

**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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# Nativity



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## 2020 CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

Serve the Poor | Support Life | Strengthen the Faith

Each year, the Catholic Services Appeal funds 20 Designated Ministries, with your help! We are in the final weeks of giving for 2020 and we encourage you to give to the Catholic Services Appeal Foundation to help support the 20 ministries here locally in MN, some of which have touched the lives of our very own priests, and so many, many more!  
Marysburg Goal: \$6,257.00 | MB Amount Received: \$4,079.40 | Only \$2,178 to go!  
Nativity Goal: \$6,093.00 | NAT 2020 Goal Reached! Thank you!  
These totals are as of 12-11-2020.

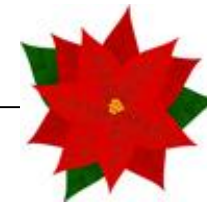
Give Online at GiveCSAF.org | Learn more at www.csafspm.org

### RETIRED RELIGIOUS 2ND COLLECTION DEC. 12TH AND 13TH

Please note the 2nd collection taking place THIS weekend, as a part of the collective Archdiocese efforts, for the annual Retired Fund for Religious (RFR). Please make checks payable to "Center For Mission" Memo: Retired Religious. We encourage you to give as you are able. Thank you!

REQUEST SLIPS DUE IN ASAP, PLEASE!

## 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 \*ASAP! Each memorial will be listed in the 2020 Christmas Bulletin. Questions email: office@maryschurches.com

YOUR NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ Marysburg (\_\_\_) // Nativity (\_\_\_)

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

List Names for Memorials: \_\_\_\_\_

### INDOOR MASSES - MASKS REQUIRED:

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.

### PLEASE CONSIDER ONLINE GIVING

www.maryschurches.com

Click "Online Giving" found on Home Page.

### 2020 YEAR END GIVING

Please be sure to have your donations for Marysburg or Nativity Parishes to the Parish Office prior to Dec. 21st, 2020. Checks must be dated this year and post marked before the end of the year to count for this year. Please reach out to the Parish Office with any questions. God bless you & thank you for giving!

### WINTER WEATHER CANCELATIONS:

Sign up for Flocknotes to receive text/email notifications regarding winter weather related Mass cancellations; email office@maryschurches.com. Also, stay tuned to our website and facebook pages for updates as well - www.maryschurches.com www.facebook.com/maryschurches We will live-stream Mass when we cannot be in-person.

2021 Offering Envelopes are available in the main entry of the churches. Please take a moment to pick them up. 2021 calendars are available as well, please take one. If you have a neighbor or family member that cannot make it to church, please take their envelopes and a calendar to drop off at their home. if you are able.

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS!

• WEEKEND OF NOV 28th & 29TH •

Marysburg Actual: \$2,29.93 | Cem: \$400  
Budget: \$2,263.00  
Nativity Actual: \$760.00  
Budget: \$1,308.00

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### <<< FAITH FORMATION CLASSES >>>

All Grades have class on Dec 16th at 6:30 PM.  
\*\*All classes are ONLINE / VIRTUAL until further notice.\*\*  
No Class on Wed Dec 30th.

### < CHRISTMAS CAROLING NIGHT for FAITH FORMATION >

All Grades will meet for a Christmas Caroling Night in place of Class, on Wed. Dec. 23rd, outdoors at 6:30 PM at the Church of the Nativity in Cleveland. Please see email from Jen Kluntz for details.

### <<< LIVE-STREAM SUNDAY MASSES >>>

Join us ONLINE on Sundays 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. We will do our very best to bring you both Masses live.

