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**Web:** [www.MarysChurches.com](http://www.MarysChurches.com)

**WEEKEND MASSES:**  
**Saturdays, 5:00 pm Rotating** each weekend between Marysburg & Nativity  
**Sundays, Nativity 8:30 am**  
**Sundays, Marysburg 10:30 am**

**RECONCILIATION TIMES:**  
 Sat. 4:00-4:40 pm - Rotating between Parishes with 5 PM Mass.  
 First come, first served.

**WEEKDAY MASSES:**  
 Monday, 8 am: Marysburg  
 Tuesday, 8 am: Nativity  
 Weds, 8 am: Marysburg  
 Thurs, NO Mass  
 Friday, 8 am: Nativity

**MASS INFORMATION:**  
 Flocknotes, Facebook, Twitter & [MarysChurches.com](http://MarysChurches.com)



## ADULT FAITH FORMATION NIGHTS!

All are welcome to come and learn about the 3 Theological Virtues - Faith, Hope, & Charity / Love.

**Where:** Church of St. Mary, Le Center

**Dates:** Wednesdays, February 2nd, & March 16th, 2022 **Time:** 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Church

**Is Faith contrary to reason? Is Hope just having a positive attitude or something more? Is there a difference between natural love and supernatural Charity?**

## Weekend Collections ~ January 8th & 9th

### Marysburg:

Weekly Offering	\$ 1,687.00
Plate:	\$ 169.00
Total:	\$ 1,856.00

### Cleveland:

Weekly Offering	\$ 919.00
Plate:	\$ 106.00
Total	\$ 1,025.00



### Top 13 Quotes by Pope Francis on Sanctity of Life

Posted on January 21, 2014 by Carol Glatz

VATICAN CITY —

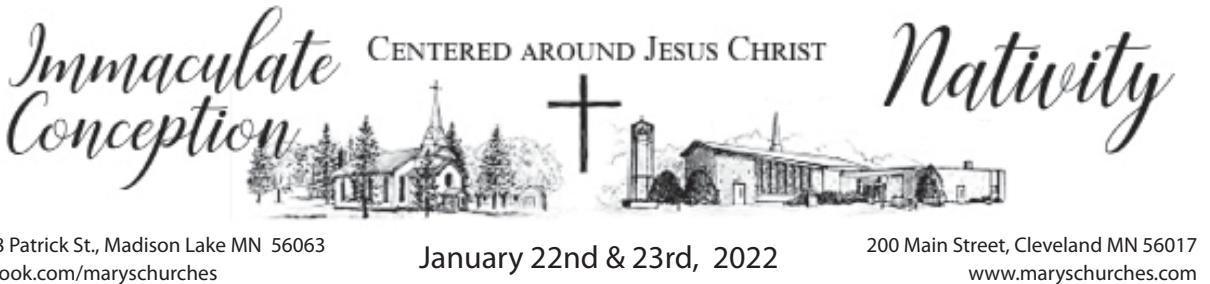
1. It is God who gives life, let us respect and love human life, especially vulnerable life in a mother's womb.

2. "All life has inestimable value even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor, are masterpieces of God's creation, made in his own image, destined to live forever, and deserving of the utmost reverence and respect." — Message to Catholics taking part in annual Day for Life in Britain and Ireland July 28, 2013

3. "Let's say 'Yes' to life and 'No' to death." — Message to Catholics taking part in March for Life in France Jan. 19, 2014

4. "Every child who, rather than being born, is condemned unjustly to being aborted, bears the face of Jesus Christ, bears the face of the Lord, who even before he was born, and then just after birth, experienced the world's rejection. And every elderly person...even if he is ill or at the end of his days, bears the face of Christ. They cannot be discarded, as the 'culture of waste' suggests!" — Speech to Catholic healthcare professionals and gynecologists Sept. 20, 2013

5. "All too often, as we know from experience, people do not choose life, they do not accept the 'Gospel of Life' but let themselves be led by ideologies and ways of thinking that block life, that do not respect life, because they are dictated by selfishness, self-interest, profit, power and pleasure, and



not by love, by concern for the good of others....As a result, the living God is replaced by fleeting human idols which offer the intoxication of a flash of freedom, but in the end bring new forms of slavery and death." — from homily at Mass for 'Evangelium Vitae Day' June 16, 2013

