

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

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WEEKEND MASSES:
Rotating every other weekend between IC of Marysburg and Nativity
Saturdays, 5:00 pm (Indoors)
Nat Sundays, 8:30 am (Indoors)
MB Sundays, 10:30 am (Indoors)
RECONCILIATION TIMES:
Sat. 4:00-4:40 pm - Rotating between Parishes based on where the 5 PM Mass is being held. First come, first served.

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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27528 Patrick St., Madison Lake MN 56063
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200 Main Street, Cleveland MN 56017

10.18.2020

Starting this weekend, all Masses will be INDOORS. The MN statewide mask mandate requires the wearing of a face mask. In addition, use hand sanitizer as you enter and exit the church, maintain 6 ft social distance, and please stay home if you are experiencing any cold like symptoms. Thank you!

ONLINE GIVING AVAILABLE
Visit our website www.maryschurches.com and click on the "Online Giving" link from easily found on our Home Page.
Marysburg and Nativity have partnered with 'Vanco Payment Solutions' to allow you to Donate to the parish of your choice via online, or using your Smart Phone with the "Give Plus" APP!
Questions, email office@maryschurches.com

NATIVITY PARISH FESTIVAL OFFERINGS - DONATIONS IN PLACE OF OUR EVENT THIS YEAR
Sept. Week 1: \$340.00 | Sept. Week 2: \$2,935.00
Sept. Week 3: \$3,192.00 | Sept. Week 4: \$400.00
Oct. Week 1: \$675.00
* Rolling Grand Total: \$7,542.00! *
If you would like to give, checks may be mailed to the Parish Office. Please be sure to make checks payable to "Nativity" and have "Festival" in the memo line.
Thank you all for your support!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS!

Auto Monthly Giving Oct. 1st, 2020
Marysburg: \$ 1,725.00 | Nativity: \$675.00
Oct. 3rd & 4th, 2020
Marysburg Actual: \$ 2,864.00
Marysburg Budget: \$2,263.00
Nativity Actual: \$ 880.00
Nativity Budget: \$1,308.00

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<< FAITH FORMATION CLASSES >>
Grades 1-5 start on Wed. Oct. 21st at 6:30 PM.
Grades 6-9 & 10 start on Wed. Oct. 28th at 6:30 PM.
Masks are required indoors.
Opening mass for the children only.

<< MARYSBURG CCW MEETING >>
The next Marysburg CCW Meeting will be held on Thursday, November 5th at 6:00 PM at the Marysburg Parish Hall.
Masks are required indoors.

<< HOLY LAND 2ND COLLECTION >>
There will be a 2nd collection in the coming weeks as a part of the collective Archdiocese efforts, for the annual Good Friday Holy Land Appeal. Stay tuned for more dates of this collection.
Please make checks payable to "Center For Mission" Memo: Holy Land.

<< LIVE-STREAM SUNDAY MASSES >>
Join us ONLINE on Sunday from the safety of your home at 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM for a LIVE-stream of our Sunday Mass via Facebook at www.facebook.com/maryschurches
You do not need a Facebook account to tune in.

<< UPCOMING MASS SCHEDULES >>
*** All Masses here on out will now be INDOORS! ***
Sat. Oct. 17th: 5:00 PM at Nativity
Sun. Oct. 18th: 8:30 AM at Nativity
Sun. Oct. 18th: 10:30 AM at Marysburg
Sat. Oct. 24th: 5 PM at Marysburg
Sun. Oct. 25th: 8:30 AM at Nativity
Sun. Oct. 25th: 10:30 AM at Marysburg
Sat. Oct. 31st: 5 PM at Nativity
Sun. Nov. 1st: 8:30 AM at Nativity
Sun. Nov. 1st: 10:30 AM at Marysburg
Sat. Nov. 7th: 5 PM at Marysburg
Sun. Nov. 8th: 8:30 AM at Nativity
Sun. Nov. 8th: 10:30 AM at Marysburg
Sat. Nov. 14th: 5 PM at Nativity

<< HAVING OR KNOW OF A LOCAL EVENT? >>
Email office@maryschurches.com to share details.

MARYSBURG PASTORAL COUNCIL
A message from Brad Strobel (Pastoral Council President): A heads-up for mid-October, if anyone would be willing to be on the Marysburg Church Parish Council, Please prayerfully consider it. Thank you.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER:
"My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most holy Eucharist. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly with you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen."

