

5th Sunday in Lent
March 17, 2024



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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!

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PASTORAL PONDERINGS

I love the Season of Lent because it is the ideal time to witness “...the old order passing away and all things made new.” (Book of Revelation) That verse is special to me because it is part of the “Zahorik Funeral reading” that was read at the funerals of my parents, my brother, my sister-in-law, three aunts and two good friends as well. One day it will be read at my funeral. When you get a chance, read Revelation 21:19-21, don’t wait for my funeral to hear it!

We have spent these past weeks of Lent being aware that our old order of this world must pass away as God is making all things new. However, it seems as if God is playing tricks on us. God gave Moses the Ten Commandments to show that rules and order are important. But then God tells us we are to find our whole and holy potential in Jesus, even if it means letting the old order pass away. God is not telling us to abandon the law, but to also engage in the “spirit or conscience” of the law.

For instance, the law says we are to attend Mass on Sunday. The spirit of the law invites us to pay attention to the Scriptures, to listen to the Homily, to respond to the prayers and to be gracious to the people gathered around us.

Pope Francis in one of his addresses stated, “...we ought not to follow our ego, do whatever interests us, whatever suits us, whatever pleases us. That is not conscience. Conscience is the interior space in which we can listen to the voice of God, to understand the path we ought to take, and once the decision is made, to move forward, to remain faithful.” (Pope Francis June 2013)

Becoming in touch with our conscience is seldom a warm, fuzzy experience. That in itself, *is a gift from God*. It means we are allowing the Light of Christ into our mind to distinguish truth from error, right from wrong. This can be painful at worst, or uncomfortable at best. So many things of the world seek to dull our conscience. If we do not give attention to prayer, the guidance of God’s word, and the teachings of the Church we may become unable to distinguish between right and wrong.

Each day make time to quiet yourself and really listen to that deep inner voice of your conscience. If you have a troubled conscience there is a way to make things new. Come back to the serenity and peace of conscience that come from obeying the law and living the spirit of the law.

Director for Spiritual Engagement
Lyn Zahorik



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



Reconciliation Available

1st and 3rd Wednesdays of month
St. Mary, Winneconne

2nd and 4th Wednesdays of month
St. Mary, Omro

City Wide Reconciliation

Mar. 21, 6:30pm at St. Vincent site



For the past 15 plus years parishioners have talked about constructing a building that would connect the St. Mary Winneconne Church with Kaudy Hall. This building would have a gathering space and offices for the staff. We are in the process of exploring this idea and would appreciate your input on this project. We will share initial conceptional drawings of this project followed by a listening session **after both Masses THIS weekend, March 16 & 17 in Kaudy Hall.** We have the drawings in the main entrance of the church if you would like to see them now. Refreshments will be provided.

*Sometimes the support
we need most comes
from someone walking
the same path.*

Widows/Widowers

You are invited:

Come to Share-Eat-Laugh-Pray!

March 21 2024

(3rd Thursday—odd months)

11:00am

Kaudy Hall, Winneconne

Potluck: Bring dish to share.

Celebrate our loved ones!

Feel free to BRING A FRIEND.

RSVP: Kathy 920-582-7147

*May the road rise up to meet you.
May the wind be always at your
back.” — Irish Blessing*



Save the Date:

March 24, 2024

8:30am Winneconne Mass

to follow.

Let's get together for breakfast and talk about intercessory prayer.

Speaker: Mark Preissner will help us grow in our ministry.

MASS to include a blessing for IP ministers.

PLEASE REGISTER by clicking on or copying the link to your browser:

<https://forms.gle/AmXwn7i66CjJdZzo8>

WINNECONNE NEWS

St. Mary, Winneconne Calendar

Mon.	Mar. 18	7:30am LOW* w/Communion 6:00pm Finance Council Meeting 6:00pm Holy Week Exp. Practice
Tues.	Mar. 19	6:00pm Parish Council Meeting
Wed.	Mar. 20	7:30am LOW* w/Communion 4:30pm Confession 5:30pm FF St. Joseph Meal KH 6:00pm Holy Week Experience
Thurs.	Mar. 21	11:00am Widow/Widower Lunch KH 2:00pm Stations of the Cross 6:30pm City-Wide Reconciliation, St. Vincent
Sat.	Mar. 23	3:30pm Confession 3:40pm Adoration 4:00pm Mass
Sun.	Mar. 24	8:30am Intercessory Prayer Min. Mtg 10:10am Adoration 10:30am Mass w/Intercessory Prayer Ministers Blessing

Sat./Sun. Palm Sunday
*LOW: Liturgy of the Word
Voting for Trustee

STEWARDSHIP OF SHARING-Winneconne
Given Week ending 3/10/2024 \$5,491
WEEKLY GOAL: \$6,550

Do you enjoy washing & ironing???



