

St. Mary Churches-Omro & Winneconne

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6th Sunday of Easter
May 17, 2020



Pandemic

by Lynn Unger 3/11/20

What if you thought of it
as the Jews consider the Sabbath –
the most sacred of times?
Cease from travel.
Cease from buying and selling.
Give up, just for now,
on trying to make the world
different than it is.
Sing. Pray. Touch only those
to whom you commit your life.
Center down.
And when your body has become still,
reach out with your heart.
Know that we are connected
in ways that are terrifying and beautiful.

(You could hardly deny it now.)
Know that our lives
are in one another's hands.
(Surely, that has come clear.)
Do not reach out your hands.
Reach out your heart.
Reach out your words.
Reach out all the tendrils
of compassion that move, invisibly,
where we cannot touch.
Promise this world your love –
for better or for worse,
In sickness and in health,
so long as we all shall live.

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Dear Parishioners,

6th Week of Easter - May 17, 2020

Last weekend we celebrated "Mother's Day" and I hope you found unique ways to make the day special for you and your family. Some people may call this day just another "*Hallmark Day*" although it is a fact that Mother's Day is celebrated in most countries around the world sometime during the calendar year. I think these kinds of days remind us to celebrate certain people who MATTER and make a difference in our lives.

I hope you spent time last weekend remembering your Mom and her spirit and presence in your life especially if you weren't able to be with her because of COVID-19 or because she lives far away or maybe has died. What makes you smile or maybe you shake your head when you remember your Mom?

When I think of my Mom I always think of her **ONE-LINERS**. She had so many. Of course she said the usual ones that ALL Mom's say like, "*don't take any wooden nickels*" or "*be sure you are wearing clean underwear when you leave the house*" or "*mind your 'P's and Q's.*"

But she also had dozens of her own – **all said in a certain tone at a certain time** so that you almost knew when she was going to say them AND you **always** knew what they meant. Mom said things like, "**THAT MAKES A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE**" when she was listening to you but didn't quite know what you were rambling on and on about.

She would often tell us to, "**MAKE A DECISION**" which really meant "*read my mind and do it the way I want it done without me telling you*", which was usually impossible to do.

And Mom would keep saying, "**OH YEAH**" when she didn't agree with you but also wasn't going to argue with you about whatever it was you were talking about. Or she might just end the whole conversation by saying, "**THAT AIN'T FOR ME**" and that would mean "*leave me alone and don't try to change my mind.*"

So many things my Mom used to say that I will never forget. I'm sure all of you have your own list of things that you will always remember about your Mom as well. May those memories and stories always keep your Mom's spirit alive in your heart no matter where she is during these days of isolation.

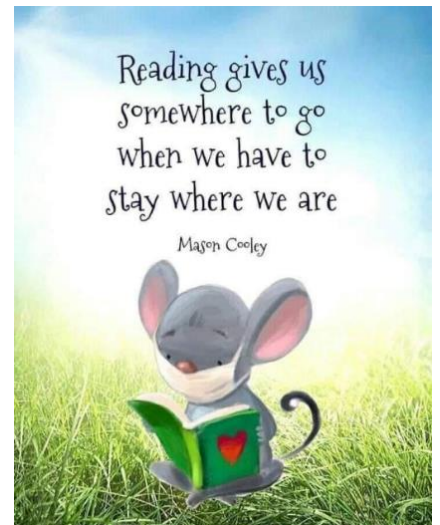
And may God continue to bless all Moms in amazing ways every day!

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So what are you reading these days? I have a pile of books next to my bed that I've been wanting to read for a long time. Some of the books are professional reading like *Mass Matters* and *Stroke of Insight*. Some I bought because I found the title interesting like *Nine Essential Things I've Learned About Life* and *Nickel and Dimed*. And some are just for fun like *The Art of Pausing* and *Don't Sweat the Small Stuff*. So last week I decided to start all of them and see which one I couldn't put down. Do you want to guess which one it was???? ☺

Let me know if there's a book you are reading that I should add to my pile. You know a person can never have too many books on a pile next to their bed!!!!

Sr. Pam





THE JOYS OF FOLDING NAPKINS

As part of my video message last week I gave a little lesson in napkin folding and showed you how to make a "Bird of Paradise", a "Waterfall Pleat" and a "Crown."

