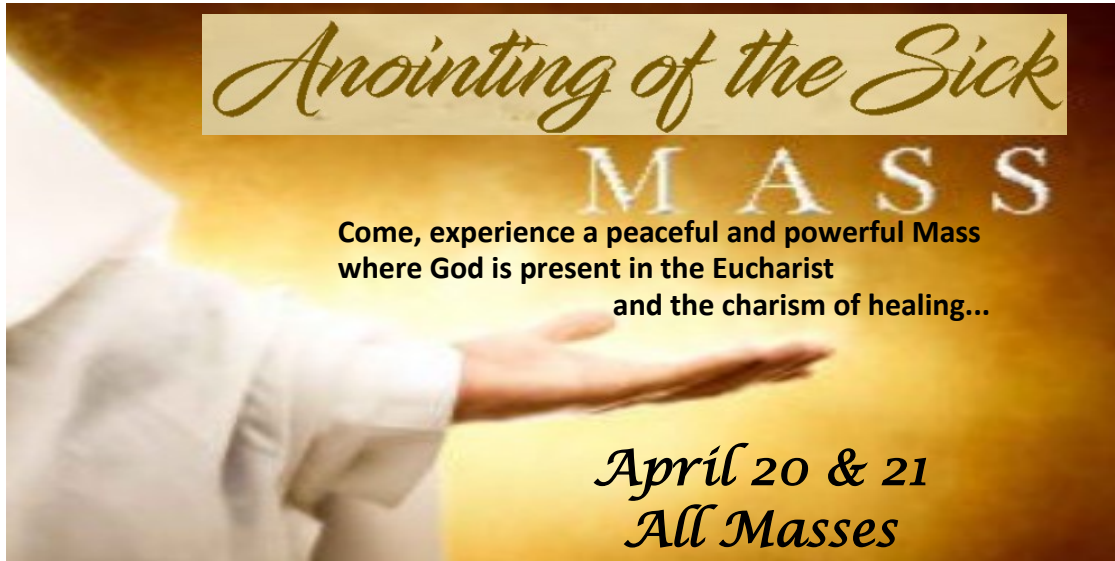


St. Mary Churches-Omro & Winneconne

www.stmarychurches.org

**3rd Sunday of Easter
April 14, 2024**



**St. Mary Winneconne and Omro will offer the
Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick
during all Masses on Good Shepherd
Sunday April 20 & 21.**

All who are sick, elderly, facing surgery, or seeking the gift of God's healing are welcome to participate. The primary effect of the Sacrament is a spiritual healing by which the sick person receives the Holy Spirit's gift of peace and courage to deal with the difficulties that accompany illness or the frailty of old age.

The communal celebration of the Anointing of the Sick at a parish Mass is greatly encouraged by the Church as it provides a setting wherein the total community can come together to support those who are ill, their families and caregivers.

Pastoral Coordinator: Dcn. Paul Vidmar
920-379-8068
Paul.vidmar@stmarychurches.org

Priest Celebrants:
Fr. Tom Long
Fr. Quinn Mann

Sacraments/Membership
To arrange for baptisms, weddings or to join call

St. Mary, Winneconne: 920-582-7712 or
stmarywinn@stmarychurches.org

St. Mary, Omro: 920-685-2258 or
stmaryomro@stmarychurches.org

PASTORAL PONDERINGS

Give it all to God and all will be well. It is so comforting to do that when everything in our life is going well. However, when we come up against situations that are difficult, when it seems a black cloud hangs permanently over our head, it is hard to give it all to God.

As you read this, hopefully God has moved me through a period of my life where I felt worried and stressed and really struggled to give it to God. On April 10th I had total knee replacement surgery. My right knee was replaced seven years ago, so I did have some understanding of the process and knew that in these days of healing and recovery, there are going to be some tough times; but God never fails. Yet in the weeks leading up to the surgery I would allow myself to slip into doubts, fears, and overwhelming negative self-talk. It sounded like this: “Did I make the right decision? What if.... (Insert worst case scenario here.) What if this doesn’t work? Maybe this choice wasn’t the best one, I wonder...”

