

**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

Centered around Jesus Christ

# Nativity



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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO FATHER TIMOTHY SANDQUIST!

Special belated birthday wishes & prayers for Fr. Sandquist! He celebrated a birthday this past week, Mon. Feb. 1st. Happy Birthday Father - we are so thankful for you in our lives! May God bless you now and always!

## CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY MAILING ADDRESS

The decision was made by Fr. Stiles along with the Parish Leaders, with logistics and best practices in mind, to close the Nativity PO Box in Cleveland and have all future mail go directly to the shared Parish Office at...  
27528 Patrick Street, Madison Lake, MN 56063  
It is important to note that ALL mail will continue to be opened and reviewed by Parish Staff Only. Any questions please see Fr. Stiles or connect with Jill in the shared Parish Office, thank you.

**\* MASKS REQUIRED AT ALL INDOOR MASSES \***  
MN Statewide Mask Mandate requires the wearing of face masks indoors. 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, visit www.maryschurches.com  
We do plan to LIVE-stream each Mass when/if we cannot be in-person via via www.facebook.com/maryschurches  
Thanks for staying connected with us online!

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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 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 1-5 on Feb. 10th  
ALL Grades (1-10) on Feb. 17th for Ash Wednesday Mass.  
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  
\*Stewardship Volunteers Needed, please contact Parish Office.

### <<< 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.

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

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  
Sat. Mar. 6th: 5 PM at Nativity  
Sun. Mar. 7th: 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 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6TH - SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH, 2021

## Together in Hope



The Catholic Services Appeal Foundation is an independent foundation partnering with fellow Catholics to share Christ's love with neighbors in need through ministries that serve the poor, support life and strengthen the Faith.

## Your gift brings hope.

 12,000 PEOPLE PER WEEK RECEIVING FRESH GROCERIES AND HYGIENE ITEMS	 Thousands RECEIVING LIFE-GIVING CARE VIA HOSPITAL CHAPLAINS	 28,000 CATHOLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS BENEFITING FROM IN-PERSON LEARNING	 635 PEOPLE PROVIDED WITH HOUSING/ EMERGENCY SHELTER EACH MONTH
 1,200 HOT MEALS SERVED MONTHLY	 33,000 YOUNG PEOPLE BEING STRENGTHENED IN THE CATHOLIC FAITH	 OVER 50 FUTURE PRIESTS RECEIVING TUITION ASSISTANCE, ROOM AND BOARD	 1,300 WOMEN & FAMILIES PROVIDED WITH PRO-LIFE SUPPORT

## \*MARYSBURG & NATIVITY | 2021 CSAF CAMPAIGN KICK-OFF | NEXT WEEKEND FEB. 13TH & 14TH!\*

PROUDLY ANNOUNCING - THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF FATHER ROGER HESSIAN  
February 19th, 2021 marks the 60th anniversary of Father Roger Hessian's Ordination into the Priesthood! He has humbly served as leader to many congregations, and presided over countless celebrations of holy sacraments for friends, family, and parishioners. Many may remember him for his joy, humor, wisdom, and love that has been his great gift to the Church in his many years of service.  
Marysburg and Nativity parishioners are invited to join in congratulating and honoring this special anniversary. Words of congratulations may be sent directly to: Fr. Roger Hessian, 47 Lemans Drive, Naples, FL 34112-9127

## STEBENVILLE ROCHESTER YOUTH CONFERENCE - REGISTER NOW!

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 the 2021 Steubenville Youth Conference today.

## Feb. 6th & 7th: The 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**FAITH FORMATION UPDATES:** Wed. Feb. 10th we will meet with Grades 1-5, rotating every other week. Planning ahead, all students are encouraged to attend Ash Wednesday Mass on Wed. Feb. 17th at 6:30 pm at Nativity in Cleveland with their families. | **FF FUNDRAISER:** Our Faith Formation Students are selling Butter Braids as a fundraiser for the Nativity/Marysburg Catechism Program. We hope to enhance our program with speakers, music, family events, and some new curriculum. Our program receives \$6 for every Butter Braid sold. This fundraiser will run NOW - March 3rd. Your Butter Braid order will be delivered to you around March 17th, just in time for Easter! We appreciate your support! See a Faith Formation Student in Grades 1-10 to place an order. You may order after Mass starting Feb 13th & 14th. If you're not coming to Masses or do not have a connection to a student, contact Jen Kluntz, DRE, to place an order at [jenniferkluntz@gmail.com](mailto:jenniferkluntz@gmail.com) or 507-382-7338. Thank you for your support!

