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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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27528 Patrick St., Madison Lake MN 56063
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4.7.19

200 Main Street, Cleveland MN 56017
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JULY 12TH - 14TH, 2019

Info and registration forms 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>

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 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!

~ Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) 2019 ~

Let's plan to work together to meet our goal this year and help 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.

****Goals for 2019: Nativity \$5,257 | Marysburg \$5,139****

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. 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 4-4-19...

NAT: \$2,975.00 Received (56.59%)
 MB \$2,177.50 Received (42.37)

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 ~

<< CLEVELAND FIRE BREAKFAST >>

Sunday, April 7th at the Cleveland Fire Department, 8am-12pm
 Hosted by Cleveland Fire Rescue. Free will offering!

<< 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!

<< NATIVITY CCW MEETING 4.15.19 >>

The NAT CCW will meet Monday, April 15th at 6 pm in the Nativity Church Hall - Cleveland.

<< EASTER FLOWER MEMORIALS >>

Now thru Tuesday, April 16th - fill out the Easter Flower Memorials Form and drop it in the offering basket or mail/brought to the Parish Office - help us beautify the altar for Easter. Names will be featured in the bulletin Easter weekend. Only \$15 each. Thank you!

<< 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 local 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.

<< FLOCKNOTES >>

Nativity & Marysburg parishes now have Flocknotes! Receive TEXT & email alerts from the churches regarding Mass cancellations 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.

THE 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

APRIL 6TH & 7TH, 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 30th & 31st, 2019

Marysburg: \$1,557.52 | Nativity: \$1,130.60

Global Solidarity Sunday

Marysburg: \$177.00 | Nativity: \$342.05

April 1st Monthly Electronic Giving

Marysburg: \$765.00 | Nativity: \$940.00

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
 Fridays during Lent alternating weekly between Nativity & Marysburg Churches. Join us this Friday, April 12th at Marysburg @ 7 pm.

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
 MARYSBURG
 FISH FRY**

**FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 2019
 4:30 - 7:00 PM**

(IN THE PARISH HALL)

In the Church:
 Stations of the Cross @ 7 PM

MENU
 Deep Fried Fish
 Au gratin Potatoes
 Vegetable
 Coleslaw
 Bread
 Dessert
 Milk
 Coffee

Adults:
 \$11.00
 Children
 6-12:
 \$5.00
 Children 5
 & under:
 Free



We are located 2.5 miles north of Madison Lake near the 4-way junction of County Roads 26, 15 and 16.

MarysChurches.com | facebook.com/marysburg | office@maryschurches.com

April 6th & 7th, 2019 | The 5th Sunday of Lent



EASTER FLOWER MEMORIALS FORM ~

Help beautify the altar at Easter with memorials to loved ones. Memorials are \$15 ea. The funds will be used to adorn the altar with flowers. Complete this form and drop in the collection basket with your donation or bring/mail to the Parish Office by Tuesday, April 16th. All Easter Flower Memorials will be listed in our Church bulletin by name on Easter Sunday weekend (April 20th & 21st, 2019).

Select Your Church: ___ Nativity (Cleveland) ___ Marysburg (Madison Lake)

Enclosed is \$ ___ for (Qty.) ___ memorials at \$15.00 each.

Requested by (Print your name): _____

In honor of: _____

OUR CONDOLENCES to the family of Mike Davis (the son of Betty Davis), who passed away on March 20th, 2019. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon him.

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

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Desk of Father Christopher Shofner

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Fr. Christopher Shofner

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

During his papacy, Pope St. John Paul II initiated the New Evangelization, a worldwide effort that had two main goals: (1) To evangelize the unchurched with the Gospel message of Jesus Christ, and (2) To re-evangelize a culture that has become de-Christianized due to secular influences. Both are difficult, and we can certainly see how much our culture of faith has changed from it being the center of family life to something that is peripheral at best in some cases. It was only 50 years ago when Mass attendance was a regular part of a family's Sunday routine, Catholic schools were filled, vocations to the priesthood and religious life flourished, and families routinely had time set aside each day for prayer. Much of that has changed now, due to many diverse factors.

In the last decade, more effort has been put into developing programs for evangelization to help Catholics grow in their faith than perhaps at any other time in history. Parishes are offering more opportunities than ever to become involved in the life of the Church. Yet we still see decreasing attendance at Mass. We still see more and more Catholics leaving the Church. We still struggle to get people involved in evangelizing one another. Why is that? And what is the solution?

