Behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was.

~ Matthew 2:9
Mass Intentions
01/09 Monday  The Baptism of the Lord
8:30 AM Mass (Church) 8:00 AM Rosary
† Fr. Andrew Nelson (Fr. Jim Volkert)
† Thelma Gauger (MM)

01/10 Tuesday
8:30 AM Mass (St. Charles) 8:00 AM Rosary

01/11 Wednesday
8:30 AM Mass (St. Charles) 8:00 AM Rosary

01/12 Thursday
8:30 AM Mass (St. Charles) 8:00 AM Rosary
9:45 AM CCHS Mass (Church)

01/13 Friday  St. Hilary
8:30 AM Mass (Church) 8:00 AM Rosary
† John Weithaus (Kay Weithaus)

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
01/14 Saturday
4:30 PM Mass (Church)
† William “Pat” Delaney (Jane Delaney)

01/15 Sunday
8:00 AM Mass (Church)
Living and Deceased Members of St. Mary Parish
10:30 AM Mass (Church)
† Warren “Skeet” McCown (Barb McCown)

Visitation/Communion Schedule
Hospital  1/07-1/08  Ann Wiemer
1/14-1/15  Joyce Clapp
Mon: Ellen Voslar  Wed: Cheryl Theigs  Fri: Bob Zarek
B Rehab & Care Week: 1/08 Robert Zarek
Monday Veterans Home (9:00 AM) Al Raboine, Mary Repke, Mae Fleming
Tues Pine Brook (11 AM) Homebound Team, Sr. Emma
Riverview (1:00 PM) Tom Durand, Al Raboine
BRC Center (3:15 PM): Annette Kempken, Bob Zarek, Mary Lou Kretschmer
Fri. Arbor View (11 AM): Mae Fleming, Mary Repke, Al Raboine, Ray Adres, Rosary/Chaplet.
BRCC (4 PM) Al Raboine, Rosary

Bulletin Announcements  Information for the bulletin is due 4 PM Mondays to ssmith@stmb.org.

This Week at Saint Mary Catholic Church
01/09 Monday
• 8:30 AM Mass (Church) 8:00 AM Rosary
• 9:00 AM-9:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel)
• 6:30 PM Parish Life/Stewardship Comm. Mtg. (HH)

01/10 Tuesday
• 8:30 AM Mass (St. Charles) 8:00 AM Rosary
• 9:00 AM-9:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel)
• 8:00 PM Knights of Columbus (HH)

01/11 Wednesday
• 8:30 AM Mass (St. Charles) 8:00 AM Rosary
• 9:00 AM-9:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel)
• 6:30 PM Human Concerns Comm. Mtg. (HH)

01/12 Thursday
• 8:30 AM Mass (St. Charles) 8:00 AM Rosary
• 6:30 PM Adult Choir (Church)

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
01/14 Saturday
• 7:30 AM Buildings & Grounds Comm. Mtg. (HH)
• 3:30-4:00 PM Reconciliation (Chapel)
• 4:30 PM Mass (St. Mary)

01/15 Sunday
• 8:00 AM Mass (St. Mary)
• 8:30 AM RCIA (St. Sebastian Room)
• 9:15 AM REP Grades 1-5 (Grade School)
• 10:30 AM Mass (St. Mary)
• 5:00 PM Life Teen Mass (St. Charles) followed by life night
• Life Nite Junior High Grades 6,7 & 8

Office Hours: Mon.-Friday 8-12 & 1-4.

Please bring a non-perishable food item to Mass each week for the local food pantry.

Daily Readings
1st/2nd READING  PSALM  GOSPEL
01/08  Isaiah 60:1-6/  Ps 72:1,2,7,8,10-13  Mt 2:1-12
01/09  Isaiah 42:1-4,6,7  Ps. Ps 29: 1-4,9,10  Mt 3:13-17
01/10  Hebrews 2:5-12  Ps 8:2,5-9  Mk 1:21-28
01/11  Hebrews 2:14-18  Ps 105:1-4,6-9  Mk 1:29-39
01/12  Hebrews 3:7-14  Ps 95:6-11  Mk 1:40-45
01/13  Hebrews 4:1-5,11  Ps 78:3,4,6-8  Mk 2:1-12
01/14  Hebrews 4:12-16  Ps 19:8,9,10,15  Mk 2:13-17

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
01/15  Isaiah 49:3-6/  Ps 40:2,4,7-10  Jn 1:29-34
• 1 Cor 1:1-3
A Message from Fr. Jim . . .
The Feast of Epiphany

Today’s feast of Epiphany is also known as the Feast of the Magi or the Feast of the Three Kings (or Three Wise Men). Who were these men? They were foreigners, traveling to a different land in their search for meaning, in their ultimate search for God. Despite their difference, they were welcome. Even Gentiles were welcome to take part in this great moment of time because the Christ Child was sent by God to be the Savior of the whole world. It was because of these three men that many others discovered God.

