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*Where Your Faith Journey Is Strengthened
Two Parishes - One Faith*

Administrator

Reverend Michael Lightner

St. Mary

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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.



SUNDAY, JANUARY 30, 2022

4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

[He said to them], "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." And all spoke highly of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They also asked, "Isn't this the son of Joseph?" - Lk 4:21-22

Welcome Visitors!

We extend a warm welcome to any visitors joining us for worship this weekend! 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



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



We couldn't do it without you! Our **Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon** will be held on **Friday, February 18** starting at Noon in Msgr Hummel Hall at St. Mary. We will always be thankful for volunteers like you! Your generous contribution of time and energy is incredible.

For planning purposes, please call the Parish Office to let us know you are able to attend.

Thank you so much for your enthusiasm and genuine interest and dedication in assisting us in everything we do.

ALL Volunteers are Invited!

The Altar flowers at St. Mary are given in loving memory of Rick & Nancy Heling by Jack & Mary Fulton



*** The Parish Office and School have an ongoing need for Copier Paper - White, 8-1/2 x 11", 20lb. If you can help us out it would be greatly appreciated! Donations can be left off at the Parish Office. Thank you!



Tuesday, February 1
7:30am SM Bruce Peeters
Wednesday, February 2
7:00pm SM Charles Lisowe
Thursday, February 3
7:30am SJ Cory Lightner
Friday, February 4
8:10am SM Edwin & Susan Verkuilen
7:00pm SJ Mike & Regina Jakowski
Saturday, February 5
4:00pm SJ L/D of St. Mary and St. John the Baptist
6:00pm SM Stanley Wiza
Sunday, February 6
9:00am SJ Russell Gerritts
11:00am SM Donna Mahoney



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

Fred D., Ken K., Sandy K., Carol Harp, Jean Ross, Margaret Riedel, Cecile Lingnowski, Susan Marx, Don Ebben, Mark Ebben, Chuck Kiesow, Kathleen, Katie Ciske, Jack Polman, Damon, 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:

Those in nursing homes, especially those with no one to pray for them.

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

“I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation resulting in knowledge of him. May the eyes of (your) hearts be enlightened, that you may know what is the hope that belongs to his call, what are the riches of glory in his inheritance among the holy ones, and what is the surpassing greatness of his power for us who believe, in accord with the exercise of his great power.” Ephesians 1:17-19

Reflection:

Winter teaches me patience: walk carefully on icy sidewalks. Drive slower through snarled traffic. Take more time to put on layers of clothes. Wait for streets to be cleared of snow. Be understanding about mail arriving late.

Winter strengthens my courage: go out into windy, freezing air. Risk traveling on snowy roads. Dress warmly and go for a walk. Ski through woods, alone and free. Be at peace in long days of darkness.

Winter brings me beauty: look up at the star-filled sky. Pause to breathe the crisp air. Vigil with steal blue sunsets. Marvel at frost etching windows. Sink boots into soft, sensual powder.

Winter gives me silent hope: Touch the terminal buds on branches. Clear the snow and find green moss below, watch the sunlight fade then linger longer. Stand with the strength of evergreen trees. Listen to the birds chirping at the feeder.

Winter challenges to teach me patience, to strengthen my courage, to bring me beauty and to give me hope. I must be willing to learn.

~by Joyce Rupp & Macrina Wiederkehr

God of Radiant Goodness, we turn to you as our Source of warmth. Keep us mindful of your transforming presence; a time of rest, a time to stand still, a time to reacquaint ourselves with the faith in which we live. Shine your goodness and love on each and every one. May all creation be at peace, in this season of quiet restoration. Amen.

~United in Christ, *Bethany Doll*

Important Faith Formation and Youth Ministry Dates:

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

February 9 - Wednesday Night FUEL - Class grades 1-10, Confirmation Class, & Adult FUEL

February 13 - Missionary Disciples - 12th grade Ice Skating day at The Plaza!

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

It's BACK!

**Our Build Your Own Baked Potato
And Salad Dinner**

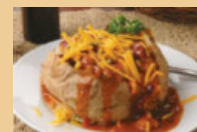
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Save the date:

Saturday, March 5, 2022 , in Msgr. Hummel Hall

Watch the bulletin or website for more details!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- February 2 - SJ Pastoral Council 7:45pm
- February 9 - SM Pastoral Council 5pm
- February 16 - SJ Finance Council 5pm
- February 18 - SM Volunteer Appreciation Lunch Noon

A huge thank you for all those who gave so generously to the St. Vincent de Paul food drive. In these uncertain times, providing food, hygiene products, paper products and cleaning supplies show those less fortunate God's love in a tangible way. Your gifts are much appreciated!



Fox Valley Respect Life - Our group is made up of volunteers from all across the Fox Valley. We advocate for life from conception to natural death. We touch on many issues surrounding life, seeking to educate and support (both physically and spiritually). We meet at St. Gabriel Parish, 900 Geiger St, Neenah, on the first Monday of most months. **Our next meeting is February 7, Rosary at 6:00 pm, meeting starts 6:30pm.** All are welcome! While you don't need to be Catholic, we do follow Catholic Social teaching on life issues. Questions? Email: nmrespectlife@gmail.com Facebook page: [Fox Valley Respect Life](#)



 St. Mary Catholic Schools is proud to offer a fun new summer option for our families and friends. Registration is now open for Camp Zephyr: a full day or half day option for kids ages 3 through 12. Details are available at smcatholicsschools.org

Preview Night at St. Mary Catholic High School, Jan. 31, 6:00pm. Learn about academics, faith formation, co-curriculars, student life, tuition assistance, and more at this free informational preview night. No RSVP required.

