

Catholic Parishes of
the Emmaus Pastorate

...and they recognized him
in the breaking of the BREAD



“Being church by journeying together on the path to Christ.”



God doesn't demand too much of anybody. If, on the other side of the pearly gates, we were to have a chance to weigh crosses, we might find that the little cross carried patiently by a weak person weighed more than the cross of someone much stronger who tolerated it unwillingly.

September 8, 2019
Twenty-third
Sunday of
Ordinary Time

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Sacred Heart
306 White
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Volga, IA 52077
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Worship This Week

Monday, September 9

St. Peter Claver, Priest

Rdgs: Col 1:24--2:3; Ps 62; Lk 6:6-11

No Morning Eucharist (Fr. John day off)

Tuesday, September 10

Rdgs: Col 2:6-15; Ps 145; Lk 6:12-19

8:00 a.m. Eucharist (St. Patrick followed by Adoration & Reconciliation)

Charles Nurre †

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

Wednesday, September 11

Rdgs: Col 3:1-11; Ps 145; Lk 6:20-26

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

Virgil Hunt †

11:00 a.m. Rosary for Immigrants (St. Joseph)

2:00 p.m. Eucharist (Convalescent Home)

Norma Woerdehoff †

Thursday, September 12

The Most Holy Name of Mary

Rdgs: Col 3:12-17; Ps 150; Lk 6:27-38

8:00 a.m. Eucharist (St. Mary followed by Adoration & Reconciliation)

Don Farmer Family †

11:30 a.m. Rosary for Peace (St. Mark)

7:00 p.m. Adoration & Reconciliation (St. Mark)

Friday, September 13

St. John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor

Rdgs: 1 Tm 1:1-14; Ps 16; Lk 6:39-42

8:00 a.m. Eucharist (St. Joseph followed by Adoration & Reconciliation)

Julie Keleher †

6:30 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal (St. Mark)
Vorwald-Zirtzman

Saturday, September 14

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Rdgs: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 78; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

1:30 p.m. Wedding St. Mark)

Vorwald-Zirtzman

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

Mike & Ruth Bergan

60th Wedding Anniversary

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

Ervin Tucker †

Sunday, September 15

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Rdgs: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 51; 1 Tm 1:12-17; Lk 15:1-32

8:00 a.m. Eucharist (St. Patrick)
For the People

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

Ken Wulfekuhle †

Salt for the Week



It does sound a bit extreme...

I mean, the whole hating your father and mother, wife and kids, brothers and sisters...

Jesus uses a Jewish idiom—

figure of speech—to get across an important point: *"Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple."* (Lk 14:27)

So is it extreme?

Is it extreme to love God above everyone and everything else? (Remember that "thou shall not have other gods before me" thing!) I guess it all boils down to my priorities. It ALWAYS boils down to my priorities. Next to our gift of life and faith, the greatest gift is to choose, and choose we must. Each and every day, each and every minute of every day we choose. And as we read or hear in the news, choices always have consequences.

Choosing discipleship has consequences too. A disciple chooses Jesus over human relationships, the possession of material goods and positions of honor and power.

Is my discipleship costing me anything? If not, maybe it isn't worth very much.

Peace—

Baptismal Class—There is one more baptismal class scheduled for the Emmaus Pastorate for 2019. It will be held on Wednesday, November 20, in St. Mark Conference Room at 6:30 p.m. Parents, if you are expecting a child, please plan to attend this baptismal class.





Community Presentation "Active Shooters in Church and Public Places"

Join the Emmaus Pastorate on Sunday, September 15, from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at Central Community Schools in Elkader for a presentation on this major crisis facing America today. The presenter is Amy Holst. Childcare will be provided.