Our bishops have designated this coming week (Jan. 8-14) as National Migration Week. In doing so, our bishops are asking us to reflect on how welcoming we are to the strangers or immigrants in our midst and how open we are to learning from their gifts and talents that they bring to our country. These three wise men were welcomed as brothers and children of God despite the fact that they were strangers to that land.

These three men that we celebrate today are people just like you and I. They are our fellow travelers on the road of life. We continue their legacy of searching and discovering. We have many things that we can learn from each other. We all have something to contribute in our ultimate search for the meaning of life, for the presence of Jesus Christ in our midst.

Today’s Feast of Epiphany shows us in the midst of our own searching and questioning that the Three Kings also searched for and discovered Jesus Christ, the meaning and author of life. Today’s feast also shows us that Jesus Christ became human in order to be the Savior of everyone, that one day He would open His arms on the cross to embrace all, that He was the Savior not only of the Jewish people but of all of God’s people. This is certainly a cause for us to rejoice!

Wishing you the peace and joy of the New Year,
Fr. Jim Volkert

Seeking New Knights & New Squires
Please join our Council 15665. For details, call Bob Shepherd, 262-271-0526.
Calling all Young Men: Join the K of C Squire program which strives to provide the spiritual, cultural, civic, social & physical improvement of its members, & the development of leadership qualities.

“Do not be afraid to take a chance on peace, to teach peace, to live peace...Peace will be the last word of history.”
— Pope John Paul II

Wedding Banns:
III Elizabeth Sullivan/Kamil Krukowski

Mass Time Assistance
Wheelchair available in the closet of the Good Shepherd Chapel that is for your use if you need assistance getting in to or out of Church.
Hearing Assistance: Please contact ushers.

Free Calendars Available in Church
Free 2017 church calendars are available at the entrances of church. Please take one home with you. Thank you to our sponsors who cover the cost: Reesman's Excavating and Grading, Inc., Lynch Chevrolet Buick GMC, Family Vision & Contact Lens Centers, S.C., Reineman’s True Value.

2017 STEWARDSHIP DRIVE
2017 PLEDGE CARDS-TIME/TALENT SIGN UP: Did you return your Pledge Card and Time/Talent interest sheet for this year? To date we have only a 30% return of what was mailed out. If you need another card please stop by the rectory office or download one from our website.
Evangelization Resolutions for 2017:

**Make a Personal Discipleship Plan:** Disciples are made not born! Make a Discipleship Plan around the six habits of Catholic Intentional discipleship: [http://www.archmil.org/JohnPaulII/Center/LayFormation/Missionary-Discipleship-Institute/PersonalDiscipleshipPlan.pdf](http://www.archmil.org/JohnPaulII/Center/LayFormation/Missionary-Discipleship-Institute/PersonalDiscipleshipPlan.pdf)

**Get Equipped for Mission:** We are offering the “Institute for Missionary Discipleship.” The next sessions take place on Feb. 11, register by Jan 23rd. [http://www.johnpaul2center.org/missionarydiscipleshipinstitute.htm](http://www.johnpaul2center.org/missionarydiscipleshipinstitute.htm)

**Take the 1% Discipleship Challenge:** View the 1% Challenge card, find multiple ways to use it at [www.johnpaul2center.org/onepercentchallenge](http://www.johnpaul2center.org/onepercentchallenge)

**Read the Entire Bible:** Read this helpful blog post by Brandon Vogt to choose the best bible and most effective plan for reading the entire Bible in one year. [http://brandonvogt.com/how-to-easily-read-the-whole-bible/](http://brandonvogt.com/how-to-easily-read-the-whole-bible/)

**Draw Closer to Christ through Mary this Year:**
This new app from “Our Sunday Visitor” is designed to accompany you on a year-long spiritual journey to draw closer to Christ with the help of our Blessed Mother. The app includes Prayers of the Rosary, Daily Marian Reflections, the Undoer of Knots Novena, the Works of Mercy, and Catholic Prayers. [https://www.osv.com/yom](https://www.osv.com/yom)

**Know and Follow Jesus More Completely:** New books by two of the preeminent Catholic evangelists are being published in 2017. Resolve to read “Jesus – The Story You Thought You Knew,” by Deacon Keith Strohm and “Fruitful Discipleship – Living the Mission of Jesus in the Church and World,” by Sherry Weddell.

**Anchor Every Day in the Gospel and the Church:**
Get a daily email that contains a link to that day's Gospel passage and is followed by a short reflection on the passage from Bishop Robert Barron. Sign up FREE at dailycatholicgospel.com.

