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Administrator

Reverend Michael Lightner

St. Mary

528 Second Street
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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.smcatholicsschools.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

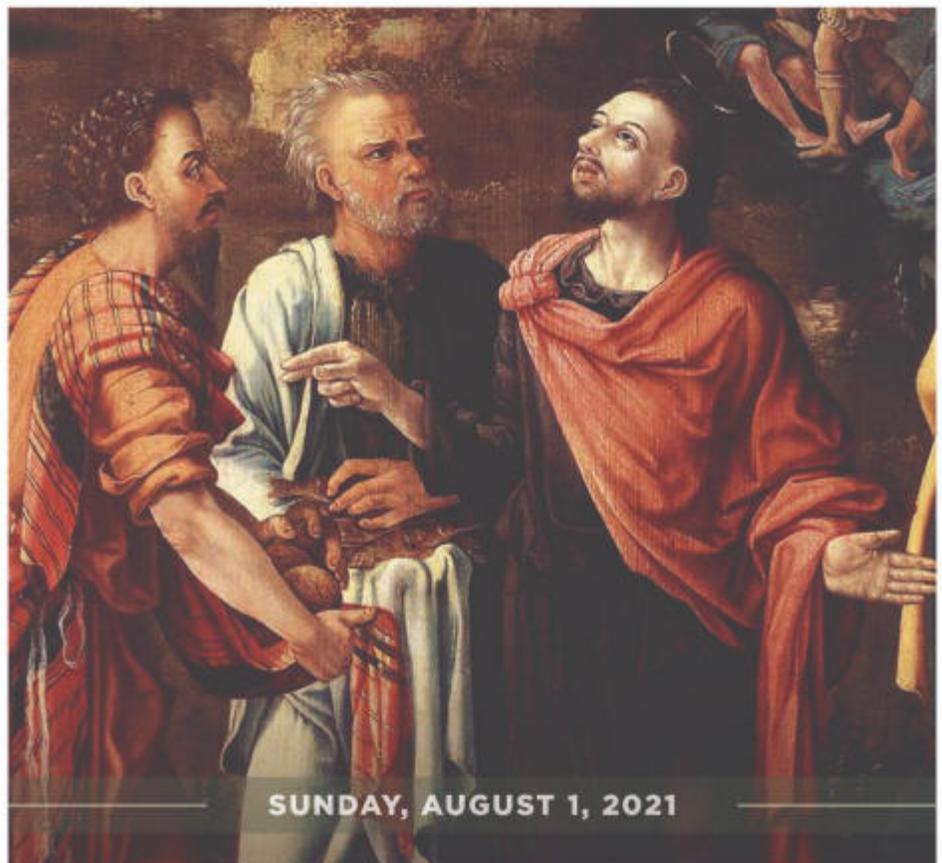
Reconciliation

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, AUGUST 1, 2021

18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave the bread from heaven; my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." - Jn 6:32-33



	Support YTD Weekly Collections	
	SM	SJ
Budget	\$ 41,296	\$ 25,093
Recv'd	\$ 38,445	\$ 23,231
Surplus/ (Deficit)	\$ (2,851)	\$ (1,862)

Weekly Collection - SM	
ACH-	\$ 2,466
We Share -	\$ 624
IRA Contributions -	\$ 586
Envelopes -	\$ 6,744
TOTAL -	\$ 10,420

Weekly Collection - SJ	
ACH-	\$ 1,737
We Share -	\$ 140
IRA Contributions -	\$ 0
Envelopes -	\$ 3,178
TOTAL -	\$ 5,055

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.*



What is a dispensation? Who does it apply to? What does it mean now that Bishop Ricken is lifting the dispensation to attend the Sunday Mass? What does all of this mean for me? If you are wondering about these questions and would like to learn a bit more, please take some time to read Bishop's column in the July 16 edition of *The Compass* as well as watch the accompanying video which explains this and more. You will find the website link at www.gbdioc.org/BacktoMass.



