

# St. Mary Churches-Omro & Winneconne

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The Transfiguration of the Lord

August 6, 2023

Community  
welcome!

Rock 'n Roll to

## ST. MARY'S CHURCH PICNIC

730 Madison Ave. Omro

Sunday, August 13, Omro 11:30-4



Mass in church at 10:30am  
Picnic to follow 11:30-4pm  
to enjoy fellowship and music!

Chicken dinner \$8.00

Hot dog and chips \$3.00

Beverages

Dessert room

(All until sold out)



Featuring  
*The DelRay's*  
12-4pm



Music from the 50s, 60s and 70s

Country store

Silent auction

Basket raffles

Main raffle & 50/50 raffles  
for cash prizes!

Kids' games

and craft

Face painting



Overflow parking at HB Patch School 607 Tyler Ave. Omro. Golf cart rides to St. Mary's from parking lot and street

DON'T BE CRUEL! Come  
to the church picnic on  
August 13!



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Fr. Tom Long

Fr. Quinn Mann

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# PASTORAL PONDERINGS

This summer has been filled with the simple wonders of life. There has been wedding showers, a funeral, the list goes on. In all of it, there have been many emotions but as I reflect, JOY is what stands out.



I think it is fair to say, time with family and friends has its ups and downs. There is joy when we see and get to hold new babies, when we observe children playing together, when we find ourselves sharing stories with those we love. Playing games and breaking bread with one another are also some things that bring joy.

Because we are on this journey to heaven, it is also important to recognize we do not always measure up to the litmus test of being a disciple who loves and forgives our family and friends, let alone our enemies as Jesus tells us to. Yet, when in our hearts we desire to do better, that desire for unity brings a deep joy. In those really tough relationships, even the thought of having the desire to love and forgive when it is the most difficult, there is something to celebrate. It opens a person to receiving forgiveness and growing in love. Check out the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC, 1453) to learn more about “imperfect” contrition (or “Attrition”) which is a gift of God and a prompting of the Holy Spirit. A desire for a desire to love and forgive brings hope for conversion. And hope and conversion bring joy!



Celebrating the coming together of a man and a woman who desire to spend their lives together brings joy! The planning, the hopes and dreams, the life-long commitment, the wonderful food and drink, the beautiful dresses, the dancing...the “wonder and awe” of marriage brings joy! Jesus loved weddings so much that he instituted the sacrament of marriage: “Have you not read that from the beginning the Creator ‘made them male and female’ and said, ‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh?’ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore, what God has joined together, no human being must separate.” (Mt 19:4-6)

Even so, Jesus never said marriage would be easy. Anyone who has been married for any length of time can attest that this life-long commitment is no bowl of cherries. Thank God for factoring into this journey human complexity, human weakness and forgiving us grace in our efforts to keep growing in deeper love. This includes faith, hope, patience, self-sacrifice, perseverance, forgiveness, kindness, gentleness, humility and other virtues. As someone who just celebrated 36 years of marriage, I am ok sharing that these virtues have not been perfected in my marriage. But, reflecting upon where my husband and I started and where we are today brings joy because I can see how God is loving through us within our imperfections and drawing us closer to his heart by teaching us how to love one another more like he does.

The final thing I will touch on from life during this summer is the funeral for Lisa Marinack. There was joy during this celebration of life for a woman who lived love in her marriage, family and in service to others. I saw the beautiful “bush” (children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren) that began with a mustard seed of love between a man and a woman 65 years ago. In the midst of sorrow, there was a deep joy.

Pope Francis tells us, “The joy of the Christian is not a fleeting emotion or a single human optimism, but the certainty of being able to face every situation under God’s loving gaze, with the courage and strength that comes from him...”

As these days of summer are coming to an end, perhaps you too will find JOY in reflecting upon the wonders of life you have experienced this summer.

Joyfully in Christ,

*Rose Unser*—Pastoral Associate

# COMMUNITY NEWS

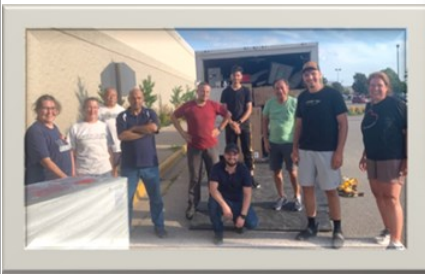
The St. Mary Churches Good Neighbor Team (GNT) continue to walk with our families from Syria/Jordan. We have helped them look for new apartments and are in the process of helping them move into their new homes.

