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WEEKEND MASSES:
Rotating every other weekend between
IC of Marysburg and Nativity
Saturdays, 5:00 pm
Nat Sundays, 8:30 am
MB Sundays, 10:30 am
RECONCILIATION TIMES:
Sat. 4:00-4:40 pm - Rotating between
Parishes with 5 PM Mass.
First come, first served.

WEEKDAY MASSES:
Monday, 8 am: Marysburg
Tuesday, 8 am: Nativity
Weds, 8 am: Marysburg
Thurs, NO Mass
Friday, 8 am: Nativity

MASS INFORMATION:
Flocknotes, Facebook, Twitter
& MarysChurches.com

Immaculate Conception

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September 12, 2021

200 Main Street, Cleveland MN 56017
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ARCHDIOCESAN SYNOD

COMING SOON! ... JOIN IN THE DISCUSSION:

Thursday, Sept. 23	6:30-8:30 pm
Thursday Sept. 30	6:30-8:30 pm
Thursday, Oct. 7	6:30-8:30 pm
Thursday, Oct. 14	6:30-8:30 pm
Thursday, Oct. 28	6:30-8:30 pm
Thursday, Nov. 4	6:30-8:30 pm

All meetings will be *in the Nativity Social Hall*. Ideal attendance would be all six sessions, but it is not necessary. Even attending ONE would be beneficial for you and our parishes. *Thank you!*



LET'S TALK SYNOD...

If you ever start a sentence with, "The Church needs to..." then this is for you! Plan to discuss and provide input this fall about the best ways for the local Catholic Church to form:

- Parishes that are in the service of evangelization
- Missionary disciples who know Jesus's love and respond to his call
- Youth and young adults in and for a Church that is always young

YOU ARE INVITED to join a small group to discuss and give feedback on priorities within each Synod focus area. Mark your calendar for Thursday evenings (see scheduled dates) from 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm. *(Please*

LIVE-STREAM WEEKEND MASSES

All live-streamed / recorded Masses and parish events can be found and watched on our Facebook page at <https://www.Facebook.com/maryschurches>.

Marysburg Fall Fun

Join us September 19, at our beautiful rural setting, for an outdoor Mass (weather permitting), 10:30 a.m. Following Mass, grilled hot dogs, burgers, beans, chips, root-beer floats, popcorn, coffee and water will be served. Free-will donations accepted and greatly appreciated. In case of inclement weather, Mass will be held indoors.
Covid-19 precautions respected.

plan on arriving at 6:15 so we can begin promptly at 6:30 and not run late!

This is an OPEN INVITE to all parishioners, high school students are welcome! You can plan to attend all 6 weeks, or come as your schedule allows.

If you would like to be a part of the core team that will help facilitate these meetings and have not been contacted, I welcome your call!

If you have questions regarding the upcoming small group meetings, I would be happy to answer any questions you may have, please call.

Cindy Krenik

FAITH FORMATION

To our faith formation families. ...We invite you to our first class on Wednesday September 15th at Nativity. This will be a family Mass along with time to meet teachers and gather information about the year. This is for students in grades 1-10 and their families. Mass will begin at 6:30 pm. We are looking forward to starting our faith formation year together.

Fall into Fun!

Come to St. Mary's Family Block Party!

Saturday, September 18, 2021

4:30 pm to 10:00 pm

St. Mary's Catholic Church Parking Lot

165 N. Waterville Ave, Le Center

Food Trucks!

Johnny's BBQ, El Tacazo, and

Froggy's Cotton Candy

(10% of proceeds donated to St. Mary's Catholic Church)

Music with The Holicky Brothers and Greg Mueller-leile's 100 Years of Pickin'

Bring a lawn chair to enjoy the music - picnic tables available

Marysburg Parish Council

Call for Nominations

This weekend is the last call for nominating two Pastoral Council members to the Church of the Immaculate Conception's Council. Two seats are available. Please find nomination forms in the pews. Just fill them out and put them in the collection basket this weekend. Elections will be held in the latter part of September.

Do You Live With Chronic Pain?

Call now to sign-up for a FREE Living Well with Chronic Pain Workshop, designed for people who live with chronic pain.

A FREE workshop sponsored by Catholic Charities of Southern MN, will meet six Wednesdays, from 10 a.m. – noon starting Oct. 6th thru Nov. 10th, at the St Peter Senior Center, Rm 217, 600 South 5th St, St. Peter.

All people are welcome! For more information or to register, contact Mary at Catholic Charities, 507-458-9687, mcassem@ccsomn.org. Class size is limited, so REGISTER by Oct. 1st. to hold your place!