We are in need of one or two more parishioners who would be willing to take home the linens from the church (altar cloths, corporals, dish cloths & towels, etc.) The altar cloths and corporals need to be washed and ironed. You would be on rotation with 4 others. You are scheduled for a month at a time. You pick up the laundry during your month on a weekly basis. If interested please reach out to the office at 920-582-7712 or sue.kuhn@stmarychurches.org.

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. As of this week we have received \$15,058.

Your gift to the Bishop's Appeal will help in countless ways. Children and families are able to attend lively, interactive education 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.



Faith Formation News



All classes are replaced by this amazing opportunity to grow in our Catholic faith together. We ask that you plan to join us.

St. Joseph Meal & Holy Week Experience

March 20
5:30-7pm

RSVP

5:30PM MEAL (KAUDY HALL)

Join us for a delightful evening of good food, and great company featuring food typical of a St. Joseph Meal.



6-7 PM (CHURCH)

We will take you on a journey through the holiest of weeks in just an hour; the sights, the sounds, the smells.

You will gain greater understanding and appreciation for this most holy week.



Holy Week

Location:
St. Mary
Winneconne

Please RSVP for the **St. Joseph Meal by March 18th** using the link below.

[RSVP for St. Joseph Meal](#)

FYI: Environment Ministry

We will be decorating the church for Easter after the Good Friday Service. Please mark your calendar so you can help.

OMRO NEWS

St. Mary, Omro Calendar

Mon. Mar. 18 6:00pm Stations of the Cross
 Tues. Mar. 19 4:30pm Finance Council Meeting
 Wed. Mar. 20 5:30pm FF All Grades Holy Week Experience at **SMW**
 Thurs. Mar. 21 11:00am Widow/Widower Lunch **KH**
 2:00pm City Wide Confession at St. Vincent, Oshkosh
 Sun. Mar. 24 8:10am Adoration
 8:30am Mass w/ ****CLOW**

Palm Sunday

**** CLOW:** Children's Liturgy of the Word
SMW=St. Mary, Winneconne
 Voting for Trustee

Calling All Bakers and Hosts

Do you love to bake and entertain? Then we have an opportunity for you!
 There are numerous ways for you to share your skills and talents with your faith community. We are looking for people to bake items for Adult Faith Formation Sessions, Funeral luncheons and Refreshments Sundays. If you are interested, please contact Peggy at the office 920-685-2258 or stmaryomro@stmarychurches.org.



Wednesday March 20

All Grades Faith Formation
 5:30pm St. Joseph Meal
 6:00pm Holy Week Experience Both at SM Winn

St. Mary's Omro



Come Join Us for CLOW!

Children Ages 4-4th Grade are invited downstairs to hear the Gospel of the Lord in an age appropriate smaller group setting. The goal is to make the word of God relevant and help them apply it to



C.L.O.W. will bring the Good News to children through:

- ✚ Prayer
- ✚ Videos
- ✚ Discussion
- ✚ Crafts/Activities



Bishop's Appeal 2024

Our goal for the Bishop's Appeal this year was set at \$19,375. At this time we have received \$6,130 toward our goal. Please pray about how you will respond.



One way the Bishop's Appeal is at work is with married couples struggling with infertility they are able to become parents through Adoption Services. Your gift to the Bishop's Appeal makes happy endings possible.

Please pray how you will respond.

Looking Ahead:

No Faith Formation Classes March 27. Have a fun Spring Break!

STEWARDSHIP OF SHARING-Omro

Given Week ending 3/10/2024 \$4,914

WEEKLY GOAL: \$3,941



Congratulations, Keefer Stapleton, on receiving your Eagle Scout award. For those of you who don't know, Keefer and his team created our Marian Prayer Garden in the courtyard. If you have not seen it yet, be sure to check it out after Mass. It is a nice, peaceful place to pray.

Pictured: Dcn. Paul Vidmar, State Representative
 Mike Schraa, Keefer Stapleton

COMMUNITY NEWS

Readings for the Week of March 18

Monday: Dn 13:1-9,15-17,19-30, 33-62
or 13:41c-62/Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a,12-14a,16/Rom 4:13,
16-18,22/Mt 1:16,18-21,24a

St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20,91-92,95/Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jn 11:45-46

Sunday: Mk 11:1-10/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/
Mk 14:1-15:47

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord



Idea Tossing Time!

Time to get ideas going for the St. Mary Parish Picnic in Winneconne. Stop in on Tuesday, April 2 at 6:00pm in Kaudy Hall to help toss some ideas around for this year's picnic. The Picnic is scheduled for Sunday, June 9.