6. "Unfortunately, what is thrown away is not only food and dispensable objects, but often human beings themselves, who are discarded as 'unnecessary.' For example, it is frightful even to think there are children, victims of abortion, who will never see the light of day; children being used as soldiers, abused and killed in armed conflicts; and children being bought and sold in that terrible form of modern slavery which is human trafficking, which is a crime against humanity." — Speech to diplomats Jan. 13, 2014

7. "Among the vulnerable for whom the church wishes to care with particular love and concern are unborn children, the most defenseless and innocent among us. Nowadays efforts are made to deny them their human dignity and to do with them whatever one pleases, taking their lives and passing laws preventing anyone from standing in the way of this....Precisely because this involves the internal consistency of our message about the value of the human person, the church cannot be expected to change her position on this question... It is not 'progressive' to try to resolve problems by eliminating a human life..." — Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium* #213-214

8. "The victims of this [throwaway] culture are precisely the weakest and most fragile human beings — the unborn, the poorest, the sick and elderly, the seriously handicapped, etc. who are in danger of being 'thrown away,' expelled from a system that must be efficient at all costs....It is necessary to raise awareness and form the lay faithful, in whatever state, especially those engaged in the field of politics, so that they may think in accord with the Gospel and the social doctrine of the church and act consistently by dialoguing and collaborating with those who, in sincerity and intellectual honesty, share if not the faith at least a similar vision of mankind and society and its ethical consequences." — Speech to a delegation from the Dignitatis Humanae Institute Dec. 7, 13

9. "We are called to reach out to those who find themselves in the existential peripheries of our societies and to show particular solidarity with the most vulnerable of our brothers and sisters: the poor, the disabled, the unborn and the sick, migrants and refugees, the elderly and the young who lack employment." — Message to the 10th General Assembly of the World Council of Churches dated Oct. 4, 2013

10. On the church supporting life: "This young woman had the courage" to carry her baby to term and not have an abortion, Pope Francis said. But this example of an unmarried woman who sought baptism for her baby, "what does she find? A closed door. And this happens to a lot of people. This is not good pastoral zeal. This pushes people away from the Lord." — Homily during morning Mass May 25, 2013 in chapel of his residence

11. The fight against abortion is "part of the battle in favor of life from the moment of conception until a dignified, natural end. This includes the care of the mother during pregnancy, the existence of laws to protect the mother postpartum, and the need to ensure that children receive enough food, as well as providing healthcare throughout the whole length of life..." — Cardinal Jorge Bergoglio in book of interviews "Pope Francis: His Life in His Own Words"

12. "The right to life is the first human right. Abortion is killing someone that cannot defend him or herself." — Cardinal Bergoglio with Rabbi Abraham Skorka in book "On Heaven and Earth"

13. "All of us must care for life, cherish life, with tenderness, warmth...to give life is to open (our) heart, and to care for life is to (give oneself) in tenderness and warmth for others, to have concern in my heart for others."

Caring for life from the beginning to the end. What a simple thing, what a beautiful thing..So, go forth and don't be discouraged. Care for life. It's worth it."

# JANUARY 23RD - THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## Staying in Touch...

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## 2022 ENVELOPES AND CALENDARS

Please pick up your 2022 Contribution Envelopes, Calendars & Religious Publications in the Main Entrance of the Church.



### The Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius A SILENT RETREAT FOR WOMEN

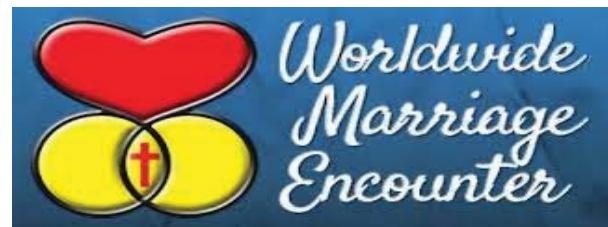
Preachers: Priests from Miles Christi Religious Order

When? The weekend of March 11-13, 2022.

