

### Pray for our Faith Communities' Members . . .

Don Krenik, Joseph Richards, Darrell and Ila Jean Smiley, Wally Krenik, Mary & Tom Lassonde, Raphael Malecha, Jeff Lyons, Doreen White, Jessica Reedstrom, Penny Connor, Joe Broze, Aubrey Rober, Daryl E. Blatzheim, Jennifer Kephart, Kathy Dahl, Sue Borglum, 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, Jaci Kopet, Jolene & Holden Zell, Debera Baker, Evalyn & Jill Cusick, Lisa Skarin, Don Roscoe, Alec Batson, Brandon Reinke, David Clark, Rudy Kaupa, Connie Baker, Jared Mogere Family, Tim Petersen, Kent Pearce, Mary Androli, David Krenik, James Connor, Natalie Bruender, Robert Ani, Mya Walechka, Lana Dahl, Alec Heuer, Jim Meagher.

**To add or remove a name on this list, please contact Gloria in the Parish Office 507-357-6633 (St. Mary Church). Email: [office@maryschurches.com](mailto:office@maryschurches.com)**

## The Paschal Triduum and Easter Schedule

### Holy Thursday, April 6 ~ 7 PM

(Immaculate Conception) Mass of the Lord's Supper



### Good Friday, April 7 ~ 3 PM (Nativity)

Service Commemorating the Passion & Death of our Lord Jesus Christ on the Cross.

### Easter Vigil, April 8 ~ 8:30 PM (Nativity)

This night is like no other. Each year we confront the power of darkness and rejoice with the bursting forth of Life. This is the night for which we have been preparing all Lent. This is the night when we celebrate Christ's victory over death and pledge ourselves in our renewal of baptismal promises to model our lives after him.



### Easter Sunday, April 9 8:30 AM (Nativity) 10:30 AM (IC)

## PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETINGS

**RESCHEDULED - Thursday, March 30, 2023**  
**Immaculate Conception at 6 pm & Nativity at 7:15 pm**

#### Marysburg Parish Council

Joni McCabe Pat Baker Teresa Baker Michelle Folk  
Cindy Krenik Marilyn Kluntz Clint Kortuem

#### Nativity Parish Council

Nick Klaseus Andy Rohlfing Nancy Heldberg  
Brian Lamont Mike McCabe

## FAITH FORMATION

**Wednesday, March 29** - 6:30-7:30 pm Faith Formation Class  
1st grade family night- all 1st grade parents invited to the classroom!

**Saturday, April 1** - 1st Communion  
RETREAT- 8:30-10:30 am 2nd Grade  
Students and Parent @ Nativity

**Wednesday, April 5** - NO CLASS Holy  
Week- attend a Mass this week!



## Lenten Penance Services:

**TODAY, Sunday, March 26**

**3 PM at St. Mary**

This is also First Reconciliation for the St. Mary & St. Henry Faith Formation 2nd grade class. The kids will go first and then all are welcome to follow.

## Stations of the Cross at IC & Nativity

Fridays during Lent at 7:00 PM

March 31 (IC), April 7 (N)

## COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL EVENTS

**We will not have our usual first Sunday of the month Coffee & Rolls at Nativity Church on April 2.** Instead, we invite you to join us for breakfast and support the Cleveland Fire Department from 8 am -12:30 pm. Free will donation. Serving pancakes, French toast, scrambled eggs, sausage and beverages. Deliveries available upon request. Call 507-931-2490



## PARISH STEWARDSHIP

<i>Last Week's Offertory</i>	<b>Nativity</b>	<b>IC</b>
<i>Weekly Budget</i>	\$ 2000	\$ 2320
<i>Weekly</i>	\$ 3536	\$ 1221
<i>Diff. from budget</i>	+\$ 1536	-\$ 1099

**Easter Flower Offering Envelopes** can be found in our church entrances. Feel free to list who you are giving your donation in memory/honor of and we will list them in our Easter Sunday bulletin (if received by noon on Wednesday, April 5).



