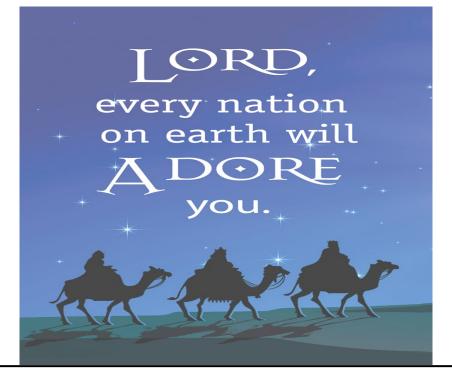
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The Epiphany of the Lord January 7, 2024



EPIPHANY BLESSING OF THE HOME—2024

- 1. Begin by praying the Our Father.
- A member of the family then writes with chalk over the front door 20 + C + M + B + 24. The numerals are the new year. The crosses stand for the 4 seasons. C-M-B stand for the names of the Magi: Caspar, Melchior & Balthasar. C-M-B also stands for Christus Mansionem Benedicat, which means, "Christ, bless this house."
- 3. Pray this blessing "God of all time and space, may this home and this family be a light for all who are lost and afraid, a place of peace and hospitality for those in need and a sign that you are God with us. And when our long journey has ended, lead us all by the star of your mercy that we may come home to you to the dwelling place you have prepared for us in Heaven. Grant this through Christ our Lord, Amen."
- 4. Share a greeting of peace with everyone present.

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Paul.vidmar@stmarychurches.org Priest Celebrants:	St. Mary, Winneconne : 920-582-7712 or stmarywinn@stmarychurches.org
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PASTORAL PONDERINGS

This weekend we celebrate the Epiphany, also known as Three Kings' Day. On the Epiphany we celebrate the revelation of God with us. We commemorate the visit of the Magi who were part of the Gentile world. The Magi served as political and religious advisors to the rulers of their time and studied the stars for clues about the meaning of life. Matthew's Gospel describes the encounter between the Magi and baby Jesus in a way that his Jewish audience was able to understand, even those outside the Jewish tradition could see the hand of God at work. The Magi remind us the whole world is affected by what God has done through the Incarnation of his son, Jesus. When the Magi encounter the Child Jesus with Mary, his Mother, they pay Him homage, offer their gifts, and then step aside so that God can unravel His divine plan.

On January 8th we celebrate the last day of the Christmas season with the feast of the Lord's baptism. John the Baptist introduces Jesus as the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world and who unites time and eternity in the Eucharistic Sacrifice (the Mass.) As the darkness continues to be replaced with light during January, this transition seems to echo the Magi's stepping aside and St. John's prayer: "He must increase, and I must decrease."

Ordinary Time follows the season of Christmas, and during this journey we must remain diligent in receiving Jesus so that we are renewed and able to reveal Him to the world through our witness. We must decrease and Jesus must increase in our lives! During Ordinary Time we celebrate the life and teachings of Jesus Christ and what it means to be his disciple. It is not a time to be lax in our relationship with Jesus but a time to go deeper into our faith.

In the weeks ahead, we will be learning about Bishop Ricken's latest pastoral letter, "Encountering Jesus in the Eucharist: Disciples Called to Worship." His letter will help us to continue the journey of discipleship which includes "Discover Jesus, Follow Jesus, Worship Jesus and Share Jesus." As our parishes are now embarking on the Worship Jesus phase, Bishop Ricken invites us into a greater appreciation for Jesus in the Eucharist through his 'five alive" practices. These will help us to come truly alive and keep us growing in our relationship with Jesus. These practices include:

The Mass - the most powerful prayer.

Lectio Divina – Reading the Word of God. The bulletin blast includes the Sunday readings with Lectio Divina.
 Eucharistic Adoration – Alternating months in Winneconne & Omro on a Wed. from 4:30-5:30pm.
 Confession – Saturdays 30 min. before Mass AND 1st/3rd Wed. in Winneconne & 2nd/4th Wed. in Omro from 4:30-5:30pm.
 The Rosary – After LOW on Mon/Wed, at 2pm on Thurs.- Winneconne. On Mon. at 6pm during May & Oct.—Omro.

