

**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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Jesus Christ

# Nativity

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PLEASE CONSIDER ONLINE GIVING  
Marysburg and Nativity both accept donations online  
digitally, via credit cards.  
If you wish to give online, simply visit  
[www.maryschurches.com](http://www.maryschurches.com)  
Click "Online Giving" found on Home Page.  
Or email the Parish Office and we will connect you to a  
direct link within your email.  
You may also download and use the GIVE+ App.

**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."

**WINTER WEATHER CANCELATION PLANS:**  
Sign up for Flocknotes to receive text/email  
notifications regarding winter weather related Mass can-  
cellations; email office@maryschurches.com.  
Also, stay tuned to our website and facebook pages for  
updates as well - [www.maryschurches.com](http://www.maryschurches.com)  
We will live-stream Mass when we cannot be in-person  
via [www.facebook.com/maryschurches](http://www.facebook.com/maryschurches)

**2021 OFFERING ENVELOPES & PARISH CALENDARS**  
Please pick up your envelopes and calendars today!  
2021 Offering Envelopes and 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.

## = c l o s e t o h o m e =

**<<< FAITH FORMATION CLASSES >>>**  
Faith Formation has moved back to in-person learning  
alternating weeks of classes with  
Grades 1-5 on Wed. Jan. 27th,  
and Grades 6-10 on Feb. 3rd.  
Stay up to date with all info via our website at  
[www.maryschurches.com/faith-formation](http://www.maryschurches.com/faith-formation)

**<< 2021 ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES | FEB. 17TH >>**  
8:00 AM at Marysburg - Madison lake  
6:30 PM at Nativity - Cleveland

**<<< LIVE-STREAM WEEKEND MASSES >>>**  
All live-streamed / recorded Masses and events can be found on  
the Immaculate Conception + Nativity Facebook Page at  
<https://facebook.com/maryschurches>  
Once you are on the Facebook page, you can either scroll down  
to see the most recent video posts, or you can click "Videos" to  
see all video posts. You do not have to have a Facebook account  
to watch. Join us for Mass from the safety of your home.  
Plannin ahead - Mass on Sat Jan 30th will NOT be live-streamed

**<<< UPCOMING MASS CANCELLATIONS >>>**  
Please note that there will be NO 8 AM DAILY MASS  
on the following dates...  
No Mass at Marysburg on Mon Jan 25th  
No Mass at Marysburg on Wed Jan 27th; there will be Mass at 9  
AM at St Mary's in Le Center.  
No Mass at Nativity on Fri Feb 12th or M'burg on Mon Feb 15th

**<<< UPCOMING MASS SCHEDULES >>>**  
Sat. Jan. 23rd: 5 PM at Nativity  
Sun. Jan. 24th: 8:30 AM at Nativity / 10:30 AM at Marysburg  
Sat. Jan. 30th: 5 PM at Marysburg  
Sun. Jan. 31st: 8:30 AM at Nativity / 10:30 AM at Marysburg  
Sat. Feb. 6th: 5 PM at Nativity  
Sun. Feb. 7th: 8:30 AM at Nativity / 10:30 AM at Marysburg  
Sat. Feb. 13th: 5 PM at Marysburg  
Sun. Feb. 14th: 8:30 AM at Nativity / 10:30 AM at Marysburg

**< HAVING OR KNOW OF A LOCAL OR ONLINE EVENT? >**  
Please email the Parish Office at office@maryschurches.com  
to share details and have it featured here in the parish bulletin  
or on our website or Facebook pages.

## THE 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 23RD - SUNDAY, JANUARY 24TH, 2021

The Marysburg Council of Catholic Women would like to extend a HUGE Thank You  
to everyone who gave to the "No Cookie" cookie sale, enabling us to continue our charitable contributions this year. Some of our charities  
include "Our Lady of Peace Cancer Home", "Sacred Heart Haiti Mission", "Birthright of Mankato", "Madonna Plan", "Help-a-Child", and we give  
locally to families that may have experienced loss of some kind. We also reach out to parishioners that may be homebound or elderly and our  
priests with Christmas cards. You have been very generous and we truly Thank You! Also, a thank you to the ladies that have paid their \$5 dues  
for 2021. The \$5 CCW dues for this year can be placed in the collection basket or mailed to Marysburg Church, ATTN CCW".  
Please make checks payable to Marysburg CCW or if cash, place in an envelope marked Marysburg CCW.

**STEBENVILLE ROCHESTER YOUTH CONFERENCE - MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**  
All current 8th-12th grade students are invited to participate in this July 23-25, 2021 weekend conference - packed with great speakers,  
small group discussions, Mass, Reconciliation, and Adoration. Read more about it at  
<https://stebenvilleconferences.com/events/nroch/> Registrar for Steubenville Youth Conference will be available in January.