St. Joseph the Worker

Drive-Thru Fall Festival: Sunday, Sept. 19th from 11AM-1:30PM. 423 W 7th Street, Mankato. Grab a delicious take-out meal! Hot Beef Commercial + Sides (just \$12), Hot Beef Sandwich + Sides (\$10) or Sloppy Joe + Sides (\$8). Enter our parking lot from Blue Earth Street. Walk-thru option also available, park on 7th Street and enter gym. Thank you for your support!

SEPTEMBER 11 & 12: THE 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Parish Office Hours: During this time of transition, the Marysburg and Nativity Parish Office has had to flex. Until further notice, the office will be open Mondays through Thursdays from 8:30 a.m. till 12 Noon.

Thank you for your patience!

CLUSTER PARISH MASS TIMES...

ST. HENRY

Mass: Saturday 5:00 PM

ST. MARY - LE CENTER

Confessions: Tues. & Fri. 6:00-6:30

PM

Masses: Sunday 9:00 AM

12:00 PM (Spanish)

Tuesday 5:00 PM

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 9:00 AM

For more information, to go www.stmarysthenry.org.



Doctors of the Church Seminar

Want to grow deeper in your spiritual life? Want to be challenged in staying spiritually fit as a Catholic? Join Doctors of the Church Seminar for the Fall 2021 term.

As a way to give back to the community Fr. Tom Niehaus has offered classes on the Doctors of the Church since 2010 and is freely offering that again on Monday nights at 7:00 pm at St. Mary's Parish in Le Center, MN.

All from the area are invited to attend. The Monday seminars are from September 20 to November 15, we will read selected works from St. Bonaventure as compiled by the Classics of Western Spirituality published by Paulist Press. Let us learn from the Saints who loved Christ!



DONATIONS WEEKEND OF AUG 28 & 29:

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARYSBURG:

Weekend Giving – Saturday	\$0
– Sunday	\$3,225.00
Plate Collections – Saturday	\$0
– Sunday	\$115.00
Bld. Repairs	\$5.00
Cemetery	\$60.00
Vanco:	\$35.00
Weekend Total:	\$3,440.00

NATIVITY OF CLEVELAND:

Weekend Giving – Saturday	\$0
– Sunday	\$1,375.00
Plate Collections – Saturday	\$0
– Sunday	\$235.00
Vanco:	
Weekend Total:	\$1,710.00

Marysburg and Nativity Churches

accept online donations! Visit MarysChurches.com & click "Online Giving" found on the Home Page, or email the Parish Office and we will send you a direct link via email. You may also download and use the GIVE+ App. Thank you for supporting our Catholic church parish missions!

Fiat Women's Discernment Retreat

September 24-26 at Christ the King Retreat Center, Buffalo

Fiat Ministries is arranging a discernment retreat for single Catholic women age 18-28 who are seeking to do God's will! Religious Sisters from various orders assist at the retreat by giving talks, leading small groups, giving their testimonies, and providing a joyful witness of what it means to be a consecrated Religious Sister. The cost of the retreat is \$100 which includes meals, lodging and materials. Registration and more information can be found at fiatministries.org.

Dear Beloved in the Lord,

In the Letter of St. James for Sunday Mass we have the words, "So also faith of itself, if it does not have works, is dead." Catholics get lambasted by Protestants who say we believe we can earn our salvation by the way we live our lives. They quote St. Paul, "For we hold that a man is justified by faith apart from works of the law." How do we reconcile the two passages, or are they mutually exclusive even contradictory?

Protestants are correct yet Our Father's Guidance doesn't stop there. It comes down to what St. Paul means by "Works of the Law". Repeatedly, in Romans and Galatians, St. Paul uses the phrase, "Works of the Law" to explain how we are justified by faith in Christ, yet our justification is not earned: "All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, they are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption which is Christ Jesus..."

It's easier to understand what St. James is getting at. We see he means works of love, "If a brother or sister has nothing to wear and has no food for the day, and one of you said to them, 'Go in peace, keep warm, and eat well,' but you do not give them the necessities of the body, what good is it?" Where is your love if you don't help the person in need? Can the love of God be in your heart if you don't try and serve the one in need as Christ would?

How do we reconcile the two? On the one hand nothing we do earns our salvation. God justifies us according to St. Paul by claiming us as His sons and daughters. St. Paul proclaims that in baptism we die with Christ and Rise with Him by the power of the Spirit. In the waters of baptism we are united with the Lord's death on the cross, but also united with the Resurrection and given the Holy Spirit and made adopted Children of God. None of this is earned and it is the reason we baptize infants.

