

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.”

Ready?

READY!

Advent 2019
Emmaus Pastorate

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December 8, 2019 ~ Second Sunday of Advent

Worship This Week

Monday, December 9

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Rdgs: Gn 3:9-20; Ps 98; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12;
Lk 1:26-38

No Morning Eucharist (Fr. John day off)

Tuesday, December 10

Rdgs: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96; Mt 18:12-14

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

Lester Von Handorf †

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

Wednesday, December 11

St. Damasus I, Pope

Rdgs: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103; Mt 11:28-30

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

Mary Bea Smock †

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

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

Robert Lahr †

Thursday, December 12

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Rdgs: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25; Ps 71; Lk 1:5-25

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

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

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

Friday, December 13

St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr

Rdgs: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1; Mt 11:16-19

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

Saturday, December 14

St. John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor Church

Rdgs: Sir 48:1-11; Ps 80; Mt 17:9-13

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

Julie Keleher †

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

For the People

Sunday, December 15

Third Sunday of Advent

Rdgs: Is 35:1-6-10; Ps 146; Jas 5:7-10;

Mt 11:2-11

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

Mike Wulfekuhle †

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

Ken Brown †

**No 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Patrick. Mass is
at 12:00 noon in the Parish Center for the
Dedication of the Center.**

Advent 2019 in the Emmaus Pastorate



Advent Week II Ready for Change: Forgiven

This week the Pastorate will have the opportunity to celebrate Advent Reconciliation at Starmont High School. The first reading from Isaiah serves as both a backdrop and a great examination of conscience. God will not judge by looks, but by actions. Talk is cheap, but justice and faithfulness are the standards by which we will be judged. It will make a difference how we get along with each other! (The wolf and the lamb, the leopard and the kid, the calf and the young lion, etc.) The presence of God is the great equalizer and makes things that we thought were impossible, very normal. We are encouraged this week to keep on and endure, preparing the way (in our hearts as well as in the world) for the coming of the Christ.

Advent Family Time

Week II: Formation Questions

1. What situations in our world today are just as crazy as it is to imagine the “cow and the bear” and the “baby playing by the cobra’s lair”? What is my response? Do I believe (with Christ) that things can ever be different? Be better?
2. What might be examples of the “ruthless” and the “wicked” in our culture today?
3. Do I even believe that Christ can make a difference?
4. John the Baptist was definitely counter-cultural in his appearance, and especially his message. What was his message? How do you think people responded to his message?
5. Are there examples of “John the Baptists” in our world today? Who are today’s prophets? What is their message? What do people think? What do you think?
6. What does it mean to “repent”? John the Baptist baptized with water for repentance. Do you need to repent from anything? What are things our society needs to repent of?



**ANNUAL ADVENT
COMMUNAL
PENANCE
AND
ADORATION OF
THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

**Wednesday
December 11
Starmont High School**

**A Light Supper
from 5:30-7:30**

**Confessions
from 6:00-8:00 p.m.**

**Ten priests Will Be Present
Get READY for Christmas!**

Have You Returned Your Spirituality Survey? If you haven't already done so, we would appreciate you taking the time now to respond. The Parish Councils will review the results which will be used to help with future planning for the Pastorate.

Financial Stewardship—As we approach the end of 2019, please pray for the continued financial and spiritual support of the Emmaus Pastorate. We encourage you to prayerfully consider the many gifts God has entrusted to you and perhaps consider an end-of-the-year extra gift, or an extra special Christmas gift for the Pastorate. This may be tax deductible. Consult your tax preparer for further information. As always, we are grateful for all gifts and how those gifts provide for our parish mission and our own spiritual journey. Thank you.

St. Patrick Parish Center Dedication



**Sunday, December 15
Mass at 12:00 noon in the Parish Center.
Luncheon will be served after Mass.
All are welcome!
No 8:00 a.m. Mass in Colesburg on December 15**



Stewardship—Second Sunday of Advent—We must be good stewards of God's gifts to us, receiving them gratefully and cultivating them with care, lest we be the ones about whom John the Baptist speaks today, cautioning us, "Every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire."

Our Sympathy and Prayers to~

- ♦ *Jack and Carol Hogan, Phil and Deanna Hogan, and Jim Helle on the death of Jack, Phil, and Jim's sister-in-law, Helen Hogan, who passed away November 17, in Guttenberg.*
- ♦ *Dick and Dianne Fette and their family on the death of Dick's brother, Virgil Fette, who passed away on November 22, in Elkader.*
- ♦ *Luke Donlon, Mike and Rhonda Donlon, and Jill and Brandon Stannard and their family on the death of Luke's wife, Mike's mother, and Jill's grandmother, Ann Donlon, who passed away on November 22.*

Congratulations to~

- ♦ *Gregory and Natasha Studelska whose daughter Stassi Marie was baptized on November 30, at St. Joseph.*

**Are you ready for
Town Halls in 2020?**

Beauty in Christ: Fearless. Faithful. On Fire!
Archdiocesan Women's Conference —Did your teenage daughter love Katie Prejean at NCYC? Then invite her and her friends to attend this year's Archdiocesan Women's Conference, Beauty in Christ: Fearless! Faithful! On Fire! Fantastic speakers Hallie Lord and Katie Prejean will continue the fire on Saturday, January 25, at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel in Cedar Rapids, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. (doors open at 7:00 a.m.). The day includes Mass with Archbishop Jackels. Discount rates apply until Monday, January 6. To register go to: <https://archwomensconference.org/registration/>. (Financial assistance is available.)

