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St. John the Baptist
516 De Pere Street
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Reverend Michael Lightner

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Welcome to our parishes! December 24-26, 2021

Parish Office - 725-7714

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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.smcatholicsschools.org

Liturgical Celebrations

	St. Mary	St. John
Saturday	6:00 pm	4:00 pm
Sunday	11:00 am	9:00 am
Tuesday	7:30 am	-
Wednesday	7:00 pm	-
Thursday	-	7:30 am
Friday	-	7:00 pm

Reconciliation

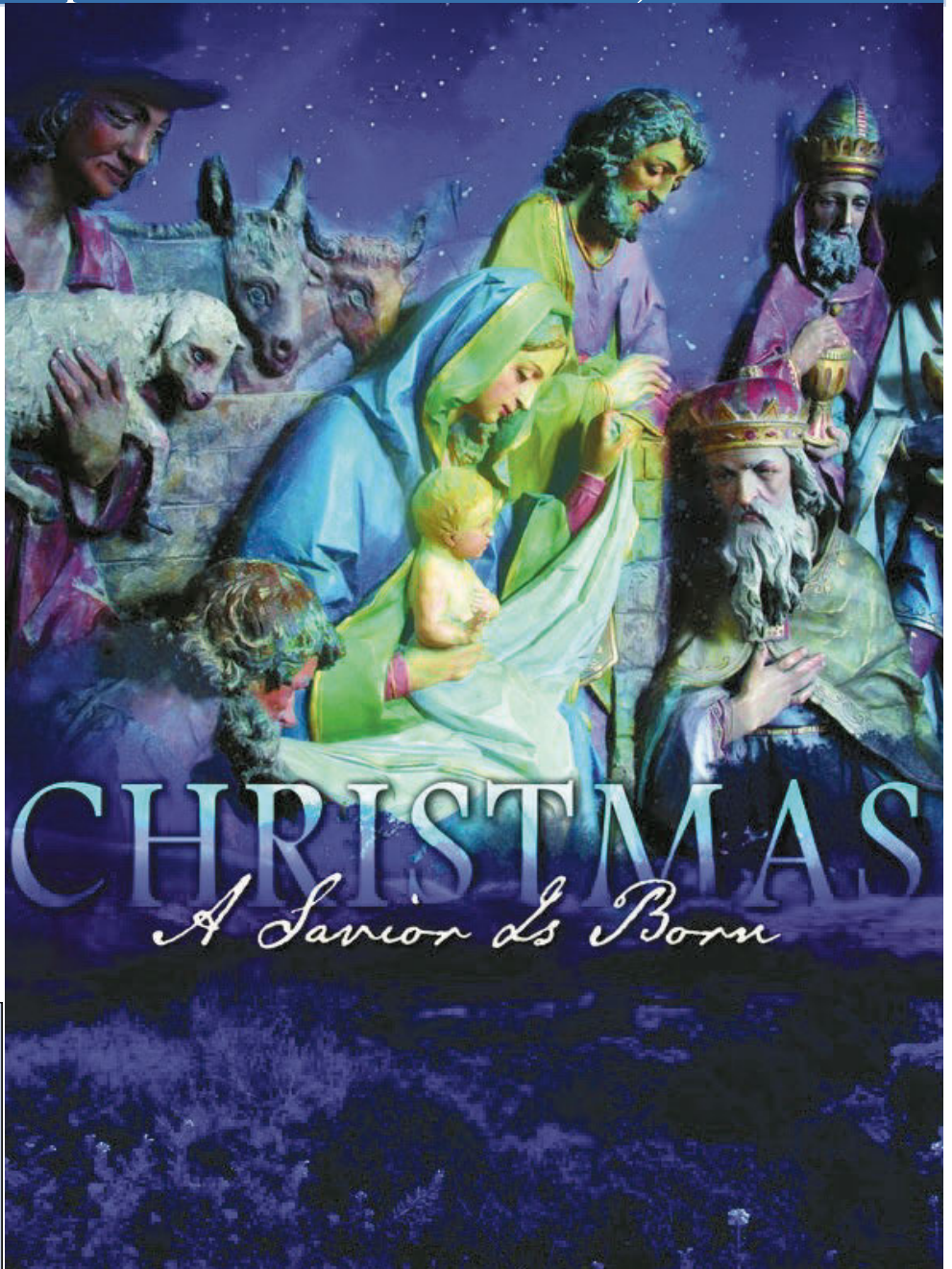
St. Mary - Tuesday 12-1 pm,
Wednesday 12-1 pm

St. John - Thursday 12-1 pm,
Friday 12-1 pm

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available for 30 minutes prior to every parish Mass.

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.



Welcome Visitors!

