



Saints MARY & JOHN the BAPTIST



St. John the Baptist

516 De Pere Street
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*Where Your Faith Journey Is Strengthened
Two Parishes - One Faith*

Administrator

Reverend Michael Lightner

St. Mary

528 Second Street
Menasha, WI 54952

Welcome to our parishes!

Parish Office - (920)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.smccatholicsschools.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

Adoration & Reconciliation

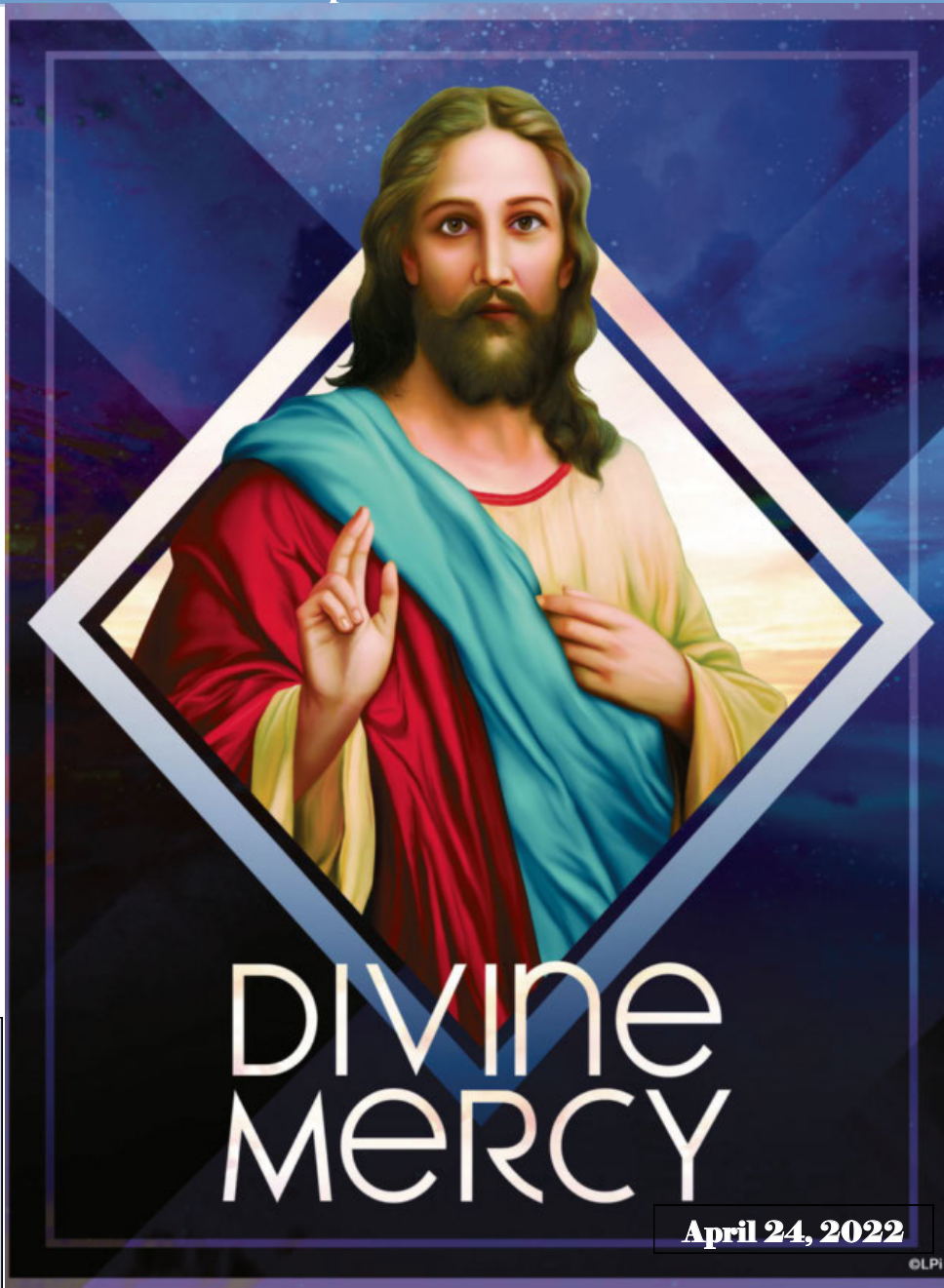
St. Mary - Tuesday 12-1 pm,
Wednesday 12-1 pm

