

**1st Sunday in Lent**  
**February 18, 2024**



**Stations of the Cross**

St. Mary, Winneconne stations  
**Thursdays at 2:00pm**

St. Mary, Omro stations  
**Mondays at 6:00pm**

After **LOW on Mon & Wed**, Winneconne



Please enter church in silence. We will  
have Adoration 20 minutes  
before Mass, each Sunday in Lent.



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# PASTORAL PONDERINGS

At Mass in Omro this weekend we will celebrate the rite of sending which involves "sending" the catechumens to the Bishop for "election" after the Church community hears testimony from the catechumens and godparents on how the catechumens have responded to God's call. The catechumens will demonstrate their "yes" to God and confirm their desire to join the Church by signing their names in the Book of Elect. The rite of sending provides the parish with an opportunity to express its approval and to rejoice in the catechumens' decision to receive the sacraments of initiation. In addition, the catechumens are assured of the community's care and support. Baptized Christians (candidates) seeking to complete their initiation through the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist are also included in this rite because they are continuing their conversion.

After the rite of sending, all those seeking either Baptism or full Communion with the Catholic Church within our diocese will gather at the Cathedral in Green Bay with their sponsors and families to celebrate another step on this journey of faith. The rite of election and call to continuing conversion is a formal confirmation of the catechumens' and candidates' readiness for the sacraments. It also serves as a witness to everyone's need for communion with God and the Church's call to bring others into the flock.

The rite of election begins the stage of purification and enlightenment, the final stage for catechumens and candidates. They have learned about the Church, have become a part of the community and in the weeks ahead will be asked to examine their lives and to think about what Christ is asking of them. As Catholic Christians, we can attest that it can be difficult to give an unconditional "yes" to Christ, to embrace the cross he asks us to carry. Let us all continue to ask the Lord to help us daily to continue to make this leap of faith, abandoning pride, insecurity, selfishness or laziness that can paralyze discipleship.

As these candidates and catechumens continue to walk this journey, please include them in your prayer so they too recognize more deeply how God has chosen them, loves them and provides the sacraments to strengthen us all on our journey to the Kingdom of God.

To get to know our catechumens and candidates a bit better, be sure to take a look at the poster board in Marian Hall in Omro and the main entrance in Winneconne. There is also a basket by the poster board for you to place cards of encouragement for our elect and candidates. They will receive your cards at the Easter Vigil.

Yours in Christ,

*Rose Unser* — Pastoral Associate

<u>Catechumen/Elect</u>			<u>Candidates</u>	
<b>Cassidy</b>	<b>Hank</b>	<b>Waylon</b>	<b>Jim</b>	<b>Hunter</b>
<b>Behm</b>	<b>Albright</b>	<b>Swinford</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Nelson</b>



# ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

## Reflections on the Mass (Part 1)

**Date:** Feb. 22

**Time:** 1:00 -2:30 PM or 6:00—7:30 PM

**Location:** Omro

## Reflections on the Mass (Part 2)

**Date:** Feb. 29

**Time:** 1:00—2:30 PM or 6:00 -7:30 PM

**Location:** Kaudy Hall, Winneconne



**What is Sr. Pam doing since she retired.** She is currently working part time as the Pastoral Care Coordinator at St. Francis of Assisi Church in Manitowoc along with giving talks and workshops in parishes throughout Wisconsin. She also does vocation work for her Community and is just starting to organize their annual Jubilee celebrations.

**Here's what you can do to prepare for the first session:**

**Attend Mass the weekend before February 22** and pay attention to the first part of the Mass. Reflect on these questions as you celebrate with the assembly:

*Did the Entrance Song help us to know that we are not alone?*

*Did the Penitential Rite help us get ready to enter into the Mass?*

*Was the Amen at the end of the Opening Prayer full of life and energy?*

*As you listened to the readings what word or words did you hear that you have never heard before? Were there any images that came to mind?*

*Did the message of the homily speak to you? How were you able to put it into practice?*

*What were the needs of the world that you prayed for this week?*

## SUMMARY OF PRESENTATIONS

These two evenings are **NOT** going to be a history lesson or a mini-theology course on the Mass. Instead, we are going to use the mystagogical method to help us enter into the mystery of the Mass and allow ourselves to be touched and transformed by its power.

**How  
will  
you  
grow  
closer  
to  
Christ  
this  
Lent?**

Why not take some time for you and go to the movies?

## Movie Night With the Saint

**Day:** Monday, Feb 26

**Time:** 6:00 to 7:30pm

**Location:** Kaudy Hall, SMW

**Facilitators:** Rick/Roxanne Lee  
and Linda Dorsett

—St. Francis of Assisi  
Sign of Contradiction

**Format:**

Refreshments – Video –  
Discussion



## Jesus and the Eucharist

**Day:** [Tuesdays](#)

**Dates:** Feb. 20, 27, Mar. 5, 12

**Time:** 1:30 to 3:00pm or 6:00 to 7:30pm

**Facilitator:** Heather Sleeman,  
Mary McDonald

**Location:** Kaudy Hall,  
St. Mary, Winneconne

**Format:** Refreshments –  
Video - Discussion

All are welcome!



