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 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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~local things~

<< PLEASE NOTE DAILY MASS SCHEDULE CHANGES >>

No week day 8 am Mass on February 19th or 20th.
 *Please note that we will have a visiting priest
Feb. 9-13th! Fr. Thomas A. Wantland will be here!

<< 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!

<< CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK MASS >>
Loyola's Catholic Schools Week Mass
has been rescheduled for Wednesday,
February 13th at 1pm in the Loyola chapel.

<< 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.

<< SAVE THE DATE - 2019 MB FISH FRY! >>
The Annual Marysburg Fish Fry will be held on
Friday, April 12th in the Parish Hall at 4:30 pm!
Please make plans to join us! Event info on Facebook!

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

TAKE CONTROL OF YOUR LIFE!
 Call now to sign-up for a FREE Living Well With Chronic Conditions Workshop, designed for adults who want to take charge of their ongoing health problems. If you live with a chronic condition such as Heart Disease, Arthritis, Depression, Anxiety, Diabetes, Parkinsons, or any other chronic condition, this class is for you! A FREE workshop sponsored by Catholic Charities of Southern MN, will meet six Mondays, from 1:00-3:00 p.m. starting February 25th, at the St Peter Senior Center, 600 South 5th St, Room 219, St Peter. To register, contact Mary at Catholic Charities of Southern MN. 507-387-5586, ext 3 or mcassem@ccsomn.org. Class size is limited, so REGISTER early!



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

OUR NEW WEBSITE IS LIVE!
 PLEASE CHECK IT OUT...
 www.MarysChurches.com
 Weekly Bulletins, News, Events & more!

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 9TH & 10TH, 2019



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

REGISTER NOW! The Steubenville Conference is a week-end 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 ASAP to the church office to reserve a spot for your youth. Please register as soon as possible so we can book plans. 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>

WELCOME!

We welcome Fr. Thomas A. Wantland of Cross Catholic Outreach who is speaking this weekend at all Masses on behalf of the poor in developing countries. Cross Catholic Outreach was founded to create a meaningful link between parishes in America and the priests and nuns working in the Church overseas in the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, Central and South America.

We are so grateful to have him with us! Fr. Wantland will be saying the following Masses:
 NATIVITY - CLEVELAND:
 Sat. Feb. 9th 4 pm | Sun. Feb. 10th 8:30 am
 Tues. Feb. 12th 8 am
 MARYSBURG - MADISON LAKE:
 Sat. Feb. 9th 6 pm | Sun. Feb. 10th 10:30 am
 Mon. Feb. 11th 8 am | Wed. Feb. 13th 8 am

PLEASE NOTE: Fr. Adams continues to be out of town this week and will return for Masses next weekend, February 16-17. Additionally, Fr. Shofner will be out of town visiting family in Kentucky from February 14-22. During this time, he will be checking email periodically. For emergencies or other urgent matters, please contact the parish office, Fr. Adams or Fr. Stiles.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS!

February 2nd & 3rd, 2019
 Marysburg: \$1,325.00 | Nativity: \$2,175.00
 Monthly Online Giving - MB: \$765.00 | NAT: \$940.00
 *For Online Giving info, email: office@maryschurches.com

Thank You!

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

“Dear Marysburg Council of Catholic Women;

Thank you for your generous donation of new baby clothes, blankets, baby care supplies, detergent & soap, diapers, towel set, pacifier & teething ring.

Your donation will bring joy to the women and warmth & comfort to the precious babies.

Thank you,
Your Friends at Birthright”

Please plan to join us 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

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,

“For the Lamb who is in the center of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to springs of life-giving water” (Revelation 7:17). This verse from the Book of Revelation is quite relevant for us this weekend as we mark our first weekend having moved our tabernacle from the side altar to the center of our sanctuary, allowing Jesus the Lamb of God to take His rightful place. In many churches that are more traditionally-styled, such as St. Henry or Immaculate Conception of Marysburg, the tabernacles are built into the high altar and thus are naturally set behind the altar. In other churches, such as St. Mary (LeCenter) or Nativity (Cleveland), we have had to return the tabernacle from one side to the center.

While I hope that we will all experience profound blessings from this move, more than anything, we offer to God the honor and glory He deserves by placing the Eucharist as the focal point of our worship. To have anything else in that place is to suggest that something else merits our attention more. But with Jesus at the center, we can’t help but orient our eyes, mind, and heart to Him. Thus, we are better able to enter into our worship along with all the angels and saints who bow down in adoration at every Mass.