Mass Ministries -

Please prayerfully consider using the talents that God had given you to help with our Mass ministries. As more people are coming back to Mass each week and in anticipation of the dispensation to attend Holy Mass being lifted, we need help to cover all of the ministries for our Masses. We are especially in need of: following ministries: **Altar Servers and Ushers, also Lectors and Greeters.** Contact the parish office if you would like to sign up for any of these ministries!



Tuesday, August 3
7:30am SM Bernice Gawinski
Wednesday, August 4
7:00pm SM Healing in our Parishes
Thursday, August 5
7:30am SJ Ernestine Jakubek
Friday, August 6
7:00pm SJ Ronald Heath
Saturday, August 7
4 SJ Norbert & Jean Braun
5:30 SM L/D of St. Mary and St. John the Baptist
Sunday, August 8
9 SJ Lorraine Ulman
10:30 SM Diane Peroutka

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:

Trustee Nomination Process
Patrick & Diane Basler
Carl & Grace Peters

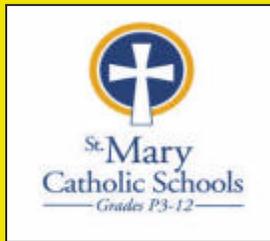
Phone Prayer Chain
When in need of immediate prayers:
St. Mary - call Mary at 725-1412
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St. John - call Carol at 993-1240
Susan at 727-0956



Show your Zephyrs spirit! New apparel and discounted fanwear are for sale through the Zephyrs Spirit Stop online at <https://smcs-booster.square.site/>.

Celebrate and support SMCS and our five Neenah-Menasha parishes at the Zephyrs Connect 5K Fun Run on Friday, September 3 at Zephyrs Field. All ages and the public are welcome! Register at <https://smcatholicsschools.ejoinme.org/MyEvents/ZephyrsConnect2021>.

There is still time to register for the SMCS 2021-22 school year for preschool-grade 12! For more information, to schedule a tour, or to enroll, visit goscms.com or contact Kelly Beisenstein-Weiss at kbweiss@smcatholicsschools.org.



Faith Formation Corner -

Last weekend I was blessed with the opportunity to attend a deaf Mass in Milwaukee with my sister, who is studying to be an ASL Interpreter. This is not something I experience every day, and it was a very different and beautiful Mass to participate in. The joy and gratitude this priest, deacon and community had for each other was so beautiful!

The priest and deacon signed the entire Mass for the deaf community present. As the Mass went on, I realized that to know what was happening at all times in the Mass, the people had to watch the priest or deacon at all times. If they looked away, they wouldn't know what was happening because he was speaking with his hands.

As I reflected on this, it made me think about how we as hearing people experience the Mass. Even when we look away from the sanctuary, we generally know what is going on because we can hear what is being said. However, what happens when we look away? We often get distracted at Mass, and when we look away, we may hear what is happening, but are we really giving our full attention? The Mass is the greatest and highest prayer we pray. Heaven literally touches earth during the Mass - Jesus is physically present in front of our eyes on the altar why shouldn't we be focused on Him?

To go even further, Jesus is present everyday of our lives. When we take our eyes off Him and we don't center our lives around Him, we can get distracted, and we don't know what is really going on in life. I too get distracted all the time, but I want to challenge all of us to be more intentional about keeping Him front and center. Let's keep our eyes on Him - because even when we can't hear Him, we can see Him - present in the people around us, present in the grace He gives, and most important: present in the Eucharist.

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

Mission Trip Reflections

"The things I experienced during the mission trip changed me for the better in several ways. I saw God at work in many places, but my favorite way he appeared was when we were painting a picnic table for the parish we were staying at. It is amazing to think about the fact that such a simple act will affect children and their families for years to come. In a way, the picnic table is similar to how I grew in my faith over the trip: just as the picnic table will affect the parishioners, the people and places I encountered God in will influence me for the rest of my life. I grew in my understanding of how to communicate and maintain a relationship with the Lord and also experienced an increase in my appreciation for the many different forms of prayer."