This is a normal human reaction, but it slows one’s progress and steals contentment and peace. We beat ourselves up and allow overthinking to eat at our soul and prayer begins to feel empty. I found I would give it to God, and then just as quickly say “You know God, you are moving kind of slowly on this, I think You need my help! (Insert roll of eyes from God here!) These are some of the things I found to be of help to me as I prepared for surgery and hopefully will continue to help in my recovery.

Pray with honesty. “I trust you God, but I am feeling so anxious...” Express what you are feeling to a friend or spiritual director or make a list of all your “what if’s.” Putting words to our fears often bring them to light and they fade away or become less disruptive. Embrace Grace. There is no need to ask God for Grace, God graced us to perfection when we took our first breath. Our challenge to accept Grace, to give it space to fill our mind, body, and spirit.

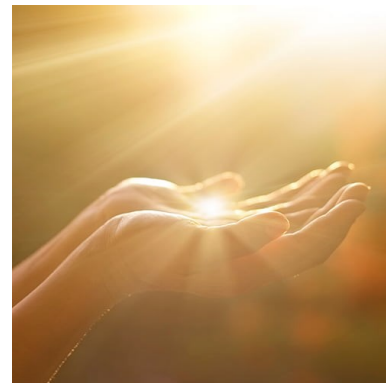
Be willing to adapt and allow others to help you. “I’m strong, I’m independent, I can handle this.” Well, yes, we are, but does that leave room for Grace to move; the Grace that comes from others covering you in their prayers or doing things they feel will help you and make your day a little better and brighter? I feel so blessed going through this surgery with our Pastoral Staff having my back. They are incredible people of prayer, support, and Grace!

Pay attention to God guiding your steps. I realize that for me, right now, some of those steps will come with a fair amount of “ouch” and crankiness, but I need to leave room for Grace. (Pray for my niece Pamela who is coming from Southern Indiana to spend the first week “tending to” her old, maybe cranky, Auntie.)

In all things. Wait for God’s timing and Praise God for a love that goes beyond human understanding. Please keep me in your prayers.

Blessings,

Lyn Zahorik,
Director for Spiritual Engagement



Alleluia
Christ is Risen!



St. Mary
1st Communion
Omro
April 7, 2024



Alleluia
Christ is Risen!



St. Mary
1st Communion
Winneconne
April 7, 2024



Alleluia
Christ is Risen!



WINNECONNE NEWS

Calendar

St. Mary, Winneconne

- Mon. April 15 7:30am LOW* w/Communion
6:00pm Finance Council Meeting
- Tues. April 16 7:00pm KC Award Meeting
- Wed. April 17 7:30am LOW* w/Communion
3:10pm Elementary FF
4:30pm Confession
6:00pm Catechist Appreciation
- Thurs. April 18 2:00pm Rosary
- Sun. April 21 8:30am Mass w/CLOW** & Anointing of Sick Mass

Sat./Sun. 4th Sunday of Easter

*LOW: Liturgy of the Word

**CLOW: Children's Liturgy of the Word
CASA Mission Speaker
World Mission Collection

STEWARDSHIP OF SHARING-Winneconne

Given Week ending 4/7/2024 \$4,513

WEEKLY GOAL: \$6,550

Faith Formation News Week of April 17

Elementary Class—3:10-4:30pm

Attention Elementary Families!

You are invited to join us
at 4:00pm on April 17th
in the church.

Why?

Our Elementary Faith Formation classes want to share with you what they learned this year. The children and catechists have fun with this and it is a very entertaining 30 minutes. I hope you will mark it on your calendar.