**PLEASE NOTE - CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY - NEW PARISH OFFICE MAILING ADDRESS**  
The decision was made by Fr. Stiles & Parish Leaders, with logistics and best practices in mind, to close the Nativity Cleveland  
PO Box and have all future mail go directly to the shared Parish Office at 27528 Patrick Street, Madison Lake, MN 56063.

**A MESSAGE FROM OUR NEW PARISH STAFF MEMBER - TARA ROBINSON**  
Tara joins our team as the Business Administrator and will handle all the finances for both Marysburg & Nativity  
out of the St. Mary's / Le Center office. Please join us in showing her a warm welcome!

"Hello Parishioners of Nativity and Immaculate Conception! My name is Tara Robinson, and I am excited to introduce  
myself as your new Business Administrator. I have worked for the Churches of St. Mary and St. Henry for the past 10 1/2  
years, I have been the Treasurer for the City of Kilkenny for the past 13 years, and I also manage  
the accounting for my husband's construction company for the past 24 years.

I grew up in Le Center and I have been married to my high school sweetheart for 23 years,  
Guy Robinson. We have two beautiful and talented children, Gabby (21) who is a junior at  
Hamline University and plays on the Volleyball and Basketball Teams and Gabe (18) who is  
a senior at Tri-City United High School and plays on the Football, Basketball, Golf, and Trap  
Teams. In-between working and running to sporting events I enjoy spending time with family  
and friends. I am excited for the new role here and I look forward to serving the parishes of  
Nativity and Immaculate Conception."

Tara Robinson | tarar@frontier.com



## Jan. 23rd & 24th: The 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Reminder - this past week we returned to in-person learning. On January 27th we will meet with Grades 1-5. We will rotate every other week.

Important Dates: First Reconciliation April 11th at 4 PM, First Holy Communion April 25th at 8:30 AM, and Confirmation May 15th at 11 AM - all at Nativity.

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



## From the desk of Father James Stiles

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### Chosen by Love

It is a profound thing to consider that we've been chosen by our God to follow Him. It is an even more profound thing to consider why. In today's Gospel we hear about Jesus choosing four of His disciples who would eventually form part of His closest group of friends and coworkers (i.e. the 12 Apostles). While we may not be able to answer the question why God chose specifically Andrew, Simon-Peter, James and John (the sons of Zebedee), we can answer the question in a broader and more important sense.

It is not really our concern why certain individuals get called by God to do certain things. Our concern is why He chooses anyone at all. Ask yourself why you are reading this bulletin article right now. Why are you a Christian disciple? No matter how many reasons you may give (e.g. "I am a parishioner"; "I want to know when the next parish festival is"; "I have always been Catholic"; "My parents taught me to be so"; "I find Christianity to be the most helpful and true faith"), the answer to the question "Why am I a follower of Christ?" needs a deeper answer.

It is simply because God loves you. Because He loves you, He chooses you to be His. He needs absolutely nothing from you. Yet, He wants to give everything to you. I realize this sounds like "elementary" Christianity, something perhaps you've heard since you were a little kid. Yet, honestly, how deeply have we received this truth? Better put, how deeply are we continually receiving this truth? Receiving God's love, the most important thing we can do as human beings, is much harder for us than we like to admit or even are aware of.

The more that we discover this Good News of God's "loving us", the less we rely on our own set of criteria for what makes us a "successful" human being, someone of worth. The more we discover and live from within God's love, the freer we are from our sins—we more firmly believe we are forgiven, we have the strength of His grace to sin less, and begin to no longer live with the often unbearable burden of shame. Finally, we find ourselves, quite surprisingly, with the desire and capacity to generously respond to His love for us. We are surprised how far our love for God will take us. How do the saints live such radically loving lives? They continually rediscover God's love for them to such a degree that their greatest desire is to love God with their whole heart.

Throughout this week, I encourage you to ask God to make His love known to you more than ever before. Ask Him to give you the courage to be loved so deeply. Yes, it takes great courage to be loved so deeply! Don't be surprised if you, like the four Apostles in our Gospel today, "feel" the urge to leave behind certain things in your life so as to follow Jesus more wholeheartedly.

*We have come to know and to believe in the love God has for us.  
God is love, and whoever remains in love remains in God and God in him. (1 JN 4:16)*

With fatherly love,

Fr. Stiles

## Cluster Parish Mass Times...

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS!

#### ST. MARY - LE CENTER

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

#### ST. HENRY

Sat. 5:00 PM Mass

Sun. 9:00 AM Mass (indoors)

12:00 PM Mass (Spanish, indoors)

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



• WEEKEND OF JAN 9TH & 10TH •

Marysburg Actual: \$1,091.50  
Budget: \$2,260.00

Nativity Actual: \$1,244.25  
Budget: \$2,260.00

### 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...

### Immaculate Conception of Marysburg

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\*Note Change in Chairman for Marysburg, Jan 2021

# Jan. 23rd & 24th: The 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

## MARYSBURG & NATIVITY PARISH OFFICE UPDATES:

The Parish Office & Church 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 or Church during these times on the following dates: Fri Jan 29th, Fri Feb 5th, Fri Feb 12th, and Fri Feb 19th. | Questions on this matter, please see Fr. Stiles directly. God bless - stay healthy & safe! Thank you so much for your understanding and for your help in keeping our parish family safe!

