Welcome to Immaculate Conception (St. Mary) Parish

PETER SAID TO JESUS, "LORD, IF IT IS YOU, COMMAND ME TO COME TO YOU ON THE WATER."
MATTHEW 14:28

Updates from the Archbishop

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.

St. Mary Parish: 262.763.1500
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—as of noon on 8/05
(Please refer to the website for updates to this information)

8/10 Monday through 8/16 Sunday

Monday, August 10-Thursday, August 13
• 9:00 AM-Noon Parish Office Open

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Saturday, August 15
• 4:30 PM Mass (Church*)
• 5:00 PM Mass (St. Charles*)
Sunday, August 16
• 7:30 AM Mass (Church*)
• 8:00 AM Mass (St. Charles*)
• 9:00 AM Mass (St. Joseph*)
• 10:30 AM Mass (Church*)
• 11:00 AM Mass (St. Charles*) Bi-lingual
• 1:00 PM First Communion Mass (St. Mary)

* See Letter from Fr. Jim regarding Mass in Church

Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Mary
If you would like to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation, please contact the parish office, 763-1500, to set an appointment with one of the priests.

Fr. Jim and Fr. Sergio are very willing to meet with you, with proper "social distancing". They are available by appointment, whether in their office or an open part of church. In any event, you can be assured to have the privacy and sanctity the sacrament deserves. You can make an appointment by calling the parish office at 763-1500.

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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20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

08/16 Is 56:1, 6-7/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32 | Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 | Mt 15:21-28 |
We pray for the sustained conversion of all members of the Church to hearts and souls that fully reject all Racism. Amen.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The roots of this week's feast of the Assumption can be traced back at least to the fifth century, when it is noted in the Armenian lectionary. Celebrated in Jerusalem, the feast in honor of the Theotokos, the Mother of God, became the principal feast of Mary throughout the Christian world. The liturgy of this feast provides reverence for the Ark of the Covenant that held the signs of the Promise. Like that Ark, Mary is for us the ark of the Savior, the one who bore the Son of God. When the doctrine of the Assumption was defined in 1950 the Gospel reading for the feast was changed to include the verses of Mary's song, the Magnificat. The scripture readings for both the vigil Mass and the Mass of the day speak to us of life after death as well as the path to be followed in order to reach it. The key to this promised immortality is found as we take to heart the words of the vigil's Gospel, "Blessed are those who hear the word of God and observe it."

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Confession when a priest is not available:

Do what the catechism says. It’s very clear. If you don’t find a priest to go to confession, speak to God. He’s your Father. Tell Him the truth: ‘Lord, I did this and this. Pardon me.’ Ask His forgiveness with all your heart with an act of contrition, and promise Him, ‘afterward I will go to confession.’ You will return to God’s grace immediately. You yourself can draw near, as the catechism teaches us, to God’s forgiveness, without having a priest at hand.”

—Pope Francis

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Want to watch a recording of Sunday Mass?
Watch a recording of 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.

August 29-30 5th Sunday Rosary
The Knights of Columbus will sponsor the fifth Sunday Rosary 30 minutes before all Masses at St. Mary Church on Saturday, August 29 and Sunday, August 30. Please come early to Mass.

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

Harvest for Hot Lunch
Would you like to share your bountiful harvest with our Burlington Catholic School students from St. Charles and St. Mary? The Hot Lunch Program would be grateful for any of your home-grown vegetables or fruits: Tomatoes, cucumbers, zucchini, beets, green peppers, onions, broccoli, cauliflower, watermelon, cantaloupe, etc.

We will begin accepting donations beginning Monday, August 17th. Because of Covid restrictions, please drop off any harvest donations only at the St. Mary Cafeteria anytime between 8-10:30 AM Monday-Friday. Please ring the bell by the back door of the parking lot adjacent to the school.

We appreciate your generosity!
Thank you!!

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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. Update: at this time the obligation to attend Mass is dispensed through Sept. 6th.

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 and missalettes 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.

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.

We pray for the health care workers who are selflessly treating COVID-19 patients during this epidemic, may God grant them fortitude and deliver them safely at the end of each day. Amen.

Weekly Gospel Message
Two Guys and a Gospel: Sit down, listen and pray with Fr. Phillip Bogacki and Fr. Ricardo Martin 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 Wednesday at 10 a.m.

