

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 15, 2019 ~ Third Sunday of Advent

Worship This Week

Monday, December 16

Rdgs: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17; Ps 25; Mt 21:23-27
No Morning Eucharist (Fr. John day off)

Tuesday, December 17

Rdgs: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72; Mt 1:1-17
8:00 a.m. Word & Communion (St. Patrick)
8:00 a.m. Eucharist (Sacred Heart followed by Adoration & Reconciliation)
Frank & Emily Witts †

Wednesday, December 18

Rdgs: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72; Mt 1:18-25
7:00 a.m. Eucharist (St. Mark)
Grace Maiers †
11:00 a.m. Rosary for Immigrants (St. Joseph)
6:00 p.m. Word & Communion (St. Joseph)

Thursday, December 19

Rdgs: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25; Ps 71; Lk 1:5-25
8:00 a.m. Eucharist (St. Mary followed by Adoration & Reconciliation)
Lavern Koch †
11:30 a.m. Rosary for Peace (St. Mark)
7:00 p.m. Adoration & Reconciliation (St. Mark)

Friday, December 20

Rdgs: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24; Lk 1:26-38
8:00 a.m. Eucharist (St. Joseph followed by Adoration & Reconciliation)
Malcolm Whittle †

Saturday, December 21

St. Peter Canisius, Priest & Doctor of Church
Rdgs: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18; Ps 33; Lk 1:39-45
4:00 p.m. Eucharist (St. Joseph)
Edith & George Miller †
6:00 p.m. Eucharist (St. Mary)
Father Thomas McAndrew †

Sunday, December 22

Fourth Sunday of Advent
Rdgs: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24
8:00 a.m. Eucharist (Sacred Heart) For the People
10:00 a.m. Eucharist (St. Mark)
Robert Lahr †



Did you know that the St. Joseph Knights of Columbus paid for three chaperones to attend the

National Catholic Youth Conference in Indianapolis in November?

Advent 2019 in the Emmaus Pastorate



Advent Week III Ready for Change: Hope

This is **REJOICE SUNDAY** in Advent, when Father wears the “pink” (no really, (“rose”) vestment. It is a week to rejoice that Advent is coming to an end, and, more importantly, that the light of Christ will soon come into the world at Christmas. This week’s scriptures are nothing short of amazing! Both in Isaiah and in the gospel account from Matthew are chronicled transformations, huge changes in areas thought long lost. Good can happen! The miraculous is to be expected! However, all this is tempered with a very short, sober reading from James, reminding us to be patient...something humans are rarely good at.

Advent Family Time

Week III: Formation Questions

1. Have you ever witnessed a miracle? What was it like? What were the odds that this could have happened? How did you feel?
2. Have you ever heard someone ELSE talk about an event that they termed a “miracle”? What did you think? Why did you believe/not believe?
3. Why is it hard to be patient? Name a time when you were impatient? What did it involve? How was it resolved; how did it end?
4. Re-read James 5:7-10. How is the farmer example a good illustration?
5. Is there something you are impatient about right now? What is Christ saying to you about this issue?
6. Do you believe Christ is patient with you? Why/why not?
7. This week I will practice patience in _____.

8. Am I READY?

Mass Schedule for Christmas

Christmas Eve, December 24

4:00 p.m. St. Mark Edgewood
St. Joseph Elkader
Sacred Heart Volga

6:00 p.m. St. Mary Strawberry Point
St. Patrick Colesburg

Christmas Day, December 25

10:00 a.m. St. Mark Edgewood



Our Sympathy and Prayers to~

- ♦ Verna and Vesse Klostermann on the death of Verna's brother, Tom Hildebrand, who passed away on November 28, in Iowa City.
- ♦ Inez and Clair Fannon on the death of Inez's in-law, Richard Anthony, who passed away on December 3, in Dubuque.
- ♦ Bob and Ginny Bodensteiner and family on the death of Bob's brother, Virgil Bodensteiner, who passed away on November 23, in Lowry Crossing, Texas.

Congratulations to~

- ♦ Tristan Kishel, Scarlett Kishel, and Luna Kishel on their baptism at St. Mark on December 15.

Thank You to all parishioners who have returned their Spiritual Survey. This will help us plan for the future of the Pastorate.



Stewardship Corner—Each of us has his or her own role to play in the coming of the kingdom of God. John the Baptist was called to be the

herald of the Messiah, preparing the way of the Lord. To what is the Lord calling me?

Toddler Time, Wednesday, December 18, 9:00 a.m., St. Mark Parish Center. Craft Day. Come and make a Christmas ornament. There will be no Toddler Time next week because of Christmas.



