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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
 Wednesday, 8 am: Marysburg
 Thursday, NO Mass
 Friday, 8 am: Nativity

MASS CANCELLATIONS:
 Check Facebook & KEYC

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200 Main Street, Cleveland MN 56017
 facebook.com/nativitycleveland



MARYSBURG DECORATION TAKETOWN:

A BIG "Thank You" to all who helped decorate our Church for the Christmas Season! Not only did the Church look WONDERFUL but the fellowship over pizza after the task was completed made the evening even more memorable. Unfortunately, "what goes up, must come down" so, the Christmas takedown evening is scheduled for Monday, January 14, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. Since the greens do not need to be "fluffed" and decorations Inspected, the "take down" should be quick! Anyone is welcome to come help! Many hands does make the work light!

OUR GIFT TO



2019 Marysburg & Nativity Calendars are available in the back of the church / at the entrances. Please stop by to pick up your 2019 Offering Envelopes. If you do not see a box with your information on it, please reach out to the Parish Office; office@maryschurches.com | Thanks!

**OUR NEW WEBSITE IS LIVE!
 PLEASE CHECK IT OUT...
 www.MarysChurches.com**

~ local things ~

<< DEAD THEOLOGIANS SOCIETY YOUTH PROGRAM >>

The next DTS gatherings is Sun, Jan. 13th, 2019
 at **Nativity in Cleveland, 6-9PM.**

All High School Teens are invited!
 Learn more by visiting www.DeadTheologiansSociety.com
 or see Fr. James Adams.

<< SAVE THE DATE - WOMEN'S RETREAT >>

The Holy Rosary Council of Catholic Women is sponsoring
 a **Women's Retreat on Saturday, March 16, 2019**
9 am – 2 pm at Holy Rosary Catholic Church in N. Mankato
Sister Therese Even SSND has graciously accepted being
our presenter. There will be a \$5.00 donation for lunch.

<< LOYOLA CATHOLIC SCHOOL - MANKATO >>

Save the Date! **Jan 28: Catholic Schools Week Mass at 10am,**
Holy Rosary Parish. www.loyolacatholicschool.org
Contact Angela at acasteel@loyolacatholicschool.org
or 507.388.0615 for personal tours.

<< BAD WEATHER MASS CANCELLATION NEWS >>

In case of unsafe driving conditions due to winter weather,
 a priest may need to cancel a mass.
 If so, please check either the Marysburg and Nativity Facebook
 pages or watch/listen to KEYC for updates on mass
 cancellations due to weather.
www.Facebook.com/Marysburg
www.Facebook.com/NativityCleveland
www.KEYC.com

We will do our best to get the word out to everyone!
 Also, updates may be on our website: MarysChurches.com

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

JANUARY 5TH & 6TH, 2019



Join us this summer for the Steubenville Youth Conference in Rochester, MN – July 12-14, 2019!

The Steubenville Conference is a weekend conference that evangelizes, equips and empowers youth in Grades 8-12 to become radical, joyful disciples of Jesus. Enjoy dynamic speakers, praise and worship, Eucharistic Adoration, Reconciliation and much more. The theme for this year is BELONG: At the core of our being is a desire for meaningful connection and authentic relationship. We long to love and be loved, but how often do we just feel lonely? As we search for ways to escape these feelings of isolation, there comes a small, quiet whisper that pierces through to the depths of our heart: "You are never alone, because you are Mine."

Join us for Music, Dancing, Laughs, Spiritual Growth. We hope to form a group of youth from all our parishes to attend the Steubenville Conference together. Registration forms and \$50 non-refundable deposit will be due to the church office by January 30, 2019 to reserve a spot for your youth. More information and registration forms may be found at:

<https://stmarysthenry.org/steubenville-conference>.
 Questions? Contact Jean Boothby at 507-357-4838 or Fr. Shofner. Visit Partnership for Youth to learn more about the mission of the Steubenville Conferences:
<http://www.partnershipforyouth.org>



PRAY TO THE LORD OF THE HARVEST

VOCATIONS HOLY HOURS

Please join us to intercede for vocations on the second Tuesday of each month at 7pm.

- Nov 13, 2018 Cathedral of St. Paul, St. Paul
- Dec 11, 2018 Holy Family, St. Louis Park
- Jan 8, 2019 St. Patrick, Oak Grove
- Feb 12, 2019 St. Bernard, St. Paul
- Mar 12, 2019 St. Michael, Pine Island
- Apr 9, 2019 St. Maximilian Kolbe, Delano
- May 14, 2019 Our Lady of Grace, Edina
- Jun 11, 2019 St. Mary, Le Center
- Jul 9, 2019 St. Joseph, West St. Paul
- Aug 13, 2019 St. Henry, Monticello
- Sep 10, 2019 Good Shepherd, Golden Valley
- Oct 8, 2019 Nativity of Our Lord, St. Paul
- Nov 12, 2019 Cathedral of St. Paul, St. Paul



www.10000VOCATIONS.ORG

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS!

