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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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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
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 CANCELLATION PLANS:
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
We will live-stream Mass when we cannot be in-person via 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.

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<<< UPCOMING MASS CANCELLATIONS >>>
Please note that there will be NO 8 AM DAILY MASS on the following dates...
No Mass at Nativity on Fri Feb 5th, Fri Feb 12th or Marysburg on Mon Feb 15th

<<< FAITH FORMATION CLASSES >>>
Faith Formation has moved back to in-person learning alternating weeks of classes with Grades 6-10 on Feb. 3rd and Grades 1-5 on Feb. 10th.
Stay up to date with all info via our website at 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 SCHEDULES >>>
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
Sat. Feb. 20th: 5 PM at Nativity
Sun. Feb. 21st: 8:30 AM at Nativity / 10:30 AM at Marysburg
Sat. Feb. 27th: 5 PM at Marysburg
Sun. Feb. 28th: 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 4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY, JANUARY 30TH - SUNDAY, JANUARY 31ST, 2021

The Common Thread of Holy Saturday: How a Trauma Lens Can Unite and Strengthen our Catholic Church
Many people spend Holy Saturday (trauma's aftermath), by getting ready for Easter Sunday (triumphal new life), which reflects our overall unease with trauma (Good Friday). Trauma and its aftermath are viewed as something to "get over" as soon as possible, otherwise we risk shame and stigma. We forget: the resurrected Christ still carried his wounds. This presentation will explore the aftermath of trauma, and how use of a trauma lens can serve as powerful witness. We will discuss pastoral responses that help or hurt and will close with a look at what a trauma-responsive Catholic Church might look like. Thursday, February 11, Webinar presentation from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Event is Free. Registration is required (register at least five days in advance of the event); please visit www.collegevilleMN.com/theologyday, call 320-363-3560, or email theologyday@csbsju.edu to register.

STEUBENVILLE 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://steubenvilleconferences.com/events/nroch/>. Registrater 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, as of January 1st, 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. 30th & 31st: The 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

FAITH FORMATION FAMILIES - Updates on our Faith Formation Program:

On Wednesday, February 3rd we will meet with Grades 6-10. We will rotate every other week. Planning ahead, please know that all grades / students are encouraged to attend Ash Wednesday Mass on Wed. Feb. 17th at 6:30 pm at Nativity in Cleveland with their families.

The Faith Formation Butter Braid Fundraiser will kick-off for Grades 6-10 on Feb 3rd and for Grades 1-5 on Feb 10th. All forms are due in by Feb 24th and March 3rd.

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 | Thank you all! | Jen Kluntz -D.R.E.

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

• WEEKEND OF JAN 16TH & 17TH •

Marysburg Actual: \$1,004.00
Budget: \$2,260.00

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

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



Nativity Actual: \$776.00
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...

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*Note Change in Chairman for Marysburg, Jan 2021



From the desk of Father Timothy Sandquist

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Priestly Celibacy

My former pastor, Father (now Bishop) DeGroot would joke with his brothers about why they were bald and he was not: They chose marriage and he chose celibacy.

Joking aside, there are many people who wonder why we the Catholic Church doesn't let priests get married. After all, wouldn't opening up the priesthood to married men help out with the current priest shortage?

I used to think that the reasons for priestly celibacy were purely practical. I thought, for example, that one of the main reasons was that priests didn't have enough time for a family. But this does not get to the heart of it.

The real reason for priestly celibacy can be found in the second reading this Sunday. Here St. Paul says,

"Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties. An unmarried man is anxious about the things of the Lord, how he may please the Lord. But a married man is anxious about the things of the world, how he may please his wife, and he is divided" (1 Cor 7:32)

In this verse, we see that celibacy (i.e. the commitment to remain unmarried) is all about giving one's whole self to the Lord. We, of course, are all supposed to give ourselves to the Lord. But celibacy allows one to give one's self in fuller and more complete way. This is because allows you to give God even that part of your heart that would otherwise be given to your spouse. It's about giving God your undivided attention. This is the real purpose of celibacy.

For me personally, celibacy and the desire to be a priest are directly linked. To be honest, I wouldn't want to be a married priest. To be a priest while having a family would make my priesthood more like a day job than a way of life.

Since becoming a priest, I've also noticed a great gift that comes with celibacy. I've discovered that when you give up a family of your own to follow the Lord, you become, in a sense, part of everyone's family. People invite you more deeply into their lives in a way that they wouldn't otherwise.

While a married priesthood is not impossible (there are married priests in the eastern Catholic Church), it is doubtful that it would result in more priests in the long term. The Protestants have married clergy and they are certainly not bursting at the seams right now.

