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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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**SOUTHWEST DEANERY
 SPIRITUAL DAY**

Saturday, March 9, 2019 | 8 AM – 1PM
 Hosted by St Wenceslaus Catholic Church,
 New Prague. | Cost is \$8.

To register - Call Mary Haase or Anita Rothmeier
 ** PLEASE REGISTER BY FEBRUARY 27TH **

- 8 am: Registration/coffee & rolls/Silent Auction
- 8:45 am: Rosary
- 9:15 am: Speaker – Sharon Wilson
 (Meditations on the Stations of the Cross)
- 10:15 am: Break/Silent Auction
- 10:45 am: Chaplet of Divine Mercy
- 11:00 am: Mass
- 12 Noon: Lunch
 (followed by silent auction announcements)
 *Each parish is asked to donate something
 for the Silent Auction.
 *Baked goods, handcrafted items or themed
 baskets are crowd pleasers.
 *All proceeds will go to benefit
 SWD Parish Youth Programs.



Yes - we're online!

Like us! Follow us! Review us! Share us!
 Recommend us to your friends on FACEBOOK!

www.Facebook.com/marysburg
 www.Facebook.com/nativitycleveland

Also - visit our website
 www.MarysChurches.com for
 Weekly Bulletins, News, Events & more!

~ local things ~

<< LIVING WELL - FREE WORKSHOPS >>

**Monday Meetings starting Feb 25th from 1 - 3 pm
 at the St. Peter Senior Center**
**To register contact Mary 507-387-5586 ext # 3
 or email mcassem@ccsomn.org**

<< FAITH & TRUST WOMEN'S RETREAT >>

Women's Retreat! 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.**
RSVP to Holy Rosary Parish Office 507-387-6501

<< 2019 MARYSBURG ANNUAL FISH FRY >>

**The Marysburg Fish Fry will be held on
 Friday, April 12th in the Parish Hall at 4:30 pm!**
Please save the date to join us! Event info on Facebook!

<< DEAD THEOLOGIANS SOCIETY >>

Attn Youth in grades 8th - 12th...
**The next DTS gathering will be on
 Sunday, March 10th in Le Center, from 6-9 pm.**
See Fr. Adams with any questions.
Everyone is welcome!

<< THE RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE >>

March 12th, 12pm - 6 pm, American Legion in Le Center
**Call 1-800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossblood.org
 to make an appointment!**

OUR WEEKLY BULLETINS: HAVE SOMETHING TO ADD?

**PLEASE EMAIL THE PARISH OFFICE AT
 OFFICE@MARYSCHURCHES.COM**

DEADLINE IS 12 NOON WEDNESDAYS WEEKLY.

7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 23RD & 24TH, 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 authen-
 tic 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. Reg-
 istration 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>



~ DRAW THE CIRCLE WIDE CONCERT ~
 Over 200 students will unite in song as choirs from
 Mankato East, West, and Loyola High Schools
 and the Mankato Children's Chorus
 join musical forces for a collaborative
 Draw the Circle Wide concert.
 The concert is Sunday, February 24 at 7:30pm
 at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church,
 105 N. 5th Street, Mankato
 and will benefit The REACH
 and the Quentin Shevy family of Mankato.



*Free will donation will be accepted.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS!

February 16th & 17th, 2019

Marysburg: \$746.80 | Nativity: \$915.00

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

ANNUAL LENTEN FISH FEED



FRIDAY MARCH 8
ST JOSEPH THE WORKER
SERVING 5:00-7:00 PM

FRIDAY MARCH 29
NEWMAN CENTER, MSU
SERVING 4:00-7:00 PM

FRIDAY MARCH 15
SS PETER & PAUL (SHRIMP)
SERVING 4:30-7:00 PM

FRIDAY APRIL 5
STS PETER AND PAUL (FISH)
SERVING 4:30-7:00 PM

FRIDAY MARCH 22
ST JOHN THE BAPTIST
SERVING 4:30-7:00 PM

FRIDAY APRIL 12
HOLY ROSARY
SERVING 4:30-7:00 PM



**PLEASE JOIN US AT THE ABOVE PARISHES
FOR A GREAT LENTEN DINNER**

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...

Immaculate Conception of Marysburg

Parish Trustees:

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Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Last week, as I was at the airport preparing to fly home to see family, I went through the normal routines that all travelers go through. As I stood in line waiting for security, I noticed a woman dressed in what I believed to be Amish garb. As I got closer, I realized she was not Amish at all, but rather a religious sister. Many sisters nowadays, especially younger women of the growing religious orders, wear their habits (i.e. religious garb) as a public witness of their faith to the world. It's a beautiful sight to see! Each religious order has their own distinctive habit, but I didn't recognize the one she was wearing – a simple white robe with a long brown wool overlay, and a long white veil she wore on her head.

As providence would have it, she ended up on the same connecting flight as me. I'm usually not one to approach strangers and start a conversation, but the Spirit moved me to approach her and introduce myself. Turns out, her name was Sister Emmanuel of the Lamb, and she's part of the Community of the Beatitudes, a fairly new community of priests, religious brothers and sisters, and lay members founded in 1973 in France by the well-known author and speaker Fr. Jacques Philippe. With over 50 houses in 30 countries, the Community's spiritual life "is both Eucharistic and Marian, inspired by the Carmelite tradition and living out the spirit of the Beatitudes (Matthew 5)" (that explains the brown wool overlay, as that is indicative of Carmelite spirituality). They share fraternal life and are engaged in various apostolic and missionary activities. I found out that Sister is part of an 11-member community serving in Switzerland, primarily hosting group retreats and doing youth ministry.

