SECOND SUNDAY
OF Advent

A voice cries out:
In the desert prepare the way of the Lord!
Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God!
Every valley shall be filled in,
every mountain and hill shall be made low.

Isaiah 40:3-4
### Daily Readings

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### Visitation/Communion Schedule

**Hospital**  December 9-10  Mary Norgaard  December 16-17 Mary Deutsch
**Bay at Burlington** Week: 12/10  James Weis  **Monday Veterans Home** (9:00 AM) Al Raboine, Mary Repke, Mae Fleming  **Tuesday Pine Brook** (11 AM) Homebound Team, Sr. Emma  **Tuesday Riverview** (1:00 PM) Homebound Team  **Wednesday Bay at Burlington** (3:15 PM); Annette Kempken, Bob Zarek, Mary Lou Kretschmer  **Fri. Arbor View** (11 AM): Mae Fleming, Mary Repke, Al Raboine, Ray Andres, Rosary/Chapel  **Bay at B** (4 PM) Al Raboine

### Bulletin Announcements

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

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### Mass Intentions

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† June & John Schaefer (Kenneth & Virginia Hegeman)  
† Jean Rothering (MM) |

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8:30 AM Mass (St. Charles) 8:00 AM Rosary  
7:00 PM Advent Communal Reconciliation Service (Church) |

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Deceased members of the John Koldeway Family (Family) |

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### This Week at Saint Mary Catholic Church

**12/11 Monday**
- 8:30 AM Mass (Church) 8:00 AM Rosary  
- 9:00 AM-9:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration (Church)

**12/12 Tuesday**
- 8:30 AM Mass (St. Joseph) 8:00 AM Rosary  
- 8:30 AM Mass (St. Charles) 8:00 AM Rosary  
- 9:00 AM-6:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration (Church)  
- 7:00 PM Advent Communal Reconciliation Service (Church)

**12/13 Wednesday**
- 8:30 AM Mass (St. Charles) 8:00 AM Rosary  
- 9:00 AM-9:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration (Church)

**12/14 Thursday**
- 8:30 AM Mass (St. Charles) 8:00 AM Rosary  
- 6:30 PM Adult Choir (Church)

**12/15 Friday**
- 8:30 AM Mass (St. Mary) 8:00 AM Rosary  
- 3rd Sunday of Advent

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**3rd Sunday of Advent**
- 8:00 AM Mass (Church)  
- 9:15 AM Religious Education (Grade School)  
- 10:30 AM Mass (Church)  
- 4:00 PM Family Life Mass/Night (St. Charles)

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**Office Hours**: Monday-Friday 8-12 & 1-4.
A Message from Fr. Jim . . .

On this Second Sunday of Advent Isaiah presents to us in the First Reading a tender image of God’s love, care and protection for each one of us. Isaiah uses one image that is familiar to us, a Good Shepherd. He writes: “Like a shepherd He feeds His flock; in His arms He gathers the lambs, carrying them in His bosom, and leading the ewes with care.” In these difficult times perhaps now more than ever we need to hang onto that image of God who watches over and protects us.

Many people in society continue to struggle - people without work, people without shelter, people without food or clothing. The St. Vincent de Paul Society and Love Inc. are busier than ever trying to assist those in need and at times struggles to keep up with the demand for help. With all of this going on, plus the continued violence and threats of terrorist activity in our world, we need the comfort and security of the Good Shepherd now more than ever.

As we continue on the Advent road to the celebration of Christmas let us place our cares and concerns in the hands of our Lord and never stop dreaming of the perfect society that the Prophet Isaiah describes: a land where all will be whole and enjoy the fullness of health, a land where peace will reign and land of beauty and tranquility. This is the fullness of the kingdom that we long for and that we ponder these quiet days of Advent.

Please plan on attending the Advent Communal Reconciliation Service that will be held this Tuesday, December 12th beginning at 7:00 PM at St. Mary Church. Following a brief Word Service, there will be the opportunity for individual confessions. This is an ideal way to prepare for the coming of the Lord into our lives in a new and deeper way this Christmas!

Peace to you all!
Fr. Jim Volkert
WE NEED ALL GIFTS RETURNED BY DECEMBER 12TH
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.

