

**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, Twitter  
& MarysChurches.com

# Immaculate Conception

Centered around  
Jesus Christ

# Nativity



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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 sacra-  
mentally, 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](mailto:office@maryschurches.com).

Also, stay tuned to our website and Facebook pages  
for updates as well, visit [www.maryschurches.com](http://www.maryschurches.com)  
We do plan to LIVE-stream each Mass when/if we cannot  
be in-person via via [www.Facebook.com/maryschurches](http://www.Facebook.com/maryschurches)  
*Thanks for staying connected with us online!*

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

**<<< FAITH FORMATION CLASSES >>>**  
Faith Formation in-person learning alternating weeks;  
Grades 6-10 meet on Wed. Feb. 24th at 6:30 PM.  
Stay up to date with all info via our website at  
[www.maryschurches.com/faith-formation](http://www.maryschurches.com/faith-formation)

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

**<<< 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. 20th: 5 PM at Nativity  
Sun. Feb. 21st: 8:30 AM at Nativity / 10:30 AM at Marysburg  
Stations of the Cross Fri. Feb. 26th: 6:30 PM at Nativity  
Sat. Feb. 27th: 5 PM at Marysburg  
Sun. Feb. 28th: 8:30 AM at Nativity / 10:30 AM at Marysburg  
Stations of the Cross Fri. Mar. 5th: 6:30 PM at Marysburg  
Sat. Mar. 6th: 5 PM at Nativity  
Sun. Mar. 7th: 8:30 AM at Nativity / 10:30 AM at Marysburg  
Stations of the Cross Fri. Mar. 12th: 6:30 PM at Nativity  
Sat. Mar. 13th: 5 PM at Marysburg  
Sun. Mar. 14th: 8:30 AM at Nativity / 10:30 AM at Marysburg  
Stations of the Cross Fri. Mar. 19th: 6:30 PM at Marysburg  
Sat. Mar. 20th: 5 PM at Nativity  
Sun. Mar. 21st: 8:30 AM at Nativity / 10:30 AM at Marysburg  
Stations of the Cross Fri. Mar. 26th: 6:30 PM at Nativity  
Sat. Mar. 27th: 5 PM at Marysburg  
Sun. Mar. 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](mailto:office@maryschurches.com)  
and share details to have it featured here  
in the parish bulletin  
or on our website and Facebook pages.

## THE 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH - SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST, 2021

**MARYSBURG & NATIVITY PARISHES INVITE YOU TO  
PLEASE JOIN US THIS LENT**

**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  
with either Fr. Stiles or Fr. Sandquist.

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

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:**  
Fridays at 6:30 PM alternating between Nativity & Marysburg.  
Next up! Fri. Feb. 26th at Nativity.

**\*NOTE: We will need a volunteer 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, April 1st: 7 PM at Marysburg  
Good Friday, April 2nd: 3 PM at Nativity  
Easter Vigil Saturday, April 3rd: 8:30 PM at Nativity  
Easter Sunday, April 4th: 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.

**\*\*\* NEW!! Follow Immaculate Conception + Nativity on Twitter @maryschurches \*\*\***

## Feb. 20th & 21st: The 1st Sunday of Lent

**FAITH FORMATION UPDATES:** Thank you to each of the students who participated and helped with the Ash Wednesday Mass last week - thank you for being active in stewardship! We meet on Wed. Feb. 24th with Grades 6-10, rotating every other week. **FUNDRAISER:** Our Faith Formation Students continue to sell 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 FEB 6TH & 7TH •

Marysburg Actual: \$1,182.06 / Budget: \$2,200.00  
Nativity Actual: \$4,683.00 / Budget: \$2,200.00

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...

### Immaculate Conception of Marysburg

#### Parish Trustees...

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\*Note Change in Chairman for Marysburg, Jan 2021



# From the desk of Father Timothy Sandquist

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## Prayer, Waiting, and Distractions

I just got back from a weeklong silent retreat in Arizona on Tuesday. From what I've heard about the weather here while I was gone, it sounds like I timed it just right!

One of the biggest graces I received on the retreat was a greater understanding of the importance of "waiting" in prayer. I think our general tendency is to pray, but then promptly give up when it seems like God isn't speaking to us.

It does indeed seem like he isn't listening or speaking sometimes, but there is a great mystery here. It is by means of the silence and the waiting that God brings us deeper, beneath the surface level chatter that our hearts and minds are normally occupied with. A good biblical example of this is the way God spoke to Elijah (1 Kings 19). A wind came, but the Lord was not in the wind. An earthquake came, but the Lord was not in the earthquake. A fire came, but the Lord was not in the fire. But there was a quiet whisper. This was how God spoke to him. This reveals that God's most powerful way of speaking to us is in the silence - much more powerful than the flashy ways we might expect.

Perhaps one of the biggest obstacles we face when trying to pray and wait in silence is distractions. Or so we think. You might be surprised, but saints like St. Theresa of Avila don't actually consider distractions something to be concerned much about. St. Theresa, in fact, experienced a great deal of distractions herself. Even during a time in her life where she was regularly receiving lofty mystical experiences in prayer she wrote about having a distracted mind after receiving Holy Communion. The lack of control we have of our mind is simply a consequence of our weak fallen nature. We shouldn't be surprised by it at all, and, more importantly, we shouldn't get distressed about it.

