

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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MARYSBURG COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN will be holding a meeting on THURSDAY, MARCH 4TH, 2021 at 6:00 pm in the Marysburg Parish Hall. All ladies are welcome to attend.

*** MASKS REQUIRED AT ALL PARISH EVENTS ***
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.

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.

~ THE 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 POLICY:
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 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 date...
No Mass at Marysburg on Mon Feb 15th

<<< FAITH FORMATION CLASSES >>>
ALL Grades (1-10) on Feb. 17th for Ash Wednesday Mass. Faith Formation in-person learning alternating weeks, class with Grades 6-10 on Feb. 24th.
Stay up to date with all info via our website at www.maryschurches.com/faith-formation

<< BUTTER BRAIDS FAITH FORMATION FUNDRAISER >>
See a Student to order; NOW thru March 3rd!

<< 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.

<<< UPCOMING MASS SCHEDULES >>>
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
Sat. Mar. 13th: 5 PM at Marysburg
Sun. Mar. 14th: 8:30 AM at Nativity / 10:30 AM at Marysburg
Sat. Mar. 20th: 5 PM at Nativity
Sun. Mar. 21st: 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 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13TH - SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14TH, 2021

2021 MARYSBURG & NATIVITY PARISH LENTEN SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS SCHEDULE:
8:00 AM at Marysburg
6:30 PM at Nativity

EXTENDED TIME FOR INDIVIDUAL CONFESSIONS:
Saturday evenings at Nativity or Marysburg - 3:45 PM to 4:40 PM
Or, by Appointment: Please contact the Parish Office to set up an appointment w/ Fr. Stiles or Fr. Sandquist.

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE:
Sunday, March 14th at 6:30 - 8:00 PM at Nativity in Cleveland

STATIONS OF THE CROSS:
Fridays at 6:30 PM alternating between Nativity & Marysburg - beginning Friday, Feb. 19th at Marysburg.
*NOTE: We will need someone to lead the Stations of the Cross on Friday, March 5th.
If you are interested, please contact the Parish Office, thank you!

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE:
Holy Thursday: 7 PM at Marysburg
Good Friday: 3 PM at Nativity
Easter Vigil Saturday: 8:30 PM at Nativity
Easter Sunday: 8:30 AM Nativity AND 10:30 AM Marysburg

2021 MARYSBURG ANNUAL PARISH FISH FRY - EVENT CANCELLATION!
Please note that the difficult decision has been made by Fr. Stiles and Marysburg Parish Leadership to CANCEL this year's Annual Parish Fish Fry, typically held at Marysburg each year during Lent, due to Covid-19 safety concerns and restrictions. Our goal is to continue to keep our parish community safe; including our volunteers and our visitors.
Thank you for your understanding. If you still wish to support the Marysburg parish with a donation, offerings can be mailed to the Parish Office at 27528 Patrick Street, Madison Lake, MN 56063.
Thank you for your understanding! Any questions, please contact the Parish Office.

Feb. 13th & 14th: The 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

FAITH FORMATION UPDATES: Wed. Feb. 17th we will meet with ALL Grades 1-10, for the Ash Wednesday Mass at Nativity in Cleveland at 6:30 PM. Then, again on Wed Feb 24th with Grades 6-10, rotating every other week. **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. Butter Braid orders 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 this weekend. 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 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 30th & 31st •
- Marysburg Actual: \$1,301.00 / Budget: \$2,200.00
- Nativity Actual: \$1,839.00 / Budget: \$2,200.00
- FEBRUARY 1ST, 2021 AUTO MONTHLY GIVING •
- MB: \$1,725.00 / NAT: \$675.00

Both parishes accept online donations.
To give online, simply visit 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...

Immaculate Conception of Marysburg

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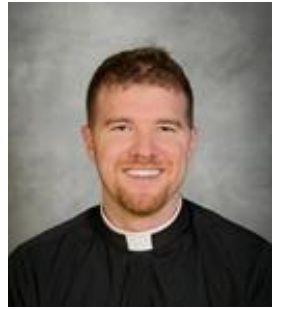
Nativity Cemetery Manager: Mike Keogh 507-381-9845

*Note Change in Chairman for Marysburg, Jan 2021



From the desk of Father James Stiles

frsstiles@frontier.com



The Symbolism of Ashes

If someone who is was not Catholic, especially if they weren't Christian, walked into our church on Ash Wednesday and saw people getting ashes put onto their forehead, what would they think? The meaning of the symbolism of ashes used on Ash Wednesday is not obvious. So, what do they signify?

Ashes are referred to or used throughout the bible, especially the Old Testament, to signify numerous things. Here are three major symbolic meanings behind the ashes found in scripture.

1. Mortality: In the book of Genesis, chapter 3 verse 19 (Gen 3:19), God says to Adam after he sinned, "...you are dust and unto dust you shall return." Genesis describes God as having created Adam out of the dust/ashes of the earth. Therefore, God is saying to Adam that he will die as a consequence of his sin and his body will return to that primordial state of dust/ashes.

When we receive ashes on our forehead on Ash Wednesday, these very words ("...you are dust and unto dust you shall return") are meant to remind us of our mortality, that we too will not live on this earth forever. Far from being a depressing thought, this is meant in part to motivate us to begin living now like Christ so that just as he was raised from the dead we too will be raised to new life—even from the dust!

