

**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

# Immaculate Conception

Centered around  
Jesus Christ

# Nativity



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

12.15.2019

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



### NATIVITY CHRISTMAS EVE MASS CHOIR PRACTICE

Faith Formation Families are encouraged to join in the youth choir and be a part of the Nativity Christmas Eve mass! The final practice is Wednesday night 12-18-19 at 6 pm before Faith Formation. Every age is welcome! See Lynn Kluntz, DRE, with any questions.

## ~ local things ~

### << CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL REQUESTS DUE ASAP >>

Please turn in your Christmas Memorial Requests to the Parish Office NO later than Mon Dec 16th or they won't make the cut-off. Email office@maryschurches.com with any questions. \$15 each made out to Nativity or Marysburg respectively. All memorials will be printed in the church bulletins the weekend prior to Christmas (Dec. 21st & 22nd). \*See inside of bulletin for a request slip.

### << MARYSBURG CHILDRENS MASS 12-24-19 >>

All parents of the parish youth that would like to sign up to participate in the Vigil of Christmas at Marysburg on Dec. 24th at 6 pm, please email the Parish Office the name of the child that would like to volunteer to be a part of the mass ASAP. A PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE BEFORE CHRISTMAS EVE. Please see Brad Strobel or Teresa Baker with any questions. Thank you so much for being involved!

### << MARYSBURG CCW 2019 BIRTHRIGHT COLLECTION >>

Please take a 'shopping list' from the back of the church and have new unwrapped items at Marysburg by the end of December. Monetary donations are welcome - cash or check made out to 'Birthright of Mankato'. Questions - please see Anita Rothmeier. They are in special need of baby wipes, diapers, diaper cream/ointment, hooded bath towels, baby shampoo, baby wash, receiving blankets, fitted sheets for pack & play, baby board books, diapers size 1-5, undershirts & long-sleeve onesies, teething/rattles, sleepers (newborn & size 3-6 months), fleece blankets, and baby quilts. Thank you very much!

### << DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS 12/22/19 >>

Please consider helping us to decorate Marysburg for Christmas this year! We would love for you to join fellow parishioners on SUN. DEC. 22ND after 10:30 a.m. Mass (around 11:30 am) to trim the tree and decorate the church for Christmas! Come meet new friends & share your decorating talents!

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS!

Dec 7th & 8th, 2019

Marysburg: \$841.00 | Nativity: \$1,707.00  
2nd Collection for Retired Religious  
Marysburg: \$221.00 | Nativity: \$489.00



## 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)



## Prepare for Winter Weather

For Winter Weather Faith Formation Class and/or Mass Cancellations, please note announcements will be made via the following:

1. Our website - www.MarysChurches.com
2. Social Media - Facebook.com/marysburg and Facebook.com/nativitycleveland
3. Flocknotes - Texts & Emails will be sent to those signed up to receive them.
4. Local TV & Radio - KEYC & 99.1
5. Parish Office voice message 507-243-3166.

**Christmas**  
2019  
FOR UNTO US  
A CHILD IS BORN

**CHRISTMAS EVE TUESDAY, DEC 24**  
4 p.m. Mass Nativity  
6 p.m. Mass Marysburg

**CHRISTMAS DAY WEDNESDAY, DEC 25**  
8:30 a.m. Mass Nativity  
10:30 a.m. Mass Marysburg

Dec 14th & 15th, 2019 | The 3rd 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 12-12-19...

MB \$5,902.50 Received (114% from 35 donors)

NAT: \$6,690 Received (127% 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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Nativity Cemetery Manager: Mike Keogh 931-5547

## Staying in Touch...

### Immaculate Conception of Marysburg

Parish Trustees...

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Marysburg Parish Council...

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Marysburg Finance Council...

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Larry Kortuem 243-3773 Steve Rohlfing 317-5095

Marysburg Cemetery Manager: Rich McCabe 931-3611



## From the desk of Father James Stiles

fr.stiles@frontier.com



"Is there anything else that you need?"

Dearest brothers and sisters in Christ,

I interrupt my reflection geared toward the men of the parish in order to touch on an extremely important topic today. This past Thursday, Dec. 12th, all around the world Catholics celebrated the feast day of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Do you know the story of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas and of life?