We'd love to hear some ideas; old or new ones. All are welcome!

Casseroles



Christian Action Ministry

Did you know that CAM has several parishioners who make casseroles for Fr. Carr's once a month? They have a rotation so you only make 4 casseroles a year. They ask for a 9 x 13 casserole in a disposable pan brought to the parish office on the 3rd Tues. of the month by noon. (You can drop it off on the Monday before 6pm in the Winneconne office.) They are looking for more parishioners who would like to join in. Call or email the Winneconne parish office, 920-582-7712 or sue.kuhn@stmarychurches.org to get on the rotation.

Thank you for helping feed those in need.

Please help **CAM provide Easter meals** to those in need by donating generously to our collection for WAAC. 50 local families are in need of Easter meals. There will be posters and collection boxes in the church entrances in **Winneconne on the weekend of March 16**. We are following Jesus' example when we help feed our brothers and sisters who are hungry. What a beautiful way to give alms this Lenten season. Thank you for your support!



Omro

During the 8:30am Mass
March 24

Winneconne

During the 10:30am Mass
March 17

Peru Mission Trip: - Week 1

This summer 10 high schoolers and leaders from St. Mary, Winneconne will be traveling to Casa Hogar Juan Pablo II in Lurin, Peru for an incredible faith-filled mission trip. The orphanage is home to 64 of Peru's poorest children ranging in age from 5 - 17 years. The mission team will complete service activities at the orphanage, attend mass and holy hour daily, work with children to gain confidence, develop skills, and know that Jesus and others love them.

Ways to support the mission team:

- **Pray** - please pray for planning, safe travels and that each of the team is open to growing closer to Jesus and the Church through this trip.
- **CASH for CASA Containers** - look for the white containers with CASH for CASA at each of the church doors in Winneconne - drop cash.
- **Consider sponsoring a mission teen** (many who are trying to save for college) - The flight, room/board at the orphanage, and supplies will cost \$2500 per teen. Any amount to sponsor a youth is appreciated. Connect with Andy Krueger for additional details and arrangements.
- **Wishlist Supply** - the mission team will be taking 2 suitcases each; details coming soon!

Thank you for your support as the Mission Team works to Faith. Family, Future for all Children! For more Information: <https://www.homeajpm.org/program>



Ladies Night Out was held on Thursday, March 7th. Thanks to the generous donations from the ladies in attendance, 52 Easter baskets filled with candy, books and toys were donated to the WAAC to be distributed to families when they pick up their Easter meals. Thank you ladies.

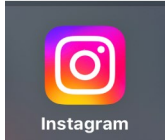
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NOON on Tuesday**

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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY:
4:00pm (SMW)

March 23
Richard Plotke

SUNDAY:
8:30am (SMO)
10:30am (SMW)

March 24
Larry Jameson
Deceased Members of
the Walsh Family

Check us out on the web:
stmarychurches.org

Stewardship of Serving-Liturgical Ministry Schedule

Saturday & Sunday March 23 & 24

SMO—St. Mary, Omro

SMW—St. Mary, Winneconne

Altar Servers:

4:00pm (SMW) Katarina Clerkin, **Volunteer**
8:30am (SMO) Rylee & Hailey Karn
10:30am (SMW) Cameron Holland, **Volunteer**

Lectors:

4:00pm (SMW) Mike Jordan, Pat Samolinski
8:30am (SMO) Lori Meyerhofer-Fisher,
Kelly Vidmar
10:30am (SMW) Phil Johnson, Andy Krueger

Ushers:

4:00pm (SMW) Dennis Bahrke, Steve Kuenster
Kathy Hartzheim, **Volunteer**
8:30am (SMO) Mary Jo Hinderman, Jack Wellhoefer
10:30am (SMW) Eric Krueger, Peggy Benjamin
2 Volunteers

Sacristans:

4:00pm (SMW) **Volunteer**
8:30am (SMO) Jen Wellhoefer
10:30am (SMW) **Volunteer**

Communion Ministers:

4:00pm (SMW) Pat Samolinski, Mike Jordan
10:30am (SMW) Andy Krueger, Molly Johnson

Greeters:

4:00pm (SMW) Kathy Meinen, Kathy Hartzheim
2 Volunteers
8:30am (SMO) Lila Ellis, Mary Jo Hinderman
10:30am (SMW) Jann, Wade & Broc Berglund
Volunteer

Intercessory Prayers:

8:30am (SMO) **Volunteer**
10:30am (SMW) Chris Brill,
Volunteer



Musicians:

4:00pm (SMW) Annemarie Birschbach, Kim Berndt,
Paul Kamikawa
8:30am (SMO) Ron Hayes, Rose Luebke
10:30am (SMW) Mike Graves, Mary Gallenberg

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