Where? Franciscan Retreat Center in Prior Lake.

For more information and to register, please visit:

<https://www.mileschristi.org/event/prior-lake-mn-2/>,  
email Minnesota@spiritualexercises.net or please  
call us at: 248-596-9677.



### Sign up for the February 12-13 Marriage Encounter!

Weekends are held at Mt Olivet Conference and Retreat Center in Farmington. Visit [www.marriages.org](http://www.marriages.org) to register, or call Mary Jackson @ 651.454.3238.

**SACRAMENTAL LIFE AT MARYSBURG & NATIVITY**  
**BAPTISM:** Baptism is normally offered once each month. To have your child baptized, please contact Fr. Stiles to reserve and to schedule a Baptism Class.

**COMMUNION:** Children are prepared to receive Holy Communion in 2nd grade. For Adults wanting to receive First Communion, please contact Fr. Stiles.

**CONFIRMATION:** Youth are prepared in grades 9 & 10 during Faith Formation classes. For Adults wanting to make their Confirmation, please contact Fr. Stiles

**MARRIAGE:** Please contact Fr. Stiles at least 6 months in advance. Couples must complete a weekend retreat and marriage preparation classes.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK: For Emergencies, please call Fr. Stiles at 507-456-8473.** For Private Anointings, contact our Parish Office @ 507 243-3166

**S**aturday the 22nd marks the anniversary of Roe V Wade, the landmark decision to legalize abortion for the whole country. I remember someone from a previous parish asking me if the Church was still against abortion. I was blown away by the question because I thought the answer was obvious, but he was not sure for some reason. I want to reiterate the answer, "Yes!" abortion is wrong and always will be. While founded for us in our faith, somebody can also understand this from purely philosophical and scientific standards. Our God is the author of the laws of nature and everything that exists because he constantly gives it existence. Studying science is to examine what He made, its laws and properties, but from a purely physical standpoint. Science pertains to what we find out from our five senses; that is to say, it can only observe things in the physical realm. Much of our struggle today is that science goes beyond its abilities to the philosophical and theological. Enough on this, but it is an important premise to understand where many people find themselves in this debate.

I will reflect a bit on our religious position. The Catechism of the Catholic Church puts it this way. "Since the first century, the Church has affirmed the moral evil of every procured abortion. This teaching has not changed and remains unchangeable. Direct abortion... is gravely contrary to the moral law."<sup>2271</sup> "The Church attaches the canonical penalty of excommunication to this crime against human life." *Latae Sententiae* that is "by the very commission of the offense."<sup>2272</sup> It goes on, "The Church does not thereby intend to restrict the scope of mercy. Rather, she makes clear the gravity of the crime committed, the irreparable harm done to the innocent who is put to death, as well as to the parents and the whole of society."

Religiously God is the author of life, He gives, and He takes away, it is His to give and His to take from us. Psalm 139 is an excellent reflection because God knits us in our mother's womb and before we

## From the Desk of Father Michael



Fr. Michael Barsness

existed in his book. In other words, our whole life is in God's eternal mind. Once life exists, it is to be protected.

Now science and technology-aided us in understanding that once a sperm and egg are conjoined, something else exists. The baby can die prematurely, but it will grow naturally into the person God created. The soul is the principle of life from that point forward. To say that life begins at any other time, you get into shaky ground. Some will say consciousness is the beginning of life or having a heartbeat, but would you say those in a medically induced coma for a short time are not alive or if you get a heart transplant that somehow you cease to live. There are countless arguments we went through in philosophy and theology. If you have questions or have run into a problematic argument and aren't sure how to answer, Father Stiles and I are happy to help you find answers.

Sometimes people have had abortions or know someone who does. However, we often know there are spiritual issues at the heart of their contention when dealing with people. Fornication, pornography, contraception are often justifications for one's stance on abortion, and we have to recognize that the core of the matter is a struggle with sin. At the heart of abortion is rejecting the Churches teachings on sexual morality. The key is to speak with charity, clarity, and truth! We are in a spiritual battle for people's hearts, where Satan is very cunning using our various vices, mine included, to tear us all down, in or out of the Church. Persevere in the fight!

