First Sunday of Advent
December 2, 2018

Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man.
Luke 21:36

JOIN US FOR OUR ST. NICK BREAKFAST SUNDAY, DEC. 2 IN THE CAFETERIA.

December 8th, Holy Day of Obligation

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Masses:
7:00 PM at St. Charles on Friday, December 7
8:00 AM at St. Mary and 9:00 AM at St. Joseph on Saturday, December 8th

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.

December 8th, the 180th Anniversary of St. Mary Parish

Celebrate with us at the 4:30 PM Mass. Sign the parishioner guest book as you enter or leave church next weekend.

The Very Reverend James Volkert, Pastor
The Reverend Carlos Zapata, Associate Pastor
This Week at St. Mary Parish

12/03 Monday
- 8:30 AM Mass (St. Mary) 8:00 AM Rosary
- John & Theresa Koldeway (Bernice Ketterhagen)
- Lorraine Baumeister (MM)

12/04 Tuesday
- 8:30 AM Mass (St. Joseph) 8:00 AM Rosary
- Isaiah 2:1-5 Ps 122:1-9 Mt 10:21-24
- Claude Robers (Phyllis Robers)

12/05 Wednesday
- 8:30 AM Mass (St. Charles) 8:00 AM Rosary
- Isaiah 25:6-10 Ps 23:1-6 Mt 15:29-37

12/06 Thursday
- 8:30 AM Mass (St. Charles) 8:00 AM Rosary
- Isaiah 26:1-6 Ps 118:1,8,9,19-27 Mt 7:21,24-27
- James Ketterhagen (Bernice Ketterhagen)
- James Krupski (WM)

12/07 Friday
- 8:30 AM Mass (St. Mary) 8:00 AM Rosary
- Isaiah 29:17-24 Ps 27:1,4,13-14 Mt 9:27-31
- James Krupski (WM)

12/08 Saturday
- 8:00 AM Mass (Church)
- Genesis 3:9-15, 20/ Ephesians 1:3-6,11-12 Ps 98:1-4 Lk 1:26-38
- Holy Day of Obligation Immaculate Conception of the B.V.M.

12/09 Sunday
- 8:00 AM Mass (Church)
- 9:15 AM REP (Grade School)
- 10:30 AM Mass (Church)

Daily Readings
1st/2nd READING PSALM GOSPEL
12/02 Jeremiah 33:14-16/ Ps 25:4,5,8-10,14 Lk 21:25-28,34-36
12/03 Isaiah 2:1-5 Ps 122:1-9 Mt 8:5-11
12/04 Isaiah 11:1-10 72:1,2,7,8,12,13,17 Lk 10:21-24
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12/06 Isaiah 26:1-6 Ps 118:1,8,9,19-27 Mt 7:21,24-27
12/07 Isaiah 29:17-24 Ps 27:1,4,13-14 Mt 9:27-31

Second Sunday of Advent
12/08 Saturday
- 3:30-4:00 PM Reconciliation (Chapel)
- 4:30 PM Mass Celebrating the 180th Anniversary of St. Mary Parish (St. Mary)

12/09 Sunday
- 8:00 AM Mass (Church)
- 9:15 AM REP (Grade School)
- 10:30 AM Mass (Church)

Immaculate Conception of the B.V.M. December 8
Friday 7:00 PM Mass of Anticipation (St. Charles)
- Friday 7:00 PM Holy Day of Obligation Mass of Anticipation (St. Charles)
- Saturday 8:00 AM Mass (St. Mary)
- Saturday 9:00 AM Mass (St. Joseph)

Visitiation/Communion Schedule
Hospital Dec. 1-2 Srs. Kasey and Rose
Dec. 8-9 Marlene Daniels
Mon: Ellen Voslar, 1st, 3rd, 4th & 5th Wednesday:
Karen Ehlen; 2nd Wed: Cheryl Theigs; Fri: Bob Zarek
Burlington Rehab Wk of 12/09 James Weis
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: John Anderson, Larry Dornacher
Rosary: Oak Park Place (9:00). Pinebrooke (1:00), Riverview (3PM) The Bay (4PM)

