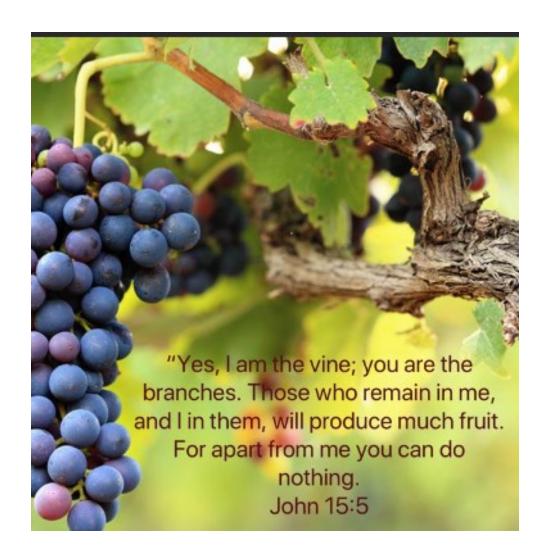
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5th Sunday of Easter April 28, 2024





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PASTORAL PONDERINGS



We all face difficult moments of darkness and anxiety when things can become difficult. We may be disappointed with life and lose hope. During these challenging times, hope can also be misunderstood. We may think that it is having a positive attitude or being optimistic. We may place our hope in things of this world thinking they will bring us happiness.

Pope Francis reminds us that true hope is not built on human words or assurances, but on God's word and His promise of salvation and eternal life. The Easter season is a time to reflect on the effects of Jesus' resurrection; the opening of heaven for humanity. It is a time of joy. It can also be a good time to reflect on the true nature of hope.

On first appearance it might seem that hope is the least important of the theological virtues. Love, it seems, is far greater. Saint Paul tells us that love is the greatest of virtues, and that those who "have not love" are nothing but "a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal," and that those who "have faith can move mountains, but have not love are nothing." Faith also seems to be greater than hope. Even faith as small as a mustard seed can move mighty mountains.

Hope can be described as an unshakable trust and assurance that the promises of God will be fulfilled. This trust is based on what he has done for us in his son Jesus, through his death and resurrection. Like faith, it is not a human attitude or opinion, but it is a gift of the Holy Spirit.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church describes the true nature and meaning of the virtue of hope. It states, "Hope is the theological virtue by which we desire the kingdom of heaven and eternal life as our happiness, placing our trust in Christ's promise and relying not on our own strength but on the help of the grace of the Holy Spirit.' (CCC1817)

God has placed in each of our hearts the desire and longing for true happiness. The virtue of hope responds to this innermost desire and helps us to place our trust in God.

The catechism of the Catholic Church describes the work and function of hope. It states "this virtue takes up the hopes that inspire men's activities and purifies them so as to order them to the Kingdom of heaven; it keeps man from discouragement; it sustains him during times of abandonment; it opens up his heart in exception of eternal beatitude. Buoyed up by hope, he is preserved from selfishness and led to the happiness that flows from charity." (CCC1818)

We need this hope today! Divisions within the country and even divisions within the church can drain us. Like a dried-out sponge that needs water to fill its sponge like nature, we crave a nourishment that will energize us and make us new. We need faith and hope in the Lord. The divisions we experience surely please the evil one, and they lead to the exact opposite of what Christ wants for us. They lead to hopelessness. Hopeless people are desperate. They're desperate for anything to make them feel good, they will follow anyone, or try any new trend to make them feel whole and alive.

Through experience, we know that sometimes these worldly things make us happy, but for only a short time. The satisfaction we feel will soon end. We begin to say to ourselves: "Something is missing," or "there must be more than this."

There is, and it is Jesus! Only hope in Jesus will sustain us. Only hope in Jesus will make us whole. Only hope in Jesus will pick us up after we've been knocked down to the ground. Only a hope in Jesus will change us and allow us to persevere in these trying times.

Instead of looking at the world with dismay and sadness, search the world for its potential. Create good. Effect change. And never give up hope, for as Christ taught us: "I came into the world as light, so that everyone who believes in me might not remain in darkness." Darkness leads to hopelessness. But Christ is our hope. Let us never doubt this truth.