We are happy to share it has not been all work and no play! The GNT has accompanied the families to the Menomonie Park Zoo with a picnic and games following. The latest adventure included a trip to the Webfooters Ski Show in Fremont. We all were thrilled to see our very own Olivia Flora!

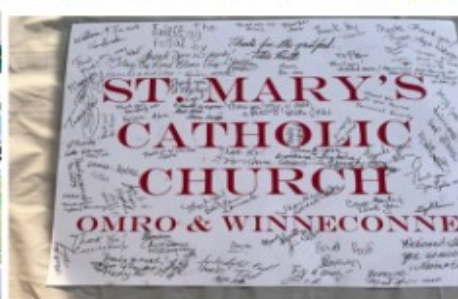
The boys were very happy to participate in a soccer camp too! Transportation to and from camp was provided by the GNT. We are grateful for our families and hope you enjoy hearing a bit about what the GNT has been up to!

Wishing you all Jesus,  
*Your Good Neighbor  
Team*

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FOX VALLEY



Thank you to Our Christian Action Ministry Committee who organized and provided a meal at EAA for Mission Aviators Support Association or MASA. 252 were served; many of whom are missionary pilots who are provided with an opportunity through MASA to come and experience EAA. It appeared ALL who were served went home grateful and satisfied!



# WINNECONNE NEWS

## St. Mary, Winneconne Calendar

Mon. Aug 7 7:00am LOW\* w/Communion  
 Tues. Aug 8 7:00pm KC Mtg-Kaudy Hall  
 Wed. Aug 9 7:00am LOW\* w/Communion  
 6:00pm Baptism Prep-Swinford  
 Thurs. Aug 10 2:00pm Rosary  
 4:30pm RCIA  
 Sun. Aug 13 8:30am Mass

### Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

\*LOW: Liturgy of the Word  
 Fr. Carr's Non-Perishable Food Collection

### STEWARDSHIP OF SHARING-Winneconne

Given Week ending 7/30/2023 = \$5,446

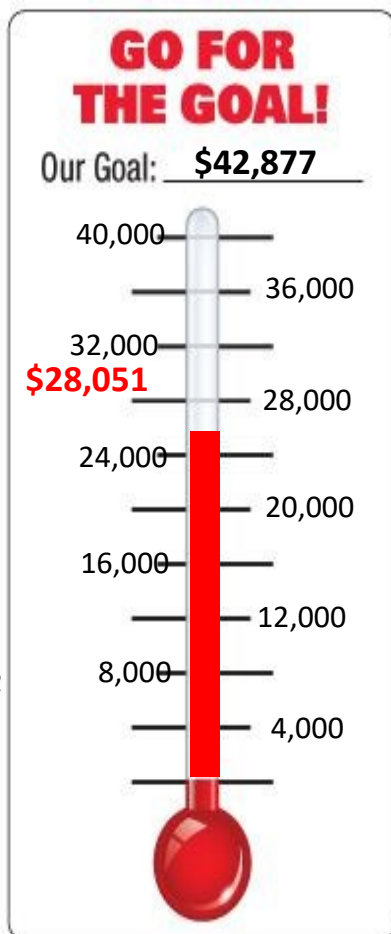
WEEKLY GOAL: \$6,550

Next weekend, Aug. 12/13, we will be collecting non-perishable food items for Fr. Carr's. Peanut butter, jelly, cereal, spaghetti sauce, noodles, toilet paper, shampoo, body soap, etc..... Thank you for helping those in need.



St Mary  
Winneconne

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



**St. Mary Winneconne Faith Formation Registration** is now available for 2023-2024.

Don't delay register today!  
 We have so many great things planned.



**Fatima Rosary in the Park**

**Friday, August 18**

**10:00 am**

**Marble Park near the Bridge**

Look for the sign

Come and learn about the 4th apparition where the mayor detained the 3 children to keep them from seeing Our Blessed Mother!