**Draw Your Child Back to the Church:** If you are a parent whose child has left the Catholic faith, you need an evangelization game plan to draw her/him back. And that's exactly what you will get in the excellent book, “Return: How to Draw Your Child Back to the Church,” by Brandon Vogt. You can get the book and many helpful resources by going here: [https://helpthemreturn.com/game-plan](https://helpthemreturn.com/game-plan).

Rich Harter, M.T.S., Director of the John Paul II Center for the New Evangelization, Archdiocese of Milwaukee, 414-758-2215 or harterr@archmil.org

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**Tri-Parish Events:**
St. Joseph’s Blood Drive for the Blood Center of Wisconsin in under tri-parish events. It’s January 5 from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m. in our parish center. All attempting donors will receive a long sleeved t-shirt and $10 coupon for Noodles & Company. Make an appointment by calling Julie Koenen at 763-2390 or sign up on line at bcw.edu/Lyons.

**Bereavement Group**
Hopeful Horizons: St. Benedict Bereavement Group for those who are grieving the loss of a loved one. We meet the second Wednesday of every month at 10:30am. Our next meeting will be January 11 2017. All grieving people are welcome to this ecumenical group.

St. Benedict is located at 137 Dewey Ave.Fontana, WI 53125. Any Questions Call Margaret Moser 847-370-1437 or Pat Grove 262-607-6025

**Now You Have A School Choice**
You Now Have A Choice!

**Did you know your child could attend Catholic Central High School tuition free?**
What is the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (WPCP) you ask? The WPCP allows families to receive a voucher from the state of Wisconsin to enroll their children in a private, or religious school tuition free.

What Wisconsin families are eligible to apply for a voucher? Residents of the state of Wisconsin, outside of the Milwaukee and Racine Unified school districts, with a family income at or below 185% of the federal poverty level are eligible to receive a voucher to attend a private or religious school through the WPCP.

**God Bless Our Troops**
Please pray for the safety of all military personnel who are serving our country, especially the following parishioners, relatives or friends of our parish

- Nicholas Callahan, U.S. Navy
- Katie Cash, Marines
- Caroline, Bill & Peter Coppernoll
- Jim & Beth Graves, U.S. Air Force
- Cpl. Robert J. Hintz, U.S. Marine Corps
- Steven Kojis, U.S. Air Force

Toby May, Spc. Army National Guard
- Gregory A. Roberts, U.S. Army
- Devon J. Seitz, U.S. Navy
- Second Lieutenant Kyle Smith, U.S. Air Force
- Jacob A. Thorpe, Private, US Marine Corp, Infantry

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**Please Call Us**
If you are at the Hospital, shut-in, or homebound and would like Communion, please call 763-1500.

**Please pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life.**
Topper Dinner and Auction

CCHS held its 32nd Annual Topper Dinner and Auction on December 3rd at the Veterans Terrace. Over 300 alumnae and friends gathered in the tradition of supporting the school through this yearly event. Guests enjoyed an evening of bidding on silent, as well as live auction items, games, raffles, delicious food and dancing. This year’s largest fundraiser raised over $110,000, which included proceeds from the car raffle and the special "Fund-A-Need" plea for tuition assistance. The Lynch Superstore in Burlington offered a 2016 Chevrolet Cruze as the grand prize in the car raffle, or the winner could take $16,000 in cash. This year’s winners were: Sharlynn Daun-Barnett-1st prize; Tim Pashelk-2nd prize of $750; Russ Wegge-3rd prize of $500; LaVerne Connolly-4th prize of $200.

Thank you to our many adult and student volunteers, as well as our live auction leaders: Marie Frederick, Jack Huffman, Philip Sassano and Bob Sevick, in helping make this affair such a success!! Thank you to our many sponsors: Trattoria di Carlo; Waterford Subway-Julie Henrichs

Gold Sponsors: Family Vision; Bob & Mary Ellen Fettig; James & Regan Homan; Lynch Superstore in Burlington; Town Bank (a Wintrust Community Bank); Wisconsin Vision Associates (WVA). Silver Sponsors: The Heiligenthal Family; karoshealth-collaboration for life; Drs. Anthony & Tini Ricci; Drs. Tim & Sharon Ruetz-Smith, Family Dentistry; Joy Scherrer.

CCHS Cookie Walk

CCHS held its first ever “Cookie Walk” in Topper Hall on Sunday, December 18th! Despite the cold temperatures, members of the community purchased over 900 Christmas cookies and various other treats. Santa Claus and his elves were there to welcome children, and hot cocoa and coffee were also available. Thanks to the help of the many volunteers who donated their time, talents and baking skills, Catholic Central profited $745 to be used towards the operation of the high school. Be sure to watch for the “Second Annual Cookie Walk” next Christmas season!!

