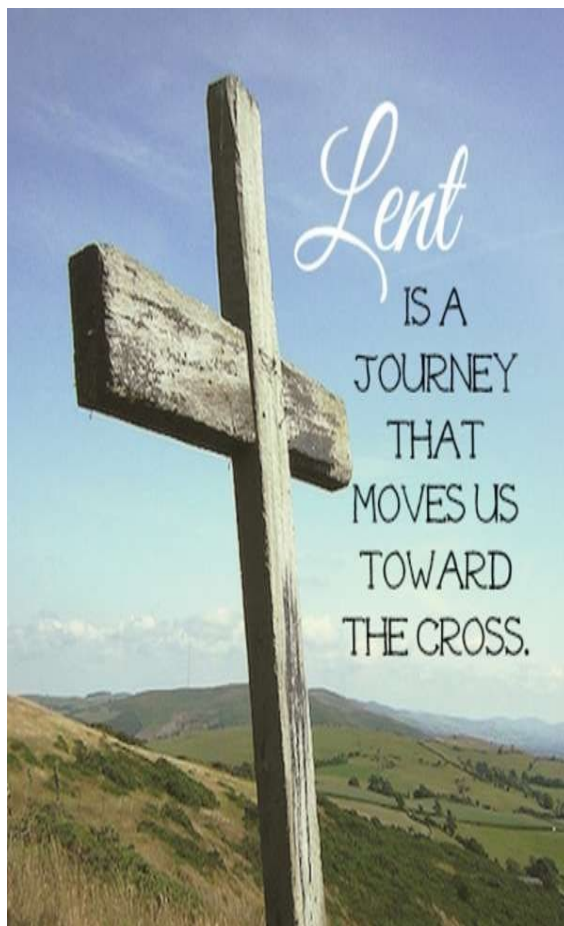


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3rd Sunday in Lent
March 3, 2024

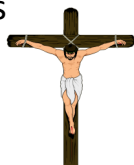


Stations of the Cross

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

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

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



Reconciliation Available

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

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

City Wide Reconciliation

Mar. 14, 2pm at St. Raphael

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

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PASTORAL PONDERINGS

The next three weeks we will be celebrating the scrutinies with our elect. Jesus calls us to live a certain way. Loving God and loving neighbor is the basis for scrutinizing our choices. To scrutinize, in this context, is to look carefully at the things we do and how we feel after our decision. The rites called the scrutinies “are meant to uncover, then heal all that is weak, defective, or sinful in the hearts of the elect; to bring out then strengthen all that is upright, strong, and good” (RCIA 141). During these scrutinies, the elect look within themselves to identify anything that is keeping them from Christ and then to repent. They look to Christ to heal them and strengthen them when they face temptations.

The elect will be reflecting upon three Gospel stories that reveal the meaning of their upcoming baptism and the process of conversion. In spiritual terms conversion is “the ongoing response of our whole person turning in faith and love to the God who loves us.” Conversion is more than a decision to choose right from wrong or good over evil. Morality and law do not save. God does. Receiving the free gift, or grace, of God’s love and mercy makes true morality, which is choosing to follow God’s will out of love and not fear, possible.

To follow is a summary of the Gospels for the upcoming weeks with reflection questions. We can all spend time with these as we labor for spiritual renewal during Lent. When there are elect in a parish who are moving toward full communion with the Catholic Church the Gospel readings used are those from Liturgical Year A.

- **1st Scrutiny:** Christ as Living Water (John 4:5-42) - In this Gospel story of Jesus meeting a Samaritan woman at a well, Jesus speaks to her of living water.
 - Thirst brings the Samaritan woman to a well that cannot really satisfy. Thirst brings Jesus to the well, too, as he has a thirst for souls. How do Jesus’ words to the Samaritan woman give life to you?
 - How thirsty are you for Christ’s living water? What dryness in your life do you hope it will quench?
- **2nd Scrutiny:** Christ as the Light of the World (John 9:1-41) - In this Gospel story of Jesus healing a man who was born blind, Jesus refers to himself as the light of the world.
 - When have you been “blind” or unwilling to see the light of Christ? What had your attention and kept you from seeing?
 - Who or what has helped you gain new vision to recognize Christ as the light?
 - What blindness (sin) do you want this time of fasting, almsgiving, and prayer to wash away?
- **3rd Scrutiny:** Christ as the Resurrection and the Life (John 11:1-45) - In this Gospel story of Jesus raising his friend Lazarus back to life, Jesus calls himself the resurrection and the life.
 - What does the promise of eternal life with God mean to you?
 - How have you received new life through your relationship with Jesus?

