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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
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Nativity

OUR NEW WEBSITE IS LIVE!
 PLEASE CHECK IT OUT...

www.MarysChurches.com

Weekly Bulletins are back online too!

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!



Learn about Loyola Catholic School (PS-12). Visit www.loyolacatholicschool.org
 Contact Angela at acasteel@loyolacatholicschool.org or 507.388.0615 to schedule family tours.
 Preschool registration is opening soon. Contact us! 507.388.0615

Please prayerfully consider a planned gift to Loyola Catholic School when choosing your legacy.

OUR WEEKLY BULLETINS: HAVE SOMETHING TO ADD?

PLEASE EMAIL THE PARISH OFFICE AT
 OFFICE@MARYSCHURCHES.COM

DEADLINE IS 12 NOON WEDNESDAYS WEEKLY.

~ local things ~

<< SUPER BINGO - ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC CHURCH >>
 Sunday, Jan. 27th - All Saints in Madison Lake @ 12:30 pm.
 Lunch available @ 11 am. Early bird bingo @ 11:30 am.
 For tickets call 507-243-3319.

<< 2019 CONFIRMATION BREAKFAST >>
 Sunday, Feb. 3rd - Church of the Nativity in Cleveland
 Serving from 9:30 am - 12 pm.
 Menu: Pancakes, Sausage, Eggs, & Beverages.
 \$7 adults. \$3 kids (K-6th gr). \$20 family max.

<< ST. CANICE SWEETHEART BREAKFAST >>
 Sunday, February 10th, 8:30 am - 12 pm
 Church of St. Canice - Kilkenny, MN
 Serving Pancakes, Sausage & Eggs in Church Hall
 Adults \$8, Kids 6-12 \$3, 5 & under Free!

<< 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 donation for lunch.

<< CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK MASS >>
 Save the Date! Jan 28: Catholic Schools Week Mass
 10 am at Holy Rosary Parish in North Mankato

<< PLEASE NOTE DAILY MASS SCHEDULE CHANGES >>
 No week day 8 am Mass on February 8th, 12th, 19th or 20th.
 *Additionally, please note that we will have a visiting priest
 the weekend of Feb. 9-10th - Fr. Tom Wantland will be here.

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 19TH & 20TH, 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>



2019 CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL:

In response to the Gospel call to serve the poor and spread the Good News, the Catholic Services Appeal Foundation of the Saint Paul and Minneapolis Area (CSAF) works as Christ's hands and feet throughout the 12-county Archdiocese. An independent non-profit organization, CSAF partners with 20 varied outreach ministries, thousands of individual donors, and over 185 Catholic parishes to serve the poor, support life, and strengthen the Catholic faith. We invite you to learn more about each of the vital ministries supported by the Foundation, and to join us in transforming lives through the Gospel!

Visit www.csafspm.org to learn more.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS!

January 12th & 13th, 2019

Marysburg: \$1,169.00 | Nativity: \$1,467.00

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

World Day for Consecrated Life will be celebrated in the Church on Sat. Feb. 2 and in parishes on the 1st weekend of February. 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.



*Congratulations to
Jacob and Grace Jewison,
who were united in
the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony
on Saturday, January 19
at All Saints Catholic Church
in Madison Lake.
May the grace of God be with you &
bless you all the days of your married life!*

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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Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Following last weekend's Mass celebrating the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, we entered into the time of year known as Ordinary Time, which will last until Ash Wednesday begins the Lenten Season on March 6. For many of us, this time of year seems, as the name implies, "ordinary", as if nothing special is meant to take place during this time. But Ordinary Time is anything but ordinary. Yes, this is a time that's not particularly focused on the joy of Christ's birth as in the Christmas Season – it's not focused on the glory of Jesus' Resurrection as in the Easter Season – nor is it focused on acts of penance for our sins as in the Lenten or Advent Seasons. So what is Ordinary Time focused on? It's focused on living the Christian life in the midst of the simple, ordinary circumstances we encounter. It's about experiencing joy in the midst of life's blessings and sorrow in the midst of life's tragedies. It's about enjoying the company of family and friends, and finding contentment in the silence of solitude. It's about learning, growing, loving and serving others. But most importantly, as we go about all these moments of the ordinary human experience, it's about recognizing the presence of Christ in the midst of it all.

