

February 17 & 18, 2018

THE 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

NATIVITY	LECTORS		USHERS/COLLECTIONS		EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS of the EUCHARIST		GIFT BEARERS	
	SATURDAY PM	SUNDAY AM	SATURDAY PM	SUNDAY AM	SATURDAY PM	SUNDAY AM	SATURDAY PM	SUNDAY AM
February 17 & 18	Mary Klaseus	Bill Stangler	Nick Klaseus Rose Hendley	Barb Truzinski Mary Haase	Kathy Dauk, Nick Klaseus Mike Keogh	Ann Rohlfing, J. T. Kluntz Ray Truzinski		
February 24 & 25	Kelly McCabe	Andy Queen	Mary Klaseus (Volunteer Needed)	Janet Walechka Robbie Kopet	Kathy Dauk, Nick Klaseus Mike Keogh	Ann Rohlfing, J. T. Kluntz Ray Truzinski		
March 3 & 4	Kathy Dauk	Barbara Harris	Dick Davis (Volunteer Needed)	Barb Truzinski Mary Haase	Rita Martinson Lynn Kluntz, Mary Klaseus	Barb Truzinski Danny Holmes, Rita Kluntz		
MARYSBURG	LECTORS		USHERS/COLLECTIONS		EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS of the EUCHARIST		GIFT BEARERS	
	SATURDAY PM	SUNDAY AM	SATURDAY PM	SUNDAY AM	SATURDAY PM	SUNDAY AM	SATURDAY PM	SUNDAY AM
February 17 & 18	Larry Van Tol	Cindy Krenik	Raphael Malecha Phil Rothmeier	Don Adams Jim Kluntz	Anne & Larry Davis Mary Kammerdiener	Mike Lyons Colleen McCabe, Jim Folden	Anita & Phil Rothmeier	
February 24 & 25	Annie Davis	Sarah Guentzel	Clint Kortuem Nate Page	Greg Germscheid Mike Germscheid	Chris & Ann Biehn Phil Rothmeier	Pat Baker Sue Leiferman, Rich McCabe	Martha Weisgram Jo Ann Kortuem	
March 3 & 4	Mary Kay Naegle	Jim Folden	Joe Meyer Pat Riley	Pat Corrow Bill McCabe	Rita Ramy, Annie Davis Larry Davis	Barb Folden Mike Lyons, Colleen McCabe	Joe Meyer & Family	

Please Pray

The following people have asked for our prayers: Alec Batson, Brandon Reinke, Anita Rothmeier, Rosemary Wondra, David Clark, Robert Kluntz, Larry Treanor, Bob Beckel, Rick Schoeb, Don Roscoe, Beverly Sohm, Connie Baker, Gene Thelemann, Jared Mogere Family, Tim Petersen, Kent Pearce, John Kluntz, Evalyn Cusick, Mary Androli, Bernice Rezak, David Krenik, Terry Sadowski, James Connor, Mary Lou Ballman, Natalie Bruender, Helen Voit, Robert Ani, Beth Flick, Rose Anne Schoeb, Dottie Cerven, Mitchell Petsinger, Mary Riebel Schwartz, Carol Leighton, Marian Meyer, Larry Johnson, Mark Johnson, Lois McCabe, Mya Walechka, Dave Rusch, Lana Dahl, Alec Heuer, Jim Meagher, Mike Davis, Betty Kinney, Ann Dauk. **(To add or remove a name to the Prayers for the sick, please contact the parish office at 507-243-3166 or contact: office@maryschurches.com.)**