During the 1st Scrutiny the elect will be presented with the Creed to help them prepare to profess their faith on the day of their baptism. During the 3rd Scrutiny the elect will be presented with the Lord’s Prayer. The presentation of the Lord’s prayer “prepares the elect to make the prayer their own as they join the congregation in praying it prior to their first Eucharist.” (RCIA 149)

Please continue to pray for our elect and candidates as they continue their journey of coming into full communion with the Catholic Church. Consider dropping a card of encouragement in the basket by the poster board in Marian Hall in Omro or the main entrance in Winneconne. They will receive your cards at the Easter Vigil.

Yours in Christ,

Rose Unser — Pastoral Associate



ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

Please join us in praying for an increase in vocations within our diocese:

Good and gracious God, you have called us through Baptism to discipleship with your Son, Jesus Christ, and have sent us to bring the Good News of salvation to all peoples. We pray you to grant us more priests and religious to build up your Church here within the Diocese of Green Bay. Inspire our young men and women by the example of Blessed Junipero Serra to give themselves totally to the work of Christ and His Church. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen!



Jesus and the Eucharist

Dates: Mar. 5, 12

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

Facilitator: Heather Sleeman,
Mary McDonald

Location: Kaudy Hall, Winneconne
Refreshments –Video - Discussion

All are welcome!



Reflections
on the
Mass
Part 1



WINNECONNE NEWS

St. Mary, Winneconne Calendar

Mon. Mar. 4 7:30am LOW* w/Communion
 Tues. Mar. 5 1:30pm Jesus in the Eucharist KH
 6:00pm Jesus in the Eucharist KH
 6:00pm RCIA Evening of Reflection
 Wed. Mar. 6 7:30am LOW* w/Communion
 3:10pm FF
 4:30pm Adoration & Confession
 6:30pm FF MS
 Thurs. Mar. 7 2:00pm Stations of the Cross
 6:30pm Ladies Night Out
 Sat. Mar. 9 1:30pm 1st Communion Retreat-LL
 3:30pm Confession
 3:40pm Adoration
 4:00pm Mass
 Sun. Mar. 10 10:10am Adoration
 10:30am Mass w/ PMP Refreshments
 11:30am Youth in Action—KH

Sat./Sun. 4th Sunday of Lent

*LOW: Liturgy of the Word
 Fr. Carr's Non-Perishable Food Collection

STEWARDSHIP OF SHARING-Winneconne
 Given Week ending 2/25/2024 \$3,785
 WEEKLY GOAL: \$6,550

Next weekend, **March 9/10** we will be collecting non-perishable food for **Fr. Carr's Place 2B**.

Items needed: *breakfast cereal, oatmeal,
 *jam/jelly, *tuna, *granola bars,
 *Progresso soups, *flour, sugar, brown sugar,
 *maple syrup, *spaghetti/pasta/sauce
 *feminine hygiene products, *Kleenex
 *liquid laundry detergent



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 \$10,643. Please pray how you will respond.



The tradition continues....

St Mary Winneconne Fish and Smelt Fry

Volunteers can sign up for the **LAST FISH FRY** by going to:

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

Faith Formation News

Wednesday March 6

Elementary Classes—3:10-4:30pm
 Middle School Class—6:30-8:00pm



Please note...The Elementary Mass for March will be March 13 at 3:45pm.

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

Open to everyone. RSVP is needed by March 18th for the St. Joseph Meal.

[RSVP for St. Joseph Meal](#) Click here

Would you like to bring a dish to add to our St. Joseph Altar/Meal?

The St. Joseph meal is a meatless meal with Italian influence. Therefore you will see lots of pasta, fish, bread, and desserts.

Please indicate this on the RSVP form.

First Communion Preparation Retreat

Omro & Winneconne

March 9—1:30—5pm

Held at St. Mary Winneconne

OMRO NEWS

St. Mary, Omro Calendar

Mon. Mar. 4 6:00pm Stations of the Cross
 Tues. Mar. 5 6:00 RCIA Eve of Reflection-SMW
 Wed. Mar. 6 4:30pm FF Grades 1-6
 6:30pm FF Grades 7-10 Confession
 6:30pm The Chosen
 Thurs. Mar. 7 6:30pm Ladies Night Out-SMW
 Sat. Mar. 9 1:30pm 1st Comm Retreat-SMW
 Sun. Mar. 10 8:00am RCIA
 8:10am Adoration
 8:30am Mass w/ 2nd Scrutiny & CLOW**

4th Sunday of Lent

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



Wednesday March 6

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



First Communicants Banner Presentation

2nd Grade Families

Saturday, March 9th

First Communion Retreat at 1:30pm
 at St. Mary Winneconne

STEWARDSHIP OF SHARING-Omro
 Given Week ending 2/25/2024 \$2,831
 WEEKLY GOAL: \$3,941



Bishop's Appeal 2024

Our goal for the Bishop's Appeal this year was set at \$19,375. At this time we have received \$5,025 toward our goal. Please 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!

