

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.”



3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“Come after me, and I will make you fishers
of men.” - Mt 4:19

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January 26, 2020 ~ Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

Worship or the Week of January 20

Monday, January 27

St. Angela Merici, Virgin

Rdgs: 2 Sm 5:1-10; Ps 89; Mk 3:22-30

No Morning Eucharist

Tuesday, January 28

St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor

Rdgs: 2 Sm 6:12-19/Ps 24; Mk 3:31-35

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

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

Wednesday, January 29

Rdgs: 2 Sm 7:4-17; Ps 89; Mk 4:1-20

7:00 a.m. Word & Communion (St. Mark)

**11:30 a.m. Rosary for Immigration
(St. Joseph)**

6:00 p.m. Word & Communion (St. Joseph)

Thursday, January 30

Rdgs: 2 Sm 7:18-29/Ps 132; Mk 4:21-25

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

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

Friday, January 31

St. John Bosco, Priest

Rdgs: Sm 11:1-17; Ps 51; Mk 4:26-34

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

Saturday, February 1

Rdgs: 2 Sm 12:1-17; Ps 51; Mk 4:35-41

**4:00 p.m. Eucharist (St. Joseph)
For the People**

**6:00 p.m. Eucharist (St. Mary)
Bill Moine †**

Sunday, February 2

The Presentation of the Lord

Rdgs: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24; Heb 2:14-18;
Lk 2:22-40

**8:00 a.m. Eucharist (St. Patrick)
Chuck Meyers †**

**10:00 a.m. Eucharist (St. Mark)
Virgil Hunt †
Joe DeMar †**

Our Sympathy and Prayers to~

- ♦ *Betty and Richard Dinan on the death of Betty's brother, Ronald Chamberlain, who passed away on December 28 in Harlan, Iowa.*
- ♦ *Gene Devlin on the death of his wife, Earline "Butch" Devlin, who passed away in Manchester, on January 15.*
- ♦ *Dan and Sandra Mormann and Wayne and Mary Mormann on the death of Dan and Wayne's mother Abbie Mormann, who passed away in Iowa City on January 20.*

Financial Stewardship—The watchword today is "immediately." Peter and Andrew, James and John all respond *immediately* to the call of Christ. May I be as open to God's call and as ready to use my talents in His service as those first disciples were!



World Day for Consecrated Life will be celebrated in parishes on the weekend of February 1-2. Please pray for all those who have made commitments to the consecrated life and offer them a word of support and gratitude. Encourage the young adults and youth whom you know to prayerfully consider if a vocation to the consecrated life may be God's call for them.



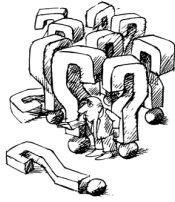
BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND! Please mark your calendars now and make plans to attend the upcoming session of Financial Peace

University. Classes will be held on Thursday, February 13, and the following seven Monday evenings from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Participants in the last session had rave reviews of this program. It is tailored to all ages. The program is being sponsored by St. Mark Parish and is open to ALL members of the Pastorate. If interested in attending, please contact Jody Kerns (**563-920-4836**) to register and receive information on registration materials. The program is free, but does have a one time upfront registration material cost. Give yourself a gift to start the new year that you won't regret!

Remember that any time school is delayed or cancelled, Word and Communion Services will also be cancelled for that day.

Questions on How We Worship!

"HOW COME SOME PEOPLE GET A "BLESSING" INSTEAD OF HOLY COMMUNION AT MASS?"



For years, people of other Christian traditions have attended, yes, and even prayed at our celebration of the Mass, but they were never acknowledged or recognized. Some Christian churches practice inter-communion, meaning that anyone may receive at the service. Catholics belief about the Eucharist varies in degree and significance from our Protestant brothers and sisters. A practice which has grown up in usage over the past years is the custom of receiving a "blessing" at Communion time. While this custom is not in the liturgical books, (like raising your hands during the Our Father), it has special significance. Many recent converts have noted how moved they were to be acknowledged at Communion time with the blessing, and have commented that it sustained them until the day that they were able to participate fully in the Eucharist. They are invited, never forced, to come forward for this blessing. When a priest gives it, many times he makes the sign of the cross and says the blessing. When a lay distributor does it, they normally extend their hand toward the person and say "Bless You," not making the sign. In short, the blessing at Communion is an act of Hospitality. It can become very important for young children as well, who do not yet receive Holy Communion. As always, a little hospitality goes a long way.

