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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 CANCELLATION INFO:
 Facebook, KatolInfo.com
 & MarysChurches.com

Immaculate Conception

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

3.24.19

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 ~

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

<< **HOLY WEEK PLANNING MEETING** >>
 Mon. March 25th - 6 pm Marysburg Parish Hall
 For both Parishes - hosted by Fr. Adams.
 Please help spread the word and plan to attend.

<< **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, homeade goodies
 including cookies, cakes & breads - along with household items.

<< **DIVINE MERCY LENTEN PENANCE FAIR** >>
 Tuesday, April 2nd from Noon - 7:30 pm, many priests will be
 available to hear confession, private or face-to-face.
 Divine Mercy Catholic Church in Faribault.
 Call the DMCC Parish Office with questions 507-334-2266.

<< **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** >>
 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** >>
 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 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 23RD & 24TH, 2019



PLEASE SUPPORT OUR FAITH FORMATION STUDENTS!
 Our Faith Formation classes are having their annual
 fundraiser - see a Faith Formation Student to place your
 order! Available this year are Butter Hearts, Pastry Puffins
 and PuffCrust Pizza! Sale ends March 28th and goodies
 ordered will be arrive before Easter. ORDER TODAY!!!

~ GLOBAL SOLIDARITY SUNDAY ~

will be celebrated in parishes next weekend,
 on March 30th & 31st. On that weekend, we celebrate
 with the theme "Taste and see the goodness of the
 Lord." This is a unique opportunity to share the mes-
 sage of the Lord's goodness in solidarity with your
 brothers and sisters overseas. We are invited to offer
 gifts of support by contributing to this collection for
 four global priorities of the U.S. Catholic Bishops: the
 Church in Africa, Latin America, Central and Eastern
 Europe and the humanitarian activities of Catholic
 Relief Services. Please be as generous as you are able
 and support your brothers and sisters overseas.
 You can donate in our parish using the envelopes
 located in the pews.

SAVE THE DATE: 2019 General Insurance Seminar
 Sponsored by Catholic Mutual
 Tuesday, June 11th - Mendota Heights
 (Stay tuned for more info to come in the next few months.)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS!

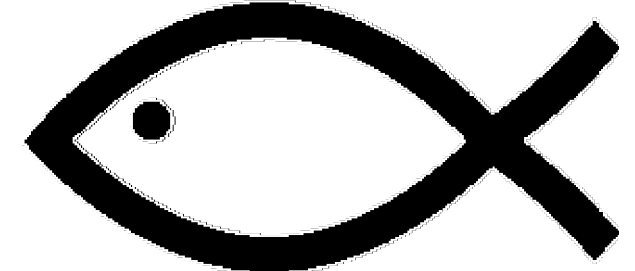
March 16th & 17th, 2019

Marysburg: \$974.00 | Nativity: \$1,021.44

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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays during Lent @ 6 PM alternating weekly
 between Nativity & Marysburg Churches.
 Join us this Friday, March 29th at Marysburg.
 (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 3-20-19: Nativity \$2,175.00 Received (41.37%) | Immaculate Conception \$1,075.00 Received (20.92)

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. (Thank you all for being so welcoming to Fr. Tix last weekend.)



Desk of Father Christopher Shofner

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Fr. Christopher Shofner

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

A few years ago, one of my high-school friends posted on his Facebook page an article from a popular environmental activist, which showed a drinking water pipe that had been dug up and found to be 80-90% blocked with sediments. It's a wonder any water was able to pass through, given how much blockage there was. And the water that did pass through likely picked up sediments that had been accumulating for decades, causing the water to taste funny and possibly even cause illness. My friend, who is a Civil War and history buff, commented how unsurprising this was, considering that many water systems in our country are over 100 years old, with some dating back to pre-Civil War times.

Any of us would cringe at the mere sight of this. But I immediately thought about an example I often use for the spiritual life. I often describe our soul as a pipe that allows the grace of God to flow within us. When the pipe is clear, grace can flow freely. But when we sin, it begins to clog the pipe. The more sins we commit, the greater the buildup, so that the grace of God is no longer able to flow as easily, making it much harder to live the life of virtue or experience the consolations of God. The greater sins (mortal sins) completely block the flow of grace. I wonder how many of us are dealing with clogged spiritual pipes due to the sin in our life.

What can we do? We can't replace the pipe (our soul). But we can clean it out. The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) helps to unclog that pipe. It helps to clear it out so that grace can flow freely once again, and we can freely live the life of Christ in all its fullness. Once cleared, the only way to keep that pipe clear is to do some ongoing maintenance, that is, to go to Confession regularly.

I understand that for some, it's been years since they've been to Confession. It can be frightening and intimidating, perhaps hard to remember what to do. But let me assure you, priests are overjoyed when anyone returns to the Sacrament after some time away. He will be happy to walk a penitent through the steps to make a good Confession. He understands that, in the end, the experience of being forgiven and knowing the mercy of God far outweighs the momentary discomfort or anxiety one might feel.

