

February 10 & 11, 2018

THE 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Please Pray



The following people have asked for our prayers: Alec Batson, Brandon Reinke, Anita Rothmeier, Rosemary Wondra, David Clark, Robert Kluntz, Larry Treanor, Bob Beckel, Rick Schoeb, Don Roscoe, Beverly Sohm, Connie Baker, Gene Thelemann, Jared Mogere Family, Tim Petersen, Kent Pearce, John Kluntz, Evalyn Cusick, Mary Androli, Bernice Rezak, David Krenik, Terry Sadowski, James Connor, Mary Lou Ballman, Natalie Bruender, Helen Voit, Robert Ani, Beth Flick, Rose Anne Schoeb, Dottie Cerven, Mackenzie Wolff, Mitchell Petsinger, Mary Riebel Schwartz, Carol Leighton, Marian Meyer, Larry Johnson, Mark Johnson, Lois McCabe, Mya Walechka, Dave Rusch, Lana Dahl, Alec Heuer, Jim Meagher, Mike Davis, Betty Kinney, Ann Dauk. **(To add or remove a name to the Prayers for the sick, please contact the parish office at 507-243-3166 or contact: office@maryschurches.com.)**

| NATIVITY | LECTORS | | USHERS/COLLECTIONS | | EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS of the EUCHARIST | | GIFT BEARERS | |
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| February 10 & 11 | Kathy Dauk | Glen O'Connor | Dick Davis (Volunteer Needed) | Janet Walechka Robbie Kopet | Rita Martinson Lynn Kluntz, Mary Klaseus | Rita Kluntz, Andy Queen Jaci Kopet | | |
| February 17 & 18 | Mary Klaseus | Bill Stangler | Nick Klaseus Rose Hendley | Barb Truzinski Mary Haase | Kathy Dauk, Nick Klaseus Mike Keogh | Ann Rohlfing, J. T. Kluntz Ray Truzinski | | |
| February 24 & 25 | Kelly McCabe | Andy Queen | Mary Klaseus (Volunteer Needed) | Janet Walechka Robbie Kopet | Kathy Dauk, Nick Klaseus Mike Keogh | Ann Rohlfing, J. T. Kluntz Ray Truzinski | | |
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| February 10 & 11 | Chris Biehn | Marilyn Kluntz | John Page Steve Blais | Becky Kaderlik Becky Kortuem | Larry Davis Phil Rothmeier, Rita Ramy | Sue Leiferman Rich McCabe, Barb Folden | Mary Wolff and Sheila Wolff | |
| February 17 & 18 | Larry Van Tol | Cindy Krenik | Raphael Malecha Phil Rothmeier | Don Adams Jim Kluntz | Anne & Larry Davis Mary Kammerdiener | Mike Lyons Colleen McCabe, Jim Folden | Anita & Phil Rothmeier | |
| February 24 & 25 | Annie Davis | Sarah Guentzel | Clint Kortuem Nate Page | Greg Germscheid Mike Germscheid | Chris & Ann Biehn Phil Rothmeier | Pat Baker Sue Leiferman, Rich McCabe | Martha Weisgram Jo Ann Kortuem | |