## Global Solidarity Sunday

On March 18/19, our parishes collected \$225 during the Global Solidarity Sunday. Our brothers and sisters in Africa, Latin America, and especially Central and Eastern Europe, and all those who receive much needed assistance through Catholic Relief

Services thank you for your support and generosity. If you would like to still give, you can do so at: <https://centerformission.org/contribute/>

The **2023** giving envelopes for **Immaculate Conception Church & Nativity Church** can be found in the church entrances. Please pick up your envelopes today! Thank you!



If you would like envelopes and you are not able to find your name on a box of envelopes in the church entrances, please contact Tara in the parish office and she will be glad to assign you envelopes.

## Churches of

# Immaculate Conception & Nativity

27528 Patrick St, Madison Lake, MN

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

507-357-6633

[www.maryschurches.com](http://www.maryschurches.com)

200 Main Street, Cleveland, MN

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 26, 2023

### Mass Schedule

Saturday	5:00 PM Rotates each weekend between Immaculate Conception & Nativity
Sunday	8:30 AM Nativity 10:30 AM Immaculate Conception

### Daily Mass

Monday	8:00 AM Immaculate Conception
Tuesday	8:00 AM Nativity
Wednesday	8:00 AM Immaculate Conception
Thursday	No Mass
Friday	8:00 AM Nativity

Mass Information Announcements: [www.maryschurches.com](http://www.maryschurches.com)

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 4:15-4:45 pm - Rotates each weekend between Immaculate Conception & Nativity along with the Saturday Mass  
Or by appointment (contact Fr. Margevicius or Fr. Barsness)

**Eucharistic Adoration** takes place from 8:30 am - 12:30 pm on the First Fridays of the month at Nativity.

### Parish Staff

**Pastor:** Fr. Thomas Margevicius 507-357-4838 (ext 306)

[fr.thomas@stmarysthenry.org](mailto:fr.thomas@stmarysthenry.org)

In the parish office Wednesdays 9:00 am - 11:00 am

**Associate Pastor:** Fr. Michael Barsness 507-357-4838 (ext 307)

[fr.michael@stmarysthenry.org](mailto:fr.michael@stmarysthenry.org) After Hours Emergencies: 651-353-1120

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**Office Administrator:** Gloria Wolf 507-357-6633

[gloria@stmarysthenry.org](mailto:gloria@stmarysthenry.org)

**Business Administrator:** Tara Robinson (phone ext 302)

[tara@stmarysthenry.org](mailto:tara@stmarysthenry.org)

**Faith Formation Assistant & Safe Environment Coordinator:**

Jennifer Kluntz

Archdiocese's Victim Assistance Program: 651-291-4475

**Office Hours** - 9AM - 5PM Mon - Thurs 9AM-Noon Fri  
Presently operating out of St. Mary, Le Center Office

**Bulletin Deadline** - articles to be submitted to Gloria by noon on Wednesday.

**Mailing Address** - for both Nativity & Immaculate Conception is our parish office at: 27528 Patrick St, Madison Lake, MN 56063 or St. Mary, 165 N Waterville Ave, Le Center, MN 56057

Any suffering that we offer to God, he will sit with us and weep over. And he will accept our offering and take it and transform it from a meaningless pain into a force for good. He most often does this in ways we cannot see and cannot know ~ not here on earth, and not all at once.

-LPI Connect! Sunday Reflection

Mass/Adoration/Confession Schedule

Monday, March 27  
8:00 AM Mass (IC) Greg & Nichol Zimmerman (Living)

Tuesday, March 28  
8:00 AM Mass (Nativity) Peter Scieurba†

Wednesday, March 29  
8:00 AM Mass (IC) For the Parish

Thursday, March 30  
No Mass

Friday, March 31  
8:00 AM Mass (Nativity) Barb Stangler†

Saturday, April 1  
4:15-4:45 PM Confessions (Nativity)  
5:00 PM Mass (Nativity) Mary Lundon†

Palm Sunday, April 2  
8:30 AM Mass (Nativity) John T. Kluntz†  
10:30 AM Mass (IC) For the Parish

