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4th Sunday in Ordinary Time January 28, 2024

**Call the office to buy your tickets for An Enchanted Evening
at St. Mary, Omro on February 10 from 6:30-8:30pm**

A magical evening under the stars is planned, including: a delicious dinner catered by The Roxy, home made desserts, live music, door prizes worth \$350, babysitting, drinks and lively conversation.



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Fr. Quinn Mann

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PASTORAL PONDERINGS

There is not one person in the world who could say that they do not need the virtue of patience. Jesus said: "by your patience you will save your soul." Given that this virtue is universal and not easy to attain let's take a deeper look into being patient.

We have to be patient with others; the people we meet, live with, work with, associate with, or those whom we come into contact either frequently or less frequently. We must be aware of the hard and cruel fact that people will rub us the wrong way, get on our nerves, provoke us, exasperate us, and sometimes simply drive us crazy. Certain characteristics of others, like, their tone of voice, (the pace they move,) their facial expression, the words they use or fail to use, can drive us up a wall.

Jesus says that we have to pray not simply for those (people who we like) but for all people because they were created by a loving God, and God wants all of humanity to form a family in which the virtues of love, compassion, mercy, and respect reign supreme! Jesus says very clearly that we have to even pray for our enemies as he taught us on the cross when he said: "Father forgive them for they know not what they do."

We need to consider being humble. Remember your own defects which might even be more serious in the eyes of God than those of the person you're judging. God loves the humble but rejects the arrogant and proud. When you are tempted to look down on a person, call to mind your own failures or sins and God's mercy toward you. This will help us be more compassionate, kind, and patient.



Finally with others, put into practice what Saint Ignatius of Loyola teaches. When we are tempted to be impatient, unkind, or cold to a person who presses our buttons, do the opposite. Give them a smile, kind word, a nice gesture, or even give them a gift. This is very pleasing to God and this conquering of self, though difficult, is possible. And once done, is a true sign of victory of God's grace in your life.

We need to be patient with ourselves. Those who are so-called perfectionists will always end up deceived, especially by themselves. We live in a complex and very imperfect world, better yet a sinful world! Only God is perfect, and all of our humanity is composed of sinners; hopefully on the pathway of conversion. The Bible teaches us that the just man falls seven times a day. Jesus says that we are to "forgive those who offend us not seven times but 70 times 7 times." In other words, we are constantly fighting to overcome our sinful tendencies, as well as sin itself in our lives. We should strive never to give in to impatience at our many faults, much less discouragement.

Finally, the last person and most important person to be patient with is God. Have you ever prayed to God and found that your prayers were not answered according to your criteria? Have you ever asked God to help you in sickness and suffering and it seemed as if God was not listening? Has it ever happened that you made a novena to God, to Mary, or to one of the angels or saints and the request was not answered; instead, your situation seemed to get even worse? Has it ever happened that you have prayed for the conversion of someone and absolutely nothing seemed to happen? With these so-called prayers or petitions, unresolved problems, or aggravating circumstances where it seemed as if God really did not care, was indifferent, or even uninterested in your situation, there is a good chance that you became impatient with God or even angry with God.

Our God is a God of infinite love! Our God is a God of infinite wisdom! The mind of God is not the mind of man. His ways far transcend and supersede ours, in knowledge, wisdom, love, and planning. God's plans and decisions will not always meet our criteria. However, we must believe in God's loving and providential design. What God does for us individually, personally, socially, and spiritually is always in the light of eternity for our good. Therefore, strive never to be impatient with God, but trust him. Trust totally and humbly in his infinite love and providential care for you.

God bless you and your family.

Deacon Paul Vidmar

ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

Adult Faith Formation Registration ~ Winter 2024

Bible Studies/Speakers/January—April

Use the following link to register:

<https://forms.gle/aJFH3tAi8tHaH8G4A> OR

Call the church office SMO 920-685-2258 or SMW 920-582-7712 OR

Fill out postcard at church



The Chosen

Format: Refreshments – Video – Discussion

The Chosen is a television drama based on the life of Jesus Christ. This video series portrays Jesus “through the eyes of those who met him.” See Scripture come to life in a new way!

Regardless of where you are on your faith journey, this series is for you!

Season One—Winneconne (continued from fall)

Day: Wednesdays **Time:** 6:30—8:00 PM **Location:** Lower Level of Church

Facilitator: PMP Members

Episode 7: Feb. 7/ Episode 8: Feb. 21

Season One—Omro

Day: Wednesdays **Time:** 6:30—8:00 PM **Location:** Marian Hall

Dates:

Feb. 7 Episode 4

Feb. 21 Episode 5

Mar. 6 Episode 6

Mar. 20 NO CLASS (Family Night)

Mar. 27 NO CLASS (Spring break) April 3 Episode 7 and 8

Facilitators:

Jen Welhoefer, Tina Wickham, Courtney Stachura, Bethany Schoonover

Spanish—Omro

Day: Weds **Dates:** Feb. 7, 21, 28, Mar. 6 **Time:** 4:45PM

Location: Lower Level **Facilitators:** Nelly Lopez, Lupita Montoya



Movie Night With the Saints

Day: Mondays

Time: 6:00 to 7:30pm

Location: Kaudy Hall, SMW

Facilitators: Rick/Roxanne Lee and Linda Dorsett

Feb. 12—St. Maria Goretti

**Feb. 26—St. Francis of Assisi:
Sign of Contradiction**

Format:

Refreshments – Video – Discussion



Fr. Brad Vanden Branden will be presenting

MAKE HOLY THESE GIFTS

Date: Mon, Jan. 29 **Time:** 6:00— 7:30pm **Location:** Kaudy Hall, SMW

Jesus Christ, on the night before He died, celebrated the Last Supper with His disciples. It is that same sacrificial gift of the Eucharist that has nourished the Church for centuries. Come and reflect on the power of the Eucharist and how the Trinity is present to us whenever we share in the Body and Blood of the Lord.



Jesus and the Eucharist

Day: Tuesdays

Dates: Jan. 30, Feb. 6, 13,
20, 27, Mar. 5, 12

Time: 1:30 to 3:00pm

6:00 to 7:30pm

Facilitator: Heather Sleeman
Mary McDonald

Location: Kaudy Hall,
St. Mary, Winneconne

Format: Refreshments –
Video - Discussion

All are welcome!

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



WINNECONNE NEWS

St. Mary, Winneconne Calendar

Mon. Jan. 29	7:30am LOW* w/Communion 6:00pm Fr. Brad AFF Speaker
Tues. Jan. 30	1:30pm Jesus in the Eucharist 6:00pm Jesus in the Eucharist
Wed. Jan. 31	7:30am LOW* w/Communion
Thurs. Feb. 1	2:00pm Rosary
Sat. Feb. 3	1:00pm Confirmation Retreat 3:30pm Confession 4:00pm Mass w/ Bread Partners
Sun. Feb. 4	9:00am RCIA 10:30am Mass w/CLOW** & Bread Partners & Refreshments PMP

Sat./Sun. 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

*LOW: Liturgy of the Word
**CLOW: Children's Liturgy of the Word
Blessing of the Throats
Stewardship Speaker

STEWARDSHIP OF SHARING-Winneconne

Given Week ending 1/21/2024 = \$4,749

WEEKLY GOAL: \$6,550

Faith Formation News

Wednesday January 31

- 5th Wednesday-NO CLASSES



Ash Wednesday
— Lent Begins

Get your Ashes in Church.

Ash Wednesday is February 14.

Ash Wednesday Selfie Challenge!

Prizes awarded!

Middle school and high school youth see you at Mass!

(9th & 10th grade youth this is a class night)

Attend an Ash Wednesday Mass that works into your schedule. Here are some times and places:

St. Mary Winneconne—7:30am & 4:30pm

St. Mary Omro— 6pm

St. Raphael, Oshkosh—7:15am, Noon, 4:30pm, and 6:15pm. There is also a prayer service with ashes at 2:00pm.

Most Blessed Sacrament—St. Peter Site 6:30PM

St. Peter Site address: 435 High Ave, Oshkosh

St. Jude—St. Vincent Site at 6:30pm

St Vincent Site address: 1225 Oregon St, Oshkosh



Next step: Take a photo after Mass of you with your ashes. Try to get some of the church background in the photo so we can guess where you attended Mass.

Middle School and High School Faith in Action

February 18th—11:30-2:30pm

Join us for an afternoon of fun at The Highlands. We will prepare a "Snack and Dessert Bar" in Kaudy Hall beginning at 11:30am. At 1:00pm we will head over to share the snacks and play Bingo with the residents of The Highlands. Let us know if you will be joining us by [signing up here](#). A permission slip will be required.



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 3rd 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!

Volunteers can sign up for the first fish fry, Feb. 16 by going to:

[St. Mary Winneconne: Fish Fry 2-16-2024 \(signupgenius.com\)](http://St.MaryWinneconne:FishFry2-16-2024(signupgenius.com))



You are invited to **join us for Mass on February 7, 3:45-4:30pm.**

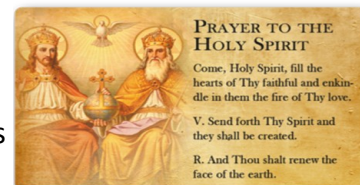
St. Mary young Catholics will help lead parts of the Mass.

See you at Mass! All are invited! Rosary on February 7 at 3:35pm.

Mother Mary, Pray for us!



St. Mary, Winneconne and Omro Confirmation Retreat is coming up. Held in Winneconne February 3rd, from 1pm-8pm. Please keep our Confirmation students in your prayers.



OMRO NEWS

St. Mary, Omro Calendar

Wed. Jan. 31 No FF Classes

Sat. Feb. 3 1:30pm Confirmation Retreat,
St. Mary, Winneconne

Sun. Feb. 4 8:30am Mass w/Baptism &
Bread Partners

Sat./Sun. 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Blessing of the Throats

Omro Area Non-Perishable Food Collection

Stewardship Speaker

STEWARDSHIP OF SHARING-OMRO

Given Week ending 1/21/2024 = 5,646

WEEKLY GOAL: \$3,941

July - Dec STEWARDHIP - OMRO

Actual	Budget
\$ 116,769	\$ 133,068
Short	\$ 16,299

As a church we are called to tithe a portion of our wealth. So, recently the Finance Council voted to donate to 10 local area charitable organizations. We received cards and letters of thanks from many of them. Here is an excerpt from one of those letters:

“This letter comes with warm appreciation for your gift of \$500 to Feeding America Eastern Wisconsin. Your donation provides 2,000 meals to those facing hunger in our communities.