### <<< UPCOMING MASS SCHEDULES >>>

Sat. Dec. 12th: 5 PM at Nativity  
Sun. Dec. 13th: 8:30 AM at Nativity  
Sun. Dec. 13th: 10:30 AM at Marysburg  
Sat. Dec. 19th: 5 PM at Marysburg  
Sun. Dec. 20th: 8:30 AM at Nativity  
Sun. Dec. 20th: 10:30 AM at Marysburg  
Thurs. Dec. 24th: Christmas Eve: 2 PM & 4 PM at Nativity  
Thurs. Dec. 24th Christmas Eve: 6 PM at Marysburg  
Fri. Dec. 25th Christmas Day: 8:30 AM at Nativity  
Fri. Dec. 25th Christmas Day: 10:30 AM at Marysburg  
Sat. Dec. 26th: 5 PM at Nativity  
Sun. Dec. 27th: 8:30 AM at Nativity  
Sun. Dec. 27th: 10:30 AM at Marysburg  
Thu. Dec. 31st: 6:00 PM at Marysburg  
Fri. Jan. 1st, 2021: 8:00 AM at Nativity  
Sat. Jan. 2nd, 2021: 5 PM at Marysburg  
Sun. Jan. 3rd, 2021: 8:30 AM at Nativity  
Sat. Jan. 9th: 5 PM at Nativity  
Sun. Jan. 10th: 8:30 AM at Nativity  
Sun. Jan. 10th: 10:30 AM at Marysburg

### < HAVING OR KNOW OF A LOCAL OR ONLINE EVENT? >

Email office@maryschurches.com to share details and have it featured here in the weekly parish bulletin!

## Dec. 12th & 13th: Third Sunday of Advent

*Parish Office Updates: The plan remains for the Parish Office to be CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC for the foreseeable future. Jill is scheduled to be on-site no earlier than 9 am and no later than 5 pm. We ask that you please do not stop by the Marysburg Parish Hall during these times on the following dates:*

*Fri Dec 18th, Wed Dec 23rd, Wed Dec 30th, and Fri Jan 8th as Jill will be on site.*

*This complete and official Covid-19 Safety Plan for Jill may be found on our website.*

*All questions on this matter, please see Father Stiles directly. (Jill's first day back was Friday, October 23rd.) Thank you & God bless you! Stay healthy & safe!*

## Cluster Parish Mass Times...

### ST. MARY - LE CENTER

### ST. HENRY

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

Sat. 5:00 PM Mass

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



### FAITH FORMATION UPDATE

- A NOTE FROM JEN KLUNTZ, DRE...

"Now that our Faith Formation program is in full distance learning, our students will either have online classes or assignments shared in a parent email every week. Parents please watch for an email from your child's Faith Formation teacher each week. We appreciate your support at home. As a team, we will continue to grow the faith of our precious youth."

THANK YOU!

## 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:** Private anointings contact our Parish Office. In an emergency please call Fr. Stiles at 507-456-8473.

## Staying in Touch...

### Immaculate Conception of Marysburg

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# From the desk of Father Timothy Sandquist

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### St. Joseph's Assistance

What was Joseph to do in such a perplexing situation? Mary was found to be pregnant and he was not the father. Did he suspect that Mary had been unfaithful to him? Or did he believe himself to be unworthy of being part of the plan that God was working through Mary? I don't know. But either way, he had a tough decision to make.

Scripture says that he pondered (enthumeomai) this situation (Mt 1:20). Ultimately he decided upon divorcing Mary "quietly", which is to say – not publicly. While he made the best decision he could with what he knew, it still wound up being the incorrect one. The angel visited him and told him to take Mary as his wife. He obeyed.

We see here that even saints can find themselves in situations where they aren't sure how to act. Sometimes our own judgement is not enough, we need God to enlighten our minds to follow him on the path he calls us.

If this is the case, then St. Joseph is a perfect patron for us to go to when we find ourselves in perplexing situations. If he needed special help to know God's will, then what compassion and understanding would he have for us in the same situation. And so, we can confidently ask St. Joseph the "righteous man" (Mt 1:19) for his prayers. After all, scripture tells us "the prayer of a righteous man has great power" (James 5:16).