**Your kids will love to see
you there!**



*Summer Kick Off Picnic
Saturday, June 8, 6:00pm
Mass under the tent*

*Sunday, June 9
Parish Picnic
Entertainment is Booked!!!*



*Join in on the planning of this
amazing "Summer Kick Off"
Tuesday, April 23 at 6:00pm
in Kaudy Hall.*

For the family & friends of



Jerry Reetz

*He was called home to our loving
Father in Heaven. May Jesus' words
console you, strengthen you and fill you
with peace.*



Mark your calendars. The Oshkosh Choraliers will be singing prelude music at St. Mary church in Winneconne on
Sunday, April 28 at 8:00am

You will want to get to Mass early that day so you can enjoy the beautiful sounds of this historic group.

The Choraliers had been together for 50+ years and were about 100 members strong under the direction of Mary Backus. Each year a concert was performed at Alberta Kimball Auditorium in Oshkosh. In 2020 the choir was preparing for their 50th anniversary concert when the pandemic started and the group decided to disband. A smaller group reunited in 2022 and they have been sharing their gift of song, performing small concerts in Oshkosh at various churches and assisted living facilities. **Please come and enjoy as we praise God through song.**



Winneconne

During the 8:30am Mass
April 21 & May 5 & 19

Omro

During the 10:30am Mass
April 28 & May 12 & 26

OMRO NEWS

Calendar St. Mary, Omro

- Tues. April 16 4:30pm Finance Council Meeting
7:00pm KC Award Banquet **(SMW)**
- Wed. April 17 6:00pm Catechist Appreciation **(SMW)**
- Sat. April 20 3:30pm Confession
4:00pm Mass
- Sun. April 21 10:30am Mass & Refreshments

Sat./Sun. 4th Sunday of Easter SMW: St. Mary, Winneconne World Mission Collection

STEWARDSHIP OF SHARING-Omro

Given Week ending 4/7/2024 \$3,669

WEEKLY GOAL: \$3,941



The Bishop's Appeal reaches out to parishes in the entire Green Bay Diocese. The Bishop's Appeal assists those in need, our staff, and people that are in need outside of our Diocese. Please give generously to the Appeal. Our goal at St. Mary, Omro is \$19,375 and we have raised \$13,295. Every little bit helps, no matter how small or large. Thank you!

Calling All Bakers, Crafters, Shoppers and Creative Geniuses

We are looking for basket raffle items, silent auction items and country store items for our church picnic in August.

Here are just a few ideas: Game Night Basket, Bloody Mary or Old-Fashioned Basket, Craft Basket, Date Night Basket, Brewery or Wine Tour Basket, Museum or Play Tickets, Golf Outing, Music Lessons, Lottery Ticket Basket, handmade soaps, crafts, beef jerky, canned goods, doll clothes, corn hole games.

The possibilities are endless! What God-given skills or talents do you have that would make this year's event even better?

Please bring items in by July 14 so that we can display them before the picnic.



A special thank you to our parents, students, and catechists for helping make this Faith Formation year a success.

It is blessing to have the opportunity to work with all of you.

Thank you,

Catechist Appreciation Night Wednesday April, 17th at 6pm

Kaudy Hall, Winneconne

Join us as for some food and fun as we celebrate another year of Faith Formation.



SAVE THE DATE!

The **Omro Church Picnic** will be held on **Sunday, August 11** from **11:30am-4pm**

The theme this year is the Olympics. Once again we will have the musical talents of the Del Rays, provided by Omro Pharmacy. So mark your calendars because you don't want to miss this one!



COMMUNITY NEWS

Readings for the Week of April 15

- Monday:** Acts 6:8-15/Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday: Acts 7:51-8:1a/Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Jn 6:35-40
Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Jn 6:44-51
Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Jn 6:52-59
Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Jn 6:60-69
Sunday: Acts 4:8-12/1 Jn 3:1-2/
 Jn 10:11-18

4th Sunday of Easter
World Day of Prayer for Vocations



 **LUKE SPEHAR**
 Sunday, April 21
 6:15pm
 St. Raphael, Oshkosh
*Free and Open
 to the Public!*

**Join us for Sunday 5pm Mass
 Music by Luke Spehar
 and Franki Moscato!*

YARD PROJECTS NEEDED



We are seeking yard projects for our Senior Service Day on May 24th. If you have a project that our seniors can assist with, kindly reach out to:


Kimberly Kropuenske at
 kkropuenske@lourdes.today.

