

November 29, 2020

First Sunday of Advent



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**Sunday
8:30am**



**Sunday
10:30am**

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PASTORAL LEADER'S NOTES

Dear Parishioners,

Please join me in welcoming **Lyn Zahorik**, our new Pastoral Ministry Coordinator for St. Mary, Winneconne and St. Mary, Omro. Lyn comes to us with a wealth of experience in caring for the Homebound as well as working in church ministry.

Here's the letter she wrote to introduce herself to you:

Dear Parishioners,

I have gotten my Christmas present early this year because I am being given the opportunity to work with one of the best Parish Staffs and Parishioners in the Diocese. Sr. Pam said so, and nuns don't lie.

I will be assuming the role of Pastoral Ministry Coordinator to replace Anne Baldwin who recently retired from that position. I have been in Church Ministry for forty plus years having been an Elementary School Teacher, a Liturgist and a Pastoral Associate. In my younger years I acquired a BA in Education, a BA in Human Growth and Development and a MA in Spirituality. I also am certified as a Spiritual Companion.

Since I myself am slowly but surely moving into the category of "an Elder" I look forward to bringing to our Parish Elders some of the things that sustain me: a little friendship, a little wisdom, a little prayer and a whole lot of laughter.

In my alone (Pre-Covid) time I loved going to Thrift Stores and Rummage Sales. Some of my friends who know how much Covid has curtailed my shopping now leave boxes on my doorstep with a note "*After you have gone shopping in the boxes, then they can be dropped off at a Thrift Store.*" My feet are kept warm by two cats and my bed is often shared by a Black Lab that I nanny.

Beginning December 1, my phone calls to our Elders will begin and in the next few months I hope to get some special Happy Mail out to people as well. I look forward to becoming part of the family.

Lyn



This weekend we begin a new liturgical year with the 1st week of Advent. It is a time for us to **be watchful and stay awake**. How can we do that during these days as we work to keep our family safe and healthy in the midst of a pandemic? We need to "stay awake" to what is most important and that is to the truth that God is with us even when most everything in our lives and in our world right now seems to contradict that. We need to "stay awake" to the things that really matter in life: love for each other, faith in God, a grateful and forgiving heart. Advent invites us to be watchful and awake to all of this even during a pandemic. Let's be watchful and stay awake together as a parish family this Advent.

Don't forget to put out your Advent wreath this weekend!

Advent Meal Prayer

All-powerful God, send your blessing upon this table
and all those who partake of this meal.

Unite us to all people everywhere
who wait for the coming of your Son,
Jesus Christ, the Lord. Amen.



Sr. Pam

STEWARDSHIP NEWS

St. Mary Churches Omro & Winneconne *November 2020*

CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY

Our Volunteers continue to share the Good News!
Over 180 cards with handwritten notes will be mailed out to our
 homebound, those in nursing or assisted living homes, and those on
 our concern list. **THANK YOU!**

Card Making and Card Writing



ADVENT CALENDAR 2020

 SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>November 29</p> <p>The First Sunday of Advent Begin your Advent journey by blessing your Advent wreath. Light the first violet candle and sing "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel."</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Make a resolution at the start of this liturgical year that will bring you closer to Christ.</p>	<p>December 1</p> <p>Today is Giving Tuesday! Many of our parishes have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Consider making a recurring gift to your parish.</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Use this Advent season to ready your heart for Jesus. In what ways can you improve your relationship with him?</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Memorial of St. Francis Xavier, Priest In honor of St. Francis Xavier, one of the first Jesuits, try the practice of the Daily Examen.</p>	<p>4</p> <p>"Social friendship and universal fraternity necessarily call for an acknowledgement of the worth of every human person, always and everywhere." (Pope Francis, Fratelli Tutti, no.106)</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Advent is a season of waiting and anticipation of the birth of Christ. It can be easy to lose sight of this, focusing more on giving and receiving. Set aside time to pray with your family, even virtually, to refocus on the greatest gift.</p>