Stewardship
You May Donate Online When You Miss Weekend Mass! Online Giving available for our weekly offerings. Donating is simple, safe, and secure and take less than five minutes. Click on the Online Giving link on the website main page www.stmbparish.org

Pope’s August Prayer Intention
From popesprayerusa.net: The Maritime World
We pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen and their families.

We pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life.
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
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 Schlitz, U.S. Marine Corps
Devon J. Seitz, U.S. Navy
Second Lieutenant Kyle Smith, U.S. Air Force

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 WeShare Support at 800-950-9952 Ext. 2007.

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 it’s 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, 262-716-2813 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.

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

St. Mary’s Dover Pork Chop Drive Thru Dinner:
Sunday, August 9th from Noon to 5 PM. $20 includes dinner and raffle entry. Cash or check only. For advance tickets or questions call Jane Serdynski 262-492-0073. For everyone’s safety, current CC guidelines will be followed. Curbside pick-up only. 23209 Church Road, Kansansville.

Pulpit Announcements: The announcement deadline is Noon Wednesdays. Please email ssmith@stmb.org so they may be approved by Father Jim. Thank you.

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.

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
Tri-Parish Pastoral Council Members
Tom Lebak (Chairperson, 763-6006), Mary Ann Johnson (Vice-Chairperson, 262-812-7547), Marilyn Putz (Secretary, 763-9075), Brian Daniel (763-7317), Mark Ehlen (763-8194), Bill Korducki (763-4369), Jacki Scholze (763-4611), Rick Tinder (414-378-8555), Ellen Voslar (763-2056).

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 by appointment. Please call the office. Communion, Confirmation and Anointing of the Sick - Call the office. If it is after hours, listen for the emergency number.

Stewardship Report 7/26
Amount Collected 7/26/20 from 63 envelopes $6,578.50
Offertory 405.00
We Share from 18 parishioners 1,955.00
Total $8,938.50
Amount Given Fiscal Year to Date $57,721.71
Amount Budgeted Fiscal Year to Date (4 weeks) -$63,076.92
Difference $-5,355.21
Amount Budgeted for fiscal year (52 weeks) $820,000.00
Amount still needed for this fiscal year $762,278.29
Amount needed per week to reach budget (48 weeks) $15,880.80

Stewardship Report 8/2
Amount Collected 8/03/20 from 90 envelopes $8,566.00
Offertory 372.12
We Share from 18 parishioners 776.10
Total $9,714.22
Amount Given Fiscal Year to Date $67,435.93
Amount Budgeted Fiscal Year to Date (5 weeks) -$78,846.15
Difference $-11,410.22
Amount Budgeted for fiscal year (52 weeks) $820,000.00
Amount still needed for this fiscal year $752,564.07
Amount needed per week to reach budget (47 weeks) $16,012.00

**If you would like to sign up to have your donation automatically deducted from your account and sent to St. Mary please log in to We Share at https://stmb.churchgiving.com

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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.

Donate to St. Mary directly from your IRA
Making tax-free gifts to St. Mary Parish from your IRA is gaining in popularity among older investors, thanks to changes under the new tax law. It is a good idea to start the process well before the end of the year. Talk to your tax person now, about how you can make a qualified charitable distribution to our parish. Thank you and God bless you.

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Parish Trustees
Don Siehoff, Phone 262-758-4449
Terri Newbury, Phone: 262-210-0234

Finance Council Dan Creek (Chairperson 763-2604), Stacy Alan, Loretta Jackson, Bill Korducki, Don Siehoff, Tim Spiegelhoff & Fr. Jim Volkert.

Parish Staff Directory (262) 763-1500
Fr. Jim Volkert (Pastor); Fr. Sergio Rodriguez (Associate Pastor); Deacon Anton Nickolai, Susanne Snyder (Director of Music); Sue Vrzan (Director of Administrative Services); Dianne Smetana (Parish Secretary); Emily Berg (Burlington Catholic Principal); Denise Morrissey (Preschool Director), Margie Robers (DRE Sunday Religious Ed); Ellie Schultz (DRE Family Life).

Lectors August 15-16
4:30 p.m. D. Chernouski
7:30 a.m. T. Wegge
10:30 a.m. B. Montee
Please copy only 125. thank you. please have delivery service leave at door.

Please deliver Thursday or before noon Friday.