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Administrator

Reverend Michael Lightner

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Welcome to our parishes!

Parish Office - 725-7714

528 Second Street

Monday - Thursday 8 am - 3:30 pm

Summer Hours - Friday 8am-12 Noon

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	7:30 am	-
Wednesday	7:00 pm	-
Thursday	-	7:30 am
Friday	-	7:00 pm

Reconciliation

St. Mary - Tuesday 7 - 7:25 am, 12-1 pm
Wednesday 12-1 pm and 6:30pm - 6:55 pm

St. John - Thursday 7 - 7:25 am, 12-1 pm
Friday 12-1 pm and 6:30 pm - 6:55 pm,
Saturday - 3-3:50 pm

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.



SUNDAY, JULY 18, 2021

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. - Mk 6:34



	Support YTD Weekly Collections	
	SM	SJ
Budget	\$ 20,648	\$ 12,547
Recv'd	\$ 14,877	\$ 12,249
Surplus/\$(Deficit)	\$ (5,771)	\$ (297)

Weekly Collection - SM	
ACH-	\$ 2,466
We Share -	\$ 1,196
IRA Contributions -	\$ 0
Envelopes -	\$ 4,602
TOTAL -	\$ 8,265

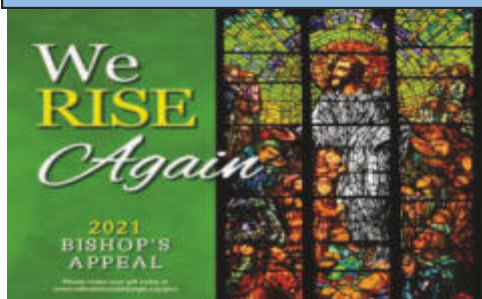
Weekly Collection - SJ	
ACH-	\$ 1,737
We Share -	\$ 1,330
IRA Contributions -	\$ 0
Envelopes -	\$ 3,565
TOTAL -	\$ 6,632

If you mail your weekly offering, please use the Parish Office Address—528 2nd St, Menasha 54952 Thank you!

Our next First Saturday Mass will be offered at St. Mary on August 7. Join us for Adoration and Confession beginning at 9am, followed by the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at 10 am. The *Five First Saturdays Devotion* is one of the principal points of the Fatima message. It centers on the urgent need for mankind to offer reparation and expiate for the many injuries that the Immaculate Heart of Mary suffers from the hands of both impious and indifferent men. **On the First Saturday during 5 Consecutive Months, the Devotion consists of:** 1. Going to Confession, 2. Receiving the Sacrament of Holy Communion, 3. Saying five decades of the Rosary, 4. Meditating for 15 minutes on the mysteries of the Rosary. *All this offered in REPARATION for the sins of blasphemy and ingratitude committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary.*



Father Michael is available for Confession as follows:
St. Mary - Tuesday 7 - 7:25 am, 12-1 pm Wednesday 12-1 pm and 6:30pm - 6:55 pm
St. John - Thursday 7 - 7:25 am, 12-1 pm
Friday 12-1 pm and 6:30 pm - 6:55 pm,
Saturday - 3-3:50 pm
He will also try to be available before all weekend Masses



Bishop's Appeal
St. John the Baptist -
\$27,771 - Goal
Received - \$23,535
\$4,236 Remaining
Help us close out the 2021 campaign!



Tuesday, July 20
 7:30am SM John P. Hubers
Wednesday, July 21
 7:00pm SM Healing in our Parishes
Thursday, July 22
 7:30am SJ Greg Ropella
Friday, July 23
 7:00pm SJ L/D Sell & Shierl Families
Saturday, July 24
 4 SJ Cliff & Loretta Johnson
 5:30 SM L/D of St. Mary and St. John the Baptist
Sunday, July 25
 9 SJ David Lee & Carey Lee
 10:30 SM Al & Bernice Tousignant

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

Mary Stanczak, Ruth Lachapell, Fred D., Nancy Coonen, Ken K., Peg K, Sandy K., Dan Pedersen, Bruce B., Anna N., Joan Jenson, Carol Harp, Jean Ross, Joseph and Margaret Reidel, Rose Lewis, Parker Frey, Cecile Lingnowski, Donna Mahoney, Victoria Welsh, Russ & Kirstie, Richard K., Terry Pryse, Jack H., Hannah S., Randy R., Jenny R.