WINNECONNE NEWS

Calendar—St. Mary, Winneconne

Mon.	Nov. 30	7:30am LOW* w/Communion
Wed.	Dec. 2	7:30am LOW* w/Communion Faith Formation Virtual Elem & MS
Thurs.	Dec. 3	2:00pm Rosary 4:30pm & 5:30pm 1 st Reconciliation at SMW
Sat.	Dec. 5	3:30pm Confession 4:00pm Mass
Sun.	Dec. 6	10:30am Mass CLOW Virtual

Sat./Sun. 2nd Sunday of Advent
***LOW: Liturgy of the Word**

STEWARDSHIP OF SHARING-Winneconne

Given week ending 11/22/2020 = \$5,125

WEEKLY GOAL: \$5,576

For the month of December we will be collecting **toilet paper and napkins** for Fr. Carr's. You may place your donations in the white cart on the parking lot side of the church. Thank you for helping in this time of great need.



December 2nd

- Virtual class with the 2nd Graders at 5:00pm
- Virtual class with the 1st Graders at 5:15pm
- Virtual Middle School Edge Night at 6:30pm

First Reconciliation Service

We are very excited for our 2nd graders who have the opportunity to experience the immense love and mercy Jesus has for each one of us through the Sacrament of Reconciliation this week on December 3rd.

St. Mary, Winneconne Christmas Wish List

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| Shark cordless sweeper for LL | \$100 |
| Criss Cross Shredder for office | \$170 |



Winneconne/Omro

Tree's are up in both parishes.



There are so many people that are in need this year due to COVID. If you are unable to come to church to pick up a tag or two but would like one, contact the office. For those who are not comfortable shopping you can donate a gift card or write the check out to the church and mark it for the Giving tree. We will make sure the shopping is done and delivered to the family.

The Daily Examen Prayer

The heart of the Examen is reviewing your day.

St. Ignatius Loyola included in his *Spiritual Exercises* a prayer called "the Examen," which derives from the Latin word for examination. It is a meditation with roots not only in Ignatian spirituality, but also in the spiritual practices of the ancient Stoics. There are many versions of the Examen today, but all have five steps.

Here is a simple example of the key elements:

1. Place yourself in God's presence. Give thanks for God's great love for you.
2. Pray for the grace to understand how God is acting in your life.
3. Review your day — recall specific moments and your feelings at the time.
4. Reflect on what you did, said, or thought in those instances. Were you drawing closer to God, or further away?
5. Look toward tomorrow — think of how you might collaborate more effectively with God's plan. Be specific, and conclude with the "Our Father."

OMRO NEWS

Calendar—St. Mary, Omro

- Wed. Dec. 2 Faith Formation **Virtual**
Gr. 1-6 & Gr. 7-11
4:30pm Latino Bible Study
- Thurs. Dec. 3 4:30pm & 5:30pm
1st Reconciliation at **SMW**
- Sat. Dec. 5 **NO** 6:00pm Mass
- Sun. Dec. 6 8:00am Confession
8:30am Mass
12:15pm Mass in Spanish
1:15pm Confession

Sat./Sun. Second Sunday of Advent
SMW-St. Mary, Winneconne
Omro Area Non-Perishable Food Collection

STEWARDSHIP OF SHARING- Omro

Given week ending **11/22/2020** = \$1,795

Fiscal Year to Date through above date

Budgeted Offertory Collection: \$78,242

Actual Offertory Collection: \$76,070

\$ 2,172 Short



Faith formation

Classes are **Virtual** for all grades
4:30pm Latino Bible Study



St. Mary, Omro Christmas Wish List

DVD's:

- The Chosen \$25
 - A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood \$20
 - Priceless \$20
- Shark Lift Away Carpet Cleaner \$199
(2) HP laptops \$500ea.
Projector \$600

Need to replace technological equipment that is 10 years old. It is used for youth and adult faith formation, zoom meetings and presentations at Mass.



Winneconne/Omro



The Gospel of Mark 13:33-37

“Jesus said to his disciples:

“Be watchful! Be alert!”

Between immediate gratification and long-term goals lies HOPE, the spirit that gives purpose to our daily routines. We will delay today's pleasures when we can wait for something better. While we may not change our day to day lives in the short term, focused persistence will help us achieve our goals in the long term. Hope requires persistence and vigilance.

