

# Welcome to Immaculate Conception (St. Mary) Parish

## 2nd Sunday of Advent

108 McHenry Street • Burlington • WI 53105  
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Fr. Yamid Blanco, Associate Pastor

DECEMBER 6, 2015

*John went throughout the whole region of the Jordan,  
proclaiming a baptism of repentance  
for the forgiveness of sins.*

Luke 3:3



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## *Holiday of Obligation Tuesday, December 8th*

Mass on the feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be at

**9:30 a.m. in the Gym**

with Catholic Central High School, and St. Charles & St. Mary grade schools

(Parking available on the playground)

We will also celebrate Mass at 8:30 AM at St. Charles and at 7 PM at St. Joseph on 12/08.

## JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

### December 8, 2015-November 20, 2016

#### Opening Mass Tuesday, December 8th at 5:15 PM

The Opening Mass will be held at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, 812 N. Jackson Street. Archbishop ListECKI will formally open the Year of Mercy with a proclamation and a blessing of the Cathedral "Holy Door." The Mass will begin with a beautiful song commissioned for the Year of Mercy.



#### **2015 Saint Nick Breakfast this Sunday, December 6th 8:00 AM to Noon in the Cafeteria**

Adults \$8. Seniors \$6. Children \$5. 3 and under free. All you can eat pancakes, eggs, bacon, sausage, potatoes, pastries and beverages. Pictures with Santa 8:30-11. Performance by Nutcracker dancers from Toe to Toe Ballet School. Crafts for the kids!

## Mass Intentions

### 12/07 Monday St. Ambrose

8:30 AM Mass (Church) 8:00 AM Rosary  
Deceased members of the George Uhlenhake  
Family (Helen Schaefer)

† Virginia Menier (MM)

### 12/08 Tuesday Holy Day of Obligation

8:30 AM Mass (St. Charles)

9:35 AM Mass (Gym)

† John Ketterhagen (Jim & Betty Uhen)

7:00 PM Mass (St. Joseph)

### 12/09 Wednesday St. Juan Diego

8:30 AM Mass (St. Charles) 8:00 AM Rosary

### 12/10 Thursday

8:30 AM Mass (St. Charles) 8:00 AM Rosary

### 12/11 Friday St. Damasus I

8:30 AM Mass (Church) 8:00 AM Rosary

† Father James Duffy (Fr. Jim Volkert)

† Betty Garofalo (WM)

† Mary Sevick (WM)

### Thir Sunday of Advent

### 12/12 Saturday Our Lady of Guadalupe

4:30 PM Mass (Church)

Living and Deceased Members of St. Mary Parish

### 12/13 Sunday

8:00 AM Mass (Church)

† Helen Barnard (Lysbeth Hintz)

10:30 AM Mass (Church)

† Deb Rausch (Jane Robers)

## This Week at Saint Mary Catholic Church

### 12/07 Monday

- 8:30 AM Mass (Church) 8:00 AM Rosary
- Noon-9:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel)
- 6:30 PM Stewardship/Marketing Comm. Mtg. (HH)

### 12/08 Tuesday Holy Day of Obligation

#### Immaculate Conception of the Blessed

#### Virgin Mary

- 8:30 AM Mass (St. Charles)
- 9:35 AM Mass (Gym)
- 9:00 AM-9:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel)
- 3:30 PM Campus Technology Comm. Mtg. (RMR)
- 7:00 PM Mass (St. Joseph)

### 12/09 Wednesday

- 6:00 AM "That Man is You" (St. Sebastian Room)
- 8:30 AM Mass (St. Charles) 8:00 AM Rosary
- 9:00 AM-9:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel)
- 6:00 PM Rosary (Chapel)
- 6:30 PM Human Concerns Comm. Mtg. (HH)

### 12/10 Thursday

- 8:30 AM Mass (St. Charles) 8:00 AM Rosary
- 6:30 Adult Choir (Church)

### 12/11 Friday

- 8:30 AM Mass (Church) 8:00 AM Rosary

### Third Sunday of Advent

### 12/12 Saturday

- 3:30 PM Reconciliation (Chapel)
- 4:30 PM Mass (Church)

### 12/13 Sunday

- 8:00 AM Mass (Church)
- 8:30 AM RCIA (St. Sebastian Room)
- 9:15 AM Religious Education Program (School)
- 10:30 AM Mass (Church)

