

August 18th & 19th, 2018 - 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

THANK YOU...	LECTORS		COLLECTION OFFICERS		EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS		GIFT BEARERS	
	Saturday	Sunday	Saturday	Sunday	Saturday	Sunday	Saturday	Sunday
August 18 & 19	Andy Queen	Jim Losinski	Bill Pope Sharon Cink	Mark Lawrence Mary Haase	Nick & Mary Klaseus Mike Lundon	John Kluntz, Danny Holmes Agnes Morgan		
August 25 & 26	Mary Pope	Barb Harris	Dick Davis Rose Hendley	Robbie Kopet Barb Truzinski	Lynn Kluntz, Mike Keogh Mary Klaseus	Rita Kluntz Ray & Barb Truzinski		
September 1 & 2	Kathy Dauk	Agnes Morgan	Mary Klaseus Mary Pope	Carol Lawrence Janet Walechka	Lynn Kluntz, Mike Keogh Mary Klaseus	Rita Kluntz Ray & Barb Truzinski		

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August 18 & 19	Mary Kay Naegle		Clint Kortuem Nate Page	Pat Baker Larry Treanor	Mary Kammerdiener Larry & Annie Davis	Sue Leiferman, Jim & Barb Folden	Martha Weisgram Jo Ann Kortuem	
August 25 & 26	Annie Davis		Albert Weinandt Larry Davis	Becky Kaderlik Becky Kortuem	Chris & Ann Biehn Rita Ramy	Colleen & Rich McCabe Pat Baker	Annie & Larry Davis	
September 1 & 2	Chris Biehn		Joe Meyer Pat Riley	Don Adams Jim Kluntz	Leo Riley Phil Rothmeier, A. Davis	Sue Leiferman, Colleen & Rich McCabe	Joe & Becky Meyer	

Donny Anderson, Nicholas Connelly, Judy Vosbeek, Karen Ballman, Jaci Kopet, Jolene & Holden Zell, Patrick Baker, Evalyn Cusick, Tom Fritz, Lisa Skarin, Bill Soderlund, Don Roscoe, Alec Batson, Brandon Reinke, Rosemary Wondra, David Clark, Robert Kluntz, Larry Treanor, Bob Beckel, Rick Schoeb, Rudy Kaupa, Beverly Sohm, Connie Baker, Gene Thelemann, Jared Mogere Family, Tim Petersen, Kent Pearce, John Kluntz, Mary Androli, Bernice Rezak, David Krenik, Terry Sadowski, James Connor, Mary Lou Ballman, Natalie Bruender, Robert Ani, Rose Anne Schoeb, Mitchell Petsinger, Carol Leighton, Marian Meyer, Larry Johnson, Mark Johnson, Lois McCabe, Mya Walechka, Lana Dahl, Alec Heuer, Jim Meagher, Mike Davis, Betty Kinney, Ann Dauk.

Lord, Hear Our Prayer

To add or remove a name on this list, please email: office@maryschurches.com or call 507-243-3166.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
19 THE 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 8:30 AM NATIVITY & 10:30AM MARYSBURG AA MTG. MB Hall, 6 PM †DARLENE TREANOR	20 Mass 8 am at Marysburg	21 Mass 8 am at Nativity	22 Mass 8 am at Marysburg MARYSBURG FESTIVAL MTG MB HALL, 6:30 PM	23 No Mass	24 Mass 8 am at Nativity	25 VIGIL OF THE 21TH SUNDAY IN OT NAT PENANCE: 3:15-3:45 MASS: 4 PM MB PENANCE: 5:30-5:45, MASS 6 PM †RON & JEANNE TRAXLER
26 THE 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 8:30 AM NATIVITY & 10:30AM MARYSBURG AA MTG. MB Hall, 6 PM †BUD MCCABE	27 Mass 8 am at Marysburg	28 Mass 8 am at Nativity	29 Mass 8 am at Marysburg	30 No Mass	31 Mass 8 am at Nativity	1 VIGIL OF THE 22ND SUNDAY IN OT NAT PENANCE: 3:15-3:45 MASS: 4 PM MB PENANCE: 5:30-5:45, MASS 6 PM †IRENE KRENIK
2 THE 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 8:30 AM NATIVITY & 10:30AM MARYSBURG AA MTG. MB Hall, 6 PM	3 Mass 8 am at Marysburg LABOR DAY PARISH OFFICE CLOSED	4 Mass 8 am at Nativity	5 Mass 8 am at Marysburg ♥ANGIE HESSE	6 No Mass	7 Mass 8 am at Nativity	8 VIGIL OF THE 23RD SUNDAY IN OT NAT PENANCE: 3:15-3:45 MASS: 4 PM MB PENANCE: 5:30-5:45, MASS 6 PM †RON & JEANNE TRAXLER
9 THE 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 8:30 AM NATIVITY & 10:30AM MARYSBURG AA MTG. MB Hall, 6 PM †TODD BROWN	10 Mass 8 am at Marysburg TWSP MTG. MB Hall, PM	11 Mass 8 am at Nativity MB FINANCE CNCL. 6 PM MB PASTORAL CNCL. 7 PM	12 Mass 8 am at Marysburg	13 No Mass	14 Mass 8 am at Nativity	15 VIGIL OF THE 24TH SUNDAY IN OT NAT PENANCE: 3:15-3:45 MASS: 4 PM MB PENANCE: 5:30-5:45, MASS 6 PM

