Saints Mary & John the Baptist

Where Your Faith Journey Is Strengthened
Two Parishes - One Faith

St. John the Baptist
516 De Pere Street
Menasha, WI 54952

Pastor
Reverend Paul Paider

St. Mary
528 Second Street
Menasha, WI 54952

Welcome to our parishes!

Parish Office - 725-7714
528 Second Street
Monday - Friday 8 am - 3:30 pm

Parish Website
www.menashacatholicparishes.org

Social Media
Search for "St. Mary & St. John Parishes"

St. Mary Elementary School
725-5351 ***www.smcatholicschools.org***

Liturgical Celebrations

	St. Mary	St. John
Saturday	5:30 pm **	4:00 pm
Sunday	10:30 am	9:00 am**
Tuesday	8:10 am	
Wednesday	-	7:30 am
Thursday	-	7:30 am
Friday	8:10 am	

** Ad Orientem Mass

Reconciliation
St. Mary - Tuesday and Friday 7:45 - 8 am
St. John - Saturday 3 - 3:45 pm
Wednesday and Thursday 7 - 7:15 am

Our Mission:
To focus on the Eucharist as the source of our foundation and have the commitment to Strengthen our Faith Journey through the sacraments, continued prayer, education and service with the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Support
YTD Weekly Collections

	SM	SJ
Budget	$ 345,304	$ 211,208
Recv'd	$ 353,921	$ 216,692
Surplus/ (Deficit)	**$ 8,617**	**$ 5,484**

Weekly Collection - SM

ACH-	$ 2,459
We Share -	$ 1,805
IRA Contributions -	$ 0
Envelopes -	$ 4,167
TOTAL -	**$ 8,431**

Weekly Collection - SJ

ACH-	$ 1,859
We Share -	$ 257
IRA Contributions -	$ 500
Envelopes -	$ 4,068
TOTAL -	**$ 6,684**

If mailing your weekly envelope - please use the parish office address - 528 2nd St, Menasha, WI 54952 Thank you!

Please contact:
SM - Gladys Hansen at 920-720-2190
SJ - Wendy Fischer at 920-843-8314

Our group is made up of volunteers from all across the Fox Valley. We advocate for life from conception to natural death. We touch on many issues surrounding life, seeking to educate and support (both physically and spiritually).

Join us! We meet at St. Gabriel Parish, 900 Geiger St, Neenah, on the first Monday of most months. Rosary at 5:30 pm. Meeting starts 6:00 pm. All are welcome to our meetings. While you don't need to be Catholic, we do follow Catholic Social teaching on life issues.

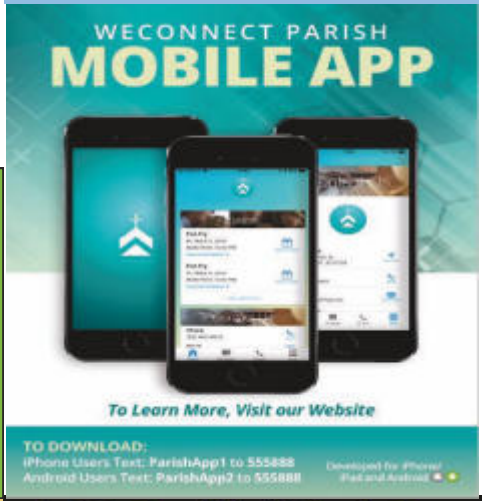
Questions?
Email: nmrespectlife@gmail.com
Facebook page: **Fox Valley Respect Life**

Our 2021 Bishops Appeal Status 2/23/2021

St. Mary - $46,088
Received - $35,150 (68)

St. John the Baptist - $27,771
Received - $9,840 (52)

Our Parish bulletin is available at Mass, on our Parish Website or by using the Parish App!



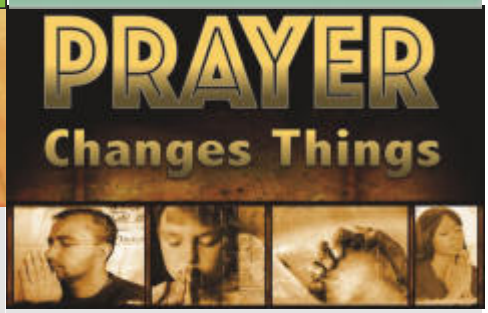
Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday, March 2
8:10 am SM L/D Spencer Thomas Family
Wednesday, March 3
7:30am SJ Anne Field
Thursday, March 4
7:30 am SJ L/D Grude Family
Friday, March 5
8:10 am SM Terry Derfus
Saturday, March 6
4pm SJ John Swiechowski
5:30pm SM Terry Koch
Sunday, March 7
9 am SJ L/D of St. Mary and St. John the Baptist
10:30am SM Henseler Family Special Intention

Please join us in praying for the following and all who are ill or otherwise in need of prayer in our parishes:

Mary Stanczak, Lois Dahl, Ruth Lachapell, Fred D., Joe D., Nancy Coonen, Ken K., Peg K, Sandy K., Dan Pedersen, Bruce B., Anna N., Joan Jenson, Carol Harp, Darwin Johnson, Jean Ross, John Ahles, Joseph and Margaret Reidel, Rose Lewis, Susan Marx, Paul Weber, Parker Frey, Patrick Susor, Cecile Lingnowski

To add a name to the prayer list call: (920) 725-7714. *We will keep names on the list for five weeks and will republish names at your request.*



Will You Pray with Us?

