WELCOME TO IMMACULATE CONCEPTION (ST. MARY)

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR TRI-PARISH COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION SERVICE
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15TH
AT 10:00 AM AT SAINT JOSEPH

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.

Second Sunday of Advent

December 9, 2018

108 McHenry St., Burlington, WI 53105
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The Very Reverend James Volkert, Pastor
The Reverend Carlos Zapata, Associate Pastor
Mass Intentions
12/10 Monday
8:30 AM Mass (St. Mary) 8:00 AM Rosary
† John Weithaus (Friends)
12/11 Tuesday St. Damasus I
8:30 AM Mass (St. Joseph) 8:00 AM Rosary
8:30 AM Mass (St. Charles) 8:00 AM Rosary
9:55 AM CCHS Mass (Church)
12/12 Wednesday Our Lady of Guadalupe
8:30 AM Mass (St. Charles) 8:00 AM Rosary
12/13 Thursday St. Lucy
8:30 AM Mass (St. Charles) 8:00 AM Rosary
12/14 Friday St. John of the Cross
8:30 AM Mass (Church) 8:00 AM Rosary
† Nancy Meyers (Friends of the Family)

Third Sunday of Advent
12/15 Saturday
4:30 PM Mass (Church)
Living & deceased members of St. Mary Parish
12/16 Sunday
8:00 AM Mass (Church)
† Thomas “Patrick” Love (Regina Kipp)
10:30 AM Mass (Church)
† Ray Tenhagen (Family)

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

Visitation/Communion Schedule
Hospital Dec. 8-9 Marlene Daniels
Dec. 15-16 Ann Wiemer
Mon: Ellen Voslar, 1st, 3rd, 4th & 5th Wednesday:
Karen Ehlen; 2nd Wed: Cheryl Theigs; Fri: Bob Zarek
Burlington Rehab Wk of 12/16 Richard Kiekenbush
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): Annette
Kempken, Bob Zarek, Mary Lou Kretschmer
Friday: Arbor View (10:45): Mae Fleming, Mary
Repke, Al Raboine, Ray Andres. Rosary/Eucharist.
Rosary: Oak Park Place (9:00), Pinebrooke (1:00),
Riverview (3PM) The Bay (4PM)

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

Daily Readings
1st/2nd READING PSALM GOSPEL
12/09 Baruch 5:1-9/ Ps 126:1-6 Lk 3:1-6
Philippians 1:4-6,8-11
12/10 Isaiah 35:1-10 Ps 85:9-14 Lk 5:17-26
12/11 Isaiah 40:1-11 Ps 96:1-3,10-13 Mt 18:12-14
12/12 Rev 11:19; 12:1-6,10 Judith 13:18,19 Lk 1:39-47
12/13 Isaiah 41:13-20 Ps 145:1,9-13 Mt 11:11-15
12/14 Isaiah 48:17-19 Ps 1:1-6 Mt 11:16-19

Announcements
The deadline for pulpit announcements is Noon on Fridays. Please email ssmith@stmb.org so they may be approved by Father Jim.

Please pray for an increased respect for life and the courage and willingness to stand up for life.

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

Second Sunday of Advent

The Advent season can be for each one of us a season of grace and peace. These weeks are an invitation to set things right with God and to prepare ourselves not only to celebrate the first coming of Jesus but also to celebrate His final coming. The Advent season can also be a time to set things right with one another. The imagery presented to us through the writings of the Prophet Isaiah which are read during Advent describe “the wolf shall be the guest of the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; the calf and the young lion shall browse together, the cow and the bear shall be neighbors.” To be able to place aside one's differences and accept, respect and love another person despite their faults and failings is sometimes a very difficult thing to do. It takes a lot of patience and also a lot of support and strength from our faith in God. Forgetting the past is sometimes hard, but if we continue to dwell on past hurts and failures we do not allow ourselves to grow and to carry on with our lives. All of us have made mistakes in our lives. Yet, God is an all loving Father who forgives us unconditionally, and who loves and accepts us for the people we are - the sinful people we are. We, too, must be as forgiving and accepting of one another as God is with us. God has given us an example of how to live and love. If the “wolf can be the guest of the lamb” and “the cow can be neighbors with the bear” we can live with our brothers’ and sisters’ shortcomings. May this Advent season continue to be a period of grace for each of us; a period of grace to realize and accept God's unconditional forgiveness and love in our lives, and to share that gift of forgiveness and love with one another.