This Week in the Parishes

Monday, March 27  
10:00 am - 12:00 pm Fr. Michael at Marysburg office

Tuesday, March 28

Wednesday, March 29  
9:00 am - 11:00 am Fr. Tom at Marysburg office  
6:30-7:30 pm Faith Formation Classes

Thursday, March 30  
6:00 pm Pastoral Council Meeting Marysburg  
7:15 pm Pastoral Council Meeting Nativity

Friday, March 31  
7:00 pm Stations of the Cross at IC

Saturday, April 1  
8:30-10:30 am 1st Communion Retreat (Nativity)

Palm Sunday, April 2  
No Coffee and Rolls this first Sunday of the month

Please check our website and Facebook for the latest news or feel free to call or stop by the parish office presently at Church of St. Mary, 165 N Waterville, Le Center, 507-357-6633  
Open 9-5 Mon-Thurs 9-Noon Friday  
www.maryschurches.com  
facebook.com/maryschurches

Saturday Mass will take place at Nativity Church three weekends in a row: Palm Sunday, April 1, Easter Vigil, April 8, & April 15.

Also, we will not have our usual First Friday Adoration on Good Friday, April 7 at Nativity Church.

Readings for next Sunday, April 2, 2023  
Matthew 21:1-11 Isaiah 50:4-7  
Philippians 2:6-11 Matthew 26:14-27:66

PRIEST’S DESK

Dear Brothers and sisters,

I always find it fascinating how Jesus operates. He is always very deliberate, and everything has meaning and purpose.

Today's episode of the raising of Lazarus is no different. He knows his hour, when it shall come, when he needs to hide from the authorities, and when he can be out in the open. We see this here when Jesus hears of the illness of Lazarus. He did this and said, "So when he heard that he was ill, Jesus remained for two days in the place where he was.”

Then after this, he said to his disciples, "Let us go back to Judea." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just trying to stone you, and you want to go back there?" The Lord says he has some sense of what is coming as he has a mysterious knowledge of what is ahead through a parable.

Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours in a day? If one walks during the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. But if one walks at night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him." He said this and told them, "Our friend Lazarus is asleep, but I am going to awaken him."

I think our Lord was knowingly bold because he knew his time was drawing near. It is almost time for his passion so he can afford to return to the south to Judea, where those are who are wanting to put him to death.

In the catechism in a year study, we came across the part about the kingdom of God. I was struck with the question, 'why did Jesus not just die his sacrificial death at the beginning? If he came to die for our sins why wait for the moment of Calvary?' The answer, of course, is that he wanted to establish a new kingdom. He brought us all into a new assembly or Church built on the rock of faith given to Peter and the Apostles to be handed down to us in and through that Church.

We as a Church hold to the truths the Church hands down. Salvation is not just that we get to go to heaven but that we, through our faith, are being healed and transformed and made Christ-like. None of us are perfect, but we can cooperate with God's grace and become what we will be entirely in heaven.

In this time of Lent, we share the great fast that leads up through Holy Week and ends with the Feast of Easter! I encourage you to ramp up your fast to deepen your connection with Jesus. God did not create or desire death, but sin brought it into the world. As God allows sin, he allows death, even the death of his friend. He allows it to strengthen our faith which ends the second death a greater evil than the death of our body, for one is temporary, and the other is eternal. The raising of Lazarus shows us how deeply Jesus desires to identify with us. He weeps with Martha and Mary, but then he goes and changes their "mourning into dancing; you have loosed my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness."(Psalms 30:11). Our Lent is a foretaste of this as our penance or sackcloth will be removed in the feast of Easter. Lazarus, unfortunately, had to die again. Still, in Jesus, he conquers death such that death will be no more in our resurrection. Easter Joy is soon upon us, but it comes from and through rejection, passion, and cross. We will have our own passion or sufferings, but they are not the end! While we don't know or understand our trials, Jesus does, and we need to work to be with Jesus in them. To pray such that we recognize Jesus enters our every trial and is closer to us than we know and he is in control. St. Lazarus, pray for us! Pray that we might know that God has a plan for us even amid our struggles.

