Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00 PM at St. Joseph on Thursday, December 7
8:30 AM at St. Charles and 9:45 AM in CCHS Gym on Friday, December 8th

December 8th, Holy Day of Obligation

Watch therefore: you do not know when the lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning.

Mark 13:35

JOIN US FOR THE ANNUAL ST. NICK BREAKFAST SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3RD IN THE CAFETERIA. DETAILS INSIDE . . .
This Week at Saint Mary Catholic Church

12/04 Monday
- 8:30 AM Mass (Church) 8:00 AM Rosary
- 9:00 AM-9:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel)
- 7:00 PM Knights of Columbus Meeting (HH)

12/05 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)
- 6:30 PM Worship & Liturgy Committee (RMR)

12/06 Wednesday
- 8:30 AM Mass (St. Charles) 8:00 AM Rosary
- 9:00 AM-9:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel)

12/07 Thursday
- 8:30 AM Mass (St. Charles) 8:00 AM Rosary
- 6:30 PM Adult Choir (Church)

- 7:00 PM Mass (on Dec. 7) Mass of Anticipation for the Holy Day of Obligation (St. Joseph)

Holy Day of Obligation: Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
12/08 Friday
- 8:30 AM Mass (St. Charles)
- 9:45 AM Mass (Gym)

- Loretta Brierly (Bev Meronek)

2nd Sunday of Advent
12/09 Saturday
- 3:30-4:00 PM Reconciliation (Chapel)
- 4:30 PM Mass (Church)

- John Molumby (Family)

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

Visitation/Communion Schedule

Hospital: December 2-3 Bob Zarek  
December 9-10 Mary Norgaard  
Mon: Ellen Voslar, 1st, 3rd & 5th Wed. Karen Ehlen;  
2nd & 4th Wed: Cheryl Theigs  
Fri: Bob Zarek

Bay at Burlington: Week: 12/03 James Daun  
Monday Veterans Home: (9:00 AM) Al Raboine, Mary Repke, Mae Fleming  
Tuesday Pine Brook: (11 AM) Homebound Team, Dianna Nienhaus, Sr. Emma  
Tuesday Riverview: (1:00 PM) Homebound Team  
Wednesday Bay at Burlington: (3:15 PM): John Anderson, Larry Dornacher  
Fri. Arbor View: (11 AM): Mae Fleming, Mary Repke, Al Raboine, Ray Andres, Rosary/Chaplet.  
Bay at B: (4 PM) Al Raboine

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. 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 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 Tuesday, December 12th beginning at 7:00 PM at St. Mary Parish. 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

**Because the Fourth Sunday of Advent falls on Sunday, December 24th, Christmas Eve, the Mass schedule for that morning will be altered. Please note that Masses on that Sunday morning will be at 8:00 AM – St. Charles, 8:30 AM – St. Mary and 9:30 AM – St. Joseph. There will be no 10:00 AM Mass at St. Charles and no 10:30 AM Mass at St. Mary’s that Sunday. The Saturday evening Masses on December 23rd will follow the usual schedule.

“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

Christmas Masses

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

St. Charles
Christmas Eve
5:00 PM
Christmas Day
8:00 & 10:00 AM

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

Please Return Your Completed Stewardship Forms as soon as possible: Blank forms are available in church and in the office for parishioners who still need one. Thank you for all you do to keep our parish community vibrant and active. As of November 27th we have 181 pledge cards returned equaling 17.19% of 1053 that were sent out.

Advent Wreath: There are three more Sundays left in Advent. 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.
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 Tuesday, December 12th. If you wish to donate a roll of wrapping paper, you are welcome to do so.
Questions? Call Patty Ebbers 763-3916.

St. Vincent de Paul Society
Providing Assistance to Those in Need in Racine County since 1934: We are women and men offering person to person service. We:
• Serve the needy in the greater Racine area by providing assistance and compassion, especially through our home visits.
• Operate a Thrift Store at 822 Forrest Lane (Waterford) that helps provide funds and items for our services.
• Are all volunteers, one group from Racine’s north side parishes, another from the south side parishes, and a third from parishes west of I-94.
We appreciate your volunteering in our programs and donating quality used goods.
BECOME A VINCENTIAN. Contact Don Mueller (County President), 262-456-4345, mueller.77@hotmail.com THANK YOU!

Bulletin Announcements
All bulletin information is due to ssmith@stmb.org before 4:00 PM on Mondays.

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.

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.

Please note: The entire cost of our parish bulletin is covered by the advertisers on the back of this bulletin. Please thank them by patronizing their businesses. May God bless our advertisers!