Defensive Driving Course Required—If you provide transportation to someone else on behalf of your parish, you need to take a defensive driving course through the Archdiocese of Dubuque. It is online and takes about 20 minutes. The purpose of watching this video is to help protect the parish in case of a lawsuit. Contact Sandy Klaus (**563-928-7200**) and she will set you up to watch the video. Thank you.

2020 Archdiocese of Dubuque Men's Conference
Don't miss the 2020 Men's Conference on Saturday, March 14, at Xavier Catholic High School, Cedar Rapids. The keynote speaker will be Patrick Madrid, host of "The Patrick Madrid Show" on Relevant Radio. The day will include breakout sessions and Mass with Archbishop Jackels. More details and registration may be found at www.CatholicMenOnline.com.

Evening for the Divorced and Separated and Those Who Love Them—Whether you're divorced or separated, want to help someone you love, or are interested in working to help divorced families, join Catholic author and evangelist, Rose Sweet, for "An Evening for the Divorced and Separated and Those Who Love Them" on Friday, March 27, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at St. Pius X Church in Cedar Rapids. For more information and to RSVP for this FREE event, go to www.DBQArch.org/Divorce.

Update from Father John

I am continuing to do therapy every day which is tough, but I am seeing progress. Hopefully, you're not hearing me holler back home! I also continue to elevate and ice my knee four times a day, as if this weather wasn't cold enough already. I got the big bandage off Thursday, January 16, which is nice to have off. Tuesday, January 21, I had a doctor's appointment with my surgeon to assess my progress and my knee is healing nicely. I appreciate all of the cards and prayers that I have received. Everyone brings me closer to healing. Love and prayers to everyone and miss you all. One day at a time sweet Jesus....





2020 Emmaus Pastorate Town Hall Meetings Coming Soon

It is vitally important that each parishioner attend this meeting for your parish. You will receive new data about your parish, hear progress on goals set last year and you will be able to give your input to the Council regarding goals for the future. **WE NEED YOU!** The schedule follows:

St. Patrick

Tuesday, February 11, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

St. Mary

Tuesday, February 18, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

St. Mark

Sunday, February 23, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m..

St. Joseph

Thursday, March 5, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Sacred Heart

Tuesday, March 10, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Emmaus Pastorate Baptism Classes for 2020— All classes begin at 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 25

St. Mark Conference Room

Wednesday, July 8

St. Joseph

Wednesday, November 18

St. Mark Conference Room

Families expecting a child must call their Parish office to inquire about Baptism class. Classes are open to all parents of the Emmaus Pastorate.



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 in order to continue receiving the sacraments.

A Gospel Reflection for the Third Sunday of Ordinary Time—Matthew 4:12-23

Today's Gospel tells us little about the background of these fishermen, their work, and their families. In today's Gospel, we are simply told that James and John left their father, Zebedee, in the boat and followed Jesus. Some details about the families of these first followers of Jesus are found later in Matthew's Gospel, however. In Matthew 8:14-15 for example, Jesus goes to the home of Peter and heals his mother-in-law of a fever. Matthew 20:20-28 relates how the mother of the sons of Zebedee (James and John) approaches Jesus with the request that her sons be given places of honor in Jesus' kingdom. These brief references suggest that the first disciples' separation from their families may not have been as complete as the verses in today's Gospel might lead us to believe. Matthew points out the separation because he wants to show that Christian discipleship can require a change in our lives and even our family relationships. Perhaps the message for us today is to balance the radical call to be a follower of Jesus with the challenge to be "fishers of men" even within our own families. Creating this balance may require that we change some of the priorities of our own family life.

As a family, detail the activities of a typical day. Discuss together what priorities are reflected in this daily schedule. How does your family respond when your daily plans are interrupted or must be changed? Together read today's Gospel, Matthew 4:12-23. Reflect together on the example of the first disciples who dropped everything to follow Jesus. Ask: Does our family schedule give evidence that we put God first in our family life? What might we do to better reflect that God is our priority? Pray together that your family will always give evidence that God comes first in your family life. Pray today's Psalm or the Lord's Prayer.

Loyola Press, Sunday Connection

Pastorate Meetings Schedule

The schedule of all Pastorate meetings for the upcoming month will be published in the last bulletin of the prior month.