## Visitation/Communion Schedule

**Hospital** 12/12-13 Mary Norgaard

12/19-20 Brenda Hannula

Mon: Ellen Voslar Wed: Cheryl Theigs Fri: Bob Zarek

### **Burlington Rehab & Care**

Week: 12/6 —

**Monday Arbor View** Shary Charlier Communion Visits

**Tuesday Pine Brook** (11 AM) Homebound Team,  
Sr. Emma

**Tuesday Lakeland** (1:30); **Arbor View MC** (3:15) &

**Wednesday: Riverview** (10:30) Homebound Team

**Wednesday: BRC Center** (3:15 PM):

Annette Kempken, Bob Zarek, Mary Lou Kretschmer

**St. Mary Parish: 262.763.1500**

St. Mary Preschool: 262.763.1501

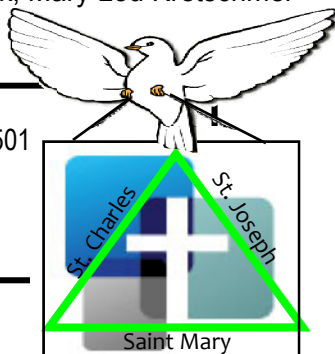
St. Mary School:

225 W. State Street 763-1515

Catholic Central High School:

763.1510 -148 McHenry St.

After hours emergency priest  
phone: (262) 210-9588



Office Hours: Mon.-Fri. 8-12 & 1-4 .

## Daily Readings

	<u>1st/2nd READING</u>	<u>PSALM</u>	<u>GOSPEL</u>
<b>Second Sunday of Advent</b>			
12/06	Baruch 5:1-9/ Philippians 1:4-6,8-11	Ps 126:1-6	Luke 3:1-6
12/07	Isaiah 35:1-10	Ps 85:9-14	Luke 5:17-26
<b>Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>			
12/08	Genesis 3:9-15,20/ Ephesians 1:3-6,11,12	Ps 98:1-4	Luke 1:26-38
12/09	Isaiah 40:25-31	Ps 103:1-4,8,10	Matt 11:28-30
12/10	Isaiah 41:13-20	Ps 145L1,9-13b	Matt 11:11-15
12/11	Isaiah 48:17-19	Ps 1:1-4,6	Matt 11:16-19
12/12	Revelation 11:19a;12:1- 6a,10 ab	Judith 13:18,19	Luke 1:39-47
<b>Third Sunday of Advent</b>			
12/13	Zephaniah 3:14-18a/ Philippians 4:4-7	Isaiah 12:2-6	Luke 3:10-18

## A Message from Fr. Jim . . .



### *“Jubilee Year of Mercy”*

As you have probably heard by now Pope Francis has declared an Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy. This Holy Year of Mercy will begin December 8, 2015, the feast of the Immaculate Conception and the 50th anniversary of the closing of the Second Vatican Council. It will close November 20, 2016, the Feast of Christ the King. This year’s motto is “Merciful Like the Father.”

Recently there was an insert from the Archdiocese regarding the Year of Mercy and suggestions on how we might celebrate the year. I hope you had a chance to read it and perhaps decide on how you and your family might participate. Ideally, Pope Francis is calling on all of us to put into practice in an even more emphatic way the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. A prayer card describing these Works and a Year of Mercy Prayer by Pope Francis is available this weekend in church. Please feel free to take as many of these prayer cards as you like and distribute them to family and friends.

In addition to our focus on the Works of Mercy the Church invites us to experience the mercy and forgiveness of God through the Sacrament of Reconciliation and to think about extending mercy and forgiveness to those who have hurt us in the past by their words or actions. It is very appropriate that we begin the Year of Mercy during the Season of Advent for this can be for us a season of grace and peace. These weeks of Advent are an invitation to set things right with God and with one another. The imagery presented to us through the writings of the Prophet Isaiah 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 sometime 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 we are. 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.

