I was blind and now I see.

JOHN 9:25

THANKSGIVING
The Very Reverend James Volkert, Pastor
The Reverend Sergio Rodriguez, Associate Pastor
Deacon Anton Nickolai
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Mass Intentions
Priests will be celebrating private Masses. Mass Intentions will be said at all private Masses

3/23 Monday St. Turibius of Mogrovejo
8:30 AM Mass
† Christine Geldon (Tom & Mary Ann Masiakowski)

3/24 Tuesday
8:30 AM Mass

3/25 Wednesday The Annunciation of the Lord
8:30 AM Mass

3/26 Thursday
8:30 AM Mass

3/27 Friday
8:30 AM Mass
† Charles P. Peterson (Family)

Fifth Sunday of Lent
3/28 Saturday
4:30 PM Mass
Living & deceased members of St. Mary Parish

3/29 Sunday
8:00 AM Mass
† Ray Tenhagen (Family)
10:30 AM Mass
† Verena Schaefer (Family)

The Parish Office is temporarily closed until April 4, 2020.
You can call the office at 262-763-1500 or email parishoffice@stmb.org
Both of these will be checked on a regular basis.
In an emergency you can speak to a priest at 262-210-9588

Have you tried the Catholic Relevant Radio app?
“Alexa play Relevant Radio”

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St. Mary Preschool: 262.763.1501
Burlington Catholic School:
St. Mary Campus • 262.763.1515
225 W. State Street, Burlington
St. Charles Campus • 262.763.2848
449 Conkey Street, Burlington
Catholic Central High School:
763.1510 • 148 McHenry Street

After hours emergency priest phone: 262.210.9588

This Week at St. Mary’s—As of noon on 3/18
(Please refer to the website for updates to this information)

3/23 Monday through 3/29 Sunday

- Masses and Stations of the Cross are cancelled through April 7th
- Lenten Communal Reconciliation March 28th is cancelled
- Sunday Morning Religious Education is cancelled
- Fish Fries are postponed
- Free Pancake Breakfast is cancelled
- Adult Formation held Wednesdays is cancelled

Daily Readings
For the complete text of each reading, go to our website www.stmbparish.org and click on the reading.

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To read recent statements by Archbishop Listecki or to find out more about the archdiocesan response to COVID-19, please visit www.archmil.org/coronavirus.
A Message from Fr. Jim . . .

What an exceptional time we are living in! I never thought I would see some of the things that I have seen these last couple of weeks. The closings and cancellations as well as the panic that some are experiencing have been sobering. Although it is a very serious situation we find ourselves in we must never lose hope and the sense that Almighty God, (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) is always with us!

As you know by now, all public Masses are cancelled until April 4th. I am hoping that we can gather to celebrate Palm Sunday with a renewed spirit of gratitude for the gift and privilege to be able to celebrate Holy Mass together. I know how important the gift of the Eucharist is to you and that not being able to receive Holy Communion is a great sacrifice. Fr. Sergio and I will continue to celebrate Mass privately. Please be assured of our most ardent prayers during these private celebrations. We will remember you, your family members and all of your intentions at these Masses.

Following the advice of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, the parish offices will be closed through April 3. There will be no meetings, fundraisers or gatherings of any type. Unfortunately, this virus will also play a part in the way we are able to perform funerals. It may be suggested that just immediate family attend a Mass and have a larger gathering at a later date. I pray that this will not be an issue for our parishes during this time.

I will keep you updated on what’s going on and when we will be able to return to certain things in the parishes, especially Holy Mass. Please check the parishes’ websites and Facebook for information. I would also ask that, as best you can, you communicate with our elderly parishioners who do not have access to computer information. We will still put together a weekly bulletin that will be available on our websites.

I saved the best news for last! At this point, we will still keep our Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament going. Good Shepherd Chapel (at St. Mary’s) will be open for prayer M-W 9:00 AM – 9:00 PM. The only limitation that we have to follow is no more than 10 people in the chapel at one time. Since you are not able to receive Holy Communion at this time, I would invite you to make a Spiritual Communion – allowing Jesus to come into your heart through the power of prayer.

I never dreamed this Lent would bring such an opportunity to unite suffering and sacrifice with Jesus. As we find ourselves more confined to our homes these weeks, let’s use the time productively to pray and reflect on the great power and presence of God in our lives. We might also use the time to get a few things done that we put off….I’m going to clean closets!

God bless you all and please keep yourselves healthy!
Fr. Jim Volkert

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Please pray for those affected by the coronavirus and for medical personnel attending them.

Bulletin Announcements  The deadline for articles is usually Tuesday at Noon for St. Mary Parish: email ssmith@stmb.org. **Early deadlines for the Easter holiday:** Information for Sunday...
   -April 5 is due at noon on Thursday, March 26.
   -April 12 is due at noon on Thursday, April 2.
**Items for St. Charles bulletin should be sent to jmorrow@mystcharles.org and for St. Joseph to saintjoe@bizwi.rr.com.**
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.

- Sergeant Katie Aldrich, U.S. Marine Corps
- Capt. Caroline Coppernoll, U.S. Army
- Jolene Kojis, U.S. Air Force
- Steven Kojis, U.S. Air Force
- John S. Krause, U.S. Navy
- Toby May, Spc. Army National Guard
- Joshua Muellenbach, Army National Guard
- Hertel Novasic, PV2, Army National Guard
- Gregory A. Roberts, U.S. Army First Lieutenant
- Tyler Rose, U.S. Marine Corps
- Captain Jacob Schiltz, U.S. Marine Corps
- Devon J. Seitz, U.S. Marine Corps
- Second Lieutenant Kyle Smith, U.S. Navy

Your input is needed - Please help our Parish

Please take 15 minutes before Tuesday, 3/24 to complete the Catholic Leadership Institute survey. Go to www.disciplemakerindex.com. It is also available on stmbparish.org. Information collected from the survey will be strictly confidential and will be reported to the parish as a group, but will be valuable to Fr. Jim & parish leadership.

Easter Memorials due Palm Sunday

If you would like to remember a deceased loved one or friend in the form of an Easter Memorial, please mail your donation and the names of the deceased to: St. Mary Parish Office, 108 McHenry Street, Burlington, WI 53105. A list of those being remembered at Easter Sunday Mass will be published in the bulletin and posted on our website.

Please pray for the health and safety of our brothers & sisters in Uganda.

Weekly Gospel Message

Two Guys and a Gospel: Sit down, listen and pray with Fr. Phillip Bogacki and Fr. Ricardo Martín as they brainstorm about their homilies and reflect on the Gospel reading. Catch up on past episodes on our website at www.archmil.org/TwoGuys, and catch NEW EPISODES every Wednesday at 10 a.m.

Prayer Network

If you would like to add a prayer request to the Prayer Network, please call Mary at 262-206-6927 or email BurlingtonPrayerNetwork@gmail.com.

Please pray for an end to the coronavirus CoVID-19 outbreak.
Please copy only 100. thank you. please have delivery service leave at door.