

February 24 & 25, 2018

THE 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

Please Pray

The following people have asked



for our prayers: Don Roscoe, 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.)**

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 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	Volunteer	Peter & Shannon Esser & Family
March 10 & 11	Mary Klaseus	Kelly McCabe	Nick Klaseus Rose Hendley	Janet Walechka Robbie Kopet	Rita Martinson Lynn Kluntz, Mary Klaseus	Barb Truzinski Danny Holmes, Rita Kluntz	Volunteer	Ryan & Jennifer Ryg & Fam
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 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	Annie & Larry Davis Leo Riley	Barb Folden Mike Lyons, Colleen McCabe	Joe Meyer & Family	
March 10 & 11	Joe Meyer	Sue Leiferman	Steve Baker Mark Meyer	Tim Krenik Jon Sullivan	Chris & Ann Biehn Phil Rothmeier	Jim Folden, Pat Baker Sue Leiferman	Anita & Phil Rothmeier	

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>25 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT</b> 8:30 AM NATIVITY & 10:30AM MARYSBURG  ♣ BOB MCGINN ♡ ALL PARISHIONERS	<b>26</b> Mass 8 am at Marysburg  Lenten Book Study Marysburg 8:45 am	<b>27</b> Mass 8 am at Nativity  Lenten Book Study St. Mary's, 7 pm	<b>28</b> Mass 8 am at Marysburg  Religious Ed: Classes 6:30	<b>1 MAR</b> No Mass	<b>2</b> Mass 8 am at Nativity  Stations-of-the-Cross Cleveland, 6 pm Day of Abstinence ♣ ERIC MARTINSON	<b>3</b> 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 KRENIK
<b>4</b> 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT 8:30 AM NATIVITY & 10:30AM MARYSBURG  Nativity Coffee & Rolls ♣ BERNICE FORTIER	<b>5</b> Mass 8 am at Marysburg  Lenten Book Study Marysburg 8:45 am	<b>6</b> Mass 8 am at Nativity Lenten Book Study St. Mary's, 7 pm M'BURG FINANCE COUNCIL, 6PM M'BURG PARISH COUNCIL, 7PM	<b>7</b> Mass 8 am at Marysburg  Religious Ed: Classes 6:30 ♡ ANGIE HESSE	<b>8</b> No Mass	<b>9</b> Mass 8 am at Nativity  Stations-of-the-Cross Marysburg, 6 pm Day of Abstinence ♣ ERIC MARTINSON	<b>10</b> 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
<b>11</b> 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	<b>12</b> Mass 8 am at Marysburg  Lenten Book Study Marysburg 8:45 am ♣ JOAN MCCABE	<b>13</b> Mass 8 am at Nativity  Lenten Book Study St. Mary's, 7 pm ♣ GORDON MCCABE	<b>14</b> Marysburg: Mass 8 am  Religious Ed: Classes 6:30 Office Closed for Workshop	<b>15</b> No Mass  NATIVITY PARISH COUN. 7PM	<b>16</b> Mass 8 am at Nativity  Stations-of-the-Cross Cleveland, 6 pm Day of Abstinence ♣ ERIC MARTINSON	<b>17</b> 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
<b>18</b> 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT 8:30 AM NATIVITY & 10:30AM MARYSBURG  ♣ MIKE & ANDY STRUCK ♣ DARLENE TREANOR	<b>19</b> Mass 8 am at Marysburg  Lenten Book Study Marysburg 8:45 am	<b>20</b> Mass 8 am at Nativity  Lenten Book Study St. Mary's, 7 pm	<b>21</b> Mass 8 am at Marysburg  Religious Ed: Classes 6:30	<b>22</b> No Mass	<b>23</b> Mass 8 am at Nativity Stations- MB, 6 pm Marysburg Fish Fry (Day of Abstinence)	<b>24</b> VIGIL OF PALM SUNDAY NAT PENANCE: 3:15-3:45 MASS: 4 PM MB, PENANCE: 5:30-5:45 MASS: 6 PM ♣ NEDI BIEHN

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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:**

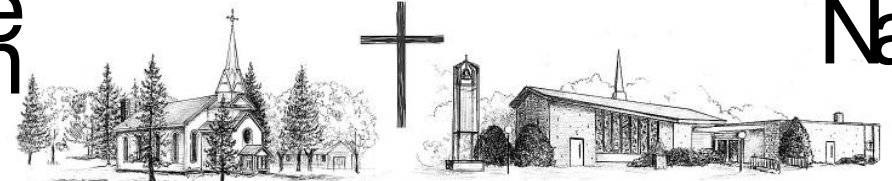
Sat. 3:15-3:45 pm - Nativity  
Sat. 5:30-5:45 pm - IC of Marysburg

