

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

He is risen



~ Fourth Sunday of Easter ~ May 8, 2022 ~

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

Worship This Week

Monday, May 9

Rdgs: Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42; Jn 10:1-10
No Morning Eucharist (Fr. John's day off)

Tuesday, May 10

St. Damien de Veuster, Priest
Rdgs: Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87; Jn 10:22-30

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

Ken Nadermann †

8:00 a.m. Word & Communion (Sacred Heart)

Wednesday, May 11

Rdgs: Acts 12:24—13:5; Ps 67; Jn 12:44-50

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

Merle & Norma Woerdehoff †



Thursday, May 12

Sts. Nereus & Achilleus, Martyrs; St. Pancras, Martyr
Rdgs: Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89; Jn 13:16-20

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

Reconciliation & Adoration will follow Eucharist

Mike Sadler †

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



Friday, May 13

Our Lady of Fatima
Rdgs: Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2; Jn 14:1-6

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

Reconciliation & Adoration will follow Eucharist

Greg & Mary Eischeid †



Saturday, May 14—Fifth Sunday of Easter

St. Matthias, Apostle
Rdgs: Acts 1:15-26; Ps 113; Jn 15:9-17

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

For the People

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

Henry Johnson †

Sunday, May 15—Fifth Sunday of Easter

Mothers Day
Rdgs: Acts 14:21-27; Ps 145; Rv 21:1-5;
Jn 13:31-35

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

Baccalaureate

Fritz & Craig Clemen †

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

Baccalaureate

Judi Kintzle †



Thank You to Rob and Anette Myers, Dunkerton, live-stream and KMCH 94.7 FM radio sponsors for the Fifth Sunday of Easter, May 15.



Salt for the Weak



The gospel on this Good Shepherd Sunday really reflects a teaching about the flock: what does it mean to belong? Jesus simply teaches that His sheep:

1. Hear His voice
2. Follow what He says.

Seems simple enough, huh?

We take the opportunity this weekend to reflect on the nuts and bolts of what it means to be a parishioner in a parish. Members are those who have signed up by giving us contact information. By contrast, parishioners are active in their connection through presence at weekly worship, sharing of their gifts of time, talent and treasure, and help further the mission of the church and parish through their active involvement. A sense of ownership, whether in a civic organization, a team, or a church only comes through involvement. In Catholic parishes of the archdiocese of Dubuque, this happens through participating in *Parish Life*. The title itself designates that everything a parish is and does, flows from this organization—and everyone is a member! You will receive a special handout this weekend during the homily time which illustrates this important organization in your parish. Read it, reflect on it, pray on it. Is Parish Life part of your life? It needs to be, because we need you!

**We are and EASTER PEOPLE,
and ALLELUIA is our song!**

Easter Season Reflection Questions...

(Acts 13:14, 43-02) The early church experienced persecution primarily due to the living out of their faith, sharing the good news of Jesus to anyone who would listen.

1. How do I witness my faith to others?
2. Do people even know I am a Christian? How might they know?
3. Are there people I would like to share my faith with? Do I use opportunities God gives me?
4. Are there people with whom I purposely avoid talking about faith and religion? Why? What does that tell me?
5. "We are an Easter People and Alleluia is our song." How will I be an "Alleluia" this week?



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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Prayer Requests—In an effort to keep this list up-to-date, names will be left on for 30 days.

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**Weekly Tithing Reports
Parishes of the Emmaus Pastorate
April 23-24, 2022**

St. Mark, Edgewood

Budget.....	\$702.00
ACH	\$663.00
Easter.....	\$805.00
Offertory	\$367.48
Building Fund	\$10.00
Total Received.....	\$2,547.48

St. Joseph, Elkader

Budget.....	\$1,307.00
Offertory	\$411.00
Easter.....	\$317.00
Good Friday	\$48.00
Total Received.....	\$2,083.00

St. Mary, Strawberry Point

Budget.....	\$535.00
ACH	\$130.00
Easter.....	\$2,188.33
Offertory	\$262.38
Total Received.....	\$3,115.71

Sacred Heart, Volga

Budget.....	\$425.00
Youth	\$5.00
Offertory	\$119.00
Capital Improvement (Maintenance)	\$125.00
Total Received.....	\$674.00

Heartfelt Congratulations to Loren “Shorty” Knoche, who was received, Confirmed and made his First Eucharist at this year’s Easter Vigil!
Congratulations to Sherri and Shorty!

