

March 3 and 4, 2018

THE 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

Please Pray



The following people have asked for our prayers: Lisa Skarin, Bill Soderlund, Don Roscoe, 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, 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	
	SATURDAY PM	SUNDAY AM	SATURDAY PM	SUNDAY AM	SATURDAY PM	SUNDAY AM	SATURDAY PM	SUNDAY AM
March 3 & 4	Kathy Dauk	Barbara Harris	Dick Davis (Volunteer Needed)	Barb Truzinski Mary Haase	Rita Martinson Lynn Kluntz, Mary Klaseus	Barb Truzinski Danny Holmes, Rita Kluntz	Volunteer	Peter & Shannon Esser & Family
March 10 & 11	Mary Klaseus	Kelly McCabe	Nick Klaseus Rose Hendley	Janet Walechka Robbie Kopet	Rita Martinson Lynn Kluntz, Mary Klaseus	Barb Truzinski Danny Holmes, Rita Kluntz	Volunteer	Ryan & Jennifer Ryg & Fam
March 17 & 18	Mary Klaseus	Glen O'Connor	Mary Klaseus (Volunteer Needed)	Barb Truzinski Mary Haase	Kathy Dauk, Nick Klaseus Mike Keogh	Andy Queen, Jaci Kopet Ann Rohlfing	Volunteer	Karl & Nancy Heldberg & Fam.
MARYSBURG	LECTORS		USHERS/COLLECTIONS		EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS of the EUCHARIST		GIFT BEARERS	
	SATURDAY PM	SUNDAY AM	SATURDAY PM	SUNDAY AM	SATURDAY PM	SUNDAY AM	SATURDAY PM	SUNDAY AM
March 3 & 4	Mary Kay Naegle	Jim Folden	Joe Meyer Pat Riley	Pat Corrow Bill McCabe	Annie & Larry Davis Leo Riley	Barb Folden Mike Lyons, Colleen McCabe	Joe Meyer & Family	
March 10 & 11	Joe Meyer	Sue Leiferman	Steve Baker Mark Meyer	Tim Krenik Jon Sullivan	Chris & Ann Biehn Phil Rothmeier	Jim Folden, Pat Baker Sue Leiferman	Anita & Phil Rothmeier	
March 17 & 18	Chris Biehn	Marcia Stapleton	John Page Steve Blais	Rich McCabe Steve Rohlfing	Mary Kammerdiener Annie & Larry Davis	Rich McCabe, Barb Folden Mike Lyons	Mary Wolff and Sheila Wolff	

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
4 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT 8:30 AM NATIVITY & 10:30AM MARYSBURG Marysburg CCW mtg. 7 pm Nativity Coffee & Rolls †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 M'BURG FINANCE COUNCIL, 6PM M'BURG PARISH COUNCIL, 7PM	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 GLOBAL SOLIDARITY SUNDAY †RAY & SALLY MARTINSON
11 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT 8:30 AM NATIVITY & 10:30AM MARYSBURG GLOBAL SOLIDARITY SUNDAY DEAD THEOLOGAINS SOCIETY 6-9 PM CHURCH of St. Mary's, LeCenter †TODD BROWN	12 Mass 8 am at Marysburg Lenten Book Study Marysburg 8:45 am Nativity CCW Mtg. 6 pm †JOAN MCCABE	13 Mass 8 am at Nativity Lenten Book Study St. Mary's, 7 pm †GORDON MCCABE	14 No Mass Office Closed for Workshop Religious Ed: Classes 6:30	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 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT NAT PENANCE: 3:15-3:45 MASS: 4 PM MB, PENANCE: 5:30-5:45 MASS: 6 PM †BUD MCCABE †DALE PETERSEN
18 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT 8:30 AM NATIVITY & 10:30AM MARYSBURG †MIKE & ANDY STRUCK †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	21 Mass 8 am at Marysburg Religious Ed: Classes 6:30	22 No Mass	23 Mass 8 am at Nativity Stations- MB, 6 pm <i>Marysburg Fish Fry</i> (Day of Abstinence)	24 VIGIL OF PALM SUNDAY NAT PENANCE: 3:15-3:45 MASS: 4 PM MB, PENANCE: 5:30-5:45 MASS: 6 PM †NEDI BIEHN
25 Palm Sunday 8:30 AM NATIVITY & 10:30AM MARYSBURG †BUD MCCABE †ALL PARISHIONERS	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 No Religious Ed Classes Confessions 6:30 - 7:30 pm at Nativity	29 Mass 7 pm at Marysburg <i>Holy Thursday</i>	30 Stations of the Cross Nativity, 3 pm Service at Nativity, 7 pm <i>Good Friday</i> Day of Fasting & Abstinence	31 Mass 8 pm at Nativity <i>Easter Vigil</i> †ALL PARISHIONERS

