Join us Thanksgiving Day, November 23rd for Mass at **8:00 AM** at St. Charles.

Please join us for the Annual Parish meeting on Sunday, November 26th at **9:15 AM** in Heim Hall.
Mass Intentions
11/20 Monday
8:30 AM Mass (Church) 8:00 AM Rosary
   † Helene Shepherd (Family)
11/21 Tuesday  Presentation of the Blessed Virgin
Mary
8:30 AM Mass (St. Joseph) 8:00 AM Rosary
8:30 AM Mass (St. Charles) 8:00 AM Rosary
2:15 PM SMS Prayer Service (Church)
11/22 Wednesday  St. Cecilia
8:30 AM Mass (St. Charles) 8:00 AM Rosary
11/23 Thursday  Thanksgiving Day
St. Clement I, St. Columban, Bl. Miguel Agustin Pro
8:00 AM Mass (St. Charles)
11/24 Friday  St. Andrew Dúng-Lac and
Companions
8:30 AM Mass (Church) 8:00 AM Rosary
   † John & June Schaefer (Kenneth & Virginia
   Hegeman)
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
11/25 Saturday
4:30 PM Mass (Church)
Living and deceased members of St. Mary Parish
11/26 Sunday
8:00 AM Mass (Church)
   † Loretta Brierly (Family)
   10:30 AM Mass (Church)
   † Mary Ann Vos (Carl Vos Family)

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

Visitation/Communion Schedule
Hospital  November 18-19 Ann Wiemer
   November 25-26 Joyce Clapp
Mon: Ellen Voslar, 1st, 3rd & 5th Wed. Karen Ehlen;
   2nd & 4th Wed: Cheryl Theigs  Fri: Bob Zarek
Bay at Burlington  Week: 11/19 Richard Kiekenbush
Monday Veterans Home (9:00 AM) Al Raboine, Mary
Repke, Mae Fleming
Tuesday Pine Brook (11 AM) Homebound Team, Sr.
   Emma
Tuesday Riverview (1:00 PM) Homebound Team
Wednesday Bay at Burlington (3:15 PM): Jim and
   Kaye Daun, Romayne Degen, Maureen Gebhardt
Fri. Arbor View (11 AM): Mae Fleming, Mary Repke,
   Al Raboine, Ray Andres, Rosary/Chaplet.
BRCC (4 PM) Al Raboine

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This Week at Saint Mary Catholic Church
11/20 Monday
• 8:30 AM Mass (Church) 8:00 AM Rosary
• 9:00 AM-9:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel)
11/21 Tuesday
• 8:30 AM Mass (St. Joseph) 8:00 AM Rosary
• 8:30 AM Mass (St. Charles) 8:00 AM Rosary
• 9:00 AM-9:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel)
• 2:15 PM SMS Prayer Service (Church)
• 6:30 PM Tri-Parish Pastoral Council Meeting (HH)
11/22 Wednesday
• 8:30 AM Mass (St. Charles) 8:00 AM Rosary
   Eucharistic Adoration closed
11/23 Thursday  Thanksgiving Day
• 8:00 AM Mass (St. Charles)
Parish Office Closed
11/24 Friday
• 8:30 AM Mass (Church) 8:00 AM Rosary
• Parish Office Closed
Our Lord Jesus Crist, King of the Universe
11/25 Saturday
• 3:30-4:00 PM Reconciliation
• 4:30 PM Mass (St. Mary)
11/26 Sunday
• 8:00 AM Mass (Church)
• 9:15 AM Annual Parish Meeting (Heim Hall)
• 10:30 AM Mass (Church)

FORMED.ORG  We have a Parish-wide subscription
to this website, which provides Catholic formation
programs, movies, audio, and books and all of their
material is available to you as a parishioner.  You
can watch, listen, or read at home.  Please make
use of these resources for adults and children!