FAITH FORMATION FAMILIES REGISTRATION FOR CLASSES DUE ASAP!!!

Parents - we ask that you please register your child / children for the 2020-2021 Faith Formation program school year this week.
If you would like to receive the registration form via email, please send a note to the Parish Office at office@maryschurches.com (or leave a voice mail at 507-243-3166).
OR please go online to www.maryschurches.com/faith-formation where you may both register & pay online!
Classes for grades 1-5 begin on Wed. October 21st, and classes for grades 6-9 & 10 begin on Wed. October 28th, so please register now.

PRO-LIFE ACTION MINISTRIES PRESENTS: 40 DAYS FOR LIFE TWIN CITIES FALL 2020
NOW through November 1st | 6:00 AM - 6:00 PM Every Day
The Closing Prayer Vigil on Sunday, November 1st at 3:00 PM
Location: 671 Vandalia St., St. Paul, MN 55114 (Planned Parenthood)
For more info visit: plam.org/events/ or call Brian Walker at 651-797-6363

National Vocation Awareness Week will be celebrated November 1st - 7th, 2020.
Please ask Our Lord for more dedicated, holy priests, deacons and consecrated men and women.
May they be inspired by Jesus Christ, supported by our faith community, and respond generously to God's gift of a vocation.

MARYSBURG & NATIVITY PARISH OFFICE UPDATES:
Please note that the Parish Office will remain Closed to the Public and is managed by staff virtually.
Virtual Office House: Monday - Thursday, 9:15 AM - 4:00 PM, as needed, closed Friday.
The best way to connect with Jill in the Parish Office is via email office@maryschurches.com
If you prefer a phone call from Jill, please call and leave a Voice Mail Message and you will receive a call back.
If you find you need to reach someone urgently, you may contact the St. Mary / St. Henry Office at 507-357-6633 and ask for Father Stiles or Father Sandquist.

VINE Faith in Action - Mankato

Call VINE Faith in Action if you are interested in learning about their innovative program for those with progressive illnesses.

Adult day programs can reduce social isolation and provide a needed break for caregivers.

Call Mary W. at (507) 386-5577 for additional information, or visit their website at www.vinevolunteers.com

Cluster Parish Mass Times...

ST. MARY - LE CENTER

ST. HENRY

Confessions Sat. 5:00 PM Mass
Tues. & Fri. 6:00-6:30pm (St. Mary's)

Sun. 9:00 AM Mass (indoors)
12:00 PM Mass (Spanish, indoors)

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



SACRAMENTAL LIFE AT

MARYSBURG & NATIVITY...

BAPTISM: Baptism is normally offered once each month. To have your child baptized, please contact Fr. Sandquist to reserve your spot and to schedule a Baptism Class. The class is about one hour long. We encourage you to contact us even before the child is born.

MARRIAGE: Please contact Fr. Sandquist at least 6 months in advance. All couples must complete a weekend retreat as well as marriage preparation classes.

CONFIRMATION: Youth are prepared in grades 9 & 10 during Faith Formation classes. For adult confirmation, contact Fr. Stiles.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Communal anointing for the Parish is once each year in the Spring.

*For private anointings, contact our Parish Office. In an emergency you may call Fr. Stiles at 507-456-8473.

Staying in Touch...

Immaculate Conception of Marysburg

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From the desk of Father James Stiles

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How to Vote? Part II

In last weekend's bulletin article (10-4-20), I wrote that a Catholic is called to vote according to a well-formed conscience. Indeed, "Catholics have a serious and lifelong obligation to form their consciences in accord with human reason and the teaching of the Church" (Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, 17). Let's take another look at how we form our conscience, especially as it pertains to political issues, which are often moral issues.

"The formation of conscience includes several elements. First, there is a desire to embrace goodness and truth. For Catholics, this begins with a willingness and openness to seek the truth and what is right by studying Sacred Scripture and the teaching of the Church as contained in the Catechism of the Catholic Church. It is also important to examine the facts and background information about various [political] choices. Finally, prayerful reflection is essential to discern the will of God. Catholics must also understand that if they fail to form their consciences in the light of the truths of the faith and the moral teachings of the Church they can make erroneous judgments" (FCFC, 18, emphasis mine).