CCHS Athletic Benefit Calendars

2017 Athletic Benefit Calendars are now available for $20 each. Calendars may be purchased at the CCHS and St. Mary Parish offices. Thank You for your support.

Additions to the 2016 Christmas Memorial List

Please pray for:

Mission Trips

Trip to Dominican Republic for Adults

Are you college age or above? Have you aged out of our usual mission trips or never been on one but heard about them from friends?

Mark your calendars for May /June of 2018 and join us as we help the families of Las Matas de Farfan, Dominican Republic build homes. It costs a mere $4000 to give a family a sturdy and safe home to live in. We will get to meet and work alongside the families who will live in the homes we help build.

If this sounds like something you would like to be a part of, contact Rita VanSchyndel at 262-763-2050 or vanschydnelr@archmil.org. There will be an informational meeting Sunday, January 15 at 10:30 (after 9:30 Mass) in the St. Joseph Parish Center for anyone interested. This is for anyone age 19 or over.

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High School Mission Trip Meeting 1/8

High School Mission Trip meeting on Sunday, January 8 at 10:30am (after the 9:30 mass) in the Parish Center of St. Joseph's for anyone interested or signed up to go to Oklahoma City, OK this summer.

Announcements After Mass

The deadline for pulpit announcements is Noon on Fridays. Send requests to ssmith@stmb.org so they may be approved by Father Jim.
We pray that through the power of the Holy Spirit our Tri-Parish Community will proclaim Christ and make disciples through the Sacramental Life of the Church.

Tri-Parish Pastoral Council Members
Mary Ann Johnson (Chairperson, 262-812-7547), Jim Sember (Vice Chairperson, 262-763-0001), Marilyn Putz (Secretary, 763-9075), Pam Aldrich (262-716-6324), Dee Baumeister (262-215-2609), Kimberly Blink (763-5229), Mike Church (262-206-2093), Brian Daniel (763-7317), Mark Ehlen (763-8194), Geri Henningfield (767-1854), Lori Hintz (763-7063), Katherine Lavieri (414-379-5577), Les Mastalir (763-3426), Betty Lou Peterson (262-661-4121), Jacki Schoelze (763-4611), Randy Tritz (312 310-4306), George Whitehead (414-870-1980).

Finance Council
Dan Creek (Chairperson 763-2604), Stacy Alan Tyler Galstad, Loretta Jackson, Kathy Lavieri, Jim Schuster, Tim Spiegelhoff & Fr. Jim Volkert.

We warmly welcome new members to our faith community. If you would like to join our parish, registration forms are available in church. Please complete the form and return it to the church office. Sacraments: Marriage—Couples should call St. Mary Catholic Church’s pastor 6 months to one year before the wedding date. Baptism—Call the office prior to your child’s baptism. A preparation class for parents is required. Baptisms are held the first and third weekend of the month. Reconciliation—is held the second, fourth and fifth weekend of the month from 3:30-4 PM in the chapel. Communion, Confirmation and Anointing of the Sick—Call the office. If it is after hours, listen for the emergency number.

We pray for an increased respect for life and the courage and willingness to stand up for Life.

Evangelize: I will grow in my Catholic Identity through regular participation in the sacramental life of the Church and share the Word of God.

Parish Staff Directory (262) 763-1500
Fr. Jim Volkert (Pastor); Fr. Yamid Blanco (Associate Pastor); Susanne Snyder (Director of Music); Sue Vrazan (Director of Administrative Services); Dianne Smetana (Parish Secretary); Cheryl Theigs (Pastoral Minister to the Aging, Sick and Homebound); Loretta Jackson (School Principal); Deb Butler (Assistant Principal); Carolyn Kysely (Preschool Director), Margie Robers (Director of Religious Education); Jim & Kathy Martin (Youth Ministry (Life Teen).

Stewardship and Debt Reduction Report
Amount collected 12/25 from 162 envelopes $18,844.75
Holy Day 51 Envelopes 2,805.00
Offered 2,552.70
Add'l Parish Pay 17 contributors 1,214.55
Total $25,417.00
Year End Contributions 12/31/16 from 83 envelopes $20,981.76
Add'l Parish Pay 17 contributors 515.00
Total $21,496.76
Amount collected 01/01/17 from 138 envelopes $8,847.60
Offered 794.43
Total $9,642.03
Amount given to fiscal year to date $506,415.68
Amount Budgeted to Date (27 weeks) $995,085.00
Difference $-10,263.75
Amount budgeted for fiscal year (52 weeks) $995,085.00
Amount still needed for fiscal year $488,669.32
Amount needed per week to reach budget (25 weeks) $19,546.77

Parish Debt Reduction
Goal $650,000.00
Amount Collected through 12/26/16 from 432 families $533,230.00
Amount still needed $116,770.00

Please pray for our brothers & sisters at our twinning parish St. Joseph in Uganda.
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