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

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

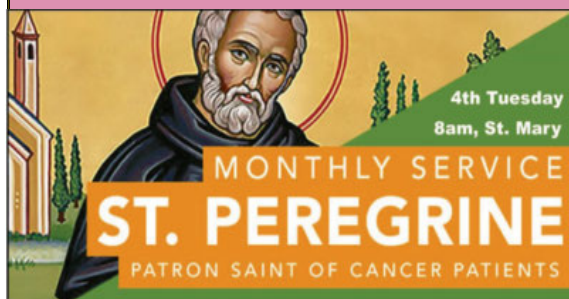
Our Mission:

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 weekend! We are glad you are here as your presence is a blessing to us! If you are looking for a Catholic Parish, we invite you to get to know us better! If you are new to the area, been away from us for awhile, 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



You are invited to prayer, and veneration of a First Class Relic of St. Peregrine. Cancer survivors, Caregivers, Family and Friends are invited to come together to pray and be blessed by the Relic of St. Peregrine, Patron of those Afflicted with Cancer. **The prayer service will be on the 4th Tuesday of each month, following the 7:30am Mass at St. Mary.**

St. Peregrine has been called the wonder worker for his intercession on behalf of those living with serious illness.



Next Service April 26

St. Peregrine, pray for us!

Finance UPDATES

Parish Financials

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>YTD (4/10/22)</u>	<u>Status</u>
St Mary	\$ 423,286	\$ 433,012	\$ 9,726 +
St. John	\$ 267,947	\$ 273,949	\$ 6,002 +

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!**



2022 Bishops Appeal CONGRATULATIONS!!!

St. Mary Goal - \$45,717
Amount raised - \$48,825!
St. John the Baptist Goal - \$27,411
Amount raised - \$28,795
Thank you!



Tuesday, April 26
 7:30am SM Carol Konetzke
Wednesday, April 27
 7:00pm SM St Mary & St John the Baptist Catechists & Volunteers
Thursday, April 28
 7:30am SJ Len Birling
Friday, April 29
 8:10am SME - Sue Strebe
 7:00pm SJ - Andres Lopez
Saturday, April 30
 4:00pm SJ Mary Wolff
 6:00pm SM L&D members of the Richard Harp Family
Sunday, April 31
 9:00am SJ L/D of St. Mary and St. John the Baptist
 11:00am SM Edna Huelsbeck



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, Chuck Kiesow, Kathleen, Katie Ciske, Jack Polman, Kathy S., Randy R., Marlene Johann, Barbara Arndt Russell, Bailey Sanchez, Dee Boudry, Jan Harrmann, Donny T., Bruce & Nancy B., Kylie H., Sam C. Carissa Haase, Joseph Griffith, Anne, Amy, Larry A.

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:

For all Christians who are being persecuted

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

It seems fairly easy to believe that God is powerful, but it is another thing entirely to believe that God can HEAL us personally and that He CARES about us personally. **I often want control because I trust myself more than God, I don't trust that God is going to take care of everything.**

"Remember Jesus' response to the disciples who missed Him, who cried out in fear, not faith, and in their terrified state, set into motion all kinds of unnecessary anxiety. The Scripture says *immediately* (I love that it was immediate) He spoke to them and said, 'Don't be afraid.' The word used here means 'don't resist me.' And He climbed in the boat with them. He's saying the same thing to you and me. And He's not running from your mess. He's climbing in it to be right there with you." ~Lysa TerKeurst

When we trust God with our messes, and we admit to Him that we are weak and we need His help, that is not a bad thing! When we slip up and make mistakes, when we get anxious without knowing why, or we don't face the changes in our life as well, God asks us to give Him those moments, give Him those worries, arguments, sins, rejections of Him and others, "what-ifs" and anxieties. When we do, this is when God shows us His mercy. His mercy comes in many forms - it can look like a solitary moment of agreement in the midst of an argument, recognizing and being thankful for the blessings in your life, a person who makes you smile or laugh on a really crappy day, being thankful for even one blessing on the worst day of your life, or the recognition on how to improve the upcoming day because of poor or sinful decisions you've made the day before.