Bring a Chair, bring a rosary, bring a friend!

# OMRO NEWS

## St. Mary, Omro Calendar

Tues. Aug 8 7:00pm KC Meeting-Winneconne  
 Wed. Aug 9 4:30pm Confession & Adoration  
  
 Sat. Aug 12 3:30pm Confession  
 4:00pm Mass  
 Sun. Aug 13 10:30am Mass w/ Parish Picnic

## Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### STEWARDSHIP OF SHARING-Omro

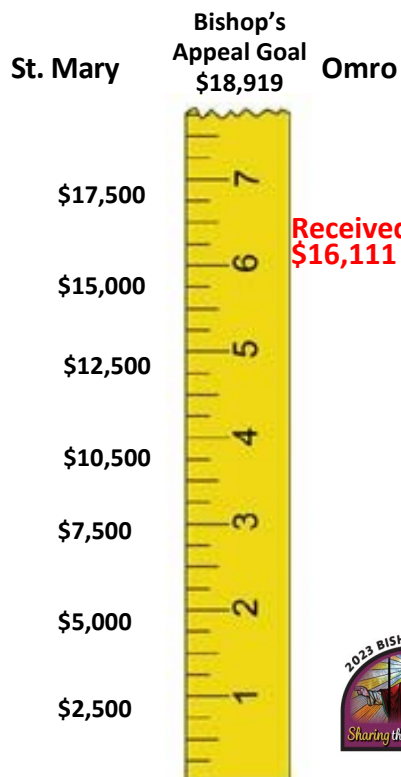
Given Week ending 7/30/2023 = \$2,760

WEEKLY GOAL: \$3,941



We are accepting handmade goodies such as soap, honey, canned goods, sewn or knitted crafts for the Country Store. You may drop off these hand-crafted items through **Thursday, August 10!**

*Thank you to all those who have already donated.*



## SPONSORSHIP UPDATE

Thanks to Rudy and Susan LaKosh for the full sponsorship of the Adult Faith Formation Program. There are several opportunities for you to sponsor one of the many areas or ministries that St. Mary provides. A full list of sponsorships are available on our website or in the office. Thank you for considering this opportunity.

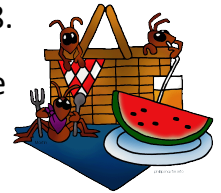


## VOLUNTEERS MAKE THE PICNIC!

The picnic is only one week away. We still need you to help make this a terrific community event! What a great way to show off your parish, make someone smile and share Jesus!

Sign up this weekend or call the office and let Peggy know what area and shift you would like to volunteer for 920-685-2258.

\*\*Poodle skirts and blue suede shoes not required.



## OVERFLOW PARKING/SHUTTLE

H.B Patch School, to the East of church, is letting us use their parking lot for overflow parking next week for the picnic.

We will also have manned golf carts, provided by Master Carts, that can shuttle those who need a little extra assistance.

Thank you, H.B. Patch and Master Carts!

OVERFLOW PARKING



# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Readings for the Week of August 7

Monday: Nm 11:4b-15/Mt 14:13-21  
Tuesday: Nm 12:1-13/Mt 14:22-36 or 15:1-2,10-14  
St. Dominic, Priest  
Wednesday: Nm 13:1-2,25—14:1,26-29a,34-35/  
Mt 15:21-28  
Thursday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Jn 12:24-26  
St. Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr  
Friday: Dt 4:32-40/Mt 16:24-28  
St. Clare, Virgin  
Saturday: Dt 6:4-13/Mt 17:14-20  
Sunday: 1Kgs 19:9a, 11:13a/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33

## **Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

A spiritual family needs spiritual leaders. That is why the **Raising Vocations for Tomorrow, Help Them Say Yes** is so important. By now you most likely received a letter from Bishop Ricken requesting your help in supporting young men and women on their spiritual journey to the priesthood or religious life. Please return your generous contribution to this collection, using the pledge card and return envelope you received in the mail. Your gift will make a huge difference now—and for the future of our Church. Thank you for helping them today, so they may say “yes” to the Lord! Every gift makes a difference. Friends and followers of Jesus support one another! To make your gift today, visit [www.catholicfoundationgb.org/give](http://www.catholicfoundationgb.org/give).