Here's a picture of one of our parishioner's attempt at napkin folding those three kinds of napkins and her comment about the experience:

"I'm not sure but I think my little boat is ready to crash into the huge rock which may then land on the rocket trying to launch. 🤔 I think i need to practice a bit more! LOL! But it sure was fun! 😁"

Omro Food Pantry Needs

Diced Tomatoes	Sliced Beets
Baked Beans	Canned Sauerkraut
Canned Pineapple	Hamburger Helper
Rice a Roni	Suddenly Salads
Pancake Syrup	Flour
Sugar	Jelly
Dish Soap	Toilet Cleaner

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Winneconne Area Assistance Center Needs

Jello (no orange)	Pudding
Ramen Noodles	SpaghettiOs
Ravioli	

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These are trying times for all us. Many of us have never experienced anything like this before. Remember WAAC is asking no questions, no one is judging you... they are there to help neighbors out in these trying times.

Looking for books to read: In both churches there are new free resources to take home and read.

Three Days: The Search for the Boy Messiah by Chris Stepien

77 Ways to Pray with Your Kids by Jerry Windley-Kaoust

Also copies of: Resisting Happiness by Matthew Kelly &

Beautiful Hope (Finding Hope Every Day in a Broken World) by Matthew Kelly & many other authors

Stop in church and take home a copy to read and enjoy!

RESOURCE LISTING FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 17, 2020

SUPPORT OPTIONS

TUESDAY, May 19, 2020

6:00pm to 6:45pm

COME JOIN US FOR A CASUAL CONVERSATION ON THE ARTICLE:

“That Discomfort You’re Feeling is Grief”

ARTICLE LINK: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1E-6bZC0gL4TRQPnRQJxOSOphUODEc-v5/view>

Facilitated by: **Sara Kaiser, MSE, School Counselor AND
Jen Wellhoefer, MS, Lpc**

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/73438025432>

Meeting ID: **734 3802 5432**

Password: **081265**

PRAYERS/DEVOTIONS

The Daily Examen

The Daily Examen is a technique of prayerful reflection on the events of the day in order to detect God’s presence and discern his direction for us. More than 400 years ago St. Ignatius Loyola encouraged prayer-filled mindfulness by proposing what has been called the Daily Examen.

During this time we may need to be reminded of God’s presence in our lives more than ever. Our merciful God has not abandoned us.

The method presented here is adapted from a technique described by Ignatius Loyola in his Spiritual Exercises. St. Ignatius thought that the Examen was a gift that came directly from God, and that God wanted it to be shared as widely as possible.

There are many ways and resources available to help you pray the Examen. You might find this a great way to pray at the end of your day.

This is a version of the five-step Daily Examen that St. Ignatius practiced. The script was adapted from Reimagining the Ignatian Examen by Mark E. Thibodeaux.

****CHALLENGE****As you are praying...or maybe if you listen and pray for a second time I have a challenge for you. This prayer was created with the help of 4 of our volunteer catechists (and Andy). Can you tell who is here praying with you through this prayer? Email Andy. Prizes will be awarded 😊

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Praying the Daily Examen <https://youtu.be/RshvSvCQWnU?t=30>

St. Ignatius of Loyola believed the Examen should be the most important 15 minutes of your day. Many of us may be unfamiliar with this prayer. Today you can ...

A Lectio Divina Experience on this Sunday’s Gospel (John 14:15-21)

<https://youtu.be/YIGsykMFgQs>

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Rosary

THURSDAY, May 14, 2020

2:00pm OR 6:00pm

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: 532053

INSTRUCTIONS FOR **AUDIO ZOOM** meeting access:

Via telephone: Call: **1-408-638-0968**

"Welcome to Zoom, enter your meeting ID followed by #"

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



PARISH ROSARY PROJECT IT WILL BE FUN TO SEE many from our parishes sharing in this devotion virtually! For all directions click on the pdf file attached to this email: Rosary Project Instructions

The instructions are simple and should not take long!

1. **Click** on or copy the link below to your web browser and **sign up** for the prayer you/your family want to pray.

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1pXmvQvXxySTbGp5hf3g4n7LOWzxOMtIFAg0f0J1i2s/edit?usp=sharing>

2. **Videotape** yourself/family praying that prayer by using your phone or another device.
3. **Send** your video clip to Ron Jungwirth at ronjungwirth@charter.net. You may need to use **wetransfer.com** due to the file size (for instructions open wetransfer.com hyperlink)

Please **have fun**, consider including statues/pictures of Mary in your video, and **complete** videotaping and forwarding your video to Ron **by SUNDAY, MAY 17th**.

If you cannot get these to work, please call the office at 582-7712