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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
 Wednesday, 8 am: Marysburg
 Thursday, NO Mass
 Friday, 8 am: Nativity

MASS CANCELLATIONS:
 Check Facebook & KEYC

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27528 Patrick St., Madison Lake MN 56063
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200 Main Street, Cleveland MN 56017
 facebook.com/nativitycleveland

OUR NEW WEBSITE IS LIVE!

PLEASE CHECK IT OUT...

www.MarysChurches.com

Weekly Bulletins are back online too!



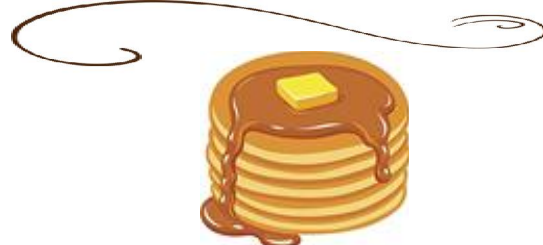
Learn about Loyola Catholic School (PS-12). Visit
 www.loyolacatholicschool.org

Contact Angela at acasteel@loyolacatholicschool.org
 or 507.388.0615 to schedule family tours.

Preschool registration is opening soon. Contact us!
 507.388.0615

Please prayerfully consider a planned gift to Loyola
 Catholic School when choosing your legacy.

2019 Marysburg & Nativity Calendars & Envelopes
 are available in the back of the church / at the
 entrances. Please stop by to pick up your 2019
 Offering Envelopes. If you do not see a box with
 your information on it, please reach out to the Par-
 ish Office; office@maryschurches.com | Thanks!



Confirmation Breakfast Next Weekend!

Church of the Nativity - Cleveland, Mn.

Pacakes / Sausages / Eggs / Beverages

\$7 adults, \$3 kids K-6th Gr., & \$20 family max!

Join us Sun. Feb. 3rd from 9:30 am - 12 noon!

~local things~

<< 2019 CONFIRMATION BREAKFAST >>

Sunday, Feb. 3rd - Church of the Nativity in Cleveland

Serving from 9:30 am - 12 pm.

Menu: Pancakes, Sausage, Eggs, & Beverages.

\$7 adults. \$3 kids (K-6th gr). \$20 family max.

<< ST. CANICE SWEETHEART BREAKFAST >>

Sunday, February 10th, 8:30 am - 12 pm

Church of St. Canice - Kilkenny, MN

Serving Pancakes, Sausage & Eggs in Church Hall

Adults \$8, Kids 6-12 \$3, 5 & under Free!

<< SAVE THE DATE - WOMEN'S RETREAT >>

The Holy Rosary Council of Catholic Women is sponsoring

a Women's Retreat on Saturday, March 16, 2019

9 am - 2 pm at Holy Rosary Catholic Church in N. Mankato

Sister Therese Even SSND has graciously accepted being

our presenter. There will be a \$5 donation for lunch.

<< CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK MASS >>

Save the Date! Jan 28: Catholic Schools Week Mass

10 am at Holy Rosary Parish in North Mankato

<< PLEASE NOTE DAILY MASS SCHEDULE CHANGES >>

No week day 8 am Mass on February 8th, 19th or 20th.

*Additionally, please note that we will have a visiting priest
 the weekend of Feb. 9-10th - Fr. Tom Wantland will be here.

OUR WEEKLY BULLETINS: HAVE SOMETHING TO ADD?

PLEASE EMAIL THE PARISH OFFICE AT

OFFICE@MARYSCHURCHES.COM

DEADLINE IS 12 NOON WEDNESDAYS WEEKLY.

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 26TH & 27TH, 2019



Join us this summer for the Steubenville Youth
 Conference in Rochester, MN - July 12-14, 2019!

The Steubenville Conference is a weekend conference
 that evangelizes, equips and empowers youth in Grades
 8-12 to become radical, joyful disciples of Jesus. Enjoy
 dynamic speakers, praise and worship, Eucharistic Adora-
 tion, Reconciliation and much more. The theme for this
 year is BELONG: At the core of our being is a desire for
 meaningful connection and authentic relationship. We
 long to love and be loved, but how often do we just feel
 lonely? As we search for ways to escape these feelings of
 isolation, there comes a small, quiet whisper that pierces
 through to the depths of our heart: "You are never alone,
 because you are Mine."

Join us for Music, Dancing, Laughs, Spiritual Growth.
 We hope to form a group of youth from all our parishes
 to attend the Steubenville Conference together. Registra-
 tion forms and \$50 non-refundable deposit will be due to
 the church office by January 30, 2019 to reserve a spot for
 your youth. More information and registration forms may
 be found at:

<https://stmarysthenry.org/steubenville-conference>.
 Questions? Contact Jean Boothby at 507-357-4838 or
 Fr. Shofner. Visit Partnership for Youth to learn more
 about the mission of the Steubenville Conferences:
<http://www.partnershipforyouth.org>

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARYSBURG CCW

Marysburg CCW dues are due.