It would be worthwhile for us to reflect on what would be lost if clerical celibacy were done away with. There would, of course, be the practical considerations: priests would have less time and cost more due to the need to support a family. But far more significant would be the loss of a powerful sign. Celibacy makes priests icons of Jesus who was himself celibate. Jesus didn't marry because he came for another bride: the Church (see Mark 2:19 & 2 Cor 11:2). Celibacy is also a desperately needed sign for the world. It like a billboard that shouts, "This world is not all that there is! There is something more than this life worth living for!"

Please pray for priests that we may better love the Lord with undivided hearts and image Christ for all to see.

-Fr. Sandquist

Jan. 30th & 31st: The 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MARYSBURG & NATIVITY PARISH OFFICE UPDATES: The Parish Office & Church is CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC for the foreseeable future. Our Administrative Assistant is scheduled to be on-site between the hours of no sooner than 9 am and no later than 5 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 Feb 5th, Fri Feb 12th, Fri Feb 19th. Questions on this matter, please see Fr. Stiles directly. God bless - stay healthy & safe! Thank you so much for your understanding.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP SCHEDULES ARE ALL ONLINE!

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

MARYSBURG PARISH OF MADISON LAKE - <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, and for Marysburg, please contact Jill Cusick at office@maryschurches.com

PLEASE NOTE: We will be scheduling ALL Stewardship Positions once again; so we are looking to secure the following for each Mass: Altar Servers, Ushers, Lectors, and Eucharistic Ministers once again! You may hear from Mary or Jill in the near future.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR JAN 30TH & 31ST! Marysburg needs 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!

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

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:

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31 THE 4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 8:30 AM NATIVITY 10:30 AM MARYSBURG LECTOR: BILL STANGLER LECTOR: SARAH GUENTZEL Visiting Priest: Fr. Kevin Clinton AA MTG. MB Hall 6:30 PM	1 Mass 8 am at Marysburg FR. STILES OUT OF TOWN JAN 25TH - FEB 1ST	2 Mass 8 am at Nativity ☩MAURICE BROWN	3 Mass 8 am at Marysburg Butter Braid Fundraiser Kick-off! Grades 6-10 FAITH FORMATION CLASSES Nativity @ 6:30 pm	4 No Mass	5 No Mass PARISH OFFICE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC - JILL ON SITE	6 VIGIL OF THE 5TH SUNDAY IN OT NATIVITY - PENANCE: 4-4:40 PM - MASS: 5:00 PM LECTOR: KATHY DAUK Tonsager/Woefel Wedding 2 PM, Nativity ☩MIKE & ANDY STRUCK
7 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	8 Mass 8 am at Marysburg FR. SANDQUIST OUT OF TOWN FEB 8TH - FEB 16TH	9 Mass 8 am at Nativity	10 Mass 8 am at Marysburg Butter Braid Fundraiser Kick-off! Grades 1-5 FAITH FORMATION CLASSES Nativity @ 6:30 pm	11 No Mass	12 No Mass PARISH OFFICE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC - JILL ON SITE	13 VIGIL OF THE 6TH SUNDAY IN OT MARYSBURG - PENANCE: 4-4:40 PM - MASS: 5:00 PM LECTOR: BECKY MEYER ☩BUD & RENE MCCABE
14 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	15 No Mass	16 Mass 8 am at Nativity	17 ASH WEDNESDAY 8:00 AM at Marysburg 6:30 PM at Nativity All Students - All Grades Attend Ash Wednesday Mass with Families at 6:30 PM	18 No Mass	19 Mass 8 am at Nativity PARISH OFFICE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC - JILL ON SITE ☩JOHN T. KLUNTZ	20 VIGIL OF THE 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT NATIVITY - PENANCE: 4-4:40 PM - MASS: 5:00 PM LECTOR: SUE SERBUS ☩ROBERT KLUNTZ
21 THE 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT 8:30 AM NATIVITY 10:30 AM MARYSBURG LECTOR: KELLY MCCABE LECTOR: MARILYN KLUNTZ AA MTG. MB Hall 6:30 PM ☩PETE WOLFF	22 Mass 8 am at Marysburg	23 Mass 8 am at Nativity	24 Mass 8 am at Marysburg Turn in Butter Braid Fundraiser Form Grades 6-9 FAITH FORMATION CLASSES Nativity @ 6:30 pm Grade 10 - NET Retreat in Le Center	25 No Mass	26 Mass 8 am at Nativity PARISH OFFICE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC - JILL ON SITE	27 VIGIL OF THE 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT MARYSBURG - PENANCE: 4-4:40 PM - MASS: 5:00 PM LECTOR: VOLUNTEER NEEDED