The Power of Mass by Bert Ghezzi

Reflections of Daily Attendees

"During Mass I can offer praise and thanks for what God has given us all and particularly me. I seek support for needs through beseeching Christ. I seek guidance in all matters of choice from the Holy Spirit, and at Mass I ask for strengthening of faith and hope in the future. ~Dick E.~



PRAY AND FAST FOR AN END TO ALL VIOLENCE

Pastorate Meeting Schedule

Sept 9	St. Mark Parish Life, 7:00 p.m., Parish Center
Sept 9	St. Mary Parish Life, 6:00 p.m.
Sept 10	St. Joseph Pastoral Council, 5:30 p.m., Parish Center
Sept 11	St. Mark, St. Patrick, St. Mary staff, 9:30 a.m. at St. Mark
Sept 16	St. Joseph Parish Life, 7:00 p.m.
Sept 16	St. Mark Building Committee, 6:30 p.m.
Sept 17	St. Mary/St. Mark Pastoral Council 6:30 p.m., St. Mary Upper Room
Sept 24	Sacred Heart/St. Patrick Pastoral Council, Sacred Heart Basement, 6:30 p.m.
Sept 26	St. Joseph Knights of Columbus, 7:30 p.m.

For Parents and Children from the book—*Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families*



Each week, we will include an excerpt from the week's Gospel for families (parents and children) to reflect on.

This is intended to help parents engage their children with the Mass and deepen their appreciation of the richness of their faith life. We encourage all families to take advantage of this opportunity.

"The grace of God is freely given but it is not cheap. Jesus warns His followers to understand fully what the cost of discipleship is before continuing with him, to see with eyes wide open what it means to be a Christian. All of us will encounter different costs as we follow Jesus. Some might lose family or friends. Some will surrender wealth or popularity. Sacrifice is inevitable in the shadow of the cross, but not unbearable. Following Jesus will require commitment. It will require sacrifice. But when we do these, we will open the space in our hearts to receive God's grace.

Discussion Questions

1. What difficult decisions are you weighing?
2. Jesus said that being His disciple would require sacrifice. Think about the choices you might be considering. How would a follower of Jesus choose?

Pastorate Events

For details of each event, see event listing under Pastorate/individual parish section.

September 8	St. Mark/St. Mary NCCYC Fund-raiser Breakfast, 11:00 a.m., St. Mark
September 15	Hospitality following all weekend Masses
September 14-15	Back to Church Sunday
September 15	Pastorate Community Presentation
September 22	Sacred Heart Community Picnic
September 29	St. Mary Fun Day
October	St. Joseph Discussion Group



NEXT WEEKEND

National Back to Church Sunday!

Who will you invite? Who will you bring along with you?

Let's make it a goal; that everyone tries to ask SOMEONE!

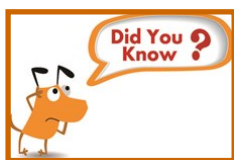
Don't just GO to church, BUILD CHURCH!

Remember, it could be...

- * *Anyone who used to go to church but (for whatever reason) is no longer active...*
- * *Those who have no spiritual home or affiliation with any church...*
- * *Those who are alone or lonely, and not a part of much of anything...*
- * *Family members or friends who have old hurts or resentments...*
- * *New people who moved into the area...*
- * *Young families not yet connected...*
- * *Your older children or even spouses!*

Sacred Heart, Volga, will be celebrating National Back to Church the following weekend.

The Emmaus Pastorate offers **Spiritual Direction** as a way of journeying with someone on your spiritual path. Sister Norma Jean Holthaus, OSF, comes to St. Mark once a month for direction times. If you are interested, contact Sister Norma Jean (319-750-6032 or holthausn@osfdbq.org).



Sacred Heart raised \$12,000 at their parish picnic in 2018? They served 100 hot dogs, 100 hamburgers, 60 pounds of potato salad, 300 bags of potato chips, 10 gallons of baked beans, and over 100 bowls of ice cream. Stay tuned for results from this year's event.



Are You Recently Engaged? Are You Starting to Plan Your Wedding?

Terrific! The Church is excited to assist you in preparing for your lifelong commitment! Some quick points to be aware of:

- Marriage preparation usually begins *at least six months prior* to a desired wedding date.
- No dates are scheduled until the couple meets with the pastor and fills out the necessary documents for marriage.
- If one or both have been in a previous marriage *regardless of denomination or marriage by a justice of the peace*, a Decree of Nullity (Annulment) will need to be obtained.

The best thing to do is contact the Church as soon as you are engaged so that we can help you right from the start!

