



Saints MARY & JOHN the BAPTIST



St. John the Baptist

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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 - (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

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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.



SUNDAY, MAY 15, 2022

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

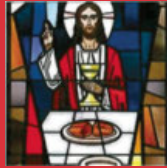
[Jesus said,] "My children, I will be with you only a little while
longer. I give you a new commandment: love one another."
- Jn 13:33a, 34a



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

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.

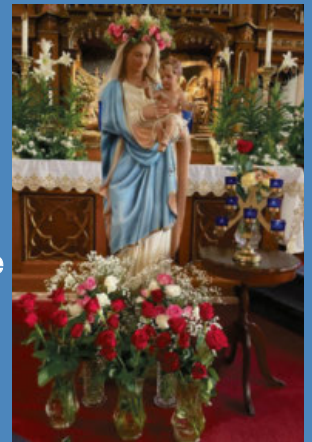
(note: in the event of rain and/or wind, there would be Adoration and Benediction at St. Mary)



Parish Financials

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>YTD (5/1/22)</u>	<u>Status</u>
St Mary	\$ 454,258	\$ 469,144	\$ 14,886 +
St. John	\$ 287,553	\$ 298,845	\$ 11,292 +

During the month of May, the month of Mary, you are invited to join us on a Rosary walk though the beautiful Rosary Garden at St. Mary Cemetery. The Rosary Walks will be each Thursday in May at 3pm. Our next Rosary Walk is May 19! In case of inclement weather or adverse conditions, the Rosary will still be prayed in the Cemetery Chapel. Please join us in honoring our Mother Mary and praying for our beloved dead. *Hail Mary, Full of Grace, the Lord is with Thee!*



Tuesday, May 17

7:30am SM Virginia Swichtenberg

Wednesday, May 18

7:00pm SM Terry Derfus

Thursday, May 19

7:30am SJ Dolores Groeschel

Friday, May 20

8:10am SME - Robert Willes

7:00pm SJ - Daryl Rictveld

Saturday, May 21

4:00pm SJ Ralph & Betty Verbockel

6:00pm SM Jack Binder

Sunday, May 22

9:00am SJ Carol Konetzke

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:

Fred D., Ken K., Sandy K., Carol Harp, Jean Ross, Margaret Riedel, Cecile Lingnowski, Susan Marx, Kathleen, Katie Ciske, Jack Polman, Marlene Johann, Barbara Arndt Russell, Bailey Sanchez, Dee Boudry, Donny T., Bruce & Nancy B., Kylie H., Sam C., Carissa Haase, Joseph Griffith, Anne, Amy, Larry A., Mary, Manuel & Juanita Bedolla, Joan, Rose K., Anna Potratz

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 for:

During this month of May: For an increase in devotion to our Blessed Mother, that we may always ask for her intercession

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

For a long time, I had faked having a relationship with Our Blessed Mother, Mary. Even after I had a relationship with Jesus, and although I have taught about our faith and Mother Mary since I was a freshman in high school, and my family has a huge devotion to our Blessed Mother my whole life, I just never really knew how to go about it. I thought for a long time as I grew up, why are we focusing so much time learning about Mary? Shouldn't our focus be only on Jesus - isn't He the most important?

So many people in my life told me about their incredible devotion to Our Lady and I just didn't get it. I thought maybe some people were called to have that special relationship with Mary, and some weren't. I figured I would just keep praying the same way I always had and if Mary wanted to make herself known to me, she would! I did a consecration to Mary for the first time my senior year of high school, promising that I would give my heart to her, and she would promise to give her heart to me, to be my mother, and I, her child. Even then, deep down, nothing really seemed to click for me - I knew it was a special moment, it was filled with a lot of peace for me, and I did really try to give my all to her, but I didn't feel like much in my life had changed after the fact.

Recently I was struggling talking with anyone about one particular wound on my heart and Holy Spirit nudged me to stop in front of a statue of Mary. I did, and I poured my heart out to her - desperately wanting to feel a mother's love and embrace and wanting someone to understand. I ranted through all my problems, and I just asked that she could hold my hand and bring me through the day. She is such a gentle person, really a truly gentle and calming mother - just the kind of person I needed to talk to. It felt too intimidating to bring it all straight to Jesus, and I thought a mother's heart could understand.

It's not a deep relationship yet, and I still wonder sometimes about how to go deeper and how to relate to her, but if I've learned anything about God and the Holy Family over the past few years, it is the fact that they don't push, they don't force themselves on you, but instead gently invite you closer to them when you are ready. God can come to us without Mary, He doesn't need anything extra to encounter and love us. But sometimes, our human hearts need help. That's where Mary comes in. Mary doesn't pick favorites. She is here for all of us as a gift from the Lord. I encourage you to persevere in your relationship with Mary, even when you feel forgotten or left out. Mary has a love and heart for you because she knows how much Jesus yearns for you. Let your mother help you, she's just waiting for you to ask. *~United in Christ, Bethany*

Important Faith Formation and Youth Ministry Dates:

May 18 - Catechist and Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

May 21 - Mission Trip Brat Fry!

May 22 Graduation Mass, Middle and High School Mini Lock-OUT!

June 5-8 - Neenah/Menasha "We are the Light" Local Mission

Our catechists and volunteers make all the difference and we want to treat YOU!

Please join us for our Catechist and Volunteer appreciation dinner on May 18 at 5:15pm at St. Mary's Msgr. Hummel Hall, all food and drinks will be provided.

ALSO if you are not currently a catechist or volunteer, but you think you might be interested - YOU'RE INVITED!

Come and enjoy the evening with us, and we can share more information with you.

Call the Parish Office and RSVP to Bethany Doll by May 16.

