First Sunday of Advent

They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; one nation shall not raise the sword against another.

Isaiah 2:4
Mass Intentions
12/02 Monday
8:30 AM Mass (St. Mary)  8:00 AM Rosary
† Henry & Marcella Wohl (Family)
† Robert Coyne (MM)

12/03 Tuesday  St. Francis Xavier
8:30 AM Mass (St. Charles) 8:00 AM Rosary
8:30 AM Mass (St. Joseph) 8:00 AM Rosary

12/04 Wednesday  St. John Damascene
8:30 AM Mass (St. Charles) 8:00 AM Rosary

12/05 Thursday
8:30 AM Mass (St. Charles) 8:00 AM Rosary

12/06 Friday  St. Nicholas
8:30 AM Mass (St. Mary)  8:00 AM Rosary
† Ralph & Frances Hegemann (Family)
† Ann Aldrich (MM)

Second Sunday of Advent
12/07 Saturday
4:30 PM Mass (Church)
† Claude Robers (Family)

12/08 Sunday
8:00 AM Mass (Church)
† Joseph G. Ehlen (Tom & Regina Kipp)
10:30 AM Mass (Church)
Living and deceased members of St. Mary Parish

Visitation/Communion Schedule
Hospital  Nov. 30-Dec. 1 Joyce Clapp
Dec. 7-8 —
Monday- Ellen Voslar; Friday;
1st, 3rd, 4th & 5th Wednesday- Karen Ehlen
Burlington Rehab  Wk of 12/01 —
Monday Veterans Home (9:00 AM) Al Raboine, Mary Repke, Mae Fleming Homes (10:15) Timber Oaks (11)
Tues. Pine Brook (11) Homebound Team, Sr. Emma
Tuesday Riverview (1:00) and Oak Park Place (1:45)
Homebound Team
Rosary: Oak Park Place (9:00). Pinebrooke (1:00),
Riverview (3PM) The Bay
(4PM) Annette Kempken

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

This Week at St. Mary Parish
12/02 Monday
• 8:30 AM Mass (St. Mary)  8:00 AM Rosary
• 9:00 AM-9:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel)
• 6:00 PM Outreach Committee Meeting (HH)

12/03 Tuesday
• 8:30 AM Mass (St. Charles) 8:00 AM Rosary
• 8:30 AM Mass (St. Joseph) 8:00 AM Rosary
• 9:00 AM-9:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel)

12/04 Wednesday
• 8:30 AM Mass (St. Charles) 8:00 AM Rosary
• 9:00 AM-9:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel)
• 6:00 PM Rosary (Chapel)
• 6:30 PM Adult Formation (St. Thomas, Waterford)
• 6:30 PM Worship & Liturgy Committee Mtg. (HH)

12/05 Thursday
• 8:30 AM Mass (St. Charles) 8:00 AM Rosary

12/06 Friday  St. Nicholas
• 8:30 AM Mass (St. Mary)  8:00 AM Rosary

Second Sunday of Advent
12/07 Saturday
• Baptism Weekend
• 4:30 PM Mass (Church) Anointing of the Sick following Mass

12/08 Sunday
• 8:00 AM Mass (Church)
• 9:15 AM REP (Grade School)
• 10:30 AM Mass (Church)

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

Daily Readings

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Second Sunday of Advent
12/08 Isaiah 11:1-10/ Romans 15:4-9
Ps 72:1,2,7,8,12, 13,17
Mt 3:1-12

Pulpit Announcements:  The announcement
deadline is Noon Fridays. Email ssmith@stmb.org
so they may be approved by Father Jim. Thank you.
A Message from Fr. Jim . . .

Today marks the beginning of the Advent season. I pray that this time will be a graced period for each of us as we prepare our hearts and minds for Christmas. Perhaps some of you are asking yourselves what you might do as an “extra” for the Advent season. I would like to suggest weekday Mass. Masses are celebrated on Mondays and Fridays at 8:30 AM at St. Mary’s, at St. Charles Parish on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at 8:30 AM, and at St. Joseph on Tuesdays at 8:30 AM. Starting your day with the celebration of the Eucharist and reception of Holy Communion may be just what you’re looking for. Also, I invite you to consider attending adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Good Shepherd Chapel at St. Mary’s Monday through Wednesday 9:00 AM – 9:00 PM. With the busy season swirling around us spending some golden moments of silence in front of the Blessed Sacrament is priceless.