The Eucharist is the greatest gift that Jesus left us. The first time Jesus gave us His Body and Blood in the Eucharist was at the Last Supper, when He offered the bread and wine to His disciples and spoke those words that we hear proclaimed at the altar every time we come to Mass: “This is My Body... This is My Blood...” No more beautiful words were spoken, as they signal the very moment that the bread and wine are transformed into the very Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ. But what is really happening when we celebrate the Eucharist? We are not only recalling the Sacrifice of Jesus on the Cross, but we are in fact re-presenting to the Father the one-time Death of His Son, and offering Him the merits of Jesus’ Death for the salvation of the world and for our growth in holiness.

I could write volumes on the effects of the Eucharist in our soul, but I hardly have room here to even scratch the surface. But recently I’ve been reflecting on a particular prayer of the Mass that lays out nicely the richness of this Sacrament. It’s a prayer you may not be familiar with, as it’s one of the “secret” prayers said by the priest as he presides at the altar (“secret” here does not mean it’s not to be disclosed, but rather simply to be said quietly). As a final preparation for receiving the Eucharist, the priest says one of these secret prayers. There are actually two options, but I particularly like the first option: “Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, who by the will of the Father and the work of the Holy Spirit, through your Death gave life to the world, free me by this, your most Holy Body and Blood, from all my sins and from every evil; keep me always faithful to your commandments, and never let me be parted from you.”

This prayer speaks of the freedom that the grace of the Eucharist wins for those souls that are properly disposed to receive it. It’s the freedom to not fall into serious sin that separates us from God, the freedom to remain faithful to God, and the freedom to ultimately be united to Him in eternal life. How many of us long for that true freedom from the chains of sin and vice, which so often fill us with sadness, regret, guilt and shame? There’s power in the Body and Blood of Jesus to grant us that freedom! Like it happened so often in the Gospels that people clamored to be near Jesus and have Him touch them, so also we should long with a deep desire to be close to Jesus and receive Him in the Eucharist. We should desire more than anything to receive this great gift of God freely given to His faithful ones! Every time we come to Mass, may we give thanks that Jesus is the center of our worship and our life, and that He calls us forth to receive this precious gift of Himself!

God bless,
Fr. Chris Shofner

February 9th & 10th, 2019 | The 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

THANK YOU...	LECTORS		COLLECTION OFFICERS		EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS		GIFT BEARERS	
	Saturday	Sunday	Saturday	Sunday	Saturday	Sunday	Saturday	Sunday
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	
February 23 & 24	Joe Meyer		Clint Kortuem	Rich McCabe	Phil Rothmeier, Rita Ramy	Colleen & Rich McCabe	Martha Weisgram	
		Marcia Stapleton	Nate Page	Steve Rohlfling	Mary Kammerdiener	Pat Baker	Jo Ann Kortuem	

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	Saturday	Sunday	Saturday	Sunday	Saturday	Sunday	Saturday	Sunday
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 Rohlfling		
			Nick Klaseus	Robbie Kopet	Kathy Dauk	Andy Queen		
February 23 & 24	Andy Queen	Barb Harris	Rose Hendley	Robbie Kopet	Mary Klaseus, Mike Keogh	Rita Kluntz, Ann Rohlfling		
			Dick Davis	Mary Haase	Rita Martinson	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:

office@maryschurches.com

*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
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 Visiting Priest from Cross Outreach! †MIKE & ANDY STRUCK	11 Mass 8 am at Marysburg Visiting Priest from Cross Outreach!	12 Mass 8 am at Nativity Visiting Priest from Cross Outreach! MB FC MTG 6 PM MB PC MTG 7 PM	13 Mass 8 am at Marysburg Visiting Priest from Cross Outreach! Parish Office Closed for Seminar in St. Paul 6:30-7:30 pm Faith Formation	14 No Mass	15 Mass 8 am at Nativity †BUD MCCABE	16 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 †WILLIAM SODERLUND
17 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 8:30 AM NATIVITY & 10:30AM MARYSBURG †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 6TH 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 †ANN DAUK	25 Mass 8 am at Marysburg †DORIS MCGINN	26 Mass 8 am at Nativity †BUD MCCABE	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 7TH 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 8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 8:30 AM NATIVITY & 10:30AM MARYSBURG AA MTG. MB Hall 6:30 PM †VERNETTE BIEHN	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 8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME NAT PENANCE: 3:15-3:45 MASS: 4 PM MB PENANCE: 5:30-5:45, MASS 6 PM †ANN DAUK