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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

Immaculate Conception



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CENTERED AROUND
 JESUS CHRIST



Nativity

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CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL UPDATES - 2018

MARYSBURG 2018 GOAL: \$5,139.00
 Campaign Status as of 8/17/2018
 Total Pledged & Received: \$3,115.00
 Amount Received: \$2,965.00
 Over/(Under) Goal: (\$2,023.82)
 Percent of Goal Pledged: 60.62%
 Percent of Goal Received: 57.7%

NATIVITY 2018 GOAL: \$5,257.00
 Campaign Status as of 8/17/2018
 Total Pledged & Received: \$5,820.00
 Amount Received: \$5,565.00
 Over/(Under) Goal: \$562.68
 Percent of Goal Pledged: 110%
 Percent of Goal Received: 106%
 *Congratulations Nativity!

Visit www.csafspm.org to learn more about how the appeal donations are being used within our communities as we look to best SERVE - SUPPORT - and STRENGTHEN one another through our foundation of faith!



Thank you to all who have donated to date! THANKS!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS!

Weekend of August 4th & 5th
 Marysburg: \$1,031.00 | Nativity: \$1,056.50
Weekend of August 11th & 12th
 Marysburg: \$900.00 | Nativity: \$1,582.00

~LOCAL EVENTS!~

< HOLY TRINITY CHURCH 51ST ANNUAL HO-DOWN FESTIVAL >
 Aug. 19th at 11 AM, Veseli, MN. (until 6:15 pm). Polka Mass, Food, Music, BINGO & other games, Country store, & much more!

<<< 2018 MARYSBURG FALL FESTIVAL >>>
 *NEW DATE - Sunday, September 16th, 2018
 Next planning meeting Tues. Aug. 22nd at 6:30 PM, MB Hall.

<< KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ANNUAL BRAT & CORN FEED >>
 Knights of Columbus #1509 Annual Brat & Corn Feed with COA
 August 23rd - 6 PM. More info to come.
 9-13-18: KC Officers Meeting @ American Legion 7 PM

<< TOUR AND LEARN ABOUT LOYOLA >>>
 Learn about Loyola Catholic School (PS-12).
 Visit www.loyolacatholicschool.org
 Scholarships available for the 2018-2019 school year.
 Contact Angela Casteel at acasteel@loyolacatholicschool.org
 507.388.0615 to schedule family tours.

HAVE A LOCAL EVENT TO INCLUDE? EMAIL: OFFICE@MARYSCHURCHES.COM

Congratulations to this year's CASH RAFFLE winners and thank you for supporting the 2018 Nativity Parish Festival...!!!

ANDY SCHMIDT: \$1,000
Dave Tiegs: \$500
Terry Blaschko: \$500
Gina Walechka: \$250

FALL SCHOOL SUPPLIES DONATIONS DRIVE!
 NOW THROUGH THE END OF AUGUST!
 PLEASE BRING BASIC SCHOOL SUPPLIES TO THE CHURCH AND PLACE IN THE DONATION BASKETS. THANK YOU!

A NOTE FROM
 THE CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY
 PASTORAL COUNCIL PRESIDENT...

Copies of the proposed Nativity Parish Council bylaws and constitution have been posted in the entryway for review. Please send any comments to Andy Queen at: andyqueen58@gmail.com

THANK YOU!

Camp Oz



Camp Oz is a free day-long grief camp for children and teens, ages 6 to 18, who have experienced the death of someone in their life. Because of generous donations, Mayo Clinic Health System Hospice is able to offer Camp Oz FREE of charge.
 SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6TH, 2018

Camp Patterson on Lake Washington, Madison Lake, Mn. For more information or registration materials, please call 507-594-2989 or 1-800-327-3721, ext. 4-2989 (toll-free). Registration must be received by September 26, 2018. To learn about opportunities to volunteer at Camp Oz, contact: Jeanne Atkinson, bereavement coordinator. Applications to volunteer must be received by Sept. 14, 2018.