We only talked for about 20 minutes, but we had a lovely talk about our ministries, the differences in ministering in Europe versus the United States, and the challenges of maintaining a prayer life outside the structure of a community. She made a comment that was very encouraging to me as a priest here in our Archdiocese, which I think should encourage us all if we are ever tempted to think that God is not at work in our local churches. She said that when she left her home in the Twin Cities in 2002 to join her religious community, she recognized that our Archdiocese was "spiritually dry". Now, she says, things have changed dramatically. There's a different energy in our parishes and in the local Church. She was genuinely excited about what she was seeing. Even though she didn't articulate exactly what was responsible for the change, I believe she recognized the powerful ongoing work of the Holy Spirit.

At any point in time, I'm sure we all could make a list of the changes we'd like to see in our churches. Because change can be so slow, we don't always recognize what progress we've already made. At times we want to see major changes now—we want to see mass conversions now in the hearts of our people—and so in our impatience we assert all our efforts and resources to make that happen. But sometimes, despite our best efforts, things still don't change as quickly as we would like. It's a recipe for frustration. In those times, we have to remember that all things are in God's perfect time. We have to allow God the time to work out His plan in the hearts of people, while working faithfully and diligently at the tasks He entrusts to us. We have to allow God to lay down the foundations within our hearts, our homes, even our churches, so that greater works can be accomplished in the future. We get nowhere by asserting our own will over the Will of God. We have to be patient with Him, as He is patient with us.

Instead of lamenting what we may be lacking today, are we celebrating how far God has already taken us? Do we recognize that where we are today has laid a foundation for where we will one day be? Do we trust that God has been at work, and is at work even now, to bring His plan to fulfillment? "For I know well the plans I have for you...plans to prosper you and to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future" (Jeremiah 29:11).

God bless,
Fr. Chris Shofner

February 23rd & 24th, 2019 | The 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

THANK YOU...	LECTORS		COLLECTION OFFICERS		EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS		GIFT BEARERS	
	Saturday	Sunday	Saturday	Sunday	Saturday	Sunday	Saturday	Sunday
February 23 & 24	Joe Meyer		Clint Kortuem	Rich McCabe	Phil Rothmeier, Rita Ramy	Colleen & Rich McCabe	Martha Weisgram	
March 2 & 3	Mary Kay Naegle	Marcia Stapleton	Nate Page	Steve Rohlfig	Mary Kammerdiener	Pat Baker	Jo Ann Kortuem	
March 9 & 10	Chris Biehn	Cindy Krenik	Joe Meyer	(Volunteer Needed) Pat Riley	Leo Riley	Cindy Krenik	Joe & Becky Meyer	
February 23 & 24	Andy Queen	Barb Harris	Rose Hendley	Robbie Kopet	Mary Klaseus, Mike Keogh	Rita Kluntz, Ann Rohlfig		
March 2 & 3	Mary Klaseus	Kelly McCabe	Rose Hendley	Mary Haase	Mary Klaseus, Mike Keogh	Jaci Kopet, Kathy Dauk		
March 9 & 10	Dave Cink	Bill Stangler	Mary Klaseus	Janet Walechka	Lynn Kluntz, Nick Klaseus	Jaci Kopet, Andy Queen		

The following members of our Faith Communities have asked for our prayers...
 Mrs. Karl (Sandy) Germscheid, Joseph Baker, 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
24 7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 8:30 AM NATIVITY & 10:30AM MARYSBURG AA MTG. MB Hall 6:30 PM † ANN DAUK Y ALL PARISHIONERS	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 † ERIC MARTINSON	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 † BOB & IRENE KRENK
3 8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 8:30 AM NATIVITY & 10:30AM MARYSBURG AA MTG. MB Hall 6:30 PM COFFEE & ROLLS AT NATIVITY † VERNETTE BIEHN	4 Mass 8 am at Marysburg	5 Mass 8 am at Nativity	6 † Ash Wednesday Mass 8 am at Marysburg † Ash Wednesday Mass 6:30 pm at Nativity 6:30-7:30 pm Faith Formation Y ANGIE HESSE	7 No Mass	8 Mass 8 am at Nativity	9 VIGIL OF THE 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT NAT PENANCE: 3:15-3:45 MASS: 4 PM MB PENANCE: 5:30-5:45, MASS 6 PM † ANN DAUK
10 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT 8:30 AM NATIVITY & 10:30AM MARYSBURG DTS! DEAD THEOLOGIANS SOCIETY 6 - 9 pm Le Center AA MTG. MB Hall 6:30 PM † 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 Parish Office Closed - PTO	14 No Mass	15 Mass 8 am at Nativity † STEVEN HENDLEY	16 VIGIL OF THE 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT NAT PENANCE: 3:15-3:45 MASS: 4 PM MB PENANCE: 5:30-5:45, MASS 6 PM † WILLIAM SODERLUND
17 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT 8:30 AM NATIVITY & 10:30AM MARYSBURG First Reconcilliation 2 pm AA MTG. MB Hall 6:30 PM † ROBERT & IRENE KRENK	18 Mass 8 am at Marysburg	19 Mass 8 am at Nativity	20 Mass 8 am at Marysburg 6:30-7:30 pm Faith Formation	21 No Mass	22 Mass 8 am at Nativity	23 VIGIL OF THE 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT NAT PENANCE: 3:15-3:45 MASS: 4 PM MB PENANCE: 5:30-5:45, MASS 6 PM † BUD MCCABE