God Bless you!

Fr. Michael

JANUARY 22 & 23, 2022: THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARYSBURG**

LECTORS		COLLECTION OFFICERS		EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS		GIFT BEARERS		ALTAR SERVERS	
Saturday 5 pm	Sunday 10:30 am	Saturday 5 pm	Sunday 10:30 am	Saturday 5 pm	Sunday 10:30 am	Saturday 5 pm	Sunday 10:30 am	Saturday 5 pm	Sunday 10:30 am
January 22 & 23	(Mass @ Nativity)	Marilyn Kluntz	(Mass @ Nativity)	Jim Kluntz	(Mass @ Nativity)	Pat Baker	(Mass @ Nativity)	Jim & Marilyn Kluntz	(Mass @ Nativity)
January 29 & 30	Becky Meyer	John Kluntz	Joe Meyer Steve Blais	Pat Corrow Don Adams	Phil Rothmeier	Sue Leiferman	Isabel Sieberg Phil Rothmeier	John & Jennifer Kluntz	Savanah Meyer Charlotte Meyer
Feb 5 & 6	(Mass @ Nativity)	Michelle Folk	(Mass @ Nativity)	Jay Folk Tim Krenik	(Mass @ Nativity)	Joni McCabe	(Mass @ Nativity)	Brad & Cherr Strobel Fam	(Mass @ Nativity)

**NATIVITY OF CLEVELAND**

LECTORS		COLLECTION OFFICERS		EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS		GIFT BEARERS		ALTAR SERVERS	
Saturday 5 pm	Sunday 8:30 am	Saturday 5 pm	Sunday 8:30 am	Saturday 5 pm	Sunday 8:30 am	Saturday 5 pm	Sunday 8:30 am	Saturday 5 pm	Sunday 8:30 am
January 22 & 23	Mary Klaseus	Andy Queen	Nick Klaseus Sharon Cink	Robbie Kopet Janet Walechka	Mike Keogh	Andy Queen		Jeremy Miller Luke Heldberg	
January 29 & 30	(Mass @ Marysburg)	Kelly McCabe	(Mass @ Marysburg)	Janet Walechka	(Mass @ Marysburg)	Kathy Dauk		Brayden Seeman Jonathan Cink	
February 5 & 6	Barb Truzinski	Nancy Heldberg	Barb Truzinski Mary Klaseus	Lynn Kluntz Mary Haase	Mary Klaseus	Sue Serbus		Gretchen Heldberg Mackynzie Leonard	

Pray for our Faith Communities members...

Ed Serano, Darrell and Ila Jean Smiley, Mary & Tom Lassonde, Raphael Malechka, Russ Serbus, Jeff Lyons, Doreen White, Jessica Reedstrom, Penny Connor, John Connor, William Rohlfing, Joe Broze, Aubrey Rober, Wally Krenik, Daryl E. Blatzheim, Jennifer Kephart, Kathy Dahl, Sue Borglum, Marie Young, Seth Hamman, Griffin Dumdei, Richie Krueger, Debra Schmahl, Caiden Kelly, Keely Davis, Josh Hummer, Justin Kaus, Eugene Germscheid, Jim Scheurer, Levi Bensen, Quentin Shevy, Hunter Schmitz, Dotsy Jacobson, Albert Weinandt, Jaci Kopet, Jolene & Holden Zell, Debera Baker, Evelyn & Jill Cusick, Tom Fritz, Lisa Skarin, Don Roscoe, Alec Batson, Brandon Reinke, David Clark, Rudy Kaupa, Connie Baker, Gene Theleman, Jared Mogere Family, Tim Petersen, Kent Pearce, Mary Androli, Bernice Rezak, David Krenik, James Connor, Natalie Bruender, Robert Ani, Mya Walechka, Lana Dahl, Alec Heuer, Jim Meagher, Betty Kinney.

