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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

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Jesus Christ

Nativity



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

12.29.2019

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



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.

~ local things ~

<< SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD 01-01-20 >>

Please join us for Mass celebrating the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God on Wednesday, January 1st at 9:00 AM at Marysburg.

< YOUTH SUMMER EVENTS MARK YOUR CALENDARS >

Totus Tuus - June 7th - 12th, 2020
Steubenville - July 10th - 12th, 2020
VBS (St. Mary's) - August 2nd - 6th, 2020

<< 2020 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES AVAILABLE NOW >>

Parishioners can pick up their 2020 offertory envelopes in the vestibule of each church. Questions please see Parish Office.

Pre-Synod Prayer for the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis

Come Holy Spirit
Make our ears to hear
Make our eyes to see
Make our mouths to speak
Make our hearts to seek
Make our hands to reach out
And touch the world with your love.
AMEN.
Mary, Mother of the Church
Pray for us.



Photo: Mural of the Holy Spirit at the Cathedral of St. Paul
Dave Hrbacek | The Catholic Spirit

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS!

Dec 14th & 15th, 2019

Marysburg: \$821.00 | Nativity: \$2,175.00

Dec 21st & 22nd, 2019

Amounts will be shared next weekend 1/5/20.

Dec 24th & 25th, 2019

Amounts will be shared next weekend 1/5/20.



We thank you for considering our parishes for your charitable giving. Please note that donations or offerings to either parish (Marysburg or Nativity) need to be dated and postmarked no later than 12-31-2019 and delivered to the Parish Office for 2019 year-end giving. Any questions, please reach out, thank you for your generosity and for thinking of us.



Steubenville Rochester Youth Conference

All current 8th – 12th grade students are invited to participate in this July 10-12, 2020 weekend conference packed with great speakers, small group discussions, Mass, Reconciliation, and Adoration. Registrations may be found at the church entrances.

Rise Up/Twin Cities Middle School Conference

Students in grades 6-8 are invited to a one day conference in Plymouth, MN. Young people will be strengthened in their relationship with Christ through keynote speakers, praise & worship, Adoration, Reconciliation, and lots of fun activities!! Registrations may be found at the church entrances.

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)

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!

Calling all youth grades 8-12
A Night of Food, Faith, Fun, & Fellowship

Join us for **Youth Group**

At St. Mary's Social Hall

Sunday January 12th, 2020

from 6:00-8:00pm

Come spend time with each other and the Lord in an evening
of games, discussion, praise & worship. Meal provided.



From the desk of Father James Stiles

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Happy Feast of the Holy Family! This is, indeed, a feast day in which all of us can rejoice given that all of us have come from a family.

It is a marvelous reality to ponder that of all the ways God could have chosen to enter into this world, He chose to become one of us—to take on our full human nature and the experiences bound up with it. Yet, what is more, it is important for us to remember and truly marvel at the fact that God didn't just become one of us; but, His human existence began within a family. This fact loudly speaks of the importance and dignity of every human family. The human family is, in fact, the 'context' in which God first chooses to reveal Himself to us; for, as the teaching of the Church has made clear, the family is the "Domestic Church" (cf. Catechism of the Catholic Church, par. 1655ff).

I've been around long enough, and especially since I've become a priest, to know that not all family life is experienced as it ought to be. Not everyone is blessed with a marriage marked through-and-through by mutual love. Not every marriage has survived the 'test of time.' Consequently, many children have not experienced the fullness of the family as a place of love, education, and encounter with the living Lord. At worst, a child's experience of growing up in a broken family can often damage their perception of the human family, marriage, and even of God.

Indeed, we live in a culture which in many ways profoundly undermines the dignity of the human family and which sows much confusion about its true nature and purpose. So, allow me to simply state some fundamental truths of the human family:

- The family is the fundamental unit of society. Therefore, healthy families = healthy society.
- The institution of the family, which begins with marriage between one man and one woman, was created by God. Therefore, no human power ever has the right nor the authority to validly redefine the true nature of marriage or of the family.
- Marriage has as its aim the procreation and education of children and the mutual assistance in leading one's spouse to heaven.
- Marriage has been elevated by Christ to the level of being a Sacrament. This means that the unity and the indissoluble bond between husband and wife is a living witness to the perfect union of love which exists between Christ and his Bride, the Church, and, in a certain way, makes it present.

-The family is a community. Like every community, there must exist order if it is to thrive. Scripture teaches us that the husband is to lead the family as Christ leads the Church, always with sacrificial love and with a servant's heart. He must always choose what is truly good for his wife and children. He must never dominate nor act selfishly toward his wife. The wife, providing indispensable wisdom and so many gifts proper to her femininity, is equal in dignity to her husband and is his blessed companion. She is to willingly respect and support the leadership of the her husband in both temporal and spiritual affairs insofar as they are in accord with the true good of the family. If we liken the family to the image of a body, the husband is the head and the wife is the heart (Pope Pius IX). Both the husband and wife equally need each other and mutually benefit from each other. Children are to obey their parents with joy, especially as they discover through time that it is their own flourishing which is the desire and reason for all of their parents' decisions and commands.