It is my sincere hope that the Year of Mercy will be a period of grace for each of us; a period of grace to realize and accept God's unconditional mercy, forgiveness and love in our lives, and to share that gift of mercy, forgiveness and love with one another. There will be much more coming regarding our celebration of this special year but in the mean time I invite you to visit the following websites for more information:  
[www.archmil.org/](http://www.archmil.org/) [www.usccb.org/](http://www.usccb.org/) [www.iubilaeummisericordiae.va](http://www.iubilaeummisericordiae.va)

God bless you always!  
Fr. Jim Volkert

An **Advent Communal Reconciliation Service** will be held on Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Annual Adopt-A-Family Program Information

Don't forget to return **unwrapped** gifts with the ornament attached (if not attached, it can not be delivered) by **December 8th**.

## Living Rosary Dec. 12 at 4:30 at St. Joseph

This will take place at St. Joseph in Lyons. Mass is at 5:00, so the rosary must start promptly at 4:40. If you want to take part in this special event, please arrive around 4:30. If you can't stand for the entire rosary, feel free to sit down after reciting your "bead." Please try to help make this a prayerful experience. If you have questions, please call Julie Koenen at 763-2390.

## Senior Transportation in Burlington Area

SENIORS, PUT "SPARC" IN YOUR LIFE!

If you are in need of transportation in Burlington and into some of the outlying regions of Racine Co., you may be interested in the following:

Call SPARC (Shuttling People Around Racine County). SPARC is an affordable transportation service designed primarily for active Racine County Seniors, making it convenient to get to appointments, needed services, volunteer opportunities, and special events in the community, or just to go shopping or visiting with family and friends. Demand-response Customized trips are given between 8-9 am and 3-4 pm, Monday through Saturday. The shuttle runs on a regular route, but may allow you to board and stop at other nearby locations. Fees are \$2.00 one way, \$3.00 round trip and \$5.00 all day unlimited use. There is also a discounted Pass for purchase. (Not wheelchair accessible.) You may call 262.412.8641 for more information, or call Cheryl Theigs at the St. Mary Parish office (763.1500 x 507) to have a brochure sent to you.

## We are collecting items for Seminarians

Could you help our Knights and fellow Seminarians out by donating items to this worthy cause. Collection boxes will be at all the entrances/exits of Church starting December 12th through the 20th.

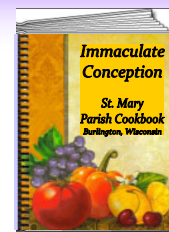
Any items you think a young gentleman serving God would appreciate are acceptable. What is needed are gas cards, gift cards, phone cards, toiletries-toothbrush, dental floss, shampoo, deodorant, soap, shaving supplies or other consumable items, wash cloths, towels, winter hats, gloves, office supplies-journal, notebooks, pens, pencils, to name a few.

Please pray for the health & safety of our brothers & sisters at our twinning parish St. Joseph in Uganda.

## Parish Ornaments and Cookbooks for Sale



\$12 Each  
2 or more \$10  
Each



Now  
Available in the  
Rectory Office.

## Free Calendars Available in Church

Free 2016 church calendars are available at the entrances of church. Please take one home with you. Thank you to our sponsors who cover the cost of these: Family Vision and Contact Lens Centers  
Reesman's Excavating  
Burlington Family Chiropractic  
Lynch Chevrolet, Buick, GMC

## Christmas Memorial Cards

Christmas Memorial cards and envelopes are available in the pews in church. If you would like to remember a loved one with a memorial, please use the envelopes provided. Please return by Sunday, December 13th. Thank you.

## Family Lighting of our Advent Wreath

Please sign your family up to help light the Advent Wreath. We need one family for each Mass to process up with the priest. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of church.

## Christmas Caroling

Do you know anyone who is in need of some extra Christmas cheer this holiday season? We have a small group that visits some of our homebound parishioners and will bring them a little Christmas joy with the songs of the season. If you or someone that you know of would like to join us or receive a visit from some Christmas elves, please email name, address & phone to [suzanne.nickolai@gmail.com](mailto:suzanne.nickolai@gmail.com) or call Suzanne at (262) 210-6697. Help us bring Christ's love to those that need some extra joy!