However, St. Paul will talk about further 'Justification' or further glory by suffering with and for Christ. In this

From the Desk of Father Michael

September 12, 2021



Fr. Michael Barsness

way, therefore, the justified become... "Renewed (as the apostle says) every day" (2 Cor 4:16), that is, "by putting to death the members of their flesh" (Col 3:5), and using them as "instruments of righteousness" unto sanctification by observing the commandments of God and of the Church (Rom 8:17) He also calls us to work out our salvation. "Wherefore, my dearly beloved, (as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but much more now in my absence,) with fear and trembling work out your salvation (Philippians 2:12)". It seems also that one can lose one's salvation through works of darkness.

What does it mean for us? There is an initial justification we receive but cannot earn that we call Sanctifying Grace. It is that which makes us holy and enables us to live by and in the Holy Spirit. We cooperate with it and deepen it by living good holy catholic lives. Prayer enables this grace to expand our hearts. It is, at every turn, a cooperation with God working in and through us. We gain supernatural virtues that direct our lives in according to the Spirit and the use of which continue to deepen. The Mass shows us this particularly well as we receive Jesus and cooperate with the Love he bestows upon us.

We agree with Protestants that we are saved by grace through faith, but further, we need to live and cooperate with the grace of God bestowed through works of Love.

As I finish this article I realized its 9/11 let us pray for God's grace on our country to be renewed in the Spirit of God!

In Christ,

Fr. Michael

Sept 11 & 12: THE 24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARYSBURG										
	LECTORS		COLLECTION OFFICERS		EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS		GIFT BEARERS		ALTAR SERVERS	
	Saturday	Sunday	Saturday	Sunday	Saturday	Sunday	Saturday	Sunday	Saturday	Sunday
Aug 28 & 29	Joe Meyer	Marilyn Kluntz	Steve Baker	Pat Baker	Leo Riley	Volunteer Needed	Steve & Teresa Baker	Rick & Sue Leiferman	Volunteers Needed	Volunteers Needed
Sept 4 & 5	(At Nativity)	John Kluntz	(At Nativity)	Rich McCabe	(At Nativity)	Cindy Krenik	(At Nativity)	Volunteers Needed	(At Nativity)	Mason Kluntz Ava Kluntz
Sept 11 & 12	Becky Meyer	Marcia Stapleton	Joe Meyer (Volunteer)	Rich McCabe Mike Germscheid	Phil Rothmeier	Colleen McCabe	Anita & Phil Rothmeier	John & Jen Kluntz Fam	Savanah Meyer Charlotte Meyer	Volunteers Needed

NATIVITY OF CLEVELAND										
	LECTORS		COLLECTION OFFICERS		EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS		GIFT BEARERS		ALTAR SERVERS	
	Saturday	Sunday	Saturday	Sunday	Saturday	Sunday	Saturday	Sunday	Saturday	Sunday
Aug 28 & 29	(At Marysburg)	Barb Harris	(At Marysburg)	Janet Walechka	(At Marysburg)	Jaci Kopet				
Sept 4 & 5	Kathy Dauk	Andy Queen	Bill Pope Mary Klaseus	Robbie Kopet Mark Lawrence	Lynn Kluntz	Andy Queen				
Sept 11 & 12	(At Marysburg)	Kelly McCabe	(At Marysburg)	Mary Haase Carol Lawrence	(At Marysburg)	Sue Serbus				

Pray for our Faith Communities members...
 Norita Holmes, Brad Nyblom, Doreen White, Jessica Reedstrom, Penny Connor, John Connor, William Rohlfing, Joe Broze, Aubrey Rober, Wally Krenik, Rick Leiferman, Daryl E. Blatzheim, Jennifer Kephart, Kathy Dahl, Sue Borglum, Marie Young, Seth Hamman, Griffin Dumdei, Richie Krueger, Sheila Wolff, Debra Schmahl, Caiden Kelly, Keely Davis, Josh Hummer, Justin Kaus, Eugene Germscheid, Jim Scheuer, Levi Bensen, Quentin Shevy, Hunter Schmitz, Dotsy Jacobson, Dave Rusch, Albert Weinandt, Jaci Kopet, Jolene & Holden Zell, Debera 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, Betty Kinney.

