Welcome to Immaculate Conception (St. Mary) Catholic Parish
Fourth Sunday of Advent-December 23rd, 2018

O Come, all ye faithful
Joyful and triumphant

2018 Tri-Parish Christmas Mass Schedule

St. Joseph: Christmas Eve 5 PM & 9:30 PM  Christmas Day 9:30 AM
St. Charles: Christmas Eve 5 PM  Christmas Day 8 AM & 10 AM
St. Mary: Christmas Eve 4 PM & 10 PM  Christmas Day 9 AM
This Week at St. Mary Parish
12/24 Monday  Christmas Eve
• 4:00 PM Children’s Pageant Mass (Church) and 10:00 PM Mass (Church) 9:30 PM Sacred Music
Living and deceased members of St. Mary Parish and those being remembered with Christmas Memorials

12/25 Tuesday  Christmas Day
9:00 AM Mass (Church) 8:40 Sacred Music
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12/26 Wednesday
8:30 AM Mass (St. Charles) 8:00 AM Rosary
12/27 Thursday
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12/28 Friday
8:30 AM Mass (St. Mary) 8:00 AM Rosary
Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

12/29 Saturday
3:30-4:00 PM Reconciliation (Chapel)
4:30 PM Mass (Church)

01/01 MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD
HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION MASSES
12/31 Monday
No 8:30 AM Mass
5:00 PM Mass (St. Mary)

01/01 Tuesday
8:00 AM Mass (St. Charles)
9:00 AM Mass (St. Joseph)

Visitation/Communion Schedule
Hospital  Dec. 22-23 Joyce Clapp
Dec 29-30 Bob Zarek
Mon: Ellen Voslar, 1st, 3rd, 4th & 5th Wednesday: Karen Ehlen; 2nd Wed: Cheryl Theigs; Fri: Bob Zarek
Burlington Rehab  Wk of 12/30 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): Mary Ann Johnson, Romayne Degen, Maureen Gebhardt
Rosary: Oak Park Place (9:00), Pinebrooke (1:00), Riverview (3PM) The Bay (4PM)

Office Hours: Thursday and Friday 8-12 & 1-4.

Daily Readings
1st/2nd READING  PSALM  GOSPEL
12/23 Micah 5:1-4/ Hebrews 10:5-10 Ps 80:2,3,15-19 Lk 1:39-45
Christmas Eve
Christmas Day
12/26 Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59 Ps 31:3,4,6,8,16,17 Mt 10:17-22
12/27 1 John 1:1-4 Ps 97:1,2,5,6,11,12 Jn 20:1-8
12/28 1 John 1:5-2:2 Ps 124:2-8 Mt 2:13-18
12/29 1 John 2:3-11 Ps 96:1-6 Lk 2:22-35
Feast of Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
12/30 1 Samuel 1:20-22,24- Ps 84:2-6,9,10 28/ 1 Jn 3:1,2,21-24 Lk 2:41-52

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The Very Reverend James Volkert, Pastor
The Reverend Carlos Zapata, Associate Pastor

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4:30 PM Mass (Church)
† Jerome Lois (Norene Lois)

12/30 Sunday
8:00 AM Mass (Church)
† Jim Martin (Friend of Family)
10:30 AM Mass (Church)
Living & deceased members of St. Mary Parish
A Message from Fr. Jim . . .

Once again we find ourselves at that time of the year when we pause from our very hectic, busy lives to rejoice in the Birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. In a special way at Christmas we renew our faith in God's wonderful gift of Himself in the Incarnation.

This is also the time of year for renewing relationships and praying for peace among all people. I pray that this Holy Season may be a time of love and joy in all of our families and with all of our friends and relatives. May we always give thanks to God for the gift of making Himself known to us through those that we love.

I personally want to thank you, my dear parishioners, for the love, care and concern you show to your parish priests. In this day and age, when so many are ready to criticize and find fault, I want to thank you for the support you've shown us. I'm very proud to be serving our Tri-parish Community!

As we celebrate the Birthday of our Lord, the King of Peace, may God bless you abundantly with the joys of His kingdom.