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| 11 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 8:30 AM NATIVITY & 10:30AM MARYSBURG Marysburg POTLUCK - Noon DEAD THEOLOGIAN SOCIETY 6-9 PM CHURCH OF NATIVITY, Cleveland †TODD BROWN † ALL PARISHIONERS | 12 Mass 8 am at Marysburg | 13 Mass 8 am at Nativity †LOUIS WALECHKA M'BURG FINANCE COUNCIL, 6PM M'BURG PARISH COUNCIL, 7PM | 14 Marysburg: Mass 8 am Nativity: Mass 6:30 pm ASH WEDNESDAY (Day of Fasting & Abstinence) | 15 No Mass NATIVITY PARISH COUN. 7PM | 16 Mass 8 am at Nativity Stations-of-the-Cross Cleveland, 6 pm Day of Abstinence | 17 VIGIL OF 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT NAT PENANCE: 3:15-3:45 MASS: 4 PM MB, PENANCE: 5:30-5:45 MASS: 6 PM † MIKE & ANDY STRUCK † ALL PARISHIONERS |
| 18 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT 8:30 AM NATIVITY & 10:30AM MARYSBURG † BUD MCCABE † DARLENE TREANOR | 19 Mass 8 am at Marysburg Lenten Book Study Marysburg 8:45 am | 20 Mass 8 am at Nativity Lenten Book Study St. Mary's, 7 pm † BOB MCGINN | 21 Mass 8 am at Marysburg Religious Ed: Classes 6:30 | 22 No Mass | 23 Mass 8 am at Nativity Stations-of-the-Cross Marysburg, 6 pm Day of Abstinence | 24 VIGIL OF 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT NAT PENANCE: 3:15-3:45 MASS: 4 PM MB, PENANCE: 5:30-5:45 MASS: 6 PM † MICKEY & NEDI BIEHN |
| 25 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT 8:30 AM NATIVITY & 10:30AM MARYSBURG † BOB MCGINN | 26 Mass 8 am at Marysburg Lenten Book Study Marysburg 8:45 am | 27 Mass 8 am at Nativity Lenten Book Study St. Mary's, 7 pm | 28 Mass 8 am at Marysburg Religious Ed: Classes 6:30 | 1 MAR No Mass | 2 Mass 8 am at Nativity Stations-of-the-Cross Cleveland, 6 pm Day of Abstinence | 3 VIGIL OF 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT NAT PENANCE: 3:15-3:45 MASS: 4 PM MB, PENANCE: 5:30-5:45 MASS: 6 PM † IRENE KRENK |
| 4 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT 8:30 AM NATIVITY & 10:30AM MARYSBURG † BERNICE FORTIER | 5 Mass 8 am at Marysburg Lenten Book Study Marysburg 8:45 am | 6 Mass 8 am at Nativity Lenten Book Study St. Mary's, 7 pm | 7 Mass 8 am at Marysburg Religious Ed: Classes 6:30 † ANGIE HESSE | 8 No Mass | 9 Mass 8 am at Nativity Stations-of-the-Cross Marysburg, 6 pm Day of Abstinence | 10 VIGIL OF 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT NAT PENANCE: 3:15-3:45 MASS: 4 PM MB, PENANCE: 5:30-5:45 MASS: 6 PM † RAY & SALLY MARTINSON |

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WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturday, 4:00 pm - Nativity
Saturday, 6:00 pm - IC of Marysburg
Sunday, 8:30 am - Nativity
Sunday, 10:30 am - IC of Marysburg

RECONCILIATION TIMES:

Sat. 3:15-3:45 pm - Nativity
Sat. 5:30-5:45 pm - IC of Marysburg

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Monday, 8 am: Marysburg
Tuesday, 8 am: Nativity
Wed, 8 am: Marysburg
Thursday, NO Mass
Friday, 8 am: Nativity

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Nativity

27528 Patrick St., Madison Lake MN 56063

February 11, 2018

200 Main Street, Cleveland MN 56017

“Dead to the world, Alive in Christ!”

Dead Theologians Society

This weekend, Sunday, February 11, all youth 8th grade through Senior in High School, come to The Dead Theologians Society at Nativity Church in Cleveland. Come at 6 p.m. Supper, fun and prayer will be provided! Gatherings continue on the second Sunday of each month. Have fun, learn about a rockstar in the faith, eat well and spend time with Jesus. Adults are also welcome to come and pray before the Eucharist.

Once a youth comes three times in a row or 5 times all together they will become an official member of the National DTS. At that point they will receive an official sweatshirt, rosary and scapular!

Dear Parishioners:

Cross Catholic Outreach wishes to thank you for the welcome you extended to Father Hazel on our recent visit to your parish. On behalf of the poorest of the poor, we thank you for having shared in their lives. May our Lord continue to bless all of you for your love and support.

Learn About Loyola Catholic School!

Visit www.loyolacatholicsschool.org! Grades K-12 currently have openings for students. Preschool and Pre-Kindergarten enrollment for 2018-2019 opens February 22. Schedule a family tour or shadow days at your convenience by calling Angela Casteel at 507-388-0615 or email at acasteel@loyolacatholicsschool.org

LENT... *“A time of kind of rejuvenation and refocusing your life on your relationship with the Lord.”*

Book Study:

Deep Conversion, Deep Prayer by Fr. Thomas Dubay. Join Father Adams as he explores this insightful and inspirational book. Study guides will be provided.

Mondays, 8:45AM: After the 8AM Mass at Marysburg.
(February 19 & 26, March 5, 12, 19, & 26.)