Just about a decade after the dethronement of the Aztec empire by the Spaniards and many of their indigenous allies, a poor peasant named Juan Diego, a convert to Christianity, was making his way to mass early in the morning on Dec. 9th, 1531. As he passed over the now famous Tepeyac hill (located in Mexico City), he heard the sound of singing and saw an incredibly bright cloud before which a beautiful Lady could be seen. This mysterious Lady told him, "You must know and be very certain in your heart, my son, that I am truly the perpetual and perfect Virgin Mary, holy mother of the True God through whom everything lives, the Creator and Master of Heaven and Earth. I wish and intensely desire that in this place my sanctuary be erected so that in it I may show and make known and give all my love, my compassion, my help and my protection to the people." Our blessed Mother then instructed Juan Diego that he was to inform the bishop of her desires.

Understandably, after Juan Diego told the news of what happened to him and what our Lady wanted, the bishop was skeptical. A disheartened Juan Diego met our Lady again at the top of Tepeyac. Though Juan tried to convince Mary to send someone more dignified than himself, she insisted that it be he who carry the message again to the bishop. So, Juan gave it another attempt the following day.

Still, although more intrigued this time, the bishop demanded that the mysterious Lady give some sign in order that he might be convinced that it was indeed the Mother of God. That same day in the evening, Juan met the Mother of God once again on top of Tepeyac. She assured him that she would provide such a sign.

However, Juan's uncle was deathly ill, so he preoccupied himself that whole next day with caring for his uncle and didn't return to see the Lady to obtain the sign. On the following day, Dec. 12th, 1531, Juan Diego was on his way to find a priest who could come and anoint his uncle. Embarrassed that he did not return to Tepeyac in order to retrieve the sign from Mary, when Juan needed to pass by Tepeyac hill in route to find the priest, he tried to avoid Her by not going to the top of the hill. Yet, Mary came down the hill and intercepted him and said the following: "Listen and be sure, my dear son, that I will protect you; do not be frightened or grieve, or let your heart be dismayed, however great the illness may be that you speak of. Am I not here? I, who am your Mother, and is not my help a refuge? Am I not of your kind? Do not be concerned about your uncle's illness, for he is not going to die. Be assured, he is already well. Is there anything else that you need?"

After these consoling words, Mary told Juan to ascend the hill and there he would find flowers in bloom (the arid conditions on that hill should never have been able to produce the type of flowers he found.) Sure enough, Juan found gorgeous Castilian roses. As Juan picked the flowers, Mary arranged with her own hands and helped him gather them in his garment (tilma).

In the presence of the bishop again, Juan Diego told the bishop of all that had happened and allowed his garment to open and the roses fell to the ground. But, that wasn't all! Juan's garment now miraculously contained the exact image of the Lady who had appeared to him 4 times. At this, the bishop fell to his knees and asked the Blessed Mother to pardon him for doubting that it was truly her who had appeared and her messenger.

The bishop responded quickly to the Blessed Mother's request that a sanctuary be built on Tepeyac hill. Within a period of two weeks, a simple adobe sanctuary (little shrine) was erected on the side of the hill.

While the look of the sanctuary has changed forms throughout the centuries, the garment with the miraculous image of our Lady remains virtually the same as it was nearly 500 years ago (a miracle in itself). In fact, anyone can travel to Mexico City to see the miraculous garment this very day.

Friends, as we approach Christmas, let's invoke Our Lady of Guadalupe to continue to show us Her compassionate care as we remember her words: "Am I not here? I, who am your mother... Is there anything else you need?"

Happy Gaudete Sunday!

With fatherly love, Fr. Stiles



# Dec 14th & 15th, 2019 | The 3rd Sunday of Advent

MARYSBURG		LECTORS		COLLECTION OFFICERS		EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS		GIFT BEARERS		ALTAR SERVERS	
	Saturday	Sunday	Saturday	Sunday	Saturday	Sunday	Saturday	Sunday	Saturday	Sunday	
December 14 & 15	Annie Davis		John Page	Don Adams	Chris & Ann Biehn	Theresa Rohlfling	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 Meyer	Volunteers Needed			
		Marilyn Kluntz	Pat Riley	Greg Germscheid	Rita Ramy	Sue Leiferman					
December 24 & 25	Isabel Sieberg		Henry Strobel	Steve Rohlfling	Phil Rothmeier	Jim & Barb Folden	Frank Kammerdiener	Volunteers Needed	Savannah Meyer	Volunteer	
		Cindy Krenik	Jackson Meyer	VOLUNTEER	Patrick Baker & Joe Meyer	Volunteer Needed	Chris Kammerdiener		Charlotte Meyer	Volunteer	