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.



The Mission Aviation Support Association (MASA) invites you to our annual Appreciation Dinner on Friday, March 15, 6:00pm at Calvary Bible Church, 1450 Oakridge Rd, Neenah. Doors open at 5:15pm. We welcome those who have served with MASA and ALL who want to learn more about it.. Gene Jordan of MAF will be our guest speaker. Please register on our website: oshkoshmasa.org, by Sat., March 9.

Adoration & Confession



This Wednesday, March 6, everyone is invited to **Adorations from 4:30-5:30pm with Confession**. It will be held at St. Mary, Winneconne.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Readings for the Week of March 4

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday: Dn 3:25,34-43/Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday: Dt 4:1,5-9/Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Lk 11:14-23
Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34
Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14
Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b,6-7,10-13a/Eph 5:8-14/
Jn 9:1-41

**4th Sunday of Lent
Laetare Sunday**



Omro
During the 8:30am Mass
March 10 & 24
Winneconne
During the 10:30am Mass
March 3 & 17

2024-25 New Student Enrollment is open!

Visit www.lourdes.today/apply to learn more or begin the admission process.

For more information, contact Theresa Warwick at 920-426-6421 or twarwick@lourdes.today



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SCHOOL CHOICE ENROLLMENT IS OPEN!

Lourdes Academy participates in the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (School Choice), a state-funded program that allows students to attend any participating private school, **TUITION FREE!**

School Choice enrollment is now open through April 18, 2024. Contact us to see if you qualify for free tuition through School Choice.



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For more information, contact Enrollment Coordinator Theresa Warwick at 920-426-6421 or twarwick@lourdes.today.

St. Mary's Catholic Church Ladies Night Out Group



Join the fun!



When: Thursday, March 7, 2024 at 6:30pm

What: 1) Fill Easter baskets for the needy
If your last name starts with:
A-L please bring bag of snack size candy
M-Z please bring small toys or books
2) Decorate Cross craft



Where: Kaudy Hall

Cost: Free; donations appreciated



To register, use the QR Code to the right or Sign up Genius link below or email Tanya at jonya830@gmail.com.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050545ADAA2AA7F58-47736277-ladies>



TIME TO CLEAN OUT YOUR SHOE CLOSET!!



We will once again be collecting New and Gently Used Shoes (NO BOOTS PLEASE) thru March 22, 2024. We are also in need of New Socks.

Shoes should be in good condition. If possible, please rubber band or tie shoelaces together. *Tote is in the main entrance of the church in Winneconne for you to drop your donations off.*

Thank you for making a difference!

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 weekends of March 9 & 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



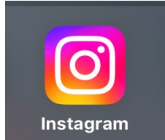
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NOON on Tuesday**

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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY:
4:00pm (SMW)

March 9
Alois Huber, Susan Rieck

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

March 10
Janniece Rohan
Don Natrop

Check us out on the web:
stmarychurches.org

Stewardship of Serving-Liturgical Ministry Schedule

Saturday & Sunday March 9 & 10

SMO—St. Mary, Omro

SMW—St. Mary, Winneconne

Altar Servers:

4:00pm (SMW) Stella Verich, Katarina Clerkin
8:30am (SMO) Macy & Weston Morse
10:30am (SMW) Cameron Holland, Anna Lynch

Lectors:

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

Ushers:

4:00pm (SMW) Vivian Verich, Dennis Bahrke,
Mary Berger, Lester Brennand
8:30am (SMO) Seaman Family
10:30am (SMW) Steve & Irma Christian,
Peggy Benjamin, Deb Kolasinski

Sacristans:

4:00pm (SMW) **Volunteer**
8:30am (SMO) Margaret Potratz
10:30am (SMW) Connie Kostichka

Communion Ministers:

4:00pm (SMW) Jill Verich, Mike Jordan
10:30am (SMW) Connie Kostichka, Eric Bauer

Greeters:

4:00pm (SMW) Sherry & Roger Rozek,
Linda Dorsett, Kathy Meinen
8:30am (SMO) Blake Stachura, Seaman Family
10:30am (SMW) Jennifer & Sophie Yetter,
Deb Kolasinski, **Volunteer**

Intercessory Prayers:

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

Musicians:

4:00pm (SMW) Matthew Harden, Gail Breu
8:30am (SMO) Ron Hayes
10:30am (SMW) Annemarie Birschbach,
Julie Mueller, Bonnie Plummer

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