IMMACULATE CONCEPTION (ST. MARY) PARISH

Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead and ruler of the kings of the earth. To him be glory and power forever and ever. Amen.

~ Revelation 1:5, 6

Ring in the 175th Anniversary of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee on November 28 at 10 AM. Church bells will ring, but we want to do more! The plan is to gather along Highway 36 between the St. Mary and St. Charles campuses with hand bells. Just a few minutes before 10:00, we will join in song. Then at 10:00, the members of our Catholic School Community and our tri-parish families will join with the entire Archdiocese to ring in the anniversary on this the day the Archdiocese was founded back in 1843. PLEASE join us!

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.

The Very Reverend James Volkert, Pastor
The Reverend Carlos Zapata, Associate Pastor

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JOIN US FOR THE ANNUAL ST. NICK BREAKFAST SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2 IN THE CAFETERIA. DETAILS INSIDE . . .
Mass Intentions/Communion Services
11/26 Monday
8:30 AM Mass (St. Mary) 8:00 AM Rosary
† Roger & Robert Degen (Romayne Degen)
† Arthur McCourt (MM)
11/27 Tuesday
8:30 AM Mass (St. Joseph) 8:00 AM Rosary
11/28 Wednesday
8:30 AM Mass (St. Charles) 8:00 AM Rosary
11/29 Thursday
8:30 AM Mass (St. Charles) 8:00 AM Rosary
6:00 PM St. Vincent de Paul Meeting (SSR)
6:30 PM Worship & Liturgy Meeting (RMR)
6:30 PM RCIA (St. Sebastian Room of Heim Hall)
7:00 PM Uganda Trip Meeting (HH)
11/29 Thursday
8:30 AM Mass (St. Charles) 8:00 AM Rosary
11/30 Friday
8:30 AM Mass (Church) 8:00 AM Rosary
First Sunday of Advent
12/01 Saturday
Baptism Weekend
4:30 PM Mass (St. Mary) Anointing of the Sick following Mass
12/02 Sunday
8:00 AM Mass (Church)
8-Noon St. Nick Breakfast (Cafeteria)
9:15 AM REP (Grade School)
10:30 AM Mass (Church)

Visitation/Communion Schedule
Hospital  Nov 24-25 Mary Deutsch
      Dec 1-2 Srs. Kasey and Rose
Mon: Ellen Voslar, 1st, 3rd, 4th & 5th Wednesday:
Karen Ehlen; 2nd Wed: Cheryl Theigs; Fri: Bob Zarek
Burlington Rehab  Wk of 11/25 Robert Zarek
Monday Veterans Home  (9:00 AM) Al Raboine, Mary Repke, Mae Fleming Timber Oaks (11:00)
Tues. Pine Brook (11) Homebound Team, Sr. Emma
Tuesday Riverview (1:00) and Oak Park Place (1:45)
Homebound Team
Wednesday Burlington Rehab  (3:15 PM): Mary Ann Johnson, Romayne Degen, Maureen Gebhardt
Rosary: Oak Park Place  (9:00), Pinebrooke (1:00), Riverview (3PM) The Bay (4PM)

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

This Week at St. Mary Parish
11/26 Monday
• 8:30 AM Mass (St. Mary) 8:00 AM Rosary
• 9:00 AM-9:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel)
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Office Hours: Monday - Friday 8-12 & 1-4.

Christmas Memorial Cards and envelopes are available in the church pews. If you would like to remember someone with a memorial, please use the envelopes provided. Please return them by Monday, December 17th.

Daily Readings
1st/2nd READING PSALM GOSPEL
11/26 Revelation 14:1-5 Ps 24:1-6 Lk 21:1-4
11/27 Revelation 14:14-19 Ps 96:10-13 Lk 21:5-11
11/30 Romans 10:9-18 Ps 19:8-11 Mt 4:18-22
12/01 Revelation 22:1-7 Ps 95:1-7 Lk 21:34-36

First Sunday of Advent
12/02 Jeremiah 33:14-16/ Ps 25:4,5,8,10,14 Lk 21:25- Thessalonians 3:12-4:2 28,34-36

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St. Mary School: 262.763.1515
225 W. State Street, Burlington
Catholic Central High School: 763.1510 148 McHenry Street