Interested in enrolling a child at SMCS? Preschool-grade 12 enrollment for the 2022-23 school year is opening soon. Learn more or schedule a tour of our campuses at 920-722-7796 ext. 157.

Save the date: **February 24!** SMCS will host a free presentation about legacy gifts and estate planning. Refreshments will be provided, doors open at 5:30pm, registration at 5:45pm, and the presentation at 6:00pm. More details forthcoming at smcatholicsschools.org at smcatholicsschools.org.

ST. MARY & ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST YOUTH MINISTRY

READY FOR SOME WARM WEATHER?

JOIN US FOR AN EXTRA-ORDINARY SUMMERY MINI LOCK-IN!

Who: Middle School Students
 When: February 5 from 5:45pm - 10pm
 Where: St. Mary Catholic Church, Menasha
 What to Bring: Friends, 2021-22 Liability Waiver, your best floral shirt, \$5 donation (optional)


SIGN UP WITH THE LINK IN OUR FACEBOOK GROUP: ST. MARY AND ST. JOHN YOUTH MINISTRY/ CONTACT BETHANY WITH QUESTIONS AT bdoll@smcatholicsschools.org



\$25,000 Cash Raffle!
 Tickets will be available SOON!

This is the MAJOR Fundraiser for our Parishes.

Drawing will be May 7, 2022



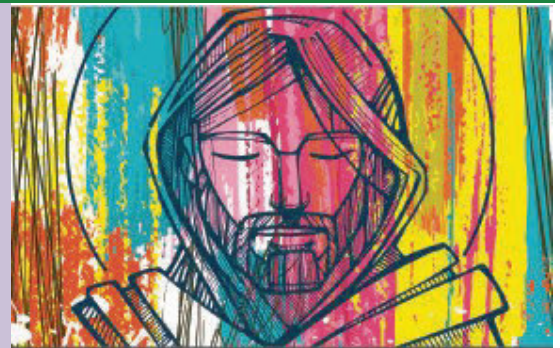
What is the Bishop's Appeal?
 The Bishop's Appeal is a stewardship opportunity for each of us to reach out to thousands of people in search of Jesus' love. Each gift given supports the ministries of the Diocese of Green Bay which serve our parishes, Catholic schools and communities. Your gift truly helps bring the heart and hands of Christ to our children, young adults, families and neighbors here in northeastern Wisconsin. To make a gift today, contact your parish, visit the Bishop's Appeal website at www.catholicfoundationgb.org/give, or call Tammy toll-free at 877-500-3580, ext. 8123.

Are your young children distracted and have a hard time paying attention in Mass? We want to bring back **"Liturgy of the Word with Children"** to the 9am and 11am Sunday Masses. This opportunity will allow children in Kindergarten - 2nd grade to hear the Word of God at their own level. If you are a parent interested in seeing this come back, and you are willing to help with the program, please contact Bethany Doll at 725-7714 or bdoll@smcatholicsschools.org

St. Mary and St. John the Baptist Parishes are looking for a **musician and choir accompanist** for our weekend and Holy Day Masses, with the possibility of additional playing opportunities. The right candidate must have excellent keyboard skills on both piano and organ, and a good knowledge of Catholic liturgy.



This position is shared with another music minister to reduce the number of weekends needed to play. To find out more information or apply for the position, please contact Steve Siegel at 920-725-7714 or send your resume to Steve's attention at 528 2nd Street, Menasha, WI 54952



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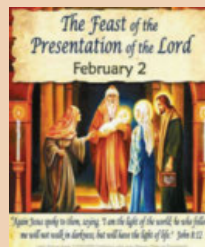


A reminder about our Monthly First Saturday Mass! Our next First Saturday Mass is February 5.

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



February 2 is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, also known as Candlemas.

Candlemas, occurs 40 days after Christmas, marking the first time Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to the

temple for the rites of purification and dedication as prescribed by Jewish law. It is traditional for candles to be blessed at this Mass. **Parishioners are invited to bring their own candles to the Mass on February 2 to have them blessed for use at home throughout the year. The candles can be in any style (votive, tealight, taper, etc.).**



February 3 is the Feast of St. Blaise. We will offer the general blessing of throats after Communion at Masses on January 29 and 30. **Individual throat blessings will be given at the weekday Masses on Wednesday February 2 and Thursday February 3.** Did you know we have a relic of St. Blaise?!

Renaissance Fund
Would you like to help forge the future of our parishes while preserving the traditions that have been a part of our past? Back in December Father Michael announced the "**Renaissance Fund**." at both churches. You should have noticed envelopes for this fund in your envelope package.. These will be quarterly offerings for you to donate to this fund. At **St. Mary** the funds will be used for interior restoration and beautification of the church so that as good stewards we may pass on the beauty and tradition to our



heirs. At **St. John** the fund will be used to create a pathway to the future, including architectural needs, interior aesthetics and beauty, again with the goal of passing on the tradition to our heirs. Thank you for your generosity in building up these funds.

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