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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

Immaculate Conception

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Nativity

27528 Patrick St., Madison Lake MN 56063
 facebook.com/marysburg

3.17.19

200 Main Street, Cleveland MN 56017
 facebook.com/nativitycleveland

AREA FISH FRY EVENTS...

KC 1509 "FAMOUS" FISH BOIL. 4-5-19
 Boiled Icelandic Pollock, Carrots Potatoes & Onions
 with Cherry or Apple Pie.
 Adults \$15/Youth 6-12 \$5/Pre-schoolers FREE
FRIDAY, APRIL 5, 2019 @ 5 PM - 7:30 PM
 Church of Saint Peter 1801 West Broadway,
 Saint Peter, MN. Great taste in good food!
 Knights of Columbus Council 1509

MARYSBURG ANNUAL FISH FRY 4-12-19
 Deep-fried Fish, Au Gratin Potatoes, Coleslaw, Bread,
 Dessert, Milk and Coffee.
 Adults \$11 / Kids age 6-12 \$5 / 5 & under FREE.
FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 2019 @ 4:30 PM - 7 PM
 Marysburg Parish Hall 27528 Patrick St,
 Madison Lake, MN.
 Stations of the Cross after in the Church at 7 pm.



~ MARYSBURG CCW ~

The Marysburg CCW will be meeting on Monday, April 1st at 7:00pm in the MB Parish Hall.

Also, a reminder that CCW Dues are due. A special thank you to all who have paid your dues.

**HAVE SOMETHING TO ADD TO OUR BULLETIN
 OR THE CHURCH WEBSITE?
 PLEASE EMAIL THE PARISH OFFICE AT
 OFFICE@MARYSCHURCHES.COM
 DEADLINE IS 12 NOON WEDNESDAYS WEEKLY.
 THANK YOU SO MUCH!**

~ local things ~

<< **6TH ANNUAL LUCK OF THE IRISH 7K FUN RUN** >>
 Saturday morning March 23rd - a kids run will follow the 7K.
 Find registration info @luckrunstpeter on Facebook.

<< **ANNUAL LUCK OF THE IRISH FUNDRAISER** >>
 Saturday, March 23rd - Nicollet County Fairgrounds
 Silent & Live Auctions, Pork Dinner from 5-7 pm, Bingo & more!
 Dinner tickets \$15. Raffle tickets \$30.
 Call school office 507-931-2810 or see a John Ireland Family
 member. Tickets available at the door. This is a 21+ event.

<< **PARISH CONFESSIONS** >>
 Sun. March 24th - Church of the Nativity, Cleveland 4 pm

<< **ST. MARY'S CCW LUNCHEON** >>
 Thursday, March 28th 11 am - 12:30 pm
 St. Mary's CCW - Le Center - Hot Dish & Salad Luncheon
 Craft / Bake / Quilt Sale! Adults \$7. Children \$1.
 Call 357-4838 for info.

<< **SPRING BAKE SALE & BOUTIQUE** >>
 Saturday, March 30th, 9 am - 3 pm
 St. Patrick Social Hall, 24425 Old Hwy 13 Blvd., Jordan, MN
 Fresh-baked cinnamon & caramel rolls, homemade goodies
 including cookies, cakes & breads - along with household items.

<< **LE SUEUR COUNTY 4-H PANCAKE FUNDRAISER** >>
 Sunday, March 31st, 8 am-12:30 pm
 4-H Family Center Fairgrounds in Le Center
 Breakfast Pancakes, Eggs, Sausage | Adults \$7, Kids K-11 \$4

<< **DEAD THEOLOGIANS SOCIETY 4-14-19** >>
 Attn Youth in grades 8th - 12th. The next DTS gathering will be
 Sunday, April 14th in Cleveland at Nativity, from 6-9 pm.
 See Fr. Adams with any questions. Everyone is welcome!

<< **STEBENVILLE ROCHESTER JULY 12-14 2019** >>
 Please register as soon as possible.
 More info and registration forms at:
<https://stmarysthenry.org/stebenville-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>

THE 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 16TH & 17TH, 2019

JOB OPENINGS AT ST. ANNE'S SCHOOL, LESUEUR:

SCHOOL PRINCIPAL: St. Anne's School is looking for a full-time principal to begin the 2019-2020 school year. Applicant must be responsible, organized and practicing Catholic. Be part of the rich 136-year history of Catholic education in LeSueur! For more information and to apply, please visit: careers.archspm.org. App deadline is March 22.