As we transition from Christmas to Ordinary Time, think about how you will spend time learning more about these practices and implementing one or two in the weeks ahead. Perhaps you could attend a daily Mass in addition to Sunday Mass, or pray a decade of the Rosary every day? If you would like to learn more about these practices before deciding what to begin, please click on the following link: https://www.gbdioc.org/docman/office-of-the-bishop/1386-five-alive-practices-adults/file

God is with us and desires each one of us to receive Him so that we are renewed and able to rejoice and share His love in the world that needs Him so much. How will you choose to respond to His love and grow in your relationship with Jesus Christ our Savior?

Wishing you Jesus through Mary - Rose Unser, Pastoral Associate

An Epiphany Prayer

Lord Jesus, may your light shine our way, as once it guided the steps of the magi: that we too may be led into your presence and worship you, the Child of Mary, the Word of the Father, the King of nations, the Saviour of mankind; to whom be glory for ever. *Frank Colquhoun*

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: <u>6:30—8:00 PM</u> Location: Lower Level of Church Facilitator: PMP Members

Episode 5: Jan. 3/ Episode 6: Jan. 17/ Episode 7: Feb. 7/ Episode 8: Feb. 21

Season One-Omro

Day: Wednesdays Time: 6:30—8:00 PM Location: Marian HallDates: Jan. 10Episode 1Jan. 24Episode 2 and 3Feb. 7Episode 4Feb. 21Episode 5Mar. 6Episode 6Mar. 20NO 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: Jan. 10, 17, 24, Feb. 7, 21, 28, Mar. 6 Time: 4:45PM Location: Lower Level Facilitators: Nelly Lopez, Lupita Montoya



Fr. Brad Vanden Branden will be presenting <u>MAKE HOLY THESE GIFTS</u>

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.

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



Movie Night With the Saints

Day: Mondays Time: 6:00 to 7:30pm Location: Kaudy Hall, SMW Facilitators: Rick/Roxanne Lee and Linda Dorsett

Jan. 22 -God's Doorkeeper-St. André Bessette

Feb. 12—St. Maria Goretti

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

Format:

Refreshments – Video –



Jesus and

Jesus and Eucharistic Revival 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!

WINNECONNE NEWS

		St. I	Mary, Winneconne Calendar
Mon.	Jan.	8	7:30am LOW* w/Communion 8:30am Enviro Change 6:00pm CAM Meeting
Tues.	Jan.	9	6:30pm Fish Fry Meeting KH 9:30am Staff Meeting 4:30pm Stewardship Meeting 7:00pm KC's Meeting (SMO)
Wed.	Jan.	10	7:30am LOW* w/Communion 3:05pm Elementary FF 6:30pm HS Classes
Thurs.	Jan.	11	2:00pm Rosary 5:30pm Staff Christmas Party (Office Closes at 5pm) 6:30pm St. Thomas Cemetery Mtg.
Sat.	Jan.	13	3:30pm Confession 4:00pm Mass
Sun.	Jan.		9:00am RCIA 10:30am Mass

Sat./Sun. 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time *LOW: Liturgy of the Word Winter Mingle Speaker 2nd Collection for Retired Religious (SMO) St. Mary, Omro Fr. Carr's Non-perishable Collection

STEWARDSHIP OF SHARING-Winneconne

Given Week ending 12/31/2023 = \$9,657

WEEKLY GOAL: \$6,550

save the Date!

Smelt/Fish Frys

are coming soon!!!

Shout it out to all your friends and neighbors. Help get the word out!!!

They do not want to miss out on the 3 smelt/fish fries.

- Friday, February 16
 - Friday, March 1

Friday, March 15

4:00pm-7:00pm in Kaudy Hall



Father Carr's non-perishable food collection is next weekend, Jan. 13/14. There are baskets at all the entrances. They are in need of: instant potatoes, sugar, flour, Hamburger Helper, canned meat, Chef Boyardee, jam/jelly, baked beans, breakfast cereal, chunky soup, granola bars, spaghetti sauce, bathroom cleaner, feminine hygiene products, baby wipes and laundry detergent. Thank you for your donations.