On December 8th, Pope Francis released a new apostolic letter about St. Joseph called *Patris Corde* (With a Father's Heart). In this letter he reveals that "every day, for over forty years" he himself has recited a prayer to Saint Joseph, requesting his help. He explains that this prayer "expresses devotion and trust, and even poses a certain challenge to Saint Joseph." Perhaps we may wish to use this same prayer ourselves:

*Glorious Patriarch Saint Joseph, whose power makes the impossible possible, come to my aid in these times of anguish and difficulty. Take under your protection the serious and troubling situations that I commend to you, that they may have a happy outcome. My beloved father, all my trust is in you. Let it not be said that I invoked you in vain, and since you can do everything with Jesus and Mary, show me that your goodness is as great as your power. Amen.*

God bless,

Fr. Sandquist

### Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

Vigil Mass Thursday, December 31st, 2020 at 6 PM at Marysburg

Friday, January 1st, 2021 at 8 AM at Nativity

This is a Holy Day of Obligation. In ordinary circumstances, Catholics are obliged to participate in Mass on Sundays and other holy days of obligation. This obligation is suspended by the Archbishop due to the Covid-19 pandemic. We will live-stream this Mass for those parishioners who wish to participate in the Mass from the safety of their homes.

# Dec. 12th & 13th: Third Sunday of Advent

## ~ Marysburg & Nativity 2020 Christmas Mass Schedule ~

Please see the Lector Schedule below for the Christmas Masses scheduled for this year. Any questions, please reach out to Jill in the Parish Office for Marysburg or Mary Klaseus for Nativity, thank you so much!

Stay updated at [www.maryschurches.com/christmas-mass-schedule](http://www.maryschurches.com/christmas-mass-schedule)

### Thursday, December 24th - Christmas Eve Masses

2 PM at Nativity Lector: Barb Harris  
 4 PM at Nativity Lector: Nancy Heldberg  
 6 PM at Marysburg Lector: Becky Meyer

### Friday, December 25th - Christmas Day Masses

8:30 AM at Nativity Lector: Sue Serbus  
 10:30 AM at Marysburg Lector: James Folden

### Thursday, December 31st - Vigil of the Solemnity of Mary

6 PM at Marysburg Lector: Sarah Guentzel

### Friday, January 1st - Solemnity of Blessed Virgin Mary

8 AM at Nativity Lector: Mary Klaseus

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING CHRISTMAS MASSES...

- There will not be a sign-up for any Christmas Masses, please note that once our capacity reaches 50%, we cannot admit any more people.
- All Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Masses will be livestreamed.
- The FM transmitter will be used for all Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Masses.
- At Nativity and Marysburg, we cannot say for sure yet which FM station we will use. We will announce as soon as this is determined.
- Holy Communion will be offered to people in their cars outside for all Masses.
- We will need Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion for ALL Christmas Masses. We think this is how many we will need:
  - Nativity 2 PM - two (one for cars outside, one to help priest)
  - Nativity 4pm - two (one for cars outside, one to help priest)
  - Marysburg 6 PM - two (one for parish hall + cars outside, one to help priest)
  - Nativity 8:30 AM - preferably two (one for cars, one to help priest)
  - Marysburg 10:30 AM - preferably two (one for parish hall + cars, one to help priest)
- \*If you are willing & able to be a Eucharistic Minister, please email Jill at the Parish Office at [office@maryschurches.com](mailto:office@maryschurches.com) and indicate which Mass date & time.
- Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Mass OVERFLOW information:
  - Nativity will of course have the walls down for overflow as usual.
  - The Marysburg social hall will be open for both Christmas Masses as overflow.
  - The livestream will be shown on the TV.

The following members of our Faith Communities have asked for our prayers...

Rick Leiferman, Daryl E. Blatzheim, Jennifer Kephart, Kathy Dahl, 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, David Clark, 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, Mya Walechka, Lana Dahl, Alec Heuer, Jim Meagher, and Betty Kinney.



