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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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facebook.com/marysburg

12.08.2019

200 Main Street, Cleveland MN 56017
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MARYSBURG VIGIL OF CHRISTMAS CHILDREN'S MASS

Please help make the Vigil of Christmas extra special by getting your children involved!
The Parish Youth will lead our Vigil of Christmas Children's Mass on
Tuesday, December 24th, 2019 at 6 pm.
If interested - simply email the Parish Office at office@maryschurches.com to learn more!
Parents - we will have a rehearsal prior to Christmas. Look for the EVENT on Facebook and share to invite family & friends!



NATIVITY CHRISTMAS EVE MASS CHOIR 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 continues on Wed Dec 11th at 6 pm at Nativity and Wed Dec 18th.
See Lynn Kluntz, DRE, with any questions.
The Nativity Christmas Vigil will be
Tues. Dec. 24th at 4 PM.

~ local things ~

<< ST. MARY'S CHRISTMAS FAIR 12-08-19 >>

Sun. Dec. 8th 8:30 am to 12:30 pm
Brunch served by KC's - French Toast, Scrambled Eggs & Ham.
Bake Shoppe, Games for Kids, Cookie Patch, Raffle Baskets, Silent Auction Items, and much more!
St. Mary's Church: 165 North Waterville - Le Center

<< 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 >>

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

<< CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL REQUESTS DUE 12/15 >>

Please turn in your Christmas Memorial Requests to the Parish Office no later than Mon. Dec. 16th.
Email office@maryschurches.com with any questions.
\$15 each made out to Nativity or Marysburg respectively.

<< 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, please contact Fr. Stiles directly.
*E3 Credentialing Required.
E3 = Background Check / Virtus Training / Code of Conduct
Required training - Live Virtus St. Mary's in Le Center on Mon. Jan. 13th at 6:30 pm.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS!

Nov 30th & Dec 1st, 2019

Marysburg: \$2,409.00 | Nativity: \$3,175.00

December Monthly Auto Donations

Marysburg: \$1,725.00 | Nativity: \$500.00



Join us for a Nativity Breakfast and Cookie Sale!

Sunday, December 15th, 2019 | 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Come, have breakfast* and get your Christmas baking done in one-stop...
Our wonderful cooks and bakers are well known throughout the area!
*Breakfast: \$8.00 adults / \$4.00 ages 6-10, age 5 and under FREE!



~ Church of the Nativity ~
200 Main St, Cleveland MN 56017

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 another LIVE Virtus Training Sessions in which you may attend:

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, Diapers (sizes 1-5), Undershirts and long sleeve onsies, Teethers / Rattles, Sleepers (Newborn & Size 3-6 months), Fleece Blankets, and Baby Quilts. Please see Anita Rothmeier with any questions. THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

MARYSBURG & NATIVITY CHRISTMAS SCHEDULES

Vigil of Christmas (Children's Mass) 12.24.19...

Nativity 4 PM / Marysburg 6 PM

Christmas Morning 12.25.19...

Nativity 8:30 AM / Marysburg 10:30 AM

Dec 7th & 8th, 2019 | The 2nd Sunday of Advent

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 12-05-19...
MB \$5,902.50 Received (114% from 35 donors)
NAT: \$6,690 Received (127% from 47 donors)

Staying in Touch...

Immaculate Conception of Marysburg

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Church of the Nativity, Cleveland

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Nativity Cemetery Manager: Mike Keogh 931-5547



From the desk of Father James Stiles

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What to fear?

To my brothers in Christ,

Happy Advent! In my previous bulletin article (see 11-17-19), we reflected together on part of our authentic masculine mission: to be protectors of the Church and all her children. Before we dive into other aspects of our God-given mission as men, let's pause to discuss an important and all too common experience for men.

To get at this experience we look again to St. Joseph, our model. "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary your wife..." (Mt 1:20). These are the words spoken to Joseph by an angel. For now, we don't need to labor over what exactly he was afraid of. In general terms, however, we can say that he was afraid of accepting the mission that God was giving him, one which he didn't fully understand given the surprising and miraculous nature of Mary's pregnancy.

It is this experience of fear that so often haunts us Christian men. We frequently have a sense or even a strong conviction of what mission God is calling us to, how and whom we are to protect in this world; yet, still, we either find ourselves tempted toward paralysis or some kind of arrogance where we seek to pretend that we are stronger than we really are. Why? Bottom line: I believe that what most men fear the most is that we won't be strong enough. In the end, we'll prove to be weak men incapable of handling the mission. Therefore, we don't accept our God given mission (paralysis of fear) or we pretend to be in control of the mission so as not to risk failure (pride, arrogance, false strength) and thereby end up not doing God's but our mission.

How can St. Joseph lead us on the path of courageous manhood which doesn't deny fear but learns how to overcome it and embrace our mission as Christian men? Upon hearing the angel's words, "do not fear to take Mary your wife," Joseph chooses an attitude of humility by being obedient to the word of God's messenger (the angel). In his humility, Joseph, no matter how daunting the mission is which lay before him, has the confidence to say yes to God's plan for his life because he knows that God will be the source of his strength every day. Holding this truth close to heart, brothers, will enable us as well to overcome our fears of failure and of not being strong enough. This is because our focus will not be on ourselves but on God.

As with Joseph, we too must adopt day-in and day-out an attitude of humility before God and others if we are truly going to be able to take up our mission. This practically means, then, that we must be men who are deeply prayerful. We can't just be men who pray on occasion. No! We must have a prayerful heart at all times, looking to God for strength and guidance in all daily experiences. When we are at work, when we are watching a movie, when we are speaking to our children, when we are having a conversation with our wife, when we are hunting, when we are reading a book...at all times...we must maintain a prayerful attentiveness to the presence of God and what he is asking of us.