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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:

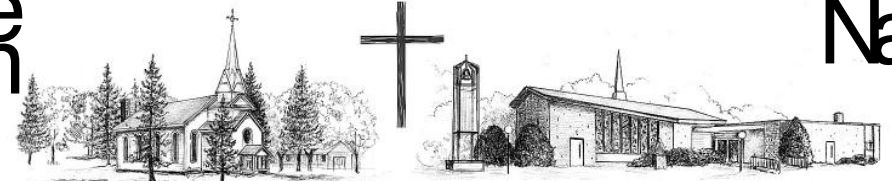
Sat. 3:15-3:45 pm - Nativity
Sat. 5:30-5:45 pm - IC of Marysburg

WEEKDAY MASSES:

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



Cleveland Jesus Christ



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March 4, 2018

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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF
MARYSBURG FISH FRY
FRIDAY, MARCH 23, 4:30-7:00 p.m.
(In the Parish Hall)

MENU
Deep Fried Fish
Au gratin Potatoes
Vegetable
Coleslaw
Bread
Dessert
Milk
Coffee


In the Church:
Stations of the Cross
at 6 pm

Adults: \$11.00
Children 6-12: \$5.00
Children 5 & under: Free



Marysburg is located 2.5 miles north of Madison Lake near the 4-way junction of County Roads 26, 15 and 16.

STEUBENVILLE ROCHESTER



Youth Grades 8-12
Our priests will be taking 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.

Amazing Adventure for Teens

Our Priests are organizing a summer canoe trip for youth entering grades 9-12. Join in July 16-20 on a camping trip with canoeing in Voyageurs National Park, MN. To find out more information, go to idretreats.org/why-outdoors. Or, email register@idretreats.org.



Nativity CCW
The Nativity CCW will have a meeting on Monday, March 12th at 6:00 PM.

Knights Breakfast
Come to the Church of St. Peter on Sunday Morning! Breakfast will help the summer youth program. They will be serving ham and eggs, donut holes, coffee, milk, and juice from 9:00am to 11:30am. Free will offering.
Thurs. March 8 - Officers Mtg. 7 pm, American Legion
Thurs. March 15 - 4th Deg. Mtg. 7:30pm, Ch of St. Peter
Thurs. March 22 - Regular Mtg. 7 pm, Dustin's Corner
Fri. April 6th - FISHBOIL, 5-7:30, Ch/St. Peter

Loyola News
Kindergarten Round Up, March 19, 6pm. Bring your Kindergarten-eligible child, tour classrooms and find out what Kindergarten at Loyola is all about! Childcare for siblings is available. Can't make it? Schedule a family tour (call 507.388.0615) on a day that works for you.

A Red Cross Blood Drive will be held on Mon., March 5, from 12-6pm, at the American Legion, Le Center. To make an appointment call 1-800-733-2767.

Legion Fish Fries
American Legion Post #108 in Le Center is holding Fish Fries on the following dates: Basket Lunch, \$7: Feb 16 & 23, Mar 2, Mar 9, Mar 16, Mar 23, Mar 30. (11am to 1pm). Dinners \$12: Feb 16 & 23, Mar 16 & 23 (5-7:30pm).

Thank You for Your Contributions
Weekend of February 24 and 25, 2018
Marysburg: \$1,169 Nativity: \$839

3RD SUNDAY IN LENT

Global Solidarity Sunday
This special collection will be the weekend of March 10 & 11 when we celebrate that "The Light came into the world" (John 3:19). This is a unique opportunity to contribute to the four global initiatives designated by U.S. Catholic Bishops: The Church in Africa, Latin America, Central and Eastern Europe and humanitarian activities of Catholic Relief Services. Please help our brothers and sisters who are sharing the light of the Lord overseas.

