A sower went out to sow.
Some seed fell on the path . . . some fell on rocky ground.
. . . Some seed fell among thorns.
. . . But some fell on rich soil, and produced fruit.

Matthew 13:3, 4, 5, 7, 8
Mass Intentions: Our priests will be celebrating private Masses on weekdays. Mass Intentions will be said at all private Masses.

7/13 Monday  St. Henry
8:30 AM Mass
† Richard Daniels (MM)

7/14 Tuesday  St. Kateri Tekakwitha
8:30 AM Mass

7/15 Wednesday  St. Bonaventure
8:30 AM Mass

7/16 Thursday  Our Lady of Mount Carmel
8:30 AM Mass

7/17 Friday
8:30 AM Mass
† Doug Robers (MM)

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7/18 Saturday
4:30 PM Mass (Church*)
† Dave Ebbers (Friends)

7/19 Sunday
7:30 AM Mass (Church*)
† Dick Joyce (Fred & Mary Koenen)
10:30 AM Mass (Church*)
Living and deceased members of St. Mary Parish

*See letter from Fr. Jim regarding Mass in Church

The Parish Office has limited hours. You may contact us at, 262-763-1500 or parishoffice@stmb.org. Both of these will be checked on a regular basis. In an emergency you may speak to a priest at 262-210-9588.

Daily Readings

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

1st/2nd READING  PSALM  GOSPEL
07/12  Is 55:10-11/  Ps 65:10-14  Mt 13:1-23 [1-9]
Rom 8:18-23

07/13  Is 1:10-17  50:8-9,16,17, 21, 23  Mt 10:34-11:1

07/14  Is 7:1-9  Ps 48:2-8  Mt 11:20-24

07/15  Is 10:5-7, 13b-16  Ps 94:5-10, 14-15  Mt 11:25-27

07/16  Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19  Ps 102:13-14ab, 15-21  Mt 11:28-30

07/17  Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8  Is 38:10-12abcd, 16  Mt 12:1-8

07/18  Mi 2:1-5  Ps 10:1-4, 7-8, 14  Mt 12:14-21

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

07/19  Wis 12:13, 16-19/  Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16  Mt 13:24-43
Rom 8:26-27;  [24-30]

Please pray for the health and safety of our brothers & sisters at our twinning parish St. Joseph Naggalama in Uganda.

Want to watch a recording of Sunday Mass?

Watch a recording or Fr. Jim Volkert or Fr. Sergio celebrating Sunday Mass which will be posted each Saturday after 4:30 PM on our website and on facebook.
Here in the middle of summer, many people grow vegetable and flower gardens, or appreciate the work of others by buying produce from roadside stands and farmer’s markets. All our readings today embrace one of God’s smallest but most common miracles as a metaphor: the seed and its cycle, and all that it stands for. Isaiah reminds us that just as God waters the earth and cares for it so that seeds may grow, so the Word of God will come and not return to God until it has borne fruit. Psalm 65 describes the cycle of growth and personifies fields that “shout for joy.” Romans has “creation groaning in labor pains” as it waits for its seed to come to fruition, redemption of the body. Similarly, Jesus teaches the crowds by using the parable of the sower and the seed.

GROWTH REQUIRES PATIENCE
Every child in school has experienced the excitement of growing a simple bean seed planted in a paper cup or watched a time lapse video of the growth process. We watch this miracle sprout in a matter of days, and marvel at the whole process. A seed must be planted and die to itself in order to create a new life. Then it must be fertilized and watered and cared for. But most importantly, one must be patient and wait. Seeds take a certain amount of time to develop and may require being dormant for a while. Similarly, a human baby takes nine months to grow from the time the seed is fertilized.

But no matter what we do, and how well we do it, not all seeds will yield fruit. Sometimes the conditions are just not right to allow it. Not all pregnancies go full term. Farmers know the pain of a drought year, or storms that ruin a crop before it can be harvested. Diseases and blight and other things can take hold.

SOME WILL BE LOST
Growing up in the Western states, beautiful fields of wheat and beans were a common sight for me, but I did not fully understand this parable until going to the Holy Land and seeing the rocky ground that Jesus spoke of. This was an “aha” moment, as I witnessed what a miracle it was when something had the strength and tenacity to grow among the crags despite the arid conditions. What a sign of faith and trust and hope even to plant crops there, knowing that some would be lost! It would seem easier to write them all off, or even less work not to plant them at all.

Jesus could do that to us, but he has not. He has faith and trust that a number of the seeds planted in us will bear great fruit. They will not wither and fade away, but will produce fruit, a hundred-, or sixty- or thirty-fold. And his faith in us gives us hope.