Bulletins

Upcoming Bulletin Deadline Changes

Bulletin of
December 29
January 5

Deadline
Monday, December 16
No Bulletin will be published for the weekend of January 4-5.

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

Reduce Your Taxes with an IRA Gift to Your Parish—If you are 70 ½ or older, you can make a charitable gift of up to \$100,000 from your IRA. Your gift will qualify for your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) and **you will not have to pay federal income tax on the amount given.** To make an IRA Rollover Gift, simply contact your IRA administrator to see how you can roll over into tax savings while helping support our spiritual mission. There is a specific process and forms that need to be used and they can help you through those simple steps.

End of the Year Contribution Deadline—Parishioners from all Emmaus Pastorate parishes are reminded that all 2019 contributions must be received in their parish office or postmarked by Tuesday, December 31, 2019. This is an Archdiocesan and IRS mandate. Please don't ask staff to compromise their integrity by asking for late donation exceptions.

Today, December 15, Is a Special Day for St. Patrick Parish. The Dedication of their new Parish Center is being celebrated with Mass, a blessing, and a luncheon. Many thanks to all the parishioners who helped make this project a reality—to those who contributed monetarily or in any other way. A special thanks goes to Dean Bockenstedt for his vision and persistence in getting this project started and completed.



Please Join Us for our Second Community Meeting—Suicide and Other At-Risk Behaviors — on Sunday, January 12,

from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at Starmont School's Media Center. Come and learn more about the warning signs of suicide from Amy Holst, a leader in the field of at-risk behavior.

ADVENT FOR ALL SEASONS...

Father Alfred Delp was a German Jesuit priest who was imprisoned and martyred by the Nazis in a Nazi death camp in 1945. While in prison, Father Delp was able to write secretly some meditations which were smuggled out and copies were circulated between prisoners as well as non-prisoners. The meditations from prison include powerful Advent reflections about the meaning and lessons of this season of hope. The following is from the book *Advent of the Heart: Seasonal Sermons and Prison Writings 1941-1945*, pp. 28-29.

That God would become a mother's son and that a woman could walk upon this earth, her body consecrated as a holy temple and tabernacle for God, is truly the earth's culmination and the fulfillment of its expectation.

Therefore, let us kneel down and pray for the threefold blessing and the threefold consecration of Advent.

Let us pray for the openness and willingness to hear the warning prophets of the Lord and to overcome the devastation of life through conversion of heart.

Once again, let us kneel down and pray for keen eyes capable of seeing God's messengers of annunciation, for vigilant hearts wise enough to perceive the words of the promise. The world is more than its burden, and life is more than the sum of its gray days.

One more time, we want to kneel and pray for faith in life's motherly consecration, in the figure of the blessed woman from Nazareth. Already, today and for always, life is torn away from the cruel and merciless powers. Let us be patient and wait, with an Advent waiting for the hour in which it pleases the Lord to appear anew, even in this night, as fruit and mystery of this time.

Advent is the time of the promise, not yet the fulfillment.

Beauty in Christ: Fearless. Faithful. On Fire!
Archdiocesan Women's Conference—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.)

Pastorate Events

Dec. 18	Toddler Time, St. Mark, 9:00 a.m.
Dec. 22	Children's Christmas Pageant, Sacred Heart, 6:30 p.m.
Dec. 29	St. Patrick Faith Formation Retreat, 8:00 a.m.
Dec. 29	St. Patrick Parish Breakfast, 9:00 a.m.

St. Patrick, Colesburg

Sunday Eucharist Celebration

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

November 2019 Financial Report

Income	Budgeted	Actual
Budgeted Envelopes		\$4,593.00
Budgeted Offertory		<u>\$416.35</u>
	\$5,706.00	\$5,009.35
Expenses		\$3,649.70
Actual Income/Expenses		\$1,357.65
Average percent of parishioners who attended Sunday Mass in November		100+%



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

Sunday, December 29, Special Fifth Sunday 8:00 a.m. Mass. This will be our annual Children's Mass with breakfast following. Breakfast casseroles will be served for a free-will donation. We will be making extra casseroles which will be for sale for \$20 each; the proceeds will go toward purchasing fleece to make blankets for those in need (extra money will go toward the Parish Center). Please join us

Sunday, December 29, will be the K-12 retreat from 8:00-11:30 a.m.. First Reconciliation for our five second graders will be held at 11:45.