~Charlie Cedergren



"Thirteen high school students who, along with our super fun chaperones, made the trip to serve three parishes in the Appalachian region of Kentucky. Coal was a major industry there for generations, but as the mines continue to shut down, the area has the highest rates of unemployment - over 50% - in the country. I was struck by the priest who serves the three parishes in Harlan County. His name was Fr. Terrance - and he had no staff members at his parishes. He had to do everything himself - including lawn care, maintenance, secretarial work in addition to all the normal jobs priests would do. Yet he was still so joyful and willing to help us in any way, whether that was bringing us donuts or saying Mass at 10 pm before bed. We were honored to help him repair roofs, drywall, paint, clean and organize. We also spent quite a bit of time helping at the parish food pantry that serves anywhere from 600-800 boxes of food a week. Throughout the week, the CMT staff and our chaperones gave their own witness talks. To hear everyone's journey towards God and their story was truly amazing and inspiring."

~Michaela Greisen

Important Faith Formation and Youth Ministry Dates:

Remember to Register for Faith Formation!

You can find Registration forms at the back of each church and at the parish office. Call 725-7714 ext. 424 with questions

August 14 - Middle and High School Movie Night!

Where: Behind St. Mary Elementary

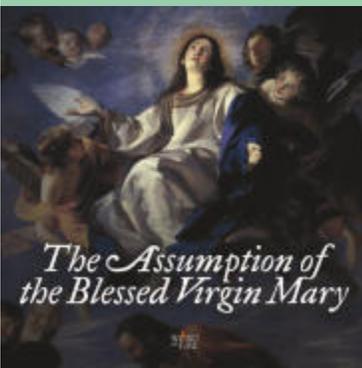
When: 5:30 - 10pm

September 8 - Wednesday Night F.U.E.L. begins!

Check out the flyer in the bulletin for more details

You can sign up to join us for these events, how to volunteer, or how to sign up for Faith Formation by going to our Facebook page, or joining our email list Just email: doll@smcatholicsschools.org

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@smcatholicsschools.org



Join us on August 15, 2021 for our first Marian Procession as we celebrate the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Following the 10:30am Mass at St. Mary we will follow the statue of Mary around the St. Mary block as we recite the Rosary. Light refreshments will follow outside the Link.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Wednesday Night F.U.E.L.

Faith Uniting Everyone in the Lord

Starting Sept. 8
Schedule Coming Soon

Grades 1-7N

Faith Formation Classes
6-7:30pm
**Mass Included*

Parents

Parent Night
6-7pm
First Wed of each Month

Parishioners & Families

- Dinner & Fellowship 5-6pm
- Adult "Encounter" Gatherings two nights a month 6-7pm*
- Adoration 6-7pm
- Confession 6:30-7pm
- Mass 7pm

*Adult Encounter Gatherings - see bulletin for ongoing schedule and details

You could be a:

- Catechist
- Dinner Prep Helper/Server
- Youth Ministry Volunteer
- Catechist Sub

Teen Leaders

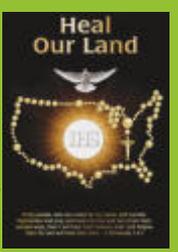
High School Core Team:
Grow deeper in your faith and be a leader for the youth/your peers
7-8:30pm
**Mass Included*

Volunteers

Sign up for Faith Formation or to volunteer with the yellow registration form at the back of church or in the Parish Office.