  

NATIVITY		LECTORS		COLLECTION OFFICERS		EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS		GIFT BEARERS		ALTAR SERVERS	
	Saturday	Sunday	Saturday	Sunday	Saturday	Sunday	Saturday	Sunday	Saturday	Sunday	
December 14 & 15	Kathy Dauk	Kelly McCabe	Dick Davis	Janet Walechka	Mary Klaseus, Kathy Dauk	Jaci Kopet, Ann Rohlfling					
			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					
Christmas 24 & 25	Nancy Heldberg	Mary Klaseus	Jim Cink	Mary Haase	Mike K, Jaci K, Rita K,	Andy Queen					
			Carol Lawrence	Nick Klaseus	Rita M, Barb T	Nick & Mary Klaseus					

The following members of our Faith Communities have asked for our prayers... Flip Blaschko, Griffin Dumdei, Richie Krueger, Sheila Wolff, Debra Schmah, 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, Evalyn & 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.



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

To add or remove a name on this list, please email the Parish Office:

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>15</b> 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT 8:30 AM NATIVITY & 10:30AM MARYSBURG <b>Nativity Breakfast &amp; Cookie Sale 9 am</b> AA MTG. MB Hall 6:30 PM †BOB & IRENE KRENIK †Y ALL PARISHIONERS	<b>16</b> Mass 8 am at Marysburg	<b>17</b> Mass 8 am at Nativity †STEVEN HENDLEY	<b>18</b> Mass 8 am at Marysburg Christmas Choir Practice 6 pm at Nativity FAITH FORMATION CLASSES Nativity - Cleveland @ 6:30 pm	<b>19</b> No Mass NAT PASTORAL CNCL, 7 PM	<b>20</b> Mass 8 am at Nativity †JOHN KLUNTZ	<b>21</b> 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
<b>22</b> 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT 8:30 AM NATIVITY & 10:30AM MARYSBURG AA MTG. MB Hall 6:30 PM †MIKE & ANDY STRUCK †BETTY BISCH	<b>23</b> Mass 8 am at Marysburg PARISH OFFICE HOURS: 9 - 11 AM	<b>24</b> Vigil of Christmas 4 pm @ Nativity 6 pm @ Marysburg PARISH OFFICE CLOSED	<b>25</b> MERRY CHRISTMAS! 8:30 am Mass @ Nativity 10:30 am Mass @ Marysburg PARISH OFFICE CLOSED NO FAITH FORMATION!	<b>26</b> No Mass PARISH OFFICE CLOSED	<b>27</b> Mass 8 am at Nativity †LIVING & DISEASED MEMBERS OF THE DAVE MARTINSON FAMILY	<b>28</b> 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
<b>29</b> 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	<b>30</b> Mass 8 am at Marysburg PARISH OFFICE HOURS: 9 - 12 PM	<b>31</b> Mass 8 am at Nativity PARISH OFFICE CLOSED	<b>1</b> Mass 9 am at Marysburg Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God PARISH OFFICE CLOSED NO FAITH FORMATION!	<b>2</b> No Mass PARISH OFFICE HOURS: 9 AM - 4 PM	<b>3</b> Mass 8 am at Nativity PARISH OFFICE HOURS: 9 AM - 4 PM †Y FATHER ADAMS	<b>4</b> 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 †Y ALL PARISHIONERS †Y ALL PARISHIONERS
<b>5</b> THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD 8:30 AM NATIVITY & 10:30AM MARYSBURG Coffee & Rolls 9:30 am at Nativity AA MTG. MB Hall 6:30 PM †JOHN KLUNTZ †ANN DAUK	<b>6</b> Mass 8 am at Marysburg	<b>7</b> Mass 8 am at Nativity	<b>8</b> Mass 8 am at Marysburg FAITH FORMATION CLASSES Nativity - Cleveland @ 6:30 pm	<b>9</b> No Mass	<b>10</b> Mass 8 am at Nativity	<b>11</b> VIGIL OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD NAT PENANCE: 3:15-3:45 MASS: 4 PM MB PENANCE: 5:30-5:45, MASS 6 PM †VERNETTE BIEHN