

St. Mary Churches-Omro & Winneconne

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20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 20, 2023



OMRO PICNIC 2023



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Fr. Quinn Mann

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PASTORAL PONDERINGS

When I am driving, I enjoy listening to books on CD. I am not too fussy about what stories I listen to since I “thrift” them and my only criteria is “nothing violent and it must cost under \$2.00.” A few weeks back I was listening to a mystery, that was dull, but I was sticking with it. When I heard “please insert disc number nine,” I panicked. I had no disc 9. When I purchased the CD, it had been taped shut and now I discovered “Disc 9? there was no disc 9,” which contained the end of the story! As soon as I got home, I went on the computer to find a “spoiler” for the book (an article that tells the ending of the book.) Twenty-five entries later and still, no clue how the story ended. I felt frustration at never getting to know who did it.

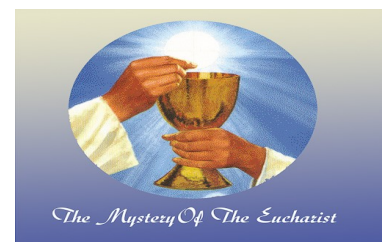
We are not very good at living with mystery. We have not been raised to cultivate a sense of mystery. We are people of problem solving and facts. We work hard to solve the mysteries we encounter and may even see the unknown as an insult to our competence; a personal failing.

Perhaps that is why it is such a struggle for us to give ourselves over to the Divine Mystery that makes up our Catholic Faith. The Divine Mystery requires that we listen and become open. When we meet with the unknown in this way, we can be touched by wisdom that can transform our lives. I remember one of my theology professors. His favorite line when his students would begin to push for “facts” was “It’s a mystery.” (As a sideline that worked. I remember one exam when we were to expound on some theological issue, and I ventured with “It’s a mystery.” I got full credit for the answer.)

The most profound mystery of our faith is centered on Jesus Christ, in whom we move and live and have our being. This mystery of the God man, come among us, is so great that when the Roman Missal was revised a few years back, the gesture of bowing within the Creed at the words of Incarnation was reinstated. Why? Certainly, not to put us through little liturgical calisthenics, but rather to humble us mere mortals at the enormity of what God, in love, does for us.

At the conclusion of the Eucharistic Prayer the priest proclaims, “The Mystery of Faith” and again we joyfully respond knowing this mystery is not like something out of Agatha Christie or a puzzle to be solved, but a reality that we accept in faith because we cannot possibly comprehend it just by reason.

That same spirit of humility and awe should overtake us as we move forward to receive the Eucharist. Again, the bow, the audible “Amen” as we realize we are about to receive so great a mystery, so incomprehensible a mystery, so magnificent a mystery, that we can only bow in humility and sheer awe before Jesus.



When we speak of the *mystery* of Jesus Christ, we must also acknowledge that human life itself is a mystery. We are not just flesh and bone, mind, and body, but we are soul and spirit, carrying the very breath of God within us. When was the last time you bowed before that mystery within yourself?

Let us continue to stand in awe and humility before Divine Mystery, knowing that while our story is far from ended, we can live in hope and trust, because Disc #9 is firmly and safely held in the hand of God.

Lyn Zahorik

Director of Spiritual Direction

WINNECONNE NEWS

St. Mary's Catholic Church Ladies Night Out Group



Relax and Rejuvenate!
Join the fun!



When: Monday, September 11, 2023

Time: 6:30pm

RELAX
REFRESH
REJUVENATE
RESTORE

What: Relax, Refresh, and Rejuvenate

Where: Kaudy Hall, St. Mary, Winn.

Cost: Free (donations appreciated)

Come join us for a night of relaxation,
mindfulness, celebration and socialization.
Light snacks and beverages will be served.

To register, email:

Tanya at jonya830@gmail.com or
text Tanya at 262-441-0674.

St. Mary, Winneconne Sponsorship Program 23-24

We have started a new sponsorship program at our parish. What a great way to honor a family member or just to sponsor to help out your parish.

