

# St. Mary Churches-Omro & Winneconne

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## The Ascension of the Lord

### May 24, 2020



Times can change, circumstances can change, but the human spirit persists through it all.

This poem was written by an Irish Poet Kathleen O'Meara in 1869 after a plague devastated Ireland in the late 1860's.

How appropriate for today.

#### **SOMETHING LOVELY**

And people stayed home  
and read books and listened  
and rested and exercised  
and made art and played  
and learned new ways of being  
and were still  
and listened more deeply  
someone meditated  
someone prayed  
someone danced  
someone met their own shadow  
and people started thinking  
differently----

And people healed...  
And in the absence of people who lived  
in ignorant ways  
dangerous, mindless, and heartless....  
The earth began to heal---

And when the danger ended  
and people found themselves...  
They grieved for the dead  
and they made new choices  
and dreamed of new visions  
and created new ways to live  
and heal the earth fully  
just as they had been healed.

Kathleen ' O Meara (1869)



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There is a lot of news to share with you this week so please take the time to read this letter AND the bulletin carefully.

- **Bishop Ricken has announced that every parish in our diocese can begin the distribution of Holy Communion beginning the weekend of Pentecost, May 30-31.** This is NOT Mass. It is coming into church in Winneconne or Omro during the specified time on Saturday or Sunday to say a short prayer together and then receive Communion. We will be doing this in groups of 8 at a time. Everyone will be asked to wear a mask and have their temperature checked when they come to church. I will be sharing more specific guidelines regarding times and procedures with you next week.
- **Last week Fr. Anil was appointed Administrator of St. Leonard Parish, Laona, St. Norbert Parish, Long Lake, and St. Hubert Mission, Newald by Bishop Ricken.** This appointment is effective August 2, 2020 and there is a copy of the letter that Fr. Anil wrote to us about this change in the bulletin.
- This week we celebrated **Sue Kuhn's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary** as part of the staff at St. Mary's, Winneconne. We are very grateful for the generous and positive spirit that Sue brings to her ministry. I always tell her that she is a wonderful *"first face"* for anyone who stops in our office for assistance or information. Thanks, Sue, for "being there" for all of us these past 20 years!
- In my video message last week, I shared a **Geocaching** experience with you. One of our families wrote and told me about their first geocaching adventure. They didn't find the cache but here's what they said about their adventure: *"What a majestic view, and even though we didn't find it, what a great time we had!....It was an escape from reality and appreciation for the beauties that surround us, but boy am I sore!"* That is exactly the whole point of geocaching! Well, except for the "sore" part. If you haven't tried it yet be sure to put it on your list of "things to do" this weekend.

P.S. I know how disappointed this family was that they weren't able to find their first geocache. So on Saturday I went to check out the "Mav's Stache" geocache they couldn't find and I DID find it hidden deep in the woods. It was hidden near an old log and full of treasures. Well worth the torn nylons it cost me to find it! 😊



## Here's an idea to celebrate the Feast of the Ascension!

Read the story of the Ascension of Jesus in the Bible. You will find it in the first chapter of the Book of Acts. Then make some "Sky Jell-O®" to celebrate this special day of Ascension. If you watch my video message for this week you will see me making "Sky Jell-O®." (You can find that video on our parish Website and Facebook page.)

### Sky Jell-O®

This dessert is easy to make and tastes good too. You can use Cool Whip or heavy whipping cream to make the clouds. Both work about the same.



### Ingredients

- 1 small box of Berry Blue Jell-O®
- 1 cup boiling water
- 1 cup cold water
- 1 container of Cool Whip or ½ pint whipping cream, whipped

### Instructions

Make the Jell-O® in a medium sized bowl as instructed on the package. Refrigerate for 2 hours or until Jell-O® is SET but not firm.

1. Use a fork to break the Jell-O® into small flakes. Spoon about 2 tablespoons of Jell-O® into the bottom of the glass. Then drop in a spoonful of whipped cream or Cool Whip and press it against the side of the glass with the back of the spoon. This is going to form your cloud in the sky. Repeat layers. Top with remaining Jell-O®.
2. Refrigerate for 1 hour. One small box of Jell-O® fills about two glasses.

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Dear Parishioners of St. Mary's,

Thank you to all those volunteers who sewed masks. They went to nursing homes, health care professionals, the Veteran's Administration Home and individuals in need.

We really appreciated all of your help with the sewing as well as your financial assistance and the donations of material and other things that were needed for this project.

*Mary Schuessler*

In observance of Memorial Day, our offices in Winneconne and Omro will be closed on Monday, May 25, 2020.



***Here is the Press Release we received from the diocese last week regarding the "Distribution of Holy Communion Outside of Mass on the weekends during the Coronavirus Pandemic":***

**GREEN BAY, Wis. (May 15, 2020)** – Bishop David L. Ricken is pleased to announce beginning Pentecost weekend, May 30-31, 2020, parishes throughout the diocese will begin offering Holy Communion Services with distribution of the Blessed Sacrament.

"I understand the desire of the faithful to receive Christ in the Eucharist and there is precedent for doing so in extraordinary, emergency situations like we are facing right now, even outside the Mass. And this is the route we are taking at this time," said Bishop Ricken.

The solution the Catholic Church provides, and the Diocese of Green Bay will implement in the short term, is a simple Communion Service. Parishioners who are able are strongly encouraged to participate spiritually at Mass by means of television, online streaming, or radio before coming to a parish Communion Service. The service will include praying the Lord's Prayer together and receiving the Eucharist. Communion Services are never an alternative to the celebration of the Mass and must only be used for serious reasons. Living in this time of a global pandemic, which has led to thousands of deaths in our country, is a serious reason.