SMS Annual St. Nick Breakfast
Santa Claus is coming to…. The 10th Annual St. Mary School St. Nick Breakfast December 3 8-Noon
Join us in the St. Mary School Cafeteria
Enjoy all-you-can-eat pancakes, scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, potatoes, pastries, and beverages!
3 years-old and under are free
Craft a Christmas Card for Military
Take your own pictures with Santa (8:30-11:00).
Sponsored by the St. Mary's Home and School Association

ORNAMENT SALE DEC. 3RD AFTER MASSES BENEFITS MISSION GROUP
Mission Group participants are selling Christmas ornaments to help raise funds for their trips (Adult & Middle School). These ornaments are handcrafted by Khutsala Artisans on Project Canaan in Swaziland, Africa. Khutsala Artisans is a Heart for Africa initiative creating HOPE through beauty, design and excellence. This vocational program provides training and employment to over 100 women and men, which allows them to provide for their families. There are five styles of beaded ornaments to choose from. They will cost $20 each. $12 of each ornament sold will go back to the Khutsala Artisans Project, where 100% of that goes directly to providing diapers, formula, clothes, love and care for the 150+ orphans living on Project Canaan. You can get your ornament from Rita at vanschyndelr@archmil.org, by phone at 763-2050 or at Family Life Night. Give as a gift or keep for yourself - your purchase of a lovely ornament will do so much good! www.fundraisersthathelphtheworld.com

Take a night off of cooking and support our 7th Grade Class at Culver’s 5-8 PM Monday, Dec. 11.
Sunday Social at St. Joseph Parish
Catholic Financial Life Burlington Chapter 175 invites you to a Sunday Social, Member Awards and Officer Elections at St. Joseph’s Parish Center, Sunday December 10, 2017 after 9:30 AM Mass RSVP 262-723-3875 or 262-763-4369 Questions? Call me at 262-210-6171.

Thank You Knights of Columbus Council #1578!
St. Mary Parish and School each received a gift of $5000 from St. Charles Knights of Columbus Council #1578 at our Annual Parish Meeting. Thank you for helping us continue our mission of building God’s kingdom.

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:

- Nicholas Callahan, U.S. Navy
- LCpl. Katie Cash, U.S. Marine Corps
- Caroline, Bill & Peter Coppennoll
- Jim & Beth Graves, U.S. Air Force
- James 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
- Second Lieutenant Jacob Schultz, U.S. Marine Corps
- Devon J. Seitz, U.S. Navy
- Second Lieutenant Kyle Smith, U.S. Air Force
- Jacob A. Thorpe, Private, US Marine Corp, Infantry

CCHS 2nd Annual Cookie Walk and Holiday Gift Fair
CCHS will be holding its 2nd Annual Cookie Walk and Holiday Gift Fair on Sunday, December 17th from 9:00 AM until 1:00 PM in Topper Hall. If you are able to donate homemade cookies/treats, please let Georgean Selburg know your intent by calling 763-1518 or emailing gselburg@cchsnet.org. Donations are due to the Development Office or High School Office between Wednesday, December 13th and Friday, December 15th. Items can also be brought to Topper Hall at 8:00 am on December 17th. Cookies/treats will be sold at a low cost of $6 per pound!

Vendors/Crafters Needed
Catholic Central High School is looking for vendors/crafters for their Cookie Walk/Holiday Gift Fair on Sunday, December 17th (9:00 AM until 1:00 PM). If you are interested in purchasing space, the cost is $20 for an 8 ft table. Please contact Georgean Selburg at 262-763-1518 or email her at gselburg@cchsnet.org. Vendors can begin setting up the day of the event beginning at 7:30 am, in Topper Hall. SPACE IS LIMITED.

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 18th.

Please pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life.
**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.

**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), Jacki Solzow (763-4611), Randy Tritz (312-310-4306).

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.

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- **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.

**Parish Staff Directory (262) 763-1500**
Fr. Jim Volkert (Pastor); Fr. Carlos Zapata (Associate Pastor); Susanne Snyder (Director of Music); Sue Vrzan (Director of Administrative Services); Dianne Smetana (Pastor Secretary); Cheryl Theigs (Pastoral Minister to the Aging, Sick and Homebound); Loretta Jackson (School Principal); Deb Butler (Assistant Principal); Denise Morrissey (Director of Religious Education); Kathy Martin Youth Ministry (Life Teen).

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

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

**Parish Festival Contact Information**
Brooke & Dylan Beck - Parish Festival Chairpersons brookealdrich22@gmail.com or 262-210-8361

**Stewardship Report**

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**Amount Given Fiscal Year to Date** $372,836.59
**Amount Budgeted to Date (22 week)** $420,975.50
**Difference** $-48,160.91

**Amount Budgeted for fiscal year (52 weeks)** $995,085.00
**Amount still needed for this fiscal year** $622,248.41
**Amount needed per week to reach budget (30 weeks)** $20,741.61

**Ministers 4:30 PM December 9 8:00 AM December 10 10:30 AM December 10 USHERS**

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