We extend a warm welcome to any visitors joining us for worship this Christmas! We are glad you are here! 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



Jesus requests your presence:

Your time and attention,
Praise and thanksgiving,
In the Twin City Adoration
Chapel:

- any moment of the day or night
 - as a substitute for an hour occasionally
 - as a "regular" adorer, committed to a chosen hour each week
- Contact Russ Brumm
rjbrumm@gmail.com



The Altar Candles at St. Mary were given in memory of
Tom Koepke
by
Jamie Koepke



Joy to the World

**Father Michael,
Deacon Don and the
entire Parish Staff
wish you a Blessed
Christmas full of
Peace, Love and
great Joy!**

Merry Christmas!

The Altar flowers at St. Mary were given in memory of
Les Zitzelsberger
by **Nancy Wildenberg**



Cemetery Visits in Winter

Please use extreme caution when visiting your family graves during the winter months. Conditions can be extremely treacherous and maintenance employees are on site on a very limited basis. The cemetery may not be plowed right after a snow fall. Thank you!



- Tuesday, December 28**
7:30am SM Rudolph & Irma Miller
- Wednesday, December 29**
7:00pm SM Rudolph & Irma Miller
- Thursday, December 30**
7:30am SJ Jeanette Olszewski
- Friday, December 31**
7:00pm SJ Jacqueline Dirkma
- Saturday, January 1**
4:00pm SJ L/D of St. Mary and St. John the Baptist
- 6:00pm SM Jim Ziolkowski
- Sunday, January 2**
9:00am SJ Loretta Monfils
11:00am SM L/D Leo & Rose Kluba Family



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

- Ruth Lachapell, Fred D., Ken K., Sandy K., Dan Pedersen, Carol Harp, Jean Ross, Margaret Reidel, Cecile Lingnowski, Patrice Bayer, Susan Marx, The Warren Family, Joan Jenson, Betty Schmidt, Marlene Rehe, Don Ebben, Mark Ebben, Chuck Kiesow, Kathleen, Katie Ciske, Bruce B., Jack Polman, Brian Godeck, Damon, Carol K, Kathy S.

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:

- Those in our Parish Family who are ill.
- Those traveling over Christmas.

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

Faith Formation Corner

“The New Testament begins not with a discourse or a prophecy, not with theology or law, but with a simple declaration of family relationships.

The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham. (Matthew 1:1)

...Saint John accomplishes something similar when he begins by echoing the first words of the Torah: “In the beginning” (John 1:1; see Genesis 1:1) Saint Matthew introduces the same theme, though in a different way. The message in both is clear: with the arrival of Jesus, God brings about a new beginning, a new creation, a new Torah, and a New Testament.

And the form it takes is familial. Matthew traces this history of salvation not by way of epic battles and conquests - and certainly not by way of influential ideas - but by way of family. He names Israel’s long-expected Anointed One, the Christ, and identifies him primarily as a “son,” the offspring of a particular family. Jesus is thus defined by his relations of kinship - with David, with Abraham, and ultimately with God.”.....

.....God promised to bless Abraham....., “Kings shall come forth from you. And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your descendants after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant.” (Genesis 17:6-7) Only Israel could claim to be adopted in this way by the Lord of all the universe. Only Israel could claim to share a bond of kinship with him. Covenants create kinship. They make a family bond. And God had clearly established such a bond with Abraham’s descendants.”

~*Joy to the World; how Christ’s coming changed everything (and still does)* by Scott Hahn pages 23-24, 27

When we study history, we typically hear about the great heroes, warriors, battles, events and ideas of the time period. All these things are constantly changing in our world, but our God doesn’t change - His love for us doesn’t change. Even though we may think it dull, boring and very difficult to read through and pronounce all those names, this is why Matthew began his gospel with the genealogy of Jesus. He wanted to share with us the FAMILY story, the unchanging love God has for us, the story the people of Israel were raised to remember because it was THEIR story. This is **our** story as well, and as we hear the importance our God places on family, and the love He has for us throughout history, let us thank Him for that gift this Christmas. United in Christ, *Bethany Doll*

Important Faith Formation and Youth Ministry Dates:

December 29 - At Home Lesson for December - Happy New Year!

January 2 - Missionary Disciples bowling at Sabre Lanes!

January 3 - Mission Trip Informational Meeting at St. Gabriel, Neenah 5:30pm

January 5 - Wednesday Night FUEL: Class grades 1-10, Confirmation Class & Parent Night

January 12 - Wednesday Night FUEL - Class grades 1-11, First Communion Parent Meeting & Adult FUEL

You can sign up to join us for these events, how to volunteer, or how to sign up for Wednesday Night FUEL by going to our Facebook page, or joining our email list! Just email bdoll@smcatholicschools.org

Come and spend time with Jesus!

