

EMMAUS PASTORATE
MARCH 30, 2025 ~4TH SUNDAY OF LENT



**Worship Schedule for
the Week**
March 31 - April 6

Monday (3/31), No Eucharist

Tuesday (4/1)

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

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

10:15 a.m. Rosary (*St. Joseph*)

**Wednesday (4/2), St. Francis
of Paola, Hermit**

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

Thursday (4/3)

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

**Friday (4/4), St. Isidore,
Bishop and Doctor of the
Church**

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

**Saturday (4/5), 5th Sunday of
Lent**

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

For the People

**Sunday (4/6), 5th Sunday of
Lent**

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

Ken Nadermann †

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

Aiden Schaffer †

4:00 p.m. Eucharist
(*St. Mary*)

Mike Sadler †

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**The following churches
are open everyday for
daily prayer:**

St. Mark 8am-6pm

St. Mary 8am-6pm

St. Joseph 8am-6pm



Salt for the Week

Forgiveness.

Why is it so hard?

Somehow we think that by not forgiving someone we "have the upper hand"... And we do have the upper hand-- except it's around OUR neck! The failure to forgive is fraught with all kinds of emotional and psychological issues- but the most critical one is spiritual.

And strangely enough, many times it begins with not being able to forgive ourselves.

Over and over people say to me

"I just can't forgive myself for _____" yet- **God CAN.**

So when we do not forgive ourselves, it can be a way of saying that we are greater than God- and I'm not sure we want to add that to our already complicated lives.

We are in a season of reconciliation, and we are called to live a life of reconciliation, reconciliation with God, with others, and yes, with ourselves. We are all standing in the need of God's grace.

Please take some time the next couple weeks to prepare for

Lenten Reconciliation, April 9 from, 6-8pm, at St. Mark's.

God is lavish with his grace and forgiveness. And we all need it.

"Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." -Jesus

Tend the ground.



Livestream

Thank You to Diana Helle Livestream and KMCH 94.7 FM radio sponsors for March 30.

If you would like to donate to help cover the \$150 weekly cost to livestream and have a radio spot, please mark 'streaming' or 'radio' in the memo and we will list you as the sponsor for the week. If there is no sponsor, Emmaus Pastorate will be listed.

Readings for the Week of March 31 - April 6

Monday—Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2-13b/Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday—Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday—Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-18/Jn 5:17-30

Thursday—Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-23/Jn 5:31-47

Friday—Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-23/Jn 7:1-30

Saturday—Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-12/Jn 7:40-53

Sunday—Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-6/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11

We lift the following in prayer;

Please remember Fr. John Haugen in your prayers.

St. Mary

Nancy Carlson
Pat DeLong
April Gross
Diane Harris
Kathie Kirkpatrick
Steve Meyer
Chelsey Moellers
Jeff Moellers

St. Joseph

Lynn Cheetz
Diane Cornwell
Betty Dinan
Jim Downey
Peg Edge
MaryAnn McMillin
Joe Mueller
Alice Reimer
Amanda White

Sacred Heart

Dennis Christeleit
Patti Dillon
Pat Pope

St. Patrick

Mark Brown
Dave Domeyer
Donald Steger
Jean Vonhandorf

St. Mark

Michelle Buffington
JoAnn Fitzpatrick
Judy Fry
Paul Glaza
Craig Kluesner
Gary Laubenthal
Maxine Ronnebaum
Bev Sampson
Diane Uhlenkamp
Jodi Vorwald
Al Williams
Becky Wulfekuhle

Other

Aidan Bailey
Eli Belser
Lori Gearhart
Matthew Warthan

Names requested will be left on for 30 days.

Our Sympathy and Prayers to ~

- Mark and Sheri Fitzpatrick and Mike and Janet Oldfather on the death of Mark and Janet's mother, **JoAnn Fitzpatrick**, who passed away on March 21 in Edgewood.

***Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May their souls and all the souls of the faithful
departed, through the mercy of God,
rest in peace. Amen.***

Don't Just Go To Church. BE Church!