December 29th & 30th, 2018

Marysburg: \$2,086.00 | Nativity: \$1,490.00

December 31st, 2018

Nativity: \$441.00



FOR THE CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY IN CLEVELAND, MN.

“On behalf of the Catholic Services Appeal Foundation, I want to THANK YOU and your parishioners for your support of the needed work of the Catholic Services Appeal. This year, a portion of all donations from your parishioners are being returned to your parish for your own ministries. Enclosed is a check for \$1,425.00 (Nativity).

May it help to build up the Body of Christ in your parish community.”

Gratefully, Greg Pulles - President of the Catholic Services Appeal Foundation

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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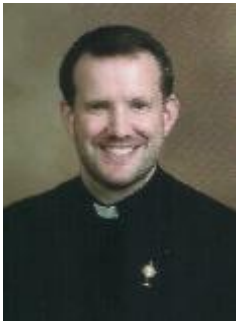
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Desk of Father Christopher Shofner

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Fr. Christopher Shofner

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Thank you to all who gave so generously to our parish throughout 2018. Through your gifts, we were able to provide for our ongoing ministry needs and address regular administrative and maintenance issues, in addition to making significant headway on introducing new ministry opportunities, especially for the youth of our parishes. We are looking forward to what 2019 will bring.

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany, on which we commemorate the visit of the Magi to the manger. Most of us are familiar with the story, either from images we have seen or from Christmas hymns. It's an interesting story, the details of which we remember may or may not be completely accurate. For example, while the Scriptures don't tell how many Magi visited the manger, we assume there were three—and in fact, tradition has given them the names of Caspar, Melchior and Balthazar. We assume there were three because the story tells of three gifts being offered to the baby Jesus—gold, frankincense and myrrh. Likewise, we tend to think that the visit of the Magi took place shortly after Jesus' birth, following soon after the shepherds made their visit. But scholars suggest that the Magi may have visited much later, perhaps even when Jesus was as old as two years. They suggest this because it would still have Jesus within the age range of those boys that Herod was seeking to slaughter, and because Scripture states that they entered into a house, not a manger. Mary and Joseph would have taken time to find a more permanent shelter after the birth of Jesus.

Regardless of the details of the story, the purpose of the Magi's visit is the same – they came to adore the newborn King of the Jews and to offer Him gifts (interesting, since the Magi were not Jews). They knew that there was something special about this child – even the stars in the heavens were attesting to this. So the Magi traveled from their countries in the east, thus representing the manifestation of the Christ-child to the nations. When Jesus was born, He was given to all nations and all peoples – no one is excluded from His grace. And all peoples are invited to seek Him out, adore Him, and receive from His abundant gifts and blessings.

It seems this year, more than any other, one particular image has popped up time and time again. I have found lots of variations of this simple image, but the main image is the same – the Magi traveling by camel, guided by the light of the star, as they make their way to the manger to see the newborn Jesus. A single phrase tells the entire story: “Wise men still seek Him”.

How true this is! Even though 2000 years have passed since the birth of Jesus, we still seek Him. If we are wise enough to recognize our need for Him, then we will seek Him. We will even go to great lengths, as the Magi did, to find Him. We may not have to travel hundreds or thousands of miles over hills and valleys, but we may have to traverse the ups and downs of our doubts and fears. We may have to go through rough patches of not feeling that we're making any progress in our faith journey. But if we are wise and recognize that our journey is guided by the light of a star that will lead us to Jesus, then we will reach our destination. The journey is never in vain. Yes, wise men still seek Him.

As we celebrate the birth of Jesus and adore Him with our lives, we renew our efforts to seek Him out at all times, confident that we will find Him, so that we can adore Him and offer Him the gift of our life. May 2019 bring you many blessings, and may Christ abound in your lives this year!

God bless,
Fr. Chris Shofner

January 5th & 6th, 2019 | The Epiphany of the Lord

| THANK YOU... | LECTORS | | COLLECTION OFFICERS | | EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS | | GIFT BEARERS | |
|------------------------|-----------------|------------------|---------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|--------|
| | Saturday | Sunday | Saturday | Sunday | Saturday | Sunday | Saturday | Sunday |
| January, 2019 5 & 6 | Becky Meyer | | Pat Riley | Rich McCabe | Leo Riley | Joni McMabe | Joe & Becky | |
| | | Sue Leiferman | Joe Meyer | Steve Rohlffing | Chris & Ann Biehn | Jim & Barb Folden | Meyer | |
| January 12 & 13 | Mary Kay Naegle | | Clint Kortuem | Pat Baker | Mary Kammerdiener | Colleen & Rich McCabe | Martha Weisgram | |
| | | Marcia Stapleton | Nate Page | Volunteer | Phil Rothmeier, Joe Meyer | Pat Baker | Jo Ann Kortuem | |
| January 19 & 20 | Joe Meyer | | Mark Meyer | Becky Kaderlik | Annie Davis, Rita Ramy | Sue Leiferman, | Steve & Teresa | |
| | | Cindy Krenik | Steve Baker | Becky Kortuem | Mary Kammerdiener | Jim & Barb Folden | Baker | |

