

**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

# Immaculate Conception

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# Nativity



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PLEASE CONSIDER ONLINE GIVING  
www.maryschurches.com  
Click "Online Giving" found on Home Page.

### 2020 YEAR END GIVING

Thank you to all that sent in donations for Marysburg or Nativity Parishes to the Parish Office prior to Dec 31st!  
To be counted for 2020, donations had to be post-marked before the end of the year.  
God bless you & thank you for giving!

### 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.

### 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 into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen."

2020 2nd Collection for Retired Religious:  
Marysburg: \$273.00 | Nativity: \$400.00

### 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.

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

Faith Formation moves back to the Hybrid Model starting January 6th with Grades 6-10, then alternating weeks of in person classes with Grades 1-5. Stay up to date with all info via our website at [www.maryschurches.com/faith-formation](http://www.maryschurches.com/faith-formation)

### < MARCH FOR LIFE - YOUTH & FAMILY CONFERENCE >

Fri. Jan. 22nd, 2021 - H.S. & College Students are invited to this day of prayer, inspiration, pro-life education & advocacy for the pre-born. Families are welcome and may register as a group at [www.archspm.org/marchforlife](http://www.archspm.org/marchforlife)  
Cost is \$10 per person, please bring your own bagged lunch.

### <<< 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](http://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. 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  
Sat. Jan. 16th: 5 PM at Marysburg  
Sun. Jan. 17th: 8:30 AM at Nativity  
Sun. Jan. 17th: 10:30 AM at Marysburg  
Sat. Jan. 23rd: 5 PM at Nativity  
Sun. Jan. 24th: 8:30 AM at Nativity  
Sun. Jan. 24th: 10:30 AM at Marysburg  
Sat. Jan. 30th: 5 PM at Marysburg

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

Please email the Parish Office at [office@maryschurches.com](mailto:office@maryschurches.com) to share details and have it featured here in the weekly parish bulletin and our website as well!

## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

SATURDAY, JANUARY 2ND - SUNDAY, JANUARY 3RD, 2021

### ~ 2020 CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL ~

Serve the Poor | Support Life | Strengthen the Faith

As we end this year so very close to the 2020 goal for Marysburg, we thank each of you for giving! Every year, the Catholic Services Appeal funds 20 Designated Ministries, with your help! We continue to encourage you to give to the Catholic Services Appeal Foundation as you are able, to help support the 20 ministries here locally in MN, some that have touched the lives of our own priests!  
Marysburg Goal: \$6,257.00 | MB Amount Received: \$6,029.40 | Only \$227.60 shy.  
Nativity Goal: \$6,093.00 | NAT Amount Received: \$7,115.00 | Goal Reached! Thank you!  
These totals are as of 12-28-2020.

Give Online at [GiveCSAF.org](http://GiveCSAF.org) | Learn more at [www.csafspm.org](http://www.csafspm.org)

## The Archdiocese is looking for Totus Tuus Team Members. Is God calling YOU to serve?

Bring the good news to the next generation; share the faith, build friendship, answer the call and become a 2021 TOTUS TUUS Summer Missionary in the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis! The Archdiocese is in need of men and women ages 18-26 committed to their Catholic faith who feel called to share it in local parishes with youth (grades 1-12). This is a 2-month commitment: May 29 - July 28 (which includes one week of training and a one-week break for the 4th of July holiday).  
\* Missionaries will receive \$2,520.00 for their service.

To apply visit [www.archspm.org/totustuus](http://www.archspm.org/totustuus) or contact Nancy Schulte Palacheck at 651-291-4489 or [schulten@archspm.org](mailto:schulten@archspm.org) for additional information. Apply by FRI. FEB. 1ST, 2021.

### HAPPY NEW YEAR PARISHIONERS!!!

Offering Envelopes for the new year and 2021 Parish Calendars are available in the main entry of the churches. Please take a moment to pick them up. Calendars are free for the taking for your homes. 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 help!

