



Saints MARY & JOHN the BAPTIST



Where Your Faith Journey Is Strengthened

Two Parishes - One Faith

Administrator

Reverend Michael Lightner

St. John the Baptist

516 De Pere Street
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St. Mary

528 Second Street
Menasha, WI 54952

Welcome to our parishes!

August 22, 2021

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.smccatholicsschools.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.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Wednesday Night F.U.E.L.
Faith Uniting Everyone in the Lord

Starting Sept. 8
Schedule Coming Soon

Grades 1-7th
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

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

Volunteers

Teen Leaders

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@smccatholicsschools.org - (920)725-7714 ext. 424



Support		
YTD Weekly Collections		
	SM	SJ
Budget	\$ 72,268	\$ 43,913
Recv'd	\$ 70,501	\$ 43,443
Surplus/ (Deficit)	\$ (1,767)	\$ (470)

Weekly Collection - SM	
ACH-	\$ 1,967
We Share -	\$ 2,436
IRA Contributions -	\$ 0
Envelopes -	\$ 5,804
TOTAL -	\$ 10,207

Weekly Collection - SJ	
ACH-	\$ 1,389
We Share -	\$ 1,330
IRA Contributions -	\$ 0
Envelopes -	\$ 3,825
TOTAL -	\$ 6,544

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

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 of 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 or the Holy Hour 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 for the Altar Candles and \$10 for the Holy Hour Candles. Contact the Parish Office for more information.

Blessing of the Backpacks and the School Year



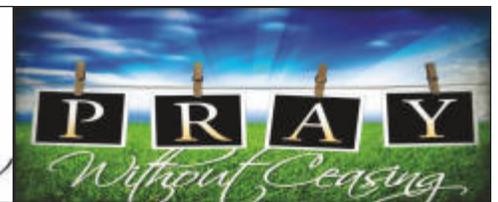
St. Mary & St. John the Baptist
August 28 & 29, 2021

Join us as we celebrate the beginning of the new school year. On August 28 & 29 we invite all students, teachers and educators to bring your backpack or bookbag to Mass and receive a blessing as you begin the school year.

Saturday, August 28 at the 4 pm Mass at St. John and 5:30 pm Mass at St. Mary

Sunday, August 29 at the 9 am Mass at St. John and 10:30 am Mass at St. Mary

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!



- Tuesday, August 24
7:30am SM Sara Terho-Streck
- Wednesday, August 25
7:00pm SM Healing in our Parishes
- Thursday, August 26
7:30am SJ Richard Gawinski
- Friday, August 27
7:00pm SJ David Kargus
- Saturday, August 28
4 SJ L/D of St. Mary and St. John the Baptist
- 5:30 SM Taylor & Seithamer Families
- Sunday, August 29
9 SJ Healing in our Parishes
10:30 SM John & Verene Stark

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 & Kirstie, Richard K., Jack H., Hannah S., Randy R., Jenny R., Patrice Bayer, Susan Marx, Marie Ostorero

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:

College Bound Students
Mel & Phyllis Blank
Ron & Merikay Suttner

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



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@smcatholicschools.org



Mission Trip Reflections

"The mission trip to Kentucky was such a wonderful experience. I loved being able to meet new people, help out a suffering community, and spend a lot of time in prayer. I am not always the most outgoing person, but I was able to break through my shyness and really, truly make new, lifelong friends on this trip. Everyone on this trip was so welcoming and by the end of the trip, even though I arrived knowing only two to three people, I was a part of a loving, caring family. During the trip, we were able to do so much good. Sure things weren't always the best, but God provided everything we needed. When it was too hot and stuffy in the upstairs rooms where I was working, I would step outside and be greeted with a gentle sprinkle to cool me off. When the dust was thick and flying everywhere so it was hard to breath, someone would arrive with N95 face masks. When we noticed that there was water coming in through the ceiling and we went up into the attic to investigate where the water was coming from, we discovered a museum's worth of old things that had been stored away and some of it was perfectly preserved. We also heard stories about how God provided for the community through the church's food pantry. A volunteer at the parish told us that one week, when she went back into the refrigerator to see how much meat they had to give out to the people, she took one look and knew that there wouldn't be enough. But by the end of distributing all of the boxes, just like the story of the loaves and the fishes, there was meat left over. God truly works wonders, whether the wonders are small things such as being greeted by gentle rainfall after working in a stuffy area or large things such as miraculously having more than enough food. I would truly like to thank you all for all of your wonderful prayers and support for us on this trip as they have truly made a difference."

