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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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 Conception

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Nativity

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

3.10.19

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

AREA FISH FRY EVENTS...

SSPP DEEP FRIED SHRIMP DINNER 3-15-19
 Deep Fried Shrimp, Baked Potato, Coleslaw, Corn,
 Dinner Roll, Cake Dessert & Beverage.
 Adults \$12 / Children \$6.

FRIDAY, MARCH 15, 2019 @ 4:30 PM - 7 PM
 SS Peter & Paul's Catholic Church 105 N 5th St,
 Mankato, MN. Event open to the public!
 Knights of Columbus Council 547

KC 1509 "FAMOUS" FISH BOIL. 4-5-19
 Boiled icelandic Pollock, Carrots Potatoes & Onions
 with Cherry or Apple Pie.

Adults \$15/Youth 6-12 \$5/Pre-schoolers FREE
 FRIDAY, APRIL 5, 2019 @ 5 PM - 7:30 PM
 Church of Saint Peter 1801 West Broadway,
 Saint Peter, MN. Great taste in good food!
 Knights of Columbus Council 1509

MARYSBURG ANNUAL FISH FRY 4-12-19
 Deep-fried Fish, Au Gratin Potatoes, Coleslaw, Bread,
 Dessert, Milk and Coffee.

Adults \$11 / Kids age 6-12 \$5 / 5 & under FREE.
 FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 2019 @ 4:30 PM - 7 PM
 Marysburg Parish Hall 27528 Patrick St,
 Madison Lake, MN.

Stations of the Cross after in the Church at 7 pm.



~ Thank You ~

Dear Parishioners:
 Cross Catholic Outreach wishes to thank you for the
 welcome you extended to Fr. Thomas Wantland on our recent
 visit to your parish. On behalf of the poorest of the poor, we
 thank you for having shared in their lives. May our Lord
 continue to bless all of you for your love and support.

~ local things ~

<< DEAD THEOLOGIANS SOCIETY >>

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

< CHURCH OF ST. PAUL MEN'S BREAKFAST & RAFFLE >

410 5th ST, Nicollet, MN. Sunday, March 10th, 9-11:30 am
 Ham, Sausage, Scrambled Eggs, Potatoes, Beverage
 Adults \$8, Children 6-12 \$3, 5 & Under FREE
 Catholic Orders of Foresters Court 812 Matching Grant Fund-
 raiser for Religious Education.

<< 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!

<< 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

<< 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>

<< SPRING BAKE SALE & BOUTIQUE >>

Saturday, March 30th, 9 am - 3 pm
 St. Patrick Social Hall, 24425 Old Hwy 13 Blvd., Jordan, MN
 Fresh-baked cinnamon & caramel rolls, homeade goodies
 including cookies, cakes & breads - along with household items.
 Hosted by the St. Patrick of Cedar Lake CCW

HAVE SOMETHING TO ADD TO THE BULLETIN?

PLEASE EMAIL THE PARISH OFFICE AT

OFFICE@MARYSCHURCHES.COM

DEADLINE IS 12 NOON WEDNESDAYS WEEKLY.

THE 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 9TH & 10TH, 2019

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. Be part of the
 rich 136-year history of Catholic education in LeSueur! For more
 information and to apply, please visit: careers.archspm.org. App
 deadline is March 22.

•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. If
 interested, please contact Diane Lee at dlee@stanneslesueur.org or
 call 507-665-2489.

Grief Support Group for Widows
 We have noted an increased need for outreach to widows in our
 community and in our surrounding communities. The following
 grief support group has been meeting weekly for a few years. We
 encourage you to participate if you are able. We are currently in the
 process of forming another grief support group for widows that will
 meet weekly at St. Mary's Church in LeCenter. The specific days and
 times have not yet been determined. At the current time, we are
 looking for volunteers to help with the group. If you would like more
 information or are interested in helping, please contact Fr. Shofner.

Mayo Clinic Health System Hospice
 Sponsors: HOPE

A grief support group for women who have experienced the death
 of a loved one. The group is led by widows and offers an oppor-
 tunity to learn about grief, share experiences and find healing and
 hope from loss.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS!

March 2nd & 3rd, 2019

Marysburg: \$1,197.00 | Nativity: \$2,628.00

Monthly Electronic Giving

Marysburg: \$765.00 | Nativity: \$940.00

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



STATIONS OF THE CROSS
 Fridays during Lent @ 6 PM alternating weekly
 between Nativity & Marysburg Churches.
 Join us this Friday, March 15th at Marysburg.

NEXT MONTH - FRIDAY NIGHT FISH FRY!

Yes, it's that time of year again!
 Please make plans to join us once again for the
 Marysburg 2019 Annual 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 Fish Fry Menu Includes:
 Deep-fried Fish, Au Gratin Potatoes, Coleslaw,
 Bread, Dessert, Milk and Coffee.

Questions: Please email the Parish Office at
 office@maryschurches.com
 RSVP and get more event details on our
 Facebook event page, or visit our website at
 www.MarysChurches.com

Catholic Services Appeal (CSA)

Last weekend we kicked off the Catholic Services Appeal, the 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.

Once again, our goals for 2019 remains 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!

Parish Totals as of 03-06-19: Nativity \$1,680.00 Received (31.96%) | Immaculate Conception \$950.00 Received (18.49%)



Desk of Father Christopher Shofner

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Fr. Christopher Shofner

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

These forty days of Lent are a time of looking at our lives and being honest with ourselves about the fact that we've fallen short of the glory of God. It's a time to fall on our knees before the great mercy of God, to ask Him to forgive us and strengthen us for the journey ahead, to help us to overcome our failings and our weaknesses, to help us to resist the temptations that gnaw at our hearts and souls.