You are invited to Eucharistic Adoration dedicated to “**Immaculate Heart of Mary**” at **St. Mary, Omro** this Wednesday, **August 9 from 4:30-5:30pm**. Confessions will be held during this hour with Fr. Bill.

## Sponsor of the Week



Please patronize our sponsors as a thank you for their generosity and let them know you saw their ad.

## Volunteers Needed at Ascension

### Mercy Hospital

Are you looking for a way to give back a few hours a week? Mercy Hospital has several volunteer opportunities for you:

### RECEPTION DESK

**URGENT NEED!** Volunteers greet and provide information to visitors and patients. **Immediate openings:** Tuesday and Wednesday mornings and afternoons on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Duties include providing escort or wheelchair transport to Outpatient Procedures Area (OPA), or to an inpatient unit at admit, assisting patients at the registration kiosk, and keeping the lobby area tidy.

If you would enjoy assisting the Inpatient Rehab staff and sharing your time with patients, please call Volunteer Services at 920-223-0225 or visit the website at [www.ascension.org/ascensionmercyvolunteer](http://www.ascension.org/ascensionmercyvolunteer)

### GIFT SHOP

Volunteers greet customers, handle sales via money/checks/credit cards, replenish the candy supply, deliver gifts or flowers to patients, and dust or straighten as needed.

Please call the Volunteer Services office at 920-223-0225 or email [MHVolun@ascension.org](mailto:MHVolun@ascension.org). You can apply online at apply online at [www.ascension.org/ascensionmercyvolunteer](http://www.ascension.org/ascensionmercyvolunteer).

**Deadline for the Bulletin  
NOON on Tuesday**

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

**SATURDAY: August 12**  
4:00pm (SMO) Monica Koterbski

**SUNDAY: August 13**  
8:30am (SMW) Roseann & Richard Tews  
10:30am (SMO) William & Marcella  
Bloedorn

**Saturday & Sunday August 12 & 13**

SMO– St. Mary, Omro

SMW– St. Mary, Winneconne

**STEWARDSHIP OF SERVING-LITURGICAL  
MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

**Altar Servers:**

4:00pm (SMO) **2 Volunteers**  
8:30am (SMW) Anna Lynch, **Volunteer**  
10:30am (SMO) Reese Wickham, **Volunteer**

**Lectors:**

4:00pm (SMO) Ken Bressers  
8:30am (SMW) Patty Volp  
10:30am (SMO) Lori Meyerhofer-Fisher

**Ushers:**

4:00pm (SMO) Mary Jo Hinderman, **Volunteer**  
8:30am (SMW) Jerry, Emma & Addi Cegielski,  
Steve Kuenster  
10:30am (SMO) Wrage Family

**Greeters:**

4:00pm (SMO) **2 Volunteers**  
8:30am (SMW) Shawn & Lisa Lynch,  
Chelsy Cegielski, Linda Dorsett  
10:30am (SMO) Blake Stachura, Liam Forster

**Communion Ministers:**

8:30am (SMW) Chelsy Cegielski, Tracey Losse

**Sacristans:**

4:00pm (SMO) Margaret Potratz  
8:30am (SMW) Mike & Tracey Losse  
10:30am (SMO) Tina Wickham

**Intercessory Prayer Ministers:**

4:00pm (SMO) Margaret Potratz, **Volunteer**  
8:30am (SMW) JoAnn Winnekens,  
Darlene Scheidegger

**Musicians:**

4:00pm (SMO) Abby Furcy/Annemarie Birschbach  
8:30am (SMW) Joanne Loy/Shawn Lynch  
10:30am (SMO) Ron Hayes/Amy Karn



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Custodian: Janet Wegner  
Faith Formation Coordinator: Heidi Seaman  
Adult Faith Formation Coordinator: Mary McDonald  
Pastoral Associate: Rose Unser  
Director of Spiritual Engagement: Lyn Zahorik

**St. Mary, Winneconne**

210 Pleasant Dr. P.O. Box 487

**Parish Office:** 205 Pleasant Dr. Winn  
Winneconne, WI 54986-0487

**stmarywinn@stmarychurches.org**

**Parish Office:** 920-582-7712

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**Fridays:** Closed

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