~Anna Auth



Faith Formation Corner -

How can we slow down? How do we make the time to be fully present to the people around us, time to connect and make Christ the center of EVERYTHING that we do? It seems nearly impossible to "pray without ceasing" as St. Paul tells us, how can we be thinking of God at every moment of the day when we have so many other things going on?

As I was pondering and praying about this, the Holy Spirit led me to this answer - don't make your life about checking things off your to-do list, don't be always focused on the future or the past, because you cannot control those things. God is trying to show you something in this moment - can you see or hear what that is? Is it putting your phone in your bag so that you can better concentrate on the Child of God standing in front of you? Is it offering up your suffering to our Lord so that He may grant you the grace to push through the trial? Is it turning on Christian music or a good podcast on in your car to lift your mind towards Our Father and His love for you? Is it praying a rosary on your long car ride as a family?

I know these are easy to say, but also easy to forget in the moment if we are not used to doing them - it has taken me a long time to remember to shift my mindset in long car rides to take even 20 minutes and pray the rosary. It takes time, but if we continue to practice, these things will become more habitual to us, and "praying without ceasing" may seem slightly less impossible! What is the first step you are going to take today?

United in the Mission of Christ,

Bethany Doll

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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

St. Mary and St. John the Baptist

Present

Jesus & The End Times

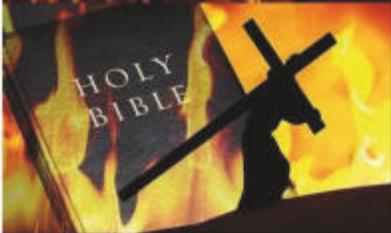
Saturday, September 18

9am - 2pm

St. Mary - Msgr Hummel Hall

Continental Breakfast

And Lunch will be served.



If you've ever wondered about where this world is heading and what the ultimate destiny of humanity is, then you don't want to miss this powerful study of the truth about what the Bible and the Catholic Church teach about the last days.





St. Mary - We will collect nominations through the end of Mass on 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 28 & 29, 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 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



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.**

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.



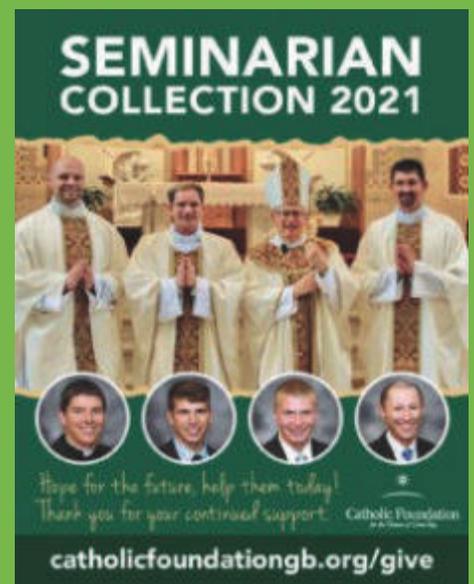
Please sign up on our website at www.growinginfaithtogether.com. Good will offering will be accepted that day or a donation of canned goods for the Double Portion - Feed the Hungry Program. Especially needed are cream of mushroom soup, cans of mandarin oranges, mayo, peanut butter & jelly, canned tomato products, cake or brownie mixes.

St. John the Baptist Parish - Sunday, August 22 is the last day to submit any nominations for the St. John the Baptist trustee elections. Completed forms should be deposited in the designated lock box in the back of St. John the Baptist church at the end of Mass this weekend. Once the nominations window is closed, all nominations will be counted, and those who have received 10 or more nominations and/or have been approved by Fr. Lightner will be contacted and briefed on that particular Trustee role. Those who are willing to serve will be announced the weekend of August 28 and 29, and brief biographies will appear in the bulletin. **Voting will take place the weekend of September 11 and 12.** Thank you to Jane Julius and Jennifer Farrell who have served our parish as Secretary Trustee and Treasurer Trustee for this past term!



Our 16th annual Seminarian Collection is working. By now you have received a letter from Bishop Ricken asking that you participate in *Hope for the Future: Help them Today*. Have you made your gift? So far this year our parishes have raised \$ 6,165. Last year, we raised a total of \$20,541.

Let us see if we can increase our support of this important part of the mission of the Diocese of Green Bay. Make your gift today by mailing in your pledge card or visit www.catholicfoundationgb.org/give.



Pillars Adult Shelter: Jesus tells us to feed the hungry...here's your chance! We need 1 or 2 more servers for our meal on Wednesday August 25th. Our meal in September is Sept. 19 (Sunday). We need both servers and people to prepare food. We have a generous donor who will cover the cost of the food if you would just prepare it!! Call Barb Unruh (486-6565) or go to our parish website and click on the link at the bottom of the page for the *signupgenius!* You won't regret it.



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