To the degree that such fundamental truths regarding the family are not lived out, to that same degree dysfunction enters into family relationships and, at worst, can cause serious psychological, physical, and spiritual suffering.

Let us not despair nor live in fear regarding our ability to taste the sweetness of family life; for, thanks be to God, He has given us an example of a perfect family, the family of Joseph, Mary, and Jesus. All the fundamental truths mentioned above are on display in their family life. With the help of God our families can be what He has created them to be. On this feast of the Holy Family, we ask the intercession of Joseph, Mary, and Jesus to teach us how to be family. May we experience the family as a foretaste of that communion of fruitful love which we'll experience, please God, for all eternity with our Lord.

With fatherly love,
Fr. Stiles

Our Cluster Parish Mass Times...

2019 CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL: WE HAVE MET OUR GOALS FOR 2019!

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

Congratulations to both parishes, and thank you! As a bonus, now that we donated 100%+ of our goal, we will receive 25% of the total that we raised 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, so thank you all!
MB \$5,902.50 Received (114% from 35 donors)
NAT: \$6,690 Received (127% from 47 donors)



ST. MARY - LE CENTER

ST. HENRY

Sat. 3:45-4:20 PM Confessions
4:30 PM Mass

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

Sun. 10:00 AM Mass
12:00 PM Mass (Spanish)

Tue 5 PM, Wed/Thur/Fri 9 AM Mass

Staying in Touch...

Immaculate Conception of Marysburg

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Dec. 28th & 29th, 2019 | The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph

MARYSBURG	LECTORS		COLLECTION OFFICERS		EUCARISTIC MINISTERS		GIFT BEARERS		ALTAR SERVERS	
	Saturday	Sunday	Saturday	Sunday	Saturday	Sunday	Saturday	Sunday	Saturday	Sunday
December 28 & 29	Joe Meyer	Jim Folden	Albert Weinandt	Bill McCabe	Leo Riley & Phil Rothmeier	Theresa Rohlfling	Larry & Annie	Jacob & Grace		
January 4 & 5	Mary Kay Naegle	Sue Leiferman	Clint Kortuem	Pat Corrow	Joe Meyer, Leo Riley	Pat Baker	Mary Wolff and	The Strobel		
January 11 & 12	Chris Biehn	Marcia Stapleton	Mark Meyer	Jon Sullivan	Chris & Ann Biehn	Theresa Rohlfling	Steve & Teresa	Rick & Sue		

NATIVITY	LECTORS		COLLECTION OFFICERS		EUCARISTIC MINISTERS		GIFT BEARERS		ALTAR SERVERS	
	Saturday	Sunday	Saturday	Sunday	Saturday	Sunday	Saturday	Sunday	Saturday	Sunday
December 28 & 29	David Cink	Bill Stangler	Rose Hendley	Mary Haase	Lynn Kluntz, Mike Keogh	Barb Truzinski				
December 31	Barb Harris		Barb Truzinski, Janet Walechka		Kathy Dauk, Barb Truzinski, Rita Martinson					
January - 2020 4 & 5	Kathy Dauk	Nancy Heldberg	Rose Hendley	Janet Walechka	Rita Martinson	Jaci Kopet, Ann Rohlfling				

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
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 - 12 PM	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!	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 Y ALL PARISHIONERS Y ALL PARISHIONERS
5 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	6 Mass 8 am at Marysburg	7 Mass 8 am at Nativity	8 Mass 8 am at Marysburg FAITH FORMATION CLASSES Nativity - Cleveland @ 6:30 pm	9 No Mass	10 Mass 8 am at Nativity	11 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 ☪MARGARET KORTUEM
12 THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD 8:30 AM NATIVITY & 10:30AM MARYSBURG AA MTG. MB Hall 6:30 PM ☪DOROTHY ROHLFLING	13 Mass 8 am at Marysburg	14 Mass 8 am at Nativity ☪BUD MCCABE MB FINANCE CNCL, 6 PM MB PASTORAL CNCL, 7 PM	15 Mass 8 am at Marysburg FAITH FORMATION CLASSES Nativity - Cleveland @ 6:30 pm	16 No Mass NAT PASTORAL CNCL, 7 PM	17 Mass 8 am at Nativity ☪STEVEN HENDLEY	18 VIGIL OF THE 2ND SUNDAY IN OT NAT PENANCE: 3:15-3:45 MASS: 4 PM MB PENANCE: 5:30-5:45, MASS 6 PM ☪DARLENE TREANOR
19 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 8:30 AM NATIVITY & 10:30AM MARYSBURG Nativity First Reconciliation 6:30 PM AA MTG. MB Hall 6:30 PM ☪JOE BAKER	20 Mass 8 am at Marysburg	21 Mass 8 am at Nativity	22 Mass 8 am at Marysburg FAITH FORMATION CLASSES Nativity - Cleveland @ 6:30 pm	23 No Mass	24 Mass 8 am at Nativity	25 VIGIL OF THE 3RD SUNDAY IN OT NAT PENANCE: 3:15-3:45 MASS: 4 PM MB PENANCE: 5:30-5:45, MASS 6 PM ☪MIKE & ANDY STRUCK ☪JUDY VOSBEEK