

HAVE SOMETHING TO SHARE IN THE BULLETIN? E-mail the Parish Office. Deadline is Wednesdays, before 12 noon.

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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
Wed, 8 am: Marysburg
Thursday, NO Mass
Friday, 8 am: Nativity
MASS CANCELLATION INFO:
Flocknotes, Facebook
& MarysChurches.com

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VOLUNTEER STEWARDSHIP SCHEDULER NEEDED!

Marysburg is looking for a volunteer to schedule & manage the Stewardship Schedules for the Church. If you are interested in learning how you can help, contact Jill at office@maryschurches.com.
(Basic knowledge of & experience with Excel a plus.)

VOLUNTEER PARISH OFFICE GREETER NEEDED!

Marysburg & Nativity are looking for a volunteer to sit-in as needed at the Parish Office front desk to answer phone calls and receive visitors. The needs will only occur when staff is Out of Office. If you are interested in learning how you can help, contact Fr. Stiles.
**E3 credentialing required! (*E3: Background Check, VIRTUS, Code of Conduct. Live Virtus training sessions being offered at St. Mary's.)*

MASS SCHEDULE CHANGES FOR NEXT WEEK!

Please note the following Mass Schedule Changes for Marysburg and Nativity...

NO MASS: Wed., Nov. 27th at 8 am at Marysburg.

NO MASS: Fri., Nov. 29th at 8 am at Nativity.

There WILL be Daily Mass at 8:00 AM at St. Mary's Church in Le Center on both Nov 27th & Nov 29th.

We have all been invited & are welcome to attend!



THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS!

Nov 16th & 17th, 2019

Marysburg: \$1,189.84 | Nativity: \$3,379.64

~ Local things ~

<< THANKSGIVING ECUMENICAL SERVICE 11-24-19 >>

Sun Nov 24th at 7:00 PM Church of Christ - Cleveland (Hwy 99)
Social time to follow - Everyone is welcome!

<< ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE - SUN. DEC. 1ST >>

Please make plans to attend the Advent Penance Service for parishioners of both Marysburg & Nativity at the Church of the Nativity in Cleveland, 6:30 - 8 pm.

<< CRAFT & BAKE SALE 12-07-19 >>

Saturday, December 7th, 10 am - 2 pm - Marysburg Church Hall Shop for the holidays! Baked Goods & Crafts, Vendors, & more!
* Benefiting LeSueur County Relay For Life!

<< WINTER FESTIVAL, ST. CLAIR 12-07-19 >>

Sat Dec 7th Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in St. Clair Winter Festival, Christmas Cookie & Holiday Treat Sale Cutest Cupcake Contest, Luncheon, Raffle, and more! 10 AM!

<< DAD'S BELGIAN WAFFLE BREAKFAST 12-08-19 >>

The St. Anne's CCW is sponsoring a Dad's Belgian Waffle Breakfast & the St. Anne's Patron's sponsoring a Cookie Walk on Sun Dec 8th at St. Anne's School in Le Sueur at 8:30 AM.

<< SENIOR CITIZEN'S DINNER 12-09-19 >>

All Saints in Madison Lake Mon. Dec. 9th after their 11 am Mass. See poster for complete details.

<< A NATIVITY BREAKFAST & COOKIE SALE 12-15-19 >>

Save The Date! Sunday, Dec. 15th from 9 am - 12 noon. Breakfast \$8 adults. \$4 ages 6-10, age 5 & under are free. Nativity - Cleveland.

<< MARYSBURG CHRISTMAS MASSES >>

Help us make the Christmas Vigil and/or the Christmas Day Masses extra special by being involved! We need volunteers - please email the Parish Office at office@maryschurches.com or check out the sign-up sheet in the back of the church.

<< NATIVITY CHRISTMAS EVE MASS PRACTICES >>

Faith Formation Families are encouraged to join in the youth choir and be a part of the Nativity Christmas Eve mass! Practices are Wednesday nights before Faith Formation. Every age is welcome! Practice begins Wed Dec 4th at 6 pm at Nativity. See Lynn Kluntz, DRE, with any questions.



Marysburg Church Annual
Cookie Sale Nov. 23 and Nov. 24!
Sponsored by the Marysburg CCW.

STOCK UP FOR THE HOLIDAYS
only \$4.00 per dozen!

Cookies for sale after
Saturday 6 pm Mass and
Sunday 10:30 am Mass.