HOT LUNCH COORDINATOR: St. Anne's School is looking for a part-time Hot Lunch Coordinator for the 2019-2020 school year. Applicant must have a food service license, be able to prepare daily hot lunch according to federal guide-lines for students Pre-K through Grade 5 and fill out monthly state and federal reports. If interested, please contact Diane Lee at dlee@stanneslesueur.org or call 507-665-2489.

Grief Support Group for Widows
 We have noted an increased need for outreach to widows in our community and in our surrounding communities. The following grief support group has been meeting weekly for a few years. We encourage you to participate if you are able. We are currently in the process of forming another grief support group for widows that will meet weekly at St. Mary's Church in LeCenter. The specific days and times have not yet been determined. At the current time, we are looking for volunteers to help with the group. If you would like more information or are interested in helping, please contact Fr. Shofner.

Mayo Clinic Health System Hospice Sponsors: HOPE
 A grief support group for women who have experienced the death of a loved one. The group is led by widows and offers an opportunity to learn about grief, share experiences and find healing and hope from loss.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS!

Ash Wednesday March 6th, 2019

Nativity: \$782.00

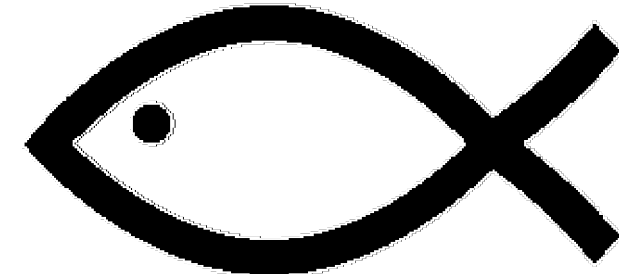
March 9th & 10th, 2019

Marysburg: \$1,790.00 | Nativity: \$1,442.75

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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fraturdays during Lent @ 6 PM alternating weekly
 between Nativity & Marysburg Churches.
 Join us this Friday, March 22nd at Nativity.
 (CONFESSIONS: SUN. MAR. 24, NAT 4 PM)



4.12.19 Friday Night Lenten Fish Fry!

Yes, it's that time of year again!
 Please make plans to join us once again for the
 * **MARYSBURG 2019 ANNUAL FISH FRY** *
 at the Church of the Immaculate Conception
 of Marysburg in Madison Lake!

FRIDAY, APRIL 12TH at 4:30 - 7:00 PM
 at the Marysburg Parish Hall.

\$11 Adults, \$5 Ages 6-12, 5 & under are FREE.

Our Fish Fry MENU Includes:
 Deep-fried Fish, Au Gratin Potatoes, Coleslaw,
 Bread, Dessert, Milk and Coffee.
 Questions: Please email the Parish Office at
 office@maryschurches.com
 RSVP and get more event details on our
 Facebook event page, or visit our website.
 www.MarysChurches.com

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Catholic Services Appeal (CSA)

Earlier this month we kicked off the Catholic Services Appeal, the annual appeal on behalf of 20 collective ministries within our Archdiocese. All gifts go to educate and care for those who most need it within our Archdiocese, covering a vast range of needs. Your gift helps to build up marriage and family life, and to strengthen parish life.

*Once again, our goals for 2019 remains the same as in the past few years: Nativity \$5,257 | Immaculate Conception \$5,139 Let's plan to work together to meet our goal this year and help others!

If we reach 100% of our goal, the parish will receive back 25% of the total raised, which we then use to build up our parish ministries. What better way can we donate \$20 or \$50 or \$100 and see it multiplied many times over for the benefit of our parish? Please note that all donations to the CSA are handled through the Catholic Services Appeal Foundation (CSAF), an independent entity from the Archdiocese. After all pledges are met, the CSAF distributes funds accordingly to each of the ministries.

Parish Totals as of 3-14-19: Nativity \$2,175.00 Received (41.37%) | Immaculate Conception \$1,025.00 Received (19.95)



Desk of Father Christopher Shofner

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Fr. Christopher Shofner

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Now that we are two weeks into the Lenten Season, I pray that your Lenten disciplines are starting to bear some noticeable fruits, even if they may be a bit challenging at times. As we continue down this path of prayer, fasting and almsgiving, I'd like to reflect a bit on what the ultimate goal of our disciplines is: Freedom. We deny ourselves and make offerings to God as a free act of repentance and love so that our hearts may be freed from worldly attachments and thus better able to cling to Jesus.