An Advent Communal Reconciliation Service will be held on Saturday, December 14th beginning at 10:00 AM at St. Charles Church. This service provides a short prayer service and then an opportunity for the individual reception of the sacrament of reconciliation.

Realizing that the pace of every day life picks up at this time of the year it is my hope that all of us will take time to fittingly prepare ourselves for the celebration of Christmas by quietly reflecting on the meaning and gifts of the Advent Season.

May the grace and patience of Advent be with all of you!
Father Jim Volkert

“Advent guides our thoughts toward the beginning, because the mystery of creation points to the very first coming of God. And the beginning points to the end: Christ’s Second Coming . . . Advent is, above all, a reminder that God is eternal. He has no beginning and no end.”

+ Saint John Paul II

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St. Mary
Christmas Eve
4:00 & 10:00 PM
Christmas Day
9:00 AM

St. Charles
Christmas Eve
5:00 PM
7:00 PM Mass in Spanish
Christmas Day
8:00 & 10:00 AM

St Joseph
Christmas Eve
5:00 PM
Christmas Day
9:30 AM

DESPERATELY NEEDED
Fun Leader to coordinate a group of willing volunteers. Timeline/resources/support provided. Open to new ideas. Major Fundraiser for parish. Please prayerfully consider stepping in. If interested or questions please contact Sue Vrzan at the parish office 763-1504 or svrzan@stmb.org

Please join us Christmas Eve at 9:30 PM in church. The adult choir will begin their Christmas Concert at 9:30 PM before the 10:00 PM Mass.
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
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
First Lieutenant Jacob Schiltz, U.S. Marine Corps
Devon J. Seitz, U.S. Navy
Second Lieutenant Kyle Smith, U.S. Air Force

Movie Nights at St. Charles Church Library
There will be two movie nights in December. On Monday, December 2nd “The Christmas Miracle of Jonathan Toomey” will be shown in the Church Library located in the cry room/meeting room in the back of church. There will be two showings, one at 4PM and one at 6:30PM. Jonathan Toomey is a recluse with a secret past until a widowed mother and her young son move into town and commission the ill-tempered woodcarver to create a replica of a nativity set given to the boy by his father. This is a story of love, redemption, and above all, hope. On Sunday, December 8th “The Star” will be shown at 4PM. A small but brave donkey named Bo yearns for a life beyond his daily grind at the village mill. Acquiring new friends they go on an amazing adventure following a star and become part of the greatest story ever told. For details, call Jackie Heiligenthal, 262-661-4272. Coming January 13th is the movie “Unconditional”.

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.

Advent Wreath in Church
There will be a sign up sheet available in the back of church. Please volunteer to light the candles on the advent wreath. It doesn’t have to be a family. Grandparents and grandchildren, couples, friends, etc. are all welcome and encouraged to participate. Please sign up so we know who is willing to volunteer at each of the masses.

Catholic Central High School invites you to our 35th Annual Topper Dinner & Auction
Please join us as we mark the end of a century and kick off our 100th Anniversary Celebration Saturday, December 7, 2019 at Veterans Terrace
589 Milwaukee Avenue, Burlington, WI
Tickets are $85 and can be purchased by contacting Rosa Tadeo at the office (262) 763-1510.
PURCHASE YOUR RAFFLE TICKET TODAY TO WIN "A BRAND NEW 2019 CHEVROLET TRAX VALUED AT $20,000!"
Tickets are $100 each or 3 for $200. Only 500 tickets will be sold!!
Raffle tickets may be purchased at Catholic Central High School; Lynch GMC Superstore, Burlington; St. Mary Immaculate Conception’s Parish Rectory or Reineman’s True Value in Burlington.

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 Monday, December 9th. If you wish to find out how families qualify for this program, call Patty Ebbers 763-3916.
Thank you for your generosity!

UNWRAPPED GIFTS NEED TO BE TURNED IN BY DECEMBER 9TH!

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

On the 6th Daniel Bates will be 92
On the 12th Helen Henning will be 91
On the 15th Dorothy Bauman will be 90
On the 18th Margaret Wortman will be 91
On the 19th Leona Morris will be 91
On the 23rd Jane Delaney will be 92
On the 30th Betty Jo Pihringer will be 96

Please pray for an increased respect for life and the courage and willingness to stand up for life.
Our Annual St. Nick Breakfast
Kick off the Christmas season with the 2019 St. Nick Breakfast sponsored by the Home & School Association on Sunday, Dec. 15, 8 AM-noon in the cafeteria. Adults $8. Seniors $6. Children $5. 3 & 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!

