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.

**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.
**Mass Intentions**

**12/17 Monday**
- 8:30 AM Mass (St. Mary) 8:00 AM Rosary
  † Joe and Carolyn Majewski (Mike Majewski)

**12/18 Tuesday**
- 8:30 AM Mass (St. Joseph) 8:00 AM Rosary
- 8:30 AM Mass (St. Charles) 8:00 AM Rosary

**12/19 Wednesday**
- 8:30 AM Mass (St. Charles) 8:00 AM Rosary

**12/20 Thursday**
- 8:30 AM Mass (St. Charles) 8:00 AM Rosary

**12/21 Friday St. Peter Canisius**
- 8:30 AM Mass (Church) 8:00 AM Rosary
  † Marty and Martha Schroeder (Family)

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**12/22 Saturday**
- 4:30 PM Mass (Church)
  † Larry Brown (Joanne Brown)

**12/23 Sunday**
- 8:00 AM Mass (Church)
- 10:30 AM Mass (Church)
  † Kathleen Kobasick (Family)

**Visitation/Communion Schedule**

**Hospital**
- Dec. 15-16 Ann Wiemer
- Dec. 22-23 Joyce Clapp
- Mon: Ellen Voslar, 1st, 3rd, 4th & 5th Wednesday: Karen Ehlen; 2nd Wed: Cheryl Theigs; Fri: Bob Zarek

**Burlington Rehab**
- Wk of 12/23 Robert Zarek

**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**

**Rosary: Oak Park Place**
- (9:00).

**Pinebrooke**
- (1:00), Riverview (3PM) The Bay (4PM)

**This Week at St. Mary Parish**

**12/17 Monday**
- 8:30 AM Mass (St. Mary) 8:00 AM Rosary
- Eucharistic Adoration Closed through January 1st
- 6:30 PM Evangelization and Formation Committee Meeting (HH)

**12/18 Tuesday**
- 8:30 AM Mass (St. J & St. C) 8:00 AM Rosary

**12/19 Wednesday**
- 8:30 AM Mass (St. Charles) 8:00 AM Rosary

**12/20 Thursday**
- 8:30 AM Mass (St. Charles) 8:00 AM Rosary

**12/21 Friday**
- 8:30 AM Mass (St. Charles) 8:00 AM Rosary

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**12/22 Saturday**
- 3:30-4:00 PM Reconciliation (Chapel)
- 4:30 PM Mass (Church)

**12/23 Sunday**
- 8:00 AM Mass (Church)
- 10:30 AM Mass (Church)

**In Loving Memory:** We wish to extend sympathy to the family and friends of **Joan Yanny**. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

**Daily Readings**

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**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

| 12/23 Micah 5:1-4 /Hebrews 10:5-10 | Ps 80:2,3,15-19 | Lk 1:39-45 |

**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.

**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 . . .

Gaudate Sunday – Rejoice!

The Advent Season provides a wonderful opportunity for us to reflect on the gift of patience in our lives. Although we all have the gift of patience somewhere inside of us, we vary at our ability to use it effectively during the course of these busy days. The people we come into contact with on a daily basis can often be the best judge of how patient a person each of us is. We have all had the experience of dealing with people that are less than patient especially at this time of the year. The holidays are quickly approaching which means long lines in stores, added traffic on the streets and the endless stream of advertisements screaming about the “best deal” around for Christmas gifts. In addition to this, the days get shorter and are darker much quicker. And on top of all this, there are the typical flu bug and colds that seem to be going around. It seems that we have to ask the Lord for an extra dose of patience and understanding these days. Although there is not much we can do about the weather, and only limited things we can do in terms of any illness at this time, there is a lot we can do to help us stay positive, hopeful and filled with the grace of this holy season. The most important thing we can do is to keep things in perspective, to try our best to keep a smile on our face and above all pray!

May the grace and PATIENCE of this Advent Season be yours in abundance!
Father Jim Volkert

Thank you!

Last Saturday’s celebration of our parish anniversary was a very memorable day for me and I hope for you as well. It was a beautiful event!

I want to extend my sincere thanks to planning committee: Terri Newbury, Barb and Tim Vos, Grace and Jim Vos, Peggy and Dennis Kelly, Eileen and Tim Gabriel, Carol and Mark Huckstorf, Red and Pat Smetana, Pam and Joe Aldrich, Connie Gluth, and Abby Galstad. Thanks to our donors: Toni McCarthy, Richter’s Marketplace, and Gooseberries Fresh Food Market. Thanks also to our grade school and high school students for their tremendous work on the memorabilia displays. I want to thank Sue Snyder, the choir and musicians for the outstanding job they did. A number of folks remarked to me that they had tears in their eyes as we concluded the Holy Mass by singing, “The Bells of St. Mary’s”. And to all who lent a hand in anyway, THANK YOU!

Father Jim Volkert
The Legend of St. Nicholas December 16
Please join us Sunday, December 16th at 6 PM at St. Charles Church. 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! Learn the origins of: St. Nicholas symbols Worldwide Christmas traditions.