Today Jesus gives us the key to overcoming temptation when He enters into the experience of human temptation – He was tempted in every way, but never sinned. But Satan still tries to make Him fall – because he knows that if Jesus sins, then God's plan for the salvation of humanity will fall apart – the Lamb of God would no longer be a spotless sacrifice, making His death fruitless – it would not be a source of salvation, just another man who died on a cross.

So Satan strikes with his first temptation when he believes he has the best chance, at the end of Jesus' forty days in the desert, when He is weak from hunger. This is a physical temptation. Our defenses are down when we are hungry, just as they are down when we are sad, lonely, bored, or stressed. Fasting can leave us restless, irritable, and thinking only of what will satisfy our hunger. Satan hopes that Jesus will do anything as well, even if it means sinning against the Father. This is the lowest of the temptations – satisfy the desires of the flesh, whether it's hunger, thirst, sex, or pleasure of any kind. If you've ever been tempted to overeat, drink too much, or click on that website "for adults only", then you know this temptation. But Jesus easily overcomes because the Word of God feeds Him: "One does not live by bread alone." Man is not satisfied by simply indulging in physical pleasures, but only by rejoicing in a true relationship with God. Have we learned that lesson? If not, Satan will tempt us physically.

So Satan decides to exploit another human need in a second temptation – an emotional temptation – the need to be known and respected, ultimately to be loved by others. Satan tempts Jesus with worldly power. People go to extremes to gain the acceptance of others, and if they feel they don't have it, it can result in depression, obsession, addiction, even suicide. But once again Jesus shows us that the key to overcoming is found in the promises found in the Word of God and focusing our hearts on serving God alone. If all our energies are directed in this way, then we won't be dependent on others for our happiness. Have we learned that lesson? If not, Satan will tempt us emotionally.

So Satan tries a third temptation – a spiritual temptation – the need to know that God is present and on our side, even when it seems all else is stripped away. Satan tempts Jesus by telling Him to jump from the top of the temple and call upon God to save Him – "If you love me, You will send Your angels to catch me!" We might experience this when we lay our deepest need before God in faith, but our prayer isn't answered the way we want. We are tempted to think that God has abandoned us, that He doesn't want good things for us, maybe even that He is not all-powerful or loving. But this is the lie that Satan tempts us to believe. Jesus quickly dismisses this by stating that our faith is not dependent on any test we put God through – He is faithful and good at all times, no matter what. We don't need proof to know it. Is that a lesson that we have learned? If not, Satan will tempt us spiritually.

The Enemy seeks to tempt us in every way—physically, emotionally and spiritually. He's looking for our moments of weakness and vulnerability. But we are strengthened against his attacks by reaffirming that God is our strength, and reaffirming our trust in God's faithfulness. St. Padre Pio once said that the life of a Christian is nothing but a constant struggle against ourselves. The temptations that we face are reminders that we're not perfect, that we still have weakness within us, and that we need to depend on God's strength to be victorious. Our temptations can be seen as opportunities to fall, or opportunities to be victorious. To gain the victory, realize that you are fighting for your soul, which should be the most important thing to you. Do anything to win that battle. These forty days are a time of grace – a time to put up a good fight and call upon the grace of God to strengthen you. Just as Jesus did, turn to the greatest weapon we have – the powerful and enduring Word of God found in Holy Scripture – its pages are filled with passages to encourage and strengthen – *let God's Word lift you up this Lent!*

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...

Immaculate Conception of Marysburg

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March 9th & 10th, 2019 | The 1st Sunday of Lent

THANK YOU...	LECTORS		COLLECTION OFFICERS		EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS		GIFT BEARERS	
	Saturday	Sunday	Saturday	Sunday	Saturday	Sunday	Saturday	Sunday
March 9 & 10	Chris Biehn		Mark Meyer	Becky Kaderlik	Joe Meyer	Theresa Rohlfling	Steve & Teresa Baker	
March 16 & 17	Becky Meyer		John Page	Don Adams	Mary Kammerdiener	Pat Baker	Mary Wolff and Shielia Wolff	
March 23 & 24	Joe Meyer		Raphael Malecha	Greg Germscheid	Phil Rothmeier, Rita Ramy	Sue Leiferman, (Volunteer)	Anita & Phil Rothmeier	

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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		
March 23 & 24	Mary Klaseus	Andy Queen	Dick Davis	Barb Truzinski	Mary Klaseus, Mike Keogh	Rita Kluntz		

The following members of our Faith Communities have asked for our prayers... Mary Lou Ballman, 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: 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 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 MB FIN CNCL MTG 6 PM MB PSTRL CNCL MTG 7 PM †SALLY & RAY MARTINSON	13 Mass 8 am at Marysburg 6:30-7:30 pm Faith Formation Parish Office Closed - PTO	14 No Mass	15 No Mass † STATIONS - 6 PM @MB	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 Y ALL PARISHIONERS †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 KRENIK Y ALL PARISHIONERS	18 Mass 8 am at Marysburg	19 Mass 8 am at Nativity Parish Office Closed Law Seminar	20 Mass 8 am at Marysburg 6:30-7:30 pm Faith Formation	21 No Mass NAT FIN CNCL MTG 6 PM NAT PSTRL CNCL MTG 7 PM	22 Mass 8 am at Nativity † STATIONS - 6 PM @NAT †STEVEN HENDLEY	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 †MIKE STRUCK
24 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT 8:30 AM NATIVITY & 10:30AM MARYSBURG AA MTG. MB Hall 6:30 PM †TODD BROWN	25 Mass 8 am at Marysburg	26 Mass 8 am at Nativity †IRMA & LLOYD HENDLEY	27 Mass 8 am at Marysburg 6:30-7:30 pm Faith Formation	28 No Mass	29 Mass 8 am at Nativity † STATIONS - 6 PM @MB	30 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
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