



# Saints MARY & JOHN the BAPTIST



## St. John the Baptist

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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](http://www.menashacatholicparishes.org)

### Social Media



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

### St. Mary Elementary School

725-5351 [www.smcatholicsschools.org](http://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.



**THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**



**WELCOME BACK TO MASS**

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**Support**

**YTD Weekly Collections**

	SM	SJ
Budget	\$ 61,944	\$ 37,640
Recv'd	\$ 60,366	\$ 36,936
Surplus/ (Deficit)	\$ (1,578)	\$ ( 703)

**Weekly Collection - SM**

ACH-	\$ 1,967
We Share -	\$ 596
IRA Contributions -	\$ 0
Envelopes -	\$ 9,108
<b>TOTAL -</b>	<b>\$ 11,671</b>

**Weekly Collection - SJ**

ACH-	\$ 1,389
We Share -	\$ 590
IRA Contributions -	\$ 0
Envelopes -	\$ 5,372
<b>TOTAL -</b>	<b>\$ 7,352</b>

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

**Mass Ministries** - Please prayerfully consider using the talents that God had given you to help with our Mass ministries. Now that the dispensation to attend Holy Mass has been 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! God bless!



“For God so loved the world, that He gave his only Son, that whoever believes in Him



shall not perish, but have eternal life.” These are the words of John 3:16, and they are what we should all be reminded of each time we have the opportunity to participate in the Sunday Mass. Many see the obligation to attend Sunday Mass as a burden, placed on us to instill a fear of the Lord; rather than an opportunity of genuine encounter where we sit at the foot of the Master to learn to love, and become true friends of Christ and share that friendship with others. Please take a minute to read Bishop Ricken’s column in the July 30 edition of The Compass and watch an accompanying video to learn more. Visit the diocesan website at [www.gbdioc.org/BacktoMass](http://www.gbdioc.org/BacktoMass) for these resources on the Sunday Mass.

*Christ said, “I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.” (John 8:12)*



Jesus Christ is that light. He is the light that shines for us in the midst this world of darkness. And anyone who follows Him needs not fear that darkness because we know that Christ will always shine for us, leading us in the Way to the Father. Each time we light a candle, we are called to remember that it is our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ who is the True Light and that He and only He will grant us True Life. The Altar Candles in Church serve as a reminder of Christ our light and of our call to pray to God without ceasing.

Beginning September 5, parishioners may request the Altar Candles at **St. Mary** burn for one week in memory or in honor of a loved one. Intentions will be published in the weekly bulletin. The requested donation is \$20.00 per intention. Contact the Parish Office for more information



We pray for the repose of the souls of:  
**Kenneth Osterero, Charles Nichols and Arnold McClelland**

Please remember them and their families in your prayer!

*Rest Eternal grant unto them O' Lord  
And let light perpetual shine upon them. Amen.*



**Tuesday, August 17**

7:30am SM Ruth Maciejewski

**Wednesday, August 18**

7:00pm SM David Lee

**Thursday, August 19**

7:30am SJ Healing in our Parishes

**Friday, August 20**

7:00pm SJ Joe & Joan Damie

**Saturday, August 21**

4 SJ Brenda, Brian & Joseph Kulick

5:30 SM Dennis & Patti Wittman

(40th Anniversary)

**Sunday, August 22**

9 SJ Jim & Flo Willis

10:30 SM L/D of St. Mary and St. John the Baptist

*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., Patrice Bayer, Susan Marx, Marie Osterero

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:

**Teachers returning to School**  
**Patricia Angell**  
**Melissa Sutner**

**Phone Prayer Chain**  
**When in need of immediate prayers:**

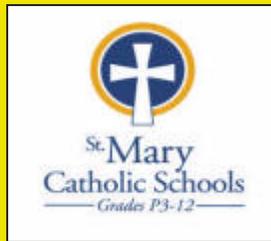
**St. Mary** - call Mary at 725-1412  
Peggy at 725-8084  
**St. John** - call Carol at 993-1240  
Susan at 727-0956



New Zephyrs 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 [gosmcs.com](http://gosmcs.com) or contact Kelly Beisenstein-Weiss at [kbweiss@smcatholicsschools.org](mailto:kbweiss@smcatholicsschools.org).



