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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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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!

~ local things ~

<< **DEAD THEOLOGIANS SOCIETY YOUTH PROGRAM** >>
DTS youth gathering is this weekend, 01-13-19.
at Nativity in Cleveland, 6-9PM.
Teens in grades 8th - 12th 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.

<< **PLEASE NOTE DAILY MASS SCHEDULE CHANGES** >>
Fri, Feb 8 - no 8 am Mass (Clvd)
Tues, Feb 12 - no 8 am Mass (Clvd)
Tues, Feb 19 - no 8 am Mass (Clvd)
Wed, Feb 20 - no 8 am Mass (Mburg)

***Additionally, please note that we will have a visiting priest the weekend of Feb. 9-10th - Fr. Tom Wantland will be here on behalf of Cross Catholic Outreach.**

HAVE SOMETHING TO ADD? PLEASE EMAIL THE PARISH OFFICE AT OFFICE@MARYSCHURCHES.COM
BULLETIN DEADLINE IS 12 NOON WEDNESDAYS WEEKLY.

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

JANUARY 12TH & 13TH, 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>

THE DEAD THEOLOGIANS SOCIETY

DTS YOUTH NIGHT
 This Sunday, January 13th
 @ Nativity Church in Cleveland, MN.
 from 6 pm - 9 pm.
 HOMEMADE PIZZA
 a rock star saint and Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament coming to a local parish near you!!!
 Don't miss out.
 All teens grades 8 - 12, come at 6pm...
 and all ages/everyone welcome from 6-9pm for prayer of adoration in the main church
 and night prayer/Benediction at 8:30pm.
 Questions – please contact Fr Adams. padrejfa@frontier.com

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS!

January 5th & 6th, 2019

Marysburg: \$1,264.25 | Nativity: \$2,243.00
 Monthly Online Giving - MB: \$765.00 | NAT: \$940.00

*For Online Giving info, email: office@maryschurches.com

OUR GIFT TO

You

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

Weekly Bulletins are back online too!



World Day for Consecrated Life will be celebrated in the Church on Saturday, February 2, 2019 and in parishes on the weekend of

February 2-3, 2019. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life, and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.

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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Fr. Christopher Shofner

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, that glorious event when Jesus appeared on the banks of the River Jordan and asked John the Baptist to baptize Him in the sight of the crowds, marking the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. John recognized Jesus as the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world and thus responded with great humility – who is he, a sinful man, to baptize the Messiah, who is sinless? But Jesus overcame John's resistance, helping him to understand that His baptism would be an example to all of Jesus' followers that they too must be cleansed by the baptismal waters. Further, Jesus' baptism was the means by which the waters became holy, sin is remitted, and we receive the very life of God within our souls. You may remember the image of the dove descending upon Jesus as He came up from the water – this was the Holy Spirit sanctifying the waters and affirming Jesus as the Father's "beloved Son, with [whom] I am well pleased".

When we present our children to the Church for Baptism, we are asking that they share in the Baptism of Christ, along with all the graces that the Lord offers through that Sacrament. It is truly a joyous occasion to know that our children are sharing in Christ's life. But what does the baptized person actually receive in Baptism? When I meet with families preparing for the Baptism of their child, I summarize with them what our Catechism of the Catholic Church describes as the principal effects of Baptism in our soul:

- 1) The remission of original and actual sin (that is, the stain of sin we inherit from Adam and Eve, and any sins we have actually committed up to the time of our baptism).
- 2) New birth in the Holy Spirit, which gives us all the spiritual aids we need to live out the Christian life, which are meant to be fostered and nurtured throughout our life.
- 3) Incorporation into the Church (at times referred to as the Body of Christ or the Communion of Saints), allowing us to more fully participate in the sacramental life and to receive the benefits of the prayers of all in the Church.
- 4) Bestowal of our identity as a child of God, beginning one's life in Christ and reminding us of our dignity as God's beloved sons and daughters, united by grace.

Baptism creates an indelible mark, meaning that it cannot be erased or repeated. Once baptized, always baptized. This is why our Creed professes: "I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins". A baptized person has been claimed for Jesus Christ, even should that person later reject Christ. Several years ago I came across an article about a trend among some atheists asking churches for a certificate of "de-baptism", claiming to erase the effects of Baptism in their soul. Of course, this is an absurd concept – though it is admittedly possible for a person to stray from the grace they've received in their Baptism or to reject the workings of grace in their soul.

We should be humbled that God has chosen us to be His own through Baptism as members of His Church. And we should rejoice in the love that our Lord bestows upon us in so many ways, beginning at the moment of our Baptism. Every time we present a child for Baptism, the entire Church, along with the angels and saints, rejoices with the child's parents, for a new member has been added to the Body of Christ. Today as we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord, let us recall our own baptism and thank God for the grace He has been so gracious to bestow upon us. It's the grace that allows us to enter into His presence, to grow closer to Him, to receive forgiveness for our sins, and to be strengthened as true disciples of Christ.

God bless,
Fr. Chris Shofner

January 12th & 13th, 2019 | The Baptism of the Lord

THANK YOU...	LECTORS		COLLECTION OFFICERS		EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS		GIFT BEARERS	
	Saturday	Sunday	Saturday	Sunday	Saturday	Sunday	Saturday	Sunday
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	
January 26 & 27	Mary Kay Naegle		John Page	Don Adams	Chris & Ann Biehn	Colleen & Rich McCabe	Mary Wolff and	
		Marilyn Kluntz	Steve Blais	Jim Kluntz	Annie Davis	Pat Baker	Shiela Wolff	

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	Saturday	Sunday	Saturday	Sunday	Saturday	Sunday	Saturday	Sunday
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 Rohlfing		
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		
January 26 & 27	Glen O'Connor	Barb Harris	Mary Klaseus	Barb Truzinski	Mary Klaseus, Mike Keogh	Andy Queen		
			Rose Hendley	Mary Haase	Rita Martinson	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; 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
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 Parish Office Closed for Seminar NAT FIN CNL MTG 6PM PASTORAL CNL MTG 7 PM	18 Mass 8 am at Nativity †RUSSELL & EILEEN KRENIK	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 †BOB & IRENE KRENIK
3 4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 8:30 AM NATIVITY & 10:30AM MARYSBURG AA MTG. MB Hall 6:30 PM Confirmation Breakfast @ Nativity! †MARYANNE STOFFEL	4 Mass 8 am at Marysburg	5 Mass 8 am at Nativity	6 Mass 8 am at Marysburg 6:30-7:30 pm Faith Formation Y ANGIE HESSE	7 No Mass	8 No Mass	9 VIGIL OF THE 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME NAT PENANCE: 3:15-3:45 MASS: 4 PM MB PENANCE: 5:30-5:45, MASS 6 PM Visiting Priest from Cross Outreach! †RAMON & VERNETTE BIEHN