# WINNECONNE NEWS

## St. Mary, Winneconne Calendar

Mon. Feb. 19 7:30am LOW\* w/Communion  
 Tues. Feb. 20 1:30pm Jesus in the Eucharist KH  
 6:00pm Jesus in the Eucharist KH  
 Wed. Feb. 21 7:30am LOW\* w/Communion  
 3:10pm FF  
 4:30pm Confession  
 6:30pm FF-MS classes  
 6:30pm Chosen LL  
 Thurs. Feb. 22 2:00pm Stations of the Cross  
 Sat. Feb. 24 3:30pm Confession  
 3:40pm Adoration  
 4:00pm Mass  
 Sun. Feb. 25 10:10am Adoration  
 10:30am Mass

### Sat./Sun. 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent

\*LOW: Liturgy of the Word  
 Nominations

STEWARDSHIP OF SHARING Winneconne  
 Given Week ending 2/11/2024 \$4,766  
 WEEKLY GOAL: \$6,550

Volunteers can sign up for the NEXT 2 FISH FRYS by going to:

[St. Mary Winneconne: Fish Fry 3-01-2024 \(signupgenius.com\)](http://St. Mary Winneconne: Fish Fry 3-01-2024 (signupgenius.com))

[St. Mary Winneconne: Fish Fry 3-15-2024 \(signupgenius.com\)](http://St. Mary Winneconne: Fish Fry 3-15-2024 (signupgenius.com))

The tradition continues....

## St Mary Winneconne Fish and Smelt Fry

When: February 16, 2024  
 March 1, 2024  
 March 15, 2024

Time: 4:00 – 7:00pm

Where: St Mary Winneconne Kaudy Hall  
 244 S 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave Winneconne

What: Fried or baked haddock, shrimp,  
 all-you-can-eat smelt, fish and shrimp  
 combo or seafood platter

Served with potato salad or fries, coleslaw,  
 rye bread, dessert and milk or water.  
 Soda and beer available for purchase.

Carry out orders starting at noon by calling  
 920-582-7712 for pick up from 4:30-6:30pm.



New this year – deep fried cheese curds!



**Come enjoy great food and fellowship!**

### Lost & Found

St. Mary, Winneconne has collected child's coat, hats, gloves, gold ring, plus books and more. They will be in the main entrance this weekend then they will be donated. Please stop by and check out if any belongs to you.

## Faith Formation News

### Wednesday February 21

Elementary Classes—3:10-4:30pm

Middle School Class—6:30-8:00pm

Congratulations to our

### Student's of the Month

who are recognized for demonstrating over the last month, what it means to be Christ-like in the classroom.

We invite you to join us for refreshments in the lower level following Mass.



## SHADOW STATIONS OF THE CROSS

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY

28<sup>TH</sup> AT 3:45

Presented by our 4th Grade class.



WE INVITE  
 YOU TO  
 JOIN US FOR  
 THIS  
 SPECIAL  
 LENTEN  
 PRAYER

The shadow stations of the cross will be presented by our 4th grade students. We hope you will join us as we lead you in praying this special Lenten prayer.

### Bishop's Appeal 2024

St. Mary, Winneconne received our goal for the Bishop's Appeal for this year. We have been assessed at \$45,363.

Our staff and parish receive support from the Bishop's Appeal on many behind the scene areas. Staff enrichment, new staff trainings, Adult faith formation speakers, faith formation support, etc. Please pray how you will respond to the letter you received from the Bishop.



2024 BISHOP'S APPEAL

# OMRO NEWS

## St. Mary, Omro Calendar

Mon. Feb 19 6:00pm Stations of the Cross  
 Wed. Feb 21 4:30pm FF Grades 1-6  
 4:45pm Chosen  
 6:30pm FF Grades 7-10  
 6:30pm The Chosen  
 Thurs. Feb 22 1:00pm Reflect on the Mass  
 6:00pm Reflect on the Mass  
 Sun. Feb. 25 8:10am Adoration  
 8:30am Mass w/Banners & \*\*CLOW

### 2nd Sunday of Lent

\*\*CLOW: Children Liturgy of the Word  
 Nominations

STEWARDSHIP OF SHARING-Omro  
 Given Week ending 2/11/2024 \$3,008  
 WEEKLY GOAL: \$3,941



## Wednesday February 21st

Grades 1-6 Class at 4:30pm

Grades 7-11 6:30pm Students will have the opportunity to go to confession during class



## 2nd Grade Families

Sunday, February 25th Banner Presentation during 8:30am Mass

It has been over 25 years since the roof has been replaced on our church in Omro. We have scheduled the roof to be replaced this spring. The investment is \$35,000. If you would like to donate to this project, it would be greatly appreciated! Please contact Deacon Paul or the office in Omro.

