\$14,790.00)

TAXA—\$16,398

St. Joseph, Elkader

Income.....\$12,938.15
Expenses.....\$41,761.89
Deficit(\$28,823.74)

TAXA—\$10,720.23;
Parish House Taxes—\$238.00;
Sound System—\$20,217.56
(Donations were received for sound system)

St. Mary, Strawberry Point

Income.....\$7,463.00
Expenses.....\$16,173.00
Deficit(\$8,170.00)

TAXA—\$6,128

Sacred Heart, Volga

Income.....\$5,156.90
Expenses.....\$6,787.49
Deficit(\$1,630.59)

TAXA—\$3,797.78

What is “TAXA” anyways? Twice a year you see this word on the financial reports to the parishes. The Roman Catholic Church spreads far and wide and deep. The mission of the universal church is linked to the local church, usually called “dioceses,” or in our case, an “archdiocese.” The local church (archdiocese) works together to bring services, expertise and assistance in a variety of areas, and most of the offices are at the Archdiocesan Pastoral Center in Dubuque. Besides being the nerve center of the archdiocese and the Archbishop’s office, it also houses a variety of offices that provide services and administrative assistance. Some of the many resources we have access to through our TAXA support are: *Adolescent Faith Formation, Adult Faith Formation, Catechetical Services, Catholic Campaign for Human Development & Catholic Relief Services, Catholic Charities including Counseling, Jail and Prison Ministry, Immigration Legal Services, Post-Adoption Search, Disaster Services, Catholic Schools, Disability Inclusion, Finance, Health Care Ethics, Hispanic*
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Prayer Requests—In an effort to keep this list up-to-date, names will be left on for 30 days.

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The Emmaus Pastorate Prayer Chain Ministry is available to pray

for any needs you or someone you know may have. Call your parish representative to be placed on the Prayer Chain list. Your intention remains private.

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What is “TAXA” anyways? (Continued)

Ministry, Information Technology, Insurance, Property and Liability, Leadership Development and Pastoral Planning, Marriage and Family Life, Metropolitan Tribunal, Permanent Diaconate, Protection of Children and Young People, Respect Life and Social Justice, Vocations and Worship. We have a wealth of services to assist us in our ministry and mission throughout our parishes! And if you were to scan through our archdiocesan directory you would see that despite our wealth of offerings, these offices are staffed by a pretty bare-boned staff—most covering several areas. Many, many parishes and a large number of Catholics are the reasons we need this help. Parish tax is basically figured on the number of parishioners. We are grateful for the assistance and guidance we are able to receive on account of our church structure and the tax we contribute.

Easter Flowers were donated in memory of the following:



- ♦ **St. Patrick**—Thein and Berns Families (Pat & Jeanette Thein); Lueken and Manders Families (Paul & Luella Lueken); Simons and Lammers Families (Les & Carol Simons); Steinfadt and Klostermann Families (Steve & Diane Steinfadt); Hogan and Bowers Families (Jack & Carol Hogan); Von Handorf and Cox Families (Don & Jean Von Handorf); Boeckenstedt and Thurn Families (Dean & Rosalee Boeckenstedt); Dean Burgin (Dean & Rosalee Boeckenstedt); Brandon Davidshofer (Roger & Shirley Waterman); Fritz and Craig Clemen (Linda Clemen); Brown and Scherbring Families (Mark & Carol Brown); Chuck Steger (Carol Steger).
- ♦ **St. Mark**—Gregg Engelken, Paul Venteicher, Dave & Mona Engelken (Joyce Anderson); Ralph Engelken, Fred Engelken and Steve Engelken (Rita Engelken); Judi Kintzle and Tom Kerns (Jim & Jody Kerns Family); Art Funke (Doris Funke Family); Jim & Mary Schmitz, Steve Herreld, Lucas Knight (Mike & Karen Schmitz); Ken Bergan, Frank & Marie Jaeger, Leo & Anna Bergan (Jan Bergan); Tom Kerns (Joan M. Kerns); Mark & Marsha Hauser and Wally & Kathy Brown.
- ♦ **Sacred Heart**—Meyers and Sparrgrove Families; O'Brien and Witts Families; and Virgil and Lori Hefner
- ♦ **Saint Joseph**—Ambrose & Margaret Whittle; John & Alice Stence; Jim Hosch; Alphonse & Sylvia Steffen; Lawrence & Dorothy Hankey; Orville Kleitsch; deceased members of the Hrubes Family; deceased members of the Casper Family; Keith & Valene Lau; Rita & Donald Gardner



