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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

# Immaculate Conception

Centered around  
 Jesus Christ



# Nativity

27528 Patrick St., Madison Lake MN 56063  
 facebook.com/marysburg

3.03.19

200 Main Street, Cleveland MN 56017  
 facebook.com/nativitycleveland

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
 " FAMOUS " FISH BOIL  
 Boiled Icelandic Pollock  
 Carrots Potatoes & Onions  
 with Cherry or Apple Pie

Adults \$15.00 / Youth 6-12 \$5.00  
 Pre-schoolers FREE

~ FRIDAY, APRIL 5, 2019 ~  
 5:00 to 7:30 PM

Church of Saint Peter  
 1801 West Broadway, Saint Peter, MN

Great taste in good food!



Knights of Columbus Council 1509

## We are 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!

OUR WEEKLY BULLETINS: HAVE SOMETHING TO ADD?

PLEASE EMAIL THE PARISH OFFICE AT  
 OFFICE@MARYSCHURCHES.COM

DEADLINE IS 12 NOON WEDNESDAYS WEEKLY.

## ~ local things ~

<< 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 for an appt!

<< SS PETER & PAUL'S DEEP FRIED SHRIMP DINNER >>

Fri. Mar. 15th, at 105 N 5TH St, Mankato, 4:30-7 pm  
 Adults \$12, Children \$6. Deep Fried Shrimp, Baked Potato,  
 Coleslaw, Corn, Dinner Roll, Cake Dessert & Beverage.  
 Hosted by the 547 KC's

<< 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 >>

Marysburg Fish Fry | Friday, April 12th at the Parish Hall  
 4:30pm - 7 pm. Please save the date to join us!

<< STEUBENVILLE ROCHESTER JULY 12-14 2019 >>

Please register as soon as possible.  
 More info and registration forms 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>

## 8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MARCH 2ND & 3RD, 2019



### 4.12.19 MARYSBURG FISH FRY!

Yes, it's that time of year again!  
 Please make time to join us once again for the  
 2019 Annual Friday Night Fish Fry  
 at the Church of the Immaculate Conception  
 of Marysburg in Madison Lake!  
 Friday, April 12th at 4:30 - 7:00 pm  
 at the Marysburg Parish Hall.

\$11 Adults, \$5 Ages 6-12, 5 & under are FREE.

Our Menu Includes:

Deep-fried Fish, Au Gratin Potatoes, Coleslaw, Bread,  
 Dessert, Milk and Coffee.

Questions: Please email the Parish Office at  
 office@maryschurches.com

Look for more event details to come on  
 Facebook.com/marysburg & maryschurches.com

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS!

February 23rd & 24th, 2019

Marysburg: \$735.00 | Nativity: \$853.00

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

### ASH WEDNESDAY MASS SCHEDULE

with distribution of ashes

Wednesday, March 6th

8:00 am - Immaculate Conception, Marysburg

6:30 pm - Nativity, Cleveland

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays of Lent - 6:00 pm, alternating weekly  
 between Nativity & Marysburg,  
 beginning Friday, March 8 in Cleveland.

### JOB OPENINGS AT ST. ANNE'S SCHOOL, LESUEUR...

**•School Principal:** St. Anne's School is looking for a full-time principal to begin the 2019-2020 school year. Applicant must be responsible, organized and practicing Catholic. Responsibilities include the day-to-day operations of the school, supervising school staff, managing school finances and budget, and promoting the school's Catholic identity. Be part of the rich 136-year history of Catholic education in LeSueur! For more information and to apply, please visit: careers.archspm.org. Application deadline is March 22, 2019.

**•Hot Lunch Coordinator:** St. Anne's School is looking for a part-time Hot Lunch Coordinator for the 2019-2020 school year. Applicant must have a food service license, be able to prepare daily hot lunch according to federal guide-lines for students Pre-K through Grade 5 and fill out monthly state and federal reports. We are looking for an applicant who works well with others, including children, and can also keep a clean and organized kitchen. If interested, please contact Diane Lee at dlee@stanneslesueur.org or call 507-665-2489.