Would you like to be a prayer partner for those preparing for the sacraments? You are invited to pick a name from the basket located in Marian Hall. Show them your support by writing a card or letter and place it in the basket in Marian Hall or drop it off in the Faith Formation office.



Join us for refreshments after Mass this morning. Grab a donut and coffee and chat with friends that you haven't seen in a while.



## Bishop's Appeal

Our goal was set for the Bishop's Appeal for this year at \$19,375. Our parish is helped from sponsoring our speakers, Entrust, training new staff. You should have received your envelope in the mail. Pray about how you will respond.



**JOIN US FOR A WEE BIT O FUN**

**ST. MARY OMRO**  
**SUNDAY MARCH 17, 2024**  
**12:30- 2:30 PM**  
**DINING HALL**

FOOD, FAMILY, FRIENDS, FABULOUS PRIZES & FUN FOR ALL AGES

WE WILL BE HAVING A BAKE SALE & 50/50 RAFFLE

IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW IS INTERESTED IN DONATING PRIZES OR BAKED GOODS, PLEASE REACH OUT TO THE PARISH OFFICE. THANKS IN ADVANCE!

# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Readings for the Week of February 19

**Monday:** Lv 19:1-2,11-18/Mt 25:31-46  
**Tuesday:** Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15  
**Wednesday:** Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32  
**Thursday:** 1 Pt 5:1-4/Mt 16:13-19  
 The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle  
**Friday:** Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26  
**Saturday:** Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48  
**Sunday:** Gn 22:1-2,9a,10-13,15-18/  
 Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10

## 2nd Sunday of Lent



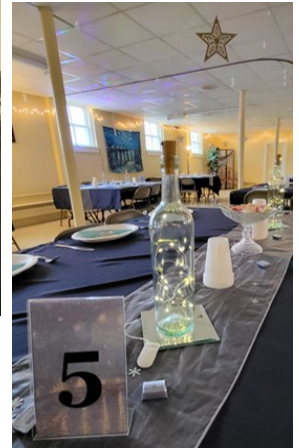
**Omro**  
 During the 8:30am Mass  
 February 25  
**Winneconne**  
 During the 10:30am Mass  
 February 18

## ALL RISE!

THE NORTHEAST WISCONSIN PASSION PLAY

In this, our 17<sup>th</sup> year, we are blessed to continue offering you a timeless, inspiring production celebrating the life, death and triumphant resurrection of our Lord. Strengthen your Lenten journey March 21<sup>st</sup> through 24<sup>th</sup> at the Xavier Fine Arts Theatre in Appleton. This production is appropriate for all ages.

For more show information and tickets, please visit: [www.newpassionplay.org](http://www.newpassionplay.org) or call the Xavier box office at (920)-733-8840. Open hours are Monday and Wednesday from noon to 3:00 pm.



Scenes from  
 An Enchanted Evening  
 A good time was had by all!



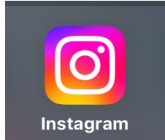
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**MASS INTENTIONS**

**SATURDAY:** February 24  
4:00pm (SMW) Beverly Mioskowski

**SUNDAY:** February 25  
8:30am (SMO) Kay Biebl  
10:30am (SMW) Rich Gagnon

**Check us out on the web:**  
stmarychurches.org

**Stewardship of Serving-Liturgical Ministry Schedule**

**Saturday & Sunday February 24 & 25**

SMO—St. Mary, Omro

SMW—St. Mary, Winneconne

**Altar Servers:**

4:00pm (SMW) Stella Verich & Katarina Clerkin  
8:30am (SMO) Rylee & Hailey Karn  
10:30am (SMW) **2 Volunteers**

**Lectors:**

4:00pm (SMW) Jill Verich  
8:30am (SMO) Lori Meyerhofer-Fisher  
10:30am (SMW) Anne Baldwin

**Ushers:**

4:00pm (SMW) Kathy Hartzheim, Dennis Bahrke  
**2 Volunteers**  
8:30am (SMO) Sara Waters, Jill Pernaski  
10:30am (SMW) Peggy Benjamin, JoAnn Winnekens  
**2 Volunteers**

**Sacristans:**

4:00pm (SMW) Mike & Tracey Losse  
8:30am (SMO) Jodi Hess  
10:30am (SMW) Anne Baldwin

**Communion Ministers:**

4:00pm (SMW) Jill Verich, Tracey Losse  
10:30am (SMW) Jeff Baldwin, Connie Kostichka

**Greeters:**

4:00pm (SMW) Alex & Vivian Verich  
**2 Volunteers**  
8:30am (SMO) Blake Stachura, Eric Wrage  
10:30am (SMW) JoAnn Winnekens, Jeff Baldwin  
**2 Volunteers**

**Intercessory Prayers:**

8:30am (SMO) **Volunteer**  
10:30am (SMW) JoAnn Winnekens, Connie Kostichka

**Musicians:**

4:00pm (SMW) Matthew Harden, John Verich, Paul K  
8:30am (SMO) Ron Hayes, Amy Karn  
10:30am (SMW) Annemarie Birschbach, Anna Lynch

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