What do we hope for as we enter this season of Advent?

More toys? Quality family time? Or, something greater?

As we anticipate the coming of Jesus Christ with persistence and vigilance, our desire to participate in the Lord's plan for our lives, which is good, increases. Hope requires us to be awake and to be intentional.

To watch for the Lord requires prayer, reflective discernment, and the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit. **Prayer** opens us to God's will.

Reflective discernment helps point us to the way of his will. And the **gifts God gives us** for the good of others help us to recognize the Lord in others and to respond more generously. When we can see a glimpse of the Lord in our service, we will be able to recognize his return and celebrate it in joy and with peace (**fruit**)!

May our hearts be filled with HOPE as we anticipate the coming of Jesus!

COMMUNITY NEWS

Readings for the Week of November 30

Monday: Rom 10:9-18/Mt 4:18-22
St Andrew, Apostle

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21,24-27
St Francis Xavier, Priest

Friday: Is 29:17-24/Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: Is 30:19-21,23-26/
 Mt 9:35—10:1,5a,6-8

Sunday: Is 40:1-5,9-11/2 Pt 3:8-14/
 Mk 1:1-8

Second Sunday of Advent

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PICK OF THE WEEK
November 29, 2020



WATCH

THE STORY OF THE NATIVITY: THE TRUTH OF CHRISTMAS

Enjoy this fast-paced, thought-provoking look at the true story of the Nativity as we enter into the joyful season of Advent.



Do you have an elderly loved one who has been in “quarantine” all these months? What they want most for Christmas this year is a

hug! At St. Mary’s we have two items that can deliver that hug safely to them.

The first is our hand knit **prayer shawls**. You can make giving a shawl extra special by taking a picture of your family members each hugging the shawl. Enclose that picture with the shawl as it is sent on its way to wrap your Elder in your love and affection.

Many Elders experience cold hands or as a source of comfort, they fidget with their hands. Consider giving them a **Twiddlemuff**. These are handmade muffs that keep hands toasty with the added bonus of ribbons, spools and other trinkets sewn securely outside and inside the muff to give a tactile sense to the hands.

You can pick up both of these items at our Parish Offices during office hours, Monday through Thursday.

We give thanks for the blessings we receive!
On behalf of the students and staff of Lourdes Academy, we wish you a Happy Thanksgiving, and we thank you for your continued support throughout the year. Thank you for helping us grow in faith and knowledge.



LEARN

ADVENT

This Advent prepare your heart through this exploration of the mystery of the Incarnation, the Virgin Birth, and the events surrounding the arrival of Jesus Christ.



LISTEN

PREPARE THE WAY OF THE KING BY DR. SCOTT HAHN

Your Advent journey will take on new meaning with Dr. Scott Hahn’s illuminating presentation on the greatest gift ever given to mankind—Jesus Christ.

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Stewardship of Serving-Liturgical Ministry Schedule

Saturday & Sunday December 5 & 6

SMO—St. Mary, Omro
SMW—St. Mary, Winneconne

Lectors:

4:00pm (SMW)
8:30am (SMO)
10:30am (SMW)

Volunteer
Volunteer
Eric Bauer



Ushers:

4:00pm (SMW)
8:30am (SMO)
10:30am (SMW)

Steve & Irma Christian
Jerry & Sue Nowicki
Jerry & Addi Cegielski

Sacristans:

4:00pm (SMW)
8:30am (SMO)
10:30am (SMW)

Donna Stratton
Volunteer
Sherrie & Tim Johnson

Greeters:

4:00pm (SMW)
8:30am (SMO)
10:30am (SMW)

Blanche Fiegel, Sue Murawski
Volunteer
2 Volunteers
Chelsy, Izzy & Emma Cegielski

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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY:
4:00pm (SMW)

December 5
Ed Clasen

SUNDAY:
8:30am (SMO)
10:30am (SMW)

December 6
For St. Mary Parishioners
Fred Peterson, Alice McGrath

Now more than ever we need to **SHOP LOCAL!**



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11/15 Sun.	59	48
11/21 Sat.	51	—
11/22 Sun.	58	42

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