Tuesdays, 7:00 PM: Church of St. Mary, Le Center.
(February 20 & 27, March 6, 13, 20, & 27.)

To sign up, contact the parish office as soon as possible so that we know how many books to order. A fee of \$10 to cover the cost of the book will be charged.

Daily Mass:

4 Masses each week as shown in the bulletin.

Confessions:

Regular Confession times on Saturdays, plus Wednesday March 28th, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m., at Nativity Church.

Stations of the Cross:

Fridays, 6 pm (unless noted otherwise), alternating between parishes:

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| Feb. 16 - Cleveland | March 16 - Cleveland |
| Feb. 23 - Marysburg | March 23 - Marysburg |
| March 2 - Cleveland | (Fish Fry) |
| March 9 - Marysburg | March 30 (Good Friday) - Cleveland at 3 P.M. |

LENT IS COMING HERE'S WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Ash Wednesday is on February 14 (Valentine's Day)

Lent lasts 40 days (excluding Sundays)

The three pillars of Lent are: prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting (one primary meal and two lesser meals) and abstinence from meat.

All Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence from meat.

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**STEUBENVILLE
ROCHESTER**

Youth Grades 8–12

We would like to take a group of youth to the **Steubenville North—Youth Conference in Rochester**, July 13-15th. This year's theme is **REVEALED**. In today's world voices are shouting at us from all sides, trying to tell us who we are and who we aren't, who we should be and who we shouldn't be. Amidst all the noise is our loving Father who wants to make Himself known to us and speak truth about who we are. God's love is deeper and His plan for our lives is greater than anything the world has to offer – will we allow Him to reveal it to us? Join in the Music—Dancing—Laughs—Spiritual Growth! Registration forms and \$50 non-refundable deposit will be due February 28. Forms and information packets may be found at the St. Mary Church office or website www.stmarysthenry.org. For more information please call Fr. Chris or Jean at 507-357-4838, or go to <http://www.partnershipforyouth.org/steubenville-rochester/>, or call the Marysburg & Nativity Parish Office at 507-243-3166.

Thank You for Your Contributions

Weekend of February 3 and 4, 2018

Marysburg: \$1,591

Nativity: \$2,504

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Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This week we enter into the sacred season of Lent, forty days of preparation before the celebration of Jesus' Passion, Death and Resurrection. We are encouraged to enter fully into this time as a way to bring us in closer relationship with Christ. But for many, Lent is seen as a dismal, dreary time of year – the sacrifices and spiritual disciplines that we undertake in Lent are seen as impinging on their enjoyment. But just the opposite is true. The word "Lent" is derived from the Old English word *lencten*, referring to the lengthening of days, which simply indicated the coming of spring. This is what happens during Lent – we enter into the season during the short, dark days of winter, and by the time we emerge from Lent at Eastertime, the days are lengthened and spring has come with all of nature in full bloom.

There is an obvious analogy here that cannot be ignored. Spiritual writers have consistently pointed out that Lent is a time of renewal, a sort of "spiritual springtime" when a soul can be renewed and refreshed after being cleansed of its darkness and sin. The soul is brought into more

intimate friendship with Christ because it has taken advantage of the disciplines that make it easier to do so. Pope St. John Paul II summarized it well during a General Audience in February 1998:

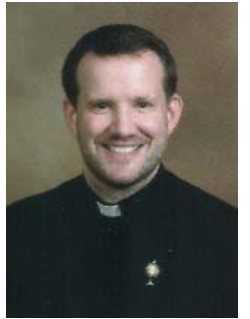
"Here then is revealed the meaning and necessity of the Lenten season which, by its call to conversion, leads us through prayer, penance and acts of fraternal solidarity to renew or reinvigorate our friendship with Jesus in faith, to free ourselves from the deceptive promises of earthly happiness and once again to savor the harmony of the interior life in authentic love for Christ." (25 February 1998)

How does Jesus call us to experience this? It may look slightly different for each person, as each person is at a different point in the spiritual journey. But as JP II emphasizes, there are three fundamental disciplines that we are all called to undertake during Lent:

1) Prayer: Intimate conversation with God can be done in many ways, but truly effective prayer is done only when we enter into prayerful solitude with God. Turn off the electronic devices and be with the Lord, asking Him to help us to see ourselves as He sees us and to see Him as He wants to be seen. Such prayer will lead us to humbly



From the
Desk of Father Christopher Shofner



Fr. Christopher Shofner

ask the Lord for all that we need in order to do His will. In prayer we will then find that we are called to unburden ourselves through the confession of our sins – thus, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is essential during Lent.

