

St. Mary Churches-Omro & Winneconne

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4th Sunday of Easter May 3, 2020

A Prayer to Combat the Coronavirus Pandemic

Most merciful and Triune God,
We come to you in our weakness.
We come to you in our fear.
We come to you with trust.
For you alone are our hope.



We place before you the disease present in our world.
We turn to you in our time of need.

Bring wisdom to doctors.
Give understanding to scientists.
Endow caregivers with compassion and generosity.
Bring healing to those who are ill.
Protect those who are most at risk.
Give comfort to those who have lost a loved one.
Welcome those who have died into your eternal home.

Stabilize our communities.
Unite us in our compassion.
Remove all fear from our hearts.
Fill us with confidence in your care.

Jesus, we trust in you.
Amen.

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Dear Parishioners,

4th week of Easter – May 4, 2020

Have you been wondering what your Pastoral Leader has been doing during these days of isolation? Many of you have seen me as the lector for the Sunday Mass at St. Raphael's or watched me in my video message that you receive in your inbox every week. But for the most part I have been unseen working in my office for a half day in Omro and in Winneconne because our churches are only open for people to come and pray during the day.

So, what am I really doing all day? People have asked me that question a lot lately and my first response is that I spend most of my day making sure our folks, especially our homebound, are doing ok and have what they need during these days of isolation. I want everyone to know that their parish is still here for them and make sure they feel "connected" to our church. **But what does that really mean?**

Well, I know we all LOVE statistics so here's my statistics for the last six weeks when we were first given the directive from the bishop to suspend the celebration of Mass. Since March 21, I have spent:

- **52 hours on the phone,**
- **sent 1,174 texts and 649 emails,**
- **written 86 cards and 7 weekly letters to parishioners,**
- **sent out 5 video messages,**
- **held 6 virtual Finance Council and staff meetings,**
- **and 2 conference calls.**



All of that just means that YOU are on my mind and heart and prayed for every day. I really care a lot about you, and I miss your presence at church on the weekends. But I believe that it is because of our faith and trust in Jesus who is risen and with us that we remain **together** as one Body of Christ even if we don't SEE each other every week.

Let's continue to gather around the television and computer and celebrate Mass together every week, never forgetting that we ARE connected to each other as the Body of Christ and it is what happens on the altar during Mass that binds us as one, that gives us the strength to walk these days and remember we are not alone.

So the bottom line is that it doesn't matter how many calls and texts I make every day to stay connected with you as long as neither of us forget that it is **Jesus** who is the MASTER connector.

Happy Easter everyone! Remember even if there's no chocolate left in your Easter basket there are still 32 days to celebrate this feast and lots of sidewalk and chalk at church to share an Easter message with everyone!

Sr. Pam

P.S. Special thanks to all of you who have made such a great effort to continue to support us financially. As you can imagine we are struggling with our finances right now and collection is down in each parish. Please know I am grateful for any support you can give us during these difficult days.

Here's another idea to celebrate these 50 days of Easter!

Tell the story again of Jesus' death and resurrection as you make these rolls. Watch my video message for this week to see how to do this. (You can find that video on our parish Website and Facebook page.)

Resurrection Rolls

Resurrection Rolls are so easy to make with crescent roll dough and marshmallows. The challenge is to make sure that Jesus doesn't "seep" out of the tomb before He is supposed to rise! The result is the same which is an empty tomb when you open the crescent roll. It's trying to explain how the spices ended up outside of the tomb that might take some creative story telling!



Ingredients

- 1 (8-count) tube crescent rolls
- 8 large marshmallows
- 4 tablespoons melted butter
- 3 tablespoons granulated sugar
- 1 tablespoon cinnamon

Instructions

Preheat oven to 350 degrees and line a baking sheet with parchment paper.

Unroll crescent roll dough and separate into triangles. Combine sugar and cinnamon in a small bowl. Dip each marshmallow in butter and then coat in cinnamon sugar. Place in the middle of a piece of dough. Roll dough around marshmallow, sealing the seams really well. Position so seam is facing down on baking sheet.

Bake for 8 to 10 minutes until they are golden brown. Allow the rolls to cool for about 10 minutes. Cut the rolls in half to reveal that it's empty inside!

"When Jesus rose from the dead on the third day, the tomb was empty, just like our rolls are empty inside. It's just like an empty tomb."



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← *Here's another creative way that one of our families is celebrating the 50 days of Easter!!!*

Don't forget to keep chalking the sidewalks and parking lots of our churches too!!! You will find LOTS of chalk at the church entrances! It's a great reminder for everyone who comes by our churches that Jesus is risen and with us!!!

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NOT A SCAM!

If you received a call last week or one this week from someone who says they are from St. Mary Church please know this ISN'T a scam. Rose Unser, our Pastoral Associate, has organized a group of parish volunteers who are calling ALL of our families to see how they are doing and if there is anything we can do for them. They will be making these calls from their homes so the call will not be listed as coming from St. Mary Church. Just another way for us to let you know we are thinking about you AND keeping all of you in prayer during these "stay at home" days!!!

Sr. Pam

RESOURCE LISTING FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 3, 2020

SUPPORT OPTIONS

TUESDAY, May 5, 2020

6:00pm to 6:45pm

Finding "Financial Peace" during COVID-19

Facilitated by: **Emily and Jordan Dunham**

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/77678758315>

Meeting ID: 776 7875 8315

Password: 123456

FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY, May 3, 2020 via ZOOM 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 3 – Why and How Should I Tell Others? <https://vimeo.com/261937350>



THURSDAY, May 7, 2020 via ZOOM (wk #3)

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 7, 2020 12:30 PM <https://watch.formed.org/presence/season:1/videos/bread-for-the-journey>



PRAYERS/DEVOTIONS THURSDAY, May 7, 2020 via ZOOM 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=VjJuemdRNWFMcTEuUVRqdFovMnptUT09>

Meeting ID: 749 2176 6533

Password:

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Meeting ID: enter the meeting number noted above followed by #

"Enter your participant code followed by # or just press #"

Press: # *"Enter your password followed by #"* Password: enter the meeting number noted above followed by #

Note: After joining the call, please announce your name because people on video will only see your phone number.

PRESS #6 to Mute yourself AND PRESS *6 to Unmute yourself