

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

He is risen



~ Sixth Sunday of Easter ~ May 22, 2022 ~

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

Worship This Week

Monday, May 23

Rdgs: Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149; Jn 15:26—16:4
No Morning Eucharist (Father John's day off)

Tuesday, May 24

Rdgs: Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138; Jn 16:5-11

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

Msgr. Paul Steimel †

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

Wednesday, May 25

St. Bede the Venerable, Priest & Doctor of Church;
St. Gregory VII, Pope;
St. Mary Magdalene dePazzi, Virgin
Rdgs: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1; Ps 148; Jn 16:12-15



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

Ian Janecek †

Thursday, May 26

St. Philip, Neri, Priest
Rdgs: Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98; Jn 16:16-20



**8:00 a.m. Eucharist (St. Mary)
Reconciliation & Adoration will
follow Eucharist**

Jack Fridley †

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

Friday, May 27

St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop
Rdgs: Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47; Jn 16:20-23



**8:00 a.m. Eucharist (St. Joseph)
Reconciliation & Adoration will
follow Eucharist**

Joshua Collins †

Saturday, May 28—The Ascension of the Lord

Rdgs: Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47; Jn 16:23-28

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

Lylina Dittmer †

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

For the People

Sunday, May 29—The Ascension of the Lord

Rdgs: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47; Eph 1:17-23
or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23; Lk 24:46-53

No 8:00 a.m. Eucharist (Fifth Sunday)



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

Senior Class of 2021

Thank You to Sarah and Kyle Krumpf and Family, Peosta, live-stream and KMCH 94.7 FM radio sponsors for the Ascension of the Lord, May 29.

GET YOUR RED READY!
PENTECOST is the
weekend of June 4!

Salt for the Weak



“Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.” – Jesus

The Easter season is not the only time to ask the question, “What’s going on in my heart?”

Is my heart at peace?

How do I know?

What robs me of peace?

There is an old saying “Peace is not just the absence of war.”

Biblical peace is a profound, underlying foundation that is not easily shaken,

...does not depend on the whims of external forces—

...is not the result of “being strong”—
nor is it the result of “working at it.”

Jesus tells us that this peace does not, cannot come from the world.

This peace has deep roots in faith.

This is the peace of an Easter people, it is the source of our “alleluia!”

*“Peace I leave with you;
my peace I give to you.*

Not as the world gives do I give it to you.

*Do not let your hearts be troubled
or afraid.” (Jn 14:27)*

“We are an Easter people!”

Keep singing that ALLELUIA!

Reflection Questions for This Week

1. On a scale of 1-10, (with 10 being the best), how would you rate your level of peace in life right now? What number? What contributes to your score right now? What could make you more peaceful?
2. Like today, the early Church dealt with division and dissension, largely due to hard-liners whose teachings/interpretations were overly burdensome and unrealistic, which disturbed people’s peace of mind. Paul sent them a letter outlining the central expectations for early Christians. In your experience is this similar to today or not? (see Acts 15:1-2, 22-29).
3. Jesus’ teaching “Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him.” (Jn ;14:23-29) How does one “keep” the Word of the Lord? How do you keep the word of the Lord? How do you think the result of God “making his dwelling in you” will change your life?



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.

St. Mary	Sacred Heart
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	Shirley Waterman

Our Sympathy and Prayers to~

- ♦ Lou Ann and Gordon Helle on the death of Lou Ann's brother, LaVern "Peach" Honkomp, who passed away on May 12 in Dyersville.



Upcoming Pastorate/Parish Meetings 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

Parishes of the Emmaus Pastorate Weekly Tithing Reports May 7-8, 2022

St. Mark, Edgewood

Budget.....	\$1,226.00
ACH	\$1,278.00
Offertory	\$296.00
Building Fund	\$260.00
Total Received.....	\$3,060.00

St. Joseph, Elkader

Budget.....	\$1,150.00
Offertory	\$149.00
Easter.....	\$100.00
Clayton County Food Shelf.....	\$247.10
Total Received.....	\$1,646.10

St. Mary, Strawberry Point

Budget.....	\$960.00
ACH	\$95.00
Offertory	\$58.00
Good Friday	\$30.00
Improvement Fund.....	\$80.00
Total Received.....	\$1,223.00

Sacred Heart, Volga

Budget.....	\$1,285.00
Offertory	\$204.00
Total Received.....	\$1,489.00

Weekly Tithing Reports May 14-15, 2022

St. Patrick, Colesburg

Budget.....	\$1,931.00
ACH.....	\$400.00
Offertory	\$180.75
Easter.....	\$50.00
Building Fund	\$5,000.00
Sidewalk Project	\$500.00
Total Received.....	\$8,061.75

St. Mark, Edgewood

Budget.....	\$1,119.00
ACH	\$1,798.00
Offertory	\$269.00
Building Fund	\$10.00
Total Received.....	\$3,196.00

St. Joseph, Elkader

Budget.....	\$1,285.00
Offertory	\$204.00
Total Received.....	\$1,489.00

St. Mary, Strawberry Point

Budget.....	\$1,295.00
ACH	\$235.00
Offertory	\$50.00
Improvement Fund.....	\$25.00
Total Received.....	\$1,605.00

Congratulations and Blessings to all of our 2022 Graduates in the Emmaus Pastorate.