- Feb. 11 St. Patrick Town Hall Mtg., Parish Center, 6:30 p.m.
- Feb. 13 Pastorate Staff Meeting, St. Mark Conference Room, 4:00 p.m.
- Feb. 18 St. Mary Town Hall Mtg., Social Hall, 6:30 p.m.
- Feb. 22 Emmaus Council & Leadership Group Mtg., 12:30-3:00 p.m., St. Joseph Parish Center
- Feb. 23 St. Mark Town Hall Mtg., Parish Center, 11:30 a.m.

**St. Patrick, Colesburg
Sunday Eucharist Celebration**

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

There is no Tithing Report this week since Mass was cancelled because of the inclement weather.

Just a Reminder—You can still order a Lasagna Take-n-Bake Meal Contact Deanne Wulfekuhle or Sandy Klaus if you are interested.

Mark Your Calendars!

St. Patrick Parish will be hosting a fish fry on Friday, March 6, from 5:00-8:00 p.m. in the new parish center. More details to follow.



St. Mark, Edgewood

Tithing Report from January 18-19

Budget	\$1,628.00
ACH Budget.....	\$1,150.00
Pay It Forward	\$238.00
Youth	\$8.00
Building Fund	\$75.00

Here's a Challenge for our Parish... How can we reach out to young people in our community who aren't connected to a faith community? What about those who were raised in the Catholic faith, but aren't attending church? What sort of program could we offer that would support them as they move through life? If you've got ideas, please call the parish office (563-928-7200).

St. Mark (Continued)

The Rosary—Do you think that the Rosary is a long boring prayer with a lot of mumbling during it? Unfortunately, that's been the experience of a lot of people, but that's not how it should be! The Rosary is powerful. Join us as we pray for peace on Thursdays at 11:30 a.m. at St. Mark Church.

Mary and Ralph Brown thank St. Mark Parish for the meal provided to them on the death of Mary's brother, Charles Ries. It was very nice and they appreciated it very much.

Remember that St. Mark Parish has a Prayer Chain Ministry available to pray for your intentions. Do you, or someone you know, need prayers? Please call: **Norma Venteicher (563-928-7283)** or **Carlyn Hunt (563-928-7089)** to put your name on the Prayer Chain list.



Reminder—Do You Have a Special Intention you would like to pray for by lighting a candle? Candles are available in the Parish Office for \$5 per week. Stop by the office and ask a staff member to light one for you.

St. Joseph, Elkader

Tithing Report from January 18-19

ACH Monthly Budget..... \$1,570.00

There is no other Tithing Report this week since Mass was cancelled because of the inclement weather.

For the Week of January 25 we light the candles for Georgana Johnson as requested by Joanne Cerny.

St. Joseph Crafters will begin their work for this year on Wednesday, February 5, at 8:30 a.m. All are welcome to join them.





**Scholarship Opportunity
for St. Joseph/
Sacred Heart Students**

Applications for the St. Joseph and Sacred Heart Senior Scholarship are available on the Emmaus Pastorate website under the St. Joseph tab. Download the application, complete it and submit it to St. Joseph Parish Office by Friday, March 20. Printed copies are available at the Parish Office.

St. Mary, Strawberry Point

There is no Tithing Report this week since Mass was cancelled because of the inclement weather.

St. Mary Parish is Having a Soup Supper on Saturday, February 1, following the 6:00 p.m. Mass. All are welcome to enjoy delicious soup and time with friends!



**Sacred Heart, Volga
Sunday Eucharist Celebration**
Second & fourth Sundays of month—8:00 a.m.

There Are No Words to express my grateful and humbled heart, but “Thank You” to everyone who supported my family in the loss of John. Your love, thoughtfulness, and support in so many ways, and, especially your prayers offered up for us, gave us the strength and comfort we needed. It also gave us hope and faith that surrounds and shelters us that will carry us through our healing during this difficult time in our lives. May God bless each and everyone of you.

~Jacquelyn Fedeler

Fedeler Gravy and Biscuit Breakfast—Please join us on Sunday, February 9, after the 8:00 a.m. Mass for the Famous Fedeler Gravy and Biscuit Breakfast. Join us!



Mark Your Calendar for February 23 (weather permitting); Sacred Heart will be offering an afternoon of games and fun to break up the winter

blahs. Snacks and beverages provided. More info to follow.

There Will Be No Parish Life Meeting in February.



DON'T JUST GO TO CHURCH! BE CHURCH!

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IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

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