The 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Aug 18th & 19th, 2018



THANK YOU all for your prayers for my continued recovery with an emergency health concern. I am doing a little better and pray that I may continue to get better with each day to best serve you as the Administrative Assistant, I will be in the office as energy levels allow. -Jill



Pro-Life Presentation – All are welcome!

Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life (MCCL) will offer a brief pro-life presentation on Monday, September 24 at 7:00 pm at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 421 N. Second St., in Mankato. You will learn about how to help pregnant women in need, Minnesota abortion statistics, efforts to overturn our law against assisted suicide, and more. Discover how you can make a difference in protecting innocent human life. Enjoy fellowship at this free one-hour gathering! For more information, visit the “Events-Fall Tour” section at www.mccl.org. We look forward to presenting this vital information in your area. Thank you so much!

Our Cluster Parish Mass Times...

ST. ANNE - LE SUEUR

Sat. 4-4:30 PM Confessions
5:15 PM Mass

Sun. 8:00 AM Mass
10:30 AM Mass

Tue/Wed/Thur/Fri. 8 AM Mass

ST. MARY - LE CENTER

Sat. 3:45-4:20 PM Confessions
4:30 PM Mass

Sun. 10:00 AM Mass
12:00 PM Mass (Spanish)

Tue/Wed/Fri. 9 AM Mass
Thur. 5 PM Mass

ST. HENRY

Sun. 7:30-7:50 AM Conf
8:00 AM Mass



Staying in Touch...

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From the Desk of Father Christopher Shofner

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Fr. Christopher Shofner

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In 2006 Bishop Robert Barron, who was then a priest and rector of Mundelein Seminary in Chicago but is now an Auxiliary Bishop in Los Angeles, wrote an article called “The Glory of God is a Human Being ‘Fully Alive’”; in which he gives some remarkable insight into the concept of human freedom. He acknowledges that to many in our culture, Catholicism seeks to do nothing more than limit human freedom with “rules” and “laws” that control self-expression, particularly in the area of sexuality. The modern mindset proclaims that an increase in personal freedom, without the restrictions of Christianity and its “rules”; is the answer—that is, one’s personal desires should dictate our behavior. But authentic freedom requires that we be shaped by Christ, so that we can truly be free to achieve excellence in the Christian life.

Bishop Barron makes the distinction between what he calls the “freedom of indifference” and the “freedom for excellence.” Freedom of indifference has shaped our culture, and is defined as our capacity to choose “yes” or “no” simply on the basis of our desires (i.e. what we want). Freedom for excellence, however, is the capacity to discipline our desires so as to make the achievement of the good possible and eventually effortless. Bishop Barron uses the example of language – the more I am trained in the rules and structure of a language, the freer I am to speak it with little effort. The same goes with sports – the more familiar I am with the rules of basketball and train my body to move in the required ways, the freer I am to play effortlessly. Knowing the rules and being shaped by them, as difficult as that may be at times, frees us to achieve excellence.

The Christian life, in a way, is a striving for this “freedom for excellence”. It’s achieved, however, only when we commit ourselves to the laws of Christ. St. Paul describes himself as “a slave of Christ Jesus” (Romans 1:1), even though he also professes, “For freedom Christ set us free” (Galatians 5:1). Bishop Barron explains the contradiction: “The more I surrender to Christ Jesus...the freer I am to be who I am supposed to be. The more Christ becomes the master of my life, the more I internalize his moral demands, the freer I am to be a child of God, to respond promptly to the call of the Father.” It’s about allowing ourselves to be shaped by Jesus Christ, so that the Christian life becomes (relatively) effortless.

How do we do this? First, by not rejecting the laws of Christ and His Church. Our attitude makes a difference—if we see Christ’s laws as something positive and directed toward our good, then we are more likely to commit ourselves to the challenge of living the Christian life and disciplines. Second, by asking for God’s grace through prayer. We are limited in what we can do solely by our own efforts—we need God’s help. Asking for that help is absolutely necessary. Third, through perseverance—it’s easy to want to give up when things are difficult, but we never achieve any greatness in life if we give up whenever we falter. And finally, through constant reminders of Christ’s encouragements. The Scriptures tell us that when we are weak, afraid, discouraged or overwhelmed, He is with us to lift us up.

Living the Christian life is not for the faint of heart. It requires a commitment to want to live in true freedom, a freedom that is oriented not merely to the fulfillment of our fleeting personal desires, but to real excellence in the Christian life, and eventually to eternal life with Jesus. That comes when our hearts and souls are truly shaped by Jesus’ Word.

God bless,

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