Thank you for your support!

UPCOMING LIVE VIRTUS TRAINING SESSIONS ~ Protecting God's Children ~

ATTN: All Faith Formation Teachers and Parent Volunteers, Pastoral & Finance Council Members, Trustees and Employees of the Church; you are required by the Archdiocese to be *E3 Credentialed and must attend one LIVE (in-person) Virtus Training Session.

Our friends at St. Mary's in Le Center are hosting two LIVE Virtus Training Sessions in which you may attend:

1. Mon. Dec. 2nd @6:30 PM St. Mary's Mission Room
2. Mon. Jan. 13th @6:30 PM St. Mary's Social Hall

*"E3" means "Essential Three" or the completion of the 3 essential requirements as set by the Archdiocese...

- 1 - Background Check (and re-check every 3 years)
- 2 - VIRTUS Training (and re-training every 3 years)
- 3 - Review & Sign the Archdiocese Code of Conduct

Marysburg CCW Birthright Collection

One again, the Marysburg Council of Catholic Women are working to collect items for "Birthright" of Mankato. Please take a "Shopping List" from the back of the church and have the new unwrapped items at Marysburg by the end of December. Monetary donations are welcome! Cash or check made out to "Birthright of Mankato" in an envelope C/O Marysburg CCW and place in the collection basket. We THANK YOU for being a part of this collection! See a member of the CCW with questions.

* At this time, they are in special need of the following: Baby Wipes, Diaper Cream / Ointment, Hooded Bath Towels, Baby Shampoo, Baby Wash, Receiving Blankets, Fitted Sheets for Pack & Play, Baby Board Books, Dipsaers (sizes 1-5), Undershirts and long sleeve onsies, Teethers / Rattles, Sleepers (Newborn & Size 3-6 months), Fleece Blankets, and Baby Quilts. THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH!

Nov 23rd & 24th, 2019 | Our Lord Jesus Christ, King

Christmas Flower Memorials...



Please help us beautify the altar at Christmas with a memorial to a loved one. Memorials are \$15.00 each. The funds will be used to adorn the altar with flowers. Clip this form and drop in the collection basket with your donation by *SUN. DEC. 15TH. Each memorial will be listed in the 2019 Christmas Bulletin. Questions email: office@maryschurches.com. Thank you.

YOUR NAME: _____ Marysburg (___) // Nativity (___)

Enclosed is \$: _____ total, for QTY: _____ Flower Memorials, at \$15 each.

List Names for Memorials: _____

Our Cluster Parish Mass Times...

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 5 PM, Wed/Thur/Fri 9 AM Mass

ST. HENRY

Sun. 7:30-7:50 AM Conf
8:00 AM Mass



2019 CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL:

OUR PARISH GOALS FOR THIS YEAR:

Nativity \$5,257 | Marysburg \$5,139

Congratulations! Both parishes have met goals!!!

As a bonus, now that we donated 100% of our goal, we receive 25% of the total that we raised right back, which we are then able to use to build up our own parish ministries! All donations are handled through the Catholic Services Appeal Foundation, an independent entity from our Archdiocese. Donations continue to come in, making parish totals as of 11-22-19...

MB \$5,852.50 Received (118% from 35 donors)

NAT: \$6,640 Received (126.3% from 47 donors)

Church of the Nativity, Cleveland

Parish Trustees...

Kelly McCabe 469-1616 Ray Truzinski 931-5805

Nativity Parish Council...

Nick Klaseus Pres. 507-420-9760

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Andy Queen Sec. 507-327-1958

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Nativity Cemetery Manager: Mike Keogh 931-5547

Staying in Touch...

Immaculate Conception of Marysburg

Parish Trustees...

Steve Baker 931-3156 Joe Meyer 317-7669

Marysburg Parish Council...

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Marysburg Finance Council...

Barb Folden, Pres. 243-4114

Peter Falk 243-3392 Jon Guentzel 317-1958

Larry Kortuem 243-3773 Steve Rohlfing 317-5095

Marysburg Cemetery Manager: Rich McCabe 931-3611



From the desk of Father Timothy Sandquist

ftsandquist@gmail.com



Are indulgences still a real thing?

We are still in the month of November when the Church puts a special emphasis on praying for the dead. One of the best ways we can do this is with the help of indulgences. It may come as a surprise to some, but yes, indulgences still exist in the Catholic Church.

