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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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Give the Valentine gift that keeps giving for generations to come!
 Plan to attend the February 16-17 Marriage Encounter to discover a new and deeper love for each other. Weekends are held at Mt Olivet Conference and Retreat Center in Farmington. Visit www.marriages.org for additional information or call 651.454.3238.



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.

2019 Marysburg & Nativity Calendars & Envelopes 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, News, Events & more!

~ local things ~

<< 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.

<< MARYSBURG CCW MEETING >>
Monday, February 4th at 7 pm in the MB Parish Hall.
 All ladies of the parish are welcome!

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

<< PLEASE NOTE DAILY MASS SCHEDULE CHANGES >>
 No week day 8 am Mass on February 8th, 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.

<< 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.

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

4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 2ND & 3RD, 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>

Confirmation Breakfast This Weekend!
 Church of the Nativity - Cleveland, Mn.
 Pacakes / Sausages / Eggs / Beverages
 \$7 adults, \$3 kids K-6th Gr., & \$20 family max!
 Join us Sun. Feb. 3rd from 9:30 am - 12 noon!



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARYSBURG CCW
 Marysburg CCW dues are due.
 Ladies of the Parish please pay the dues of \$5 by making a check payable to MCCW or cash (be sure to include your name) and placing in an envelope marked CCW and placing it in the collection basket or mail to the Parish Office and mark it MCCW.

Thank you!
 MCCW C/O Parish Office
 27528 Patrick Street
 Madison Lake, MN 56063
 *Next CCW Mtg. Mon. Feb. 4th at 7 pm in the Parish Hall.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS!

January 26th & 27th, 2019
 Marysburg: \$1,151.00 | Nativity: \$966.00
 *For Online Giving info, email: office@maryschurches.com

World Day for Consecrated Life
 is being celebrated in the Church and in parishes this weekend.
 Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the
 consecrated life,
 and be sure to say THANK YOU to them on their special day.
 May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond
 generously to God's gift of their vocation.

Thank you Father Shofner, Father Adams and Father Stiles!



Dead Theologians Society (DTS)
 – for Youth Grades 8-12

Mark your calendars and plan to join us NEXT SUNDAY, FEB.
 10th, 6:00-9:00 PM for a night of fellowship, food and faith.
 We will meet at St. Anne's rectory, next door to the church. Come
 for games, dinner, a lively discussion about a young saint of the
 Church, and prayer before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

All parishioners are welcome to come pray in the church as the
 youth are meeting between 6-9 pm. We will pray together Night
 Prayer and offer Benediction beginning at 8:30 pm.

For more information, please contact:
 Fr. James Stiles or Fr. Chris Shofner at 507-357-6633,
 or by email at fr.stiles@frontier.com or fr.chris@hotmail.com



Desk of Father Christopher Shofner

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Fr. Christopher Shofner

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
 As faithful Christians, as we strive to advance the Kingdom of God on earth, we
 find the battle at times to be quite difficult and discouraging. Particularly in the struggle to
 advance a culture of life, we still find ourselves in a tug-of-war with those that advocate for
 abortion, euthanasia and other issues that strip life of its dignity and value. We face a setback once again recently as
 Governor Andrew Cuomo of New York upheld and strengthened his state's abortion laws by signing the Reproductive
 Health Act (RHA) into law on Tuesday, January 22 (which was also the 46th anniversary of Roe v Wade, which legalized
 abortion in the United States). The bill has been stalled in New York's legislature since 2006, but recently was taken up
 again and found wide support among both their Senate and House. The RHA has created consternation among many
 pro-life advocates.

- 1) It allows for late-term abortions after 24 weeks in cases where it's deemed necessary to protect the mother's health or
 when it's determined the child will not survive. Previously, it was permitted only to preserve the life of the mother.
- 2) It expands the range of those that are qualified to perform abortions. Previously, it only permitted licensed physi-
 cians – now it opens it up to a wider range of medical professionals.

In effect, the RHA allows for abortions on-demand up to the point of birth, with no restrictions and little
 consideration of who may be making qualified judgments as to its necessity. Even for those that advocate for the right to
 an abortion, this is an extreme law. Yes, it furthers a woman's right to choose what to do with her body, but it sacrifices
 the life of a child in the process. I recently saw a series of videos from the pro-life organization Live Action in which
 they showed admittedly pro-choice individuals a simple video of an abortion procedure (you can find these videos by
 searching for the YouTube channel "LiveActionFilms"). Many pro-choice advocates have never been confronted with
 the reality of how an abortion is procured (whether by using suction, forceps or a saline solution), but once faced with
 this reality, they were convinced to reconsider and change their position... within a matter of minutes! They recognized
 how brutal of a procedure abortion is.