**Weekly Tithing Reports
Parishes of the Emmaus Pastorate
April 30-May 1, 2022**

St. Patrick, Colesburg

Budget.....	\$840.00
ACH	\$705.00
Easter.....	\$350.00
Offertory	\$176.00
Building Fund	\$100.00
Total Received.....	\$2,175.00

St. Mark, Edgewood

Budget.....	\$1,291.00
ACH	\$1,758.00
Easter.....	\$545.00
Offertory	\$305.55
Building Fund	\$80.00
Total Received.....	\$3,979.55

St. Joseph, Elkader

Budget.....	\$2,141.00
Offertory	\$384.25
Easter.....	\$3,575.00
Total Received.....	\$6,100.25

St. Mary, Strawberry Point

Budget.....	\$1,425.35
ACH	\$605.00
Easter.....	\$460.00
Offertory	\$264.00
Improvement Fund.....	\$50.00
Energy.....	\$50.00
Pay It Forward (formerly social concerns).....	\$20.00
Total Received.....	\$2,874.35



Have you or someone you know experienced a life-limiting prenatal diagnosis, miscarriage,

stillbirth, or infant death of a child (recently, or in the past)? Trained parish ministers who can empathize with your experiences are available to provide a confidential listening ear, resources, and guidance through the **Behold Your Child Ministry**.

Contact Kathy Riniker **(563-245-3775 or if there is no answer 563-920-4772)**.

Please accept this overdue **THANK YOU** to anyone who prayed for, made a monetary donation, or in any way helped our family after Al's cancer diagnosis and treatment. The Doctor was amazed at his progress through this all. His exact words were "THIS IS A GOD THING." He would not accept our recognition of the medical team who worked on Al's case. He just said it was all GOD. So thank you to all. We could not have gotten through this without you and your prayers. Al is doing well. Still has some side effects and probably always will but we will deal with those. Please know that we are now praying for all of you!

Al and Linda Williams

For the week of May 7, St. Joseph lights the Candles for the Central Community High School Class of 2022.

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.

Sunday, May 15

- ♦ St. Patrick Pastoral Council Meeting, 9:00 a.m. (following Mass)
- ♦ St. Patrick Parish Elections
- ♦ Introduction of "Behold Your Child"

Monday, May 16

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

Saturday-Sunday, May 21-22

- ♦ Parish Council Elections for St. Joseph, St. Mary, Sacred Heart, and St. Mark

Tuesday, May 24

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

Wednesday, May 25

- ♦ Pastorate Staff Meeting, 9:30 a.m., St. Mark Parish Center

Our Sympathy and Prayers to~

- ♦ Bev and Dave Atkinson on the death of Jerry Hastings, Bev's brother, who passed away on April 23 in Manchester.
- ♦ Alma Bockenstedt on the death of her sister, Jeanette Nolte, who passed away April 24, in Des Moines.



St. Joseph Fund-Raiser for Cemetery Riverview Expansion Project—St. Joseph First Annual Perennial Plant Sale will be held Saturday,

May 21, from 1:00-6:00 p.m. at the Parish Hall, hosted by friends of St. Joseph Cemetery Riverview expansion project. Want to donate plants, bulbs, etc.?? Call plant ladies Becky Gundacker **(563-419-4025)**, Nancy Schmelzer **(563-880-6077)** or Mike Rentschler **(563-880-1316)**. A meal of BBQ sandwich, chips, baked beans, and a bar will be served following 4:00 p.m. Mass. Free will offerings/donations from both events will go toward the Cemetery Riverview expansion project.