The Diocese of Green Bay's plan differs from that of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee in that it does not include a return to Mass at this time. Rather it takes into account the particular circumstances of this diocese. "Because of our concern for those living in the northern counties of the diocese, who are not projected to see spikes in the virus until perhaps mid-July, we will remain vigilant in our observance of the Bounce Back Plan and our monitoring and measuring of data," said Bishop Ricken. "The principles we will adhere to include following the data and not getting ahead of the process. We will stay the course, following the gating criteria as the health experts have shown at the Federal, State, even County level."

Catholics in the diocese are called at this time to find balance between bold faith and prudent safety. We understand the need of the faithful for communion and community, and this plan addresses those realities. It is also important to remember, no Catholic is required to attend Mass and receive Holy Communion during the pandemic. The permission to do so in the plan is for those who desire to receive Holy Communion and can safely do so.

You can find the document "*The Distribution of the Holy Communion Outside of Mass on Sundays during the Coronavirus Pandemic*" online at [www.gbdioc.org/covid19](http://www.gbdioc.org/covid19). We ask for continued prayers for our diocese, state and nation as we continue to make wise decisions to meet the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of all people.

***Here is the letter that Fr. Anil wrote to all of us regarding his appointment to serve as administrator at the parishes in Laona, Long Lake and Newald:***

Dear Parishioners,

I am writing to you St. Raphael the Archangel community, Oshkosh, St. Mary's communities, Winneconne, Omro. We are in the difficult situation of the Covid-19, still life moves on. Amidst of all this virus situation I hope you are all fine. You are in my daily prayers. I miss you all at Church on Sundays. I wish you could have been at Church at least this weekend but we are safer at home.

Every beginning will have an end. Now I am being transferred to another parish on Monday, August 3, 2020. It saddens me to announce all this without having you in front of me. I came to St. Raphael the Archangel Parish on November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019. For about seven months I have been working here. It is a great opportunity to render my services as Parochial Vicar to these three communities celebrating Mass, administering sacraments, giving talks at school, visiting hospitals, nursing homes, prisons, etc., was good learning experience to me. It is very difficult for me to leave.

The Bishop has asked me to go to St. Leonard in Laona, St. Norbert in Long Lake, St. Hubert in Newald to serve the people of those parishes. As an international priest working in the diocese, I serve at the will of the Bishop, and I accept his decision and hope you will as well. Bishop Ricken intends to send a newly ordained priest in my place to serve as Parochial Vicar and Priest Celebrant.

We still have two and half months before I am leaving, and I hope to see you personally before I go. I am praying that we will be able to have some Masses and celebrations with more than 10 or 50 people and find some other ways to say good-bye before I leave in early August. I hope that this transition will go smoothly, and I am praying that the new priest will be well received in early August.

My sincere heartfelt thanks specially to Fr. Tom Long the pastor who taught me things of the parish. He was a good Mentor to me. I thank Sr. Pam for her help and guidance. I thank the Staff and Deacons for their help to learn the things. I thank you all the parishioners for your lovely support and encouragement. Kindly continue to pray for me.

Thank You.

Yours Sincerely,

*Fr. Anil Polumari*

# RESOURCE LISTING FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 24, 2020

## St. Mary Churches - Praying the Glorious Mysteries PROJECT

Thank you to all who participated in this Rosary Project! What a beautiful way to honor our Blessed Mother! Whether you pray the Rosary or not, we hope you take the time to check out this coming together as parish communities to pray the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary!

<https://youtu.be/KdUgO-Wsvqc>

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## Liturgy of the Word

This prayer service is similar to our Liturgy of the Word services that had been held on Monday's and Wednesday's before quarantine hit. It is a wonderful way to pray with the Word.

<https://youtu.be/Yoz1QF28yzQ?t=7>

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## Rosary

**THURSDAY, May 21, 2020**

**2:00pm OR 6:00pm**

**2:00pm** Zoom Meeting: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78111080394>

**Meeting ID: 781 1108 0394 Password: 123456**

**6:00pm** Zoom Meeting:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/74921766533?pwd=VjJuemdRNWFMcTEuUVRqdFovMnptUT09>

**Meeting ID: 749 2176 6533 Password: 532053**



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## FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

**Sunday, May 24, 2020**

**5:00pm to 5:45pm**

**Presence** via [Formed.org](https://www.formed.org): A Four (4) Week Study of the Mystery of the Eucharist

Facilitated by: **Sr. Colleen Demro**

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78589400201?pwd=RXpEemZka1BIM3VBWW5XVk5Zd1VPdz09>

**Meeting ID: 785 8940 0201**

**Password: 061760**

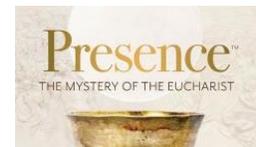
**Instructions:** For discussion purposes, try to review respective video before the Zoom meeting.

May 24, 2020 5:00 PM <https://watch.formed.org/presence/season:1/videos/god-is-with-us>

May 31, 2020 5:00 PM <https://watch.formed.org/presence/season:1/videos/the-story-of-the-eucharist>

June 7, 2020 5:00 PM <https://watch.formed.org/presence/season:1/videos/bread-for-the-journey>

June 14, 2020 5:00 PM <https://watch.formed.org/presence/season:1/videos/biblical-foundations-with-dr-tim-gray>



## 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