

St. Mary Churches-Omro & Winneconne

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July 26, 2020

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Congratulations to:

Rylee Karn

Quinn Pick

Yandel Lopez-Villalobos

Who are receiving their First Communion in Omro this weekend



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Dear Parishioners,

I came across this "prayer" the other day and it added a smile to my day. I hope it does the same for you.

A Prayer so appropriate for these troubled times...



A while back I read a story of a visiting pastor who attended a men's breakfast in the middle of a rural farming area of the country. The group had asked an older farmer, decked out in bib overalls, to say grace for the morning breakfast.

"Lord, I hate buttermilk," the farmer began. The visiting pastor opened one eye to glance at the farmer and wonder where this was going.

The farmer loudly proclaimed, "Lord, I hate lard." Now the pastor was growing concerned but, without missing a beat, the farmer continued, "And Lord, you know I don't much care for raw white flour."

The pastor once again opened an eye to glance around the room and saw that he wasn't the only one beginning to feel uncomfortable.

Then the farmer added, "But Lord, when you mix them all together and bake them, I do love warm fresh biscuits."

"So Lord, when things come up that we don't like, when life gets hard, when we don't understand what you're saying to us, help us to just relax and wait until you are done mixing. It will probably be even better than biscuits."

AMEN

And maybe this is all we can do as we walk these difficult days with the coronavirus in our midst: Wait and pray and wait and trust and wait some more....Let's not forget that God is in all of this and He IS with us. That is His promise to us.

It is important to be transparent in these difficult times and so I am sharing we have had our first parishioners test positive for COVID-19. These two people were unknowingly exposed to a person over the 4th of July weekend, who tested positive a week after their contact. The weekend of July 18-19 was the 14-day mark, noted by the CDC, from the initial exposure and these parishioners have not attended Mass since July 4. They are currently in self-quarantine and are doing well.



This is a good reminder to continue social distancing and wear masks in solidarity and for the good of those most vulnerable. Let's be kind to one another and prevent the spread of COVID-19 by being vigilant in our care for others, as well as ourselves.

Sr. Pam

Winneconne/Omro

Mass Intentions

Saturday: **August 1**
4:00pm (SMO) Miguel Angel Duran
6:00pm (SMW) Francis Crowley
Sunday: **August 2**
8:30am (SMW) Tanner Henschel
10:30am (SMO) Leonard & Wilma Trochinski

MASS ATTENDANCE

	WINN	OMRO
7/11 Sat.	47	46
7/12 Sun.	85	80
7/18 Sat.	53	38
7/19 Sun.	70	51

Readings for the Week of July 27

Monday: Jer 13:1-11/Mt 13:31-35
Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22/Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21/Jn 11:19-27 or
 Lk 10:38-42
St. Martha
Thursday: Jer 18:1-6/Mt 13:47-53
Friday: Jer 26:1-9/Mt 13:54-58
St. Ignatius of Loyola
Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24/Mt 14:1-12
St. Alphonsus Ligouri, Bishop & Dr of Church
Sunday: Is 55:1-3/Rom 8:35, 37-39/
 Mt 14:13-21
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Stewardship of Serving-August 1 & 2 Liturgical Ministry Schedule

(SMO) St Mary, Omro
 (SMW) St Mary, Winneconne

Lectors:

4:00pm (SMO) Janet Wegner
 6:00pm (SMW) 1st Communion Family
 8:30am (SMW) 1st Communion Family
 10:30am (SMO) **Volunteer**

Ushers:

4:00pm (SMO) **2 Volunteers**
 6:00pm (SMW) Mary Berger, Lester Brennan
 8:30am (SMW) Sera Kabogora, Tami Davis
 10:30am (SMO) Sue & Jerry Nowicki

Sacristan:

4:00pm (SMO) Janet Wegner
 8:30am (SMW) Anne Baldwin
 10:30am (SMO) **Volunteer**

Greeters:

4:00pm (SMO) Janet Wegner, **Volunteer**
 6:00pm (SMW) Sr. Colleen, Blanche Fiegel,
 Jennifer Yetter
 8:30am (SMW) Sr. Colleen, Jennifer Flora,
 Gerry Arens
 10:30am (SMO) **2 Volunteers**

During these challenging times, we have an opportunity for you to consider now that things are opening up a bit more in our communities and people are jumping more fully into the "new normal." As church, we want to provide opportunities for people to:

- safely regather as community,
- become reacquainted with others, and to
- **share and process one's personal experience** living through this pandemic.

There are multiple "Reconnect Small Groups" being offered with several facilitators. You have "in-person" as well as "virtual" options.

These Reconnect Groups will gather to discuss where we: Received or Shared Loss & Encouragement; Discovered New Beginnings; Have Accompanied or Been Accompanied by Others; and how Jesus has been with us during these days of social distancing and quarantine. Groups are scheduled to meet 1 to 4 times at various locations: Click on or copy the link below to your browser to learn more and to "SIGN-UP" for a Reconnect Small Group that works for you. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050A44A9A623A1FC1-reconnect>

As we walk together in these small groups, may we discover new life, hope, courage, and wisdom as we process our experiences together!

St. Thomas Church in Poygan

Mass will be at 6:00pm on:

Saturday, August 22

and

Saturday, Sept. 5



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