Ladies of the Parish please pay the dues of \$5
 by making a check payable to MCCW
 or cash (be sure to include your name)
 and placing in an envelope marked CCW
 and placing it in the collection basket
 or mail to the Parish Office and mark it MCCW.

Thank you!

MCCW C/O Parish Office

27528 Patrick Street

Madison Lake, MN 56063

*Next CCW Mtg. Mon. Feb. 4th

at 7 pm in the Parish Hall.



Give the Valentine gift that keeps giving for
 generations to come! Plan to attend the
 February 16-17 Marriage Encounter to discover a new
 and deeper love for each other.
 Weekends are held at Mt Olivet Conference
 and Retreat Center in Farmington.
 Visit www.marriages.org for additional information
 or call 651.454.3238.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS!

January 19th & 20th, 2019

Marysburg: \$861.60 | Nativity: \$1,035.00

*For Online Giving info, email: office@maryschurches.com

World Day for Consecrated Life will be celebrated in the Church and in parishes on next weekend. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life, and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.



*Congratulations to
Reilly and Casey McCabe,
who were united in
the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony
on Saturday, January 19
at St. Henry Catholic Church
in Le Sueur, Minnesota.
May the grace of God be with you &
bless you all the days of your married life!*

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...

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Fr. Christopher Shofner

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Like many others this past week, I was disheartened to hear of the controversy that took place at the recent March for Life in Washington, D.C. involving a group of Catholic high school boys and a Native American man. According to media reports, the boys surrounded the man as he was chanting Native American peace songs. The image plastered all over the media shows a confrontation as one boy apparently smirks as the man chants and plays his drum. There are boys in the background laughing and yelling. Many reacted with outrage – some called for the expulsion of the boys, while others threatened to do physical harm to the boys or vandalize the school they attend.

This incident is unfortunate, to say the least, on many levels:

- It overshadows the good purpose for which these boys and thousands of others gathered in Washington, D.C. – to celebrate life and to advocate against abortion and policies that threaten the dignity and sanctity of life in the womb.
- It reflects poorly on the good work that our Catholic schools are doing every day in forming young men and women of good moral character grounded in Jesus Christ.
- It further polarizes our nation on matters that are motivated by politics (a detail that was highlighted in news stories is that many of the boys were wearing hats with our President's slogan).

Quickly, however, new details emerged as the full video of the incident was released, showing that the boys did not instigate the confrontation, but that the man approached them. Even so, as the boys may be exonerated, I still find cause for concern:

- This incident reminds us how ugly human nature can be at times, that we are so willing to attack, sometimes in the cruelest ways, and to hold stubbornly to that position despite the truth being made clear. Our pride causes us to justify our positions rather than humbly admit that we were wrong.
- This incident reminds us very starkly how easily we jump to conclusions based on half-truths. We can easily convince ourselves that a lie is the truth.

I can't help but see the work of the Enemy present here. He has been telling the world lies and half-truths since the Garden of Eden, when he tempted Adam and Eve by assuring them that they will not die if they eat the forbidden fruit, even though God said they would. The Enemy says, "God knows well that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods, who know good and evil" (Genesis 2:5). This is true. But he conveniently leaves out the rest of the truth, that this knowledge of evil will introduce sin to the world and death to the soul. It was convincing enough that Adam and Eve eat the fruit. Humanity fell because of a half-truth that appealed to human pride. How often do we fall because we believe things that are only half-truths? A rumor goes around about someone, and we don't question it. A study reports some finding, and we accept it without questioning the biases present in their hypothesis or methodology. We read a headline or watch a video snippet, and assume we know the full story.

The Greek word for truth is Aletheia, meaning "hiding nothing". The Enemy likes to hide crucial details, leaving us to fill in the gaps with what he hopes are erroneous conclusions. But there is still something in human nature that longs to know what is true and enduring. Pontius Pilate made this clear as Jesus stood before him on trial. Jesus says: "I came into the world to testify to the truth", and Pilate responds by asking the very pointed question: "What is truth?" (John 18:37-38). Interestingly, Jesus says nothing, because His very presence is the answer to his question. Jesus is Truth. He is the fullness of Truth that leaves no need for further questions. The closer we draw ourselves to Jesus, the more we see the Truth in all its fullness, and the more we recognize untruth for what it is. Pray today for a greater outpouring of the Spirit of Truth into our hearts as we strive to draw closer to the Heart of Jesus.