Today’s Readings: Is 55:10–11; Ps 65:10, 11, 12–13, 14; Rom 8:18–23; Mt 13:1–23 [1–9]

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

St. Mary Preschool Help Wanted
St. Mary Preschool is looking for a fun loving preschool teacher to join our team! We have positions open part-time Monday through Friday following the school year calendar. We have classrooms with 3 and 4 year olds. You can bring your children with for an added discount. If you would like to find out more about becoming part of our preschool family email Denise at dmorrissey@stmb.org or call the Preschool and leave a message @ 262-763-1501.

Tri-Parish Young Adult Group Meetings
Our area Young Adult Group has been meeting for Bible study and fellowship through the Zoom video conferencing app on Wednesday nights at 6:30 pm. All adults ages 18-35 are invited to attend. Young adults outside the Tri-Parish are welcome to join the meeting as well. For more information, contact Caila Webber at caila.webber@gmail.com

Let us pray for those who face economic uncertainty because of the pandemic, may God graciously look upon their needs and bring them relief and peace. Amen.
Mass Information from Fr. Jim

New Mass Schedule:
Saturdays: 4:30 PM St. Mary  5 PM St. Charles
Sundays:  7:30 AM St. Mary  8 AM St. Charles
9 AM St. Joseph  10:30 AM St. Mary
11 AM St. Charles (Bi-lingual)

This Mass schedule will allow Fr. Sergio and me to cover the Masses at St. Mary and St. Charles. I’ve asked Fr. Gene if he is willing to celebrate the 9:00 AM Mass at St. Joseph. As of this time, there will be no public celebration of weekday Masses. Weddings and funeral services will continue to be celebrated with a limited number of people. This is the directive of the archdiocese.

25% Capacity: One of the directives that we must adhere to is no more than 25% of our total capacity in the church for a Mass. Each of the churches will have designated seating in the pews. Attendees must sit six feet apart in every other pew. When the maximum number of people has entered the church, the doors will be closed. The chapel at St. Mary and the Cry Room at St. Charles may not be used for seating. 25%=

St. Mary-135  St. Charles-100  St. Joseph-57

All those who as defined by the health department as more vulnerable (60+ years of age, those with compromised immune systems, those with underlying health conditions, those who are anxious about being in a large group, etc.) as well as children under the age of 7, are encouraged to stay at home. Sunday Masses will continue to be taped and available on the parish websites. If you attend Mass one week, perhaps view on website the following week so that someone new may attend Mass in church in your place. **At this time the obligation to attend Mass is dispensed through August 2nd.**

Designated Entrances: The main doors at each of the churches will remain locked. We are asking that side entrances be used. At St. Mary the far north and far south entrances on McHenry Street as well as the chapel entrance. At St. Charles the elevator entrance and the entrance off the playground. At St. Joseph the east entrance and the west entrance. Doors will be opened 30 minutes before mass time.

Cleaning of Facilities: Frequently touched surfaces such as pews/pew tops, doors handles as well as bathrooms must be cleaned and sanitized by CDC recommendations after every Mass. Time will be needed to clean after the first Masses of the day which also accounts for the needed Mass time changes. Hymnals, missalettes and bulletins will not be allowed. All ushers/greeters will wear masks and gloves while taking up the collection. Face masks will also be encouraged for anyone in the church. They will be available at the entrances if you do not have one of your own.

**UPDATE: Weddings and funerals may now be celebrated with 25% attendance.**

Birthday Blessings
We wish to acknowledge the special members of our Parish community who will be celebrating their 90th birthday and up!

On the 28th **Aileen Remer** will be 93
On the 23rd **Leonard Rausch** will be 91
On the 28th **Florence Yanny** will be 91

Welcome New Parishioners
We warmly welcome new parishioners to St. Mary Parish. Pictured below: Jason and Emily Barczak and family

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Hot Lunch Help Needed at St. Charles
We are looking for an enthusiastic, responsible, and motivated individual who is interested in working on our food service staff. Position: Hot Lunch Prep/ Cook Staff/ 9am-1pm (approximate hours) Monday-Friday, when students in school. Hourly wage, to be determined based on experience and knowledge. (Health benefits are not available for this position.) Benefits: Part-time employee tuition discount of 15% for your dependents!! Responsibilities: - Help prep/cook meals/-Assist in creating a clean, safe, & accommodating food service experience/- Maintain cleanliness, sanitation, and safety standards of the kitchen/-Clean/sanitize kitchen, all equipment, food surfaces, dishes, & proper food & equipment storage/-Help manage food allergies and special dietary needs of students/-Meet professional standards by completing continuing education courses or online webinars/-Assist in moving 30-40 lb cases of food/-Ensure compliance with county and state health codes.