As you may know, the topic of indulgences historically sparked a good deal of controversy. It was one of Martin Luther's main criticisms of the Catholic Church when he broke away in the 1500s. So a good question for us to ask is why we believe in them in the first place.

To answer this question, we first must understand that there is a two-fold consequence to sin – namely, (1) guilt and (2) debt of punishment. To illustrate this, consider the following example: Suppose your teenage daughter sneaks out at night to go to a party and you catch her. If she says she's sorry and you forgive her, that doesn't mean you still aren't allowed to ground her for a couple of weeks. In this case, you've released her from her guilt, but she still has a "debt" to pay for her actions. In the same way, we can be forgiven of the guilt of our sins (usually through confession), while still owing some debt of punishment for them. This distinction is why the Church uses two different words for these two realities: to "absolve" means to wipe away the guilt, but to "remit" means to wipe away the debt of punishment.

Hopefully with this explanation we are now ready to understand the official Church definition of an indulgence – "An indulgence is the remission before God of temporal punishment for sins whose guilt is already forgiven" (Code of Canon Law #992).

But who, we might ask, gave the Church the authority to grant this remission of punishment for us? The answer to this is easy – Jesus did. In Matthew 19:19, Jesus says to Peter, "I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." We see in this that Jesus gave a mere man – St. Peter – authority which extends even into the spiritual realm. And so, every pope, because he stands in the office of Peter, has the authority to set the conditions under which our debt of temporal punishment may be "loosed."

But then, we might ask, why wouldn't the pope just grant a full remission for all the souls in purgatory at once and be done with it? One answer is that this would not be beneficial to the salvation and sanctification of souls. Indulgences are always attached to good and holy practices that help us grow closer to God. By attaching indulgences to these practices, the church encourages us on to do these good things that we might not otherwise be motivated enough to do on our own – much like offering a candy bar to a kid if he does his homework. In addition to this, without a healthy fear of punishment for our sins, we would have less motivation to fight sin and we might risk not even making it to heaven at all.

With that I'd like to leave you with some examples of pious practices that the Church has chosen to attach indulgences to:

In a spirit of penance, abstaining from something pleasing. Visiting the Blessed Sacrament. Devoutly reciting an Act of Contrition. Praying the Rosary. Praying the Stations of the Cross. Reading scripture as spiritual reading. Visiting a cemetery and praying for the dead.

By your own intention, you can choose to apply an indulgence to yourself or to a deceased loved one. If your deceased loved one no longer needs it, it will go to another soul that does.

God Bless,
Fr. Sandquist

Nov 23rd & 24th, 2019 | Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

MARYSBURG	LECTORS		COLLECTION OFFICERS		EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS		GIFT BEARERS	
	Saturday	Sunday	Saturday	Sunday	Saturday	Sunday	Saturday	Sunday
November 23 & 24	Chris Biehn	Sue Leiferman	Joe Meyer	Brad Strobel	Larry & Annie Davis	Pat Baker, Colleen McCabe	Joe & Becky Meyer	Volunteers Needed
Nov / Dec 30 & 1	Becky Meyer	Marcia Stapleton	Raphael Malecha	Steve Rohlfling	Chris & Ann Biehn	Jim & Barb Folden	Larry & Annie Davis	Jacob & Grace Jewison
December 7 & 8	Grace Jewison	Cindy Krenik	Mark Meyer	Becky Kortuem	Joe Meyer, Leo Riley	Pat Baker	Jo Ann Kortuem	Rick & Sue Leiferman
			Steve Baker	Gene Germscheid	Mary Kammerdiener	Colleen & Rich McCabe	& Martha Weisgram	

NATIVITY	LECTORS		COLLECTION OFFICERS		EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS		GIFT BEARERS	
	Saturday	Sunday	Saturday	Sunday	Saturday	Sunday	Saturday	Sunday
November 23 & 24	Mary Klaseus	Barb Harris	Mary Klaseus	Robbie Kopet	Lynn Kluntz, Nick Klaseus	Ray & Barb Truzinski		
Nov-December 30 & 1	Mary Klaseus	Nancy Heldberg	Rose Hendley	Barb Truzinski	Lynn Kluntz, Nick Klaseus	Ray & Barb Truzinski		
December 7 & 8	David Cink	Andy Queen	Sharon Cink	Mark Lawrence	Mary Klaseus, Mike Keogh	Jaci Kopet, Ann Rohlfling		
			Nick Klaseus	Robbie Kopet	Rita Martinson	Andy Queen		