Bulletins

Upcoming Bulletin Deadline Changes

Bulletin of	Deadline
December 22	Wednesday, December 11
December 29	Monday, December 16
January 5	Monday, December 23

Please honor these deadlines. Contact Joyce (563-928-7200 or dbq072sec2@dbqarch.org) if you have questions.

The Youth and Chaperones who made the trip to Indianapolis for the National Catholic Youth Conference thank everyone from the Emmaus Pastorate Parishes for their prayers and support.



Toddler Time, Wednesday, December 11, 9:00 a.m., St. Mark Parish Center.

Get some fun food ideas to help celebrate Christmas!

Reminder: If school is cancelled or delayed in the Ed-Co Schools, Toddler Time will be cancelled.

Pastorate Events

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

Dec 11 Toddler Time, St. Mark, 9:00 a.m.
 Dec 11 Pastorate Reconciliation, Starmont High School

Pastorate Meeting Schedule

Dec 9 St. Mary Parish Life Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
 St. Mark Parish Life Meeting, 7:00 p.m.



Guidelines for Facility Usage/Rentals for the Emmaus

Pastorate—Parishioners and other community organizations are welcome and encouraged to make use of Emmaus Pastorate facilities, as long as they are supportive of and in keeping with our mission as a Catholic institution. Each parish provides its own rental agreements and fee schedule for usage, which are available by contacting the parish office. In addition to individual parish guidelines, the policy of the Pastorate is that nothing is scheduled opposite a regular worship or prayer event in the same parish. This means, for example, nothing is happening at the same time as Mass. Our primary reason for existence is the religious practices of our faith and, therefore, these always take precedent over any other event, dinner, anniversary or outside event. This policy will begin with the new liturgical year, Sunday, Advent I, 2019. Thanks in advance for respecting this high priority.

St. Patrick, Colesburg

Sunday Eucharist Celebration

First & third Sundays of month—8:00 a.m.

Tithing Report from November 30-December 1

Budget.....	\$1,395.00
ACH Debit	\$550.00
Offertory	\$152.00
Youth	\$6.00
Christmas	\$50.00
Thanksgiving	\$20.00
Pledges	\$40.00
Total Received.....	\$2,213.00



Christmas Flowers—If you would like to donate towards poinsettias to enhance our environment, please contact Rosalee Boeckenstedt (563-920-4816) with the name(s) of the people that you are donating in

memory of. Thank you.

“Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.”

Luke 3:4

St. Mark, Edgewood

Tithing Report from November 23-24

Budget	\$1,110.00
ACH Debit.....	\$513.00
Offertory.....	\$188.00
Total Received	\$1,811.00

Tithing Report from November 30-December 1

Budget	\$3,530.00
ACH Debit.....	\$1,743.00
Offertory.....	\$210.12
Thanksgiving.....	\$155.00
Building Fund.....	\$329.00
Retired Religious	\$150.00
Total Received	\$6,117.12

Christmas Baskets—Don't forget the St. Mark Parish Life meeting in the Parish Center at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, December 9. Christmas baskets will be packed and a light supper will be served. Donations of Christmas candy or goodies that are individually wrapped, individual snack packages or the Little Debbie Christmas cakes would be much appreciated.

Our December Mass at the Edgewood Convalescent Home will be held this Wednesday, December 11, at 2:00 p.m. in the Home dining room. We like to sing songs of the season at this Mass, so it's especially nice if there are a lot of parishioners to join in. Make this part of your effort to be READY!

Eucharistic Ministers to the Homebound—We have Eucharistic ministers who distribute Communion to the homebound and to people in the convalescent home and assisted living. If you or someone you know is in need of this ministry, please call the church (**563-928-7200**) or Linda Williams (**563-590-1524**) and leave the person's name and location and we will add them to the list. Please do not assume that we will know you need this ministry. It is better to be notified more than once than not at all. Thanks.

Christmas/New Year's Ministries—There are sign-up sheets on the table in the gathering area for you to volunteer for ministries for the Christmas and New Year's Day Masses. Masses for Christmas are December 24 (Christmas Eve) at 4:00 p.m. and December 25 (Christmas Day) at 10:00 a.m. New Year's Day Mass is January 1 at 9:00 a.m. Thank you for signing up.



St. Mark (Continued)

Poinsettias—We will again need donations of poinsettias for decorating the church for Christmas. Please bring them to the church conference room the weekend of December 22. You can bring your own or put money in an envelope marked "Poinsettias" and put it in the collection. We will need the money by December 9. If donating money, please indicate the name(s) of the people you are donating the flower in memory of. Thank you for helping to decorate the church for the holidays.



