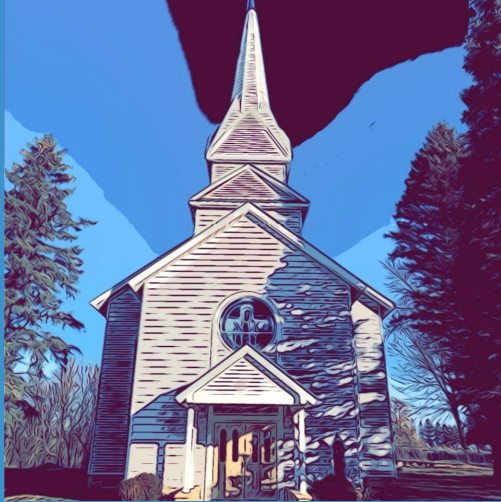


PARISH NEWSLETTER

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARYSBURG & CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY



OPEN TO THE PUBLIC DAILY MASS

All of our weekday Masses are open to the public and take place indoors.

MON 8/31: Marysburg 8 AM
TUE 9/1: Nativity 8 AM
WED 9/2: Marysburg 8 AM
THU 9/3: No Mass
FRI 9/4: Nativity 8 AM

**No Mass 08-28-20*

**Masks required. Allowed 50% capacity inside. Social distancing in place.*

WEEKEND MASSES MARYSBURG & NATIVITY

*** Indoor Vigil Mass:** Sat. Aug. 29th at 5 PM at Marysburg, indoors. Masks required.

*** Outdoor Sunday Mass:** Sun. Aug. 30th at 9:30 AM at Nativity. Weather permitting. Masks are encouraged. Holy Eucharist available AFTER Mass. If you are not able to join us, we will have the Mass available via Live Stream on Facebook at

[www.Facebook.com/maryschurches](https://www.facebook.com/maryschurches)

We hope that you can join us at either parish this weekend!

WE'RE HIRING! PART-TIME HOUSEKEEPER

We are looking to hire part-time housekeeping staff for the Church of the Nativity in Cleveland.

Must be 18 years of age or older. On the job training available.

Please connect with Fr. Stiles at fr.stiles@frontier.com or the Parish Office for more details.

Help us spread the word, thank you!



MARYSBURG & NATIVITY WEEKLY BULLETIN ARTICLE

FROM THE DESK OF
FATHER JAMES STILES

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From Rock to Satan!

“...so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it...”; “Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do” (Mt16: 18, 23). Would you believe that these contrasting and bold statements were not only said to the same person but apparently within a relatively short period of time of each other? Jesus spoke both statements to one of his closest disciples, Simon, whose name He had changed to Peter. I have always found it fascinating that Jesus calls Simon “Satan” soon after He explicitly made him the visible head of the church. How did Peter go from being “Rock” (the meaning of the name Peter) to “Satan?”

Peter had fallen for perhaps the oldest trick in the book. He was willing to accept the glory of Christ, but not the suffering Christ. This is a perennial temptation for all of us. We tend to think, “You are so good, Jesus. You are all-powerful. Why don’t you just conquer sin, suffering and death in an easier and more majestic way?” Here is where we must take seriously the words of Jesus towards Peter, and by implication to us: “You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do.”

We are encouraged by St. Paul in this Sunday’s second reading not to “conform [ourselves] to this age but be transformed by the renewal of [our] mind, that [we] may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect” (Rom 12:1-2). In other words, he exhorts us to think like God. Part of this renewal of our mind consists, then, in recognizing the wisdom of God shown forth in the suffering Christ.

By conquering sin, suffering and death by taking upon himself the punishment of sin that we deserved and wholeheartedly embracing its pain and death, Jesus shows to us that the apparent “weakness” of God is far stronger than even the most horrific things of this world (cf. 1 Cor 1:25). Perhaps more importantly though, in enduring such horror for our sakes, Jesus shows forth most convincingly His (God’s) love for us.

As you experience suffering in its various forms this week, remember that you have been invited by God to join the battle of conquering sin, suffering and death. Remember with great hope that you will be victorious not by running from it, but by freely choosing to endure it out of love for God and neighbor. One could doubt the degree of love you have for God if everything went well for you in life. One could not doubt, however, the strength of your love for God if you were willing to lay down your life for Him. Therefore, do not be afraid to love the Lord without reserve, “for the Son of Man will come with his angels in his Father’s glory, and then he will repay all according to his conduct” (Mt 16: 27).

With fatherly and brotherly love, Fr. Stiles

Spiritual Communion Prayer

"My Jesus,
I believe that you are present in the most holy Eucharist.
I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you
sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace you as if you were already there and unite
myself wholly with you. Never permit me to be
separated from you.
Amen."



LIVE-STREAM MASSES VIA FACEBOOK

YOU DO NOT NEED A FACEBOOK ACCOUNT TO WATCH
Father Stiles & Father Sandquist have been utilizing
technology to bring the Mass to us online. We are excited
to offer LIVE-Stream Masses! They have been and will
continue to take place via Facebook-LIVE! You do not
need to have a Facebook account to join us for the live-
stream Mass.