After hours emergency priest phone: 262.210.9588
Today we celebrate the Solemnity of Jesus Christ the King. In a day when political leaders are not always morally or ethically upstanding, as Christians, we take great pride in our celebration today of a King who is what He says He is. In Jesus Christ the King we have no false perceptions, no false images, no illusions – Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is the King of an eternal and universal Kingdom, a Kingdom of truth and life, a Kingdom of holiness and grace, a Kingdom of justice, love and peace. Today we celebrate a King who became like us, in all things but sin, so that He could love us and serve us. “The Son of Man,” Jesus said, “did not come to be served, He came to serve and to give His life to redeem many people.” Jesus humbled Himself to share in our humanity. Jesus learned firsthand what it is like to rub elbows with the poor and the outcast. He knew and understood what it meant to be poor, to be treated badly, and to be rejected by those whom He loved. Jesus died at the hands of His own subjects, but rose from the dead and now reigns as King of heaven and earth. This is the great mystery that we rejoice in today. We celebrate the fact that Jesus understands our situation in life. He became one of us, and experienced what we often experience. He did more; He suffered and on Good Friday He died for us. This is the type of King that Jesus is. We share in His victory over sin and death because of the Father’s great love for each one of us. If the King of the universe died for us, imperfect, flawed, sinful people, what should we do for Him in return? We should become His messengers to a needy world. We should become His loyal subjects and continue the work He began. We should make His Kingdom known and help it to flourish in every corner of the world. We should do what we can through prayer and good works to bring to the world His Kingdom of justice, His Kingdom of Love and His Kingdom of Peace.

To Jesus Christ, our Lord and King, be praise and glory now and forever!

God bless you always!
Fr. Jim Volkert
CCHS Poinsettia, Wreath, Basket Sale
CCHS is offering the highest quality Milaeger’s poinsettias, wreaths, and beautiful winter hanging baskets. Milaeger's does everything possible to ensure a healthier, more beautiful plant. Special care is taken to produce better branched and sturdier plants with large flowers. These long-lasting poinsettias will bloom for months. Our delivery date is early enough to ensure a greater length of time for your enjoyment, holiday parties, or even to give as gifts. The proceeds from this fundraiser will go directly to help the Junior Class and their Prom event. Order Details: Order from a Junior Class member, or mail this completed order form with payment to: CCHS – Attn. Theresa Phillips 148 McHenry Street Burlington, WI 53105  All orders are due to CCHS by December 3rd - 8:00am. Please pre-pay with cash or check written to CCHS Junior Class. Your order will be available for pick up Saturday, December 8th from 8:30 am to 11:00 am in the Auxiliary Gym.

CCHS 34th Annual Topper Dinner & Auction
Saturday, December 1st at the Veterans Terrace. This year’s theme is “A Night in Tuscany” complete with delicious Italian cuisine and exciting surprises for all! Tickets are $85/person (include appetizers, dinner, Prosecco, complimentary beverage ticket and wine with dinner.) Gold & Silver Sponsorship tables available. www.topper2018.givesmart.com or topperpride.org/auction. For $100 per ticket or 3 for $200 you could win a 2018 Chevrolet Trax, valued at $20,000, from Lynch Chevrolet Buick GMC or $12,000 in cash! Other prizes include: 2nd prize-$750, 3rd prize-$500 and 4th prize-$200. Drawing will be held at 10 PM Dec. 1. Need not be present to win. Tickets are available at: CCHS Office and St. Mary Rectory Office. For details, contact Georgean Selburg, Development Director, at 763-1518 or gselburg@cchsnet.org.

Coordinator Needed for Meal Program
St. Mary Assistant Coordinator for Love, Inc. Meal Program needed. Assist with the schedule for the meal program for LOVE for St Mary’s. It is a fairly easy process: 1. Making a 6 month schedule for meals. 2. Coming up with recipes. 3. Sending out emails and reminder calls. 4. Checking in or assisting in serving one time a month on 2nd Wednesday. Please contact the Rectory Office 763-1500.