2. Repentance (sorrow for one's sin and desire to change): We see elsewhere in scripture that ashes are used as a sign of repentance. For example, in the book of Job, chapter 42 verse 6 (Jb 42:6), Job says, "...therefore I despise myself and repent in dust and ashes." "...one of the things that ancient Jews would do is when they were entering into a particularly intense period of prayer, penitence for sin, and supplication, they would wear sackcloth, which was a (kind of) rough cloth that would actually be uncomfortable, it would scratch the skin, it would irritate the skin, so it would cause suffering, and it would be a kind of penance. They would also fast (so that would cause a kind of suffering), abstaining from food, abstaining from drink, and so they would suffer in that way. And then they would also cover themselves in ashes as a sign of their mortality and as a sign of repentance" (emphasis mine).

This is at the heart of the meaning of the season of Lent. We are aiming to repent, to turn from our sinful ways, and, by the grace of God, more fully lead lives of great holiness and joy.

3. Intercession (to pray on behalf of another for their good): Another important symbolic meaning for ashes can be seen in the book of Esther. Esther, the Jewish queen, who was married to a pagan king (a non-Jew who believed in many false gods), needed to intervene on behalf of her fellow Jewish people who were going to be wrongfully killed unless she was able to change the mind of her king. So what does she do? She enters a period of fervent prayer, fasting, and she covers her head in ashes. In the end, the Jewish people were saved from death because of the intercessory prayer of Esther.

Let's remember that throughout the season of Lent, especially as we are marked with ashes this Ash Wednesday, our voluntary works of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving can greatly benefit our brothers and sisters in Christ and the whole world not just from physical death but from eternal, spiritual death.

You will remain in my prayers as we begin this wonderful season of Lent. Please, pray for me. Thank you.

With fatherly love,
Fr. Stiles

Much of this information was taken from Dr. Brant Pitre's presentation, "Biblical Roots of Ash Wednesday" from the following website - <https://catholicproductions.com/blogs/blog/the-biblical-roots-of-ash-wednesday>

The Women's Grief Group for Loss of Spouse / Significant other is now offering Online meetings via Zoom! The meetings are every Tuesday from 5:30-6:30 pm. This is a combined group with the Mankato Hope's Grief Group members. The majority of widows are living alone and isolation and grief can be a challenge for many. Know that you are not alone! Questions or interest in signing up, please contact: Marlene Hunt - marlenehunt53@gmail.com, 507-381-1177.

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PARISH STEWARDSHIP SCHEDULES ARE ALL ONLINE! | 1st Draft Emailed to Marysburg Stewardship Volunteers on Feb 10th.

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 have been asked to resume scheduling ALL Stewardship Positions; so we have indicated 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.

ATTN: PARENTS OF ALTAR SERVERS!!!

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
14 THE 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 8:30 AM NATIVITY 10:30 AM MARYSBURG LECTOR: ANDY QUEEN LECTOR: JOHN KLUNTZ <i>2021 Catholic Services Appeal</i> AA MTG. MB Hall <i>Foundation Campaign</i> 6:30 PM <i>Kick-off Weekend!</i> ☩PETE WOLFF	15 No Mass	16 Mass 8 am at Nativity FR. SANDQUIST OUT OF TOWN FEB 8TH - FEB 16TH	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 ☩LOUIS WALECHKA	22 Mass 8 am at Marysburg	23 Mass 8 am at Nativity ☩LOUIS WALECHKA	24 Mass 8 am at Marysburg <i>Butter Braid Fundraiser!</i> 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 SUN OF LENT MARYSBURG - PENANCE: 4-4:40 PM - MASS: 5:00 PM LECTOR: JACKSON MEYER
28 THE 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT 8:30 AM NATIVITY 10:30 AM MARYSBURG LECTOR: NANCY HELDBERG LECTOR: JAMES FOLDEN AA MTG. MB Hall 6:30 PM ☩BUD & RENE MCCABE	1 Mass 8 am at Marysburg	2 Mass 8 am at Nativity	3 Mass 8 am at Marysburg <i>Butter Braid Fundraiser Ends Today!</i> Grades 1-5 FAITH FORMATION CLASSES Nativity @ 6:30 pm (PCY Lessons) ☩ERIC MARTINSON	4 No Mass MARYSBURG CCW MTG 6:00 PM PARISH HALL ALL LADIES WELCOME TO ATTEND.	5 Mass 8 am at Nativity PARISH OFFICE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC - JILL ON SITE	6 VIGIL OF THE 3RD SUN OF LENT NATIVITY - PENANCE: 4-4:40 PM - MASS: 5:00 PM LECTOR: MARY KLASEUS ☩MIKE & ANDY STRUCK
7 THE 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT 8:30 AM NATIVITY 10:30 AM MARYSBURG LECTOR: BILL STANGLER LECTOR: SARAH GUENTZEL AA MTG. MB Hall 6:30 PM	8 Mass 8 am at Marysburg	9 Mass 8 am at Nativity	10 Mass 8 am at Marysburg Grades 6-9 FAITH FORMATION CLASSES Nativity @ 6:30 pm (PCY Lessons)	11 No Mass	12 Mass 8 am at Nativity PARISH OFFICE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC - JILL ON SITE	13 VIGIL OF THE 4TH SUN OF LENT MARYSBURG - PENANCE: 4-4:40 PM - MASS: 5:00 PM LECTOR: JOE MEYER ☩RAY & SALLY MARTINSON