



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

528 Second Street
Menasha, WI 54952

Welcome to our parishes!

Parish Office - (920)725-7714

528 Second Street

Monday - Thursday 8 am - 3:30 pm

Friday 8am - 12pm

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

Adoration & Reconciliation

St. Mary - Tuesday/Wednesday 12-1 pm

St. John - Thursday/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, AUGUST 7, 2022

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour when the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come." - Lk 12:39-40

YOU ARE
Welcome Here

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



Finance UPDATES

Parish Financials

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>YTD (07/31/22)</u>	<u>Status</u>
St Mary	\$ 55,195	\$ 48,915	(\$ 6,280)
St. John	\$ 33,855	\$ 28,951	(\$ 4,904)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- August 10 - No SM Pastoral Council
- August 17 - SJ Finance Council 5pm SM
- August 24 - SM Finance Council 5pm SM
- August 28 - Back To School Picnic!
Noon SM
- Sept 7 - SJ Pastoral Council 5pm SM
- Sept 10 & 11 - WELCOME WEEKEND
Parishioners are welcome to attend any council meeting.



Return of 8:10am Mass

With the start of the new school year, the 8:10am Friday Morning Mass will return to St. Mary on September 2. The Mass will be held every week aside from November 25 and December 23. The Mass will continue until the end of the school year with the last Mass being June 2, 2023. There are Mass intentions open for this Mass. We look forward to the return of our St. Mary Elementary Teachers and Students!

SM MASS INTENTIONS

In Our Thoughts & Prayers



- Tuesday, August 9**
7:30am SM In Thanksgiving for Parish Unity
- Wednesday, August 10**
7:00pm SM Lorraine Ulman
- Thursday, August 11**
7:30am SJ Mary Wolff
- Friday, August 12**
7:00pm SJ Roger Rippl & Ruth Ropella
- Saturday, August 13**
4:00pm SJ George Trader
6:00pm SM Bernice Siebers
- Sunday, August 14**
9:00am SJ Loretta & Roman Kellenhauser
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, Susan Marx, Kathleen, Katie Ciske, Jack Polman, Marlene Johann, Barbara Arndt Russell, Bailey Sanchez, Dee Boudry, Donny T., Bruce & Nancy B., Kylie H., Carissa Haase, Anne, Amy, Mary, Manuel & Juanita Bedolla, Joan, Rose K., Joe Endres, Sue B., Pat, Dawn S.

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:

Teachers and students preparing for the new School Year.

**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

Do you ever stop to smell the roses? Very much a cliché, I know, but it's a cliché for a reason....

Jesus tells us that unless we become like children, we will not enter the kingdom of heaven. Have you ever watched a small child as they discover something new? As adults, we might see a trail of ants and immediately want to step on them, or we look at them with annoyance. A small child however, their eyes will light up, and they could sit and watch the ants walk in their line for an hour. They want to understand the way the world works and become excited about the smallest things!

Why don't we get excited about the small things as much any more? Are we too busy? Do we have too many responsibilities? Have we lost our deep desire for true wonder?

Wonder is a sense of awe that encompasses your entire being. True wonder engages the heart, mind, body and spirit. The whole being. Experiencing something larger than oneself. Wonder is not the same thing as fanciful imagination, rather than leading one away from reality, true wonder is bringing one closer to reality. True wonder is marked by openness to the unknown, loss of self before the other, pondering, and lack of fear.

But this begs the question - why do we need to wonder? Having a sense of wonder is a stimulus for growth. If cultivated, wonder becomes a spiritual practice that changes the way we live. We can see the world is charged with marvelous wonders. We are perishing for want of wonder, not for want of wonders. We don't lack things to wonder about, but do we take the time to actually wonder?

Wonder naturally evolves to praise and thanksgiving - wonder leads to prayer. Isn't this the purpose for which God created all He did for us? He didn't have to create trees, flowers, sunrises and sunsets, starry nights, cute baby animals, fields of sunflowers, and so much more. He gave us all of this, and He gave us a deep desire to wonder, just like we did when we were children. What will you wonder at this week?

~ United in Christ, Bethany

Important Faith Formation and Youth Ministry Dates:

August 14 - **THANK YOU** to our mission trip donors - join us for an ice cream social at 12:30pm at St. Mary High School

August 28 - Picnic and Fun Day at 12pm at St. Mary's

September 7 - First Night/Orientation for Faith Formation FUEL!

You can sign up to join us for these events, learn how to volunteer, or how to sign up for Youth Ministry Events or Wednesday Night FUEL by going to our Facebook page, or joining our email list! Just email bdoll@smcatholicschools.org

The Rite of Catholic Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is the program by which Catholics and

non-catholics learn more about the Catholic faith. RCIA is for adults who: are interested in the Catholic Faith, have never been baptized, were baptized in a different Christian faith but are seeking entrance into the Catholic Church, baptized Catholics who have not yet received First Communion or Confirmation, are married to a Catholic, attend Mass and would like to take the next step to become a member of the Catholic Church, are Catholic but want to learn more about the Faith. It ends with full initiation into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil next year. These classes are for anyone with interest no matter your current denomination. We are excited to have an awesome RCIA Team to lead these classes; **Hank & Nancy Wildenberg and Terry & Carla Morgan**. Please encourage your friends and neighbors with interest in Catholicism to give us a call. This is a great way for YOU to learn more about your faith! Let the Holy Spirit Guide you! If you are interested in this program, contact Deacon Don at (920) 725-7714 X 416 or donschultz@smcatholicschools.org.