Bulletin Announcements  The deadline for bulletin announcements is Tuesday at Noon for St. Mary Parish: email ssmith@stmb.org. Thank you. As the holidays approach, please take note of our early bulletin deadlines. December 22 Bulletin is due at Noon on Thursday, December 12. December 29 Bulletin is due at Noon on Wednesday, December 18. January 5 Bulletin is due at Noon on Thursday, December 26. For St. Charles email jmorrow@mystcharles.org and for St. Joseph email saintjoe@bizwi.rr.com.

Campus Projects
Pictured below are the new church doors. Work continues on our church with Honoring our Past, Devoted to the Future fund.

Adult Formation
St. Mary, St. Thomas, St. Clare, St. Charles and St. Joseph have an adult formation program which is intended bring adults into a deeper knowledge of the Catholic Faith. Any adult, even those who are not catholic are invited to attend. You may attend one session or all sessions held at St Thomas in the gathering space of the church at 6:30 PM.

Thanksgiving/ Advent Series on Christian Life
Dec 4 Spiritual & Corporal Works of Mercy
Dec 11 Christian Morality
Dec 18 Catholic Social Teaching
Dec 25 No Class for Christmas

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Financial Stewardship Using the Online WeShare 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. If you have any questions about our online giving program, or about setting up your account, please call the parish office 262-763-1500. You may also contact WeShare Donor Support at 800-950-9952 Ext. 2007.

Congratulations to BHS & CCHS volleyball teams on a successful season. May God continue to guard, guide and bless our schools!

CCHS Athletic Benefit Calendars
2020 Athletic Benefit Calendars are now available for $20 each. 365 prizes valued from $20 to $125, with drawings held monthly throughout the year. It is possible to win multiple prizes. Calendars make great Christmas gifts!! Calendars may be purchased at the CCHS and St. Mary Parish offices, or please email jrobson@cchsnet.org. Thank You.
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).

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

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.

Mass Time Assistance: Wheelchairs available in the closet of our chapel for your use if you need assistance getting in to or out of Church. Hearing Assistance Available: New sound system uses your cell phone as a wireless receiver through Audio Everywhere App. Please see brochure in church or contact ushers for a wireless hearing assistance device.

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

Please bring a non-perishable food item to Sunday Mass for the food pantry.

Ministers  
4:30 PM Dec. 7  
Greeters: McHenery N  McHenery S  
Servers  B. Tomczyk  M. Tomczyk  P. Kerkhoff  
Bread 1  Carrie Reesman  Ruth Heck  Tom Pederson  Ellen Voslar  Kay Fox  
Bread 2  
Bread 3  Cup 1  Cup 2  
Lector 1  A. Chernouski  D. Chernouski  
Lector 2  A. Chernouski  D. Chernouski  

8 AM Dec. 8  
Butler  Gabriel  
A. Askin  B. Askin  E. Bartelson  
Marlene Daniels  Phil Moran  Lee Bence  Brooke Beck  Don Bence  
G. Schuch  B. Milroy  
E. Nadolski  K. Blaeser  

10:30 AM Dec. 8  
K. Reesman  Tenhagen  
R. Muellenbach  C. Vetter  M. Vetter  
Ed Nadolski  Jaci Nadolski  Darlene Geiser  Babette Montee  Laurie Cantrell  

USHERS  
4:30 PM - Eric and Matt Daniels, Ralph Heck, Glenn Lois, Jim Spiegelhoff  
8:00 AM - Joseph Aldrich, Andrew & Kathy Dorn, Joyce & Les Mastalir, Tim Vos  
10:30 Wayne Bush, Chad Novasic, Aaron & Rick Reesman, Mary & Ralph Rice

Helping Our Parish  Immaculate Conception St. Mary Parish will earn money from the AmazonSmile Foundation when you shop at Smile.Amazon.Com.

Join K of C  
Knights of Columbus is looking for Catholic men from our tri-parish community who want to deepen their “Faith in Action”. Contact Chad Novasic 262-763-7837 or chadnov@aol.com, to find out how becoming a Knight helps you and our Parish.
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