Merry Christmas!
Father Jim Volkert

Weekly Podcast about the Gospel
Two Guys and a Gospel is produced by the Archdiocese. This free podcast is posted every Wednesday at 10 a.m. prior to the upcoming Sunday Gospel. “Exhorting them in many other ways, he preached good news to the people.” — Luke 3:18

“What should we do?” What a great question we’re confronted with as we try to bring more people to Jesus Christ.” “John the Baptist brings baptism of change, of conversation – a baptism of cleansing and water – but Jesus will come and bring a baptism of the Holy Spirit.” — Fr. Ricardo

Baptism gives us a mission, we need to embrace the call of conversion, and the adventure of discipleship is unpredictable. As we approach Gaudete Sunday, there is much to reflect on in this week’s NEW episode of Two Guys and a Gospel.

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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!

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

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.
Financial Peace University
Planning for the future is hard when you’re still paying for the past! Listen—there’s a better way! Join the Financial Peace University group by Dave Ramsey, and we’ll learn how to beat debt and make a plan for the future . . . together! Interested? Classes will start Tuesday January 22nd @ 6:30pm. 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! Just imagine the impact we could have on the community if we were all debt-free! Marriages and families would be strengthened. People would be freed up to be outrageously generous. This kind of hope will ignite change in our entire community!

Thank you to all of you who continue to make contributions to the upkeep of our adoration chapel. May God bless you this Christmas and always!

Baptisms at Immaculate Conception
The following people were baptized here at St. Mary’s. We welcome them into our faith community and congratulate their families:
Lincoln Eggert
Cora O’Dea
Theodore Lewis
David Kowalski
Nora Calkins
Jameson Dyer
Isaac Kerkman
Hattie Beck

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

Fish Fry Advertising Coordinator Needed
We are looking for help advertising our Fish Fries. If you are able to coordinate advertising, please contact Bob Schiltz at bschiltz9@gmail.com or 262-248-5768.

CCHS Athletic Benefit Calendars
2019 Athletic Benefit Calendars are now available for $20 each. 365 prizes valued from $20 to $125, with drawings held monthly throughout the year. It is possible to win multiple prizes. Calendars make great Christmas gifts!! Calendars may be purchased at the CCHS and St. Mary Parish offices, or contact pspiegelhoff@cchsnet.org. Thank You.

Human Concerns Advent Project
Goal: $9,177 for a truckload of rice
Donations to date: $655.00
God Bless you for your generosity!
A final report of our collective efforts will be made soon.

Homebound Catholics
Homebound Catholics unable to attend Christmas Mass at their parish this year may tune in to one of the following stations for a full, eager and enthusiastic congregation. Please note: For those who can get to church, the TV/radio liturgy will not meet the Mass obligation.

Tuesday, December 25, 2018
Relevant Radio – 100.1 FM/1640 AM, 6 a.m., 2 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.
WCGV-TV, Channel 24, 9 a.m.
WISN, Channel 12, 12 a.m.
(Midnight Mass at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, Milwaukee, with closed captioning)
The Big 920 AM, 9 a.m.

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!
Officer Jodi from the Burlington Police Department met with the 7th and 8th graders to talk about making healthy decisions for themselves and specifically the dangers associated with vaping - a very dangerous habit to start.

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 Coppennoll, 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
- First Lieutenant Jacob Schiltz, U.S. Marine Corps
- Devon J. Selz, U.S. Navy
- Second Lieutenant Kyle Smith, U.S. Air Force

Pledge Drive Update: Total sent out 1,052; -Pledge cards returned 276; 26% returned with an increased pledge 59%.
-Time and Talent forms returned 284
Please return your pledge cards as soon as possible. Thank you.

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

St. Vincent de Paul
The Thrift Store needs 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.

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.

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. **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 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 January 6th bulletin it is 4 PM 12/27.

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

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**Parish Staff Directory (262) 763-1500**

Fr. Jim Volkert (Pastor); Fr. Carlos Zapata (Associate Pastor); Deacon Anton Nickolai, Susanne Snyder (Director of Music); Sue Vranz (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

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

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

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**Christmas Minister Schedule**

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**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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**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 the health and safety of our brothers & sisters in Uganda.