## Cluster Parish Mass Times...

### 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 5:00 PM  
Wed/Thur/Fri 9 AM Mass



• CONTRIBUTIONS FROM JAN 23RD & 24TH •

Marysburg Actual: \$1,337.00

Budget: \$2,260.00

Nativity Actual: \$1,076.00

Budget: \$2,260.00

Both parishes accept online donations.

To give online, simply visit [MarysChurches.com](http://MarysChurches.com)  
Click "Online Giving" found on Home Page, or email  
the Parish Office and we will send you a direct link.

You may also download and use the GIVE+ App.

## 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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## Missionary Mandate

We're used to hearing about "mask mandates" these days, but our readings present us with another mandate that perhaps we don't hear about often enough – a "missionary mandate." In the readings this Sunday, we learn that evangelization, that is to say, sharing the faith with others, is not an optional thing.

In the second reading, Saint Paul explains how this is especially the case for him. He says, "If I preach the gospel, this is no reason for me to boast, for an obligation has been imposed on me, and woe to me if I do not preach it!"

Since St. Paul received a special grace of revelation of the true faith together with the mercy that comes with it, he recognized that this was not something he could keep to himself. He must freely give just as he had freely received. To do otherwise would be selfish.

In the gospel this Sunday, Jesus says, "Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come." And so, we see here that the very purpose of Jesus' coming is the proclaiming of the gospel.

In the same way, the purpose of the Church is evangelization. We see this from the very beginning. At the conclusion of the Gospel of Matthew, just before Jesus ascended to heaven, he gave the Church her great commission, saying, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you" (Mt 21:19).

Once we understand the importance of evangelization, the next question becomes, "how do I evangelize? Should I stand on a box on the street corner shouting to all who pass by 'Repent! The end is near!'"

Personally, I would not recommend that strategy. What I would recommend is doing what the early Christians did so well. The early Christians evangelized especially well through two things: personal witness and relationships. By personal witness, I mean that they lived their lives in a way that was different than those around them. They didn't participate in the sins of those around them, whether in deed or in speech. And they showed a profound love for each other and for the poor and those in need. This attracted people. By personal relationships, I mean that they shared their faith, not with billboards or programs, but person-to-person, one-on-one.

How do we do this in our own day? Step one is simply choosing to not hide our faith. The goal of secularism is to get us to do just that. Secularism, you could say, is itself a sort of religion that our culture is currently preaching to us and our children. This needs to be combatted. One way to do this is simply by praying before your meals in a restaurant. This may seem like a small thing, but it is not. It shows people that God is not just our God for an hour a week, he is the God of our whole lives – even of those things we might not think of as religious, like meals. After all, if in the Lord's Prayer, we pray for our "daily bread," why shouldn't we thank him when he actually gives it to us?

Another important way we are called to evangelize is by sharing the faith with our kids. Statistics show that parents generally have a far greater influence than anyone else on the faith of their children (including their priests!). But what if your kids are grown up? Well, if you have grandkids, then they can be your "mission territory." Even if your children don't practice the faith, in many cases, it is possible to have a big impact on the faith of your grandchildren. This can be done by teaching them their prayers, reading bible stories to them, or, if possible, even taking them to Mass.

But no matter who we are, there is one way that we can all participate in the Church's mission of sharing the good news, and that is through prayer. St. Therese of Lisieux never left the convent from the time she turned 15, and yet the Church regards her as a patroness of Missionaries because of her prayers. May we share the treasure of our faith, so that all people may come to know the God who made them.

-Fr. Sandquist