Join the Parish Staff in prayer this week for:
Parish Finance Councils
Dennis & Lois Manderfield
Sandy MacDonald

Phone Prayer Chain
When in need of immediate prayers:
St. Mary - call Mary at 725-1412
Peggy at 725-8084
St. John - call Carol at 725-2512
Sandy at 725-8730

LITURGICAL LIFE

RESPONDING to the Call

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

When Sacrifice Becomes Mundane

It seems to happen every year, like clockwork: we drag a bit, as we enter into the second week of Lent. On Ash Wednesday, we feel a bit like soldiers banging our shields, rushing into battle. "We're ready, God!" our hearts cry out. "Transform us through sacrifice! Your will be done!"

But by now, these Lenten resolutions are no longer novelties — they've joined the ranks of everyday inconveniences, which somehow are the hardest to bear. Because transformation, in real life, happens in inches, just as a battle is won slowly in the crash of one sword against another. It's not always a dramatic thing, to the naked eye. It's the perseverance in prayer despite weariness, or the continual denial of some pleasure even though there's that nagging voice in our minds saying: go ahead, God doesn't really mind.

It's a week when we all need a shock to the system — and wouldn't you know it, this Sunday God gives us a double-whammy of dramatic sacrificial scenes. We picture Abraham, who also cried "Ready!" when God called, never imagining what He would ask: the surrender of his long-awaited son. We see Christ himself transfigured, as God shows us what He is ready to give up for love of us.

We must remain committed, persevering daily in acknowledging that everything belongs to God. What we sacrifice, we simply give back to Him.

If God is for us, who can be against us? Can we still reply, "Ready!" when we hear the call of God?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Important Faith Formation and Youth Ministry Dates:

Faith Formation classes continue to be in-person please check your email and our Parish Facebook Page regularly for updates.

March 3 –	Class , Core Team
March 6 –	Middle School Lenten Lock-In
March 10 –	Class, Core Team
March 17 –	Class, Confirmation Class #11 and Family Night of Reconciliation, Core Team
March 19-20 –	High School Retreat at Mt. Tabor Center
March 24 -	Class and Stations of the Cross Core Team

Faith Formation Corner

We are all called to witness to others, to serve others. Our Lord commanded of us, "[19] Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, [20] and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. **And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."** – Matthew 28:19-20

Christ may seemingly call us to the difficult or the impossible, but He reminds us that He will be with us ALWAYS. As people who are called to "make disciples" and be the "Hands and Feet of Christ", we need to look toward each other with compassion and to witness Christ's love toward one another. In our incredibly broken world, we know that everyone longs for hope. The youth of our parish can attest to this, and want to share His hope and love through serving on a mission trip this summer.

In this and the upcoming weeks we will be sharing photos and short biographies with you of our young missionaries! If you are in grades 8-12 and interested in coming on mission trip with us, please contact me for more information! The dates of our trip are June 5-13. You are all in my prayers.

United in Christ,
Bethany Doll
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(920)725-7714 ext 424

Like Us on Facebook to see our pictures, activities and announcements posted there!

www.facebook.com/MenashaCatholicParishes

Be sure to Like and Follow our page, we crossed a milestone and have over 600 likes and over 700 people following!! Then be sure to **SHARE** our posts and events so that your friends see them!

ALSO - Check out our Website!
Menashacatholicparishes.org

Young Missionaries Spotlight

Hello, my name is Zachary Joseph and I am a senior at Appleton North High School. I'm 18 years old and enjoy mathematics, biology, and running. I hope to work as a physician after attending college. This will be my first time on a mission trip. I hope to go on this mission trip to learn how I can live out my faith in my actions and how to make a real difference in the world. I also hope to make some great memories on this trip and learn more about other regions of the country. I also hope to learn about the needs of others and how to reply to them so that I may better find and respond to these needs in my own life and in my future career.

Mary: Madonna, Mother and Miracles

Mary occupies a special place in the salvation of the world and in Catholic belief. Join us as we come to celebrate the life of the Mother of God, learn about her divine Son and discover her role in our lives.
Monday Evenings at 6pm Mar. 1, 8, 15 & 22 at St. Mary in Msgr Hummel Hall. All are welcome to this Lenten Study.