But too often we lose sight of this. Quite often, we lament our Lenten disciplines as "inconvenient" or "too hard", so we abandon them far too soon. And this isn't said only about our Lenten disciplines – it's not uncommon to hear this about the whole of our Catholic disciplines: "They're restrictive of our joy and freedom." It can seem like a lot to do all that our faith asks of us—attend Mass each Sunday, pray every day, read the Scriptures daily, avoid sin and vice, love your neighbor, serve others, etc. Are these unreasonable disciplines? Or have we lost sight of their real purpose?

Consider the Hebrew people, who made their long, 40-year journey in the desert, as described in the Book of Exodus. When they fled Egypt, they escaped ten generations of slavery under Egyptian rule (that's over 400 years!). But God was on their side – He fought for them against Pharaoh and the Egyptian armies, drowning them in the Red Sea and allowing the Hebrew people to escape to the other side. From that moment, they began to experience true freedom! But not long after, as they journeyed in the desert, Moses went up the mountain to speak with God, and there he entered into a covenant with God on behalf of his people that they would follow God by abiding by the Ten Commandments. They had just escaped slavery in Egypt, and now they were bound by another set of rules!

Is this what freedom really is? Does true freedom mean being under the constraints of rules and commands? Isn't freedom more properly the ability to make our own choices and determine our own destiny? Is God being a tyrant, not unlike the Egyptian Pharaoh, seeking to control His people by making them follow this set of Commandments?

Don't be fooled! God has chosen man to be free. From the beginning, this was the case—Adam and Even (and all of humanity, in fact) were endowed with the gift of free choice. But they misused it by disobeying God and introducing sin into the world. They lacked the guidance and knowledge of proper boundaries that helps us to use our freedom wisely. In the Book of Exodus, as we hear how God won for His people freedom from slavery, He no longer wants them to be enslaved by anything, most especially sin. God is highly invested in making sure we don't lose this freedom. So the Ten Commandments become God's way of ensuring that our freedom isn't lost. Consider the point of each Commandment – by following them, we are prevented from inadvertently becoming captive to sin once again. If we violate any of the Commandments, we will begin to find our freedom slipping away from us, as we become enslaved to sin. As Jesus once said: "Amen, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave of sin" (John 8:34). We want true freedom! Thus, we want to be freed from sin!

Freedom: What is its true purpose? It's that we might have the capacity to love God with all our heart, mind, soul and strength (cf. Luke 10:27). Without freedom, we are incapable of love – without freedom, our love for Him and for others becomes robotic or forced, it wouldn't be genuine. But with freedom, our love becomes sincere. It becomes real. Whether we're talking about the Ten Commandments or our Lenten disciplines, we are always free to stray from them, if we choose. But through the grace of God, we will freely choose to pursue sacrifice, self-denial, selflessness and prayer, so that we might reap the greater rewards found in a deeper relationship with Our Lord!

God bless,
Fr. Chris Shofner

LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICES:

Sunday, March 24 – 4 pm @Nativity | Sunday, March 31 – 4 pm @St. Anne | Sunday, April 7 – 6:30 pm @St. Mary

*Please feel free to attend any of our area services that we are offering in preparation for Easter.

*Several priests will be available to hear individual Confessions.

PRAYER REQUEST: Please note that Fr. Stiles is out of town March 15-24 on a mission trip. Please pray for his safe travels and fruitful ministry. Please welcome Fr. Michael Tix as presider at our Masses this weekend.