*Please note that students are prohibited from using power tools.
 The deadline for project submissions is May 1st.*





CONGRATULATIONS TO
DAVE
MIKESELL
HERB KOHL
PRINCIPAL LEADERSHIP
AWARD

What is the Bishop's Appeal?
 The Bishop's Appeal is a stewardship opportunity for each of us to reach out to thousands of people in search of Jesus' love. Each gift given supports the ministries of the Diocese of Green Bay which serve our parishes, Catholic schools, and communities. Your gift truly helps bring the heart and hands of Christ to our children, young adults, families, and neighbors here in northeastern Wisconsin.
 St. Mary, Winneconne's goal is \$45,363 and so far we have raised \$22,723.00. If we all give, large or small it will all add up! Pray how we can help God's people.

Peru Mission Trip:

This summer 10 high schoolers and leaders from Winneconne will be traveling to Casa Hogar Juan Pablo II in Lurin, Peru for an incredible faith filled mission trip. The orphanage is home to 64 of Peru's poorest children ranging in age from 5 - 17 years. The mission team will complete service activities at the orphanage, attend Mass and holy hour daily, work with children to gain confidence, develop skills and show them that Jesus and others love them. Donations to help with the cost can be put in the buckets at any of the entrances. Thank you!

**Deadline for the Bulletin
NOON on Tuesday**

E-mail bulletin announcements to:

Sue Kuhn: sue.kuhn@stmarychurches.org
Peggy Wilms: peggy.wilms@stmarychurches.org

Like us on Facebook:

St. Mary Catholic Church Omro
St. Mary Catholic Church Winneconne

Check us out on the web:

stmarychurches.org



stmarychurchomro
st.marychurchwinneconne



MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY: 4:00pm (SMO)	April 20 Fran Vidmar
SUNDAY: 8:30am (SMW) 10:30am (SMO)	April 21 Jack Quigley Vicky Smits

Saturday & Sunday April 20 & 21

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

Altar Servers:

4:00pm (SMO) **2 Volunteers**
8:30am (SMW) **2 Volunteers**
10:30am (SMO) **2 Volunteers**

Lectors:

4:00pm (SMO) Ken Bressers
8:30am (SMW) Vicky Holt
10:30am (SMO) Sue Martin

Ushers:

4:00pm (SMO) Sara Waters, **Volunteer**
8:30am (SMW) Peggy Benjamin, Tammy Davis,
Emma & Jerry Cegielski
10:30am (SMO) Jill Pernaski, **Volunteer**

Sacristans:

4:00pm (SMO) Margaret Potratz
8:30am (SMW) Bryan & Kristin Wright
10:30am (SMO) Jodi Hess

Communion Ministers:

8:30am (SMW) Vicky Holt, Chelsy Cegielski

Greeters:

4:00pm (SMO) **2 Volunteers**
8:30am (SMW) Chelsy Cegielski, Mary Materna
2 Volunteers
10:30am (SMO) Liam Forster, **Volunteer**

Musicians:

4:00pm (SMO) Ted Kreuzer
8:30am (SMW) Mike Graves/John Verich
10:30am (SMO) Ted Kreuzer

Intercessory Prayers:

8:30am (SMO) **Volunteers**
10:30am (SMW) **Volunteers**

**MINISTRY
APPRECIATION**

In appreciation to all who make St. Mary Churches as vibrant as they are, please [mark your calendar](#) for the following event in appreciation for all you do in your ministries!