You can watch our live-streamed masses by going to the
St. Mary/St. Henry Facebook page, which is

www.facebook.com/maryschurches

Drive-Thru Confessions at

Nativity in Cleveland:

Every
Saturday from 3:00 pm - 4:00
pm at Nativity in Cleveland,
Father Stiles and/or Father
Sandquist offer drive-thru
confessions. | First come - first
served. Please be respectful
and give one another space with
vehicles and follow suggested
social distancing guidelines.

2020 CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL FOUNDATION

SERVE THE POOR | SUPPORT LIFE | STRENGTHEN THE FAITH

NATIVITY GOAL: \$6,093.00 | MARYSBURG GOAL: \$6,257.00

In these unprecedented times, the Catholic Services Appeal Foundation (CSAF) continues to keep in prayer all those struggling with COVID-19 and its effects. Now more than ever, the Designated Ministries of the CSAF need our collective help! With your support, the CSAF is delivering.

In the month of March, the CSAF distributed over \$1.8 million to the Designated Ministries, including nearly half a million dollars in parish rebates to 126 parishes in the Archdiocese! Current donations to the CSAF continue to be processed daily. www.GiveCSAF.org

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS \$ AUG 22ND & 23RD

MARYSBURG \$1,318.00 | NATIVITY \$959.00

Our Kitui Prayer Petition for August...

"In thanksgiving and for the Lord's blessings to the newly appointed Bishop of our partnership diocese of Kitui, Kenya, and for their safe return to public worship, we pray to the Lord."

MASS INTENTIONS FOR August 29th - September 4th, 2020...

This week, please pray for the Mass Intention requests for the last weekend of August: Pete Wolf, Neil Patrick Baker, and Fr. Adams, along with All Parishioners of Marysburg and Nativity. Thank you!
Please be sure to email Mass Intention requests to: office@maryschurches.com



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

Marie Young, Seth Hamman, Agnes Morgan, Griffin Dumdei, Richie Krueger, Sheila Wolff, Debra Schmahl, Caiden Kelly, Keely Davis, Josh Hummer, Justin Kaus, Larry VanTol, Eugene Germscheid, Jim Scheurer, Levi Bensen, Mrs. Karl (Sandy) Germscheid, Maurice Thelemann, Quentin Shevy, Hunter Schmitz, 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, Bob Beckel, Rudy Kaupa, Connie Baker, Gene Thelemann, Jared Mogere Family, Tim Petersen, Kent Pearce, Mary Androli, Bernice Rezak, David Krenik, Terry Sadowski, James Connor, Natalie Bruender, Robert Ani, Marian Meyer, Mya Walechka, Lana Dahl, Alec Heuer, Jim Meagher, and Betty Kinney.

To add or remove a name on this list, please email the Parish Office: office@maryschurches.com

the WORD among us

Volunteers have made copies of "the WORD among us" available for pick-up outside of the main entrance of each parish. There is a limited number of copies (first come, first served). We ask that you please only take 1 per household. We will continue to make them available for pick-up until in person Masses resume. Please follow suggested social distancing when picking up your copy, and please wash your hands before and after. Thank you.



Joseph Pete Memorial Mass

There will be a Memorial Mass for Joseph Pete held at the Church of the Nativity in Cleveland on Friday, September 11th, 2020 at 5:00 PM.

2nd Collection - Emergency Appeal for Lebanon

Please note that there will be a **2ND Collection** the weekend of September 5th and 6th as part of the Archdiocese Emergency Appeal for Lebanon, after the explosion that took place earlier this month.

Please make checks payable to "Center for Mission" – with memo "Lebanon Emergency Collection."

Online Giving Available

Visit our website www.maryschurches.com and click on the "Online Giving" link from the Home Page, or follow this link directly – <https://maryschurches.com/online-giving-mb-nat>

Marysburg and Nativity have partnered with 'Vanco Payment Solutions' to allow you to Donate to the parish of your choice via online, or using your Smart Phone with the "**Give Plus**" app!

Faith Formation - Updates

PARENTS: We will soon be accepting registration for the 2020-2021 Faith Formation program year. If you would like to receive the registration form via email, please send a note to the Parish Office with your request; office@maryschurches.com (or you may leave a voice mail at 507-243-3166).

CONTACTING THE MARYSBURG & NATIVITY PARISH OFFICE:

With regards to the Parish Office – staff is still manning the Parish Office remotely.

The office will remain physically closed for the next few months.

We are busy working from our home office, but are here for you if you need anything!

Either email Jill at office@maryschurches.com or call and leave a voice mail message at 507-243-3166.

The Parish Office is physically CLOSED. Emails, voice mails and daily tasks are being performed and managed remotely from a home office. The best form of communication with Administration until we physically reopen is via *EMAIL, thank you!

***Email: office@maryschurches.com**

Voice Mail Only: **507-243-3166** | St. Mary/St. Henry Office: **507-357-6633**

Fr. Stiles (emergency only): **507-456-8473** | Fr. Sandquist (emergency only): **612-247-7954**

Mailing Address: 27528 Patrick Street, Madison Lake, MN 56063

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NEW!!! Please LIKE & Follow the Facebook page for updates on our Faith Formation Program

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