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Palm Sunday Passion of the Lord March 24, 2024

# HOLY WEEK

## **Holy Thursday**

Thursday March 28
7:00pm Omro
8:20pm night prayer Winneconne





## **Good Friday**

Friday, March 29 1:00pm Winneconne 6:00pm Omro

# **Easter Vigil**

Saturday, March 30 8:00pm Winneconne





#### **Easter Sunday**

7:30am & 9:00am Omro 11:00am Winneconne

Join us for the Holiest Week of the year!

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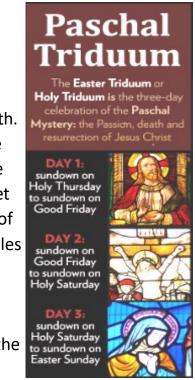
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## PASTORAL PONDERINGS

Holy Week is the most important week in the Church year. Starting with Holy Thursday and continuing with Good Friday, the Easter Vigil, and then Easter Sunday. These days are commonly referred to as the Paschal Triduum. During this sacred week Catholics pray and reflect on the profound journey of Jesus' suffering, sacrifice, and victory over death. Holy Thursday is the first day of the Easter Triduum. It begins with the Mass of the Lord's Supper celebrated by Jesus and his disciples on the Jewish holiday of Passover. During this Mass the priest washes the feet of some members of the parish in memory of Jesus washing the feet of his disciples. It was during the Last Supper that Jesus taught his disciples that the Eucharist is truly His Body and Blood. Jesus' disciples were the first Catholic priests. During the Last Supper, he taught them the importance of the Eucharist and why priests celebrate Jesus' sacrifice during every Mass. The Last Supper is also significant because it was the beginning of the priesthood.



Good Friday commemorates the day Jesus died and saved us from our sins. His death and resurrection on Easter are the most important events of our faith, which is why it's called Good Friday. On this day Catholics fast and remember the suffering of Jesus when he died on the cross. It's the only day of the year in which Catholic Mass is not celebrated and is traditionally a day of solemn prayer. We are invited to maintain an element of silence throughout the day.

The Easter vigil is the Mass celebrated on Holy Saturday and it begins the Easter celebration of Jesus' resurrection. It begins in darkness as a cauldron is ignited with fire and the people attending the vigil will light candles as the church is slowly illuminated. Many readings from the Old Testament that foretold Jesus' death and resurrection are read. It is also the day that people entering the Catholic Church receive the sacraments for the first time. This year we will have five people during our Easter Vigil that will come into full communion with the Church. Easter Sunday is the continuation of the celebration of Jesus' Resurrection. It's a holy day of obligation because the Mass celebrates the most important teachings in our Catholic faith. The belief that Jesus died for our sins and rose from the dead so that we could share eternal life with him and our loved ones in heaven.

The church offers a beautiful opportunity to enter more deeply into these sacred days with special traditions, meditations and prayers that have been practiced since the early days of the Church. While going to church 4 days in a row can be a marathon, be assured that there is no more an important place to be as we mark the death and resurrection of our Lord. Please check the bulletin for Mass times during Holy Week. We look forward to worshiping with you and your family.

**Deacon Paul Vidmar** 



Here are a few reasons why many Catholics around the world are praying the Stations of the Cross this Lenten season:

- 1) they allow us to place our trust in Him
- 2) they put us into the story
- 3) they remind us that Jesus suffers with us
- 4) they compel us to action
- 5) they reveal God's response to evil in the world
- 6) they give us the certainty of God's love for us
- 7) they guide us from the cross to resurrection.

