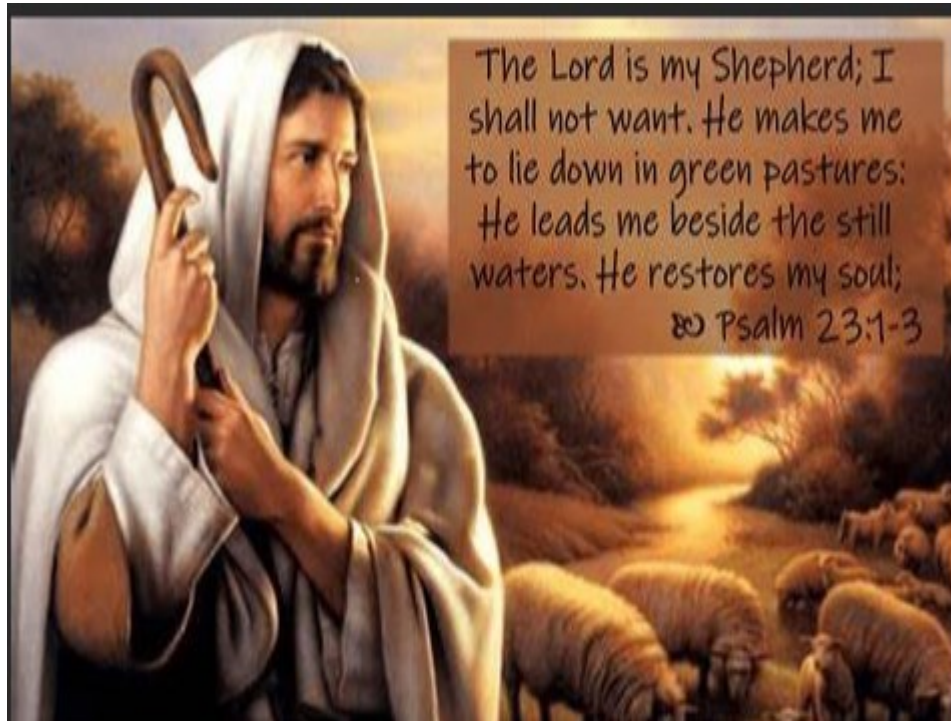


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**4th Sunday of Easter
Good Shepherd Sunday
April 21, 2024**



Psalm 23 assures us of our Lord's constant guiding presence, care and protection; even in the face of life's most challenging experiences.

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PASTORAL PONDERINGS



Have you ever struggled in your faith or struggled to explain your faith to someone? Although I have a great love for Jesus, I have always been intimidated to share my witness with others because I felt that I was not good enough or that my story didn't matter. Thanks to generous volunteers who subbed for me in the office and to the Bishop's Appeal, I was able to spend a week on an Entrust retreat where I was empowered to share my journey. The purpose of Entrust is to grow our personal relationship with Christ and then to invite others to do the same.



The retreat was put on by an awesome team from the Green Bay Diocese and held at the beautiful Jesuit Retreat Center in Oshkosh. On retreat we were taken from calming our mind, body and spirit, to having our buckets filled with God's love, to deepening our relationship with Jesus, and learning the tools that will help us encourage others to strengthen their relationship with Jesus. We learned that sharing our personal faith stories is important because they give our witness or testimony credibility. We were given the tools and the courage to help us share what Jesus has done in our lives. Most importantly, we learned that we just need to give our testimony and leave the rest up to God because it is His story too. All we have to do is show up, pray, tell our story and leave the rest up to Him. God will give us the words, the courage and the passion to tell others about Him.



We were an unusually small group at this session of ENTRUST so we were able to celebrate Mass together in a little chapel dedicated to Mary that was on the property. It was so intimate and cozy and it gave me the feeling of being in the upper room with Jesus and the apostles for the Last Supper.

Entrust retreats are held at several locations throughout the diocese. You are well taken care of at beautiful locations, with delicious food, a Spirit-filled team and time to explore your surroundings.

I encourage you to consider attending one of the Entrust retreats on your own or with friends. The team would love to be part of your faith journey as you seek to grow closer to Jesus and are given the tools to tell others about your journey.

God bless,

Peggy Wilms
Office Manager

Upcoming ENTRUST
retreat opportunities

[May 17 - 18, 2024 \(Fri - Sat\) |
St. Leonard - Laona](#)

[May 31 - June 1, 2024 \(Fri - Sat\) |
St. Peter the Fisherman -
Two Rivers](#)

There is no cost to you. The retreat is paid for by the Bishop's Appeal.