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
18 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT 8:30 AM NATIVITY & 10:30AM MARYSBURG † BUD MCCABE † DARLENE TREANOR	19 Mass 8 am at Marysburg Lenten Book Study Marysburg 8:45 am	20 Mass 8 am at Nativity Lenten Book Study St. Mary's, 7 pm † BOB MCGINN	21 Mass 8 am at Marysburg Religious Ed: Classes 6:30	22 No Mass	23 Mass 8 am at Nativity Stations-of-the-Cross Marysburg, 6 pm Day of Abstinence † LOUIS WALECHKA	24 VIGIL OF 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT NAT PENANCE: 3:15-3:45 MASS: 4 PM MB, PENANCE: 5:30-5:45 MASS: 6 PM † MICKEY & NEDI BIEHN † ALL PARISHIONERS
25 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT 8:30 AM NATIVITY & 10:30AM MARYSBURG † BOB MCGINN † ALL PARISHIONERS	26 Mass 8 am at Marysburg Lenten Book Study Marysburg 8:45 am	27 Mass 8 am at Nativity Lenten Book Study St. Mary's, 7 pm	28 Mass 8 am at Marysburg Religious Ed: Classes 6:30	1 MAR No Mass	2 Mass 8 am at Nativity Stations-of-the-Cross Cleveland, 6 pm Day of Abstinence † ERIC MARTINSON	3 VIGIL OF 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT NAT PENANCE: 3:15-3:45 MASS: 4 PM MB, PENANCE: 5:30-5:45 MASS: 6 PM CCW Southwest Deanery Spiritual Day, St. Mary's, Le Center † IRENE KRENK
4 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT 8:30 AM NATIVITY & 10:30AM MARYSBURG Nativity Coffee & Rolls † BERNICE FORTIER	5 Mass 8 am at Marysburg Lenten Book Study Marysburg 8:45 am	6 Mass 8 am at Nativity Lenten Book Study St. Mary's, 7 pm M'BURG FINANCE COUNCIL, 6PM M'BURG PARISH COUNCIL, 7PM	7 Mass 8 am at Marysburg Religious Ed: Classes 6:30 † ANGIE HESSE	8 No Mass	9 Mass 8 am at Nativity Stations-of-the-Cross Marysburg, 6 pm Day of Abstinence † ERIC MARTINSON	10 VIGIL OF 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT NAT PENANCE: 3:15-3:45 MASS: 4 PM MB, PENANCE: 5:30-5:45 MASS: 6 PM GLOBAL SOLIDARITY SUNDAY † RAY & SALLY MARTINSON
11 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT 8:30 AM NATIVITY & 10:30AM MARYSBURG GLOBAL SOLIDARITY SUNDAY DEAD THEOLOGAINS SOCIETY 6-9 PM CHURCH of St. Mary's, LeCenter † TODD BROWN	12 Mass 8 am at Marysburg Lenten Book Study Marysburg 8:45 am † JOAN MCCABE	13 Mass 8 am at Nativity Lenten Book Study St. Mary's, 7 pm † GORDON MCCABE	14 Marysburg: Mass 8 am Religious Ed: Classes 6:30 Office Closed for Workshop	15 No Mass NATIVITY PARISH COUN. 7PM	16 Mass 8 am at Nativity Stations-of-the-Cross Cleveland, 6 pm Day of Abstinence † ERIC MARTINSON	17 VIGIL OF 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT NAT PENANCE: 3:15-3:45 MASS: 4 PM MB, PENANCE: 5:30-5:45 MASS: 6 PM † BUD MCCABE † DALE PETERSEN



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WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturday, 4:00 pm - Nativity
Saturday, 6:00 pm - IC of Marysburg
Sunday, 8:30 am - Nativity
Sunday, 10:30 am - IC of Marysburg

RECONCILIATION TIMES:

Sat. 3:15-3:45 pm - Nativity
Sat. 5:30-5:45 pm - IC of Marysburg

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Monday, 8 am: Marysburg
Tuesday, 8 am: Nativity
Wed, 8 am: Marysburg
Thursday, NO Mass
Friday, 8 am: Nativity

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Nativity

27528 Patrick St., Madison Lake MN 56063

February 18, 2018

200 Main Street, Cleveland MN 56017

CCW Southwest Deanery 2018 Spiritual Day

Join in the richness of the day, Saturday March 3rd, 8:15 am-1 pm, at St. Mary's Catholic Church 165 N. Waterville Ave., Le Center. Cost: \$8.00. Please register by February 27th with your Parish CCW President. Keynote speaker, Amanda Virnig, will talk about the beauty of forgiveness.

Each parish is asked to donate something for the Silent Auction. Baked goods, handcrafted items or theme baskets are crowd pleasers. Proceeds will go to benefit SWD Parish Youth Programs.

2018 Catholic Services Appeal

Please help. The Catholic Services Appeal Foundation has just launched the 2018 Catholic Services Appeal which supports the 18 Collective Ministries of our Archdiocese that no one parish could support alone. We would not be able to create opportunities for people to encounter Jesus Christ and work to build a Church of missionary disciples to bring the truth of the Gospel to others. (Envelopes are at the entrance to the church.)