Mercy isn't something we earn. Jesus is constantly being merciful towards us, but most of the time we aren't receptive to it because we forget about His love for us. Satan's favorite lie is that you have plenty of time. He wants you to put off receiving God's mercy for as long as possible. He'll even try to convince you that God isn't merciful; that He would never forgive you. **And whenever you start to believe that lie, immediately look to the cross. There you'll see Jesus with his arms stretched out, ready to embrace you, even at your worst.**

~United in Christ, *Bethany Doll*

Important Faith Formation and Youth Ministry Dates:

April 27 - **Wednesday Night FUEL & Adult FUEL**

May 4 - **Wednesday Night FUEL & Confirmation Class & Parent Night**

May 7 - **Walk to Mary**

May 11 - **Final Wednesday Night FUEL for the year**

May 18 - **Catechist and Volunteer Appreciation Dinner**

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

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FIRST PRIZE—\$15,000 CASH!

Tickets are \$100, but can be split 4 ways

This is "the" MAJOR Fundraiser for our Parishes.

We rely on all Parish Families to buy at least 1 ticket.

**Drawing will be
May 7, 2022 at 7pm, St. Mary Gym!**

In anticipation of selling all 750 raffle tickets, we are planning to hold the **Pasta Dinner Celebration!**

It will be held on May 7 from 4:30 - 7:30pm in the Gymnasium at St. Mary. (sorry no take outs).

This is a THANK YOU to all who have Purchased tickets and made this (Our LARGEST Fundraiser) successful.

At this point we still have 333 tickets left to sell by May 7. Please help and buy your ticket today!
THANK YOU!



Pasta Dinner

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 27- SM Finance Council 5 pm SM
 May 4 - SJ Pastoral Council 5pm SM
 May 7 - \$25,000 Raffle Drawing 7pm SM
 May 11 - SM Pastoral Council 5pm SM
 May 18 - SJ Finance Council 5pm SM



St. Mary Catholic Schools
 Grades P5-12

The St. Mary Catholic Schools family is growing to include a new **Director of Community Adult Discipleship and Faith Formation**. The goal of this position is to firmly establish a culture of evangelization and discipleship by providing enriching discipleship and faith formation opportunities for all demographics across the Catholic Community of Neenah and Menasha. The Director will work closely with the SMCS Superintendent and Pastors. To learn more about the role, visit www.smccatholicsschools.org/human-resources.

Zephyrfest 2022: Whether you are in the market for a new car, tickets to see the Packers play their rivals, an UTV, a WaveRunner, or cash prizes, you do not want to miss the Zephyrfest 2022 Sweepstakes. Entries into these drawings can be purchased on the Zephyrfest website, smcszephyrfest.com. Winners will be drawn on Saturday, April 30. All the money raised will support St. Mary Catholic Schools. Visit: smcszephyrfest.com.

Do you have a GREEN THUMB?
 Do you love to take care of plants and flowers? Gardening



season is almost upon us. We're looking to form a garden club to help plant and maintain flower beds and pots at St. Mary. We also need help watering/doctoring as needed the interior flowers and plants in the Link and Church. We have a mobile battery watering cart to help with this volunteer position. If you would be interested please contact Deacon Don at (920) 725-7714 X416.

Youth Program Support - Shop St. Patrick's Gifts & Books inside the Northland Mall - Appleton for all your Sacrament and everyday inspirational needs.



Reminder, our parish is part of the "Cash Back for Youth Program". The program offers 10% of YOUR purchase to be donated directly back to our youth program. Just mention the parish when checking out. Shop Baptism, Communion & Confirmation gifts. Thank you for your support. Together we keep our youth engaged & involved in our church and community.

Rummage Sale - Time for SPRING Cleaning?! We'll help you make room! We need your items to make our rummage sale a success! Donation receipts are available at the parish office. Just drop your items off during parish business hours at Door #6 which is off 3rd Street. Thank You!



PLEASE NOTE, WE ARE ONLY ABLE TO TAKE YOUR DONATIONS THROUGH MAY 31.

Once again, Thank you to all who helped to make our Holy Week, Sacred Triduum and Easter Celebrations special. These liturgies take a lot of planning and participation. Thank you to the sacristans, lectors, servers, greeters, ushers, choir, musicians, master of ceremonies, clergy and everyone else involved. And finally thank you to all those who participated in the liturgies by your joyful presence.



