

# August 4th & 5th, 2018 - 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

THANK YOU...	LECTORS		COLLECTION OFFICERS		EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS		GIFT BEARERS	
	Saturday	Sunday	Saturday	Sunday	Saturday	Sunday	Saturday	Sunday
August 4 & 5	Kathy Dauk	Glen O'Connor	Dick Davis	Mary Haase	Kathy Dauk, Nick Klaseus	Andy Queen, Jaci Kopet		
			Nick Klaseus	Robbie Kopet	Rita Martinson	Ann Rohlfling		
August 11 & 12	Dave Cink	Bill Stangler	Mary Pope	Carol Lawrence	Nick Klaseus	John Kluntz, Danny Holmes		
			Jim Cink	Barb Truzinski	Mike Landon, Mike Keogh	Agnes Morgan		
August 18 & 19	Andy Queen	Jim Losinski	Bill Pope	Mark Lawrence	Nick & Mary Klaseus	John Kluntz, Danny Holmes		
			Sharon Cink	Mary Haase	Mike Landon	Agnes Morgan		

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	Saturday	Sunday	Saturday	Sunday	Saturday	Sunday	Saturday	Sunday
August 4 & 5	Don Roscoe		Joe Meyer	Tim Krenik	Leo Riley	Sue Leiferman,	Joe & Becky	
		Cindy Krenik	Pat Riley	Jon Sullivan	Chris & Ann Biehn	Jim & Barb Folden	Meyer	
August 11 & 12	Larry Van Tol		Raphael Malecha	Rich McCabe	Rita Ramy	Colleen & Rich McCabe	Anita & Phil	
		Marilyn Kluntz	Phil Rothmeier	Steve Rohlfling	Phil Rothmeier, Joe Meyer	Pat Baker	Rothmeier	
August 18 & 19	Mary Kay Naegle		Clint Kortuem	Pat Baker	Mary Kammerdiener	Sue Leiferman,	Martha Weisgram	
		Sarah Guentzel	Nate Page	Larry Treanor	Larry & Annie Davis	Jim & Barb Folden	Jo Ann Kortuem	

Donny Anderson, Nicholas Connelly, Judy Vosbeek, Karen Ballman, Jaci Kopet, Jolene & Holden Zell, Patrick Baker, Evalyn Cusick, Tom Fritz, Lisa Skarin, Bill Soderlund, Don Roscoe, Alec Batson, Brandon Reinke, Rosemary Wondra, David Clark, Robert Kluntz, Larry Treanor, Bob Beckel, Rick Schoeb, Rudy Kaupa, Beverly Sohm, Connie Baker, Gene Thelemann, Jared Mogere Family, Tim Petersen, Kent Pearce, John Kluntz, Mary Androli, Bernice Rezak, David Krenik, Terry Sadowski, James Connor, Mary Lou Ballman, Natalie Bruender, Robert Ani, Rose Anne Schoeb, Mitchell Petsinger, Carol Leighton, Marian Meyer, Larry Johnson, Mark Johnson, Lois McCabe, Mya Walechka, Lana Dahl, Alec Heuer, Jim Meagher, Mike Davis, Betty Kinney, Ann Dauk.