\*MASS INTENTIONS: Email [office@maryschurches.com](mailto:office@maryschurches.com); suggested donation \$7/Mass. {KEY: Y=LIVING | ☩=DECEASED | LEFT=NATIVITY | RIGHT=MARYSBURG | WEEKDAY=CENTERED}

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>13</b> SUNDAY - 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT 8:30 AM NATIVITY   10:30 AM MARYSBURG LECTOR: KELLY McCABE LECTOR: SARAH GUENTZEL  AA MTG. MB Hall 6:30 PM ☩DARLENE TREANOR	<b>14</b> Mass 8 am at Marysburg	<b>15</b> Mass 8 am at Nativity  ☩JOHN KLUNTZ	<b>16</b> Mass 8 am at Marysburg  All Grades FAITH FORMATION CLASSES Online - Virtual @ 6:30 pm	<b>17</b> No Mass	<b>18</b> Mass 8 am at Nativity  PARISH OFFICE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC JILL ON SITE	<b>19</b> VIGIL OF 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT MARYSBURG - PENANCE: 4-4:40 PM - MASS: 5:00 PM  LECTOR: BECKY MEYER OR VOLUNTEER  ☩LIVING & DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE DAVE MARTINSON FAMILY
<b>20</b> SUNDAY - 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT 8:30 AM NATIVITY   10:30 AM MARYSBURG LECTOR: NANCY HELDBERG LECTOR: CINDY KRENIK  AA MTG. MB Hall 6:30 PM	<b>21</b> Mass 8 am at Marysburg  PARISH OFFICE CLOSED; PTO	<b>22</b> Mass 8 am at Nativity  PARISH OFFICE CLOSED; PTO	<b>23</b> Mass 8 am at Marysburg  FAITH FORMATION CHRISTMAS CAROLING NIGHT @ 6:30 pm; NATIVITY  PARISH OFFICE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC - JILL ON SITE	<b>24</b> CHRISTMAS EVE Mass Times 2 pm at Nativity 4 pm at Nativity 6 pm at Marysburg  PARISH OFFICE CLOSED	<b>25</b> CHRISTMAS DAY Mass Times 8:30 am at Nativity 10:30 am at Marysburg  PARISH OFFICE CLOSED	<b>26</b> VIGIL OF THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY NATIVITY - PENANCE: 4-4:40 PM - MASS: 5:00 PM  LECTOR: KATHY DAUK
<b>27</b> SUNDAY - FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY 8:30 AM NATIVITY   10:30 AM MARYSBURG LECTOR: BILL STANGLER LECTOR: JOHN KLUNTZ  AA MTG. MB Hall 6:30 PM  Y ALL PARISHIONERS Y ALL PARISHIONERS	<b>28</b> Mass 8 am at Marysburg  PARISH OFFICE CLOSED; PTO	<b>29</b> Mass 8 am at Nativity  PARISH OFFICE CLOSED; PTO	<b>30</b> Mass 8 am at Marysburg  NO FAITH FORMATION Christmas Break  PARISH OFFICE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC - JILL ON SITE	<b>31</b> VIGIL OF THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY Mass Times 5 pm at St. Mary's 6 pm at Marysburg  PARISH OFFICE CLOSED	<b>1</b> SOLEMNITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Mass Times 8 am at Nativity 9 am at St. Mary's  PARISH OFFICE CLOSED	<b>2</b> VIGIL OF THE EPIPHANY MARYSBURG - PENANCE: 4-4:40 PM - MASS: 5:00 PM  LECTOR: JOE MEYER  Y ALL PARISHIONERS
<b>3</b> SUNDAY - THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD 8:30 AM NATIVITY   10:30 AM MARYSBURG LECTOR: TBD LECTOR: CINDY KRENIK  AA MTG. MB Hall 6:30 PM	<b>4</b> Mass 8 am at Marysburg	<b>5</b> Mass 8 am at Nativity	<b>6</b> Mass 8 am at Marysburg  All Grades FAITH FORMATION CLASSES Online - Virtual @ 6:30 pm	<b>7</b> No Mass	<b>8</b> Mass 8 am at Nativity	<b>9</b> VIGIL OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD NATIVITY - PENANCE: 4-4:40 PM - MASS: 5:00 PM  LECTOR: TBD