**WEEKDAY MASSES:**

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



Cleveland Jesus Christ



Nativity

27528 Patrick St., Madison Lake MN 56063

February 25, 2018

200 Main Street, Cleveland MN 56017

**Learn about Loyola Catholic School...**

K-12 has current openings. Schedule family tours and shadow days at your convenience. Contact Angela Casteel at acasteel@loyolacatholicschool.org 507.388.0615. Or visit www.loyolacatholicschool.org

Save the Date...ALL ARE WELCOME

- Blood Drive, Feb 27, 8:30-1:30, gym. Walk in or schedule a time at redcrossblood.org
- Kindergarten Round Up, March 19, 6pm. Bring your Kindergarten-eligible child, meet teachers and administration, tour classrooms and find out what Kindergarten at Loyola is all about! Childcare for siblings is available. Can't make it? Schedule a family tour (call 507.388.0615) on a day that works for you.

**Attention Marysburg Parishioners**

The most recent Parish Council Minutes are available in the main entry of the Church! Feel free to peruse the minutes at your leisure to see what the council has been working on to serve you, its parishioners. Did you know that regular Parish Council meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month (meeting dates are published in the parish bulletin) and, that the meetings are open to all members of the parish? Did you also know that your concerns can be brought to The Council? By merely submitting a written request to a member of The Council at least one week prior to the date of the next regular meeting, the council chair can allot time for you on the meeting's agenda? The names of the council members are listed in the weekly Church bulletin. We welcome your input!

**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 Vrnig, 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.

**Amazing Adventure for Teens**

Our Priests are 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](http://idretreats.org/why-outdoors). Or, email [register@idretreats.org](mailto:register@idretreats.org).



**Thank You for Your Contributions**

Weekend of February 17 and 18, 2018  
Marysburg: \$1,404 Nativity: \$840

**STEUBENVILLE ROCHESTER**



**LAST CALL! Youth Grades 8-12**

Our priests will be taking 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.stmaryshenry.org](http://www.stmaryshenry.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.

**1ST SUNDAY IN LENT**

**LENT... Renew, Refresh, Refocus with Spiritual Spring House Cleaning Daily Mass:**

4 Masses each week as shown in the bulletin.



**Confessions:**

Regular Confession times on Saturdays, plus Wed., 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.)

**Global Solidarity Sunday**

This special collection will be the weekend of March 10 & 11 when we celebrate that "The Light came into the world" (John 3:19). This is a unique opportunity to contribute to the four global initiatives designated by U.S. Catholic Bishops: The Church in Africa, Latin America, Central and Eastern Europe and humanitarian activities of Catholic Relief Services. Please help our brothers and sisters who are sharing the light of the Lord overseas.

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Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I pray your Lent is going well and that you continue to hold fast to your Lenten disciplines. This past week I was reflecting on how we can consider in new ways our role in allowing God's grace to work within us during this time. While Lent is foremost a time of repentance and conversion and prayer, it's also a time of trust in the Lord's help and surrender of our lives into His hands. After all, when we consider conversion, it's the giving over of everything in our life to Him, not relying on our own power but His alone. If we have not come closer to this goal by the end of Lent, then what's the point?

Many are in the habit of making a morning offering, in which we offer to God all the prayers, works, joys and sufferings of the day for the intentions of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. It's a wonderful practice to start if you're not yet in the habit! It allows us to understand that all things are in God's hands. It requires us to understand that all things belong to God—all the comforts we possess, people in our lives, things we have that we might take for

granted—it all belongs to God who created them all. As Psalm 24:1 states, "The earth is the Lord's and all it holds, the world and those who live there." If that is true, then even time itself must belong to God. Just as we have been given the clothes we wear and the food we eat as gifts from God, so also we have been given our time on this earth. Each moment is a precious gift from God given so that we might use it to give glory to God and to glory in His goodness.