St. Mary & St. John the Baptist Catholic Parishes

$25,000 Cash Raffle!

Only 750 Tickets Sold!

Drawing Saturday, May 1, 2021
7:00 PM Livestreamed on Facebook Page
St. Mary Gymnasium — 528 Second St. Menasha, WI 54952

Ticket Price: $100
Ticket can be split four ways

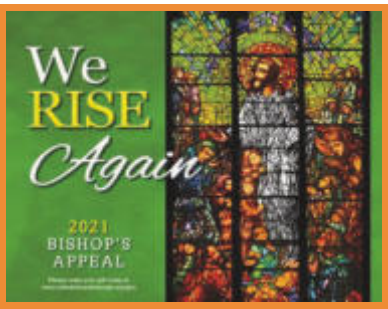
$15,000 Grand Prize
2nd - 3rd. $2,500
4th - 5th $1,000
6th - 7th. $500
8th - 11th. $250
12th - 16th. $200
If fewer than 500 tickets sold there will be one 50/50 winner drawn

*Purchase Tickets in Parish Office using Cash, Check, or Credit Card **
** paid through WeShare - menashacatholicparisheswi.weshareonline.org*

pillars

On February 18th St. Mary/St. John parishes provided the evening meal at the homeless shelter in Appleton. On a cold winter night, the warm food was much appreciated. Thanks to the servers: Jo Ellyn & James Scheuers, Debbie & Mike Spielbauer, Dave Berens and Barb & Evan Unruh. Also a big thank you to those who provided the food: Kathy Gallow, Alice Peeters, Jo Ellyn Scheuers and a donor who assisted monetarily. Stay tuned for our March date. Is it your time to help feed the homeless??

Did you know you can make an **IRA charitable rollover**? If you are 72 or older, you can make a charitable gift up to $100,000 from your IRA. Your gift will qualify for your required minimum distribution and you will not have to pay federal income tax on the amount given directly from your IRA to charity. Please consider a gift to St. Mary and St. John the Baptist Parishes or St. Mary Catholic Schools.
For more information please contact your IRA administrator or tax adviser. You may also call Steve Siegel or Carmen Le Duc at (920) 725-7714.



"He was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white…" Mark 9:2-3

Dear Friends,
This weekend we hear the Gospel reading about the Transfiguration of Jesus. Jesus leads Peter, James, and John up a mountain where they witness the amazing Transfiguration of Jesus, their teacher. Time and again, Jesus teaches and inspires His disciples, and proves through many miraculous events that He is the Son of God - which God literally tells them at the transfiguration. Teachers have the ability to inspire and motivate children. Educators in our schools and religious education programs light a fire in the hearts of our children so they might know and love Jesus. When they share the Gospel with children they are teaching them to know and love Christ. Through Him, *We Rise Again!*
Thanks in part to the Bishop's Appeal, we have meaningful programs to teach, resources to train educators and quality curriculum. Through these programs we engage youth on their faith journey, so they too can grow in their friendship with Jesus.
Please make your gift today. Contact our parish office, use the pledge card you received at home, or visit the Bishop's Appeal website at www.catholicfoundationgb.org/give to make your gift. Thank you for your gift to the Bishop's Appeal and for your support of St. Mary and St. John the Baptist.

God bless you all,
Father Paul

The Twin Cities Perpetual Adoration Chapel is for Everyone!

Parishioners from our five parishes and beyond commit to spending an hour in prayer throughout the day and night. The chapel is open 24 hours a day. There is a security code to enter and everyone is welcome. In order to get started and know more about how to have a special time with Our Lord please contact our parish representative, Russ Brumm. Russ will connect you with the computer program that makes it clear and easy to find out which *Open Hours* each week are in need of filling.

Our St. Mary and St. John parish representative is **Russ Brumm**. He can be reached at rjbrumm@gmail.com or (920) 358-8581.

Missionaries for Our Children

SPIRITUS Missionaries Are Inspiring Our Youth

- SPIRITUS missionaries made an impact on your parish youth this year by inspiring them through a retreat and accompanying them on their path as they journey ever closer to Christ.
- The missionaries are young adults who give six days a week, nine months of the year to ignite the faith of our Catholic youth. In return, they are provided with room and board, health insurance, ministry and leadership formation, and a small stipend.
- SPIRITUS keeps retreats affordable for tight parish budgets so that they can inspire as many Catholic youth as possible, but these fees only cover approximately 30% of the actual costs associated with SPIRITUS. It's only possible for SPIRITUS missionaries to inspire your youth because of partners who give donations to support the missionaries and their mission.
- Please consider partnering with SPIRITUS through your prayers and financial support. We hope that you will join in this vital mission of the Church. Your gift will make a difference today for our Catholic youth and for years to come as we form future leaders for the Church.

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