Having laid out some of the key elements necessary regarding forming our conscience, let's consider something that many voters face in our political arena these days. When it comes to voting for a particular candidate, we often are faced with a moral dilemma: namely, no political candidate's political platform is fully in accord with the truth. What do we do? The Catholic bishops provide some helpful guidance. I quote them here at length:

Decisions about political life are complex and require the exercise of a well-formed conscience aided by prudence. This exercise of conscience begins with outright opposition to laws and other policies that violate human life or weaken its protection. Those who knowingly, willingly, and directly support public policies or legislation that undermine fundamental moral principles cooperate with evil (FCFC, 31)... Catholics often face difficult choices about how to vote. This is why it is so important to vote according to a well-formed conscience that perceives the proper relationship among moral goods. A Catholic cannot vote for a candidate who favors a policy promoting an intrinsically evil act, such as abortion, euthanasia, assisted suicide, deliberately subjecting workers or the poor to subhuman living conditions, redefining marriage in ways that violate its essential meaning, or racist behavior, if the voter's intent is to support that position. In such cases, a Catholic would be guilty of formal cooperation in grave evil. At the same time, a voter should not use a candidate's opposition to an intrinsic evil to justify indifference or inattentiveness to other important moral issues involving human life and dignity (FCFC, 34)... There may be times when a Catholic who rejects a candidate's unacceptable position even on policies promoting an intrinsically evil act may reasonably decide to vote for that candidate for other morally grave reasons. Voting in this way would be permissible only for truly grave moral reasons, not to advance narrow interests or partisan preferences or to ignore a fundamental moral evil. When all candidates hold a position that promotes an intrinsically evil act, the conscientious voter faces a dilemma. The voter may decide to take the extraordinary step of not voting for any candidate or, after careful deliberation, may decide to vote for the candidate deemed less likely to advance such a morally flawed position and more likely to pursue other authentic human goods (35,36)... In making these decisions, it is essential for Catholics to be guided by a well-formed conscience that recognizes that all issues do not carry the same moral weight and that the moral obligation to oppose policies promoting intrinsically evil acts has a special claim on our consciences and our actions. These decisions should take into account a candidate's commitments, character, integrity, and ability to influence a given issue. In the end, this is a decision to be made by each Catholic guided by a conscience formed by Catholic moral teaching (37) (Emphasis is mine in this entire quote.)

The entire quote above is very balanced and nuanced. Perhaps reading it numerous times would prove helpful.

My dear brothers and sisters, our task to be Catholics who vote with a well-formed conscience is not an easy one. Yet, what a marvelous privilege it is we have in this country to help decide how we are governed by having the freedom to vote. Again, let us invoke the Holy Spirit's guidance and may we make the most prudent and morally sound decision we can make come November 3rd. God bless you!
Fr. Stiles

Oct. 17th & 18th: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

ATTN: MARYSBURG LECTORS...

A volunteer is needed to Lector on Saturday, November 7th at 5:00 PM at Marysburg for the Vigil Mass. If you can Lector this Mass, please let Jill know via email at: office@maryschurches.com THANK YOU!

ATTN: NATIVITY LECTORS...

Mary Klaseus has connected with you all recently and has worked out the Lector schedule for the Church of the Nativity. Any questions regarding the schedule, please reach out to Mary directly, or email Jill.

*The Lector Schedules are now available on our website. Please take a look...
www.maryschurches.com

Thank you all! -Jill and Mary (Stewardship Schedulers)

PARISH OFFICE UPDATE:

Please know that Father Stiles has been working very closely with Jill Cusick with regards to formulating a plan with Jill's DR in order for her to safely return to the office, in-person. Jill is our Administrative Assistant and as some of you may know, due to a chronic illness, is at high risk during this pandemic.

In order for Jill to return in-person safely, the Parish Office must remain ***CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC*** for the foreseeable future. Right now the tentative plan is for Jill to be on-site once each week, Fridays, starting Oct. 23rd. We will share the official plan with you all once we have it. It will be important you do NOT stop in to see her while she is in the office.

To view our Covid-19 Preparedness Plan for all Staff & Volunteers, please visit -
www.maryschurches.com/covid-19-preparedness-plan
Any questions on this, please see Fr. Stiles.
Thank you & God bless you!