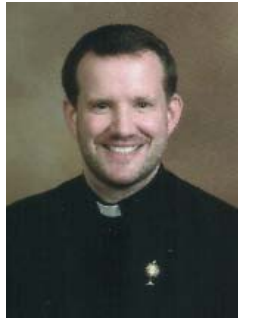
Why is this significant today? This weekend's Gospel recounts the story of the Transfiguration of Jesus Christ. When He took Peter, James and John to the top of the mountain, the prophets Moses and Elijah appeared and conversed with Jesus, whose body was transformed into the likeness of His heavenly body. It shone with a brilliance far surpassing that of any earthly brilliance. It was such an awe-inspiring sight that Peter asked to preserve that moment by building three tents, one for Jesus, and the others for Moses and Elijah. But the vision did not last long – the voice of God spoke from the clouds, and then the vision disappeared, leaving only Jesus alone with them.

This was a moment in time that God allowed the apostles to experience. But it passed, as all moments do. Jesus



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Fr. Christopher Shofner

wanted Peter and the others to benefit from that moment, but not to remain stuck in that moment. He wanted them to take the fruits of that experience with them as they then ministered to others. Each moment has its purpose. Our call is to enter into each moment and do our best to give glory to God in that moment. At some times, God calls us to work. Other times, He calls us to play. Still other times, we are called to rest. And still in others, we are called to pray. None are bad, because all moments belong to God. But as good as these moments are, we can fall into the mistaken attitude of Peter and try to hold onto one moment for longer than God wants us to, and then we experience imbalance in life. You might have noticed that if you have ever fallen into workaholic tendencies – other things in life suffer. Or if you spend too much time pursuing recreation – your work or prayer may suffer. Even too much time spent in prayer can be detrimental if it means we are not tending to our family's needs.

Each moment has its purpose. And we are called to "suck the marrow" out of each moment and use the fruits to give glory to God in the next moment. To do that, we must offer not just our experiences of life to God, but also each moment—our time itself. Because it too belongs to God! Allow Him to guide you to the next task, and don't resist, don't try to unnecessarily hold onto one moment just because it's good. Because God may have another good moment planned for you. As you reflect on this, ask the Lord today, "How can I best use this moment that You have given me to give You glory?"

God bless,

Fr. Chris Shofner,

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### Breakfast Hosted by the Tri-City United FFA Alumni Assn.

Join us on Sunday, Feb. 25th from 7:30-12:30 at the American Legion in Montgomery. Adults \$9, Ages 6 - 12: \$5, family Maximum of \$36. Enjoy pancakes, ham eggs, rope sausage, toast, and beverage. Proceeds go toward scholarships for FFA students.

### Archdiocese is Hiring

College-aged young adults are needed for teaching this summer for the Totus Tuus Summer Catechetical Program! 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](http://www.archspm.org/TotusTuus).

**BINGO** — Sponsored by Madison Lake Sons of the American Legion on Sun., Feb., 25th, at 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.

### Knights of Columbus

**Sunday, March 4 - Youth Faith Formation Breakfast!**

Thurs. March 8 - Officers Mtg- 7 pm, American Legion

Thurs. March 15 - 4th Deg. Mtg. 7:30pm, Ch of St. Peter

Thurs. March 22 - Regular Mtg. 7 pm, Dustin's Corner

**St. Anne's in LeSueur** will be sponsoring a Fish Fry on Friday, March 2, 2018 at St. Anne's School in Le Sueur. Look for the flyer posted in the entrance!

### Healing & Empowerment School

Sponsored by The Catholic Charismatic Renewal Office. A 3-day conference: Nov., 16-18, 2018 at the Univ. of St. Thomas, St. Paul. To register, attendees should have experienced the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, which can take place on Feb., 4, 8:30 am-5 pm, Church of Epiphany in Coon Rapids, at the annual winter teaching conference "Boundless Enthusiasm for the Gospel". Pre-registration until Feb., 16 is \$35—at the door \$45. For more information or to register, call 763-571-5314.

### Legion Fish Fries

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

### 2018 Archdiocesan Men's Conference

**NEW TIME AND LOCATION:** Saturday, March 10, 9:30 a.m. – 4 p.m., St. Thomas Academy, Mendota Heights. Keynote Speaker: Monsignor Thomas Richter. Conference includes Mass, break-out sessions, dynamic speakers, and Sacrament of Reconciliation. Bring your own lunch or purchase from the on-site food trucks! Details and registration at [TheCatholicWatchmen.com](http://TheCatholicWatchmen.com). Cost: \$25. Questions? Contact Enzo Randazzo at [randazzov@archspm.org](mailto:randazzov@archspm.org) or 651-291-4483.

### A Red Cross Blood Drive

will be held on Mon., March 5, from 12-6pm, at the American Legion Club, Le Center. Hope to see you there. If you would like to make an appointment please call 1-800-733-2767.