The Edgewood-Colesburg FBLA Chapter is always accepting the following items: ink cartridges, old cell phones, and iPads. The chapter sends these items into a recycling company and in return gets money to use for conferences. Instead of throwing away these items, please recycle and help out the FBLA Chapter. Thank you!

Freshmen Feed the Seniors (senior citizens, that is)! Please plan on joining the ninth grade faith formation students for a lasagna dinner after the 10:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, December 29. All are welcome, but to help with planning, please call the office (**563-928-7200**) to sign up. There will be games and activities following the meal!

Many Thanks to all the ladies who helped change out the missalettes for the new liturgical year. Special thanks to Josh Chapman (Marsha Hauser's grandson) for removing the covers from all the old missalettes. With all this help, the job was done quickly. Thank you so much

St. Joseph, Elkader

Tithing Report from November 23-24

Budget	\$2,213.00
Offertory.....	\$205.00
Total Received	\$2,418.00

Tithing Report from November 30-December 1

Budget	\$2,713.00
Offertory.....	\$193.00
Religious Retirement.....	\$70.00
Total Received	\$2,976.00

Thank You to all who attended and/or donated toward the choir fund-raiser lasagna dinner on November 23. We passed our goal and appreciate everyone's generosity. We look forward to making our worship even better through our gift of music.

St. Joseph (Continued)

For the week of December 7, we light the candles for Otto and Cyril Beck, and sons, Joseph and John Beck.



Thank You to Chuck and Natalie Shea and their family for all their

hard work to put on the Thanksgiving Day Community

Dinner for the third year. One hundred nine dinners were served and twenty-four carry-outs. Thanks to everyone who made a donation of any kind in support of this meal. We couldn't have done it without you. All the bread served at the meal was blessed by Father John at the 8:00 a.m. Thanksgiving Mass. A good time was had by all!

Christmas Flowers—Once again this year, we are offering our parishioners an opportunity to purchase Christmas flowers in memory of their loved ones. Envelopes are available in the back of church this weekend. Fill out the required information, including the names of those you wish to remember. Place the envelope in the collection basket or bring it to the Parish Center.

St. Mary, Strawberry Point

Tithing Report from November 23-24

Budget.....	\$520.00
Offertory.....	\$158.00
ACH Budget.....	\$220.00
Total Received.....	\$898.00

Tithing Report from November 30-December 1

Budget.....	\$665.00
Offertory.....	\$173.00
ACH Budget.....	\$405.00
Energy.....	\$70.00
Improvement Fund.....	\$50.00
Food Pantry.....	\$50.00
Christmas Flowers.....	\$100.00
Total Received.....	\$1,513.00

Operation Stocking Stuffer has begun! Stop in the church entrance and pick up a Lutheran Home resident's envelope and a stocking and fill the stocking to help make that person's holidays a little brighter. Add your name and phone number to the poster. Bring the stockings back by December 10. Thanks to all!



St. Mary (Continued)

The Christmas Giving Tree has been set up in the gathering space. Take an ornament and purchase the requested gift. Bring the unwrapped gift back with the ornament attached by December 14. Leave it in the gathering area. Call Beaner Harris (**563-920-6958**) with questions or to help wrap gifts.

Adult Faith Sharing for Advent will be held on Wednesday evenings during Faith Formation in the Psalm Center with Hazel Martin. Join us as we prepare during Advent for what is to come. Are you ready?

The Next Community Meal is December 18. The meal will be scalloped potatoes with ham, peas, various sweet breads and Jell-o cake. The meal is served from 5:00-6:30 p.m. For delivery or a ride in Strawberry Point, please call Kris Morarend (**563-419-5329**) before 3:00 p.m. on December 18. All are welcome and there is no charge.

The Food Pantry is open on December 18 from 3:00-6:30 p.m. If someone needs assistance before that date, call the parish office (**563-933-6166**), Sandy Burr (**563-924-2729**), Connie Leibold (**563-880-0907**), or Delaine Gruman (**563-920-2753**).

The St. Mary Environment Committee will be changing the environment from Advent to Christmas on Monday, December 23, at 8:30 a.m.. We will be very grateful for all the help we can get as we prepare our church for Christ's coming.

Sacred Heart, Volga

Sunday Eucharist Celebration

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

Tithing Report from November 23-24

Budget.....	\$1,484.00
Offertory.....	\$144.00
Youth.....	\$2.00
Heating Fuel.....	\$50.00
Total Received.....	\$1,680.00

The Food Shelf Collection was \$323. Thank you to Linda & Leon Deutsch for the wonderful egg casserole breakfast for the Food Shelf.

Thank You for your prayers and Sacred Heart for the Thanksgiving box. **Clementine Walz**

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**PRAY AND FAST FOR
AN END TO ALL
VIOLENCE**



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IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

St. Mary

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