The following members of our Faith Communities have asked for our prayers...
Sue Leiferman, Sue Borglum, Marie Young, Seth Hamman, Agnes Morgan, Griffin Dumdei, Richie Krueger, Sheila Wolff, Debra Schmahl, Caiden Kelly, Keely Davis, Josh Hummer, Justin Kaus, Larry VanTol, Eugene Germscheid, Jim Scheuer, Levi Bensen, Mrs. Karl (Sandy) Germscheid, Maurice Thelemann, Quentin Shevy, Hunter Schmitz, 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 Moge-re Family, Tim Petersen, Kent Pearce, Mary Androli, Bernice Rezak, David Krenik, Terry Sadowski, James Connor, Natalie Bruender, Robert Ani, 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 INTENTIONS: Email office@maryschurches.com; suggested donation \$7/Mass. {KEY: Y=LIVING | ☩=DECEASED | LEFT=NATIVITY | RIGHT=MARYSBURG | WEEKDAY=CENTERED}

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| 18 THE 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 8:30 AM NATIVITY 10:30 AM MARYSBURG LECTOR: BARB HARRIS LECTOR: JOHN KLUNTZ AA MTG. MB Hall 6:30 PM ☩DARLENE TREANOR | 19 Mass 8 am at Marysburg ☩JANE DORAN | 20 Mass 8 am at Nativity | 21 Mass 8 am at Marysburg Grades 1-5 FAITH FORMATION CLASSES Nativity - Cleveland @ 6:30 pm ☩JOHN & THERESA WEIRS | 22 No Mass | 23 Mass 8 am at Nativity ☩RENE MCCABE | 24 VIGIL OF THE 30TH SUNDAY IN OT MARYSBURG - PENANCE: 4-4:40 PM - MASS: 5:00 PM LECTOR: JOE MEYER ☩DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE MEYER & BIEHN FAMILIES |
| 25 THE 30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 8:30 AM NATIVITY 10:30 AM MARYSBURG LECTOR: ANDY QUEEN LECTOR: JIM FOLDEN AA MTG. MB Hall 6:30 PM Y ALL PARISHIONERS | 26 Mass 8 am at Marysburg | 27 Mass 8 am at Nativity MB FIN CNCL, 6 PM NAT FIN CNCL, 7:15 PM | 28 Mass 8 am at Marysburg Grades 6-9 & 10 FAITH FORMATION CLASSES Nativity - Cleveland @ 6:30 pm | 29 No Mass | 30 Mass 8 am at Nativity ☩BUD & RENE MCCABE | 31 VIGIL OF ALL SAINTS NATIVITY - PENANCE: 4-4:40 PM - MASS: 5:00 PM LECTOR: KATHY DAUK |
| 1 SUNDAY - ALL SAINTS DAY 8:30 AM NATIVITY 10:30 AM MARYSBURG LECTOR: KELLY MCCABE LECTOR: MARILYN KLUTNZ AA MTG. MB Hall 6:30 PM | 2 Mass 8 am at Marysburg | 3 Mass 8 am at Nativity | 4 Mass 8 am at Marysburg Grades 1-5 FAITH FORMATION CLASSES Nativity - Cleveland @ 6:30 pm | 5 No Mass MARYSBURG CCW MEETING Marysburg Parish Hall @ 6:00 pm | 6 Mass 8 am at Nativity Y FR. ADAMS | 7 VIGIL OF 32 SUNDAY IN OT MARYSBURG - PENANCE: 4-4:40 PM - MASS: 5:00 PM LECTOR: VOLUNTEER NEEDED ☩RAY & SALLY MARTINSON |
| 8 SUNDAY - 32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 8:30 AM NATIVITY 10:30 AM MARYSBURG LECTOR: BILL STANGLER LECTOR: SARAH GUENTZEL AA MTG. MB Hall 6:30 PM ☩ANN DAUK | 9 Mass 8 am at Marysburg | 10 Mass 8 am at Nativity | 11 Mass 8 am at Marysburg Grades 6-9 & 10 FAITH FORMATION CLASSES Nativity - Cleveland @ 6:30 pm | 12 No Mass | 13 Mass 8 am at Nativity | 14 VIGIL OF 33 SUNDAY IN OT NATIVITY - PENANCE: 4-4:40 PM - MASS: 5:00 PM LECTOR: MARY KLASEUS |