HOEVER FOLLOWS ME

God bless you and your family.

Deacon Paul Vidmar



MINISTRY APPRECIATION

In appreciation to all who make St. Mary Churches as vibrant as they are, all volunteers are invited to the following event! You will be receiving an email invitation soon.

Please RSVP by May 6, using the link below!

Click here to RSVP

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."



Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia

African Violet Show Sale

St. Jude the Apostle Church Hall



531 Knapp St. Oshkosh

May 4th 10am to 4:30pm

May 5th 11:30am-3:00pm

Parking is behind the church hall; handicap parking is available. Parking lot entrances are on 5th Ave & 6th Ave. Free Admission & Parking.

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.

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, 11:00am-12:00pm in the lower level of St. Mary Church in Winneconne.

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



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 29 7:30am LOW* w/Communion

Tues. April 29 7:30am LOW w/Communion
Tues. April 30 6:00pm Christian Family Mov. Mtg
Wed. May 1 7:30am LOW* w/Communion

4:30-5:30pm Adoration w/

Confession

Thurs. May 2 2:00pm Rosary

Sun. May 3 8:30am Mass /CLOW**

8:30am Confirmation Class

Sun. 6th Sunday of Easter
*LOW: Liturgy of the Word
**CLOW: Children's Liturgy of the Word
KC's Tootsie Roll Drive

STEWARDSHIP OF SHARING-Winneconne Given Week ending 4/21/2024 \$6,088 WEEKLY GOAL: \$6,550



St. Mary Church, WINNECONNE
Wednesday, MAY 1, 2024
4:30-5:30pm
Holy Hour with Adoration
"Come, Let Us Adore Him"
Confession will also be offered during this hour.



Christian Family Movement

Reminder: Introductory Meeting for the pilot program is

Tuesday, April 30th @ Kaudy Hall at 6:00PM



Your gift to the Bishop's Appeal allows students in Catholic schools, faith formation programs, and youth ministry to draw closer to Christ and each other

on a regular basis. Young people founded in Catholic education are the future of our Church and are good citizens in our communities.

St. Mary, Winneconne's goal is \$45,363 and so far we have raised \$25,473.00. If we all give, large or small it will all add up! Pray how we can help God's people.



Summer Kick Off Picnic

Saturday, June 8, 6:00pm Mass under the tent



Sunday, June 9
Parish Picnic
Needed: Gift Baskets,

Silent Auction Items

Returning this YEAR: PIE SALE

Entertainment is Booked!!!





Congratulations

McKenzie Raeann Widolff

She received the Sacraments of 1st Communion & Confirmation.

Welcome to the Catholic Faith



MEETTHE MISSION TEAM



Rylee Conrad

Mission Team Member

Winneconne High School Senior

 I am excited to go out of the county and serve people who are in need.

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.



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OMRO NEWS



Calendar St. Mary, Omro

Sat. May 4 3:30pm Confession

4:00pm Mass

Sun. May 5 9:00am RCIA

10:30am Mass

Sat./Sun. 6th Sunday of Easter KC's Tootsie Roll Drive Omro Area Non-Perishable Food Collection



The future of our Church needs young people to be alive in their faith today. Through the many education and faith formation programs of our Diocese, we teach children to know and love Jesus.

Our goal at St. Mary, Omro is \$19,375 and we have raised \$14,320. Every little bit helps, no matter how small or large. To make a gift today, please give generously to the Appeal.

Thank you!



Winneconne

During the 8:30am Mass May 5 & 19

<u>Ómro</u>

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



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 May 6, 2024 (signupgenius.com)

Kid's Prizes Needed

Last year we went through our stash of prizes for the kids' games at the picnic. We need your help to stock up again. We are in need of **new** small, medium and large prizes for the kiddos to win. Examples of prizes would be: slinkies, squishy or rubber balls, fidget toys, playdoh, teddy bears and stuffies, bubbles, chalk, card games.



