

St. Mary Churches-Omro & Winneconne

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5th Sunday of Easter May 10, 2020

Prayer for this time of crisis in our World

Compassionate and loving Father,
in the face of confusion and concern
impart to us the calm of Your presence.
In You allow us to find hope and healing.



Be with those who serve the sick
and give them your caring hands.
Be with those who lead
and give them Your spirit of wisdom
Be with those who have fallen ill
and give them your comforting heart.
Wrap Your arms around our world
and hold us in Your love.
Allow us at this time of trial to then
serve as instruments of that love
to all we meet.

We ask this in Your name.
Amen.

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Dear Parishioners,

5th week of Easter – May 10, 2020

I have been thinking a lot about all of our children in Omro and Winneconne who should be receiving their 1st Communion during these weeks of Easter time. These children who would be here at church ready to come to the table of the Lord for the very first time. These children whose joy and excitement are reminders of what we celebrate during these 50 days of Easter - *that Jesus is risen and present among us!*

Every year we look forward to seeing those children dressed up in their white dresses and shirts and ties, so excited and ready to receive the body and blood of Jesus. They renew in us that same feeling of joy and expectation that sometimes we forget or take for granted when WE receive the body and blood of Jesus.

Here's a part of the letter that Ron Jungwirth wrote to his First Communion class at St. Mary's in Omro about waiting for that special day to receive Jesus:

*"There is one word that comes to my mind when I think about your journey to your First Communion. That word is, **"longing."** One thing that is special for you is that you will probably never forget your First Communion! Any time you have to wait for something, it becomes more precious and special. That is how you should think about your First Communion, a very special gift that you are waiting and longing for. Think about how hard it is to wait to open presents that Santa put under your Christmas tree. The difference between a Christmas gift and your First Communion is Jesus' promise to be with you in a more special way to help you feel His love."*

Today we wait together with these children and their families for that special day. But as we wait let's remember that NOTHING can ever keep Christ from being present to us and among us. As long as the memory of Jesus lives among us by the power of the Holy Spirit so too does the grace of the Eucharist and even **without** the Eucharist, we are no less loved and saved by God.



A CHILD'S Spiritual Communion Prayer

I know that You, Jesus
are present in the
Sacrament of Communion.

You are awesome and
I really want You
in my soul.

Since I can't receive You
right now, please come
into my heart.

I want to be close to You
and give you a big hug, Jesus!

Amen

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Let us continue to BE the Body of Christ for one another, to love our neighbors by staying home, to support others in need and help the most vulnerable. And let us pray for all of our first communicants as they wait in hope for the day when we can welcome them around this table for the very first time.

Sr. Pam



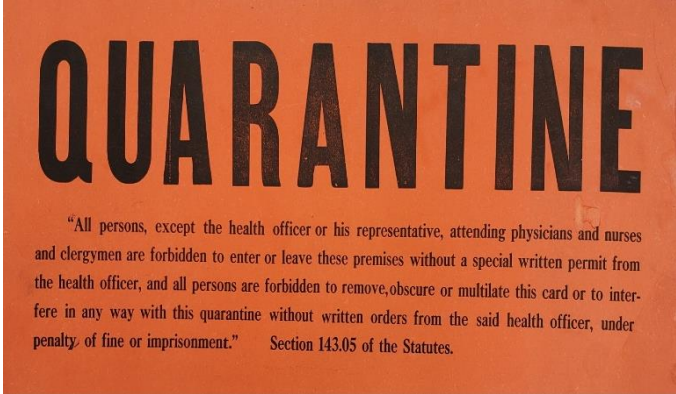
Then and Now: The History of Social Distancing

During national crises, people look to the lessons of history for guidance, comfort, and perspective. As a result, we know that while the concept of social distancing may be new to those of us facing the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, it is not new. In fact, history shows us that it is a proven method for reducing community spread of infectious diseases.

In the 1910s and '20s, Wisconsin public health officials posted cardboard signs like this one on buildings occupied by quarantined victims of influenza, whooping cough, measles and other ailments for which vaccines did not yet exist.

Sadly, more than 8,000 state residents died during the “Spanish Flu” pandemic in 1918. But despite that grim statistic, Wisconsin was quite successful compared to other states because of its robust public health measures

— including social distancing — and a high rate of compliance by the public.



The time-tested practice of social distancing combined with quarantining goods, animals, or people believed to be carrying contagious diseases was then, and remains now, the most effective public health measure for fighting a pandemic in lieu of a vaccine. It is why, just like during those early 20th-century outbreaks, we once again see public health advisory signs like the one pictured here, which was posted at a Madison park.

So, as we protect ourselves and our fellow citizens from COVID-19 by staying at home whenever possible, wearing masks and practicing social distancing by remaining at least 6

feet apart when in public, and quarantining ourselves when infected, we do so with the confidence of the lessons learned from history.



Here’s some of our parishioners who are celebrating the 50 days of Easter by making “Resurrection Rolls.”

What are you going to do this week to celebrate Easter? We still have two more weeks to find ways to let others know that Jesus is alive and present among us!



Sr. Pam

RESOURCE LISTING FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 10, 2020 SUPPORT OPTIONS

TUESDAY, May 12, 2020

6:00pm to 6:45pm

Tips for Active Job Seekers in a Changing Community

Facilitated by: **Chelsey Cegielski, Career Advisor**

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/71186545616>

Meeting ID: 711 8654 5616

Password: 123456

FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY, May 10, 2020

5:00pm to 5:45pm

Alpha: Facilitated by: **Sr. Colleen Demro**

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/72673258010?pwd=cGRFdWRHaThjZlFobm9yT0hiYlhuQT09>

Meeting ID: 726 7325 8010

Password: 061760

Instructions: For discussion purposes, view respective video before Zoom meeting
May 10 – Does God Heal Today? <https://vimeo.com/269042294>



THURSDAY, May 14, 2020 (wk #4)

12:30pm to 1:15pm

Presence via Formed.org: A Four (4) Week Study of the Mystery of the Eucharist

Facilitated by: **Rose Unser**

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/754807072>

Meeting ID: 754 807 072

Password: 123456

Instructions: For discussion purposes, view respective video before Zoom meeting
May 14, 2020 12:30 PM

<https://watch.formed.org/presence/season:1/videos/biblical-foundations-with-dr-tim-gray>



PRAYERS/DEVOTIONS **THURSDAY, May 14, 2020**

2:00pm OR 6:00pm

Rosary:

2:00pm Facilitated by **Rose Unser** -

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78111080394>

Meeting ID: 781 1108 0394

Password: 123456



6:00pm Facilitated by **Ron and Lawanda Jungwirth** - Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/74921766533?pwd=VjJuemdRNWFMcTEhUVRqdFovMnptUT09>

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