Emmaus Pastorate Moms Group—September 11

Craft Day—5 Little Monkeys
Jumping on the Bed Craft
St. Mark Parish Center,
9:00 a.m. Please join us!



St. Patrick, Colesburg
Sunday Eucharist Celebration
First & third Sundays of month—8:00 a.m.

Tithing Report from August 31-September not available this week. Will be included next week.

St. Mark, Edgewood

Tithing Report from August 31-September 1

Budget	\$2,927.00
Offertory	\$274.00
Building Fund	\$640.00
Property Purchase.....	\$2,525.00
Religious Ed	\$125.00
Total Received	\$6,491.00

Monthly Convalescent Home Mass—The members of St. Mark Parish living at the Edgewood Convalescent Home and Lincolnwood Assisted Living would love for you to join them at Mass, on Wednesday, September 11, at 2:00 p.m. Father John celebrates Mass at the convalescent home the second Wednesday of every month. It is a joy for the residents to see other St. Mark Parishioners celebrate Mass with them.



Remember— there are Prayer Intention candles available (offering—\$5 per week), if you wish to pray for a special intention. Stop by the office and ask one of the staff to light a candle for you.

St. Mark (Continued)

The Thursday Morning Bible Study Group will start meeting on Thursday, September 19, at 8:30 a.m. in the Parish Center. We will be reading *The Liturgy: The Source and Summit of Our Christian Life* by Corinna Laughlin. The goal is to increase our understanding of the "whats and whys" of our Eucharistic celebrations. No sign-up needed. All are welcome! Bring a friend or two!

Did you think you were in the wrong place when you came to church last Sunday? Our newly painted parish home is beautiful! Diane Domeyer did a wonderful job, and her funky 70s music set a pretty different tone in the church :-). Here's a big thank you to the folks who helped Diane paint: Barb Hansel, Marge Gaul, Sharon Jaeger, Jan Holtz, Judy Wulfekuhle and Paul Dolan. And did you notice that the big HVAC returns are gone from the front of church? At the suggestion of an HVAC company, they were reconfigured in order to make the system much quieter during church services. You can thank Cam Schulte for that. Cam also helped paint and make repairs to the walls and plastered. After the painting was done, Judy Lueken, Diane Formo, Paul Dolan, Jan Holtz, and Bill and Delores Kelchen cleaned the church to have it ready for the weekend. Bill and Dee also constructed and finished another beautiful set of oak plant stands for the sanctuary and an oak coat rack for the musicians. Paul Riniker recently designed and welded a stand for the censer and incense. We sure have a lot of talented and generous parishioners! Great examples of what it means to "BE CHURCH!"

Parish Life Meeting—Don't forget to attend the Parish Life September meeting Monday, September 9, at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. Members of the parish council will talk about their council assignments and Sandy Klaus and Marsha Hauser will talk about the work that's done in the parish/pastorate office. Everybody's invited, men, women, couples... We hope to see you there!

Building Fund/Erickson Purchase Donations—When you make a contribution to either the Erickson purchase or the general building fund, please indicate on the envelope which one you want it to go to. Thank you.

Pray for Vocations from the Emmaus Pastorate!

St. Joseph, Elkader

Tithing Report from August 31-September 1

Budget.....	\$3,634.75
Offertory.....	\$259.00
Total Received.....	\$3,893.75

For the week of August 31, we light the candles for Sharon Frana, as requested by Pat and Arlys Fitzgerald.

Faith Formation Classes start September 11, 6:30-7:45 p.m.

Thank You to all members of the St. Martha's Circle for packing up the items on the walls in the Parish Hall to prepare for the workers to do their job.

Parish Hall Project—Work will begin on the hall Monday, September 9. If you are available to help remove items from the hall into a temporary storage unit on Saturday, September 7, after the Community Picnic (around 8:00), your help would be greatly appreciated. The hall project consists of bat mitigation, replacing the ceiling, installing new fans and lights, painting and carpet cleaning. Therefore, the hall will not be available for the entire month of September. The project is expected to be finished the first week in October. Restrooms will be available in the Parish Center during Mass times.