Retreat in Daily Life/Service Opportunity



Have you ever wanted to make a retreat, but find it hard to get away? Or are you looking for accountability to make time for daily prayer, silence, and reading Scripture? Are you looking for an opportunity to serve others?

Please join our **Retreat in Daily Life/Service Opportunity, scheduled for May 12-18th.**

As we wind down from a prosperous and energetic school year, Lenten and Easter season, we look forward to a fun-filled summer blessed with warm weather. Let us take a few moments to be more intentional in showing our gratitude for the many blessings our Lord has given us while we consider serving others in most need.

Serving God is one of the most important principles of the Christian faith, as believers we are expected to help the church with a joyful spirit. "Love one another." "Care for one another." "Pray for one another." "Encourage one another." "Help one another." "Counsel one another." "Support one another." Scripture repeatedly tells us how to be in relationship with God and with others through service.

The Bible teaches that serving God and others is not about doing great things but about doing small things with great love. We can serve God and others daily by spending time in prayer, participating in the sacraments, being kind to our neighbors, volunteering our time to help others, and giving to those in need.



This "Retreat in daily Life" is flexible and can include one or all the following:

- **Suggestions for your personal prayer** - prayer suggestions will be emailed to you a few days in advance.
- A commitment on your part to **15-20 minutes of prayer** with your family for five-seven days.
- A commitment to **minimizing distractions**, especially screen time, and to make another sacrifice or fast for the week.
- Commitment to participate either **spiritually or physically** in 3 hours of service on May 18th.
- **Lunch and a brief reflection of your experience on May 18, 2024: 11:00am-12:00pm in the lower level of St. Mary Church in Winneconne.**

Please sign up using the link or QR code below, you can also email, patty.volp@stmarychurches.org; text or call Patty Volp: 920-376-1157 to sign up.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfxFPVnXwTv1rnLc5BpKZ14BkF97EGL_xlzf-8tW1sWzIL3xg/viewform?usp=sf_link



St Mary Winneconne Photo Directory

Who is that family that sits in front of you at mass? What's the name of the person that held the door for you on your way into the church? One very helpful tool that we can use is a photo directory of our parish community. It's been 14 years since we last had a directory made and the time has come to get a new one printed. Mortell Studios will be in Kaudy Hall to take your photo in May. Every member that gets their photo taken will receive a FREE directory and a FREE 5x8 or 8x10 photo.

WHEN: Thursday, May 16th 2pm-7pm

Friday, May 17th 2pm-7pm

Saturday May 18th 10am- 3pm

Tuesday, May 21st 2pm-7pm

Wednesday May 22nd 2pm-7pm

WHERE: Kaudy Hall

HOW: Call Mortell Studios directly at **1-800-498-3399** to make your appointment.

The church office **will NOT** be making appointments.

**** Your photo session will be 15 minutes.**

Receive a FREE photo directory and FREE 5x8 or 8x10 image from your photo session!

WINNECONNE NEWS



Calendar
 St. Mary, Winneconne
 Mon. April 22 7:30am LOW* w/Communion
 5:00pm KC 4th Degree Mtg
 Tues. April 23 6:00pm Parish Picnic Mtg
 Wed. April 24 7:30am LOW* w/Communion
 Thurs. April 25 2:00pm Rosary
 Sun. April 28 8:00am Oshkosh Choraliers Singing
 8:30am Mass
 9:30am RCIA

Sun. 5th Sunday of Easter
***LOW: Liturgy of the Word**

STEWARDSHIP OF SHARING-Winneconne

Given Week ending 4/14/2024 \$5,515

WEEKLY GOAL: \$6,550

A huge thank you to our volunteer catechists, aides, table leaders, music ministers, and everyone who helps make our Faith Formation program possible. You are so appreciated for all the time, talent, energy and patience that goes into working in this ministry for our families.

May the Lord continue to bless our efforts in this most necessary Ministry.



Be sure to come at ↓ ↓
8:00am next Sunday to church



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.



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

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

Mon. April 22 5:00pm KC 4th degree **(SMW)**
6:00pm Parish Council Meeting

Wed. April 24 4:30pm Confession

Sat. April 27 3:30pm Confession
4:00pm Mass

Sun. April 28 10:30am Mass & CLOW**

Sat./Sun. 5th Sunday of Easter
****CLOW: Children's Liturgy of the Word**
SMW: St. Mary, Winneconne

Our students in grades 1-8 put on wonderful performances during our family night. It was an entertaining way to end the year!