Ministry Appreciation Dinner

Tuesday
May 13, 2024
5:45pm to 8pm

Speaker: Fr. John Girotti

***"We are called to be saints!
Holiness in everyday life."***

**Invitation and registration information
to follow soon!**

**MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!**

St. Mary, Omro
730 Madison Ave.
Omro, WI 54963

stmaryomro@stmarychurches.org

Parish Office: 920-685-2258

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday
8am-Noon 12:30-4:00pm

Fridays: Closed

Administrative Assistant: Peggy Wilms
Accountant: Pat Samolinski
Custodian: Janet Wegner
Faith Formation Coordinator: Heidi Seaman
Adult Faith Formation Coordinator: Patty Volp
Adult Faith Formation Assistant: Jolene Johnson
Pastoral Associate: Rose Unser
Director for Spiritual Engagement: Lyn Zahorik

St. Mary, Winneconne

210 Pleasant Dr. P.O. Box 487

Parish Office: 205 Pleasant Dr.
Winneconne, WI 54986-0487

stmarywinn@stmarychurches.org

Parish Office: 920-582-7712

Office Hours: Monday – Thursday
8:00am-Noon 12:30-5:00pm

Fridays: Closed

Administrative Assistant: Sue Kuhn
Accountant: Pat Samolinski
Custodian: Annemarie Birschbach
Faith Formation Coordinator: Andy Krueger
Adult Faith Formation Coordinator: Patty Volp
Adult Faith Formation Assistant: Jolene Johnson
Pastoral Associate: Rose Unser
Director for Spiritual Engagement: Lyn Zahorik

The Dowling Group LLC
Teri Dowling, Broker
 (920) 420-0773 Cell
 Oshkosh, WI
 teri@dowlinggroupllc.com
 COMMERCIAL-RESIDENTIAL

Holiday Florist
 Full Service Florist
 217 W. Main St. Winneconne
 Hours: Mon-Fri 8:30-5:00
 920-582-3939
 www.holidayfloristwinneconne.com

OMRO PHARMACY
 328 E. Main Street, Omro
 920-685-5041

BJ's Nursery
 6992 Lakeshore Rd, Winneconne
920-582-9773
 Trees, Shrubs, Annuals, Perennials
 and more Landscaping Services

Fortifi Bank
 Growin' Wisconsin
 FortifiBank.com | 855.876.1500
 Omro | Winneconne

Mike & Cathy Miller Realtor
 (920) 716-0959 (920) 475-0840
 mike.miller@c21ace.com SMW
 cathy.miller@c21ace.com Parishioners
CENTURY 21 Ace Realty
 303 S. BLUEMOUND DR, APPLETON, WI 54914
 OFFICE: (920)739-2121 FAX: (920)739-1103

WISCONSIN CUSTOM BUILT HOMES
DOWLING CONSTRUCTION INC.
 Dan Dowling - President
 Oshkosh, WI ~ Phone (920) 235-8021
 www.DowlingConstructionInc.com

SCHERER FAMILY
Chiropractic, S.C.
 Dr. Cindy Scherer, Dr. Tom Scherer
 884 Airport Road, Menasha
(920) 725-6933

VERICH LAW, LLC
Jillayne Y. Verich
 (920) 810-7480
 jverich@verichlaw.com

Edward Jones
 MAKING SENSE OF INVESTING
 Eric J. Lang
 Financial Advisor
 119 W Main St. Winneconne
 Phone: 920-582-4268
 Cell: 920-379-1154
 eric.lang@edwardjones.com

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
 Omro-Winneconne Council 8810
 Come Join Us
 www.KofC.org/JoinUs
 Call Steve Christian 920.376.1053

LEO'S SERVICE, LLC
 302 W. Main, Winneconne
 Complete Auto Repairs
 Mini-Mart · 24 Hour Towing
(920)582-7717 days
(920)420-9523 nights