Corpus Christi Procession

On June 19, 2022, the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ,

St. Mary and St. John the Baptist parishes invite and welcome all to participate in an outdoor Eucharistic procession following the 11:00 am Mass at Saint Mary Church. The procession will make its way from St. Mary to St. John the Baptist where Benediction will be offered. All are Welcome! *The feast of Corpus Christi is a time when Catholics can show their love for Christ in the Real Presence by honoring Him in a very public way. It is also a wonderful way in which we can show our love for our neighbors by bringing Our Lord and Savior closer to them.*



(note: in the event of rain and/or wind, there would be Adoration and Benediction at St. Mary)

Are your young children distracted and have a hard time paying attention in Mass?

At this time we offer Liturgy of the Word for Children at the 9am Mass at St. John the Baptist. This opportunity allows children in Kindergarten - 2nd grade to hear the Word of God at their own level.

If you are a parent interested in seeing this return to St. Mary's, and you are willing to help with the program, please contact Bethany Doll at (920) 725-7714 or bdoll@smccatholicsschools.org



Have You Registered as a Member of St. Mary or St. John the Baptist?



Registration is the official way we join a parish community. Many people think that because they attend a particular parish they automatically belong. *Membership requires signing up and formally enrolling yourself in the parish.*

But it is also more than just filling out some forms. Registration is a *commitment to a community*, a way to be included in the *religious, social and ministerial activities of a parish.*

Your registration affects the parish in many ways. Census numbers can determine how many priests are assigned to a parish, what benefits and obligations the community has to the diocese, and how many Masses and programs are planned and scheduled.

Registration not only shows you belong, but may be necessary for certain benefits, like scheduling sacraments, obtaining sponsor certificates, participating in religious education programs and getting donation statements for tax purposes. At times young adults who have moved away for years think they are still registered under their parents. Or sometimes previously registered parishioners join another parish, or are inactive for a long period of time, but assume they are still registered here. When they want to come back to receive a sacrament, such as baptism or marriage, or perhaps enroll a child in the religious education program, they find that they are no longer registered here and must begin the process again.

Committing to a parish is much like a commitment to a family, sports team, school or community organization. Just like you want the parish to be there to provide Masses, Sacraments, education programs and ministries, the parish needs to be able to count on you to help and assist in our mission; to be an active member.

Are you registered with us? One way to know is if you receive regular communications from us, such as offertory envelopes, newsletters or emails. If you do not receive at least one of these, then perhaps you are not registered here, you may want to check with the parish office staff.

Registering in the parish is a statement of faith and confidence in the life and work of our parish. As parish members, we are all here to help each other on our spiritual journey; we don't want to do this alone. As much as you need us, we need you, too! Stop by the welcome table at either parish for a New Member Form. Please call Deacon Don in the Parish Office if you have any questions. (920) 725-7714 x416.

We would love to help you become a member!



Mercy isn't something we earn. Jesus is constantly being merciful towards us, but most of the time we aren't receptive to it. We forget about His love for us. We forget that He chose to die on the cross for us. That choice – that outpouring of mercy – was permanent, and His love has flowed freely since.

In reality, Satan's favorite lie is that you have plenty of time. He wants you to put off receiving God's mercy for as long as possible. He'll even try to convince you that God isn't merciful; that He would never forgive you. **And whenever you start to believe that lie, immediately look to the cross. There you'll see Jesus with his arms stretched out, ready to embrace you, even at your worst.**

The Chaplet is structured similarly to the Rosary, but instead of praying 10 Hail Mary's, we ask God to have mercy on us and on the whole world. During this prayer, we contemplate our own sins but also pray for people all over the world. It is comforting to remember that no matter how often we reject Jesus, He continually proves His love for us through His crucifixion.

After we finish, we pray, **"Jesus, I trust in you. Jesus, I trust in you. Jesus, I trust in you."**

During a time when the Church is misunderstood and accused of being an institution of hate and rules, we know the truth. **We can confidently proclaim that our Church is a Church of Mercy, and do so with arms stretched wide like Jesus Christ on the cross, ready to receive others.**

Jesus told St. Faustina, *"I have opened My Heart as a living fountain of mercy. Let all souls draw life from it. Let them approach this sea of mercy with great trust. On the cross, the fountain of My mercy was opened wide by the lance for all souls - no one have I excluded!"*

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