- Office of Evangelization and Catechesis
- The Catholic Watchmen
- WINE: Women in the New Evangelization
- Catholic Grandparenting
- Called & Gifted
- Behold: A Young Adult Women's Ministry
- Bible Studies
- Lectio Divina

Our mailing address is:

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Amazing Adventure for Teens

Fr. Adams is organizing a summer canoe trip for youth entering grades 9 – 12. Join in July 16–20 on a camping trip with canoeing in Voyageurs National Park, MN. To find out more information, go to idretreats.org/why-outdoors. Or, email register@idretreats.org

**STEUBENVILLE
ROCHESTER**

Youth Grades 8–12

We would like to take a group of youth to the **Steubenville North—Youth Conference in Rochester**, July 13-15th. This year's theme is **REVEALED**. In today's world voices are shouting at us from all sides, trying to tell us who we are and who we aren't, who we should be and who we shouldn't be. Amidst all the noise is our loving Father who wants to make Himself known to us and speak truth about who we are. God's love is deeper and His plan for our lives is greater than anything the world has to offer – will we allow Him to reveal it to us? Join in the Music—Dancing—Laughs—Spiritual Growth! Registration forms and \$50 non-refundable deposit will be due February 28. Forms and information packets may be found at the St. Mary Church office or website www.stmarysthenry.org. For more information please call Fr. Chris or Jean at 507-357-4838, or go to <http://www.partnershipforyouth.org/steubenville-rochester/>, or call the Marysburg & Nativity Parish Office at 507-243-3166.

Thank You for Your Contributions

Weekend of February 10 and 11, 2018

Marysburg: \$1,425 Nativity: \$1,342

Spiritual Spring House Cleaning



Book Study:

Deep Conversion, Deep Prayer

by Fr. Thomas Dubay. It's not too late! Join Father Adams as he explores this insightful and inspirational book. (Contact the parish office as soon as possible There will be a fee of \$10 for the book.)

Mondays, 8:45 AM: After Mass, Marysburg.

(February 19 & 26, March 5, 12, 19, & 26.)

Tuesdays, 7:00 PM: St. Mary's, Le Center.

(February 20 & 27, March 6, 13, 20, & 27.)

Daily Mass:

4 Masses each week as shown in the bulletin.

Confessions:

Regular Confession times on Saturdays, plus Wednesday March 28th, 6:30 – 7:30 pm, at Nativity Church.

Stations of the Cross:

Fridays, 6 pm (unless noted otherwise), alternating between parishes. (Please see calendar for details.)

1ST SUNDAY IN
LENT

LENT... Renew, Refresh, Refocus.

Lent lasts 40 days (excluding Sundays)

The three pillars of Lent are: prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting (one primary meal and two lesser meals) and abstinence from meat.

All Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence from meat.

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Brothers and Sisters in Christ, It's quite often the case that my eyes are bigger than my stomach. When I see something that I like, my natural inclination is to want to consume more. After all, I argue, I may not have the chance to have this particular food for a while. Oftentimes, too, I mistake the discomfort of hunger pangs as signaling that I need more food to quell the discomfort. So I end up ordering more than I need or filling my plate with more than is necessary to end the discomfort. I imagine many of us have had the same experience. And, at least for me, I regret that decision later. Because now I've traded in the discomfort of hunger for the discomfort of having eaten too much.

At times I feel this way about Lent. Sometimes I will be overly ambitious in what I choose as a Lenten discipline. And often, a few weeks into the Lenten season, I think to myself: "Why did I choose this? It's harder than I expected it to be!" Perhaps you're already experiencing a little of this yourself. Maybe Ash Wednesday and this past Friday

were difficult when it came to the disciplines of fasting and abstaining from meat. It's possible that the resolve you had when you first decided to make other Lenten sacrifices is already beginning to wane.

If you're still going strong on your Lenten disciplines, keep it up. But if you are struggling already, I encourage you to stay the course! St. Paul once said: "I have competed well; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith" (2 Timothy 4:7). He's describing the satisfaction that comes from knowing that he has remained faithful to Christ and that whatever trials he faced, he persevered. He experienced something that we will experience by virtue of our perseverance and commitment – that Christ gives us the grace we need to remain faithful. We can't do it simply through sheer willpower.

Remember that a spiritual challenge can be good, because it pushes us beyond our comfort zone and encourages us to grow and to discover new things about ourselves and our faith. This is why we should do something during Lent that is just a bit harder than we think we can do. It's not unlike the athlete who trains by running just a bit farther each day. The challenge makes the discipline



Desk of Father Christopher Shofner

a conscious effort, and it ensures that we are doing what is necessary to continually prepare ourselves for the challenge. A runner, for example, doesn't just run each day, but must eat right and stretch and get enough water and sleep. In the spiritual life, we don't just give up something for Lent, but we must support that discipline by praying each day, going to Confession regularly, and nourishing ourselves with the Eucharist and with spiritual reading. These ensure that we will remain strong to finish the race that lies ahead.

