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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

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 facebook.com/marysburg

3.31.19

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



JULY 12TH - 14TH, 2019

Info and registration forms at:
<https://stmaryshenry.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>

SUPPORT OUR YOUTH! STEUBENVILLE FUNDRAISER:
 Help support our youth going to Steubenville Youth Conference
 in Rochester this summer with our LASAGNA TAKE & BAKE -
 April 13th & 14th. They will be selling pre-made meat or cheese
 lasagnas ready for you to take home and bake. \$20 for a 10" x
 12" pan. Pre-order Sales will be available after the Masses on the
 weekends of March 30 & 31 and April 6 & 7, in the Parish Office,
 or by contacting Jean Boothby at jeanrb@frontier.com. The
 youth will prep all the lasagnas on April 13th, ready for pick up
 after the Masses on April 13 & 14. This is a great way to support
 our youth summer programs and get a delicious pre-made meal!



Nativity & Marysburg now have flocknotes!
 Receive TEXT & email alerts from the churches
 regarding Mass cancellations and other important
 news. Sign up is simple - EMAIL your cell phone
 number to: office@maryschurches.com. This is the
 easiest way to stay updated on Mass time changes.

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

~ local things ~

<< 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 just \$4!

<< MARYSBURG CCW MEETING 4.1.19 >>
 The MB CCW will meet Monday, April 1st at 7 pm in the
 Marysburg Parish Hall. Reminder - CCW dues are due.
 Special thanks to those who have paid their dues!

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

<< KC 1509 "FAMOUS" FISH BOIL 4-5-19 >>
 Friday, April 5th at 5 pm - 7:30 pm, at the Church of Saint Peter
 in Saint Peter. Enjoy boiled icelandic pollock, carrots, potatoes &
 onions, with cherry or apple pie.
 Adults \$15, Youth 6-12 \$5, and preschoolers FREE!

<< 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!

<< SAVE THE DATE! 4-16-19 >>
 Tuesday, April 16th - 'UNPLANNED' - the movie.
 Fr. Adams is planning to gather a group to view this new pro-life
 movie together. The tentative date is April 16th at a Mankato
 theater. More details and ticket information coming soon!

<< QUARTERLY COFFEE & ROLLS AT MARYSBURG >>
 Sunday, April 28th after the 10:30 Mass
 Come and hear Munday Solomon, parishioner at I.C. St. Clair,
 and MSU social work student tell his story of growing up in South
 Africa and the program he started to help people succeed.

<< 2019 GENERAL INSURANCE SEMINAR >>
 Tuesday, June 11th - 8 am in Mendota Heights
 Sponsored by Catholic Mutual.
 Church Staff and Council Members are encouraged to attend.
 See Parish Office with questions.

THE 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 30TH & 31ST, 2019



Triduum Easter Schedule

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 18TH:
 7 pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper at Marysburg

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 19TH:
 3 pm - Stations of the Cross at Nativity
 7 pm - Good Friday Commemoration of the Lord's
 Passion and Death, with Veneration of the Cross at
 Nativity. *This is NOT a Mass. No morning Mass.

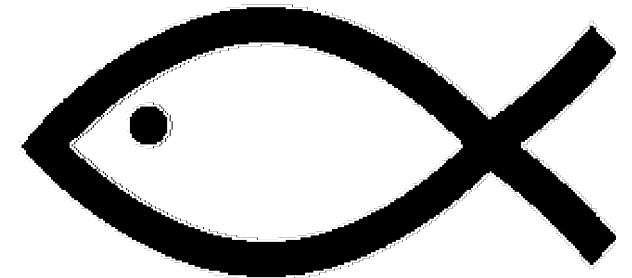
HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 20TH:
 8:30 pm - Easter Vigil at Marysburg
 *Please note there are no other Masses today.

SUNDAY, APRIL 21ST:
 8:30 am - Easter Sunday Mass at Nativity
 10:30 am - Easter Sunday Mass at Marysburg

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS!

March 23rd & 24th, 2019
 Marysburg: \$1,622.00 | Nativity: \$834.00
 *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, April 5th at Nativity.



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
 Sign-up sheets to volunteer in back of church.

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Catholic Services Appeal (CSA)

We kicked off the Catholic Services Appeal, the annual appeal on behalf of 20 collective ministries within our Archdiocese, in which 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. *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!

When we reach 100% of our goal, we receive back 25% of the total raised, which we then use to build up our parish ministries. What better way can we donate 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.

Parish Totals as of 3-28-19: Nativity \$2,975 Received (56.59%) | Immaculate Conception \$2,177.50 Received (42.37)



Desk of Father Christopher Shofner

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Fr. Christopher Shofner

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we journey throughout this Lenten season, we are confronted with the harsh reality of sin and its ugly effects in our lives. We see how selfishness, greed, lust, pride and anger, along with so many other sinful attitudes and behaviors, distance us from God and from others. Confronted with these weaknesses that we all share to some extent, we discover our need for continuing conversion in our lives. We discover our need for grace to enter into our souls. Yet Lent also gives us the opportunity to be confronted with the very real mercy of God – He reaches out to us and invites us into a fuller life. Scripture gives us countless stories of the mercy of God. The parable we hear this weekend—the familiar story of the Prodigal Son—is probably the most iconic of these stories. This is likely one of the first parables many of us remember learning as a child. It's a powerful description of the Father's merciful love for us – no matter how far we've strayed from God or how many times or in what way, God is always on the lookout for us to return to Him, ready to embrace us when we choose to come home.