## Jan. 2nd & 3rd: The Epiphany of the Lord

**FAITH FORMATION FAMILIES** - Updates on our Faith Formation Program:

Correction to last weekends' bulletin: We were not able to host the Christmas Caroling last Wednesday the 23rd at Nativity due to winter weather, it was cancelled.

Reminder - we plan to return to the Hybrid Model learning on January 6th. We will start with Grades 6-10, then we will rotate in-person classes at Nativity every other week with Grades 1-5.

Stay connected with us by following our Faith Formation Facebook Page at [www.Facebook.com/MBNATFF](http://www.Facebook.com/MBNATFF) | Thank you all! | Jen Kluntz -D.R.E.

## 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



## THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS!

- WEEKEND OF DEC 19TH & 20TH •  
Marysburg Actual: \$2,131.00  
Budget: \$2,260.00  
Nativity Actual: \$1,860.00  
Budget: \$2,260.00
- MONTHLY ELECTRONIC GIVING •  
January 1st, 2021  
Marysburg ACH: \$1,725.00  
Nativity ACH: \$675.00

## 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...

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## From the desk of Father James Stiles

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## Unexpected Gifts

About two weeks ago, Fr. Sandquist and I did a short video on "The Gift That Jesus Wants" (check it out on our parish Facebook page). The question we raised in the video was what gift are you giving to Jesus this Christmas. After all, we reminded the audience, it is His birthday.

In today's Gospel, we hear of the three Magi (Wise Men) who brought gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh to Jesus. We are perhaps so used to hearing this story that we don't think much of these gifts. We don't ask ourselves why these particular gifts were given.

The Magi believed that Jesus was going to be a king someday. The gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh would have been costly gifts and therefore fitting for a king. Yet, there is more to it than this.

Some Christian saints have seen spiritual significance to these gifts. The spiritual significance of the gold is basically the same as its natural significance. It is a symbol of royalty and so points to the kingship of Jesus. The other two gifts are a bit different. Frankincense was commonly used (and still is today—this is a certain kind of incense) to be burned as part of ritual worship of God. Therefore, although the Magi may not have suspected this, Christian writers have interpreted the gift of frankincense as pointing to Jesus' divinity. Finally, myrrh (a kind of oil) was used for various purposes. One of them was to anoint the body of a deceased person before they were buried. For example, in John's Gospel, it states that Nicodemus brought with him myrrh as he accompanied Joseph of Arimathea to retrieve the body of Jesus from the cross (JN 19:39). Therefore, Christian writers have interpreted this gift as pointing to the death that the great king Jesus would undergo for our salvation.

Whatever meaning we attribute to the gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh, it is clear that the Magi brought Jesus gifts of great value. What are we willing to give to Jesus during this Christmas season? What is the gift that He truly wants from you?

## God bless you all! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

With fatherly love,

Fr. Stiles

# Jan. 2nd & 3rd: The Epiphany of the Lord

## MARYSBURG & NATIVITY PARISH OFFICE UPDATES:

- The Parish Office is CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC for the foreseeable future. Jill is scheduled to be on-site between the hours of no sooner than 9:00 am and no later than 5:00 pm once a week.
- We ask that you please do not stop by the Marysburg Parish Hall during these times on the following dates: Fri Jan 8th, Fri Jan 15th, Fri Jan 22nd, and Fri Jan 29th.
- Questions on this matter, please see Fr. Stiles directly. God bless - stay healthy & safe!



The following members of our Faith Communities have asked for our prayers...  
 Aubrey Rober, Wally Krenik, 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, 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.

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

[office@maryschurches.com](mailto:office@maryschurches.com)

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP SCHEDULES ARE ONLINE!