St. Mark, Edgewood

Tithing Report from December 7-8

Budget	\$1,287.00
ACH Debit.....	\$1,283.00
Offertory.....	\$97.00
Thanksgiving.....	\$100.00
Building Fund.....	\$750.00
Retirement for Religious.....	\$490.00
Total Received	\$4,007.00

November 2019 Financial Report

Income	Budgeted	Actual
Budgeted Envelopes		\$12,676.00
Budgeted Offertory		<u>\$504.00</u>
	\$16,967.00	\$13,180.00

Expenses **\$23,130.0**

Actual Income/Expenses **—\$9,950.00**

Average percent of parishioners who attended Sunday Mass in November **38.4%**



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.

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. Monetary donation are needed by December 16. 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.



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 bingo following the meal!

St. Mark (Continued)

Thank You to those who helped staple and fold the Stewardship Report for each of the Emmaus parishes. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Moving of House—If you are interested in moving the Erickson house recently purchased by St. Mark, please contact the parish office by Sunday, December 22.

Pay It Forward Fund—"You have not lived today until you have done something for someone who can never repay you."—John Bunyan. The Pay It Forward Fund has helped with transportation costs for medical treatments and rent assistance in December. Thank you for your generosity.

St. Joseph, Elkader

Tithing Report from December 7-8

Budget.....	\$1,700.00
Offertory	\$157.55
Thanksgiving	\$25.00
Christmas	\$50.00
Religious Retirement.....	\$520.00
Total Received	\$2,452.55

November 2019 Financial Report

Income	Budgeted	Actual
Budgeted Envelopes	\$12,988.00	\$11,264.00
Budgeted Offertory	<u>\$700.00</u>	<u>\$674.00</u>
	\$13,688.00	\$11,938.00

Expenses **\$10,488.00** **\$19,749.05***
 (*Includes TAXA of \$15,335)

Actual Income/Expenses **—\$7,881.05**

Average percent of parishioners who attended Sunday Mass in November **43.2%**

For the week of December 14, we light the candles in remembrance of the Francis Wagner Family, as requested by Fran and Ken Zichal.

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. 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 December 7-8

Budget.....	\$910.00
ACH Budget.....	\$50.00
Offertory.....	\$103.34
Improvement Fund.....	\$45.00
Our Call to Share.....	\$100.00
Total Received.....	\$1,208.34

November 2019 Financial Report

Income	Budgeted	Actual
Budgeted Envelopes	\$6,292.00	\$3,358.00
Budgeted Offertory	<u>\$600.00</u>	<u>\$540.76</u>
	\$6,892.00	\$3,798.76
Expenses		\$7,221.54
Actual Income/Expenses		—\$3,422.78
Average percent of parishioners who attended Sunday Mass in November		45.7%

Adult Faith Sharing for Advent will be held on Wednesday, December 18, during Faith Formation, in the St. Mary apartment with Hazel Martin. We will discuss weeks III and IV of Advent.

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.

Choir Practice will be held Sunday, December 15, and Monday, December 23, at 6:00 p.m. Any and all voices are welcome.

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 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.

Sacred Heart, Volga

Sunday Eucharist Celebration

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

Tithing Report from December 7-8

Budget.....	\$1,204.00
Offertory.....	\$105.00
Soup Supper.....	\$10.00
Heating Fuel.....	\$20.00
Christmas.....	\$2,000.00
Total Received.....	\$3,339.00

November 2019 Financial Report

Income	Budgeted	Actual
Budgeted Envelopes	\$4,123.00	\$3,330.00
Budgeted Offertory	<u>\$300.00</u>	<u>\$834.00</u>
	\$4,423.00	\$4,164.00
Expenses	\$5,406.00	\$2,677.0
Actual Income/Expenses		\$1,487.00
Average percent of parishioners who attended Sunday Mass in November		92.6%

The December 8 Fellowship collected \$268 for Religious Ed and Shepherd of the Hills. Thank you to all who provided the delicious goodies.

Join us for the Children's Christmas Program on Sunday, December 22, at 6:30 p.m. and enjoy all the hard work of the students and teachers. Refreshments will be served after the program.

Christmas Flowers—Parishioners are once again being given the opportunity to make donations for Christmas poinsettias in honor of family members. Please indicate the name(s) of the people that you are donating in memory of. Thank you.

Decorating of Cookies for Santa in Volga and for our Christmas program will be held on December 19. If you can help, please come at 9:00 a.m. to the hall. We will also be filling children's Christmas bags.

Thank You to Donna and Mary for their hard work decorating our Church. It is so beautiful.

Money Collected from The Food Shelf Breakfast is being donated to the Clayton County Food Shelf, the St. Mary Pantry, and the Fayette County Food Shelf.

Sacred Heart Parish Life Meeting will be held on Thursday, January 9, at 6:00 p.m.

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IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

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