WELCOME TO IMMACULATE CONCEPTION (ST. MARY) CATHOLIC PARISH

FIRST SUNDAY OF Lent

Come back to me with all your heart. -Joel 2:12

The Very Reverend James Volkert, Pastor • The Reverend Carlos Zapata, Associate Pastor
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"A LENT TO REMEMBER" PROGRAM MONDAYS AT 7 PM
Join us in the St. Sebastian Room in Heim Hall for this Lenten program.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS TUESDAYS AT 7:00 PM
Join us in church at 6:30 PM for the Rosary followed by Stations at 7:00 PM.

LENTEN FISH FRY THIS FRIDAY FEBRUARY 16TH
4:30-7:00 PM in the cafeteria. Enjoy dine-in, carry-out or drive-thru. Featuring
cod fillets, french fries or red potatoes, rye bread, coleslaw and tartar sauce.
Grilled cheese and tomato soup available. Ice cream sundaes $1.
This Week at Saint Mary Catholic Church

02/19 Monday
- 8:30 AM Mass (St. Mary) 8:00 AM Rosary
- 9:00 AM-9:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel)
- 7:00 PM “A Lent to Remember” Program (St. Sebastian Room of Heim Hall)

02/20 Tuesday
- 8:30 AM Mass (St. Joseph) 8:00 AM Rosary
- 8:30 AM Mass (St. Charles) 8:00 AM Rosary
- 9:00 AM-6:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel)
- 6:30 PM Rosary (Church)
- 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross (Church)

02/21 Wednesday
- 8:30 AM Mass (St. Charles) 8:00 AM Rosary
- 9:00 AM-9:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel)
- 6:30 PM Finance Council (HH)

02/22 Thursday
- 8:30 AM Mass (St. Charles) 8:00 AM Rosary
- 3:10 PM Children’s Choir (Church)
- 6:30 PM Adult Choir (Church)

02/23 Friday
- 8:30 AM Mass (St. Mary) 8:00 AM Rosary
- 4:30 PM-7:00 PM Fish Fry (Cafeteria)

Second Sunday of Lent

02/24 Saturday
- 3:30-4:00 PM Reconciliation (Chapel)
- 4:30 PM Mass (St. Mary)

02/25 Sunday
- 8:00 AM Mass (Church)
- 9:15 AM Religious Education Program (SMS)
- 10:30 AM Mass (Church) 1st Communion Commissioning

Visitation/Communion Schedule

Hospital
February 17-18 Mary Norgaard
February 24-25 Sisters Kasey and Rose
Mon: Ellen Voslar, 1st, 3rd & 5th Wed. Karen Ehlen;
2nd & 4th Wed: Cheryl Theigs Fri: Bob Zarek

The Bay Week: 2/18 Robert Zarek

Monday Veterans Home (9:00 AM) Deacon Keith, Al Raboine, Mary Repke, Mae Fleming, Diane Coddington
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Rosary: Oak Park Place (9:00), Pinebrooke (1:00), Riverview (3:00), The Bay (4:00)

Daily Readings

1st/2nd READING | PSALM | GOSPEL
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02/18 | Genesis 9:8-15/ 1 Peter | Ps 25:4-9 | Mk 1:12-15
02/19 | Leviticus 19:1,2,11-18 | Ps 19:8-10,15 | Mt 25:31-46
02/20 | Isaiah 55:10,11 | Ps 34:4-7,16-19 | Mt 6:7-15
02/21 | Jonath 3:1-10 | Ps 51:3,4,12,13,18,19 | Lk 11:29-32
02/22 | 1 Peter 5:1-4 | Ps 23:1-6 | Mt 16:13-16
02/23 | Ezekiel 18:21-28 | Ps 130:1-8 | Mt 5:20-26
02/24 | Deuteronomy 26:16-19 | Ps 119:1,2,4,5,7,8 | Mt 5:43-48

Second Sunday of Lent

02/25 | Genesis 22:1,2,9-13,15-18/Romans 8:31-34 | Ps 116:10,15-19 | Mk 9:2-10

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

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225 W. State Street, Burlington
Catholic Central High School: 763.1510 148 McHenry Street

After hours emergency priest phone: 262.210.9588

“If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other.” -Mother Therese

“So in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.” -Romans 12:5
A Message from Fr. Jim . . .