Contact Bethany Doll for information about the other opportunities or with questions:
bdoll@smcatholicsschools.org - (920)725-7714 ext. 424

God is calling us to change the course of history, taking seriously our duty of Christian witness! **You are invited to join in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with prayers for our nation and the Most Holy Rosary each Thursday from 12-1 pm at St. John the Baptist, 516 DePere St, Menasha through October 7 (Our Lady of the Rosary)** Together, we will adore Jesus Christ, and invite Him to make Himself fully present in our land, and by His Presence, to free it from the powers of darkness. ***Fr. Michael will also be available for Confession.*** *"I am convinced that a movement of restoring Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is the spiritual therapeutic for cleansing our country of demonic influence and opening the floodgates of grace that will heal our land ... bringing our country back to the spiritual health of being One Nation Under God once again."* - Fr. Richard Heilman





St. Mary is restarting the trustee elections which were paused in June. The election is for secretary trustee, currently held by Alex Wolf. The Nomination Committee members are Bill Walsh, Richard DeKleyn and Joe Fahley, and they will be handling the nomination process. New nomination forms may be found near the ballot box in the

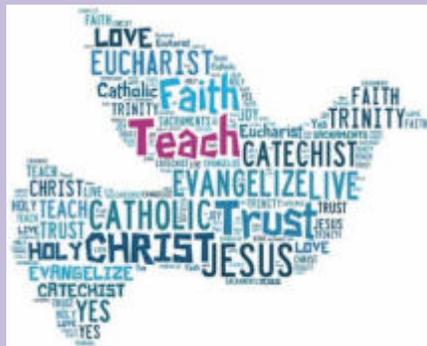
Link. You will need to submit a new nomination form even if you submitted one prior to the pause. Please note that unlike the previous forms, the new ones require your name as well as those of the person or persons you nominate, but do not require any signatures. We will collect nominations through August 22. During the ensuing week, all nominees approved by Fr. Lightner will be contacted to see if they are willing to serve. We will announce all nominees August 27 & 28, followed by short biographies that will appear in the bulletin, with the official elections to be held on September 11 and 12. Please prayerfully consider whether you or someone you know may be called to either of this important position!

Are you interested in sharing your faith with young people?

If you answered “yes”, or even “maybe” to the above question, please contact me! We are in need of catechists and youth ministry volunteers for this academic year.

Catechists help teach Faith Formation classes on our Wednesday nights throughout the academic year. Even if you think you don't know enough, we will be offering opportunities for you to learn more, me and our

veteran catechists will help you along the way!
Contact Bethany Doll if interested 725-7714



Our Seminarians Need Your Help: Over the past 16 years, our diocese has witnessed incredible growth in all vocations including the priesthood. Let's keep that growth going and support our future spiritual fathers! Please be generous with our Annual Seminarian Collection: *Hope for the Future, Help them Today.* An important letter will arrive in your mailbox this week asking for your help. Next weekend is the kick off of the 16th year of this annual collection. Your donation provides tuition, room and board, insurance, a small stipend for our seminarians and will support the Vocation Office's efforts to call forth more candidates. The total annual cost for our 16 seminarians is around \$1,000,000. As friends and followers of Jesus, we support each other. In order to make your gift today, visit www.catholicfoundationgb.org/give. Next weekend (8/7-8), Joseph Cherney, will speak at our Masses so we can hear about his calling and how we can help.

St. John the Baptist Parish is requesting nominations for both Secretary Trustee and Treasurer Trustee, with the **official election to be held the weekend of September 11 and 12.** Your election committee - Jennifer Lee, Dan Unruh, and Gary Coopman - will be facilitating this process. Please note that we are restarting the entire process, so if you previously submitted a nomination, you would need to do so again. A candidate who receives at least 10 nominations will be included in the final vote, which will be held the weekend of September 11 and 12. If you wish to nominate someone, forms are available in the church pews. Forms should be signed (only one signature per form, please) and dropped off before or immediately after Mass in the elections box located in the back of church. *The box will not be available at other times during the week.* Completed forms should be submitted by no later than August 22. Forms should only be submitted via the designated lockbox in the back of church. Please **DO NOT** put them in the collection basket or drop them off at the parish office. Please prayerfully consider whether you or someone you know may be called to either of these important positions!



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