In many ways, the Gospel we hear this weekend reminds us of that. The story of Jesus' first public miracle, the changing of the water into wine at the wedding at Cana, is one that describes the ups and downs of the human experience. But Jesus is there to accompany the people through it all. Consider:

- There is joy in the midst of life's celebrations. In this case, the crowd is gathered for the marriage of an unnamed man and woman. They eat, drink, dance and enjoy the company of friends. The people are excited and hopeful for the new husband and wife. The Blessed Virgin Mary is present, and so is Jesus – He has come as an invited guest. And He takes part in the couple's joy for what they have received. We have cause for celebration in life – a wedding, the birth of a child, a graduation, a promotion, buying a new home, etc. Jesus is there to celebrate with us and share our joy.
- There is sadness, fear and frustration at the problems of life. This is to be expected whenever troubles come our way. In this story, the problem is simple—they have run out of wine for the wedding guests, meaning that the celebration would be cut short and the guests would go home. Mary takes things into her own hands and runs to Jesus for answers. We all have problems in life, times when we fall short in our ability to see solutions, times when we fear what may come. But in those moments, Jesus is there to run to, so that we can place our need before Him and ask His help.
- There is work that we must do in order to see solutions. Jesus directs the servers to fill the water jars, no small job, as each jar held 20 to 30 gallons. But Jesus was there directing their work. In life, we may not want to do the work that is necessary to see results. But Jesus is there telling us not just to sit back and expect Him to do everything, but for us to do something, so that we can unite our efforts to His grace and see the miraculous results. He is directing us not just to do some task, but to trust Him.
- There is awe in those moments when we see the power of God shine forth. The miracle here is that water is turned to wine. And not just any wine, but the very best of wine. It's testament of the great desire of God to give us the greatest blessings, always something more than we can expect or imagine. And our hearts will always be lifted in awe and gratitude to God. If we were to look at our lives, I think we would find many such moments when God breaks through the mundane and makes Himself known. And Jesus is there to direct all our praises to.

During this season of Ordinary Time, I encourage you to take a cue from the first public miracle of Jesus. Realize that in all the circumstances of life—the joys, sorrows, the times of hard work, and the awe-inspiring moments—Jesus is present. He wants us to experience life to its fullest, and to realize that He is there to accompany us and to bless us.

God bless,
Fr. Chris Shofner

January 19th & 20th, 2019 | The 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

THANK YOU...	LECTORS		COLLECTION OFFICERS		EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS		GIFT BEARERS	
	Saturday	Sunday	Saturday	Sunday	Saturday	Sunday	Saturday	Sunday
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	
February 2 & 3	Chris Biehn		Pat Riley	Greg Germscheid	Leo Riley	Sue Leiferman,	Joe & Becky	
		Sarah Guentzel	Joe Meyer	Mike Germscheid	Phil Rothmeier, Joe Meyer	Jim & Barb Folden	Meyer	

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	Saturday	Sunday	Saturday	Sunday	Saturday	Sunday	Saturday	Sunday
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		
February 2 & 3	Mary Klaseus	Kelly McCabe	Mary Klaseus	Mary Haase	Mary Klaseus, Mike Keogh	Andy Queen, Jaci Kopet		
			Dick Davis	Robbie Kopet	Rita Martinson	Kathy Dauk		

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 & Jill 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

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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
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 PARISH OFFICE CLOSED!	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 Parish Office Closed for Seminar	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 KRENK
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 Mass 8 am at Nativity	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
10 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 8:30 AM NATIVITY & 10:30AM MARYSBURG DTS! DEAD THEOLOGIAN SOCIETY 6 - 9 pm Le Sueur AA MTG. MB Hall 6:30 PM Visiting Priest from Cross Outreach! †MIKE & ANDY STRUCK	11 Mass 8 am at Marysburg	12 Mass 8 am at Nativity	13 Mass 8 am at Marysburg 6:30-7:30 pm Faith Formation	14 No Mass	15 No Mass	16 VIGIL OF THE 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME NAT PENANCE: 3:15-3:45 MASS: 4 PM MB PENANCE: 5:30-5:45, MASS 6 PM †WILLIAM SODERLUND