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.*

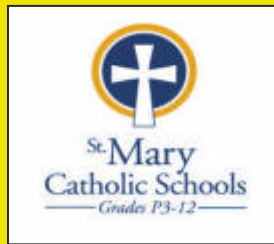
Will You Pray with Us?
 Join the Parish Staff in prayer this week for:

Summer Travelers
Patrick & Lori Apitz
Robert & Dyann Abel

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 993-1240
 Susan at 727-0956



Children, grades 1-8, can explore the wonder of flight at the SMCS STEM Club Fly-In on July 23. Register for a morning of learning, fun, and hands-on aviation educational activities at <https://tcces.ejoinme.org/MyPages/SMCSSTEMClubFlyIn2021>.



From July 22-24, enjoy a performance of "Into the Woods" by the Zephyrs Community Theater live in Jane's Woods at the middle/high school campus. Purchase tickets at www.smcsfinearts.org.

Register for the SMCS 2021-2022 school year for preschool-grade 12! For more information, to schedule a tour, or to enroll, visit gosmcs.com or contact Kelly Beisenstein-Weiss at kbweiss@smcatholicschools.org.



The Twin Cities Perpetual Adoration Chapel is for Everyone!

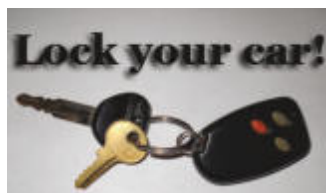
Parishioners from our five parishes and beyond commit to spending an hour in prayer throughout the day and night. The chapel is open 24 hours a day. There is a security code to enter and everyone is welcome. In order to get started and know more about how to have a special time with Our Lord please contact 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 rbrumm@gmail.com or (920) 358-8581.

The Parish Office has an ongoing need for 8-1/2 x 11, 20lb, bright white copy paper. We also have a need for :
Disinfecting Wipes
Facial Tissue
Your kind donations are truly appreciated.
Donations can be dropped off at the Parish Office.



A warning from the City of Menasha Police Department - while at Mass or at the Parish for other business, please be sure to always lock your car, hide your valuables and be sure your windows are rolled up, or only down a crack if needed. Be Smart!



Faith Formation Corner - "Sometimes on this journey, I get lost in my mistakes
What looks to me like weakness is a canvas for Your strength
And my story isn't over, my story's just begun
Failure won't define me 'cause that's what my Father does
Yeah, failure won't define me 'cause that's what my Father does"
~Lyrics from Cory Asbury's song, *The Father's House*

I have been listening to and reflecting on this song for over a month now. The lyrics are such a powerful reminder that our worth doesn't come through the things we do, but rather is rooted in the fact that we are beloved daughters and sons of the Father. Our heavenly Father defines you, He tells you that you are beautiful, that you are chosen and beloved.

I love the line that says, "What looks to me like weakness is a canvas for Your strength" I know I focus so much on my weaknesses and the things that I see as failures. I'm very critical of myself, and maybe you can relate. But I am always encouraged by this line, because it reminds me that God doesn't see me as I do. When we offer Him our weakness, it is then that He makes us strong and we can glorify Him through that.

It also reminds me that when we turn to God, He can show us the bigger picture, and what we are missing from our view. When we look through the eyes of God, He can show us just how beautiful we are, how beautiful our neighbors are - the ones we like and the ones we don't, and how God's perspective can change everything.

United in Christ,
Bethany Doll
(920)725-7714 ext 424, bdoll@smcatholicschools.org

Important Faith Formation and Youth Ministry Dates:

July 21 - **Middle School Hiking and Ice Cream Day at High Cliff State Park 1-5pm**

July 30-31 - **High School Camping Trip!**
Where: Kettle Moraine and Graceful Way Farm

August 14 - **Middle and High School Movie Night!**
Where: Behind St. Mary Elementary

You can sign up to join us for these events by going to our website, or joining our email list! Just email bdoll@smcatholicschools.org

The **Altar Flowers** beautify our sanctuaries and are a welcome offering to our worship. They can be given in thanksgiving to God for a family member's birthday, wedding anniversary, or other blessing. They can also given in memory of a departed loved one or friend. The cost for the altar flowers is \$60.00 per week at each parish (\$30 each for 2 arrangements.)

To maintain this beauty in our sanctuaries for the glory of God we need people to sign up to donate to cover each weeks flower costs.

Please call Carmen in the Parish Office at (920) 725-7714

Thanks and God bless!



Welcome Visitors! We extend a special welcome to any visitors joining us for worship this weekend! We invite anyone worshipping with us to consider joining our parish community on a regular basis. If you are new to the area, been away from us for a while, have a desire to explore your spiritual faith, would like to find out more about the Catholic faith or just have questions, please feel free to contact our Parish Life Coordinator, Deacon Don Schultz at (920) 725-7714 X416 or donschultz@smcatholicschools.org



NEW ALTAR SERVER OPPORTUNITIES!