*Lord, Hear Our Prayer*

To add or remove a name on this list, please email: [office@maryschurches.com](mailto:office@maryschurches.com) or call 507-243-3166.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>5</b> THE 18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 8:30 AM NATIVITY & 10:30AM MARYSBURG * TODAY! * <b>NATIVITY FESTIVAL - CAR SHOW &amp; CHICKEN DINNER!</b> †DORIS MCGINN	<b>6</b> No Mass MB CCW MTG MB HALL, 7 PM TWSP MTG. MB Hall, PM	<b>7</b> No Mass	<b>8</b> Mass 8 am at Marysburg	<b>9</b> No Mass	<b>10</b> Mass 8 am at Nativity	<b>11</b> VIGIL OF THE 19TH SUNDAY IN OT NAT PENANCE: 3:15-3:45 MASS: 4 PM MB PENANCE: 5:30-5:45, MASS 6 PM †BUD MCCABE
<b>12</b> THE 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 8:30 AM NATIVITY & 10:30AM MARYSBURG AA MTG. MB Hall, 6 PM †TODD BROWN †JOLENE & HOLDEN ZELL	<b>13</b> Mass 8 am at Marysburg	<b>14</b> Mass 8 am at Nativity PARISH OFFICE CLOSED STANDARDS WORKSHOP MB FINANCE CNCL. 6 PM MB PASTORAL CNCL. 7 PM	<b>15</b> Mass 8 am at Marysburg Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass 6 PM at Nativity	<b>16</b> No Mass	<b>17</b> Mass 8 am at Nativity †STEVEN HENDLEY	<b>18</b> VIGIL OF THE 20TH SUNDAY IN OT NAT PENANCE: 3:15-3:45 MASS: 4 PM MB PENANCE: 5:30-5:45, MASS 6 PM †MIKE & ANDY STRUCK †MONICA HOLICKY
<b>19</b> THE 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 8:30 AM NATIVITY & 10:30AM MARYSBURG AA MTG. MB Hall, 6 PM †DARLENE TREANOR	<b>20</b> Mass 8 am at Marysburg	<b>21</b> Mass 8 am at Nativity	<b>22</b> Mass 8 am at Marysburg MARYSBURG FESTIVAL MTG MB HALL, 6:30 PM	<b>23</b> No Mass	<b>24</b> Mass 8 am at Nativity	<b>25</b> VIGIL OF THE 21ST SUNDAY IN OT NAT PENANCE: 3:15-3:45 MASS: 4 PM MB PENANCE: 5:30-5:45, MASS 6 PM †RON & JEANNE TRAXLER
<b>26</b> THE 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 8:30 AM NATIVITY & 10:30AM MARYSBURG AA MTG. MB Hall, 6 PM †BUD MCCABE	<b>27</b> Mass 8 am at Marysburg	<b>28</b> Mass 8 am at Nativity	<b>29</b> Mass 8 am at Marysburg	<b>30</b> No Mass	<b>31</b> Mass 8 am at Nativity	<b>1</b> VIGIL OF THE 22ND SUNDAY IN OT NAT PENANCE: 3:15-3:45 MASS: 4 PM MB PENANCE: 5:30-5:45, MASS 6 PM

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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

*Immaculate Conception*

CENTERED AROUND  
 JESUS CHRIST

*Nativity*



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**CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL UPDATES - 2018**

**MARYSBURG 2018 GOAL: \$5,139.00**  
 Campaign Status as of 7/31/2018  
 Total Pledged & Received: \$2,915.00  
 Amount Received: \$2,765.00  
 Over/(Under) Goal: (\$2,222.82)  
 Percent of Goal Pledged: 56.73%  
 Percent of Goal Received: 53.81%

**NATIVITY 2018 GOAL: \$5,257.00**  
 Campaign Status as of 7/31/2018  
 Total Pledged & Received: \$5,820.00  
 Amount Received: \$5,565.00  
 Over/(Under) Goal: \$562.68  
 Percent of Goal Pledged: 110%  
 Percent of Goal Received: 105%  
 \*Congratulations Nativity!

Visit [www.csafspm.org](http://www.csafspm.org) to learn more about how the appeal donations are being used within our communities as we look to best SERVE - SUPPORT - and STRENGTHEN one another through our foundation of faith!



Thank you to all who have donated to date! **THANKS!**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS!**

**Weekend of July 28 & 29, 2018**

**Marysburg: \$1,460.82 | Nativity: \$1,123.00**

**~LOCAL EVENTS!~**

<<< 14TH ANNUAL NATIVITY CLASSIC CAR SHOW / CHKN DINNER >>>  
 \*\*\* THIS SUNDAY!!! 08-05-18 \*\*\*

Join us Sunday, Aug. 5th at Nativity Church in Cleveland, 8:30 AM!  
 Mass at 8:30 AM. Car show! Games! Silent Auction! Food! LIVE Music!  
 Fun! All ages welcome! Bring your family & friends!

<<< PLEASE NOTE - MASS CANCELLATIONS >>>

There will be NO MASS at Marysburg/Nativity on the following dates...  
 Aug. 6th, & 7th.

<<< HOLY TRINITY CHURCH 51ST ANNUAL HO-DOWN FESTIVAL >>>

Aug. 19th at 11 AM, Veseli, MN. (goes until 6:15 pm)  
 Polka Mass, Food, Music, BINGO & other games, Country store, & more!