## LIFE TEEN NEWS:

Our next LifeTeen Mass & Life Night and Confirmation class is Sunday, Dec. 6. All welcome to join us for our 5:00 Mass, followed by our Life Night for all high-schoolers. A Look Ahead: Dec. 20-Mass at 5:00 followed by our Life Night and Confirmation Class. For details, go to [Lifeteenburlingtonwi.weebly.com](http://Lifeteenburlingtonwi.weebly.com). Questions? Email [triparishlifeteen@gmail.com](mailto:triparishlifeteen@gmail.com)

or call Jim & Kathy  
Martin 262-203-6994



## Tri-Parish Holiday Social

Join us Dec. 12 at St. Joseph for an evening of entertainment! Cocktail Hour 6 PM. Hors d'oeuvres 6:30 PM. Entertainment 7:30-8:45 PM. Dessert & Social 9-10 PM. \$10 a person. Seating limited to 150, call Dan & Rachelle Haacker, 262.723.3875.

## CCHS Athletic Benefit Calendars

2016 Athletic Benefit Calendars are now available for \$20 each. Calendars may be purchased at the CCHS and St. Mary Parish offices, as well as the following Burlington businesses: Ketter's Flooring, Richter's Market Place, Webley Chiropractic Clinic, Burlington Lumber, and Fred's Parkview.

## Christmas Masses

In order to help you plan your holiday schedule, here are the Mass times at the three parishes.

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

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

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

## Franciscan Friars Celebration in Burlington

Invite you to praise the Most High God with us as we inaugurate the **Year of Mercy** proclaimed by Pope Francis and begin the celebration of the 800<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the **Portiuncula Pardon** (Indulgence)

**Sunday, Dec. 13: 1:00 p.m. Confessions**

**3:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist of Sunday**

Celebrant: Fr. Jim Gannon, OFM

Preacher: Fr. Joachim (Kim) Studwell, OFM

**Confessions following Mass**

Chapel of St. Francis Friary, 2457 Browns Lake Dr.



## Birthday Blessings

Please join us as we wish Happy Birthday to **Ruth Stelling** who is celebrating her 90th birthday at the 10:30 AM Mass on December 6th.

## Young Adult Silent Retreat

**Duc in Altum Young Adult Silent Retreat December 18, 19, 20 at St. Francis de Sales Seminary in St. Francis.** This is a discernment retreat for young adult men ages 18-35. For more information and to RSVP, please call Carla Dal Santo at the Vocation Office at 414.747.6437 or visit us at [www.thinkpriest.org](http://www.thinkpriest.org)

**Announcements After Mass:** The deadline for deadline for pulpit announcements is Noon on Fridays. Please send requests to [ssmith@stmb.org](mailto:ssmith@stmb.org) so they may be approved by Father Jim.

## 2016 Stewardship Drive

**Please Return Your Completed 2016 Stewardship Renewal Forms:** Please do your very best for our parish. The Time/Talent Sign-up Forms and the Financial Stewardship Renewal Forms were mailed to your home earlier this month. Additional forms are available in the Rectory Office. Thank you for all you do to keep our parish vibrant and active. Your generosity of time, talent and treasure help make this a thriving parish.

## Parish Fruit, Sausage, Cheese and Nut Sale

Don't forget to pick up the items you ordered on December 12th from 8-11:30 AM in the cafeteria.

## 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

Caroline, Bill & Peter  
Coppernoll

Jim & Beth Graves,  
U.S. Air Force,

James Graves,  
U.S. Air Force,

Cpl. Benjamin Hall,  
Cpl. Robert J. Hintz,

U.S. Marine Corps  
Steven Kojis,

U.S. Air Force  
Kyle Kresken, U.S.

Army ElPaso, TX  
Toby May, Spc. Army

National Guard  
Gregory A. Roberts,

U.S. Army

Devon J. Seitz, U.S.  
Navy

Staff Sergeant Kyle  
Smith, U.S. Air Force

Jacob A. Thorpe,  
Private, US Marine

Corp, Infantry  
Sergeant Brandon

Wiskes, U.S. Marines  
Corporal Dustin Wiskes,

U.S. Marines

## In Loving Memory

We wish to extend our sympathy to the family and friends of **Betty Garofalo and Mary Sevick**. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

## Help Wanted

**HELP WANTED: MAINTENANCE PERSON AT ST. JOSEPH PARISH - LYONS:** Would you like to work just 6 - 9 hours per week and make your own schedule! Duties are change light bulbs & furnace filters. empty dehumidifiers & trash, clean bathrooms, wax & polish floors and set up tables/chairs for events, trim shrubs, remove weeds, clean gutters. Be able to climb ladders and lift moderately heavy objects. Please call the St. Joseph parish office at 763-2050 for more information. Apply in person Tues, Wed. & Thurs between 9:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