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

After hours emergency priest phone: 262.210.9588
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. We celebrate Mass Monday and Friday at St. Mary Parish, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at St. Charles Parish and also on Tuesday at St. Joseph Parish. All the Masses begin 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 chapel at St. Mary Monday through Wednesday 9:00 AM – 9:00 PM. With the busy season swirling around us spending some golden silence in front of the Blessed Sacrament is priceless. I would also encourage you to prepare for the Christmas holiday by celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Confessions are heard on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays 4:30 PM at St. Charles, the 2nd, 4th and 5th Saturdays 3:30 PM at St. Mary and on the 1st Saturday 4:00 PM at St. Joseph Parish. We will also celebrate a Communal Reconciliation Service on Saturday December 15th 10:00 AM at St. Joseph.

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception, December 8th, falls on a Saturday this year. Normally when Holy Days fall on a Saturday or a Monday the obligation to attend Mass is lifted, except in the case of this Holy Day. Because Mary, the Immaculate Conception, is the Patroness of our country, this Holy Day is always celebrated as an obligatory feast. Masses will be held on Friday, December 7th 7:00 PM at St. Charles, Saturday, December 8th at 8:00 AM at St. Mary and at 9:00 AM at St. Joseph.

Realizing that the pace of everyday 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.”

+ Pope John Paul II
The 8th grade Class of 2019 celebrated a special mass with Fr. Jim at the St. Mary’s Cemetery on November 12.

CCHS Poinsettia, Wreath, Basket Sale
CCHS is offering the highest quality Milaeger’s poinsettias, wreaths, and beautiful winter hanging baskets. **Orders are due December 3rd - 8 AM.** The proceeds will go directly to the Junior Class and their Prom event. Drop off order form with payment at CCHS. Cash or check written to CCHS Junior Class. Your order will be available for pick up Saturday, Dec. 8 from 8:30-11 AM in the Auxiliary Gym.

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 91
- On the 12th Helen Henning will be 90
- On the 14th Joan Yanny will be 91
- On the 18th Margaret Wortman will be 90
- On the 19th Leona Morris will be 90
- On the 23rd Jane Delaney will be 91
- On the 30th Betty Jo Pihringer will be 95

The Legend of St. Nicholas December 16
Please join us Sunday, December 16th at 6 PM at St. Charles School Gym. Actor Terry Lynch is bringing his one man interactive presentation on the beloved bishop of Myra, St. Nicholas, to our parishes. For audiences age 1-92, so no important secrets are EVER revealed! Young and old will find a new understanding of the Christmas season, and realize that to celebrate the birth of Christ is to truly live his life. Learn the origins of St. Nicholas characters in various countries. Popular Christmas symbols Worldwide Christmas traditions.

School Fundraiser
Did you know your purchases can make a difference? AmazonSmile donates to Immaculate Conception St. Mary Parish when you do your holiday shopping at smile.amazon.com/ch/39-0806246.

Please pray for the health and safety of our brothers & sisters in Uganda.

Christmas Masses

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Advent Wreath: If you and your family would be willing to process up to the altar with the presiding priest, please let the ushers know as soon as you arrive at Mass and they will help you.

Eucharistic Ministers Needed
I invite anyone who is confirmed to prayerfully consider joining this special ministry. Why not take the next step in your faith journey and provide the Body and Blood of Christ to your fellow parishioners? Training is provided. Please contact Sue Novasic at 763-7837 with any questions.
Immaculate Conception (St. Mary) 180th Anniversary Celebration December 8, 2018

We would like you to join us Saturday, December 8th for the 4:30 PM Mass as we celebrate our 180th anniversary. Let's plan to “Fill the Church”.

In celebration of our 180th anniversary we are sharing St. Mary Fun Facts. This week’s question is . . .