<<< 2018 MARYSBURG FALL FESTIVAL >>>

\*NEW DATE - Sunday, September 16th, 2018  
 Next planning meeting Tues. Aug. 22nd at 6:30 PM, MB Hall.

<<< KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ANNUAL BRAT & CORN FEED >>>

Knights of Columbus #1509 Annual Brat & Corn Feed with CDA  
 August 23rd - 6 PM. More info to come.  
 9-13-18: KC Officers Meeting @ American Legion 7 PM

<< TOUR AND LEARN ABOUT LOYOLA >>>

Learn about Loyola Catholic School (PS-12)  
 Visit [www.loyolacatholicschool.org](http://www.loyolacatholicschool.org)  
 Scholarships available for the 2018-2019 school year.  
 Contact Angela Casteel at [acasteel@loyolacatholicschool.org](mailto:acasteel@loyolacatholicschool.org)  
 507.388.0615 to schedule family tours.

HAVE AN EVENT TO INCLUDE? PLEASE EMAIL: OFFICE@MARYSCHURCHES.COM.

**Sunday, August 5, 2018**

- ☞ Mass at 8:30 am
- ☞ Dinner, 10 am - 1 pm
- ☞ Cash Raffle
- ☞ Homemade Pie
- ☞ Beer Garden
- ☞ LIVE Music with "Mary & Friends"
- ☞ 14th Annual Classic Car Show
- ☞ Kids Games
- ☞ Silent Auction
- ☞ Coffee Bar
- ☞ Food and Fun for all Ages
- ☞ RELAX in the air conditioned Hall while enjoying family & friends
- ☞ MEAL: 5 & Under: Free; Kids 6-12: \$5; Adults: \$12



PLEASE JOIN US

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 5TH**

FOR THE 14TH ANNUAL

**CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY FESTIVAL -  
 CLASSIC CAR SHOW & MEN'S CHICKEN DINNER!**

MASS & REGISTRATION AT 8:30 AM

LIVE MUSIC & GREAT FOOD!

GOOD TIMES AND FUN FOR ALL AGES -  
 EVERYONE IS WELCOME! BRING YOUR FRIENDS!

**08.05.2018**

200 MAIN STREET, CLEVELAND, MN.

QUESTIONS? CALL LARRY - 507.995.4347

**The 18th Sunday  
 in Ordinary Time**

Aug 4th & 5th, 2018

**JOIN IN ON THE FUN!  
 WE HOPE TO  
 SEE YOU IN CLEVELAND  
 AT THE CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY!**

**NATIVITY CHICKEN DINNER!**

**Sunday, August 5**

14th ANNUAL CLASSIC CAR SHOW

LIVE Music with  
 Mary and Friends -  
 Polka Band

Mass at  
 8:30 am



\$1,000, \$500,  
 \$500 and \$250  
 CASH RAFFLE!

GREAT Food

**MEN'S CHICKEN DINNER & PARISH FESTIVAL**

West Main, Cleveland, MN 56017



The votes  
are in!  
Happy to  
Announce  
our new  
Pastoral  
Council  
Member...



## Church of the NATIVITY

Thank you parishioners of Nativity for taking the time the other weekend to cast your VOTE for one of the 3 nominees who agreed to be on the ballot for the Church of the Nativity Parish Council. We are happy to announce the addition of NICK KLASEUS as our newest Pastoral Council member for Nativity! Please take a moment to WELCOME and THANK Nick for serving our parish and taking on this role.

### Our Cluster Parish Mass Times...

#### ST. ANNE - LE SUEUR

Sat. 4-4:30 PM Confessions  
5:15 PM Mass

Sun. 8:00 AM Mass  
10:30 AM Mass

Tue/Wed/Thur/Fri. 8 AM Mass

#### ST. MARY - LE CENTER

Sat. 3:45-4:20 PM Confessions  
4:30 PM Mass

Sun. 10:00 AM Mass  
12:00 PM Mass (Spanish)