FAITH FORMATION

Wednesday January 10

- Elementary Classes —3:05-4:30pm
- High School (9th & 10th) classes
 6:30-8:00pm

Winter Mingle Saturday, January 27 4:00pm Mass then.....

<u>Adults</u>- Kaudy Hall 5-8:00pm <u>Children</u>- Lower Level of church (Call the office with how many children & ages)

- * After Mass come and enjoy a social hour with hors d'oeuvres, beverages and desserts in Kaudy Hall!
- * Children will gather in lower level of the church for pizza, a movie and lots of fun and activities.

* All New this Year Caricatures will be done

Don't miss this special evening for EVERYONE in the parish

If possible: RSVP sue.kuhn@stmarychurches.org 582-7712. Drop ins are welcomed!

This event is sponsored by your Parish Council!

Fellowship Sunday This Weekend Jan. 7



Be sure to stop in the main entrance after 10:30am Mass this weekend and enjoy a drink and fresh donuts and fresh cookies!!

OMRO NEWS

St. Mary, Omro Calendar

Tues. Jan. 9 9:30am Staff Meeting **(SMW)** 4:30pm Stewardship Mtg. **(SMW)** 7:00pm KC Meeting Wed. Jan. 10 4:30pm Confession 4:45pm Latino Bible Study 4:30pm FF Gr. 1-6 6:30pm FF Gr. 7-8 Thurs. Jan. 11 5:30pm Staff Christmas Party

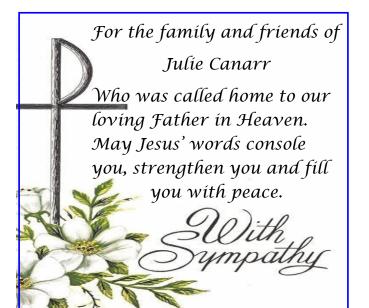
Sun. Jan. 14 8:30am Mass w/CLOW**

Sat./Sun. 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time **CLOW: Children's Liturgy of the Word 2nd Collection for Retired Religious (SMW) St. Mary, Winneconne

STEWARDSHIP OF SHARING-Omro

Given Week ending 12/31/2023 = \$7,507

WEEKLY GOAL: \$3,941





Wednesday, January 10th

Grades 1-6 4:30pm Grades 7 & 8 6:30pm

Our confirmation saints came marching in to visit the elementary students during "An Evening with the Saints."





Thank you to Mary Ann Wagner, Angie Goska and Alex Goska for helping turn our church environment from Advent to Christmas in record time. We

appreciate you sharing your time and talent!

PHOTO Opportunity January 7 Epiphany Masses after 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM

The Three Kings will be visiting our Parish and be available for photos with you.



Liturgical Ministers St. Mary, Winneconne ministers should have received the January/February schedule in your

email. Please let me know as soon as possible where you can fill in. We have been struggling with getting volunteers. If you are available please let me know.



COMMUNITY NEWS

Readings for the Week of January 8

Monday:	Is 55:1-11/Mk 1:7-11
_	The Baptism of the Lord
Tuesday:	1 Sm 1:9-20/Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday:	1 Sm 3:1-10,19-20/Mk 1:29-39
Thursday:	1 Sm 4:1-11/Mk 1:40-45
Friday:	1 Sm 8:4-7,10-22a/Mk 2:1-12
Saturday:	1 Sm 9:1-4,17-19,10:1a/
-	Mk 2:13-17
Sunday:	1 Sm 3:3b-10,19/
	1 Cor 6:13c-15a,17-20/Jn 1:35-42

2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time



Ladies Night Out Happy New Year! We hope you



January 15, 2024. We will get to know Fr. Quinn better, then we will play Bingo for a chance to win some great prizes. Please sign up using the link below.

https://www.signupgenius.com/ go/8050545ADAA2AA7F58-46557457-stmary

When: Monday, January 15, 2024 at 6:30pm

What: Get to know Father Quinn

Bingo with a twist – Great prizes! Where: Kaudy Hall



Cost: Free; donations appreciated Come join us for a special night to get to know

Father Quinn. Happiness is Yelling Followed by Bingo with great prizes and extra fun. ESTO VIR OSHKOSH Saturday, January 20, 2024



Speaker: Fr. James Kubicki, SJ - Spiritual Director at St. Francis de Sales Seminary in the ESTO Archdiocese of Milwaukee

Father Carr's Place 2B – Mother Teresa Center St. Martin de Porres Chapel 1062 N. Koeller St, Oshkosh, WI 54902

Topic: How what we believe about the Eucharist and Mass is expressed in how we celebrate.

