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Administrator

Reverend Michael Lightner

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Welcome to our parishes!

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.



SUNDAY, JANUARY 9, 2022

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. - Lk 3:21-22a

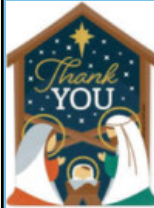
Mass Ministries - We need help to cover all of the ministries for our Masses. Please prayerfully consider using the talents that God has given you to help with our Mass ministries. We are especially in need of the following ministries:

Altar Servers, Ushers, Lectors and Greeters.

We also need Lectors for our daily Masses. Please contact the parish office if you can help in any of these ministries! A new schedule for the first quarter of next year will soon be created, now is the time to sign up so you can be scheduled. **God bless!**



We pray for the repose of the soul of:
Joyce Kolasinski
Please remember her and her family in your prayers.
Rest eternal grant unto her.



Just a note of thank you to everyone who remembered me with cards, notes and gifts at Christmas.

May God bless you for your kind generosity.

Father Michael

The Altar flowers at **St. John** memory of



Hilary Swiechowski
by
Cleo Swiechowski

No Mass at Church on School Snow days - Please be aware there is no Mass at Church when there is a School Snow Day. Father Michael will say the Mass privately for that day's Mass intention.



In Event of Snow Emergency, check the following for Mass Cancellations:

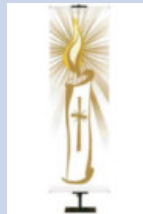
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WFRV (Ch. 5) WGBA (NBC 26)

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WZBY (99.7 FM)

The Altar Candles at **St. Mary** were given in memory of **Margaret Woulf** by **Jack & Mary Fulton**



Tuesday, January 11
7:30am SM Erv Weldt
Wednesday, January 12
7:00pm SM L/D James & Mary
Funk Family



Thursday, January 13
7:30am SJ Jerry & Patty Skahen
Friday, January 14
8:10am SM Cory Lightner
7:00pm SJ Butch McDonald

Saturday, January 15
4:00pm SJ Roman & Bernice Rappert
6:00pm SM Jim Verkuilen

Sunday, January 16
9:00am SJ L/D of St. Mary and
St. John the Baptist
11:00am SM Melvin Blank

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, 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., Randy R., Manuel and Juanita Bedolla.

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:

End to the Covid Pandemic

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

Lord, I desire to be whole and holy.
 From the fear that I cannot be well, deliver me, Jesus.
 From the fear that I must heal myself, deliver me, Jesus.
 From the temptation to give in to discouragement, deliver me, Jesus.
 From the temptation to revert to old patterns, deliver me, Jesus.
 From the desire to overhaul my life all at once, deliver me, Jesus.
 From halfhearted devotion, deliver me, Jesus.
 From tireless labor without rest, deliver me, Jesus.
 From strain and depletion, deliver me, Jesus.
 From idleness and frailty, deliver me, Jesus.
 From gluttony and deprivation, deliver me, Jesus.
 From searching outside of You for my identity and purpose, deliver me, Jesus.
 From worldly hurry, monotony, and gloom, deliver me, Jesus.
 From selfishness and self-reliance, loneliness and isolation, deliver me, Jesus.
 From excess, distraction, and lesser attachments, deliver me, Jesus.
 To believe in Your life-giving power to restore me, reform me, Jesus.
 To humbly place my trust in You as the Divine Healer, reform me, Jesus.
 To obediently follow where You lead me, reform me, Jesus.
 To choose to move past resistance with persistence and grace, reform me, Jesus.
 To release my expectations and allow You to surprise me, reform me, Jesus.
 To let it be done unto me so that new life may be born, reform me, Jesus.

To embrace my faith as the center of my life and whole being, reform me, Jesus.
 To surrender and sleep in Your peace, reform me, Jesus.
 To rely on and confide in You as I hand over my worries, reform me, Jesus.
 To move my body in a way that brings You glory, reform me, Jesus.
 To nourish my whole person to be fully alive in You, reform me, Jesus.
 To sanctify my humanness and strive for sainthood, reform me, Jesus.
 To playfully submit to You with childlike joy, reform me, Jesus.
 To seek communion with You and be Your light for those around me, reform me, Jesus.
 To cultivate simplicity and yield to Your abundance, reform me, Jesus.
 For my body to be transformed as Your dwelling, reform me, Jesus.
 For my mind to be raised toward heaven, reform me, Jesus.
 For my soul to be consecrated to Your care, reform me, Jesus.
 For my heart to answer Your call with my fiat, reform me, Jesus.
 For my whole person to be immersed in and reformed by Your love, reform me, Jesus.
 Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us. Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us.
 St. Teresa of Ávila, patroness of Reform, pray for us. Amen.

~From the 2021 Reform Wellness Inc.