In Christ,  
Fr. Michael

2023 Catholic Services Appeal Foundation

Thank you for your gift to the Catholic Services Appeal Foundation. Your gift supports an array of ministries that include pro-life, seminarian support, Catholic education, services to those most in need and Synod Evangelistic priorities in the building up of our local church.

For those who have not received a CSAF mailing, we are providing an informational flyer and envelope in the church entrances. When using the envelopes provided by the church be sure to use an envelope marked for Nativity or Immaculate Conception according to which parish goal you want your contribution to go toward.



Or donate directly! Using the camera on your phone scan this QR code and it will take you to the CSAF website where you can give.



Our 2023 parish goals are: \$ 5,862 Nativity \$ 7,072 Immaculate Conception  
Received to date: \$ 2,400 (41% of goal) \$ 875 (12% of goal)

ALTAR MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Nativity of Cleveland March 26, 2023 Fifth Sunday of Lent		Immaculate Conception of Marysburg March 25 & 26, 2023 Fifth Sunday of Lent	
	Sunday 8:30 am		
Lector	Barb Harris	Saturday 5 pm	Sunday 10:30 am
Collection Officers	Nancy Gens Robbie Kopet	Sarah Denn	Marilyn Kluntz
Extraordinary Ministers	Andy Queen	Collection Officers	Jay Folk Pat Riley
Altar Servers	Jonathan Cink Jeremy & Zachery Miller	Extraordinary Ministers	Phil Rothmeier
Gift Bearers	Nicole & Tyler Miller family	Gift Bearers	Sue Leiferman
		Altar Servers	Rich & Sue Leiferrman
			Savanah Meyer Charlotte Meyer

Nativity of Cleveland April 1 & 2, 2023 Palm Sunday		
	Saturday 5 pm	Sunday 8:30 am
Lector	Kathy Dauk Mary Klaseus	Andy Queen Nancy Heldberg
Collection Officers	Mary Klaseus Jim Cink	Janet Walechka Mary Hasse
Extraordinary Ministers	Ray Truzinski Barb Truzinski Rita Martinson	Jaci Kopet Sue Serbus Volunteer Needed
Altar Servers		Garrett Heldberg Luke Heldberg Hadley Thompson Jocelyn Clark
Gift Bearers		Stephanie & Dane Roemhildt family

Immaculate Conception of Marysburg April 1 & 2 Palm Sunday	
	Sunday 10:30 am
Lector	John Kluntz Marilyn Kluntz
Collection Officers	Tim Krenik Pat Corrow
Extraordinary Ministers	Barb Folden Jim Folden Cindy Krenik
Gift Bearers	John & Jennifer Kluntz family
Altar Servers	Mason Kluntz Paxton Kluntz Lucy Smith Ruby Page

Extraordinary Ministers — Mark Your Calendars! Fr. Tom will be offering a make-up training session for all Extraordinary Ministers - new (if you have been thinking about joining this ministry, now is the time) and old, St. Henry, St. Mary, Immaculate Conception, Nativity, & Communion Calls Volunteers - on Wednesday, March 29, at 7:30 pm at Church of Nativity, Cleveland. This will be a great opportunity to learn more deeply about what you are taking part in and how this role is carried out correctly. Father will give you all the does and don’ts and will be happy to answer any questions you may have. If you weren’t able to make the first training, this is another opportunity. We realize for those in warmer climates right now, this make-up session will still not work for you and we apologize. When you are back in MN there will be a small book and handout waiting for you to use as a guide and your questions and concerns are welcome at any time.

On Saturday, April 22, at the Immaculate Conception 5 pm Mass & Sunday, April 23, at the Nativity 8:30 am Mass Fr. Michael will commission all the extraordinary ministers. (If necessary, Fr. Michael will commission again sometime in June.) The term of office for extraordinary ministers is three years, effective from the time of commissioning. The term is renewable with the pastor’s approval.