Don't Forget—St. Joseph Annual Treasure Sale is scheduled for August 13. As you are doing your spring house cleaning, please keep us in mind.



Important Upcoming Pastorate Elections—It's spring and time for elections for the Pastoral Councils and Faith Formation Commissions for the Emmaus Pastorate Parishes. These are two very significant organizations in our parishes, and it is very important that we

have committed parishioners serving on them. When someone asks you to serve, please give the request your serious, prayerful consideration. Dates for elections are:

- May 15—St. Patrick**
- May 21—St. Joseph**
- May 21—St. Mark**
- May 22—Sacred Heart**
- May 22—St. Mark**

In his "Salt for the Weak" this week, Father John tells us that parishioners help further the mission of the Church and their parishes through their active involvement in their parish. This happens through Parish Life. Father asks "Is Parish Life part of your life? It needs to be, because we need you!" This is your chance. Will you step up?"

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 for 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?



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.



St. Patrick also had Easter flowers donated in memory of the Brown and Bockenstedt Families from Bob and Janet Brown. We apologize for the omission of these names in last week’s Bulletin.

“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



The St. Mary Community Food Pantry could use the following items—100% juice, sugar, pepper, vegetable beef soup, crackers, dish soap, bleach, detergent(HE), cleaners, shampoo, and body wash. The next pantry date will be May 18 from 3:00-6:30 p.m. If someone would like a delivery in Strawberry Point, please call Delaine (**563-920-2753**) before 3:00 p.m. on the pantry date.

The next Community Meal will be May 18 serving from 5:00-6:30 p.m. The menu will be turkey casserole, Waldorf salad, tea roll and cookie bar. If someone would like a delivery in Strawberry Point, please call Kris (**563 419 5329**) or Delaine (**563-920-2753**) before 3:00 p.m. on the day of the meal.

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



A Journey Through Parkinson's Disease



May 10, 17, and 24, 2022 | 3:00-4:00 pm

FreedomBank Community Room
210 S. Main St., Elkader

This interactive program is designed to help participants:

- recognize the symptoms of Parkinson's Disease (PD)
- understand what causes PD and how treatments work
- learn about therapeutic activities can be done in the home

Three 45-minute sessions will be led by a trained ISU Extension and Outreach staff.

For more information or to register:

Patti Wacker, 563-245-7012

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Prayer for Peace Pope Francis recited at his weekly general audience March 16, 2022

Composed by

Archbishop Domenico Battaglia of Naples

As the war continues in Ukraine, let us pray for an end and for the people of Ukraine, by praying this Prayer for Peace that Pope Francis used on March 16.

Forgive us for the war, Lord.

Lord Jesus, son of God, have mercy on us sinners.

Lord Jesus, born under the bombs of Kyiv,
have mercy on us.

Lord Jesus, dead in the arms of a mother in
Kharkiv, have mercy on us.

Lord Jesus, in the 20-year-olds sent to the frontline,
have mercy on us.

Lord Jesus, who continues to see hands armed with
weapons under the shadow of the cross,
forgive us, Lord.

Forgive us

if, not content with the nails with which we pierced
your hand, we continue to drink from the blood
of the dead torn apart by weapons.

Forgive us

if these hands that you had created to protect
have been turned into instruments of death.

Forgive us, Lord,

if we continue to kill our brother.

Forgive us, Lord, if we continue to kill our brother,
if we continue like Cain to take the stones
from our field to kill Abel.

Forgive us

if we go out of our way to justify cruelty,
if, in our pain, we legitimize
the cruelty of our actions.

Forgive us the war, Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ, son of God,
we implore you to stop the hand of Cain,
enlighten our conscience, let not our will be done,
do not abandon us to our own doing.

Stop us, Lord, stop us,

and when you have stopped the hand of Cain,
take care of him also. He is our brother.

O Lord, stop the violence.

Stop us, Lord. Amen.

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