2) Penance (fasting): The act of self-denial is a very powerful means of gaining mastery over our passions and inclinations, so much so that even Jesus said that some demons can be cast out only "by prayer and fasting" (see Matthew 17:21). The act of fasting or some other form of self-denial (such as giving up television or sweets) is connected with the process of emptying ourselves of anything that might stand in the way of God's grace working within us. It helps us to uproot our deep-seated habits of sin that cause us to constantly seek comfort, convenience or ease.

3) Acts of fraternal solidarity (almsgiving): This is the act of giving of ourselves and our resources to

help those in need. Archbishop William Lori of Baltimore stated that almsgiving is the way we open our souls to God's love, "forgetting our own wants and needs and concentrating instead on the needs of others, especially the poor and vulnerable". We can give to the Church, to other charities, or even at home through material means and acts of service.

In the end, we will find that we benefit much more than we can imagine by following the Lenten disciplines, even if our primary goal should not be mere self-improvement, but the love of God. This Lent can be a true "spiritual springtime", so make it a goal to enter into it fully by attending Mass, going to Confession, and incorporating prayer, fasting and almsgiving into your life.

God bless,

Fr. Chris Shofner, Fr.Chris@hotmail.com

BINGO — Sponsored by Madison Lake Sons of the American Legion on Sunday February 25th. Come to Point Pleasant, Madison Lake! **Early Bird:** 12:00 - 12:30; **Warm Up:** 12:30 - 1:00; **Bingo:** 1:00 - 3:00. **Meat Raffles between games.** Cash Prizes, Dollar Hot Dogs, Kids Bingo Downstairs, Bake Sale, Legion Bar Open.

Bring your SWEETHEART TO BREAKFAST, St. Canice Church Hall, Sunday, February 11, 2018, 8:30 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. Serving: Pancakes, Sausage & Eggs. Adults \$8; 6-12 Yrs \$3; 5 Years and Under: Free. Church Of St Canice, Kilkenny, Mn (9 Miles South of Montgomery, 8 Miles North Of Waterville, 1 Mile East Off Hwy 13.)

Sportsmen Club Fish Fry

On Feb 14 all you can eat fish fry at the Sportsmen Club 11 to 2 and 4 to 7 for \$11.00. Come to Sportsman Club at the County Fairgrounds in Le Center.

It's time for the
Catholic
Services
Appeal.
Please be
generous.



Legion Fish Fries

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

Fish Basket Lunch, \$7: Feb 16th, Feb 23rd, Mar 2nd, Mar 9th, Mar 16th, Mar 23rd, Mar 30th. (11am to 1pm)

Fish Dinners \$12; Feb 16th, Feb 23rd, Mar 16th, Mar 23rd. (5-7:30pm -or until gone).

JOB OPENING

Immaculate Conception of Marysburg & Nativity Churches are hiring an Administrative Assistant/ Bookkeeper.

This position includes both bookkeeping and administrative duties. May be split into two part-time positions. Salary commensurate with knowledge and experience.

Please submit a resume and cover letter which includes 3 references and an indication of preference for part-time or full-time employment. Send to the Fr. Christopher Shofner, Parish Office, 27528 Patrick Street, Madison Lake, MN 56063

Deadline is February 16, 2018

For more details, please contact Fr. Shofner at 507-243-3166 or fr.chris@hotmail.com

"MOVING FORWARD"

A reminder that there is hope after the loss of a loved one! Hope United Grief Group (HUGG) Spring Retreat for the Loss of a Spouse or Significant Other Interdenominational retreat will be at St. Teresa Campus, Winona, Minnesota, Friday, April 13, 7:00 pm through Sunday, April 15, 11:00 am. Presentations by speakers, with breakout sessions facilitated by those who have experienced the loss of a spouse. Keynote Speaker: Corrine Kindschy, widow and certified Spiritual Director. Cost: \$175.00 (partial scholarships are available). Registration required. For more information contact Marlene Hunt – 507-381-1177 or email marlenehunt53@gmail.com . Visit our Facebook Page at "Hope United Grief Group"