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP SCHEDULES ARE ALL ONLINE!

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

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

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR JAN 30TH & 31ST!** Marysburg is in need of a LECTOR for Sat Jan 30th at 5 PM, and a Eucharistic Minister for Sun Jan 31st at 10:30 AM. If you wish to volunteer, or to have the schedule emailed to you, please reach out to Jill in the Parish Office.

ATTN: PARENTS - Fr. Stiles and Fr. Sandquist received a memo from the Archdiocese Office of Worship letting them know that they can now use, on a regular basis, Altar Servers for Masses. They feel they can do this safely. Effective immediately, all trained Altar Servers are welcome to serve at Mass, so if your child is interested when attending, we won't have a schedule, however, we encourage them to volunteer to serve if they wish, at any in-person Mass at Marysburg & Nativity, as needed. Any questions, please reach out to Jill in the Parish Office. Thank you so much & God bless!

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, 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)



\*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>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> No Mass <i>Funeral Mass of Kelly Stenzel</i> 10:30 AM at Marysburg FR. STILES ON VACATION JAN 25TH - FEB 1ST	<b>26</b> Mass 8 am at Nativity	<b>27</b> No Mass 9 AM MASS AT ST. MARY'S IN LE CENTER 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 ☩RUSSELL & EILEEN KRENIK	<b>30</b> VIGIL OF THE 4TH SUNDAY IN OT MARYSBURG - PENANCE: 4-4:40 PM - MASS: 5:00 PM LECTOR: **VOLUNTEER NEEDED** <i>Visiting Priest: Fr. Kevin Clinton</i> No Live-Stream
<b>31</b> THE 4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 8:30 AM NATIVITY   10:30 AM MARYSBURG LECTOR: BILL STANGLER LECTOR: SARAH GUENTZEL <i>Visiting Priest: Fr. Kevin Clinton</i> AA MTG. MB Hall 6:30 PM	<b>1</b> Mass 8 am at Marysburg	<b>2</b> Mass 8 am at Nativity ☩MAURICE BROWN	<b>3</b> Mass 8 am at Marysburg Grades 6-10 FAITH FORMATION CLASSES Nativity @ 6:30 pm	<b>4</b> No Mass	<b>5</b> Mass 8 am at Nativity PARISH OFFICE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC - JILL ON SITE	<b>6</b> VIGIL OF THE 5TH SUNDAY IN OT NATIVITY - PENANCE: 4-4:40 PM - MASS: 5:00 PM LECTOR: KATHY DAUK <i>Tonsager/Woefel Wedding 2 PM, Nativity</i> ☩MIKE & ANDY STRUCK
<b>7</b> THE 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 8:30 AM NATIVITY   10:30 AM MARYSBURG LECTOR: BARB HARRIS LECTOR: CINDY KRENIK AA MTG. MB Hall 6:30 PM	<b>8</b> Mass 8 am at Marysburg FR. SANDQUIST ON VACATION FEB 8TH - FEB 16TH	<b>9</b> Mass 8 am at Nativity	<b>10</b> Mass 8 am at Marysburg Grades 1-5 FAITH FORMATION CLASSES Nativity @ 6:30 pm	<b>11</b> No Mass	<b>12</b> No Mass PARISH OFFICE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC - JILL ON SITE	<b>13</b> VIGIL OF THE 6TH SUNDAY IN OT MARYSBURG - PENANCE: 4-4:40 PM - MASS: 5:00 PM LECTOR: BECKY MEYER ☩BUD & RENE MCCABE
<b>14</b> THE 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 8:30 AM NATIVITY   10:30 AM MARYSBURG LECTOR: ANDY QUEEN LECTOR: JOHN KLUNTZ AA MTG. MB Hall 6:30 PM ☩PETE WOLFF	<b>15</b> No Mass	<b>16</b> Mass 8 am at Nativity	<b>17</b> ASH WEDNESDAY 8:00 AM at Marysburg 6:30 PM at Nativity Grades 6-10 FAITH FORMATION CLASSES Nativity @ 6:30 pm	<b>18</b> No Mass	<b>19</b> Mass 8 am at Nativity PARISH OFFICE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC - JILL ON SITE ☩JOHN T. KLUNTZ	<b>20</b> VIGIL OF THE 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT NATIVITY - PENANCE: 4-4:40 PM - MASS: 5:00 PM LECTOR: SUE SERBUS ☩ROBERT KLUNTZ