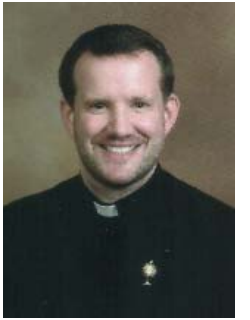
Remember too the purpose for our Lenten disciplines. They are not meant to deprive ourselves just for the sake of depriving ourselves. They are meant to bring us closer to Jesus Christ. With every sacrificial act that we offer, we unite ourselves just a bit more to the suffering of Jesus on the cross. True, skipping desserts may not be the same

as being nailed to a cross, but our experience certainly gets us to think about what Jesus must have gone through. If we struggle not having that dessert, how hard must it have been for Jesus to willingly accept death?

The author of the letter to the Hebrews encourages us with some powerful words. He keeps our hearts directed toward who is most important. We can apply what he says to our Lenten season. "Let us rid ourselves of every burden and sin that clings to us and persevere in running the race that lies before us, while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, the leader and perfecter of faith" (Hebrews 12:1-2).

God bless,

Fr. Chris Shofner, Fr.Chris@hotmail.com



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Healing & Empowerment School

Sponsored by The Catholic Charismatic Renewal Office. A Three-day conference: November 16-18, 2018 at the University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, MN. To register for this conference, attendees should have experienced the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, which can take place on February 24, 8:30 am - 5:00 pm, Church of the Epiphany in Coon Rapids, at the annual winter teaching conference "Boundless Enthusiasm for the Gospel". Pre-registration until February 16 is \$35 – at the door \$45. For more information or to register, call 763-571-5314.

BINGO — Sponsored by Madison Lake Sons of the American Legion on Sunday February 25th. Come to Point Pleasant, Madison Lake! **Early Bird:** 12:00 - 12:30; **Warm Up:** 12:30 - 1:00; **Bingo:** 1:00 - 3:00. **Meat Raffles between games.** Cash Prizes, Dollar Hot Dogs, Kids Bingo Downstairs, Bake Sale, Legion Bar Open.

Archdiocese is Hiring

College-aged young adults are needed for teaching this summer for the Totus Tuus Summer Catechetical Program! We need college age men and women who feel called to share their Catholic faith with youth from local parishes. Positions are a 2-month commitment (6/1-7/28) and includes one week of training and one week 4th of July break. Each team member will receive \$2,520 for their work. Find application forms at www.archspm.org/TotusTuus.

Legion Fish Fries

American Legion Post #108 in Le Center, MN is holding a Fish Fry during the Lent on the following dates: **Basket Lunch, \$7:** Feb 16, Feb 23, Mar 2, Mar 9, Mar 16, Mar 23, Mar 30. (11am to 1pm). **Dinners \$12:** Feb 16, Feb 23, Mar 16, Mar 23 (5-7:30pm -or until gone).

Learn About Loyola Catholic School

We currently have openings for students Grades K-12. Preschool and Pre-Kindergarten enrollment for 2018-2019 opens February 22. Schedule a family tour or shadow days at your convenience by calling Angela Casteel at 507-388-0615 or email at acasteel@loyolacatholicsschool.org

2018 Archdiocesan Men's Conference

NEW TIME AND LOCATION: Saturday, March 10, 9:30 a.m. – 4 p.m., Saint Thomas Academy, Mendota Heights. Keynote Speaker: Monsignor Thomas Richter. The conference also includes Mass, break-out sessions with dynamic speakers, and the opportunity for the sacrament of Reconciliation. Bring your own lunch or purchase from the on-site food trucks! Find more details and register at TheCatholicWatchmen.com. Cost: \$25.

Operation Andrew Dinner

Archbishop Bernard Hebda, Bishop Andrew Cozzens and Father David Blume, Director of Vocations, invite men discerning the priesthood, ages 16–50, to dinner and conversation with testimonials on priesthood and religious life. Tuesday, March 6, 6 – 8 p.m. Archdiocese Chancery, St. Joseph Hall, 777 Forest St., St. Paul. It is typical for a pastor, religious or youth minister to accompany each discerning guest. Register online before March 2. Email stpaulvocations@10000vocations.org or call the Office of Vocations at 651-962-6890.