To add or remove a name on this list, please contact Anne in the Parish Office. Email: office@maryschurches.com / Voice Mail: 507-243-3166



- Please Note: To access the complete Stewardship Schedules, please visit our website at www.maryschurches.com
- Stewardship Coordinators: Marysburg VOLUNTEER NEEDED office@maryschurches.com | Nativity Mary Klaseus mary.klaseus@gmail.com
- MASS INTENTIONS: office@maryschurches.com | Names on Left = Nativity (NAT) | Names on Right = Marysburg (MB)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
12 THE 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 8:30 AM NATIVITY 10:30 AM MARYSBURG A.A. MEETING MB Hall @ 6:30 PM ☩KELLY J. STENZEL	13 Mass 8 am at Marysburg PARISH OFFICE OPEN 8:30 am - 12 Noon 13th of Every Month: Monthly Fatima Rosary, 12 Noon Le Center Fairgrounds Pavilion	14 Mass 8 am at Nativity PARISH OFFICE OPEN 8:30 am - 12 Noon PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETINGS Marysburg 6 PM, Nativity 7:15 PM	15 Mass 8 am at Marysburg PARISH OFFICE OPEN 8:30 am - 12 Noon FAITH FORMATION OPENING FAMILY NIGHT 6:30 - 7:30 pm	16 No Mass PARISH OFFICE OPEN 8:30 am - 12 Noon Fr. Stiles at Marysburg 11 AM - 1 PM	17 Mass 8 am at Nativity PARISH OFFICE CLOSED Fr. Stiles at Nativity 2 PM - 4 PM ☩JOHN KLUNTZ (NAT)	18 VIGIL OF THE 25TH SUNDAY IN OT NATIVITY - PENANCE: 4 - 4:40 PM - MASS: 5:00 PM ☩BUD & RENE MCCABE (NAT)
19 THE 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 8:30 AM NATIVITY 10:30 AM MARYSBURG  Marysburg Fall Celebration A.A. MEETING MB Hall @ 6:30 PM ☩MARGARET KORTUEM	20 Mass 8 am at Marysburg PARISH OFFICE OPEN 8:30 am - 12 Noon	21 Mass 8 am at Nativity PARISH OFFICE OPEN 8:30 am - 12 Noon	22 Mass 8 am at Marysburg PARISH OFFICE OPEN 8:30 am - 12 Noon FAITH FORMATION 6:30 - 7:30 pm ☩DOROTHY KRAMMER	23 No Mass PARISH OFFICE OPEN Fr. Stiles at Marysburg 11 AM - 1 PM ARCHDIOCESAN SYNOD SMALL GROUP - NATIVITY HALL 6:30 - 8:30 PM, WELCOME ALL!	24 Mass 8 am at Nativity PARISH OFFICE CLOSED Fr. Stiles at Nativity 2 PM - 4 PM Y JILL & PAUL CUSICK	25 VIGIL OF THE 26TH SUNDAY IN OT MARYSBURG - PENANCE: 4 - 4:40 PM - MASS: 5:00 PM ☩ERIC MARTINSON
26 THE 26TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME 8:30 AM NATIVITY 10:30 AM MARYSBURG A.A. MEETING MB Hall @ 6:30 PM ☩MARIAN MEYER	27 Mass 8 am at Marysburg PARISH OFFICE OPEN 8:30 am - 12 Noon	28 Mass 8 am at Nativity PARISH OFFICE OPEN 8:30 am - 12 Noon SW Deanery CCW Fall Institute (Details to Follow)	29 Mass 8 am at Marysburg PARISH OFFICE OPEN 8:30 am - 12 Noon FAITH FORMATION 6:30 - 7:30 pm	30 No Mass PARISH OFFICE OPEN Fr. Stiles at Marysburg 11 AM - 1 PM ARCHDIOCESAN SYNOD SMALL GROUP - NATIVITY HALL 6:30 - 8:30 PM, WELCOME ALL!	1 OCT Mass 8 am at Nativity PARISH OFFICE CLOSED Fr. Stiles at Nativity 2 PM - 4 PM	2 VIGIL OF THE 27TH SUNDAY IN OT MARYSBURG - PENANCE: 4 - 4:40 PM MASS: WITH FR. KEVIN CLINTON - 5:00 PM ☩DOROTHY BRANDT
3 THE 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 8:30 AM NATIVITY 10:30 AM MARYSBURG A.A. MEETING MB Hall @ 6:30 PM ☩KELLY J. STENZEL	4 Mass 8 am at Marysburg PARISH OFFICE OPEN 8:30 am - 12 Noon	5 Mass 8 am at Nativity PARISH OFFICE OPEN 8:30 am - 12 Noon	6 Mass 8 am at Marysburg PARISH OFFICE OPEN 8:30 am - 12 Noon	7 No Mass PARISH OFFICE OPEN 8:30 am - 12 Noon Fr. Stiles at Marysburg 11 AM - 1 PM ARCHDIOCESAN SYNOD SMALL GROUP - NATIVITY HALL 6:30 - 8:30 PM, WELCOME ALL!	8 Mass 8 am at Nativity PARISH OFFICE CLOSED Fr. Stiles at Nativity 2 PM - 4 PM	9 VIGIL OF THE 28TH SUNDAY IN OT NATIVITY - PENANCE: 4 - 4:40 PM - MASS: 5:00 PM