Make a tremendous difference, and give to the Bishop's Appeal. How much you give is less important than the spirit in which you give. Even small donations add up to large donations. To make a gift today, please give generously to the Appeal.

Our goal at St. Mary, Omro is \$19,375 and we have raised \$13,820. 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.



STEWARDSHIP OF SHARING-Omro

Given Week ending
4/14/2024 \$2,849

WEEKLY GOAL: \$3,941

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 22

- Monday:** Acts 11:1-18/Jn 10:1-10
- Tuesday:** Acts 11:19-26/Jn 10:22-30
- Wednesday:** Acts 12:24—13:5a/Jn 12:44-50
- Thursday:** 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Mk 16:15-20
St. Mark, Evangelist
- Friday:** Acts 13:26-33/Jn 14:1-6
- Saturday:** Acts 13:44-52/Jn 14:7-14
- Sunday:** Acts 9:26-31/1 Jn 3:18-24/
Jn 15:1-8

5th Sunday of Easter

Planning and preparing for the Casa Hogar Juan Pablo II Mission Trip to Peru has begun. We are so excited and look forward to introducing ourselves over the next several weeks. While at the orphanage we will be sharing our time, talents, and love for Jesus with the 64 children currently living there.

With our energy and excitement and your support we know we can make a difference! Thank you so much for your prayers and perhaps financial support too.

Thank you,

The Casa Hogar Mission Team

MEET THE MISSION TEAM



Addison
Cegielski

Mission Team Member
Winneconne High School
Senior

- Addi is most excited to meet the children and play UNO and soccer

We appreciate your prayers and support!
This QR code will take you to online donations where you can select Casa Hogar Donations from the Fund drop down menu.



[Here is Addi's fund raising letter to family and friends](#)

[Click here to donate to Casa Hogar Mission Trip](#)

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

Monday
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!



Your gift to the Bishop's Appeal will help in countless ways. Children and families are able to attend lively, interactive educational programs; learning the Word of God. A young woman in an abusive relationship is able, through counseling with Catholic Charities, to stand on her own feet. Your gift to the Bishop's Appeal makes happy endings possible. **St. Mary, Winneconne's goal is \$45,363 and so far we have raised \$24,298.00.** If we all give, large or small it will all add up! Pray how we can help God's people.

Ladies Night Out

Monday, May 6 at 6:30pm
Pot Luck at Kaudy Hall



Celebrate the Month of Mary & Join the Fun!!

- 1) Learn more about Bella: Beth the director at Bella will explain to us the many services & volunteer opportunities at [Bella Medical Clinic & Pregnancy Support Services](#)
 - 2) Name that Baby Contest – win prizes & door prizes
 - 3) Potluck – bring a dish to pass
- Please add what you will bring on SignUpGenius.

To register, use the QR Code to the right or the Sign up Genius link below or email Tanya at jonya830@gmail.com.

[St Mary's Ladies Night Out: Ladies Night Out 2024 \(signupgenius.com\)](#)



**Deadline for the Bulletin
NOON on Tuesday**

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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY: 4:00pm (SMO)	April 27 Marilyn Gruetzmacher
SUNDAY: 8:30am (SMW) 10:30am (SMO)	April 28 Geraldine Mickelson Patti Davis

Saturday & Sunday April 27 & 28

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

Altar Servers:

4:00pm (SMO) Wyatt Miller, **Volunteer**
8:30am (SMW) Katerina Clerkin, **Volunteer**
10:30am (SMO) Sydney Kirsch, Aubree Krier

Lectors:

4:00pm (SMO) Lori Walker
8:30am (SMW) Phil Johnson
10:30am (SMO) **Volunteer**

Ushers:

4:00pm (SMO) **2 Volunteers**
8:30am (SMW) Deb & Jack Woelfel,
Peggy Benjamin, Deb Kolasinski
10:30am (SMO) Huth Family

Sacristans:

4:00pm (SMO) Margaret Potratz
8:30am (SMW) Anne Baldwin
10:30am (SMO) Jen Wellhoefer

Communion Ministers:

8:30am (SMW) Jackie Saunders, Molly Johnson

Greeters:

4:00pm (SMO) Charlie & Oliver White
8:30am (SMW) Donna Stratton, **3 Volunteers**
10:30am (SMO) Huth Family

Musicians:

4:00pm (SMO) Mike Graves/Rose Luebke
8:30am (SMW) Cameron Crandall/Paige Woelfel
10:30am (SMO) Annemarie Birschbach/Jim Blackmore

Intercessory Prayers:

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

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!*

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