Pulpit Announcements
The deadline for pulpit announcements is Noon on
Fridays.  Send requests to ssmith@stmb.org so
they may be approved by Father Jim.

Daily Readings
1st/2nd READING  PSALM  GOSPEL
11/19  Proverbs 31:10-13,19,  Ps 128:1-5  Mt 25:14-30
        20,30,31/1 Thes 5:1-6
11/20  1 Maccabees 1:10-15,41-  Ps 119:53,61,134,  Lk 18:35-45
        43,54-57,62-63  150,155,158
11/21  2 Maccabees 6:18-31  Ps 3:2-7  Lk 19:1-10
11/22  2 Maccabees 7:1,20-31  Ps 17:1,5,6,8,15  Lk 19:11-28
11/23  Sirach 50:22-24/  Ps 113:1-8  Lk 17:11-19
        1 Corinthians 1:3-9
11/24  1 Macc. 4:36,37,52-29  1 Chron 29:10-12  Lk 19:45-48

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE
11/26  Ezekiel 34:11,12,15-17/  Ps 23:1-6  Mt 25:31-46
        1 Chron 15:20-26,28
A Message from Fr. Jim . . .

1) This Thursday we will celebrate Thanksgiving Day. As we pause to reflect on the many gifts that we have been given, it would be most appropriate to begin Thanksgiving Day with the celebration of the Mass. Please consider joining us for Mass at **8:00 AM** at **St. Charles Church** in order that we can give thanks to God who makes all things possible. At this Mass a collection will be taken up to be shared with the local St. Vincent de Paul Society to help them continue the tremendous work they do to assist those who are truly in need.

It is my hope that this Thanksgiving Day we can say “Thank You” to those people who always seem to be around just when we need them. Those people who do so much for us and never seem to want anything in return. I hope that we can express our gratitude to those people who mean so much to us. Please allow me to offer a word of thanks to all of you for your love and dedication to St. Charles, St. Joseph and St. Mary Parishes. On this Thanksgiving holiday I find myself particularly grateful to God for allowing me to be a part of this faith community.

2) I want to offer a very special word of recognition to our high school students who are part of Life Teen. This year they raised over $21,000 for the Transitional Living Center, which is a local homeless shelter. This is an incredible achievement and definitely and expression of their putting the Gospel in action. I was privileged to celebrate Mass with those involved the evening they were going to spend outside sleeping in cardboard boxes. It was a beautiful experience and I was moved by our young people’s commitment to learning more about their Catholic faith and the power they have to witness to it. We can all be very proud of them!

3) Along with remembering our faithful departed in particular during the month of November let us also remember all of those service men and women who protect the right to freedom around the world. May the Lord graciously hear our prayers.

Happy Thanksgiving!
Father Jim Volkert

Trustee Election

This past Tuesday was the last day to submit nominations for the position of Parish Trustee – Treasurer. I did not receive the necessary number of nomination letters for a candidate. As pastor, I am able to nominate a person to fill this position. I am pleased to announce that I have asked Mr. Jim Schuster to once again accept the position of parish trustee and he has graciously agreed. I continue to look forward to working with Jim along with, Terri Newbury, Parish Trustee – Secretary.

I am grateful to both Jim and Terri for their willingness to serve our parish in this capacity.

With gratitude,
Fr. Jim

ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP DRIVE
Please prayerfully consider how you can help out our parish Community and return your completed forms.

Grade School Unification
The School Unification Steering Committee meets on Monday, November 20th at 6 PM in St. Charles' Andre Hall. Please see this week’s bulletin insert for an update. All are welcome to attend our meeting.

BELL RINGERS NEEDED
86% of Red Kettle money stays in our community. Sign-up on-line at www.tsaburlington.org Please call Love, Inc. a call for details, 262-661-1726
St Mary and St Charles: We were blessed with unity and sunshine to walk together to celebrate catholic education. Thank you to everyone who participated by donating shoes or a donation to the school. We collected over 400 shoes and about $1300.00 for educational needs and tuition. Thomas Bus was so thoughtful in donating the bus and driver to have transportation for families to attend the walk in Milwaukee.