Free Advent Program
Join Dynamic Catholic for BEST ADVENT EVER, a free email program. Advent is a time to prepare our hearts for Christmas. Slow down and focus on what matters most. Each day you will receive an email with video with practical tips and real-life stories to encourage you on your faith journey. Go to BESTADVENTEVER.COM

CCHS Athletic Association Calendar Winners
1  Heather Craig $125  16  Richard Frederick
2  MaryAnn Jones $30  17  Deb Behsdelich
3  Trevor Ludwig $30  18  Loren Esch
4  Emma Klein $30  19  Kathy Ramsey
5  Erin Bittmann $30  20  Jeff Klein
6  Matthew Ring  21  Jack Huffman
7  Rick Sheehan  22  Lori Barber
8  Jean Heiligenthal  23  Kathy Ritzman
9  Fr. Jim Volkert  24  Lisa Cooper
10 Nancy Welka  25  Kathy Ritzman
11 Andrea Troeller  26  Katie Trimberger
12 Loden Chapman  27  Sue Meyer
13 Matthew Stevens  28  Rick Sheehan
14 Ann Aldrich  29  Keiya Square
15 Heather Craig  30  Evander Craig

Winners on the 6th-30th are $20 winners. Thank you for your support.
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:
- Corporal Katie Cash, 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
- Steven Kojis, U.S. Air Force
- Toby May, Spc. Army National Guard

St. Nick Breakfast December 2
Kick off the Christmas season with the 2018 St. Nick Breakfast sponsored by SMS Home & School Association on Sunday, Dec. 2nd, 8am-noon in the cafeteria. Adults $8. Seniors $6. Children $5.3 and under free. All you can eat pancakes, eggs, bacon, sausage, potatoes, biscuits and gravy, pastries and beverages. Pictures with Santa 8:30-11. Crafts for the kids! Hope to see you there!

Helping Victims of the California Wildfires
Catholic Charities of Northern Nevada: Donate at ccsnn.org or call (775) 322-7073 Ext. 220 or mail check to: Catholic Charities of Northern Nevada, PO Box 5099, Reno, NV 89513.

Catholic Central 2018 Play
Tickets for the 2018 CCHS production of "A Christmas Carol" play are currently on sale. All seats reserved in Topper Hall. Get tickets online at www.brownpapertickets.com.

CCHS Cookie Walk / Holiday Craft Fair
Sunday, December 16th, from 9-1 in the Main Gym. Come purchase an assortment of homemade Christmas cookies ($6 per pound) for your family to enjoy, and visit our many vendors to finish your holiday shopping! If you would like to share your talent, please contact Georgean Selburg at 262-763-1518 or gselburg@cchsnet.org to let her know what you plan to bring, how many and when you will drop them off. All items must be delivered in a disposable, labeled container to the high school office between Wednesday, Dec. 12th and Friday, Dec. 14th. They can also be dropped off in the Main Gym by 8 am on Sunday, Dec. 16th. If you are interested in being a vendor, contact Georgean Selburg. For $25, vendors will receive an 8-foot table with space behind for display purposes.

Annual Adopt-A-Family Program
Each year our parish works with Love, Inc. to provide Christmas gifts to local families in need. In the back of church, choose an ornament (or two) with a gift request. Please attach the ornament chosen to the gift. Place unwrapped gifts (new items) in the large, decorated boxes in the back of church NO LATER than Saturday, December 15th. If you wish to find out how families qualify for this program, please call Patty Ebbers 763-3916.

St. Mary Fun Facts
A woman is featured in one of the stained glass windows on the choir side of the church. Who is she? Answer: She is Saint Cecilia, the patroness of musicians. Her feast day is celebrated on November 22. One of the reasons she was named a saint was because she distributed her possessions to the poor, which enraged the prefect Almachius, who ordered her to be burned. When the flames did not harm her, she was beheaded. Our parish choir has history as far back as 1842, with its first choir director hired in 1848 by Father Wisbauer. His name was Professor Dietrich.

Thank you for your generosity!

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Please pray for the safety of all military personnel who are serving our country, especially the following parishioners, relatives or friends of our parish:
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- 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
- 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
- Tyler Rose, U.S. Marine Corps
- Devan J. Seitz, U.S. Navy
- Second Lieutenant Kyle Smith, U.S. Air Force

- Schiltz, U.S. Marine Corps
- Smith, U.S. Air Force
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.

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

**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.

**Bulletin Announcements**  
The deadline for bulletin announcements is Tuesday at Noon.  
**Note:** The early deadline for the December 23rd bulletin is 4 PM 12/13; for the December 30th bulletin it is 4 PM 12/19; and for the January 6th bulletin it is 4 PM 12/27. Have a blessed holiday season.
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