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St. John the Baptist
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**FR. MICHAEL'S
SPIRITUAL BOOT CAMPS**

St. Mary - Msgr Hummel Hall

Meals are provided, to facilitate planning, please call the
Parish Office to register (920) 725-7714

Last Boot Camp of this series:

May 21 Spiritual Boot camp 9am-3pm

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

St. Mary & St. John the Baptist Cemetery News

Due to rising expenses, St. Mary Cemetery and St. John the Baptist Cemeteries will be increasing prices on June 1, 2022.

Please call the parish office with questions or to purchase burial space. Thank you.





St. John the Baptist trustee elections will be held on the

weekend of June 25 & 26.

Please prayerfully consider whether you or someone you know may be called to the role of Secretary Trustee. All candidates who are at least 18 years of age and who receive at least ten nominations and are approved by the Pastor between May 14 and June 4 will be included in the final vote, which again will be held the weekend of June 25 - 26. Nomination forms will be found in the back of both churches, at the parish office, and on our website, along with additional details on trustee roles and responsibilities. Completed forms should be deposited in designated lock boxes in the back of both churches or at the parish office, by no later than June 4. Thank you to Jane Julius who has served our parish as Secretary Trustee for this past term.



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St. Mary's Progress

Parish Goal: \$635,000

Total Raised: \$342,220

Percentage Raised: 54%

Number of Gifts: 53

Average Gift: \$6,500

*Numbers are current as of May 9, 2022

How you can help!

• Make a gift to the campaign!

To give, scan the QR code or follow the link:



<https://one.catholicfoundationgb.org/give/>

• Pray for the success of the campaign. Father and our volunteers need your continued prayers to make this campaign a success at our parish.

Dear Friends,

St. Mary is currently participating in Block 3 of the *one by One* campaign along with 32 other parishes within the Diocese. This campaign will have a positive impact on the lives of children, clergy, and families across the Diocese of Green Bay and allow all parishes, including ours, to address important local needs.

St. Mary will benefit from *one by One* and has a goal of \$635,000. Of this amount, 50 percent will remain at our parish to meet locally identified needs.

Please join Father and your fellow parishioners at a reception:

- **Tuesday, May 17th at 5:00pm in the cafeteria**
- **After the 6:00pm Saturday Mass on May 21st in the cafeteria**
- **After the 11:00am Sunday Mass on May 22nd in the cafeteria**

You will be receiving materials in the mail that you can bring to the reception. If you have already received pledge materials and want to discuss your contribution with Father, this is a great opportunity to do so!



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

At the **9am Mass** at St. John the Baptist we offer

"Liturgy of the Word with Children"!

This opportunity allows children in Kindergarten - 2nd grade to hear the Word of God at their own level. If you are a parent/volunteer interested in seeing this offered at St. Mary's, and you are willing to help with the program, please contact Bethany Doll at 725-7714 or bdoll@smcatholicschools.org



St. Mary will hold a trustee election on the weekend of June 25 & 26.

St. Mary's Treasurer Trustee's term expires in July. Bill Walsh currently serves as Treasurer Trustee and we would like to thank him for his service. Nominations of any parishioner in good standing can be made by placing nomination slips in the ballot boxes at the back of both churches after Mass, or in the office during the week between Saturday, May 14 and Sunday, June 4. The nomination slips will be found in the church, in the office, or online. Any parishioner who receives ten nominations, is approved by the pastor, and accepts the nomination, will be placed on the ballot. These candidates' names will be introduced at Masses on June 11 and 12, and short biographies will appear in the bulletin. Elections will be held on June 25 & 26 at St. Mary Masses, with all St. Mary parishioners eighteen and older, and in good standing are eligible to cast a paper ballot. A complete description of the trustee position can be found on the parish website.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 18 - SJ Finance Council 5pm *SM*
May 25 - SM Finance Council 5pm *SM*
June 1 - SJ Pastoral Council 5pm *SM*
June 8 - SM Pastoral Council 5pm *SM*
June 15 - SJ Finance Council 5pm *SM*

Parishioners are welcome to attend any council meeting.



St. Mary & St. John the Baptist Parishes

St. Mary Site

540 Second Street Menasha

Thursday, June 23 8 am-5 pm

Friday, June 24 8 am-5 pm

Saturday, June 25 8 am-2 pm

Saturday ONLY:

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gardening, jewelry, collectibles,
crafts, housewares,
furniture, tools, electronics and much more!

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**Mini
Lock-OUT!**
middle and high school event

**May 22
11am - 3:30pm**

11am Mass

Lunch cookout

Praying with our
Heavenly Mother
&
Outdoor fun!

Please bring: friends, towel
and/or change of clothes,
\$5 donation (optional)

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Sign up by scanning the QR Code
OR with the link on our
Facebook page:
@menashacatholicym

Contact Bethany with Questions at
bdoll@smcatholicschools.org

How can we help?

The Neenah and Menasha
Catholic Parishes will be
leading 50+ Middle and High
school youth in **SERVICE** as
part of the Local Mission
Experience this summer,
June 6th through June 8th.



We are looking to help parishioners and local
neighbors with projects at their house or in their
yard! **Do you or someone you know need an extra
hand or have a project you need assistance with?**

Here are a few ideas of what we can help with,
such as sweeping, raking, painting a garage, light
landscaping, gardening, mulching, window
washing, moving stones or wood, weeding, and
even organizing. *Please note we are NOT able to
use power tools or machinery.* We look forward to
hearing more about how we can help you!

**We have youth ready to serve and help you!
Let us know about your project!**

Contact: Tina Peirick St. Margaret Mary Parish
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