But lest we reduce our argument to solely a matter of its brutality, we have to talk about the place of faith.
 When it comes to abortion—as well as many of the other moral issues of our day—some will say that religious faith
 should have no bearing on the laws we make. I disagree. Faith is the expression of the human spirit, which comprises
 a very important part of the human person, and thus of a society that is made up of persons. For many, faith forms the
 basis for their moral life and decisions – so to reject that as a legitimate foundation for making decisions with respect to
 abortion or any other issue is to reject an entire population's worldview as invalid. For many, faith gives meaning and
 purpose in the midst of the otherwise meaningless sufferings of life, and impels many to offer compassion to those that
 are going through difficult times. Faith moves countless individuals to advocate for and defend the life of those who
 cannot defend themselves.

One of the foundational tenets of our faith is the dignity and value of every human life, regardless of their age,
 health or ability. A child in the womb has human dignity, regardless of whether that child is wanted by their parents.
 Human dignity is given to us by God. He tells us clearly: "Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you. Before you
 were born, I dedicated you, a prophet to the nations I appointed you" (Jeremiah 1:5). We have a clear identity and pur-
 pose from before our birth, even before our conception in our mother's womb. Nothing can take that away, not even the
 laws that our legislators pass. Even if we face setbacks such as the recent one in New York, we will still always advocate
 for the life of the unborn – the battle continues. Please pray for the protection of all human life, from conception to
 natural death.

God bless, Fr. Chris Shofner

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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February 2nd & 3rd, 2019 | The 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

THANK YOU...	LECTORS		COLLECTION OFFICERS		EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS		GIFT BEARERS	
	Saturday	Sunday	Saturday	Sunday	Saturday	Sunday	Saturday	Sunday
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	
February 9 & 10	Becky Meyer		Raphael Malecha	Bill McCabe	Mary Kammerdiener	Colleen & Rich McCabe	Anita & Phil	
		Jim Folden	Phil Rothmeier	Pat Corrow	Rita Ramy, Annie Davis	Pat Baker	Rothmeier	
February 16 & 17	Chris Biehn		Albert Weinandt	Tim Krenik	Chris & Ann Biehn	Cindy Krenik	Volunteers	
		Sue Leiferman	Volunteer needed	Jon Sullivan	Joe Meyer	Jim & Barb Folden	Needed	

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	Saturday	Sunday	Saturday	Sunday	Saturday	Sunday	Saturday	Sunday
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		
February 9 & 10	Dave Cink	Glen O'Connor	Nick Klaseus	Barb Truzinski	Lynn Kluntz, Nick Klaseus	Jaci Kopet		
			Rose Hendley	Janet Walechka	Kathy Dauk	Ray & Barb Truzinski		
February 16 & 17	Kathy Dauk	Bill Stangler	Dick Davis	Janet Walechka	Lynn Kluntz, Nick Klaseus	Rita Kluntz, Ann Rohlfing		
			Nick Klaseus	Robbie Kopet	Kathy Dauk	Andy Queen		

The following members of our Faith Communities have asked for our prayers... Maurice Thelemann, 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

Parish Office: E-mail:

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*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
3 4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 8:30 AM NATIVITY & 10:30AM MARYSBURG CONFIRMATION BREAKFAST @ NATIVITY - 9:30 AM AA MTG. MB Hall 6:30 PM † MARYANNE STOFFEL	4 Mass 8 am at Marysburg MB CCW MTG 7 pm Parish Hall	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 <i>Visiting Priest from Cross Outreach!</i> † RAMON & VERNETTE BIEHN
10 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 8:30 AM NATIVITY & 10:30AM MARYSBURG AA MTG. MB Hall 6:30 PM DTS! DEAD THEOLOGIAN SOCIETY 6 - 9 pm Le Sueur † MIKE & ANDY STRUCK <i>Visiting Priest from Cross Outreach!</i>	11 Mass 8 am at Marysburg <i>Visiting Priest from Cross Outreach!</i>	12 Mass 8 am at Nativity <i>Visiting Priest from Cross Outreach!</i> MB FC MTG 6 PM MB PC MTG 7 PM	13 Mass 8 am at Marysburg 6:30-7:30 pm Faith Formation	14 No Mass	15 Mass 8 am at Nativity	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
17 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 8:30 AM NATIVITY & 10:30AM MARYSBURG AA MTG. MB Hall 6:30 PM † MARY ANNE STOFFEL	18 Mass 8 am at Marysburg	19 No Mass	20 No Mass 6:30-7:30 pm Faith Formation	21 No Mass NAT PC MTG 7 PM	22 Mass 8 am at Nativity † ROBERT MCGINN	23 VIGIL OF THE 7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME NAT PENANCE: 3:15-3:45 MASS: 4 PM MB PENANCE: 5:30-5:45, MASS 6 PM † MIKE & ANDY STRUCK
24 7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 8:30 AM NATIVITY & 10:30AM MARYSBURG AA MTG. MB Hall 6:30 PM	25 Mass 8 am at Marysburg	26 Mass 8 am at Nativity	27 Mass 8 am at Marysburg 6:30-7:30 pm Faith Formation	28 No Mass	1 Mass 8 am at Nativity	2 VIGIL OF THE 8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME NAT PENANCE: 3:15-3:45 MASS: 4 PM MB PENANCE: 5:30-5:45, MASS 6 PM