Thanks to your generosity local families have the opportunity to focus on...spending time with loved ones, sharing food and gifts. Instead of worrying about where that next meal is coming from, your support means that thousands of food-insecure families in eastern Wisconsin have what they need to enjoy the holidays.

Thank you for joining us in our mission, and sharing our vision of a hunger-free Wisconsin.

Together we can solve hunger!”

Sincerely,

Patti Habeck—Feeding America



January 31st

No Faith Formation Classes

2nd Grade Sacramental

Preparation Families

Bread Partners Sunday February 4th during
8:30am Mass.



Confirmation Retreat

Saturday, February 3rd 1:30pm at St. Mary
Church Winneconne

Please keep our Candidates in your prayers as they continue their journey towards Confirmation.

We are in need of a new upright freezer for our kitchen. Our old one is leaking and on it's last leg.

A new freezer would cost \$800. If you are interested in donating a new freezer, please contact the office 920-685-2258.

Thank you.



COMMUNITY NEWS

Readings for the Week of January 29

Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14,30,16:5-13/
Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10,14b,24-25a,30-19:3/
Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2,9-17/Mk 6:1-6
St. John Bosco, Priest

Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4,10-12/Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40
The Presentation of the Lord

Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Mk 6:30-34

Sunday: Jb 7:1-4,6-7/1 Cor 9:16-19,22-23/
Mk 1:29-39

5th Sunday of Ordinary Time



Thank you to all who attended the Greeter training in Winneconne last week.



Omro
During the 8:30am Mass
January 28, February 11 & 25

Winneconne
During the 10:30am Mass
February 4 & 18

If you would like a statement of your donations for 2023, please contact the office to let us know whether to send them via snail mail, electronically, or you will pick up.

We will not automatically be sending letters this year.

Winneconne: 920-582-7712

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Thanks to the Discipleship Team of Eileen, Amy and Sam, from Green Bay, our staff and volunteers had a wonderful retreat at the Jesuit Retreat House, where our buckets were filled so we can continue to be the hands and feet of Jesus.



Movie Night with the Saints

St. Andre Bessette



Contemplating Eternity

A trillion years from now, your children's souls will still exist. This will only be the beginning of eternity. How can we help prepare their souls (and our own) to spend eternity in God's love and grace?

Format: Videos (10—15 minutes each) *+Delivered weekly via e-mail to view on your own time.*

Audience: Parents, Grandparents, Godparents, Aunts & Uncles

Dates: Every Monday - Now - 3/25/2024



+All parishioners who receive the email bulletin will automatically receive weekly lessons delivered to their e-mail.

+Links and info will also be available on FaceBook and the Webpage.

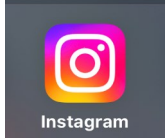
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NOON on Tuesday**

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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY: February 3
4:00pm (SMW) Ernest Vichek

SUNDAY: February 4
8:30am (SMO) Mr & Mrs Joseph Galazka
10:30am (SMW) Francis Crowley

Check us out on the web:
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Stewardship of Serving-Liturgical Ministry Schedule

Saturday & Sunday February 3 & 4

SMO—St. Mary, Omro

SMW—St. Mary, Winneconne

Altar Servers:

4:00pm (SMW) Rose Unser, **Volunteer**
8:30am (SMO) Caleb & Ella Wanezek
10:30am (SMW) **2 Volunteers**

Lectors:

4:00pm (SMW) Pat Samolinski
8:30am (SMO) Sue Martin
10:30am (SMW) Connie Kostichka

Ushers:

4:00pm (SMW) Frank & Kaye Rogers,
Kathy Hartzheim, Dennis Bahrke
8:30am (SMO) Margaret Potratz, **Volunteer**
10:30am (SMW) JoAnn Winnekens,
Peggy Benjamin, **2 Volunteers**

Sacristans:

4:00pm (SMW) Rose Unser
8:30am (SMO) Janet Wegner
10:30am (SMW) Bryan & Kristin Wright

Communion Ministers:

4:00pm (SMW) Molly Johnson, Pat Samolinski
10:30am (SMW) Connie Kostichka, **Volunteer**

Greeters:

4:00pm (SMW) 4 Confirmation Students
8:30am (SMO) Barb Geffers, Lila Ellis
10:30am (SMW) Jann, Wade & Broc Berglund,
JoAnn Winnekens

Intercessory Prayers:

8:30am (SMO) **Volunteer**
10:30am (SMW) JoAnn Winnekens, Julie Servais

Musicians:

4:00pm (SMW) Ted Kreuzer
8:30am (SMO) Ron Hayes, Rose Luebke
10:30am (SMW) Ted Kreuzer

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