Baptisms at Immaculate Conception
The following people were baptized here at St. Mary’s. We welcome them into our faith community and congratulate their families:
Emerson Last  Robert Webber

Birthday Blessings
We wish to acknowledge the special members of our Parish community who will be celebrating their 90th birthday and up!
On the 24th Howard Harlow will be 94
On the 26th Dee Uhen will be 92
On the 22nd Bernice Ketterhagen will be 90
On the 28th Doris Anetti will be 90

33rd Annual Topper Dinner and Auction 12/2
Catholic Central High School will be holding its 33rd Annual Topper Dinner and Auction on Saturday, December 2nd at the Veterans Terrace. This year we will be rolling out the red carpet with a special "Hollywood" theme and will even be giving out an award for the best "red carpet" attire(optional)! Also, for $100 per ticket or 3 for $200, you could win a 2017 Chevrolet Spark from Lynch Chevrolet Buick GMC or $15,000 cash!! Other prizes include: 2nd place-$750, 3rd place-$500 and 4th -$200. Purchase tickets at: CCHS’s office, Reineman’s True Value in Burlington, St. Mary Rectory Office or Lynch GMC Superstore in Burlington. Drawing will be held at 10 PM at the Veterans Terrace on December 2nd. Only 600 tickets will be sold!! For details, contact Georgean, 763-1518 or gselburg@cchsnet.org.

Children’s Liturgy of the Word
The Children's Liturgy of the Word session held at the 8:00 AM Mass on Sunday mornings is in need of some volunteers to work with the children. If you are interested, please contact the rectory office at 763-1500. Volunteers need to have Safeguarding All of God’s Family training and a background check. Ellen Stevens will work with you. It really is quite simple. There is a book to follow and the program makes the Mass meaningful for the children. If enough volunteers would come forward, it would only be a once a month commitment.

Please pray for the men and women serving in the armed forces.
At this time of year, our thoughts begin to turn to apple cider, cozy sweaters and raking leaves. Thanksgiving is just around the corner. Almost everyone has one or more Thanksgiving traditions that they hold dear. Besides the traditional family dinner, there’s usually a family tag football game, watching a favorite movie or going on a hike. Also, an extra dab of whipped cream on the pumpkin pie.

Thanksgiving is also a wonderful time to start new traditions that reflect our gratitude to God for the bounty he has entrusted to us. We can make this time of year a springboard for living the heart of stewardship by making this day even more special. Here are some suggestions:

- **Go to Mass and count your blessings.** In your prayer, reflect on three or four qualities or talents you have been blessed with in your life. Then, reflect on how you can best be a “steward” of these gifts, sharing them with others.

- **Write “I’m thankful for you” cards and give them to family members and friends.** E-mail works, too! Even a short note of appreciation can go a long way.

- **Share your thanksgiving meal with someone who is alone this year.** Look for a neighbor, co-worker, fellow parishioner, college student or armed services personnel who may be separated from family, and ask them to join you.

- **Help someone.** Extend your generosity and blessings beyond your immediate family and friends. Be part of an adopt-a-family effort, distribute food baskets or serve dinner at a shelter.

- **Take a hike.** Find a place to enjoy God’s gift of creation. Invite others to share the experience and the wonders of nature.

- **Most importantly, focus on the things you are most grateful for** – the things you most appreciate about your life, yourself and others, and remember the Source of all gifts.

Thanksgiving Day is every day in the heart of a faithful steward. After all, life itself is a gift – every day, every minute, every breath. For good stewards, gratitude is a state of being, a daily response, a gift of grace.

This Thanksgiving Day, let us ask God to bless us with hearts buoyant with thanksgiving each and every day of our lives.

Have a wonderful and blessed Thanksgiving!
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.

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.
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