**Catholic Services Appeal (CSA)**

This weekend we kick off the Catholic Services Appeal, our annual appeal on behalf of 20 collective ministries within our Archdiocese, none of which



can support themselves on their own or through the efforts of any single parish. All gifts go to educate and care for those who most need it within our Archdiocese, covering a vast range of needs—from education (Catholic schools, seminaries and campus ministry), care for the poor (Catholic Charities), and specific communities (Latino ministry, deaf ministry, Native American ministry, and prison and hospital chaplaincies. Your gift helps to build up marriage and family life, and to strengthen parish life.

Our goals for 2019 remain the same as in the past few years: Nativity \$5,257 | Immaculate Conception \$5,139. Let's plan to work together to meet our goal this year and help others!

If we reach 100% of our goal, the parish will receive back 25% of the total raised, which we then use to build up our parish ministries. What better way can we donate \$20 or \$50 or \$100 and see it multiplied many times over for the benefit of our parish? Please note that all donations to the CSA are handled through the Catholic Services Appeal Foundation (CSAF), an independent entity from the Archdiocese. After all pledges are met, the CSAF distributes funds accordingly to each of the ministries.

If you have given in the past, then you have already received a letter from the CSAF asking for your support this year. If you have not received a letter or misplaced your letter, we will be providing a special envelope for you this weekend and in the weeks to come. Please prayerfully consider a gift this year, perhaps even increasing any past gift if your means allow. You may never meet the people you are helping, but you are helping them to know the love of Jesus Christ through your generosity!

## 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:*

Steve Baker 931-3156 Joe Meyer 243-3857

*Marysburg Parish Council:*

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*Marysburg Finance Council:*

Barb Folden, Pres. 243-4114  
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*Marysburg Cemetery Manager:* Rich McCabe 931-3611

Church of the Nativity, Cleveland

*Parish Trustees:*

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*Nativity Parish Council:*

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*Nativity Finance Council:*

Tom Hankins, Pres. 595-3768  
Mary Haase 931-1415 Sandy O'Connor 327-3090  
Jaci Kopet 931-1809 Janet Walechka 357-4293

*Nativity Cemetery Manager:* Mike Keogh 931-5547



# Desk of Father Christopher Shofner

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Fr. Christopher Shofner

**B**rothers and Sisters in Christ,

This week we enter into the sacred season of Lent, forty days of preparation before the celebration of Jesus' Passion, Death and Resurrection. We are encouraged to enter fully into this time as a way to bring us in closer relationship with Christ. But for some, Lent is seen as a dismal, dreary time of year – the sacrifices and spiritual disciplines that we undertake in Lent are seen as impinging on their enjoyment. But just the opposite is true. The word "Lent" is derived from the Old English word *lencten*, referring to the lengthening of days, which simply indicated the coming of spring. This is what happens during Lent – we enter into the season during the short, dark days of winter, and by the time we emerge from Lent at Eastertime, the days are lengthened and spring has come with all of nature in full bloom.

There is an obvious analogy here that cannot be ignored. Spiritual writers have consistently pointed out that Lent is a time of renewal, a sort of "spiritual springtime" when a soul is renewed after being cleansed of its darkness and sin. The soul is brought into more intimate friendship with Christ because it has taken advantage of the disciplines that make it easier to do so. Pope St. John Paul II summarized it well during a General Audience in February 1998: *"Here then is revealed the meaning and necessity of the Lenten season which, by its call to conversion, leads us through prayer, penance and acts of fraternal solidarity to renew or reinvigorate our friendship with Jesus in faith, to free ourselves from the deceptive promises of earthly happiness and once again to savor the harmony of the interior life in authentic love for Christ."* (25 February 1998)

How does Jesus call us to experience this? It may look slightly different for each person, as each person is at a different point in the spiritual journey. But as JP II emphasizes, there are three fundamental disciplines that we are all called to undertake during Lent:

1) Prayer: Intimate conversation with God can be done in many ways, but truly effective prayer is done only when we enter into prayerful solitude with God. Turn off the electronic devices and be with the Lord, asking Him to help us to see ourselves as He sees us and to see Him as He wants to be seen. Such prayer will lead us to humbly ask the Lord for all that we need in order to do His will. In prayer we will then find that we are called to unburden ourselves through the confession of our sins – thus, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is essential during Lent.