The Emmaus Pastorate Community Sends Our Prayers and Condolences to~

- ♦ The family of Luke Baade, whose funeral was celebrated at St. Joseph on Monday, April 25. Luke was the son-in-law of Lori and Paul Keppler.
- ♦ The family of Karolyn Downey, whose funeral was celebrated Friday, April 29, at St. Joseph.
- ♦ The family of Grace Tucker, whose funeral was celebrated at St. Mary Saturday, April 30.

The next St. Joseph Food Drive will be held May 7. **Needs are** cereal, peanut butter and jelly, canned and dried fruit, individually wrapped string cheese, and dry dinners such as hamburger and tuna helper.

Mark Your Calendars for These Upcoming Events at St. Joseph

- ♦ Perennial Plant Sale will be held on May 21.
- ♦ The Treasure Sale is scheduled for August 13. As you are doing your spring house cleaning, please keep us in mind

St. Joseph Cemetery Spring Clean-up—Please dispose of any flowers, pots, decorations, etc., that are weathered or broken. Reminder that for the safety of the maintenance of the grounds **NO** glass jars, vases or other glass materials will be allowed. Anything deemed a safety hazard will be immediately removed. Thank you.

St. Joseph Cemetery Committee

The St. Mark Stroganoff Supper was a great success! We served 170 people, and raised \$3,001 that will be sent to Catholic Relief Services for use in Ukraine. Members of Team Rock Solid were asked to contribute specific items and the rest of the food was donated by various parishioners. A HUGE THANK YOU to everyone who worked—the morning cooking crew, the afternoon ladies, the kitchen crew (especially the noodle cook and the very organized and efficient dishwashing assembly line), the serving line crew, and the dining room crew who stayed and morphed into the clean-up crew! Hats off to the NCYC students and adults who provided wonderful hospitality to all the diners!

Thank you to the Sacred Heart First Communion Teachers for doing such a wonderful job in preparing the children to receive this Blessed Sacrament. They looked so handsome and pretty all dressed up.

For the week of April 30, St. Joseph lights the Candles for Francis Wagner.

Janett Avianeda (daughter of Estela Romero Blanca and Primitivo Avianeda) will receive her First Eucharist on May 1 at St. Mark.

Welcome back to Elkader! Maybe you have heard—Father Paul Peters is now living in Elkader in Elkader Care Center Assisted Living! He has moved into an apartment there, and is pretty well settled in. We are sure he would love to hear from you. Drop him a note, or visit him and wish him well. His address is 120 Reimer Street SW, Apt 209, Elkader, Iowa 52043.

Correction—The St. Joseph Holy Thursday loose change collection of \$503.32 was for Ukraine. That correction has been made.

The First Session of “Introduction to the Bible”

was held at St Mark Parish Center on Thursday, April 28. We discussed many topics: what Bible to buy?, what book do I begin to read?, how do I find specific readings?, who wrote the Bible and why? If you are interested in this discussion, contact Fran Zichal (**563-880-0873**).



St. Mark Cemetery—We have had a good response to our request for parishioners to help replace the current flags and flagpoles. Two-thirds of them have been done. If anyone else would like to donate the cost of a set (\$115) in honor of a loved one, please contact St. Mark Church (**563-928-7200**), Harry Wulfekuhle (**563-880-0566**) or

Michael Sperfslage (**563-920-2421**). If anyone who donated a flag in the past would like it back, call Harry or Michael.

PRIEST MOVES! It’s that time of year again for announcements about changes in priest personnel throughout the Archdiocese of Dubuque. In the past this information was shared



through the archdiocesan paper, The Witness. Since we no longer have that venue, you can find out the “Who’s Who?” by going to the archdiocesan website **www.dbqarch.org**, and clicking on the link “Priest Appointments.” Please pray for all pastors, priests and parishes who will be entering into times of transition with these moves. New assignments are effective the second week of July.