To add or remove a name on this list, please contact Mary in the Parish Office.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
23 THE 3RD SUNDAY IN O.T. 8:30 AM NATIVITY   10:30 AM MARYSBURG  A.A. MEETING MB Hall @ 6:30 PM  †BOB HAGEN (N)	24 Mass 8 am at Marysburg  PARISH OFFICE OPEN	25 Mass 8 am at Nativity  PARISH OFFICE OPEN	26 Mass 8 am at Marysburg  PARISH OFFICE OPEN FAITH FORMATION Class 14 6:30 - 7:30 pm	27 No Mass  PARISH OFFICE OPEN FR. STILES AT MARYSBURG 11 AM - 1 PM	28 Mass 8 am at Nativity  PARISH OFFICE CLOSED FR. STILES - OUT OF OFFICE  †RUSSELL & EILEEN KRENICK  FR. STILES ON VACATION 2/4-2/11	29 VIGIL OF THE 4TH SUNDAY IN O.T. <b>MARYSBURG</b> - PENANCE: 4 - 4:40 PM - MASS: 5:00 PM  †ANITA ROTHMEIER (M)
30 THE 4TH SUNDAY IN O.T. 8:30 AM NATIVITY   10:30 AM MARYSBURG  A.A. MEETING MB Hall @ 6:30 PM  †JOHN T. KLUNTZ (N)	31 Mass 8 am at Marysburg  PARISH OFFICE OPEN	1 FEB Mass 8 am at Nativity  PARISH OFFICE OPEN  †TODD BROWN	2 Mass 8 am at Marysburg  PARISH OFFICE OPEN FAITH FORMATION Class 15 6:30 - 7:30 pm ADULT FAITH FORMATION ST. MARY'S, 6:30 - 7:30	3 No Mass  PARISH OFFICE OPEN FR. STILES AT MARYSBURG 11 AM - 1 PM	4 Mass 8 am at Nativity  ADORATION AT NATIVITY 8:30 am - 12:30 pm PARISH OFFICE CLOSED  FR. STILES ON VACATION 2/4-2/11	5 VIGIL OF THE 5TH SUNDAY IN O.T. <b>NATIVITY</b> - PENANCE: 4 - 4:40 PM - MASS: 5:00 PM  FR. BARBARA STANGLER
6 THE 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 8:30 AM NATIVITY   10:30 AM MARYSBURG  A.A. MEETING MB Hall @ 6:30 PM	7 Mass 8 am at Marysburg  PARISH OFFICE OPEN	8 Mass 8 am at Nativity  PARISH OFFICE OPEN	9 Mass 8 am at Marysburg  PARISH OFFICE OPEN FAITH FORMATION Class 16 6:30 - 7:30 pm	10 No Mass  PARISH OFFICE OPEN FR. STILES AT MARYSBURG 11 AM - 1 PM	11 Mass 8 am at Nativity  PARISH OFFICE CLOSED  †JOHN T. KLUNTZ	12 VIGIL OF THE 6TH SUNDAY IN O.T. <b>MARYSBURG</b> - PENANCE: 4 - 4:40 PM - MASS: 5:00 PM  †ANITA ROTHMEIER (M)
13 THE 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 8:30 AM NATIVITY   10:30 AM MARYSBURG  A.A. MEETING MB @ 6:30 PM  †BUD & RENE MCCABE (N)	14 Mass 8 am at Marysburg  PARISH OFFICE OPEN	15 Mass 8 am at Nativity  PARISH OFFICE OPEN	16 Mass 8 am at Marysburg  PARISH OFFICE OPEN FAITH FORMATION Class 17 6:30 - 7:30 pm ADULT FAITH FORMATION St. Mary's, 6:30 - 7:30 pm	17 No Mass  PARISH OFFICE OPEN FR. STILES AT MARYSBURG 11 AM - 1 PM	18 Mass 8 am at Nativity  PARISH OFFICE CLOSED FR. STILES AT NATIVITY 2 PM - 4 PM	19 VIGIL OF THE 7TH SUNDAY IN O.T. <b>NATIVITY</b> - PENANCE: 4 - 4:40 PM - MASS: 5:00 PM  †RAY & SALLY MARTINSON (N)
FR. STILES ON VACATION 2/4-2/11						