### Faith Formation Corner -

Last weekend, I had the incredible opportunity to encounter God through over 150 relics which were visiting at St. Pius X Parish in Appleton from the Vatican. Fr. Carlos told the story of St. Maria Goretti with such detail and such precision - she became even more of a reality to me. This 11-year-old girl was attacked and stabbed by her neighbor 14 times, because he wanted her to do impure things with him, and she refused. She died not long after in the hospital. Her last words were, "I forgive Alessandro Serenelli ... and I want him with me in heaven forever." No one would have blamed her if she had not forgiven him but because she chose to forgive, because she chose to be a saint, God has been able to work so much more through the story of her life and even in her death.

Alessandro went to prison and was so incredibly angry that he could not even be with other inmates because he would be so violent. He was put in solitary confinement for a number of years and one day, Maria appeared to Alessandro while he was in prison. Dressed in white, she gathered 14 lilies - the same number of the times he stabbed her - and, smiling, gave them to him in an act of forgiveness. This led to his conversion, and he later testified on her behalf during the cause of her beatification.

Fr. Carlos also shared stories with us of people he had encountered being healed through St. Maria Goretti's intercession, such as a man whose foot was so completely crushed by a construction accident it needed to be amputated. Fr. Carlos prayed with the man and placed St. Maria's relic on his foot before the surgery. As they began the surgery the next day, they saw absolutely nothing wrong with the man's foot. If we too choose to forgive, choose the holiest path, and choose to be a saint, God can work wonders through us for His glory and bring even more people to heaven. At the end of our lives, whom can we say that we brought with us to heaven from Menasha?

United in Christ,

*Bethany Doll*

(920)725-7714 ext 424, [bdoll@smcatholicsschools.org](mailto:bdoll@smcatholicsschools.org)

### Mission Trip Reflections

"Throughout the week on the mission trip there were countless ways God blessed our trip, but one of the more notable ones for me was how much of a sense of community we built throughout the week, especially through communal prayer. Through this, I have grown in my faith by being able to gain more awareness of where others are at in their faith and try to interact to help others and myself grow more deeply in their faith lives by bringing more of a spotlight to God. My favorite part of the mission trip was the opportunity to be around so many amazing brothers and sisters in Christ and serve others with them."

~Sam Foord

"Praise the Lord! It's been a little over a month since our group of 13 youth and 5 adult chaperones returned from our trip to Harlan County, Kentucky. From beginning to end, God was at work, sending many graced opportunities our way. I am really proud of our youth, who stepped out of their comfort zones to serve strangers and one another. I witnessed them evangelizing the homeless, enduring hard labor, and bearing their own suffering with joy - a true sign of discipleship in the Lord.

We encountered people in need of help and encouragement not only in Kentucky but also along the way. We met a man named Samuel at a Chicago oasis and the youth eagerly offered him food, a water bottle and some friendly conversation. Members of our group shared the gospel with Samuel and gave him a rosary and Bible. Then we asked if we could pray with him. At this, we saw him physically perk up and he started to smile - he even joined in the prayer with, "Yes, Jesus...help me." It was truly a grace filled experience! This was the first day of the trip and already the Holy Spirit was working through us to bring hope to others. The excitement of this experience was only the beginning of a wonderful week of blessings for us and those we served. Thank you for your prayer support and financial assistance which made it possible for Samuel and so many others to be encouraged in Christ."

~Katherine Foord



### 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.

**September 1 - Confirmation Parent & Candidate Meeting 6pm at St. Mary in Cafeteria**

**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

God speaks to us each and every day in the events and people we encounter as well as in our deepest feelings and most creative thoughts. Are we listening? How do we hear the voice of God in the nitty-gritty of our daily routines?

**Franciscan Father Albert Haase, OFM**, will help us explore practical ways we can grow in a deeper relationship with God by learning how God speaks in our everyday lives.

Please join us at St. Patrick's Catholic Community, 320 Nicolet Blvd, Menasha, on Friday evening Sept 17 from 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm and/or Saturday morning from 8:30 am - 12:00 noon to listen to this great speaker.



Please sign up on our website at [www.growinginfaithtogether.com](http://www.growinginfaithtogether.com).

Good will offering will be accepted that day or a donation of canned goods for the Double Portion - Feed the Hungry Program. Especially needed are cream of mushroom, cans of mandarin oranges, mayo, peanut butter & jelly, canned tomato products, cake or brownie mixes.