Important Faith Formation and Youth Ministry Dates:

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

January 15-16 - Middle School full overnight Lock-In 5:45pm - 9am

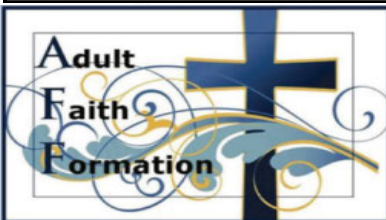
January 19 - Wednesday Night FUEL - Class grades 1-10, Confirmation Class, & Adult FUEL

January 26 - No In Person Class - At Home Lesson

January 30 - Missionary Disciples -12th grade Card and Board game day!

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!



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

Jewish Roots of Jesus' Death and Resurrection

April 7 6pm-8:30pm

Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist

May 21 Spiritual Boot camp 9am-3pm

The Four Gospels: Introduction to Matthew, Mark, Luke and John

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 at St. Mary is \$60.00 per week (\$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!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- January 12– SM Pastoral Council 5pm
- January 19 - SJ Finance Council 5pm
- January 22 - SM AFF Boot Camp 9am
- January 26 - SM Finance Council 5pm
- January 30 - SM Catholic Schools Week breakfast after Masses



 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!

The SMCS Mustard Seed Zephyrs Dad's group

meets on January 12 at 6:30 a.m. at the high school commons. All men affiliated with SMCS are welcome to attend this men's group focused on Catholic/Christian fraternal, spiritual, and cultural growth. Coffee and donuts are served. Free to attend. **No RSVP required.**



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 at 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.

We are looking for mission-minded, talented, and positive people to join our SMCS team as instructional aides, food service workers, bus drivers, and more. Check out more job opportunities and apply at <https://smcatholicschools.org/human->

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



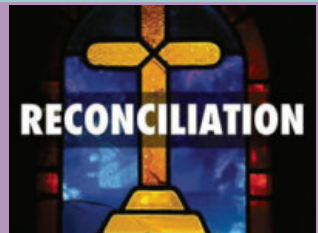
19: High School Field Trip for ARISE MKE Youth Day

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

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,
 In addition— *He is also available immediately before all weekend Masses.*
When was the last time you went to Confession?



Did you know the St. Vincent de Paul Store has a Food Pantry? St. Mary/St. John parishes used to sponsor a food pantry right at our church but space was limited as well as the times it was available. The store has nearly 650 families registered to use the food pantry and has given out 159,000 lbs. of food so far this year (Feb. 2021 - Oct. 2021). Each parish in Neenah and Menasha is asked to have a food/paper products drive each year. St. Mary/St. John's drive will be in January. Stay tuned for information on the most needed items plus the second collection which will go for perishable items like eggs and milk that will be available. We are in need of paper grocery bags that will be used for the food drive in January. If you have extra paper bags feel free to drop them off in the



Vincent de Paul baskets at the back of each church or drop them at the parish office.



Thank you in advance for helping us stock the food pantry.

K of C Fish Fry!
Join the Knights on January 14 at their **Menasha Hall** across from Manderfield's Bakery for great food and fellowship.

Dine in or Take out!
Serving from 4:30 to 7:30 pm.
Accepting Take Out orders and Reservations starting at NOON on Friday, January 14.
Call (920) 725-5202
Hope to see you there!



St. Mary Pastoral Council meetings are held the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 5 pm.



Meetings are held in the Parish Office conference room at St. Mary. *All interested parishioners are invited and encouraged to attend.*



Thank you to everyone who so kindly remembered me with cards and gifts this Christmas. You all are such a blessing to me! God bless you all!

Deacon Don

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES SUMMER 2022

BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE NEENAH/MENASHA CATHOLIC PARISHES

June 5-8 • Grades 7-12 • Neenah/Menasha, WI

June 12-18 • Grades 8-12 • New Castle, PA

July 9-17 • Grades 9-12 • New Orleans, LA

The grades listed are grades the students are going into during the fall of 2022

Informational Meetings:
(with FREE pizza!)

January 3 at St. Gabriel, Neenah

January 27 at St. Margaret Mary, Neenah



When: 5:30 - 7pm
Who: Students grades 6-12 and their parents
Why: To learn about some AMAZING places where God can work through you in AMAZING ways!

Please sign up with this QR Code to help us get a rough estimate for dinner:



Reporting Sexual Abuse

If you know of an incident of sexual abuse of a person who is now under the age of 18 by a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer, PLEASE IMMEDIATELY CALL THE CIVIL AUTHORITIES AND THEN THE DIOCESE. If the person was abused as a minor but is now an adult, please contact any of the following individuals:

Courtney Coopman, Victim Assistance Coordinator:
(920) 272-8174 or 1-877-270-8174 (toll free)
Deacon Dan Wagnitz, Safe Environment Coordinator:
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