May the peace of these Advent days be with you.

Father Jim Volkert

Tri-Parish Advent Project

Goal: $9,177  Help Salvatorian Missions supply a truckload of rice to drought stricken areas of Africa.

A $25 donation will purchase a 100 lb. Bag of Rice and feed a family of 5 for 3 months!

Envelopes specific to this project are available at the back of church. Make checks payable to the parish and place your envelope in the collection basket.

Daily Mass Schedule

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 this Advent.

Eucharistic Adoration in our Chapel

If you would like to attend adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the chapel at St. Mary, hours are 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.

Thank You From Love, Inc.

We received a thank you note from Love, Inc. thanking us for doing the food drive. May God bless you. We appreciate everything you do for us.
- Social Services, Love, Inc.

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.

Women’s AA Meeting: Mondays, 6:30 PM at Cross Lutheran Church. Any questions call Marlene 262-210-1918. Please leave a message.
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.

St. Mary School St. Nick Breakfast
St. Mary School held their annual St. Nick Breakfast on Sunday, Dec. 2nd. Thank you for your support.

Weather Emergency: When there is NO School the Rectory office is closed.....Adoration is closed.....Masses are cancelled.

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 and return by Monday, Dec. 17.

The Book Club
The Book Club has chosen "From Slave to Priest" by Caroline Hemesath, O.S.F. It is the inspirational story of Father Augustine Tolton from 1854-1897. He persevered against all odds to become a Catholic priest. His perseverance in his vocational commitment is a powerful lesson for us all. Much of this story takes place in Quincy and Chicago, Il. So come on you Illinisians and join us by getting this paperback book from Ignatius Press or Amazon.m The bookclub is Feb. 12, Lincoln's Birthday, and we will meet at The Coffeehouse at Chestnut and Pine.

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.

Your Outreach Dollars at Work
We received the following thank you letters from recipients of our Outreach collection:

Dear St. Mary Church,
We express how grateful we are for your gift which was put to good use with the small scale farmers in Tanzania. Their success is due to ECHO and its varied activities and trainings.

Reducing hunger, Improving Lives Worldwide

Free Community Christmas Dinner
Plymouth Congregational Church
124 W Washington Street
Burlington 262-763-6890

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL FREE COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DINNER
DECEMBER 25TH DINNER WILL BE SERVED FROM 12:30-2 PM. EVERYONE IS WELCOME Or, have our volunteer drivers drop off a hot meal to your home. We will deliver up to 15 miles from Burlington. Deliveries will occur between approximately 11:15 AM and 1 PM. Menu Includes: Ham, mashed potatoes, vegetables, roll, and Christmas cookies! For dinner reservations, dinner delivery or to volunteer call 262-763-6890.
Leave your name, address and phone number and we will call you back as soon as we can!
God Bless Our Troops
Please pray for the safety of all military personnel especially:
- 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
- John S. Krause, U.S. Navy
- Gregory A. Roberts, U.S. Army First Lieutenant
- Tyler Rose, U.S. Marine Corps
- Devon J. Seitz, U.S. Navy
- Second Lieutenant Kyle Smith, U.S. Air Force

Donations Needed at the Thrift Store
Our St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store is requesting the following donations:
- Men’s jeans, & t-shirts
- Women’s jeans & active wear
- Outerwear & snow pants
- Clothing for boys, girls, toddlers & infants

Items may be dropped off at
St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store
822 Forrest Lane
Waterford
M-F, 9 AM - 3 PM, Sat, 9 AM - 2 PM
THANK- YOU!

Annual Stewardship Drive
Please return your completed stewardship forms ASAP. Blank forms are available in church and the office if you still need one. Thank you for all you do to keep our parish community vibrant.

Pledge Drive Update: Total sent out 1,052;
- Pledge cards returned 230; 22% percent returned with an increased pledge 52%.
- Time and Talent forms returned 254
Please return your pledge cards as soon as possible. Thank you.

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.

Thank you for your generosity!

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.

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

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
John S. Krause
U.S. Navy
Gregory A. Roberts
U.S. Army First Lieutenant
Tyler Rose
U.S. Marine Corps
Devon J. Seitz
U.S. Navy
Second Lieutenant Kyle Smith
U.S. Air Force

Thank you for your generosity!

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

**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).

**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 (Pastor Secretary); Cheryl Theigs (Pastoral Minister to the Aging, Sick and Homeward); 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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**Please pray for and increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life.**

**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.

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