We read this story and see the younger son as having the greater fault. After all, he was the one who instigated the entire situation. When he asked for his portion of the inheritance from his father, he was basically telling him, "I wish you were dead." He saw his pursuit of personal desires as more important than his relationship with his father. And his father realized that and was deeply saddened by it.

But the older son, who always remained faithful to his father's wishes, was not without fault. He too hurt his father. Though he faithfully obeyed his father and did his chores each day, he never realized that he had a share in everything that his father had – he never claimed his share of the inheritance that was rightfully his. And so, when his younger brother returned home, he became jealous and angry at him for the bad decisions he made, and at his father for seemingly rewarding him for those bad decisions. His words no doubt were hurtful to a loving father who provided everything for him.

Though both sons hurt their father, *still* the father loves them both with such a merciful love! He embraces the younger son who returns home after seeing the error of his way, and he shows great compassion on the older son by reminding him of the truth of what is rightfully his. He expresses a tender and gentle love. And the joy he has when his children come home is greater than the pain they caused him.

The sons in this parable remind us of the ways in which we sin against God. The younger son hurt his father through his *actions*—through his pursuit of his own personal desires, his decision to remain distant from home and family, his squandering of the gifts that he was given. The older son, however, hurt his father through his *words*—through his anger and accusations, his disrespect, his judgment and criticism, his revealing of his inner selfishness that he felt he deserved more because he did more. We hurt our Father in heaven in much the same way, through our actions and our words. I don't need to make a different list of things to illustrate this because I think the two sons cover much of those things that we do and say—we pursue our own selfish desires, we squander the gifts we've been given, we remain distant from God, we get angry and disrespectful, we judge, we criticize, we express our selfish tendencies. But God's mercy and love still remain. They break through even the most hardened of hearts—if we allow ourselves to come into His presence, to converse with Him in prayer, to repent of our selfishness and wrongdoing, and confess our sins. This Lent let us remember that God is waiting for us to come home. Let us remember that we need to take some steps toward Him so He can approach, just as the Apostle James says, "Draw close to Him, and He will draw close to you" (James 4:8).

God bless, Fr. Chris Shofner

Make plans to experience the mercy and forgiveness of God in the Sacrament of Reconciliation this Lenten season. In addition to our regular Confession times offered each weekend, please note the following special times in our area parishes. Several priests will be available to hear individual confessions.

- Sunday, March 31, 4:00-5:30 pm – St. Anne, LeSueur
- Sunday, April 6, 6:30-8:00 pm – St. Mary, LeCenter

CONDOLENCES to the family of Frances Lyons, who passed away March 21, 2019 at her home. Her funeral Mass was held on March 27 in North Mankato. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon her.

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 30	Mary Kay Naegle		John Page	Bill McCabe	Joe Meyer	Colleen & Rich McCabe	(Volunteers	
30 & 31		Sue Leiferman	Joe Meyer	Pat Corrow	Chris & Ann Biehn	Pat Baker	Needed)	
April 6 & 7	Chris Biehn	Marcia Stapleton	Pat Riley	Jon Sullivan	Phil Rothmeier, Rita Ramy	Sue Leiferman	Joe & Becky Meyer	
April 13 & 14	Becky Meyer		Clint Kortuem	Rich McCabe	Mary Kammerdiener	Cindy Krenik	Martha Weisgram	The
Palm Sund.		Cindy Krenik	Nate Page	Steve Rohlfig	Chris & Ann Biehn	Theresa Rohlfig, Pat Baker	Jo Ann Kortuem	Cusick Family



NATIVITY	LECTORS		COLLECTION OFFICERS		EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS		GIFT BEARERS	
	Saturday	Sunday	Saturday	Sunday	Saturday	Sunday	Saturday	Sunday
March 30 & 31	Barb Harris	Kelly McCabe	Dick Davis	Robbie Kopet	Mary Klaseus, Mike Keogh	Andy Queen, Jaci Kopet		
April 6 & 7	Dave Cink	Barb Harris	Rose Hendley	Mary Haase	Lynn Kluntz, Nick Klaseus	Andy Queen, Jaci Kopet		
April 13 & 14	Kathy Dauk	Andy Queen	Mary Klaseus	Janet Walechka	Lynn Kluntz, Nick Klaseus	Rita Kluntz, Andy Queen		
Palm Sunday	Mary Klaseus	Barb Harris	Sharon Cink	Barb Truzinski	Kathy Dauk	Barb Truzinski		

The following members of our Faith Communities have asked for our prayers... Jim Scheuer, 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, and 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
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 NAT FINANCE CNL MTG 6 PM NAT PASTORAL CNL MTG 7 PM	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 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 FINANCE CNL MTG 6 PM MB PASTORAL CNL 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 ☩ 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 ☩ STEVEN HENDLEY	17 Mass 8 am at Marysburg NO 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
21 EASTER SUNDAY 8:30 AM NATIVITY & 10:30AM MARYSBURG  AA MTG. MB Hall 6:30 PM ☩ MARY ANN STOFFEL	22 Mass 8 am at Marysburg ☩ ROSEMARY TRIMBO	23 Mass 8 am at Nativity	24 Mass 8 am at Marysburg 6:30-7:30 pm FINAL Faith Formation	25 No Mass First Communion Practice	26 Mass 8 am at Nativity ☩ BUD MCCABE	27 SATURDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER NAT PENANCE: 3:15-3:45 MASS: 4 PM MB PENANCE: 5:30-5:45, MASS 6 PM Confirmation 11 am St Dominic's Catholic Church - Northfield ☩ ANN DAUK