Will you be in third grade or above this fall? Are you an adult who loves the liturgy? Father, Grandfather? If you have considered joining this beautiful ministry, we are ready for YOU!

We would love to train you. This commitment is for one to two Masses per month. Thorough training and shadowing a current altar server will be provided.

Contact Deacon Don: donald0928@gmail.com
or (920) 725-7714 x416

Thank you, and we look forward to seeing you at the altar!

ST. MARY AND ST. JOHN YOUTH MINISTRY

HIKING & ICE CREAM

for middle school students and their families

JULY 21 1-5 pm

DROP OFF/PICK UP:

GOLF COURSE LOT @ HIGH CLIFF PARK
W5095 Golf Course Rd, Sherwood

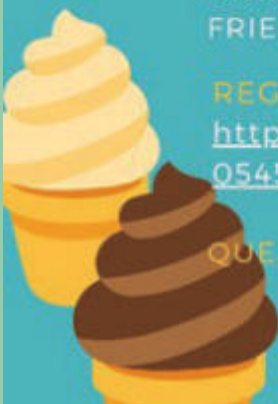
WEAR / BRING:

CLOTHES FOR HIKING, WATER BOTTLE, SWIM SUIT, TOWEL, SUNSCREEN, FRIENDS, AND \$5 FOR ICE CREAM

REGISTER:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040545aaaaa22a7fc1-hiking>

QUESTIONS: Contact Katherine Foord
284-3711





As we welcome Fr. Michael, let us fervently offer this prayer that we may be open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit and work together to Build His Church.

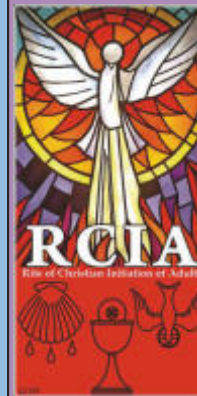
A Prayer to "Build His Church"

Lord Jesus, you speak to us today, as you spoke to holy men and women who have gone before us. In every age and in our own time, you call to us to Build Your Church. Pour out the gift of your Holy Spirit upon us, and so enable us to hear you clearly, to listen to each other lovingly, to imagine our future boldly, to discern your direction wisely, to persevere in your holy will courageously, to stay together in charity, to surrender our own plans readily, to hand on your gifts to future generations.

May we remain in the holy company of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. John the Baptist, the apostles, and all the saints. May their example and presence inspire us with patient confidence in the work of your grace. We ask this of you who live and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever. Amen.

Do you have a GREEN THUMB?

We are in need of someone who loves to take care of plants and flowers. You would be watering/doctoring as needed the exterior flowers and plants in the Link and St. Mary Church. We have a mobile battery watering cart to help with this volunteer position. If you would be interested please contact Deacon Don at 725-7714 X416 .



The Rite of Catholic Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

is the program by which Catholics and non-Catholics learn more about the Catholic faith. RCIA is for adults who: are interested in the Catholic Faith, have never been baptized, were baptized in a different Christian faith

but are seeking entrance into the Catholic Church, baptized Catholics who have not yet received First Communion or Confirmation, are married to a Catholic, attend Mass and would like to take the next step to become a member of the Catholic Church, are Catholic but want to learn more about the Faith. It ends with full initiation into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil next year. These classes, that will begin in the fall, are for anyone with interest no matter your current denomination. We are excited to have an awesome RCIA Team to lead these classes. **Hank & Nancy Wildenberg and Terry & Carla Morgan.** Please encourage your friends and neighbors with interest in Catholicism to give us a call. This is a great way for YOU to learn more about your faith! Let the Holy Spirit Guide you! If you are interested, contact Deacon Don at 725-7714 X 416 or

donschultz@smcatholicschools.org.

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

We only have so much psychological and spiritual energy. We easily get tired. Responding to life's demands and people's needs can really zap us of all of our energy. Anger, frustration, exhaustion, discouragement, helplessness, and even apathy can run wild. We can find ourselves bitter and irritated by the fact that we have to do it all again. We need to rest, connect, and focus. Deserted places, free of unnecessary distractions and demands, are great places of refreshment and we all need them. Desiring to be alone for a bit and rest does not indicate selfishness. Rather, it radiates wisdom. God is the source of all we do and the satisfaction of every human heart. If we are going to use the gifts God gave us well, then we have to make sure our batteries are recharged and replenished. Jesus invites us to go to a desert place to rest and pray. Where is yours?



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