Adoration is available before all weekday masses!

And also from 12–1pm at St. Mary, Tues/Wed and at St. John the Baptist, on Thurs/Fri.

Confession is also available!
Jesus is waiting for you!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- December 29 - SM Finance Council 5pm
- January 1 - First Saturday Mass 10am SM
- January 5 - SJ Pastoral Council 7:30pm
- January 12- SM Pastoral Council 5pm
- January 19 - SJ Finance Council 5pm
- January 22-SM AFF Boot Camp 6pm
- January 26 - SM Finance Council 5pm

The Parish Office and School have an ongoing need for Copier Paper - White, 20lb If you can help us out it would be greatly appreciated! Donations can be left off at the Parish Office. Thank you!



From our St. Mary Catholic Schools family to yours, merry Christmas! We wish you a blessed Christmas filled with joy and hope as we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ.



Share your artistic gifts! All SMCS kindergarten-grade 12 students, parishioners, parents, alumni, and staff, are invited to participate in its annual community winter art project. Reflecting on the quote "God is inviting you to dream; He wants to show you that you can make the world a different place." all may take inspiration from the statement to create a piece of art for submission. Final submission deadline is January 6, 2022. More info at smcatholicschools.org

ZCabaret 2022 is set for January 28 and 29, 2022. Learn more and get your tickets for this live music and art showcase at SMCHS at <https://www.showtix4u.com/events/159>.

Interested in enrolling a child in the SMCS? We currently offer rolling enrollment for the remainder of the 2021-22 school year, and preschool-grade 12 enrollment for 2022-23 school year will open in early 2022. Learn more or schedule a tour of our campuses at 920-722-7796 ext. 157. Join the St. Mary Elementary team! The school is currently seeking a Preschool Aide, Learning Specialist, and other roles to be filled. Please visit <https://smcatholicschools.org/human-resources/> to view full job descriptions and apply.

ST. MARY AND ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST YOUTH MINISTRY

Winter Youth Events 2022

JANUARY

15-16: Middle School Christmas FULL Lock-In



FEBRUARY

5: Middle School EXTRA-ordinary Mini Lock-In 6-10pm

23: FREE High School event w/Jason Evert 6-8:30pm

26-27: High School Lenten FULL Lock-In



MARCH

5: Middle School Lenten Mini Lock-In 6-10pm



19: High School Field Trip for ARISE MKE Youth Day

Email Bethany Doll with questions: bdoll@smcatholicschools.org
 Keep an eye on our Instagram and Facebook page for most recent updates!
 @smsyouthministry St. Mary and St. John Youth Ministry



St. Mary and St. John the Baptist Mini-Spiritual Boot Camps
St. Mary - Msgr Hummel Hall
 - Meals are provided, to facilitate planning, please call Parish Office to register (920) 725-7714

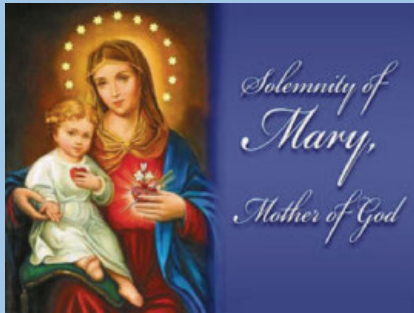
January 22 Spiritual Boot camp 9am-3pm
St. Thomas Aquinas Philosophy and Theology

February 10 6pm-8:30pm

April 7 6pm-8:30pm

May 21 Spiritual Boot camp 9am-3pm

Our next First Saturday Mass will be offered at St. Mary on January 1, which is also the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God—as well as the first day of the New Year of Grace 2022. What better way to start the year than with Holy Mass!



Join us for Adoration and Confession beginning at 9am, followed by the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at 10am. 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 of this is offered in REPARATION for the sins of blasphemy and ingratitude committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Make attending First Saturday Mass a part of your New Year! (note this mass does not satisfy your Sunday obligation for The Epiphany.)

St. Mary and St. John the Baptist Faith Formation & Youth Ministry
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January 2:
11am Mass at St. Mary
12:30pm Bowling at Sabre Lanes!



January 9:
11am Mass at St. Mary
12:15pm Cornhole & Packer Game Live!

Missionary Disciples
(for 12th grade)

January 30:
11am Mass at St. Mary
12:15pm Card and Board Games -
bring your favorite!



February 13:
11am Mass at St. Mary
12:30pm Ice Skating at The Plaza, Neenah

Watch our Facebook and Instagram page for updates:
@smsjyouthministry St. Mary and St. John Youth Ministry
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