Monthly music sponsor: \$500

Weekly music sponsor: \$125

Homebound ministry sponsor: \$500

Quarterly liturgical candle sponsor: \$750

Monthly liturgical candle sponsor: \$250

Annual missalette sponsor: \$2,900

Bi-annual missalette sponsor: \$1450

Quarterly missalette sponsor: \$725 **Rec'd \$320**

Catechism textbook sponsor: \$2,500 **Rec'd \$500**

Catechist education conference sponsor: \$4500
(\$1,500 per attendee)

Faith formation youth retreat sponsor: \$1,500

Faith formation family night sponsor: \$400

(there are 2-3 of these per year) **Rec'd \$400 /1**

Faith formation laptop sponsor: \$1,000 **Rec'd \$1000**

Adult faith formation sponsor: \$1,500

Carpet cleaning sponsor: \$3,000

Floor Mats upkeep sponsor: \$2,700

Other **Rec'd \$200**

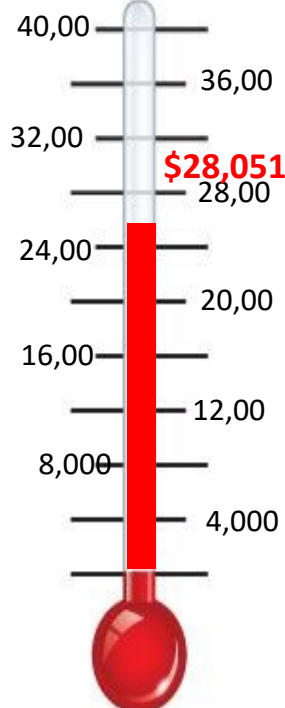
Please pray about sponsoring part or all of an item above.



St Mary
Winneconne

GO FOR THE GOAL!

Our Goal: **\$42,87**



Thank you to
those who
have donated
to the Bishop's
Appeal. We
are at **65%**.



Looking for a place to have a baby shower, birthday party, family get together, etc.

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Rent the hall, or hall & kitchen area, hall & audio-visual equipment.

Call the office and let us see what we can do for you.

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WINNECONNE NEWS

St. Mary, Winneconne Calendar

Mon. Aug. 21 7:00am LOW* w/Communion
 Wed. Aug. 23 7:00am LOW* w/Communion
 3:00pm Catechist Meeting
 6:00pm Catechist Meeting
 Thurs. Aug. 24 2:00pm Rosary
 Sun. Aug. 27 8:30am Mass w/Baptism

Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

*LOW: Liturgy of the Word
 Bishop Appeal Catch Up

Mark Your Calendar

ST. MARY CHURCH



Join us for refreshments, fellowship, an opportunity to learn about the upcoming year, and a chance to share your thoughts and ideas.



FOUR DATES TO CHOOSE FROM:

September 6 @ 6:00pm,
 September 13 @ 6:00pm,
 September 10 @ 9:45am, and
 September 17 @ 9:45am

Open to ALL parishioners!!

Everyone is invited. Faith Formation families are asked to attend one session.

STEWARDSHIP OF SHARING- Winneconne

Given Week ending 8/13/2023 = \$4,789

WEEKLY GOAL: \$6,550



St. Mary Winneconne Faith Formation Registration

is now available for 2023-2024.
 Don't delay, register today!
 We have so many great things planned.



The start of Faith Formation is just around the corner. We are getting set behind the scenes to provide an engaging and fun faith filled year.

This year we will be hosting four sessions of "Come & See" this is an opportunity for our whole parish community to gather together to hear about just some of the many opportunities, events, experiences we look forward to sharing with you. You only need to attend one. They are all the same.

It is important that our Faith Formation families pick one session to attend.



WE NEED YOUR HELP!!

St. Mary, Winneconne is only at 65% of our Bishop's Appeal goal this year. We thank all who have donated and helped us reach this far. We NEED to reach the last 35% of our goal.

Please use the envelope in this bulletin to help us reach our goal!!

OMRO NEWS

St. Mary, Omro Calendar

Tues. Aug. 21 Noon Latino Support Group
 Wed. Aug. 23 4:30pm Confession
 Sat. Aug. 26 3:30pm Confession
 4:00pm Mass
 Sun. Aug. 27 10:30am Mass

**Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Bishop Appeal Catch Up**

STEWARDSHIP OF SHARING-Omro

Given Week ending 8/13/2023 = \$3722

WEEKLY GOAL: \$3,941



You voted, we ordered and he was specially created for us in Peru. Now our St. Joseph statue is up and was blessed at Mass this past weekend. Joseph's stand matches the stand for Mary. Both were made by parishioner Matt Wolff, using wood from the old steeple. Thank you also to Chris Seaman for putting the shelves up for us.

Both statues look like they were always meant to be where they currently are. The St. Joseph statue was a generous gift from long-time parishioner, John Freund. John had been a member here for decades and was very involved in many areas of the parish before his death in October of 2021. We are so grateful that John remembered his church with a gift that will bless this space for a very long time. Thank you also to Janet, Mike and Mona for aiding us in this process.



Faith Formation

It's not too late to register for Faith Formation classes this fall. Just scan the code below to fill out the online form and make your payment.