Listen to what St. Theresa wrote in her autobiography regarding distractions:

"So I return to the advice - and even if I repeat it many times this doesn't matter - that it is very important that no one be distressed or afflicted over dryness or noisy and distracting thoughts." (Life ch. 11, no. 17)

In another place she writes:

"When one of you finds herself in this sublime state of prayer, and the thought wanders off after the most ridiculous things in the world, she should laugh at it and treat it as the silly thing it is, and remain in her state of quiet" (Way, ch. 31).

So there you have it. You or I never need to get anxious about distractions in prayer again. St. Theresa is a doctor of the Church after all. Instead of getting distressed about our wandering minds, we just need to try to turn our mind back to God while remembering that he does not expect us to pray like the angels. We are like little kids before him, and this is not a problem because, as he says, "Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." (Mt 19:14)

Fr. Sandquist

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 - AVAILABLE TO VIEW ONLINE - CONTACT PARISH OFFICE FOR EMAILED SCHEDULE

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.

## RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE - LE CENTER - TUES. MAR. 16TH...

The Red Cross Blood Drive will be held on Tuesday, March 16th, 2021, from 12 Noon to 6:00 PM at the American Legion Club in Le Center, MN. The Red Cross will be making the calls, if you don't receive a call and would like to donate, please call 1-800-733-2767 or visit [www.redcross-blood.org](http://www.redcross-blood.org). This will be by appointment only. No walk-ins. Covid-19 rules are in place. Masks required. If you can't make your appointment, please call. Thank you - Charolette Traxler, Chairperson

## AMERICAN LEGION - LENTEN FISH FRY EVENTS - LE CENTER...

American Legion Post #108 in Le Center, MN is holding a Fish Fry during Lent on the following dates...

Ash Wednesday & Friday Lunches: \$8 Fish Basket Lunch (11am to 1pm). Dates: Feb 17th, 19th, 26th and Mar 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th, April 2nd.

Friday Dinners: \$13 Fish Dinners (5-7pm -or until gone). Dates: Feb 17th, 19th, 26th along with Mar 5th, 26th.

The following members of our Faith Communities have asked for our prayers...

William Rohlfing, 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](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>21</b> 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 ☩SUE MCCABE	<b>22</b> Mass 8 am at Marysburg ☩SUE MCCABE	<b>23</b> Mass 8 am at Nativity ☩LOUIS WALECHKA	<b>24</b> 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	<b>25</b> No Mass	<b>26</b> Mass 8 am at Nativity <i>Stations of the Cross</i> 6:30 PM @ Nativity PARISH OFFICE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC - JILL ON SITE	<b>27</b> VIGIL OF THE 2ND SUN OF LENT M'BURG - PENANCE: 3:45-4:40 PM - MASS: 5:00 PM LECTOR: JACKSON MEYER ☩DOROTHY BRANDT
<b>28</b> 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	<b>1</b> Mass 8 am at Marysburg ☩SUE MCCABE	<b>2</b> Mass 8 am at Nativity ☩LOUIS WALECHKA	<b>3</b> 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	<b>4</b> No Mass MARYSBURG CCW MTG 6:00 PM PARISH HALL ALL LADIES WELCOME TO ATTEND. PARISH OFFICE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC - JILL ON SITE	<b>5</b> Mass 8 am at Nativity <i>Stations of the Cross</i> 6:30 PM @ Marysburg (Volunteer needed to lead!)	<b>6</b> VIGIL OF THE 3RD SUN OF LENT NATIVITY - PENANCE: 3:45-4:40 PM - MASS: 5:00 PM LECTOR: MARY KLASEUS ☩MIKE & ANDY STRUCK
<b>7</b> 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	<b>8</b> Mass 8 am at Marysburg	<b>9</b> Mass 8 am at Nativity	<b>10</b> Mass 8 am at Marysburg Grades 6-9 FAITH FORMATION CLASSES Nativity @ 6:30 pm (PCY Lessons)	<b>11</b> No Mass PARISH OFFICE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC - JILL ON SITE	<b>12</b> Mass 8 am at Nativity <i>Stations of the Cross</i> 6:30 PM @ Nativity	<b>13</b> VIGIL OF THE 4TH SUN OF LENT M'BURG - PENANCE: 3:45-4:40 PM - MASS: 5:00 PM LECTOR: JOE MEYER ☩RAY & SALLY MARTINSON
<b>14</b> THE 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT 8:30 AM NATIVITY   10:30 AM MARYSBURG LECTOR: BARB HARRIS LECTOR: CINDY KRENIK <i>Lenten Penance Service</i> 6:30-8:00 PM <i>Nativity - Cleveland</i> ☩JOHN T. KLUNTZ ☩PETE WOLFF	<b>15</b> Mass 8 am at Marysburg	<b>16</b> Mass 8 am at Nativity ☩SUE MCCABE	<b>17</b> Mass 8 am at Marysburg Grades 1-5 FAITH FORMATION CLASSES Nativity @ 6:30 pm	<b>18</b> No Mass PARISH OFFICE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC - JILL ON SITE	<b>19</b> Mass 8 am at Nativity <i>Stations of the Cross</i> 6:30 PM @ Marysburg	<b>20</b> VIGIL OF THE 5TH SUN OF LENT NATIVITY - PENANCE: 3:45-4:40 PM - MASS: 5:00 PM LECTOR: KATHY DAUK ☩ROBERT KLUNTZ