Tue/Wed/Fri. 9 AM Mass  
Thur. 5 PM Mass

#### ST. HENRY

Sun. 7:30-7:50 AM Conf  
8:00 AM Mass



### Staying in Touch...

#### Immaculate Conception of Marysburg

##### Parish Trustees:

Steve Baker 931-3156 Joe Meyer 243-3857

##### Marysburg Parish Council:

Leo Riley, Pres. 931-9118  
Jim Beckel 931-2179 Chris Biehn 327-9737  
Jim Folden 243-4114 Sue Leiferman 931-1868  
Rita Ramy 243-3146 M. Stapleton 995-1281

##### Marysburg Finance Council:

Barb Folden, Pres. 243-4114  
Peter Falk 243-3392 Jon Guentzel 317-1958  
Larry Kortuem 243-3773 Steve Rohlfing 317-5095

Marysburg Cemetery Manager: Rich McCabe 931-3611

#### Church of the Nativity, Cleveland

##### Parish Trustees:

Kelly McCabe 469-1616 Ray Truzinski 931-5805

##### Nativity Parish Council:

Andy Queen, Pres. 507-327-1958  
Kathy Dauk, Sec. 931-5928  
Gary Miller 934-5635 Bill Stangler 931-1219  
Larry Walechka, V.P. 931-2927, 507-995-4347

##### Nativity Finance Council:

Tom Hankins, Pres. 595-3768  
Mary Haase 931-1415 Sandy O'Connor 327-3090  
David Sexe 931-0052 Janet Walechka 357-4293

Nativity Cemetery Manager: Mike Keogh 931-5547



## Desk of Father Christopher Shofner

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Fr. Christopher Shofner

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Over the years of my priesthood, I have had the opportunity to talk with many people about the state of their prayer life. Some have found ways to continue to deepen in their prayer – they have found methods of prayer that suit them well, whether it's a devotion such as the Rosary, meditating on Scripture, contemplation before the Blessed Sacrament, or some other means. Others, however, still struggle trying to find the best ways to make their prayer fruitful. I have recently been reading the book *Progress Through Mental Prayer* by Fr. Edward Leen, a Holy Spirit priest from the early 20th century, in which he lays out the purpose of prayer and gives some insight into how to go deeper.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church adopts the definition of prayer that St. John Damascene (d. 749 AD) used: "The raising of one's mind and heart to God or the requesting of good things from God" (CCC 2559). Fr. Leen would agree with this definition, but takes it a bit further in his definition by describing it as exposing our sentiments, needs and aspirations before God, not in an idle and egoistic self-analysis, but with the aim of uniting our mind, heart and soul with that of God (p. 19). This is to say that prayer is meant to be a reaching for God in order to enter into deeper relationship with Him, not simply a way to understand ourselves. Prayer should be God-focused and not self-focused, which is a distinction that many of us don't make. As Fr. Leen states: "It is true that the development of a full spiritual life involves [the] attainment [of one's own] perfection; yet it is not precisely at this perfection that he must aim, but at God" (p. 9). True growth in the spiritual life comes the more we can reorient our focus to God.

What does it take to make prayer fruitful? Fr. Leen lays out a few prescriptions. First, he says that true prayer cannot take place unless there is a "real longing for the things pertaining to the spiritual life" and the confidence that God is prepared to give these things to the soul, provided that the soul "nourishes in itself a holy desire for them, acknowledges its need of them, and confesses its dependence on God for them" (p. 34). The proper attitude and disposition are necessary. Our desire for good things must always be for the purpose of our growth in holiness and for the spiritual good of ourselves and others. Being humble in God's sight leads us to acknowledge that we need these things and that God is the only source from which we can receive them. (This agrees with the Catechism, which states that humility is the foundation of prayer, CCC 2559.)

Further, in presenting our needs to God, we must lift up the entirety of our being to Him, by "[raising] to God our mind by attention, our heart by devotion, and our will by submission" (p. 44). Full attention, devotion and submission ensure that we are loving God as the Scriptures prescribe—"with all our heart, mind, soul and strength" (cf. Luke 10:27)—and that we're holding nothing back.

What we find as we're working on our spiritual life is that there are no fast and easy answers to seeing growth. We will grow, however, if we're willing to be patient and persevere in the work of being transformed by God. Reorienting our focus toward God, fostering the proper disposition for prayer, and striving for the disciplines of attention, devotion and submission are all foundational. These may take time to develop, but once rooted in our hearts, we will find that our prayer becomes much more fruitful.

God bless,

Fr. Chris Shofner