Lent & Easter Schedule

Confessions:
Regular Confession times on Saturdays, plus Wed., March 28th, 6:30 - 7:30 pm, at Nativity Church.

Stations of the Cross:
Fridays, 6 pm (unless noted otherwise), alternating between parishes. (Please see calendar for details.)

Holy Thursday: Mass will be at IC Marysburg, 7 p.m.

Good Friday: Stations at 3 p.m. at Nativity. Service Commemorating the Crucifixion, 7 p.m.

Holy Saturday: Vigil Mass at 8 p.m.

March 3 & 4, 2018

Brothers and Sisters in Christ, This Lenten season, we are on a journey of faith in which we strive to abandon old habits of sin and adopt new habits of virtue. Our goal is to draw close to God through His Son Jesus Christ and experience the fullness of the life that He has promised us. It is a journey that is not for the weak of heart because it requires us to make some difficult choices and to overcome, through God's grace and our will, what keeps us from God.

I recently began a series of meditations on the book of Exodus, which recounts the Israelites' journey from Egypt to the Promised Land, a journey from slavery to freedom. And is this not our Lenten journey as well? Are we not also on a journey during these forty days, seeking freedom from our slavery to sin?

The story of the Exodus begins with the patriarch Jacob from the Old

Testament - he had twelve sons, whose progeny would later become the twelve tribes of Israel. After a famine had ravaged their own land, they came to live in Egypt, under the patronage of their brother Joseph, who had become a high-ranking official in the pharaoh's court. After some time, as the first chapter of Exodus states, "Joseph and all his brothers and that whole generation died. But the Israelites were fruitful and prolific. They became so numerous and strong that the land was filled with them" (Exodus 1:6-7). As a result, a new king came to power in Egypt that enslaved the Israelite people in



order to keep them from growing stronger.

Now, if the Israelites were so numerous and strong, why were they so easily enslaved? Would they not have had the power to overcome their captors? Why were they so powerless?

We can be enslaved by many worldly things. Perhaps it's an addiction to alcohol, drugs, pornography or gambling. Maybe it's an inordinate attachment to food, drink, comfort, ease, or



Desk of Father Christopher Shofner



Fr. Christopher Shofner

entertainment. We may have noticed how these things take our eyes off of our other responsibilities and off of God. But as much as we want to break free and as many times as we have tried, how many times have our efforts fallen short, or how often have we quickly fallen back into old habits? We must admit that we are enslaved to these things. It doesn't mean we are weak in any way, it simply means we have allowed ourselves to fall under the power of something else, something other than God.

This is the key to understanding ourselves and beginning the journey toward freedom - truthfully and objectively acknowledging those things that enslave us. Then we'll be able to see the Exodus story as our story, to find some hope in the midst of our journey. As we know, the Israelites were freed from slavery in Egypt, not through their own power, but through the power of God. And that's the lesson - it is God, and only God, who delivers us. But the journey is still a long and arduous one - a journey that takes a lifetime. Because once we're free from the

clutches of slavery, we still walk in the desert until we reach the Promised Land, just like the Israelites. It's a journey that requires trust, prayer, and surrender to God.

The Exodus story is the story of our long, arduous journey from slavery to freedom. As we continue to journey throughout these forty days, may we take advantage of the graces of Confession, the Eucharist, and prayer, along with the Lenten disciplines of fasting and almsgiving, to help us on the journey to freedom. As St. Paul once said, let it be a reminder to us of the promise: "When you were slaves of sin, you were free from righteousness... But now that you have been freed from sin and have become slaves of God, the benefit that you have leads to sanctification, and its end is eternal life" (Romans 6:20, 22).

God bless,

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Easter Flower Memorial

Help beautify the altar at Easter with a memorial to a loved one. Memorials are \$15 ea. The funds will be used to adorn the altar with flowers. Clip this form and drop in the collection basket with your donation by **Palm Sunday, March 25**. Each Memorial will be listed in the bulletin on Easter Sunday.

Please check one: Nativity Marysburg

ENCLOSED IS \$ _____ FOR(QTY) _____ MEMORIALS AT \$15 EACH

NAMES: _____

REQUESTED BY: YOUR NAME HERE: _____