MUELLER FUNERAL HOME
 EST 1941
 Complete Funeral & Cremation Services
 Kelly Angell
 904 E. Main St. Winneconne
 920-582-4242 • www.muellerfh.net

thrivent
 Focused on your financial goals.
 Greg J Herlithy, FIC
 Associate Financial Advisor
 920-230-2553
 greg.herlithy@thrivent.com
 Jason W Lowe, FIC
 Financial Associate
 920-896-3963
 jason.lowe@thrivent.com
 Insurance products, securities and investment advisory services are provided by appropriately appointed and licensed financial advisors and professionals. Only individuals who are financial advisors are authorized to provide investment advisory services. Visit Thrivent.com or FINRA's BrokerCheck for more information about our financial advisors. 27193 RA-23

LOURDES ACADEMY
 Prepared for College. Prepared for Good.[™]
 Faith-filled PreK-12 education
 Call 920.426.6421 for a tour or visit www.lourdes.today.

Off the Wolf
 Supper Club
 204 W. Main Street, Winneconne, WI 54986
 920.582.4422
 Owners: Jeff & Jennifer Schmitz

DEX PLUS
 Construction Remodeling
JOHN R. VANDE HEI Siding
 Owner Additions
(O)920-685-3004 Decks
(C)920-420-1636 New Homes

Kwiatkowski Funeral Home
 425 Jefferson Ave, Omro
920-685-2207

D&S PLUMBING
 Shawn Zagrodnik
920-850-2919

Miron
 Building Excellence
 1471 McMahon Drive
 Neenah, WI 54956
 920.969.7000
 Miron-Construction.com

Gorgie's
 N3084 County Rd. XX
 Berlin, WI 54923
920-987-5800
 John & Jodi Hess, Owners

SCP EverGreen
 SKIDS, CRATES & PALLETS

Beth LeeFranzen
 Independent Sales Consultant
920-279-1233
 elizabethleeFranzen.norwex.biz
Norwex
 The Norwegian Experience

Chris Seaman Carpentry Services LLC
 Chris Seaman
 Owner
 carpentryservices3143@gmail.com
920-312-3058
 3143 Morrow Rd, Omro

OUTDOOR DINING
 Serving Food Daily at 11:30 a.m. (Closed Mondays)
 Large Parking Lot for Motorcycle Groups
GREAT FRIDAY FISH FRY!
 Outdoor Steak Fry once a month
 from April-November

Compliments of
Jim & Margaret Potratz
 Parish Members
920-420-2501

Marsh Family Eyecare
 Family Eyecare · Quality Eyewear
 Contact Lenses · Laser Care
 Winneconne Oshkosh
 Healthy Vision: One of God's Most Precious Gifts

Poppy Family Farms
 PoppyFamilyFarms@gmail.com
 Poppyfamilyfarms.com
 Facebook.com/PoppyFamilyFarms
Rebecca
920-312-0970
Brian
920-295-9000
 Great Quality Beef
 For affordable prices!

MAIN TIRE and MAINTENANCE
 Repair on all Foreign & Domestic Cars
 1121 E. Main St. Omro WI 54963
920-685-5553

bella SPECIALIZING IN SAVING LIVES OF THE UNBORN
 MEDICAL CLINIC
920.231.6006
 BELLAMEDICALCLINIC.COM
 1484 W. SOUTH PARK AVE. • OSHKOSH

Advertise Here
 Email:
Stmarywinn
@stmarychurches.org

RiverFront
 Cabinetry & Design
Jeff Noffke LLC
920-252-5501

On This Rock
 216 W South Park Ave
 Oshkosh
 Christian Books & Gifts
Phone #: 920-966-0007

Advertise Here
 Email:
Stmarywinn
@stmarychurches.org

Advertise Here
 Email:
Stmarywinn
@stmarychurches.org

Tipler Insurance
George A. Tipler-Agent
 920-836-2000
Erin Siegmann-Agent
 920-410-8309
 8299 Hickory Ave, Larsen

Tipler Insurance
George A. Tipler-Agent
 920-836-2000
Erin Siegmann-Agent
 920-410-8309
 8299 Hickory Ave, Larsen