Question: Who are the Oldest and Youngest members of our parish? Answer: The oldest members of our parish are Anne Richter 105 years old and Ramona Wille 98 years old. These ladies have grown up through the years with this parish partaking in all the sacraments and celebrations with their families and us. Their love and faith of our parish is a true testimonial to us all.

The youngest member of our parish is Isaac Kerkman son of Chantry and Doug Kerkman. With his parents he will also grow up in faith and love of this parish. Please check to see if you have historical information and/or pictures that you could share with us as we document this special occasion. We plan to have a guest book and to take commemorative photos.

Let’s “Fill the Church” on December 8th, 2018 for our 180th Anniversary and have them "Hanging from the rafters".

St. Nick Breakfast December 2
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!

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 8am 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. Thank you for your generosity!

IMPORTANT: Unwrapped gifts need to be turned in by December 15th.

Pledge Drive Update: Total sent out 1,052
Pledge Cards Returned 187 17.8%
Percentage returned with an increased pledge 43%
Time and Talent forms returned 201
Please check your mail and return your pledge cards as soon as possible. Thank you.

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 Copenhorn, U.S. Army
Jim & Beth Graves, U.S. Air Force
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 First Lieutenant
Schiltz, U.S. Marine Corps
Devon J. Seitz, U.S. Navy
Second Lieutenant Kyle Smith, U.S. Air Force
Tri-Parish Pastoral Council Members
Brian Daniel (Chairperson, 763-7317), George Whitehead (Vice Chairperson, 414-870-1980), Marilyn Putz (Secretary, 763-9075), Pam Aldrich (262-716-6324), Mark Ehlen (763-8194), Geri Henningfield (767-1854), Mary Ann Johnson (262-812-7547), Bill Korducki (763-4369), Jacki Scholze (763-4611).

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 prior to 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: Wheelchair available in the closet of the Good Shepherd Chapel that is for your use if you need assistance getting in 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.

Parish Staff Directory (262) 763-1500
Fr. Jim Volkert (Pastor); Fr. Carlos Zapata (Associate Pastor); Deacon Anton Nickolai, Susanne Snyder (Director of Music); Sue Vrzan (Director of Administrative Services); Dianne Smetana (Parish Secretary); Cheryl Theigs (Pastoral Minister to the Aging, Sick and Homebound); Loretta Jackson (School Principal); Deb Butler (Assistant Principal); Denise Morrissey (Preschool Director), Margie Robers (DRE Sunday Religious Education); Ellie Schultz DRE Family Life.

Parish Trustees Jim Schuster, Phone 262-763-0897
Terri Newbury, Phone: 262-210-0234

Stewardship Report

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We Share from 142 contributors 15,962.43
Offertory 746.59
Total 24,562.36

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Amount Collected 11/25 from 107 envelopes 6,966.66
Total 745.99
Offertory 552.32
We Share from 142 contributors 15,962.43
Total 4,950.65

We Share from 12 contributors 645.00
Offertory 746.59
Total 24,562.36

Amount Given Fiscal Year to Date 325,835.05
Amount Budgeted Fiscal Year to Date (22 week) 399,843.62
Difference -74,008.57

Amount Budgeted for fiscal year (52 weeks) 945,085.00
Amount still needed for this fiscal year 619,249.95
Amount needed per week to reach budget (30 weeks) 20,641.67

Catholic Central High School is sponsoring an Advent Reflection Series just for you!
We cordially invite you to join us for three evenings in December to take some time for your own personal reflection, and enjoy some fellowship. Sessions will be led by CCHS Theology Faculty member, Ms. Elizabeth Rydeski, and the final session will be led by Dr. Dan Scholz from Cardinal Stritch University. There is NO CHARGE for this series. Please join us! Here is a link to more information and to RSVP http://topperpride.org/christmas-and-coffee-series/ Happy Thanksgiving, and Blessed Advent!

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 chadnov@aol.com to find out how becoming a Knight helps you and our Parish.