Never forget your parish family, but, more importantly, always keep Jesus as a companion and guide as you go forward in life!

“ALLELUIA” is our song—The Emmaus Pastorate is receiving more very positive feedback with regard to our evangelization efforts through technology. Live-streaming, podcasts, YouTube, weekly “check-ins” and Facebook posts are some of the ways we are “getting the Word out,” far beyond the boundaries of the Emmaus Pastorate parishes. We will soon be announcing a huge development in this regard. Never underestimate the power of effective communication!

CONFIRMATION 2022 will be celebrated WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8, at 7:00 p.m. in Saint Joseph Parish, with Archbishop Michael O. Jackels as celebrant. Please continue to pray for these young women and men as they complete their Sacraments of Initiation. This will be a combined celebration for Sacred Heart and Saint Joseph candidates.

HOW ABOUT YOU?

Saint Joseph and Sacred Heart are looking to fill vacancies for Coordinator of Faith Formation.



This individual (or co-directors) serve along with the Pastor and Faith Formation Commission members in scheduling and providing for the week-to-week needs of the youth Faith Formation Program and in assisting with surfacing and recruiting catechists. There is, of course, a stipend accompanied with these responsibilities, and they work with the Faith Formation Commission in the carrying out of their duties. A fuller job description is available upon request. Interested persons or questions can be directed to Father John (563-543-5873).



Ministering to Those Who Have Lost a Child. If you have lost a child, there are trained parish ministers available who can provide

listening, resources and guidance through the **Behold Your Child Ministry**. Contact Kathy Riniker (563-245-3775 or if there is no answer 563-920-4772).



Parish Life is about the LIFE OF THE PARISH, the lifeblood of our community! For years many churches relied mostly on

weekend worship, occasional galas or fundraisers, and, of course, the “funeral ladies” who took care of the luncheons. But parish life should be (actually IS) more than that! Aside from worship and faith formation, a central part of the lifeblood of any church is outreach! Days are gone (should they ever have been?) of just waiting for people to come or call. People in need come in all ages and life situations. Developing and networking relationships, strengthening families and marriages, young people making vocational choices, providing counseling or just a listening ear for persons in crisis—are just a few of the ways your parish is of service to people in our area and beyond. And while organizing the funeral dinner is a wonderful work of mercy, our service and outreach go much further, AND need to include many more people! The parish is not a “committee,” but is made up of committees! And the deeper and broader and more inclusive our parishioners are, the more vibrant and effective we are in sharing the Gospel of Jesus by the way we live our lives. Jesus teaches in Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35 about this relationship and the scriptural name for it is DISCIPLESHIP. *“This is how all will know you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”* The Parish Life organization in each parish is the laboratory for discipleship. This love, this discipleship, flows naturally from the Eucharist we celebrate. Above my desk I have a sign which says: “May our Worship turn into Action and our Action turn into Worship!” These two both feed off of, and are signs of, the other. You are *called beyond membership to be actual parishioners*, parishioners are disciples, coming together to be signs of the “Good News” to a weary world.



“A Note of Heartfelt Thanks to all of you at St. Mark. Vic and I joined your parish family about four years ago and we never felt so welcomed as you made us feel. Your hospitality was unsurpassed. That first Sunday as we entered the Gathering Space we heard the joyful voices of Marge’s (Gaul) choir singing and with the warmth of the greeters we knew Saint Mark’s was alive and we were “home.” You should be so proud of yourselves! And when Vic became sick and recently passed, again you were there with your food, prayers and support. That being said, I want you to know that I have moved to Hiawatha and will carry you with me always; for you have been witnesses of Christ and walked with me on my faith journey. For that, I give thanks to you! And know my door is always open to you. My new address is: **Mary K. Dannenbrink, 200 15th Ave Ct, Hiawatha, IA 52233.** May you continue to walk in His faith and be filled with blessings of grace and love.

St. Mark Famous Rodeo Chicken Supper is just around the corner. It will be held on Saturday, August 20. As the committee starts its preparations, they are asking parishioners who plant gardens to help them out by planting some cabbage, peppers and carrots for the supper. Thank you to everyone who can assist us.



St. Mark Cemetery—We have had a good response to our request for parishioners to help replace the current flags and flagpoles. We have almost reached our goal. 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 (**563-920-2426**). If anyone who donated a flag in the past would like it back, call Harry or Michael.

For the week of May 21 St. Joseph lights the Candles for the Fitzgerald and Croatt Families.

The Annual Greeley Memorial Day Mass at St. Joseph Cemetery will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, May 30. The Mass will be followed by a Veterans Service. All are welcome. Feel free to bring a lawn chair. The inclement weather site for both events will be the Greeley Legion Building.



St. Patrick Thanks the four outstanding parishioners—Jeff Bonert, Sandy Klaus, Luke McCabe, and Matt Mensen—who ran for the vacant seats on our Pastoral Council. That is what keeps our parish vibrant! The new members elected are Sandy Klaus and Matt Mensen. We look forward to working with them on the Council.