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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THANK YOU...	LECTORS		COLLECTION OFFICERS		EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS		GIFT BEARERS	
	Saturday	Sunday	Saturday	Sunday	Saturday	Sunday	Saturday	Sunday
March 9 & 10	Chris Biehn		Mark Meyer	Becky Kaderlik	Joe Meyer	Theresa Rohlfling	Steve & Teresa Baker	
		Sarah Guentzel	Steve Baker	Becky Kortuem	Phil Rothmeier, Rita Ramy	Colleen & Rich McCabe		
March 16 & 17	Becky Meyer		John Page	Don Adams	Mary Kammerdiener	Pat Baker	Mary Wolff and	
		Marilyn Kluntz	Steve Blais	Jim Kluntz	Chris & Ann Biehn	Jim & Barb Folden	Shiela Wolff	
March 23 & 24	Joe Meyer		Raphael Malecha	Greg Germscheid	Phil Rothmeier, Rita Ramy	Sue Leiferman, (Volunteer)	Anita & Phil Rothmeier	
		Jim Folden	Phil Rothmeier	Mike Germscheid	Mary Kammerdiener	Theresa Rohlfling		
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		Jim Folden	Phil Rothmeier	Mike Germscheid	Mary Kammerdiener	Theresa Rohlfling		
March 31	Mary Kay Naegle		John Page	Bill McCabe	Joe Meyer	Colleen & Rich McCabe	(Volunteers)	
April 1		Sue Leiferman	Joe Meyer	Pat Corrow	Chris & Ann Biehn	Pat Baker	(Needed)	

The following members of our Faith Communities have asked for our prayers... Peter Falk, Mary Lou Ballman, Levi Bensen, Mrs. Karl (Sandy) Germscheid, Joseph Baker, 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 Parish Office; E-mail: office@maryschurches.com

*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
17 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT 8:30 AM NATIVITY & 10:30AM MARYSBURG First Reconcilliation 2 pm AA MTG. MB Hall 6:30 PM † ROBERT & IRENE KRENIK † JOHN JACOBY	18 Mass 8 am at Marysburg	19 Mass 8 am at Nativity Parish Office CLOSED Law Seminar † RICH MCNEELY	20 Mass 8 am at Marysburg 6:30-7:30 pm Faith Formation	21 No Mass NAT FIN CNCL MTG 6 PM NAT PSTRL CNCL MTG 7 PM	22 No Mass † STATIONS - 6 PM @NAT † STEVEN HENDLEY	23 VIGIL OF THE 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT NAT PENANCE: 3:15-3:45 MASS: 4 PM MB PENANCE: 5:30-5:45, MASS 6 PM † BUD MCCABE † MIKE STRUCK
24 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT 8:30 AM NATIVITY & 10:30AM MARYSBURG Confessions 4 pm @NAT AA MTG. MB Hall 6:30 PM † TODD BROWN † Y ALL PARISHIONERS	25 Mass 8 am at Marysburg	26 Mass 8 am at Nativity † IRMA & LLOYD HENDLEY	27 Mass 8 am at Marysburg 6:30-7:30 pm Faith Formation FAITH FORMATION FUNDRAISER ENDS	28 No Mass	29 Mass 8 am at Nativity † STATIONS - 6 PM @MB	30 VIGIL OF THE 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT NAT PENANCE: 3:15-3:45 MASS: 4 PM MB PENANCE: 5:30-5:45, MASS 6 PM † BUD MCCABE
31 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT 8:30 AM NATIVITY & 10:30AM MARYSBURG AA MTG. MB Hall 6:30 PM † BUD MCCABE	1 Mass 8 am at Marysburg MB CCW MTG 7 PM PARISH HALL	2 Mass 8 am at Nativity	3 Mass 8 am at Marysburg 6:30-7:30 pm Faith Formation † ANGIE HESSE	4 No Mass	5 Mass 8 am at Nativity † STATIONS - 6 PM @NAT	6 VIGIL OF THE 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT NAT PENANCE: 3:15-3:45 MASS: 4 PM MB PENANCE: 5:30-5:45, MASS 6 PM † ROBERT & IRENE KRENIK
7 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT 8:30 AM NATIVITY & 10:30AM MARYSBURG Nativity Coffee & Rolls AA MTG. MB Hall 6:30 PM † MARY ANN STOFFEL	8 Mass 8 am at Marysburg	9 Mass 8 am at Nativity MB FIN CNCL MTG 6 PM MB PSTRL CNCL MTG 7 PM	10 Mass 8 am at Marysburg 6:30-7:30 pm Faith Formation	11 No Mass	12 Mass 8 am at Nativity † STATIONS - 7 PM @MB Marysburg Fish Fry 4:30-7 pm † MIKE & ANDY STRUCK	13 VIGIL OF PALM SUNDAY NAT PENANCE: 3:15-3:45 MASS: 4 PM MB PENANCE: 5:30-5:45, MASS 6 PM