2) Penance (fasting): The act of self-denial is a very powerful means of gaining mastery over our passions and inclinations, so much so that even Jesus said that some demons can be cast out only "by prayer and fasting" (see Matthew 17:21). The act of fasting or some other form of self-denial (such as giving up television or sweets) is connected with the process of emptying ourselves of anything that might stand in the way of God's grace working within us. It helps us to uproot our deep-seated habits of sin that cause us to constantly seek comfort, convenience or ease.

3) Acts of fraternal solidarity (almsgiving): This is the act of giving of ourselves and our resources to help those in need. Archbishop William Lori of Baltimore stated that almsgiving is the way we open our souls to God's love, "forgetting our own wants and needs and concentrating instead on the needs of others, especially the poor and vulnerable". We can give to the Church, to other charities, or even at home through material means and acts of service.

In the end, we will find that we benefit much more than we can imagine by following the Lenten disciplines, even if our primary goal should not be mere self-improvement, but rather the love of God. This Lent can be a true "spiritual springtime", so make it a goal to enter into it fully by attending Mass, going to Confession, and incorporating prayer, fasting and almsgiving into your life.

God bless,  
Fr. Chris Shofner

# March 2nd & 3rd, 2019 | The 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

THANK YOU...	LECTORS		COLLECTION OFFICERS		EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS		GIFT BEARERS	
	Saturday	Sunday	Saturday	Sunday	Saturday	Sunday	Saturday	Sunday
March 2 & 3	Mary Kay Naegle		Joe Meyer	(Volunteer Needed)	Leo Riley	Cindy Krenik	Joe & Becky Meyer	
March 9 & 10	Chris Biehn	Sarah Guentzel	Mark Meyer	Becky Kaderlik	Joe Meyer	Theresa Rohlfing	Steve & Teresa Baker	
March 16 & 17	Becky Meyer	Marilyn Kluntz	John Page	Don Adams	Mary Kammerdiener	Pat Baker	Mary Wolff and ShIELA Wolff	

  

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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		
March 16 & 17	Kathy Dauk	Barb Harris	Nick Klaseus	Robbie Kopet	Lynn Kluntz, Nick Klaseus	Rita Kluntz		

The following members of our Faith Communities have asked for our prayers...  
 Levi Bensen, 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:

\*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
<b>3</b> 8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 8:30 AM NATIVITY & 10:30AM MARYSBURG COFFEE & ROLLS AT NATIVITY Catholic Services Appeal Launch Weekend! AA MTG. MB Hall 6:30 PM †VERNETTE BIEHN	<b>4</b> Mass 8 am at Marysburg	<b>5</b> Mass 8 am at Nativity	<b>6</b> † 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	<b>7</b> No Mass	<b>8</b> Mass 8 am at Nativity	<b>9</b> 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
<b>10</b> 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	<b>11</b> Mass 8 am at Marysburg	<b>12</b> Mass 8 am at Nativity	<b>13</b> Mass 8 am at Marysburg 6:30-7:30 pm Faith Formation Parish Office Closed - PTO	<b>14</b> No Mass	<b>15</b> Mass 8 am at Nativity † STEVEN HENDLEY	<b>16</b> 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 Y ALL PARISHIONERS † WILLIAM SODERLUND
<b>17</b> 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT 8:30 AM NATIVITY & 10:30AM MARYSBURG First Reconcillation 2 pm AA MTG. MB Hall 6:30 PM † ROBERT & IRENE KRENIC Y ALL PARISHIONERS	<b>18</b> Mass 8 am at Marysburg	<b>19</b> Mass 8 am at Nativity	<b>20</b> Mass 8 am at Marysburg 6:30-7:30 pm Faith Formation	<b>21</b> No Mass	<b>22</b> Mass 8 am at Nativity	<b>23</b> 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
<b>24</b> 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT 8:30 AM NATIVITY & 10:30AM MARYSBURG AA MTG. MB Hall 6:30 PM † TODD BROWN	<b>25</b> Mass 8 am at Marysburg	<b>26</b> Mass 8 am at Nativity † IRMA & LLOYD HENDLEY	<b>27</b> Mass 8 am at Marysburg 6:30-7:30 pm Faith Formation	<b>28</b> No Mass	<b>29</b> Mass 8 am at Nativity	<b>30</b> VIGIL OF THE 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT NAT PENANCE: 3:15-3:45 MASS: 4 PM MB PENANCE: 5:30-5:45, MASS 6 PM † BUD MCCABE