Registration closes September 1st so don't hesitate to check this off your list. **Classes start Wednesday,**



October 4th.



Have you ever thought about volunteering in Our Faith Formation Program?

- ◇ If you love to work with children
- ◇ If you love to teach and share about our Faith
- ◇ If you want to learn more about your own Faith
- ◇ If you are looking for a way to be a part of the Church

Then getting involved is right for you!
St. Mary's Faith Formation program is in need of catechists for 2nd Grade Sacramental Preparation (First Reconciliation and First Communion) aides and substitutes for the 2023-2024 school year.

**No teaching background is required.
 Teaching materials provided.**

If you have any interest, questions, or want to be involved, please take time to pray about it and then call or email! I am more than happy to answer your questions!

Contact:

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Readings for the Week of August 21

Monday: Jgs 2:11-19/Mt 19:16-22
St. Pius X, Pope

Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a/Mt 19:23-30
The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15/Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Rv 21:9b-14/Jn 1:45-51
St. Bartholomew, Apostle

Friday: Ru 1:1,3-6,14b-16,22/Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Ru 2:1-3,8-11;4:13-17/Mt 23:1-12

Sunday: Is 22:19-23/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20

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OMRO NEWS



A great big **THANK YOU** to the Picnic Team this year:

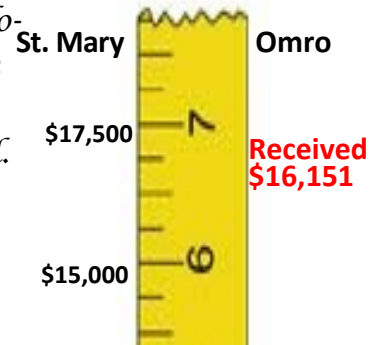
Karla Ellis & Jim Braun; co-chairs, Jodi Hess & Amy Potratz; Food, Sherri Getchel & Amy Miller; Silent Auction, Basket Raffle & Country Store, Jim Fay, Eric Wrage, Lindsay Galica, Jill Pernaski, Carol Thums, Lori Walker, Mitchell Potratz, Matt Wolff and all the volunteers who made our picnic "Rock n' Roll!"

Thank you also for attending and making this one of the best picnics EVER!



Bishop's Appeal Goal \$18,919

Thank you to all those who have already donated. We are at 85% of our goal.



Please use the envelope in this bulletin to help us collect the last 15% of our goal.
Thank you!!

Congratulations to our Raffle Winners:

- Karla Ellis
- Steve Gitter
- Betty Schuster
- Frank & Lori Fisher
- Bill Miller
- Lisa Rilling
- Larry & Judy Schuster
- Jensyn Schroeder



For the family and friends of Dorothy Wade

who was called home to our loving Father in Heaven. May Jesus' words console you, strengthen you and fill you with peace.

**Deadline for the Bulletin
NOON on Tuesday**

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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY: August 26

4:00pm (SMO) Paul Strain

SUNDAY: August 27

8:30am (SMW) Matt & Ethel Neuman

10:30am (SMO) Ted and Jane Gumz

Saturday & Sunday August 26 & 27

SMO– St. Mary, Omro

SMW– St. Mary, Winneconne

**STEWARDSHIP OF SERVING-LITURGICAL
MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

Altar Servers:

4:00pm (SMO) **2 Volunteers**

8:30am (SMW) Landon Dishmon, Volunteer

10:30am (SMO) Rylee & Hailey Karn

Lectors:

4:00pm (SMO) Lori Walker

8:30am (SMW) Eric Bauer

10:30am (SMO) Sue Martin

Ushers:

4:00pm (SMO) Steve Gitter, Sara Waters

8:30am (SMW) Tami Davis, Peggy Benjamin,
JoAnn Winnekens, Mike Miller

10:30am (SMO) Huth Family

Greeters:

4:00pm (SMO) **2 Volunteers**

8:30am (SMW) Kristin Kasuboski, Deb Kolasinski
JoAnn Winnekens, **Volunteer**

10:30am (SMO) Huth Family

Communion Ministers:

8:30am (SMW) Anne Baldwin, **Volunteer**

Sacristans:

4:00pm (SMO) **Volunteer**

8:30am (SMW) Anne Baldwin

10:30am (SMO) Jodi Hess

Intercessory Prayer Ministers:

4:00pm (SMO) **2 Volunteers**

8:30am (SMW) JoAnn Winnekens, Connie Kostichka

Musicians:

4:00pm (SMO) Ted Kreuzer

8:30am (SMW) Annemarie Birschbach/Mary Gallenberg

10:30am (SMO) Ted Kreuzer



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