Upcoming Pastorate/Parish Meetings

Monday, May 9

- ♦ St. Mary Finance Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 12

- ♦ St. Patrick Finance Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
- ♦ St. Patrick Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Monday, May 16

- ♦ St. Joseph Finance Meeting, 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 17

- ♦ Sacred Heart Finance Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
- ♦ Sacred Heart Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 24

- ♦ St. Mary Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

‘It is God you are looking for. Your unhappiness is not due to your want of fortune, or high position, or fame, or sufficient vitamins; it is due not to want of something outside you, but to a want of something inside you.’

Fulton Sheen



HOW LONG HAS IT BEEN (since you invited someone to Church?)

Surveys consistently show that the number one reason individuals do not attend Church is that they hate to come alone.

Going together to church begins the communal experience before we even arrive! Coming together for strength, guidance, forgiveness and inspiration are basic human needs—and for us, as Catholic Christians, the sacraments, especially the Eucharist, nourish and protect us as we grow in our faith. Can you make it a habit? Commit to bringing someone along. Witness to them about why this is important to you. Look around to someone “who always used to go” or maybe someone who has never darkened the door of our church or any church. These are the first steps to evangelization. You do not have to do it all—just take the initiative (like our namesake “Emmaus” gospel—where the disciples invited Jesus on for supper). With that, their eyes were opened! Who will you invite? Who do you care enough about to ask?

PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE

2022 Lent and Easter in Review

The Lenten season is a time of renewal and conversion. And while these are internal realities, they are nonetheless observable in the way we live out our lives.

- Many people came out to begin the Holy Season with Ash Wednesday.
- Many and varied groups were involved with leading the weekly Stations of the Cross and Adoration at each parish.
- Weekend worship had a steady increase in attendance and participation each week.
- Three weekday and one weekend Mass were live-streamed, as well as the weekend KMCH broadcast—bringing prayer and the message of the season to many people outside our area and in other countries! We are most grateful to Lori Keppler for her masterful slides and graphics (seen by the live-stream audience) and her technical assistance in preparing.
- Well over 300 people celebrated Reconciliation at our Pastorate celebration and the accompanying meal raised over \$2,000 for Ukraine relief.
- A good variety of people from the area came to Saint Mary's for our Sunday afternoon Ecumenical Prayer Service for the people of Ukraine—special thanks to Pastors Mike Jackson and Peter Buschmann for helping.
- Nearly 600 people attended the three Mission Nights presented by Anthony Digmann.
- Palm Sunday Masses were wonderful celebrations.
- Saint Joseph's Holy Thursday celebration had record attendance and was extremely prayerful and moving.
- Saint Mary's Good Friday observance had record attendance and the singing was amazing!
- Saint Mark's Easter Vigil had over 70 more people than last year and the prayer was awesome. Thanks to Pape FlameWorks for the Easter Fire; Deutmeyer Decorating for help with the Easter pond and banners; to Jim "Pope" Fannon for fabricating and donating the outdoor banner brackets.
- We have awesome, dedicated servers from all parishes who were great assistants for our liturgies!
- We have dedicated and talented persons who do all the work for liturgical environment to enhance our worship spaces and add to the prayerful experience.
- All five parishes had terrific Easter Morning celebrations of the Eucharist.
- Before Lent even started, John Uhal and Father John spent many hours reading, researching and planning for the season and for the special liturgies. The liturgy coordinators and musicians had meetings, workshops and rehearsals to prepare to lead our communities in worship. Resources were developed and shared with Faith Formation catechists to discuss the weekly scriptures and reflect upon their connection to our daily lives. And adult reflection questions were provided in the bulletin each week for personal prayer.
- We want to thank John Uhal for all the preparation and planning work, and especially for all the worship aid design and layout for the season. His work is invaluable. Please remember to thank him, if/when you see him.
- All in all, nearly 3,500 persons participated in worship, reconciliation and mission activity this season—not counting Ash Wednesday. We are blessed, you are great, and God is good!

These and many other examples are evidence that the Emmaus Pastorate community is understanding "Don't just GO to Church, BE CHURCH!" I am most grateful to you for your commitment and perseverance through some tough times, as we continue to serve these 450 square miles and beyond. May Christ strengthen and guide us in our mission "Being church by journeying together to Christ."



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ALLELUIA is our song!**

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