If interested, please download attached application. Please return it either by providing the information online and returning via email to foodservicedirectors@ourbcs.org no later than July 15. We look forward to hearing from you!

Carol Robers and Suzy Bittmann
Food Service Directors, BCS
Tri-Parish Coronavirus Outreach Program

We can NOW provide even more help with Grocery Service and General Needs Assistance, as sufficient funds have become available for donation. General needs would include assistance with financial support due to a job loss or other critical needs at present! Each case would be vetted on its own merits.

Also, Online food ordering, pickup and delivery is still available for any immediate needs; and Neighborhood Volunteers-to check in on you.

These services are open to any parishioner who is isolated in quarantine. This includes parents with young children at home or medically fragile members who do not want to leave their homes.

Please do not hesitate to call if you would like help or know a fellow parishioner who may need some!

If you would like to volunteer, please call Colleen Schlitz, 262-716-2923 or Pam Aldrich, 262-716-6324. Weekly Groceries-Brian Daniel, 262-492-6026. On-Call Program-Kathy Baumeister, 262-763-3441 or Stacy Alan 262-210-2226. If you are able to help. Please consider sending a donation to the Knights of Columbus at St. Mary’s or St. Charles, or the Helping Hands Committee at St. Charles.

Bulletin Announcements

The deadline for articles is Tuesday at Noon for St. Mary: email ssmith@stmb.org. Items for St. Charles bulletin should be sent to jmorrow@mystcharles.org and for St. Joseph to saintjoe@bizwi.rr.com.

A special thank you to all who participated in our 2020 Virtual FunFest!

Providing Emergency Needs

Thanks to your generosity, the Archdiocese of Milwaukee Coronavirus Emergency Fund is providing emergency needs to local families including food, personal care items, rent assistance and job referral services. In the past month, 22 grants have been distributed to our parishes, St. Vincent de Paul chapters and local Catholic programs. If you are able, please consider making a donation now to help alleviate the growing financial hardship caused by the pandemic in our area at archmil.org/Giving.

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
- Jim & Beth Graves, U.S. Air Force
- James Graves, U.S. Air Force
- James Hartzell, PFC, 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. Navy
- Second Lieutenant Kyle Smith, U.S. Air Force

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.

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.

Tri-Parish 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.

Financial Stewardship Online Option

St. Mary parishioners have the option of making monthly financial stewardship contributions automatically using the WeShare online giving option. A payment will be taken out of your designated checking account on the date you choose each month. Online giving saves you time and saves our parish money. For details about setting up your account, please call the parish office 763-1500 or contact
Tri-Parish Pastoral Council Members
Brian Daniel (Chairperson, 763-7317), Mary Ann Johnson (Vice-Chairperson, 262-812-7547), Marilyn Putz (Secretary, 763-9075), Mark Ehlen (763-8194), Bill Korducki (763-4369), Tom Lebak (763-6006), Jacki Scholze (763-4611), Rick Tinder (414-378-8555), Ellen Voslar (763-2056).

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Amount Collected 6/28/20 from 84 envelopes $8,704.28
Offertory 381.00
We Share from 15 parishioners 1,925.00
Total $11,010.28
Amount Given Fiscal Year to Date $865,419.24
Amount Budgeted Fiscal Year to Date (52 weeks) $861,250.00
Difference $4,169.24
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Amount Collected 7/05/20 from 61 envelopes $8,685.75
Offertory 398.00
We Share from 14 parishioners 1,787.25
Total $10,871.00
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Living Our Faith with Archbishop Listecki
Listen anytime to Archbishop Listecki’s radio show, Living Our Faith. The archbishop is joined by co-hosts Fr. Paul Hartman and Lydia LoCoco as they invite special guests to discuss topics important to Catholics. Join us! https://www.archmil.org/Living-Our-Faith/Current-Radio-Show.htm

Lectors July 18-19
4:30 p.m. M. Robers
7:30 a.m. I. Ostrenga
10:30 a.m. J. Liesemeyer

Mass Volunteers Needed: We are using “Sign Up Genius” to coordinate volunteers. We need 8 people each Mass. Doors open 30 minutes before Mass. Please use link or call the office to sign up. Prior to Mass you will be assigned a position. www.signupgenius.com/go/904054eabae2ba3fe3-mass

Donate to St. Mary directly from your IRA
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Please deliver Thursday or before noon Friday.