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| | Saturday | Sunday | Saturday | Sunday | Saturday | Sunday | Saturday | Sunday |
| January - 2019 5 & 6 | Kathy Dauk | Kelly McCabe | Rose Hendley | Mary Haase | Mike Keogh, Kathy Dauk | Andy Queen, Jaci Kopet | | |
| | | | Barb Truzinski | Janet Walechka | Ray Truzinski | Ann Rohlffing | | |
| January 12 & 13 | Dave Cink | Bill Stangler | Rose Hendley | Janet Walechka | Lynn Kluntz, Mike Keogh | Rita Kluntz, Jaci Kopet | | |
| | | | Dick Davis | Robbie Kopet | Rita Martinson | Ann Rohlffing | | |
| January 19 & 20 | Kathy Dauk | Andy Queen | Nick Klaseus | Robbie Kopet | Lynn Kluntz, Nick Klaseus | Rita Kluntz | | |
| | | | Dick Davis | Barb Truzinski | Kathy Dauk | Ray & Barb Truzinski | | |

The following members of our Faith Communities have asked for our prayers...
 Quentin Shevy, Hunter Schmitz & Family, Deb Winger, Dotsy Jacobson, Dave Rusch, Albert Weinandt, Jaci Kopet, Jolene & Holden Zell, Patrick Baker, Evalyn Cusick, Tom Fritz, Lisa Skarin, Don Roscoe, Alec Batson, Brandon Reinke, Rosemary Wondra, David Clark, Robert Kluntz, Larry Treanor, Bob Beckel, 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, Lois McCabe, Mya Walechka, Lana Dahl, Alec Heuer, Jim Meagher, Mike Davis, Betty Kinney.



To add or remove a name on this list, please reach out to the Parish Office... Please e-mail: office@maryschurches.com or call 507-243-3166. Thank you!

*Please contact the Parish Office to request Mass Intentions for loved ones; suggested donation \$7 per mass. Email: office@maryschurches.com Phone: 507-243-3166. Thanks!

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| 6 THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD 8:30 AM NATIVITY & 10:30AM MARYSBURG Nativity Coffee & Rolls! AA MTG. MB Hall 6:30 PM †BUD MCCABE | 7 Mass 8 am at Marysburg | 8 Mass 8 am at Nativity | 9 Mass 8 am at Marysburg 6:30-7:30 pm Faith Formation | 10 No Mass | 11 Mass 8 am at Nativity | 12 VIGIL OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD NAT PENANCE: 3:15-3:45 MASS: 4 PM MB PENANCE: 5:30-5:45, MASS 6 PM †WILLIAM SODERLUND |
| 13 THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD 8:30 AM NATIVITY & 10:30AM MARYSBURG DTS! DEAD THEOLOGIAN SOCIETY 6 - 9 pm Nativity AA MTG. MB Hall 6:30 PM †MARY ANNE STOFFEL | 14 Mass 8 am at Marysburg MB Church Decor Takedown @ 6:30 PM | 15 Mass 8 am at Nativity MB FIN CNL MTG 6PM PASTORAL CNL MTG 7 PM | 16 Mass 8 am at Marysburg 6:30-7:30 pm Faith Formation | 17 No Mass NAT FIN CNL MTG 6PM PASTORAL CNL MTG 7 PM | 18 Mass 8 am at Nativity | 19 VIGIL OF THE 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME NAT PENANCE: 3:15-3:45 MASS: 4 PM MB PENANCE: 5:30-5:45, MASS 6 PM Y JOLENE & HOLDEN ZELL & FAMILIES †HATTIE KROHM |
| 20 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 8:30 AM NATIVITY & 10:30AM MARYSBURG AA MTG. MB Hall 6:30 PM †VERNETTE BIEHN | 21 Mass 8 am at Marysburg | 22 Mass 8 am at Nativity | 23 Mass 8 am at Marysburg 6:30-7:30 pm Faith Formation | 24 No Mass | 25 Mass 8 am at Nativity †TOM BROWN | 26 VIGIL OF THE 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME NAT PENANCE: 3:15-3:45 MASS: 4 PM MB PENANCE: 5:30-5:45, MASS 6 PM †WILLIAM SODERLUND |
| 27 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 8:30 AM NATIVITY & 10:30AM MARYSBURG AA MTG. MB Hall 6:30 PM †BUD MCCABE | 28 Mass 8 am at Marysburg | 29 Mass 8 am at Nativity | 30 Mass 8 am at Marysburg 6:30-7:30 pm Faith Formation | 31 No Mass | 1 Mass 8 am at Nativity †MAURICE BROWN | 2 VIGIL OF THE 4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME NAT PENANCE: 3:15-3:45 MASS: 4 PM MB PENANCE: 5:30-5:45, MASS 6 PM †IRENE KRENK |