The St. Joseph Social Justice Committee Thanks everyone for the generosity in supporting the Clayton County Food Shelf collection. On May 7, they collected 124 pounds of food. We are very grateful for your continued assistance.

“ALLELUIA” is our song—THANK YOU to the Ed-Co students who accomplished many tasks inside and outside on their SERVICE DAY last Monday. You are great, you did great work, and we really appreciate your willing and cheerful attitudes!

St. Joseph Cemetery Spring Clean-up—Please dispose of any flowers, pots, decorations, etc., that are weathered or broken.



These may be placed in the two-wheel cart that has been placed on the river side of the cemetery. **PLEASE—NO YARD WASTE.** Reminder that for the safety of the maintenance crew, **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

“ALLELUIA” is our song—THANK YOU to all the parish Sacristans and Art & Environment volunteers and custodians who keep our houses of worship so beautifully attended during these great FIFTY Days of Easter! The churches are a source of pride and guests always make positive comments about them.

St. Mark Parish Online Newsletter—Did you know that St. Mark Parish has an online monthly newsletter? This informative newsletter, edited by Judy Lueken, contains numerous photos of events from the previous month, calendar of events/schedules, monthly Mass intentions, available ministry opportunities, Faith Formation information and more! The newsletter is sent out to 235 registered email addresses at the beginning of each month and up to 62% of registered parishioners open/read these emails. This is a quick and easy way to keep up with what is happening in your parish. Hey, 38% of you are missing out! If your family is not receiving this newsletter, please call the parish office (**563-928-7200**), to update or add an email address.

PRAY that more young people respond with lives of generous service through vocations to religious sisters and brothers, deacons and priests. *Dubuque Patron Saint John Mary Vianney, PRAY FOR US!*

WE CONTINUE TO GET MORE INFORMATION FROM THE SYNOD SURVEY as they plough through the mountains of data they received. A few more highlights that we have received are:

Of the 88 Clustered/Pastorate Parishes

- They offer 111 weekend Masses
- March 2022 Mass attendance was up 18% from September 2021

Archdiocesan Highlights

- 281 Masses celebrated every weekend in the Archdiocese of Dubuque
- The average Mass filled up 38% of the church capacity
- There were 14 parishes whose attendance exceeded October 2016, which was the last year we did attendance counts throughout the whole Archdiocese.

STAY TUNED for more statistics, interpretations and directions from the SYNOD SURVEY.

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.

“ALLELUIA” is our song—The Emmaus Pastorate has received several notes of gratitude throughout the Pastorate parishes, for assistance given through our Pay-It-Forward programs. Parishes provide monetary help, guidance and miscellaneous assistance to a wide variety of people with a wide variety of needs. Make sure you check to see when your parish “Pay-It-Forward” Sunday occurs and continue to give generously. (These collections and initiatives are separate from Food Pantry programs.)



EVERYBODY LIKES TO

BELONG! 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. 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 in for supper). With that, their eyes were opened! Who will you invite? Who do you care enough about to ask?

VOCATIONS CORNER—*“When I was ordained, I was determined to ‘spend myself’ for God. I was determined to do that cheerfully, no matter in what circumstance I would be placed or how hard a life I would be asked to lead.”* Father Emil Kapaun

Father Emil Kapaun, a farm boy from rural Kansas, was ordained a Catholic priest in June 1940. As WW II drew to a close, Father Kapaun felt a call to serve as an Army Chaplain. It was through this ministry that the young priest found himself at the Battle of Unsan during the Korean War conflict. Though he was offered an opportunity to evacuate when the American position was overrun by the Chinese, he chose to stay with wounded American soldiers taken captive by enemy soldiers. His devoted care and message of hope and support is credited with saving the lives of hundreds of soldiers in a communist prison camp. Father Kapaun died a prisoner of war.

We pray: *Father Kapaun, please pray for me. Life's challenges, especially (insert cause) sometimes seem to be more than I can handle. Like you, I hope to live my life for God. Please pray that I will persevere through this trouble, trusting that Jesus and all the saints in heaven are walking my path with me.”*

(researched and composed by Marsha Hauser. More to follow!)

Never a vacation from Jesus... As the school year winds down and summer plans begin, make sure to include prayer and the weekly celebration of Eucharist in your plans. 4-H, FFA, summer sports leagues and camps, county and state fairs all teach young people the value of commitment, hard work and keeping priorities. No activity or club or event should ever take precedence over weekend worship, the bridge to our relationship with Jesus. Young people learn quickly about priorities from their parents. What Mom and Dad think is primary, shapes and forms the values of the next generation. These values need to be lived and reinforced—just like schoolwork, care of animals and athletic training. Let's not have our parishes participate in the “4 Generation Fade”:

- starting with parents who don't make church a high priority for their kids
- these kids grow up and make it less a priority for their kids
- the next generation grows up and makes it no priority for their kids
- and now we have a generation who grow up with no concept of God at all.
- Today's decisions impact the generations of tomorrow. Keep Jesus a part of your summer. Take Him along on vacation, He's an easy traveler!

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