For NATIVITY PARISH OF CLEVELAND - please visit <https://maryschurches.com/stewardship-cleveland>

For MARYSBURG PARISH OF MADISON LAKE - please visit <https://maryschurches.com/stewardship-marysburg>

Volunteers that wish to be added to the Stewardship Schedules, please contact us;

For Nativity, please contact Mary Klaseus at [mary.klaseus@gmail.com](mailto:mary.klaseus@gmail.com)

For Marysburg, please contact Jill Cusick at [office@maryschurches.com](mailto:office@maryschurches.com)

Please Note: Marysburg is in need of a LECTOR for Sat. Jan. 30th at 5 PM.

\* If you wish to have the schedule emailed to you, please reach out to Jill in the Parish Office.

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>3</b> SUNDAY - THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD 8:30 AM NATIVITY   10:30 AM MARYSBURG LECTOR: BARB HARRIS LECTOR: CINDY KRENIK  AA MTG. MB Hall 6:30 PM  †JOE & SANDY PETE Y ALL PARISHIONERS	<b>4</b> Mass 8 am at Marysburg	<b>5</b> Mass 8 am at Nativity	<b>6</b> Mass 8 am at Marysburg  Grades 6-10 FAITH FORMATION CLASSES Hybrid Model @ 6:30 pm	<b>7</b> No Mass	<b>8</b> Mass 8 am at Nativity  PARISH OFFICE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC - JILL ON SITE	<b>9</b> VIGIL OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD NATIVITY - PENANCE: 4-4:40 PM - MASS: 5:00 PM LECTOR: SUE SERBUS  †ROBERT KLUNTZ
<b>10</b> SUNDAY - THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD 8:30 AM NATIVITY   10:30 AM MARYSBURG LECTOR: ANDY QUEEN LECTOR: JOHN KUNTZ  AA MTG. MB Hall 6:30 PM  †WILLIAM PETE	<b>11</b> Mass 8 am at Marysburg	<b>12</b> Mass 8 am at Nativity	<b>13</b> Mass 8 am at Marysburg  Grades 1-5 FAITH FORMATION CLASSES Nativity @ 6:30 pm	<b>14</b> No Mass	<b>15</b> Mass 8 am at Nativity  PARISH OFFICE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC - JILL ON SITE  †BUD MCCABE	<b>16</b> VIGIL OF THE 2ND SUNDAY IN OT MARYSBURG - PENANCE: 4-4:40 PM - MASS: 5:00 PM LECTOR: BECKY MEYER
<b>17</b> THE 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 8:30 AM NATIVITY   10:30 AM MARYSBURG LECTOR: ANDY QUEEN LECTOR: MARILYN KLUNTZ  AA MTG. MB Hall 6:30 PM  †MAURICE THELEMANN	<b>18</b> Mass 8 am at Marysburg	<b>19</b> Mass 8 am at Nativity	<b>20</b> Mass 8 am at Marysburg  Grades 6-10 FAITH FORMATION CLASSES Nativity @ 6:30 pm	<b>21</b> No Mass	<b>22</b> Mass 8 am at Nativity  PARISH OFFICE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC - JILL ON SITE  †BOB HAGEN	<b>23</b> VIGIL OF THE 3RD SUNDAY IN OT NATIVITY - PENANCE: 4-4:40 PM - MASS: 5:00 PM LECTOR: MARY KLASEUS  †ROBERT KLUNTZ
<b>24</b> THE 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 8:30 AM NATIVITY   10:30 AM MARYSBURG LECTOR: NANCY HELDBERG LECTOR: JAMES FOLDEN  AA MTG. MB Hall 6:30 PM  †PETE WOLFF	<b>25</b> Mass 8 am at Marysburg	<b>26</b> Mass 8 am at Nativity	<b>27</b> Mass 8 am at Marysburg  Grades 1-5 FAITH FORMATION CLASSES Nativity @ 6:30 pm	<b>28</b> No Mass	<b>29</b> Mass 8 am at Nativity  PARISH OFFICE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC - JILL ON SITE	<b>30</b> VIGIL OF THE 4TH SUNDAY IN OT MARYSBURG - PENANCE: 4-4:40 PM - MASS: 5:00 PM LECTOR: VOLUNTEER NEEDED