The following members of our Faith Communities have asked for our prayers...
 Richie Krueger, Sheila Wolff, Debra Schmahl, Mary Buschowski, Caiden Kelly, Keely Davis, Myles Genelin, Josh Hummer, Justin Kaus, Larry VanTol, Eugene Germscheid, Nick Smith, Jim Scheuer, Levi Bensen, Mrs. Karl (Sandy) Germscheid, Maurice Thelemann, Quentin Shevy, Hunter Schmitz & Family, Deb Winger, Dotsy Jacobson, Dave Rusch, Albert Weinandt, Jaci Kopet, Jolene & Holden Zell, Patrick Baker, Evelyn & Jill Cusick, Tom Fritz, Lisa Skarin, Don Roscoe, Alec Batson, Brandon Reinke, Rosemary Wondra, David Clark, Robert Kluntz, Bob Beckel, Rudy Kaupa, Connie Baker, Gene Thelemann, Jared Mogere Family, Tim Petersen, Kent Pearce, Mary Androli, Bernice Rezak, David Krenik, Terry Sadowski, James Connor, Natalie Bruender, Robert Ani, Rose Anne Schoeb, Carol Leighton, Marian Meyer, Mya Walechka, Lana Dahl, Alec Heuer, Jim Meagher, and Betty Kinney.



To add or remove a name on this list, please email the Parish Office: office@maryschurches.com

*MASS INTENTION REQUESTS: Contact the Parish Office (Mon-Thur, 9am - 4pm). Suggested donation \$7/Mass. Email: office@maryschurches.com | Phone: 507-243-3166

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
24 OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE 8:30 AM NATIVITY & 10:30AM MARYSBURG Marysburg CCW Cookie Sale AA MTG. MB Hall 6:30 PM ☪BUD & RENE MCCABE ☪BETTY BISCH	25 Mass 8 am at Marysburg	26 Mass 8 am at Nativity ☪JOHN KLUNTZ	27 No Mass Mass 9 am at St. Mary's NO FAITH FORMATION!	28 No Mass PARISH OFFICE CLOSED Happy Thanksgiving!	29 No Mass Mass 9 am at St. Mary's	30 VIGIL OF THE 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT NAT PENANCE: 3:15-3:45 MASS: 4 PM MB PENANCE: 5:30-5:45, MASS 6 PM ☪JOHN KLUNTZ Y ALL PARISHIONERS
1 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 8:30 AM NATIVITY & 10:30AM MARYSBURG 6:30-8 pm @Nativity AA MTG. MB Hall 6:30 PM ☪BUD & RENE MCCABE ☪BETTY BISCH	2 Mass 8 am at Marysburg MARYSBURG CCW MEETING 7 PM, MB PARISH HALL	3 Mass 8 am at Nativity ☪BOB COWAN	4 Mass 8 am at Marysburg Christmas Choir Practice 6 pm at Nativity FAITH FORMATION CLASSES Nativity - Cleveland @ 6:30 pm Y ANGIE HESSE	5 No Mass	6 Mass 8 am at Nativity Y FATHER ADAMS	7 VIGIL OF THE 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT NAT PENANCE: 3:15-3:45 MASS: 4 PM MB PENANCE: 5:30-5:45, MASS 6 PM ☪BOB & IRENE KRENIK
8 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT 8:30 AM NATIVITY & 10:30AM MARYSBURG AA MTG. MB Hall 6:30 PM ☪JOHN KLUNTZ ☪DARLENE TREANOR	9 Mass 8 am at Marysburg	10 Mass 8 am at Nativity PARISH OFFICE CLOSED AUDIT MEETING ALL DAY ☪BOB COWAN MB FINANCE CNCL, 6 PM MB PASTORAL CNCL, 7 PM	11 Mass 8 am at Marysburg Christmas Choir Practice 6 pm at Nativity FAITH FORMATION CLASSES Nativity - Cleveland @ 6:30 pm	12 No Mass	13 Mass 8 am at Nativity ☪BUD & RENE MCCABE	14 VIGIL OF THE 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT NAT PENANCE: 3:15-3:45 MASS: 4 PM MB PENANCE: 5:30-5:45, MASS 6 PM ☪RAYMOND & VERNETTE BIEHN ☪JOE BAKER
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