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*Where Your Faith Journey Is Strengthened
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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 - 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.



2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." - Jn 2:1-3



	Support YTD Weekly Collections		Weekly Collection - SM		Weekly Collection - SJ	
	SM	SJ	ACH-		ACH-	
Budget	\$278,749	\$ 169,378	We Share -	\$ 761	We Share -	\$ 365
Recv'd	\$291,483	\$ 185,504	IRA Contributions -	\$ 400	IRA Contributions -	\$ 0
Surplus/ Deficit)	\$ 12,734	\$ 16,126	Envelopes -	\$ 9,071	Envelopes -	\$ 5,605
			TOTAL -	\$ 11,969	TOTAL -	\$ 7,325

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



Goodbye Marty We are sad to announce that **Marty Vajgrt**, our organist and choir accompanist, has decided to step down from his position at our parishes to spend more time with his family. We are grateful for his 5 years of service and wish him well in the future.

While we search for a replacement, our other music minister Kimberly Spielbauer has graciously offered to help fill the gap. Thank you, Kim!

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*To all parishioners celebrating a birthday in January
Have a very blessed birthday!*



Tuesday, January 18
7:30am SM Erna Lopas
Wednesday, January 19
7:00pm SM Robert Hoerth
Thursday, January 20
7:30am SJ Loretta Monfils
Friday, January 21
8:10am SM Thomas & Maxi Families
7:00pm SJ Katie Murphy
Saturday, January 22
4:00pm SJ Clem & Madge Rass
6:00pm SM L/D Schoultz & Lemley Families
Sunday, January 23
9:00am SJ L/D Cleveland & Heindl Family
11:00am 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:

Ruth Lachapell, Fred D., Ken K., Sandy K., Dan Pedersen, Carol Harp, Jean Ross, Margaret Riedel, 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, Mary Stanczak, Mike Pashawic
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.
Return to health for people with Covid.**

**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

When we go to Mass on Sunday, how often do we prepare ourselves for what we are going to receive? We should remember to go to confession before Mass so that we are in the state of grace to receive our Lord, but do we also prepare our hearts and minds to receive His word as well? Lectio Divina is a way to pray with scripture. I greatly encourage you to look it up and try it if you have never tried it before. Christ teaches us through prayer and through scripture and as adults we don't like to be vulnerable because we are afraid of what Jesus might tell us. But if we are childlike, we are excited to hear what He has to say - because Jesus doesn't teach us in a way that we are used to. When we pray through Lectio Divina, and though His word, He teaches.....and He loves. He doesn't take things quickly, but at our own pace.

Even if the lesson He wants to teach us is hard because we've messed up or because we need to change our ways, we don't feel horrible when Jesus teaches because He lets us know that we are still loved. I know we all want to be better people, we want to be the ones to bring Christ's light into the world, but in order to do that, we have to be ok with letting others help us, and letting others love us, just as we desire to help and love others.

His lessons are reminders to us that we are not our own. When we don't want to ask for help and we think we can do it all ourselves, we need to remember that we are not alone - we are His. You are a daughter, you are a son of God and He loves you. He cares for you - don't be afraid to ask for His help in even the smallest things.

You are not alone.

You are loved.

~United in Christ, *Bethany Doll*

Important Faith Formation and Youth Ministry Dates:

January 19 - **Wednesday Night FUEL - Class grades 1-10, Confirmation Class, 1st Communion Parent Meeting & Adult FUEL**

January 26 - **No In Person Class - At Home Lesson**

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

February 2 - **Wednesday Night FUEL - Class grades 1-11, Parent Night & Teaching Mass**

February 5 - **Middle School Mini Lock-In**

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



Fr. Mike's next Spiritual Boot Camp of Adult Faith Formation sponsored by St. Mary and St. John the Baptist will be on

January 22, 9 am–3pm

Topic: *Introduction to the Philosophy of St. Thomas Aquinas.*

Joins us at St. Mary - Msgr Hummel Hall

All are welcome! Come and enjoy the presentation along with a continental breakfast and lunch!

*Please call the parish office to let us know for planning purposes!
(920) 725-7714*

We are looking for individuals to sponsor the Easter Candles at St. Mary and St. John the Baptist. This is a beautiful memorial as they will burn throughout the Easter Season as well as at funerals and baptisms until next Easter.

The cost is:

St. Mary—\$160

St. John the Baptist—\$145

Please call Carmen in the Parish Office if you are interested in this memorial.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 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
- February 18 - SM Volunteer Appreciation
Lunch



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!

- Prospective parents and students are invited to upcoming SMCS Preview Nights.
- St. Mary Catholic Middle School Preview Night, January 25, 5:30 p.m. (open house) and 6:30 p.m. (presentation), 1000 Zephyr Dr., Neenah
- St. Mary Catholic High School Preview Night, January 31, 6 p.m., 1050 Zephyr Dr., Neenah



Learn about academics, faith formation, co-curriculars, student life, tuition assistance, and more at these free informational preview nights. No RSVP required. Visit smcscatholicschools.org for more information.

- ZCabaret 2022 is set for January 28 and 29, 2022. Get 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. 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.

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
 Or contact bdoll@smcatholicschools.org with questions

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

We couldn't do it without you!
 Our **Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon** we be on **Friday, February 18** starting at Noon in Msgr Hummel Hall at St. Mary. *Watch for more details!*
 We will always be thankful for volunteers like you!
 Your generous contribution of time and energy is incredible.
 Thank you so much for your enthusiasm and genuine interest and dedication in assisting us in everything we do.

All Volunteers are Invited!

IRA Charitable Rollover

Did you know that if you are age 72 or older, you can make a charitable gift up to \$100,000 from your IRA? Your gift will qualify for your required

minimum distribution and you will not have to pay federal income tax on the amount given directly from your IRA to charity.

Please consider a gift to St. Mary and St. John the Baptist Parishes, St. Mary Catholic Schools or to our parishes' Bishop's Appeal.

For more information please contact your IRA administrator or tax adviser. You may also call Steve Siegel or Carmen LeDuc at 920-725-7714.



St. John Cemeteries

A frequently asked question is "Are all the grave spaces sold at St. John the Baptist Cemetery on Olde Midway Road?"



The answer is yes, but there are only a limited number of spaces still available for purchase at that cemetery. A columbarium was added two years ago to add additional space for cremated remains. St. John Cemetery on Valley Road has plenty space for years to come. For more information, or to arrange for burial rights, please contact Peter Krautkramer at the parish office.

Snow Birds - If you will be gone for extended periods please call us at (920) 725-7714 to give us your second address. This prevents the parish paying for returned mailings and keeps you in the know on parish life!



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.*



We will be collecting items for the Food Pantry on the weekend of January 22 & 23. Food is always welcome but items not

included with Food Share (Government sponsored food stamps) are more in need. These items could include personal hygiene items such as deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, soap/body wash, hand sanitizer, razors, shaving cream and masks. Also cleaning supplies are appreciated such as laundry soap (the pods work great), cleaning sprays, dish soap, and sponges. Monetary donations are also accepted (no shopping needed!). Thank you in advance!



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Informational Meetings:
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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:



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!



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