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

### Pastoral Council Members

**Pam Aldrich** (Secretary, 716-6324), **Brian Daniel** (763-7317), **Susan Gutschow** (763-0979), **Katherine Lavieri** (Vice-Chairperson, 414-379-5577); **Les Mastalir** (763 - 3426); **Terri Newbury** (Trustee, 763-6317); **Bob Riggs** (763-6074); **Barbara Scherrer** (Chairperson, 763-7518); **Jim Schuster** (Trustee, 763-0897); **Jim Sember** (763-0001); **Randy Tritz** (763-4306).

**Finance Council Members** Stacy Alan, Dan Creek (Chairperson), Loretta Jackson, Les Mastalir, Jim Schuster, Tim Spiegelhoff & Fr. Jim Volkert.

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.

### Stewardship Report from 11/22

Amount collected 11/22 from 131 envelopes	\$8,603.75
Add'l Parish Pay from 6 contributors	350.00
Offertory	747.83
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$9,701.58</b>
Amount Given Fiscal Year to Date	\$321,888.49
Amount Budgeted to Date (21 weeks)	-\$554,423.07
<b>Difference</b>	<b>-\$232,534.58</b>
Amount Budgeted for fiscal year (52 weeks)	\$930,000.00
Amount still needed for fiscal year	608,111.51
Amount needed per week to reach budget (31 weeks)	<b>\$19,616.50</b>

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

**Fr. Jim Volkert** (Pastor); **Fr. Yamid Blanco** (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); **Carolyn Kysely** (Preschool Director), **Margie Robers** (Director of Religious Education); **Jim & Kathy Martin** Youth Ministry (Life Teen).

**Please Call Us** If you are at the hospital, shut-in, or homebound and would like Communion, please call 763-1500.

### Stewardship and Debt Reduction Report

Amount collected 11/30 from 161 envelopes	\$19,614.07
Add'l Parish Pay from 9 contributors	564.55
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$20,178.62</b>
Outreach for 11/30/2015	\$1,678.19
Amount Given Fiscal Year to Date	\$341,716.61
Amount Budgeted to Date (22 weeks)	-\$393,461.64
<b>Difference</b>	<b>-51,745.03</b>
Amount Budgeted for fiscal year (52 weeks)	\$930,000.00
Amount still needed for fiscal year	588,283.39
Amount needed per week to reach budget (30 weeks)	<b>\$19,609.45</b>
<b>Parish Debt Reduction</b>	
Goal	\$650,000.00
Amount Collected through 11/30/15 from 431 families	\$522,653.78
Amount still needed	\$127,346.22

**Our Mission Statement:** Immaculate Conception (St. Mary) Parish, established in 1838, is a welcoming Eucharistic community that celebrates the sacraments, provides lifelong formation in a living faith and serves all with respect and loving generosity.

Ministers	Sat. 4:30 PM Dec. 12	Sunday 8:00 Dec. 13	Sun. 10:30 Dec. 13	USHERS
Greeters: McHenry N McHenry S	Voslar Heck	Abernethy Raboine	Impens Tenhagen	<b>4:30 PM</b> - Eric Daniels, Matt Daniels, Ralph Heck, Glenn Lois, Gerald Weber
Servers	B. Tweet A. Boettcher E. Boettcher	A. Brahm E. Brahm L. Brahm	S. Pedone M. Ward B. Wright	
Bread 1 Bread 2 Bread 3 Cup 1 Cup 2	Bob Grandi Jennifer Grandi Darlene Geiser Mary Schmitz Kathryn Siebenaller	Norma Roanhouse Deb Glessner Tim Wegge Bud Milroy Di Wiemer	Doreen Vande Velde Anton Nickolai Carrie Reesman Paul Dujardin DyAnna Dujardin	<b>8:00 AM</b> - Dan Creek, Andrew & Kathy Dorn, Joyce & Les Mastalir, Tim Vos, Joe Aldrich
Lector Lector	1 M. Dawson 2 R. Schmitz	D. Tully J. Sember	E. Nadolski M. Majewski	<b>10:30</b> R. Reesman, Mary/Ralph Rice, Judy Correll, Chad Novasic, Aaron Reesman

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