7:00 am – Registration 7:05 am to 7:40 am – Confessions (Fr. Kubicki & Fr. David)

7:20 am - Holy Rosary

7:45 am - Holy Sacrifice of the Mass (Fr. Kubicki)

8:15 am - Continental Breakfast/Fellowship

8:45 am - Presentations (Fr. Kubicki)

10:00 am - Wrap Up

Free Will Offering



Omro During the 8:30am Mass January 14 & 28, February 11 & 25 **Winneconne** During the 10:30am Mass January 7 & 21, February 4 & 18



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
- Every Monday 1/8/2024 3/25/2024 Dates:

Facilitator: Lisa Lynch

Topics:

- The Sacrament of Reconciliation + The Sacrament of the Eucharist and Adoration
 - + Prayer and Sacred Scripture + One, Holy, Catholic, Apostolic Church
 - + Devotion to Mary and the Saints
 - + Understanding the Constant Battle between Good and Evil
 - + Engaging in Spiritual Warfare + Calvary: The Necessity of the Cross
 - + Cultivating Virtue + Connecting with the Church Community

+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.

Deadline for the Bulletin NOON on Tuesday

E-mail bulletin announcements to:

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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY: 4:00pm (SMW)

January 13 Joyce Groff

SUNDAY: 8:30am (SMO) 10:30am (SMW) January 14 Ann Mossak Archie & Minnie Flanigan

Check us out on the web:

stmarychurches.org

Stewardship of Serving-Liturgical Ministry Schedule

Saturday & Sunday January 13 & 14

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

Altar Servers:

4:00pm (SMW) **2 Volunteers** 8:30am (SMO) Weston & Macy Morse 10:30am (SMW) 2 Volunteers

Lectors:

4:00pm (SMW) Mike Jordan 8:30am (SMO) Ken Bressers 10:30am (SMW) Eric Bauer

Ushers:

4:00pm (SMW) Jerry, Emma, Addi Cegielski Mike Miller 8:30am (SMO) MaryJo Hinderman, Mike Glodowski 10:30am (SMW) Tammy Davis, Jeff Jandrin Paul & Pauline Jandrin

Sacristans:

4:00pm (SMW) Mike & Tracey Losse 8:30am (SMO) Jodi Hess 10:30am (SMW) Tim & Sherrie Johnson

<u>Communion Ministers:</u> 4:00pm (SMW) Chelsy Cegielski, Tracey Losse 10:30am (SMW) Sherrie Johnson, Eric Bauer Greeters: 4:00pm (SMW) Chelsy Cegielski, Donna Krueger Joanne Perry, Donna Stratton 8:30am (SMO) Huth Family 10:30am (SMW) Amy & Shannon Goltz, Kristin Kasuboski, Deb Kolasinski

Intercessory Prayers:

8:30am (SMO) Volunteer 10:30am (SMW) 2 Volunteers

Musicians:

4:00pm (SMW) Matthew Harden, Julie Mueller, Bonnie Plummer 8:30am (SMO) Ted Kreuzer, Paul Kamikawa 10:30am (SMW) Kristin Day/Shawn & Anna Lynch

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Fridays: Closed	Fridays: Closed	
Administrative Assistant: Peggy Wilms	Administrative Assistant: Sue Kuhn	
Bookkeeper: Pat Samolinski	Bookkeeper: Pat Samolinski	
Custodian: Janet Wegner	Custodian: Annemarie Birschbach	
Faith Formation Coordinator: Heidi Seaman	Faith Formation Coordinator: Andy Krueger	
Pastoral Associate: Rose Unser	Pastoral Associate: Rose Unser	
Adult Faith Formation Coordinator: Mary McDonald	Adult Faith Formation Coordinator: Mary McDonald	
Director for Spiritual Engagement: Lyn Zahorik	Director for Spiritual Engagement: Lyn Zahorik	