March for Life Chicago-Register by Dec. 12
January 14th bus leaving from Kenosha at 11:00 AM from the McDonald’s 12214 75th St. Arrive by 10:30. Return at 6:30 PM. $30/person; $85/family. Register at www.prolifewi.org/get-involved/events. Participants are responsible for packing a lunch for the bus ride down to Chicago, but, no glass containers are allowed. For dinner we’ll stop on the way home for you to purchase a meal. The March itself lasts from 2 to 4 PM with an anticipated crowd of over 10,000. SIGNS: Pro-Life Wisconsin will provide signs but you are welcome to design and bring your own pro-life signs. Please direct your questions to Therese.A@ProLifeWI.org or 262.796.1111 ext. 14.

Volunteers Needed: Church Cleaning Group
One of our volunteers who help vacuum the church is unable to continue. We are looking for volunteers to join us on the first Thursday of the month. If you would like to volunteer, please call 763-1500.

St. Vincent de Paul Society
Providing Assistance to Those in Need in Racine County since 1934: We serve the needy in the greater Racine area by providing assistance and compassion, especially through our home visits. We operate a Thrift Store at 822 Forrest Lane, Waterford, that helps provide funds and items for our services. We are all volunteers from Racine’s north side parishes, from south side parishes, and from West of I-94 parishes. We appreciate your volunteering in our programs & donating quality used goods. To volunteer, contact Don Mueller, County President at 262-456-4345, or mueller.77@hotmail.com.

CCHS Students take Civil Rights Trip
Pictured below: Mr. Meddaugh and students pose for a picture with President Jimmy Carter and First Lady Rosalynn after attending President Jimmy Carter's Sunday School.

On November 1st through November 6th, Catholic Central social studies teacher Mr. Dan Meddaugh organized and led a Civil Rights Trip. Sixteen Catholic Central students with seven parents traveled to multiple states in Southeast United States touring important sites from events in the 1950s and 1960s Civil Rights Movement. Many of the sites followed the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Students traveled to sites in Springfield, IL, Memphis, TN, Selma and Montgomery, AL, Tuskegee, AL, Columbus, GA, Atlanta, GA, and Chattanooga, TN before heading back to Burlington, WI. Most notable experience, students were honored by attending President Jimmy Carter’s Sunday School in Plains, GA. They got a chance to meet and briefly talk with President Jimmy Carter along with First Lady Rosalynn. Some of the other major sites included Dr. Martin Luther King Jr’s assassination site at the Lorraine Motel in Memphis, TN. Dr. King’s birth home and childhood church in Atlanta, GA, along with his church and home in Montgomery, AL. The Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, AL, site of the famous Selma-Montgomery March in 1965 as well as “Bloody Sunday”.

To volunteer, contact Don Mueller, County President at 262-456-4345, or mueller.77@hotmail.com.
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 Coppernoll
Jim & Beth Graves, 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 Schiltz, 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

Dec. 12th Advent Communal Reconciliation
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.

This Advent join us for . . .
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.

Eucharistic Adoration: Please 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, golden moments of silence in front of the Blessed Sacrament are priceless.

CCHS 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 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
CCHS is looking for vendors/crafters for their Cookie Walk/Holiday Gift Fair on Sunday, December 17th (9:00 AM-1:00 PM). The cost is $20 for an 8 ft table. Please call Georgean Selburg 763-1518 or gselburg@cchsnet.org. Set-up begins at 7:30 AM in Topper Hall. SPACE IS LIMITED.

Take a night off of cooking and support our 7th Grade Class at Culver’s 5-8 PM Monday, Dec. 11.

God Bless Our Troops
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.

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 (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 (Director of Religious Education); Kathy Martin Youth Ministry (Life Teen).

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), Jackie Scholze (763-4611), Randy Tritz (312-310-4306).

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
Amount collected 12/04 from 161 envelopes $22,022.29
Offertory 575.68
We Share 16 contributors 1,020.15
Total 23,618.12

Amount Given Fiscal Year to Date $396,629.91
Amount Budgeted to Date (23 week) -440,133.75
Difference -43,503.84
Amount Budgeted for fiscal year (52 weeks) $995,085.00
Amount still needed for this fiscal year $598,455.09
Amount needed per week to reach budget (29 weeks) $20,636.38

Women’s AA Meeting: The holidays can be difficult for those struggling with addiction: Women’s AA Meeting-Mondays, 6:30 PM at Cross Lutheran Church. Any questions call Marlene 262-210-1918. Please leave a message.

Please bring a non-perishable food item to Mass each week for the local food pantry.

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.

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

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