Financial Information Available
Did you know that 89% of the people in a typical American congregation don’t have a financial safety net? Shocked? I was too. But there’s HOPE! And that hope is Financial Peace University. FPU is a nine-lesson course taught by Dave Ramsey and his team of financial experts. With FPU, you will learn step by step how to handle money using biblical wisdom and common sense. Through life-changing videos, online tools and resources, and group accountability, our church members will learn how to create and stick to a budget, save for emergencies, pay off debt, and plan for the future! Classes will start Tuesday January 22nd @ 6:30pm in Heim Hall. Feel free to call Brooke Beck @ 262-210-8361 or DyAnna Dujardin @ 414-940-6981 with your questions or sign up at https://fpu.com/1076543!

Cookie Walk and Holiday Craft Fair 12/16
Please come to CCHS’s 3rd Annual Cookie Walk and Holiday Craft Fair, from 9 AM-1 PM in the Gym. Come purchase an assortment of homemade Christmas cookies ($6 per pound) and visit our many (18) crafters and vendors to finish your holiday shopping! Enter the high school on McHenry Street, through the glass doors to the MAC Center. Parking available on the south lot, and in front of school.

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.

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.

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

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.

CCHS Athletic Association Calendar Winners
1 Darla Wack $125
2 Levi Thomas Brosig $30
3 Kimberlie Woodkey $30
4 Melissa Weis $30
5 Jim Schuster $30
6 Lori Hintz $30
7 Hera Hulsey
8 Christina Paleka
9 Richard Nienhaus
10 Elizabeth Spierenburg
11 Evander Craig
12 Jen Reilly
13 Bridget Bittmann
14 Joanna Hoehne
15 Scott Gibbs
16 Ben Tweet
17 Jean Heiligenthal
18 Joseph Lukemeyer
19 Aveah Daniels
20 Imelda Ostrenga
21 Shelley Wolf
22 Max Thomas
23 Conrad Slowinski
24 Tom Uhen
25 Kathy Frederick
26 Ruben Guerrero
27 Joe McKillip
28 Val Shupbach
29 Mike Pinnow
30 Colleen Clifford
31 Margaret Paulson

Winners on the 7th-30th are $20 winners. Thank you for your support.

Free Community Christmas Dinner
Plymouth Congregational Church, 124 W Washington Street, Burlington 262-763-6890
PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR
ANNUAL FREE CHRISTMAS DINNER
DECEMBER 25TH DINNER SERVED FROM 12:30-2
EVERYONE 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 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
- Jim 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
- First Lieutenant Jacob Schiltz, U.S. Marine Corps
- Devon J. Seitz, U.S. Navy
- Second Lieutenant Kyle Smith, U.S. Air Force

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 271; 26% returned with an increased pledge 57%.
- Time and Talent forms returned 283
  Please return your pledge cards as soon as possible. Thank you.

Caring & Sharing Grief Support Meeting: Sponsored by Daniels Family Funeral Homes. December 18th. 2 locations, Burlington and Union Grove 10 AM at So. Wis. Veterans Home, Boland Hall Chapel and 6:30 PM at Cross Lutheran Church. Call 763-3434.

Need the perfect gift for your spouse this Christmas?
Give your spouse the gift of your time and love by taking your spouse on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend.

Upcoming Dates:
Jan. 25-27, 2019, Brookfield, WI
Feb. 15-17, 2019, Geneva, IL
March 15-17, 2019, Madison, WI
April 26-28, 2019, Brookfield, WI
June 28-30, 2019, Rockford, IL

To find out more and register, visit:
www.wwme.org

Tri-Parish Human Concerns Advent Project: Goal: $9,177
The Salvatorian Missions assure us that through their direct contacts in Kenya our donations will bring much needed relief to those in need in areas that have been affected by a two-year drought.

Thank you for helping us to fill a truck with rice!
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 during Advent.

Bookkeeping Note
As the end of the calendar year approaches, we have been reminded by the Archdiocese that per IRS regulations, charitable contributions must be applied to the year in which they are received or postmarked. If a donor submits a check after year end 2018, no matter what the date is on the check, it may not be attributed to 2018. Contributions not put in the collection basket or postmarked 2018 by December 31th will be posted for 2019.
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
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.
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,

Mass Time Assistance: Wheelchair
available in the closet of the Good Shepherd
Chapel that is for your use if you need assistance
going in to 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 30th
bulletin it is 4 PM 12/19; and for the January 6th bul-
letin it is 4 PM 12/19.

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

Stewardship Report

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

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 Home-
bound); Loretta Jackson (School Principal); Deb Butler
(Assistant Principal); Denise Morrissey (Preschool Di-
rector), Margie Robers (DRE Sunday Religious Educa-
tion); Ellie Schultz  DRE Family Life.

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

Parish Trustees

Donations Needed at the Thrift Store
Our St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store is requesting
the following donations of gently used or like new
clothing, especially: 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!

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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