Upcoming Meetings and Events

Disability Inclusion Gathering
St. Mary Upper Room, 11:00 am - 1pm

**31
Mar**

St. Patrick Bible Study
St. Patrick Parish Center, 8:30 am

Community Euchre
St. Mark Parish Center, 1:00 pm

**1
Apr**

Grief Share
St. Joseph Parish Center, 5:30-7:00 pm

Adoration
Sacred Heart 5:30-6:00 pm

Stations of the Cross
Sacred Heart, 6:00 pm

St. Joseph Crafters
St. Joseph Parish Hall, 8:00 am

Sacred Heart Parish Life Meeting
Heart Hall, 6:00 pm

Stations of the Cross
St. Mark, 6:00 pm

Stations of the Cross
St. Patrick, 6:05 pm

Family Learning Night
St. Mark, 6:30 pm

Stations of the Cross
St. Joseph, 6:30 pm

Stations of the Cross
St. Mary, 6:30 pm

**2
Apr**

St. Mark Bible Study
St. Mark Parish Center, 8:30 am

She Shall Be Called Woman
St. Mary Upper Room, 6:00 pm

**Individual Stations of the Cross
& Confessions**
Sacred Heart, 4:00 pm

**4
Apr**

Upcoming Meetings and Events *Continued*

That Man is You
St. Mary Apartment 7:00 am-8:30 am

**5
Apr**

1st Eucharist Retreat
Dyersville and St. Mary Upper Room

St. Joseph Church Cleaning
St. Joseph Church, 9:00 am

Blended and Blessed Retreat
St. Mary Upper Room 9am-3pm

St. Patrick Bible Study
St. Patrick Parish Center, 8:30 am

Pastoral Leadership Study Day
Cedar Falls - **ALL OFFICES
CLOSED**

Community Euchre
St. Mark Parish Center, 1:00 pm

Grief Share

**8
Apr**

**9
Apr** **Lent Reconciliation Service**
St. Mark, Meal: 5:30-7:30 pm
Confessions: 6:00-8:00 pm

A RENEWED US
"Blended and Blessed"
One Day Event

Blended and Blessed is a marriage event for stepfamily couples, dating couples with kids, and anyone who care about blended families.

April 5
8:30-3:30
St. Mary Upper Room

To register or for more info, contact Jerry and Tara Ketoff
563-581-2488 or taraketoff@gmail.com



PRAY FOR PEACE





Congratulations to Meghan (Crilly) and Jesse Bond, whose daughter, **Brynston Louise** was baptized on **March 30** at St. Mary.



Keeping a Holy Lent

Stations of the Cross

Tuesdays at 6pm at Sacred Heart
Wednesdays at 6pm at St. Mark
Wednesday at 6:05pm at St. Patrick
Wednesdays at 6:30pm at St. Mary
& St. Joseph

Pastorate Reconciliation

April 9 at St. Mark
Meal 5:30-7:30pm
Reconciliation 6-8pm

Private Stations & Confessions

April 4, 4pm Sacred Heart April 11, 4pm St. Mark

These simplified schedules are available in the back of church.

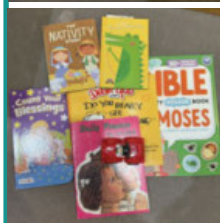
TOTUS TUUS June 15-20

The Archdiocese is working to secure missionaries for **Totus Tuus 2025!** We've been given a tentative date of **June 15-20, 2025**, and we ask for your prayers as the Archdiocese continues to seek passionate individuals to help lead this incredible summer program. May God provide the missionaries we need to inspire and serve our youth!



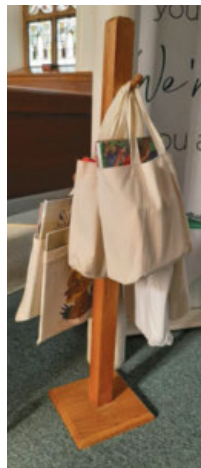
April 15, 2pm
St. Raphael Cathedral in
Dubuque

Most Reverend Thomas R. Zinkula blesses the oil of the sick, the oil of the catechumens and consecrates the holy chrism oil at a special Mass each year call a Chrism Mass. There will be a group carpooling to the Chrism Mass from the pastorate. Call the St. Joseph office at 563-245-2548 or St. Mark office at 563-928-7200 if you plan on attending, carpool leaves at 11am from St. Mark.



Busy Prayer Bags

Did you know that St. Mark and St. Joseph have bags available in the back of church for children to use during Mass? St. Mark's 1st graders recently spent time updating their bags. Just grab a bag when you come into church and drop it off when you leave.