Reflections on the First Sunday of Lent

“Come back to me with all your heart” (Joel 2:12). This is God’s personal call to each member of the Church. God speaks in the first person: “Come back to me with all your heart.” This is His message every Lent and this is why Lent is such a powerful season. It is in this season more than any other that God speaks to us. He calls. He enters personally into people’s lives. He knocks at people’s hearts. God wants us for Himself. His love for us is very intimate for He knows each of us in the depths of our being. He knows that people cannot be satisfied unless they return and are converted to God alone. How can we return to God and be converted to Him alone? Conversion begins by taking a good look inside of ourselves and placing ourselves in God’s presence. Then our hearts and minds can begin to awaken. Conversion cannot happen in the midst of distraction. Hopefully, God’s holy presence and love, which calls us to come back to Him with all our heart, is the climate of Lent from Ash Wednesday up until the Sacred Triduum - which are the three great feasts of Holy Week: Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil.

This holy season can also serve as a wonderful opportunity for us to evangelize. I’m sure we all know someone who is not quite as active in his or her faith as he or she could be. Now would be a perfect time for us to invite them to come back to the Church. It doesn’t matter what one’s past has been because we can always begin anew. It is important for us to remind those who feel alienated from the Church of this.

May the grace and peace of the Season of Lent be with all of you!

God bless you always!

Fr. Jim Volkert

Almsgiving

This is our 12th annual Lenten Project Twinning. Our twinning parish, St. Joseph Naggalama in Uganda is requesting donations to help with the renovations of their main church, as they continue repairs to the inside and outside of the church. This includes tiling, a wardrobe for vestments, repairing windows and the front door, and permanent seating for parishioners. As you leave today, please take a cup and bring it back on Palm Sunday with any donation you can make. Thank you in advance from the Twinning Committee.

Pictured: The main church at St. Joseph Naggalama Parish in Uganda.

Prayer

Join us for Mass at 8:30 AM on Mondays and Fridays at St. Mary, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at St. Charles or on Tuesdays at St. Joseph. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held daily Monday through Wednesday in the chapel. Stations of the Cross are prayed on Tuesdays at 7 PM at church and on Fridays at 6:00 PM at St. Charles. The Sacrament of Reconciliation also provides a renewal of faith and extraordinary sense of strength during Lent. Confessions are heard on the 1st Saturday of the month at St. Joseph at 4 PM, 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month at St. Charles at 4:30 PM on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month at 3:30 PM at St. Mary.

Fasting

The Catholic Church asks each member of the faithful to preserve the penitential character and purpose of Lent. Catholics who have celebrated their 14th birthday are bound to abstain from meat on each Friday of Lent.
Church Windows: In our church are twenty-eight stained glass windows from the Mayer Studios in Munich that were installed in 1902. Pictured: Jesus and the Children.

March Madness Parish Fundraiser

“Hoopsmania” Sweepstakes. Tickets are $10 each. The parish gets to keep $7 of ticket sold. Each ticket has a 1 in 29 chance of winning a cash prize. No basketball team knowledge is necessary – ALL tickets have an equal chance of winning a cash prize. Each ticket has 8 “seeded” teams, 1 through 8. Track your points online, manually or both. Prize Money: 1st $1000, 2nd $200, 3rd $100. 42 runner up prizes $20. Lowest combined score $50. Next 3 lowest scores $20. A Total of 49 possible winners. Contact Pat Smetana at 262.763.7568 or Jim Vos at 262.763.9710 to buy tickets or help sell them. Tickets will be on sale after masses. Proceeds are going toward the maintenance to the buildings.

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Communal Reconciliation Services

This Lent we will have two Communal Reconciliation Services available:

Saturday, March 17
10 AM
at St. Charles

Wednesday, Mar. 21
7:00 PM
at St. Joseph

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Bulletin Announcements

All bulletin information is due to ssmith@stmb.org before Noon on Tuesdays.

Lenten Fish Fry Dates: February 23, March 2, March 16 & March 30

Our Friday Fish Fry gatherings will be held in our grade School cafeteria from 4:30-7PM. The meal consists of hand breaded, chemical free non-injected cod fillets with a choice of french fries or red potatoes, rye bread, homemade coleslaw and homemade tartar sauce. Prices are $11 for adults, $8 for children (4-10). Children under 4 and under are free. Grilled cheese sandwich, tomato soup, with choice of potatoes is $6. Ice cream sundae is $1. Dine-in, carry-out and drive through options are available. Drive thru located in parking lot behind school by the playground.

Volunteers Needed: Lenten Fish Fry's are fast approaching and we need your help! Come volunteer for an evening with fellow friends and parishioners and join in the fun of fish fry. If you wish to help out, please contact Deb via email at debglessner@hotmail.com or via phone at 262-492-2654. Please be sure to let me know if you are able to work the whole evening, the 4:00-6:15 PM shift or the 6:00-8:15 PM. This is a great way to get more involved in your faith community.