Faith Formation 2022-23

Our registration process has gotten even EASIER!

Scan the QR code next to the age appropriate description to register for next year!

2022-23 Faith Formation Start Date:
September 7, 2022

Grades Pre-K through Kindergarten

Grades 1-12



SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS BY

DR. ALAN WOLFELT

FOR GRIEVING FAMILIES AND PROFESSIONALS

**UNDERSTANDING YOUR GRIEF:
TOUCHSTONES FOR HOPE AND HEALING
PROGRAM FOR GRIEVING FAMILIES**

SEPTEMBER 7TH, 2022 6:30-8:30 P.M.

This program will help all of us understand how loss influences our lives. You will be able to embrace the uniqueness of your grief, quietly reflect on your feelings of loss, learn about the six essential needs we all have when someone dies, and come to understand the difference between "reconciling" your grief and "resolving" your grief.



**THE ART OF "COMPANIONING"
THE MOURNER:
CARING VERSUS CURING**

PROGRAM FOR PROFESSIONALS

SEPTEMBER 8TH, 2022 8:30 -11:30 A.M.

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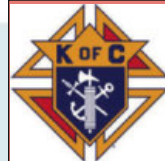
YOU ARE INVITED!

We want to say THANK YOU for all of your generous donations and prayers in helping us send 100+ students on mission this year!

Join us for an ice cream social and to hear stories and see pictures from the students about the summer missions!

**August 14th at 12:30pm
St. Mary Catholic High School
1050 Zephyr Drive, Neenah**

Please RSVP by contacting Bethany Doll
(920)725-7714 ext 424
bdoll@smcatholicschools.org



K of C Fish Fry!

Join the Knights on Friday, August 12th at their **Menasha Hall** across from Manderfield's Bakery for great food and fellowship.

Dine in or Walk-in To Go!
(Sorry no call-ins)

Serving from 4:30 to 7:30 pm.
Hope to see you there!



HOW:



**We are hiring!
Join the Parish Staff!**



Administrative Assistant

This includes but not limited to clerical and secretarial work, coordinating with our office volunteers, managing Scrip sales and inventory, parish calendar and sacramental records. This individual must be proficient in Microsoft products (Word, Excel, Publisher) and be a very good communicator.

This is a full time position

Cemetery Coordinator

for the St. Mary and St. John the Baptist parish cemeteries. This position is responsible for managing the operations of the cemeteries including but not limited to supervising the cemetery staff, maintaining the equipment, selling grave plots, working with parish families and managing all the paperwork.

This is a full time position

Musician & 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 to apply for a position, please contact Steve Siegel at ssiegel@smcatholicschools.org or call him at (920) 725-7714 x 418

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BACK TO SCHOOL

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ALL proceeds go to our Faith Formation and Youth Ministry Programs.

Thank you to Cranked Bike Studio for their support of this raffle.

(You do not need to be present to win)

Drawing will be held as part of our Back To School Picnic and Fun Day being held at St. Mary after the 11am Mass on August 28.

Drawing will be held at 12:30 pm in the St. Mary Cafeteria.

St. Mary and St. John the Baptist will be hosting a "Welcome Weekend" after all Masses the Weekend of September 10 & 11.



St. John the Baptist - Everyone is invited to celebrate our new Parish Members after the 4pm and 9am Masses. The Gathering is taking place at the Knights of Columbus Hall at 746 Third St, across from Tony's Bar. There will be light snacks and beverages on Saturday and morning treats and beverages on Sunday. Also, come and get your first peek at the St. John School Time Capsule.

St. Mary - Help us welcome our new parishioners by joining in fellowship after the 6pm and 11am Masses with food and beverages. After 6pm we will gather in Msgr. Hummel Hall and after 11am we will gather outside the Link (weather permitting). We are still working on the planning so stay tuned. For now, just make plans to join us after mass for welcoming and fellowship!

ST. MARY & ST. JOHN'S FAITH FORMATION AND YOUTH MINISTRY PROGRAM INVITES YOU TO:

PICNIC & FUN DAY

CELEBRATING BACK TO SCHOOL!

Want to win an electric bike?
Buy our \$5 raffle tickets for a chance to win this or other prizes!
Tickets are sold in the parish office and after weekend Masses

August 28 at 12pm
St. Mary Cafeteria
Lunch and games are provided and everyone is welcome!
Raffle Drawing at 12:30pm

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Please RSVP by scanning the QR Code or by calling the parish office
Questions? Contact Bethany Doll at bdoll@smcatholicschools.org

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