I have spent a lot of time reflecting on these questions. Lots of thoughts come to mind, but in the end I always come to the same conclusions. To have a healthy Church:

- 1) It requires conscious effort on the part of all in the Church to pray for one another, to worship, to be involved so as to build up the community, and to reach out to strengthen the weak. St. Paul stated that we are the Body of Christ: "If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it; if one part is honored, all the parts share its joy" (1 Corinthians 12:26). There should be a genuine concern one for the other. The moment criticisms, factions or selfishness arise in the Church, the Body of Christ is weakened.
- 2) It requires grace, which is the free gift of God offered to us to make us holy. It is offered freely, but can be freely accepted or rejected. We must each accept the grace of God so that we may follow more closely the commands of God and live holy lives. The fact is that holy individuals make up holy families – holy families make up holy communities – and holy communities make up a holy Church. But it starts with individuals, each of us being open to accept God's grace through worthy reception of the Sacraments, especially frequent Confession and reception of Holy Eucharist.
- 3) It must have as its foundation a true relationship with Jesus Christ. We are under the mistaken notion that a vibrant faith life is one where we have vast theological knowledge or are constantly running about serving the world. Archbishop Fulton Sheen once stated: "Neither theological knowledge nor social action alone is enough to keep us in love with Christ unless both are preceded by a personal encounter with Him. Theological insights are gained not only from between two covers of a book, but from two bent knees before an altar." Knowledge and action are strengthened and bear fruit when we allow Christ to take charge of our heart.

Lest we get discouraged, recall the experience that I have shared with many over the past few years. Back in 2015, when I visited Rome on pilgrimage, I shared with some the experience I had before the San Damiano Cross, the image of Christ that audibly spoke to St. Francis and directed him to "Rebuild My Church". I heard very strongly within my own heart the Italian phrase: "È la tua generazione" ("It is your generation"). I am convinced that this was the consolation that, even though we are facing problems in the Church today, it will be within this generation—within the next 40 years—that we will see the renew of the Church. But it must start with each of us. Lent is a wonderful time for each of us to recommit to our faith and contribute to the building up of the Church. May we do so faithfully, by listening to God and being humble and trusting Him enough to act on His Word.

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 time in one of our area parishes. Several priests will be available to hear individual confessions.

• Sunday, April 7, 6:30-8:00 pm – St. Mary, LeCenter

April 6th & 7th, 2019 | The 5th Sunday of Lent

MARYSBURG	LECTORS		COLLECTION OFFICERS		EUCARISTIC MINISTERS		GIFT BEARERS	
	Saturday	Sunday	Saturday	Sunday	Saturday	Sunday	Saturday	Sunday
April 6 & 7	Chris Biehn	Marcia Stapleton	Joe Meyer Pat Riley	Tim Krenik Jon Sullivan	Leo Riley Phil Rothmeier, Rita Ramy	Jim & Barb Folden Sue Leiferman	Joe & Becky Meyer	
April 13 & 14 Palm Sund.	Becky Meyer	Jim Folden Cindy Krenik	Clint Kortuem Nate Page	Rich McCabe Steve Rohlfling	Mary Kammerdiener Chris & Ann Biehn	Cindy Krenik Theresa Rohlfling, Pat Baker	Martha Weisgram Jo Ann Kortuem	The Cusick Family
Holy Thursday		Marcia Stapleton	Jon Sullivan & Sons		Chris & Ann Biehn		Phil & Anita Rothmeier	
Good Friday	N/A - @ Nativity		N/A - @ Nativity		N/A - @ Nativity		N/A - @ Nativity	
NATIVITY	LECTORS		COLLECTION OFFICERS		EUCARISTIC MINISTERS		GIFT BEARERS	
	Saturday	Sunday	Saturday	Sunday	Saturday	Sunday	Saturday	Sunday
April 6 & 7	Dave Cink	Barb Harris	Rose Hendley Mary Klaseus	Mary Haase Janet Walechka	Lynn Kluntz, Nick Klaseus Kathy Dauk	Andy Queen, Jaci Kopet Ann Rohlfling		
April 13 & 14 Palm Sunday	Kathy Dauk Mary Klaseus	Andy Queen Barb Harris	Mary Klaseus Sharon Cink	Janet Walechka Barb Truzinski	Lynn Kluntz, Nick Klaseus Kathy Dauk	Rita Kluntz, Andy Queen Barb Truzinski		
Holy Thursday	N/A - @ Marysburg		N/A - @ Marysburg		N/A - @ Marysburg		N/A - @ Marysburg	
Good Friday	Kelly McCabe & Barb Harris		Nick Klaseus & Barb Truzinski		Nick & Mary Klaseus, Mike Keogh			

The following members of our Faith Communities have asked for our prayers... Eugene Germscheid, Nick Smith, 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, 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
7 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT 8:30 AM NATIVITY & 10:30AM MARYSBURG Cleveland Fire Breakfast 8 am - 12 pm @ Fire Dept. 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	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 NAT CCW MTG 6 PM PARISH HALL	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 VIGIL OF THE 2ND SUNDAY 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
28 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER 8:30 AM NATIVITY & 10:30AM MARYSBURG Marysburg Coffee & Rolls AA MTG. MB Hall 6:30 PM †VERNETTE BIEHN	29 Mass 8 am at Marysburg	30 Mass 8 am at Nativity	1 Mass 8 am at Marysburg Y ANGIE HESSE	2 No Mass	3 Mass 8 am at Nativity †BUD MCCABE	4 VIGIL OF THE 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER NAT PENANCE: 3:15-3:45 MASS: 4 PM MB PENANCE: 5:30-5:45, MASS 6 PM †BOB & IRENE KRENIK