Please pray for the men and women serving in the armed forces.
**Lenten Program Mondays at 7 PM**
February 19th-March 12th. What are you going to do this Lent to grow closer to God? Join us for a four week video based study on Formed .org called "A Lent To Remember". It’s a beautiful presentation of the transforming power of mercy in the Sacrament of Confession. No matter what you have done, no matter how long you have been away, Jesus is waiting for you with open arms this Lent. Meet in St. Sebastian room.

**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
- LCpl. Katie Cash, U.S. Marine Corps
- Caroline, Bill & Peter Coppennoll
- Jim & Beth Graves, U.S. Air Force
- James Graves, U.S. Air Force
- Steven Kojis, U.S. Air Force
- Toby May, Spc. Army National Guard
- John S. Krause, U.S. Navy
- Gregory A. Roberts, U.S. Army
- First Lieutenant Jacob Schultz
- U.S. Marine Corps
- Devon J. Seitz, U.S. Navy
- Second Lieutenant Kyle Smith, U.S. Air Force
- Jacob A. Thorpe, Private, US Marine Corp, Infantry

**The Catholic Stewardship Appeal 2018**
The 2018 Catholic Stewardship Appeal has begun. The Archdiocese sent letters asking for your support to help reach this year’s goal of $7,700,000. Our parishes have a good tradition of being very generous to this most worthy appeal and I am truly grateful to all of you for this. The work and outreach of the Archdiocese continues primarily through the support of the Catholic Stewardship Appeal. Our parishes have benefited greatly in the past from the people and resources available to us through the Central Offices of the Archdiocese. Please be generous as we support the ongoing mission of the Church, the work of God, in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. -Fr. Jim

**St. Vincent de Paul Society**
*Providing Help to Those in Need in Racine County since 1934:* Do you want to serve the needy and meet God at the same time? That is our mission as the St. Vincent de Paul Society. In our Archdiocese we have 3,000 members who visit the homes of the needy. We are part of a Catholic network of 800,000 members that reaches 150 countries. Besides the caring of the Catholic parishes, our stores help provide the funds to support the mission. The stores also serve the poor by providing clothing and household necessities in crisis times. On March 10 and 11 at all the Masses, there will be a brief invitation to serve with us. Watch for more details next week.

**St. Charles Spaghetti with Meatballs Dinner**

**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 Available:* Please contact ushers.

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

**St. Thomas Spaghetti Dinner March 11**
The 8th Graders are holding dinner from 11-6 PM. Dinner tickets are $9. adults/$10. at the door and tickets for children 5-12 years are $6.00/$7.00 at the door. Enjoy an afternoon of delicious food and of course relaxation and fellowship while we serve you.
Mission Statement:
St. Charles Borromeo, St. Joseph, Immaculate Conception, (St. Mary), united in proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ through His saving death and resurrection, by calling, forming and sending disciples to go out and make new disciples. As a people, we are called to encounter Jesus, and grow as disciples through the sacramental life of the church.

Tri-Parish Pastoral Council Members
Brian Daniel (Chairperson, 763-7317), George Whitehead (Vice Chairperson, 414-870-1980), Marilyn Putz (Secretary, 763-9075), Pam Aldrich (262-716-6324), Mark Ehlen (763-8194), Geri Henningfield (767-1854), Mary Ann Johnson (262-812-7547), Jackie Scholze (763-4611), Randy Tritz (312-310-4306).

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 second, fourth and fifth 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.

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

Please Call 763-1500: If you are at the Hospital, Shut-in, or Homebound & would like to receive Holy Communion.

Parish Staff Directory (262) 763-1500
Fr. Jim Volkert (Pastor); Fr. Carlos Zapata (Associate Pastor); Susanne Snyder (Director of Music); Sue Vrzan (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); Denise Morrissey (Preschool Director), Margie Robers (Director of Religious Education); Kathy Martin Youth Ministry (Life Teen).

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

Parish Trustees Jim Schuster, Phone 262-763-0897
Terri Newbury, Phone: 262-210-0234

Parish Festival Contact Information
Brooke & Dyan Beck - Parish Festival Chairpersons brookealdrich22@gmail.com or 262-210-8361

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Stewardship Report
Amount collected 2/11 from 107 envelopes $7,501.72
Offertory 480.00
We Share 23 contributors 1,573.24
Total 9,554.96

Amount Given Fiscal Year to Date 597,559.69
Amount Budgeted to Date (33 week) -631,496.25
Difference -33,936.56

Amount Budgeted for fiscal year (52 weeks) 995,085.00
Amount still needed for this fiscal year 397,525.31
Amount needed per week to reach budget (19 weeks) 20,922.38

Stations of the Cross Tuesday at 7:00 PM
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