Collecting Baby Items

Emmaus Pastorate **Walking with Mom in Need** is teaming up with the Emmaus Pastorate **Little Flowers** to put together bags from moms. We are going to have a box at the back of each parish and are looking for donations to put in a bag to hand out.

Most needed items: Crib sheets, baby towels, wash cloths, blanket sleepers, burp cloths, diapers (size 1 and up), baby lotions, soaps, shampoos and baby wipes. Will except: Infant clothing (up to 1 year), blankets, bottles, diaper rash cream, rattles and pacifier. Handmade or lightly used items also accepted.



The Little Flowers tied these blankets that will be part of the donated items for the walking with Moms bags. Thank you to Cheryl Whittle for the fabric donation.



Come Join the Fun!

Monthly Disability Inclusion Gathering for March will be held **Monday, March 31st from 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM at St. Mary.** Music will begin at 11:00 AM,

followed by a lunch at noon. Please bring friends and come and enjoy music, fellowship and good food, including birthday cake to help those celebrating a March birthday. This is a completely handicap accessible event.



Dad's Belgian Waffles Breakfast

St. Mary, Manchester
Sunday April 6 8:15-Noon
Free Will Donation

St. Mary Easter Flower Donation

Envelopes are available in the back of St. Mary church for all those who would like to donate money for Easter flowers in memory of a loved one. Donations can be placed in the collection basket at Mass.



Mark and Marsha Hauser New Address

As many of you know, Mark and Marsha Hauser, longtime residents of Edgewood and both very active parishioners at St. Mark and the Pastorate as a whole, recently moved to Iowa Falls. If you would like to send them a note as they settle into their new home and community their address is:

Mark & Marsha Hauser
1300 Georgetown Rd.
Iowa Falls, IA 50126

Where Christ Dwells

It's amazing how confident we can be about Christ's whereabouts—or lack thereof. Christ isn't present here. Not on this business trip. Not on this errand. Not in this project or conversation or particularly hard day. Christ will not come from this.

How often do we look over our days and wonder, "Was God even here at all? It's easy to get down on ourselves. It's easy to reduce our own life stories to mediocrity. This task, this feeling, this place—it's not enough for God. We all face the temptation to shrug off our inherent Identity as God's beloved. We all face the temptation to say of ourselves, of our own stories, Christ will not come from this. Such thinking could not be more wrong!

We are all made in the image and likeness of our God who delights in us. We are all bearers of Christ who dwells within us. In next weekend's Gospel, the crowd is divided between those who cling solely to the law and those who have had a personal experience of Jesus. Those who have listened to God's Word and allowed it to affect their lives are better able to find Christ wherever He dwells.

As we continue our Lenten pilgrimage, are we allowing God's Word to affect us? To challenge and console? When we do, we might be surprised to find the face of Christ not only in our own stories but in the lives of every person we encounter.

*Give Us This Day
Eric Clayton*

Connect your Graduating Seniors with Catholic Campus Ministry

Did you know that Campus Ministry is one of the strongest ways to form highly faithful young adults? One of the best things you can do for teens who are moving on to college is to connect them with a College Campus Ministry. Parents, reach out to the Catholic Student Center where your child will be attending and let them know she/he is coming. Better yet, stop by on your next college visit so your child will know where to go and can meet others before moving to campus. A Brochure with Catholic Campus Ministries in Iowa is available in the back of church.



Church Cleaning!

St Mary will be having our annual Church cleaning for Easter, on **Saturday, March 29**, from **8:30 AM** to around noon.

Cleaning supplies will be provided. If you can help for an hour or two, or the whole time, we are very grateful for your help. Lunch will be provided.

Parish Life Meeting

St Mary Parish Life will be having a meeting on **April 7** at **6:30 pm**. All are invited!

Quilt Tying Invitational

Bethany Lutheran Church in Elkader invites you to help tie quilts on **Monday, April 7** starting at **9:00 AM**.

Fellowship, food and fun while tying finished quilts for Lutheran World Relief. Coffee breaks and lunch will be provided. Come when you can, leave when you must. Bethany Lutheran Church is located at 307 3rd St. NE in Elkader. Call Marie at 563-245-2333 with questions.



Donations Needed for New Trees



Thank you to all those who have already donated! We are about halfway to our goal.