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 4/21/2024 \$4,295 WEEKLY GOAL: \$3,941



COMMUNITY NEWS

Readings for the Week of April 29

Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Jn 14:21-26

St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin

& Doctor of the Church

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Jn 15:1-8

Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Jn 15:9-11

St. Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

1 Cor 15:1-8/Jn 14:6-14 Friday:

Saints Philip & James, Apostles

Acts 16:1-10/Jn 15:18-21 **Saturday: Sunday:** Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48/

1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17

6th Sunday of Easter



Sunday Mass July 14, 2024 8 a.m.

Celebrant: **Bishop David Ricken**

Music: Matt Maher and Franki Moscato

Sunnyview Expo Center, Café Stage, Oshkosh



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Planning for the Golden Years: **Protecting You and Your Assets**

The Winneconne Area Community Foundation is hosting a seminar led by local attorneys Emily Dunham and Jillayne Verich which will provide valuable insights into medical assistance planning, powers of attorney for finances and healthcare as well as estate planning strategies.

The session will be held on Tuesday, May 7 from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. at the Winneconne Public Library Community Room.

Register online at WinneconneAreaCF.org or call (920) 426-3993.

LOVE BEGINS HERE

June 10th-13th, 2024 \$125 total cost

(Spots open first come first serve-16 total)

Love Begins Here (LBH) helps middle teens (those entering 6th grade-entering 9th) encounter Jesus Christ through a week of local service lived in a joyful, Catholic community. Inspired by the life and witness of St. (Mother) Teresa of Calcutta, LBH invites teens to serve those in need in their own homes and communities, thus continuing Christ's work on earth.

This year, St. Raphael will be traveling to Appleton June 10-13th for LBH 2024!

For more information check out our parish website or email michael.wilms@raphael.org

St. Mary Churches Omro and Winneconne

FATIMA ROSARY IN THE PARK 2024



Time: 10:00 am

Dates: (M) May 13,

(TH) June 13,

(F) July 12,

(T) August 13,

(F) September 13,

(S) October 12

Place: Marble Park and Scott Park

Details: Bring your own chair and Rosary. The Rosary guide and apparition write up will be provided.

Rain details: There are shelters in both parks in

case of light rain.

Deadline for the Bulletin NOON on Tuesday

E-mail bulletin announcements to:

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Saturday May 11th, 2024

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> 11:00am presentation Luncheon to follow

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MASS INTENTIONS

Mav 4 SATURDAY:

4:00pm (SMO) Donald LeCaptain

SUNDAY: May 5

Chris & Minnie Rutten & 8:30am (SMW)

Jack Ouiglev

Angie Koch 10:30am (SMO)

Saturday & Sunday May 4 & 5 SMO—St. Mary, Omro SMW—St. Mary, Winneconne

Altar Servers:

4:00pm (SMO) **2 Volunteers** 8:30am (SMW) Tim Johnson, **Volunteer**

10:30am (SMO) 2 Volunteers

<u>Lectors:</u>

4:00pm (SMO) Janet Wegner 8:30am (SMW) Mike Jordan 10:30am (SMO) Lexi Rilling

<u>Ushers:</u>

4:00pm (SMO) Sara Waters, Sue Yell 8:30am (SMW) Jerry Cegielski, **Volunteer**, Emma & Addi Cegielski

10:30am (SMO) Lisa Rilling, Vanessa Poppy

Sacristans:

4:00pm (SMO) Janet Wegner 8:30am (SMW) Tim & Sherrie Johnson

10:30am (SMO) Volunteer

Communion Ministers:

8:30am (SMW) Sherrie Johnson, Chelsy Cegielski

Greeters:

4:00pm (SMO) MaryJo Hinderman, **Volunteer** 8:30am (SMW) Amy Goltz, Broc, Wade & Jann Berglund

10:30am (SMO) Lawanda & Ron Jungwirth

Musicians:

4:00pm (SMO) Kristin Day/Joanne Loy 8:30am (SMW) Cameron Crandall/Mary Gallenberg

10:30am (SMÓ) Ron Hayes/Julie Mueller & Bonnie Plummer

Intercessory Prayers: 8:30am (SMO) Volunteers 10:30am (SMW) Volunteers

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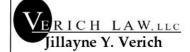
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