As Scripture states, *"there is more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine who have no need of repentance"* (Luke 15:7). The angels and saints, along with the entire Body of Christ, rejoice in even one sinner that is reconciled to God. And if we are the one who is reconciled, we can rejoice too, because we have been made new through the mercy of God. With that comes a lightness of soul. And speaking from my own experience of being forgiven many times through Confession, it just makes our journey through this life easier!

As Lent progresses, I encourage us all to take the time to reflect upon the ways in which we have fallen short of God's glory, and to acknowledge our need for His grace to transform our lives in order to make us more like Him. And then act on the inspiration of the Holy Spirit by approaching the Throne of Mercy through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We have a number of wonderful opportunities in our parishes to do just that. Take advantage of any of these times in the upcoming weeks to confess your sins and be forgiven: Sunday, March 24, 4:00 pm at Nativity (Cleveland); Sunday, March 31, 4:00 pm at St. Anne's (LeSueur); and Sunday, April 6, 6:30 pm at St. Mary (LeCenter). We'll have a number of priests available to hear individual confessions. Allow the Lord to remove the burden of sin, unclog your spiritual pipes, and thus prepare you to experience the fullness of Christ's resurrected life at Easter!

God bless,
Fr. Chris Shofner

LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICES:

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

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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MARYSBURG	LECTORS		COLLECTION OFFICERS		EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS		GIFT BEARERS	
	Saturday	Sunday	Saturday	Sunday	Saturday	Sunday	Saturday	Sunday
March 23 & 24	Joe Meyer		Raphael Malecha	Greg Germscheid	Phil Rothmeier, Rita Ramy	Sue Leiferman, (Volunteer)	Anita & Phil Rothmeier	
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)	
April 6 & 7	Chris Biehn		Joe Meyer	Tim Krenik	Leo Riley	Jim & Barb Folden	Joe & Becky Meyer	
		Marcia Stapleton	Pat Riley	Jon Sullivan	Phil Rothmeier, Rita Ramy	Sue Leiferman	Meyer	

NATIVITY	LECTORS		COLLECTION OFFICERS		EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS		GIFT BEARERS	
	Saturday	Sunday	Saturday	Sunday	Saturday	Sunday	Saturday	Sunday
March 23 & 24	Mary Klaseus	Andy Queen	Nick Klaseus	Barb Truzinski	Mary Klaseus, Mike Keogh	Ray & Barb Truzinski		
March 30 & 31	Barb Harris	Kelly McCabe	Dick Davis	Janet Walechka	Rita Martinson	Kathy Dauk		
April 6 & 7	Dave Cink	Barb Harris	Rose Hendley	Robbie Kopet	Mary Klaseus, Mike Keogh	Andy Queen, Jaci Kopet		
			Rose Hendley	Mary Haase	Rita Martinson	Ann Rohlfling		
			Mary Haase	Lynn Kluntz, Nick Klaseus	Andy Queen, Jaci Kopet			
			Mary Klaseus	Janet Walechka	Kathy Dauk	Ann Rohlfling		

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
24 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT 8:30 AM NATIVITY & 10:30AM MARYSBURG Lenten Penance 4pm @Nativity AA MTG. MB Hall 6:30 PM Y ALL PARISHIONERS †TODD BROWN	25 Mass 8 am at Marysburg NAT CCW MTG 6 PM PARISH HALL HOLY WEEK PLNG MTG 6 PM MB PARISH HALL	26 Mass 8 am at Nativity †IRMA & LLOYD HENDLEY	27 Mass 8 am at Marysburg FAITH FORMATION FUNDRAISER ENDS 6:30-7:30 pm Faith Formation	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 †EMMET MCCABE	3 Mass 8 am at Marysburg 6:30-7:30 pm Faith Formation Y ANGIE HESSE	4 No Mass	5 Mass 8 am at Nativity † STATIONS - 6 PM @NAT †BUD MCCABE	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 KRENK
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	13 VIGIL OF PALM SUNDAY NAT PENANCE: 3:15-3:45 MASS: 4 PM MB PENANCE: 5:30-5:45, MASS 6 PM †MIKE & ANDY STRUCK
14 PALM SUNDAY 8:30 AM NATIVITY & 10:30AM MARYSBURG DEAD THEOLOGIAN SOCIETY 6-9 PM CHURCH OF NATIVITY, Cleveland AA MTG. MB Hall 6:30 PM †RAYMOND & VERNETTE BIEHN	15 Mass 8 am at Marysburg	16 Mass 8 am at Nativity	17 Mass 8 am at Marysburg 6:30-7:30 pm Faith Formation	18 HOLY THURSDAY NO AM MASS MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER MB: 7:00 PM	19 GOOD FRIDAY NO AM MASS † STATIONS - 3 PM @NAT CELEBRATION OF THE PASSION NAT: 7:00 PM	20 HOLY SATURDAY EASTER VIGIL MB MASS: 8:30 PM †WILLIAM SODERLUND