The St. Joseph Parish Council approved a proposal to replace the 4 trees that were removed last summer. If you would like to donate to this project please put an envelope in the collection basket marked "Tree Fund". Any amount is greatly appreciated!



St. Joseph Church Cleaning

Help prepare St. Joseph Church for Easter by helping out on **Saturday, April 5** at **9:00 AM**. All are welcome, the more people who show-up, the faster the morning will go, and the more "fun" everyone will have.



Fish Fry Updates

St. Patrick parish is deeply grateful to everyone who contributed to the success of our fish fry. To those who set up, served, brought desserts, fried the fish, cleaned up, and especially all who came and supported our fundraiser. Congratulations to Dean Boeckenstedt and Gary Domeyer who won the raffle to the Earllville and Edgewood lockers! We served 1058 people! Bills are still coming in so we don't know our total profit yet. Thank you all!

Thank You!

Thank-you for tenderly loving our family during this tough time with your heartfelt prayers and kind expressions of sympathy. We deeply appreciate every gesture given to us. While it will be hard to adjust to her physical absence, we find great peace and comfort knowing she is rejoicing in heaven above! Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her. May Mom rest in peace. A sincere Thank-You to all those who contributed food and, or helped at the funeral mass.

~From the Family of Doris Funke

You're Invited to Grow in Your Faith through IMPACT!

IMPACT is a two-year formation program for Catholic adults, which is coordinated by the Archdiocese of Dubuque. The program provides the opportunity to grow in your faith through attending monthly sessions. The next cohort begins in September of 2025 and will meet once a month on Saturdays at St. Mary Catholic Church in Vinton, IA. For more information and to apply, please visit: www.DBQArch.org/IMPACT.



St. Francis Xavier Parish

104 3rd St SW, Dyersville



April 4 ~ 4:30-7:30pm

Adults and Carry outs \$16, 12 and under \$8

St. Mark Church Cleaning

St. Mark church cleaning on **April 5 starting at 7:30am**. Come when you can and stay as long as you can. Men, women, and children are welcome. The more the merrier Cleaning supplies provided. Coffee and cinnamon rolls will be available also. Please come and prepare the church for the Easter Season.



St. Joseph Monthly Collection, 176!

Join us as we try and collect 176 items each month of 2025.

For the month of March the goal

was **176 pancake mixes and syrup** and as of March 25 you collected **127**. Donations can be dropped off either in the back of St. Joseph church or in the parish center.

For the month of April, we will be collecting CANNED VEGETABLES:

Corn, creamed corn, pork & beans, peas, mixed vegetables, green beans, tomatoes, etc.

An Update on the Lenten Challenge from the St. Mark/St. Patrick Confirmation Students:

The Confirmation students are asking their parish family to help the guests, at the Catholic Worker House in Waterloo, with specific resources, support, and prayers during the upcoming Lenten Season. The students know that the following items would be greatly appreciated by the Catholic Worker House staff and guests:

1. **The total so far is \$317.26 Thank You!** Monetary donations will be used for the heating bill, electric bill, and other operating costs. There will be a "Catholic Worker House" donation box in church. Any and every cent will be put to good use.
2. **12 frozen casseroles were delivered March 17!** We'll provide the aluminum pans for you to share your tastiest meal. Frozen meals can be dropped off in the St. Mark parish center before Mass on Sundays, starting March 16. Please use the label provided for ingredients and heating directions. Keep those casseroles coming!!
3. **Wow! The tote of Toiletries/Personal Care Items is almost full!** If you buy something for your bathroom this month, like toilet paper, get an extra one to donate and bring it to church.
4. **A collection of boxed food items will start March 23 and go until April 6**, e.g., mac & cheese, dried potatoes, pastas, mayo, canned chicken, stove top stuffing, granola bars, etc. would be welcomed by those needing food assistance.

On Palm Sunday, Rose Quirk from the Catholic Worker House will be at the 10 am Mass to talk about her experiences. There will be also be cinnamon rolls served in the parish hall after Mass. AND our favorite pastor will also be celebrating a birthday!



Immaculate Conception

405 Fairbank St, Fairbank

Friday, April 11

4:30-7:00pm

Menu includes:

Cod, Baked Potato, Beans, Coleslaw, Roll & Dessert

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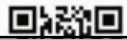
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