**St. Mary and  
St. John the Baptist  
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Jesus & The End Times**

**Saturday, September 18  
9am - 2pm  
St. Mary - Msgr Hummel Hall**

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***Do you want to help build our parishes?***  
We are looking for energetic people with vision and ideas to come and work with Father Michael on our Pastoral and Finance Councils. We need enthusiastic individuals to step up and step out to impact our parishes in a positive way. We are at a new beginning in the life of our parishes, help us to prayerfully consider what the Holy Spirit is calling our parishes to be and become as we seek to reach out to the 18,500 people in our mission field. If you are interested, please contact Steve Siegel at: (920) 725-7714 X 418 or [ssiegel@smcatholicsschools.org](mailto:ssiegel@smcatholicsschools.org)

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.***



**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!

Do you like to cook/bake? Our Wednesday Night F.U.E.L. Programming will be serving a meal each scheduled Wednesday night for families and parishioners and we are looking for people to help with meal preparation and serving each week! High school students, this is a great way to get service hours as well! Please contact Bethany Doll if interested 725-7714  
~ [bdoll@smcatholicschools.org](mailto:bdoll@smcatholicschools.org)

Are you a high school student? Are you interested in growing deeper in your faith? Are you interested in helping to lead others to Christ?  
**If you answered "yes" to the above questions - our High School Core Team is for you!**

Our Youth Core Team is a great way to grow closer in your relationship with Jesus and your friends, as well as striving to become peer leaders in the parish community! This team meets three times a month on Wednesday evenings to pray, enjoy fellowship, dive deeper into our Catholic Faith, and help plan and lead middle and high school youth events. If you like what you are hearing, check out the application found on our website under the "Youth Ministry" tab and apply today! **Applications are due by September 8th.**

**St. John the Baptist Parish**

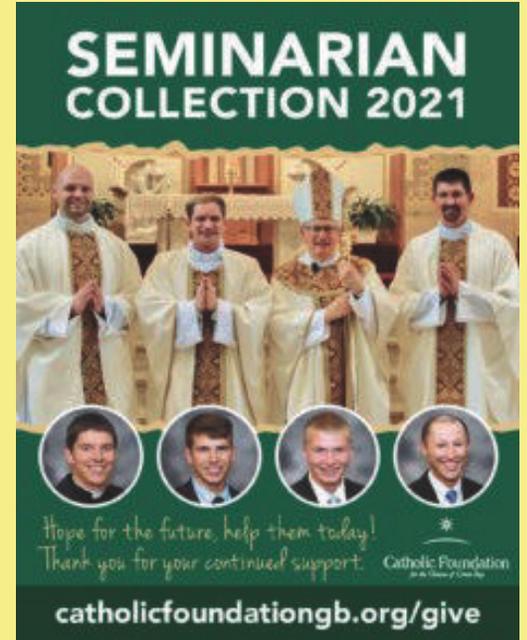
**These are the final two weekends for submitting nominations** for St. John the Baptist Parish Secretary Trustee and Treasurer Trustee. Your election committee - Jennifer Lee, Dan Unruh, and Gary Coopman - are facilitating this process. A candidate must receive at least 10 nominations to be included in the **final election, held the weekend of September 11 and 12.**



Nomination forms are available in the church pews. Completed forms should be signed (only one signature per form, please) and dropped off before or immediately after Mass in the election box located in the back of church. Please **DO NOT** take them home, put them in the collection basket, or drop them off at the parish office.

**Nominations will be accepted through the end of 9 AM Mass next Sunday, August 22.** Please prayerfully consider whether you or someone you know may be called to either of these important positions!

**"Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire." - St. Catherine of Siena**



**Our Seminarians Need Your Help:**  
Our 16<sup>th</sup> annual Seminarian Collection is underway. By now, you have received a letter from Bishop Ricken inviting you to take part in the vocation mission. Please return the pledge card through the mail, or donate online at [www.catholicfoundationgb.org/give](http://www.catholicfoundationgb.org/give). Whatever you are able to give is greatly appreciated.



**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 Deacon Don Schultz at (920) 725-7714 X416 or [donschultz@smcatholicschools.org](mailto:donschultz@smcatholicschools.org)

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