Just a Reminder that Parish Life is collecting baby clothing to give to either Clarity Clinic or Mary's Inn in



Dubuque. We will be sorting the clothing at our September 16 meeting. You may leave items in the back of church, drop them off at the Parish Center, or bring them to the Parish Life meeting. Thanks to everyone who donated to this project.

The St. Joseph Discussion Group will be reading the book, *Life of the Beloved*, by Henri J.M. Nouwen this fall. Beginning the middle of October, we will have about five to six discussions on this relatively short book. The author describes the words Jesus shared in the breaking of the bread. It is a very powerful book on the center of our faith, the Eucharist. Anyone in the pastorate is welcome to attend. If you are interested, call or text Fran Zichal (**563-880-0873**) and she will get the book to you. As soon as the books are distributed, Fran will give participants the specific dates. The class is free and will usually meet on Thursdays at 4:30 p.m. in the Parish Center.

St. Mary, Strawberry Point

Tithing Report from August 31-September 1

Budget.....	\$1,005.00
Offertory.....	\$105.00
Religious Education.....	\$50.00
Improvement Fund.....	\$50.00
Energy Fund.....	\$50.00
Total Received.....	\$1,260.00

St. Albert Cemetery—To facilitate the mowing, trimming, and grooming of cemetery grounds, the groundskeepers have removed the empty Shepard hooks that had been left in the cemetery, labeled them with names and stored them in the shed at the cemetery. Please contact Mark Francois (563-924-2595) to retrieve yours. Thank you for your continued support in keeping our cemetery a beautiful, well-cared for, final resting place for our loved ones.



*St. Mary Parish
Fun Day/Auction
Sunday, September 29
10:30 a.m. Mass—Join Us!*

Lunch—11:30 a.m. (freewill donation)
PORK, HOT DOGS, CHEESY POTATOES, CHIPS,
BAKED BEANS, COLESLAW, ICE CREAM,
DESSERTS, BEVERAGES
Kids Activities/Games—12:15 p.m.
Live Auction—1:00 p.m.
Raffle Drawing—2:00 p.m.



Only 400 chances sold—\$20 each
(Purchase from committee members or at church office.)

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BE CHURCH!**

St. Mary (Continued)

Community Meal/Food Pantry—The next date for the community meal and food pantry date is September 18. The menu will include chicken casserole, coleslaw, chocolate cake, and roll. If you would like a delivery or ride in Strawberry Point, please call Kris Morarend (563-419-5329) before 3:00 p.m. on the meal day. The food pantry is open from 3:00-6:30 and the from 5:00-6:30.

Sacred Heart, Volga

Sunday Eucharist Celebration
Second & fourth Sundays of month—8:00 a.m.

We Are in Need of More Altar Servers. If you know of someone who is interested, let Theresa know. We do have some youth interested, but would like a few more. If they have received their First Communion, they are eligible for serving.

Cemeteries—We are forming an advisory committee to assist in planning for current and future needs of St. Joseph Cemetery, Wadena, and Sacred Heart Cemetery, Volga. If you are interested in serving on this committee, contact the cemetery trustees—Pete McGreal (563-245-1211) or Leon Deutsch (563-774-2360). Thank you for helping us take care of the ones who have gone before us.

Sacred Heart Church, Volga

COMMUNITY PICNIC Sunday, Sept. 22, 2019

10 a.m. Mass - Everyone Welcome!

Lunch & Silent Auction: 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Live Auction starts at 1:30 p.m.

Music by Switchback

(Americana-Celtic Roots) games, bingo and more!

RAFFLE ITEMS:

Two — **HALF A HOG** (processing not included)

and **58" SAMSUNG SMART TV!**

Need not be present to win!



**MENU: HAMBURGERS, HOT DOGS,
POTATO SALAD, BAKED BEANS, CHIPS,
BEVERAGES & CUPCAKES**

Adults: \$7.00
Children 6-12: \$5.00
Children under 6: FREE

Rain location: Volga Fire Station



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Please help us keep our prayer list updated. Contact the Parish Office if you have requests or changes, or if you have questions.

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