By remaining prayerful, humble men, whether we realize it or not, we will be fulfilling our manly mission with great strength in all that we do. St. Joseph, bold and yet humble man of prayer, pray for us! (More to come...)

With brotherly and fatherly love,
Fr. Stiles

Dec 7th & 8th, 2019 | The 2nd Sunday of Advent

MARYSBURG		LECTORS		COLLECTION OFFICERS		EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS		GIFT BEARERS		ALTAR SERVERS	
	Saturday	Sunday	Saturday	Sunday	Saturday	Sunday	Saturday	Sunday	Saturday	Sunday	
December 7 & 8	Grace Jewison		Mark Meyer	Becky Kortuem	Joe Meyer, Leo Riley	Pat Baker	Jo Ann Kortuem	Rick & Sue		Mason Kluntz	
		Cindy Krenik	Steve Baker	Gene Germscheid	Mary Kammerdiener	Colleen & Rich McCabe	& Martha Weisgram	Leiferman		Ava Kluntz	
December 14 & 15	Annie Davis		John Page	Don Adams	Chris & Ann Biehn	Theresa Rohlfig	Anita Rothmeier &	The Strobel			
		Sarah Guentzel	Steve Blais	Jim Kluntz	Phil Rothmeier	Jim & Barb Folden	Isabel Sieberg	Family			
December 21 & 22	Chris Biehn		Joe Meyer	Jacob Jewison	Larry & Annie Davis	Cindy Krenik, Colleen McCabe	Joe & Becky	Volunteers			
		Marilyn Kluntz	Pat Riley	Greg Germscheid	Rita Ramy	Sue Leiferman	Meyer	Needed			

NATIVITY		LECTORS		COLLECTION OFFICERS		EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS		GIFT BEARERS		ALTAR SERVERS	
	Saturday	Sunday	Saturday	Sunday	Saturday	Sunday	Saturday	Sunday	Saturday	Sunday	
December 7 & 8	David Cink	Andy Queen	Sharon Cink	Mark Lawrence	Mary Klaseus, Mike Keogh	Jaci Kopet, Ann Rohlfig					
			Nick Klaseus	Robbie Kopet	Rita Martinson	Andy Queen					
December 14 & 15	Kathy Dauk	Kelly McCabe	Dick Davis	Janet Walechka	Mary Klaseus, Kathy Dauk	Jaci Kopet, Ann Rohlfig					
			Jim Cink	Carol Lawrence	Rita Martinson	Andy Queen					
December 21 & 22	Mary Klaseus	Barb Harris	Mary Klaseus	Mark Lawrence	Lynn Kluntz, Nick Klaseus	Barb Truzinski					
			Sharon Cink	Barb Truzinski	Rita Kluntz	Kathy Dauk, Danny Holmes					

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:

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*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
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
15 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT 8:30 AM NATIVITY & 10:30AM MARYSBURG Nativity Breakfast & Cookie Sale AA MTG. MB Hall 6:30 PM †BOB & IRENE KRENIK Y ALL PARISHIONERS	16 Mass 8 am at Marysburg	17 Mass 8 am at Nativity †STEVEN HENDLEY	18 Mass 8 am at Marysburg Christmas Choir Practice 6 pm at Nativity FAITH FORMATION CLASSES Nativity - Cleveland @ 6:30 pm	19 No Mass NAT PASTORAL CNCL, 7 PM	20 Mass 8 am at Nativity †JOHN KLUNTZ	21 VIGIL OF THE 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT NAT PENANCE: 3:15-3:45 MASS: 4 PM MB PENANCE: 5:30-5:45, MASS 6 PM †ANN DAUK
22 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT 8:30 AM NATIVITY & 10:30AM MARYSBURG AA MTG. MB Hall 6:30 PM †MIKE & ANDY STRUCK †BETTY BISCH	23 Mass 8 am at Marysburg PARISH OFFICE HOURS: 9 - 11 AM	24 Vigil of Christmas 4 pm @ Nativity 6 pm @ Marysburg PARISH OFFICE CLOSED	25 MERRY CHRISTMAS! 8:30 am Mass @ Nativity 10:30 am Mass @ Marysburg PARISH OFFICE CLOSED NO FAITH FORMATION!	26 No Mass PARISH OFFICE CLOSED	27 Mass 8 am at Nativity †LIVING & DISEASED MEMBERS OF THE DAVE MARTINSON FAMILY	28 VIGIL OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH NAT PENANCE: 3:15-3:45 MASS: 4 PM MB PENANCE: 5:30-5:45, MASS 6 PM †RAYMOND BIEHN
29 THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH 8:30 AM NATIVITY & 10:30AM MARYSBURG AA MTG. MB Hall 6:30 PM †BUD & RENE MCCABE †JOE BAKER	30 Mass 8 am at Marysburg PARISH OFFICE HOURS: 9 - 11 AM	31 Mass 8 am at Nativity PARISH OFFICE CLOSED	1 Mass 9 am at Marysburg Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God PARISH OFFICE CLOSED NO FAITH FORMATION! Y ANGIE HESSE	2 No Mass PARISH OFFICE HOURS: 9 AM - 4 PM	3 Mass 8 am at Nativity PARISH OFFICE HOURS: 9 AM - 4 PM Y FATHER ADAMS	4 VIGIL OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD NAT PENANCE: 3:15-3:45 MASS: 4 PM MB PENANCE: 5:30-5:45, MASS 6 PM