God bless, Fr. Chris Shofner

January 26th & 27th, 2019 | The 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

THANK YOU...	LECTORS		COLLECTION OFFICERS		EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS		GIFT BEARERS	
	Saturday	Sunday	Saturday	Sunday	Saturday	Sunday	Saturday	Sunday
January 26 & 27	Mary Kay Naegle		John Page	Don Adams	Chris & Ann Biehn	Colleen & Rich McCabe	Mary Wolff and	
		Marilyn Kluntz	Steve Blais	Jim Kluntz	Annie Davis	Pat Baker	Shiela Wolff	
February 2 & 3	Chris Biehn		Pat Riley	Greg Germscheid	Leo Riley	Sue Leiferman,	Joe & Becky	
		Sarah Guentzel	Joe Meyer	Mike Germscheid	Phil Rothmeier, Joe Meyer	Jim & Barb Folden	Meyer	
February 9 & 10	Becky Meyer		Raphael Malecha	Bill McCabe	Mary Kammerdiener	Colleen & Rich McCabe	Anita & Phil	
		Jim Folden	Phil Rothmeier	Pat Corrow	Rita Ramy, Annie Davis	Pat Baker	Rothmeier	

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January 26 & 27	Glen O'Connor	Barb Harris	Mary Klaseus	Barb Truzinski	Mary Klaseus, Mike Keogh	Andy Queen		
			Rose Hendley	Mary Haase	Rita Martinson	Ray & Barb Truzinski		
February 2 & 3	Mary Klaseus	Kelly McCabe	Mary Klaseus	Mary Haase	Mary Klaseus, Mike Keogh	Andy Queen, Jaci Kopet		
			Dick Davis	Robbie Kopet	Rita Martinson	Kathy Dauk		
February 9 & 10	Dave Cink	Glen O'Connor	Nick Klaseus	Barb Truzinski	Lynn Kluntz, Nick Klaseus	Jaci Kopet		
			Rose Hendley	Janet Walechka	Kathy Dauk	Ray & Barb Truzinski		

The following members of our Faith Communities have asked for our prayers... Maurice Thelemann, Quentin Shevy, Hunter Schmitz & Family, Deb Winger, Dotsy Jacobson, Dave Rusch, Albert Weinandt, Jaci Kopet, Jolene & Holden Zell, Patrick Baker, Evalyn & Jill Cusick, Tom Fritz, Lisa Skarin, Don Roscoe, Alec Batson, Brandon Reinke, Rosemary Wondra, David Clark, Robert Kluntz, Larry Treanor, Bob Beckel, 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, Lois McCabe, Mya Walechka, Lana Dahl, Alec Heuer, Jim Meagher, Mike Davis, Betty Kinney.



To add or remove a name on this list, please reach out to the

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*Please contact the Parish Office to request Mass Intentions for loved ones; suggested donation \$7 per mass. Email: office@maryschurches.com Phone: 507-243-3166. Thanks!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 8:30 AM NATIVITY & 10:30AM MARYSBURG AA MTG. MB Hall 6:30 PM †BUD MCCABE	28 Mass 8 am at Marysburg	29 Mass 8 am at Nativity	30 Mass 8 am at Marysburg 6:30-7:30 pm Faith Formation	31 No Mass PARISH OFFICE CLOSED - TRAINING	1 Mass 8 am at Nativity †MAURICE BROWN	2 VIGIL OF THE 4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME NAT PENANCE: 3:15-3:45 MASS: 4 PM MB PENANCE: 5:30-5:45, MASS 6 PM †BOB & IRENE KRENİK
3 4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 8:30 AM NATIVITY & 10:30AM MARYSBURG AA MTG. MB Hall 6:30 PM Confirmation Breakfast @ Nativity! †MARYANNE STOFFEL	4 Mass 8 am at Marysburg MB CCW MTG 7 pm Parish Hall	5 Mass 8 am at Nativity	6 Mass 8 am at Marysburg 6:30-7:30 pm Faith Formation Y ANGIE HESSE	7 No Mass Parish Office Closed for Seminar	8 No Mass	9 VIGIL OF THE 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME NAT PENANCE: 3:15-3:45 MASS: 4 PM MB PENANCE: 5:30-5:45, MASS 6 PM <i>Visiting Priest from Cross Outreach!</i> †RAMON & VERNETTE BIEHN
10 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 8:30 AM NATIVITY & 10:30AM MARYSBURG AA MTG. MB Hall 6:30 PM DTS! DEAD THEOLOGIAN SOCIETY 6 - 9 pm Le Sueur <i>Visiting Priest from Cross Outreach!</i> †MIKE & ANDY STRUCK	11 Mass 8 am at Marysburg	12 Mass 8 am at Nativity	13 Mass 8 am at Marysburg 6:30-7:30 pm Faith Formation	14 No Mass	15 Mass 8 am at Nativity	16 VIGIL OF THE 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME NAT PENANCE: 3:15-3:45 MASS: 4 PM MB PENANCE: 5:30-5:45, MASS 6 PM †WILLIAM SODERLUND
17 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 8:30 AM NATIVITY & 10:30AM MARYSBURG AA MTG. MB Hall 6:30 PM †MARY ANNE STOFFEL	18 Mass 8 am at Marysburg	19 No Mass	20 No Mass 6:30-7:30 pm Faith Formation	21 No Mass	22 No Mass †ROBERT MCGINN	23 VIGIL OF THE 7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME NAT PENANCE: 3:15-3:45 MASS: 4 PM MB PENANCE: 5:30-5:45, MASS 6 PM †MIKE & ANDY STRUCK