Here are some reactions that a few of our parishioners have had while praying the Stations of the Cross:

- "The station when Jesus dies is so meaningful and comforting for me. I am at the stage of my life when I am planning more for my eternal life and it is comforting to know that my earthly life is not the end of my living."
- "It is an honor to pray the stations, as I pray them, I feel like I'm right there with Jesus on his way to Calvary. Being reminded of all the pain and suffering He went through for us is so unbelievable. When Jesus meets His mother (4th station,) I'm reminded of Mary's pain as well. Having children of my own, I can only imagine what she was going through in having to watch this awful event unfold. The 10th station is so hard to pray. He was mocked and whipped and made to carry a heavy cross, but now He was stripped of his garments. They didn't even let him keep his dignity! How cruel indeed."
- "I can get very emotional. You walk with Jesus and Mary through the pain and suffering that Jesus went through and as a mother to see the suffering her only Son was going through must have been unbearable. Through it all Mary would say that she endured but had to be silent. Then you have the 15th station Jesus has risen from the dead. I love it when Mary says that she doesn't have to be SILENT anymore. Her son has risen from the dead and will suffer no more. I love that very much!"

If you have not done so, please mark your calendar to experience the stations of the cross this week as we enter into the holiest of weeks.

Stations of the Cross
St. Mary, Omro Monday at 6:00pm
St. Mary, Winneconne Thursday at 2:00pm

After 7:30am LOW on Mon & Wed, Winneconne

#### Celebration of the 2nd & 3rd Scrutinies, Sunday, March 10 and 17, 2024

<u>The scrutinies</u> are a series of rites for adults who wish to be baptized. They are celebrated in the third, fourth, and fifth weeks of the Lenten season.

This is considered a period of purification and enlightenment for the elect. There are prayers of exorcism which are intended to help purify the elect from sin and sinful desires. The overall prayers and laying on of hands are to help the elect be enlightened by the Word and grace of God.

During the 1st Scrutiny the elect were <u>presented</u> with the Creed to help them prepare to profess their faith on the day of their baptism. During the 3rd Scrutiny the elect were <u>presented with the Lord's Prayer</u>. 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 <u>elect and candidates</u> 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.







## WINNECONNE NEWS

### St. Mary, Winneconne Calendar

Mon. Mar. 25 7:30am LOW\* w/Communion Wed. Mar. 27 7:30am LOW\* w/Communion Thurs. Mar. 28 2:00pm Stations of the Cross

8:20pm Night time prayer

Fri. Mar. 29 1:00pm Good Friday Service Mar. 30 8:00pm Easter Vigil Mass Sat. Sun. Mar. 31 11:00am Easter Mass

NO LOW/ Offices Closed Mon. Apr. 1

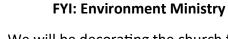
Sat./Sun. Easter Sunday

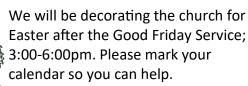
\*LOW: Liturgy of the Word

STEWARDSHIP OF SHARING-Winneconne Given Week ending 3/17/2024 \$6,966 WEEKLY GOAL: \$6,550



Plan on joining the Easter Vigil Choir. Practice will be Saturday, March 30 from 2:30-5:30pm. You will have time then to go home and eat and get ready.







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 your ideas. All are welcome!

#### 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 <sup>2024</sup> BISHOP'S APPEAL have received \$17,308.

Your gift to the Bishop's Appeal will help in countless ways. Care ministers are trained to go out and share the Gospel with the homebound and sick. Children and families are able to attend lively, interactive education programs learning the Word of God.

Make a tremendous difference and give to the Bishop's Appeal. Even small donations add up to large donations. Please donate today!

#### **Faith Formation News**

Week of March 27

Enjoy your Spring Break April 3

Elementary Class & Mass Middle School Class





First Communion at St. Mary Winneconne will take place on Sunday, April 7th at our 8:30am

Mass. We are excited to have our children join us at the table of the Lord for the first time.

#### **Practice Reminder:**

Practice for students and family members will be held following class on April 3rd at about 4:40pm.



Congratulations to the Faith Formation students of the Month



For the family and friends of Tom Verkuilen

Tom was called home to our loving Father in Heaven. May Jesus' words console you, strengthen you and fill you with peace.

## **OMRO NEWS**

#### St. Mary, Omro Calendar

Mon. Mar. 25 6:00pm Stations of the Cross

Wed. Mar. 27 4:30pm Confession

Thurs. Mar. 28 7:00pm Holy Thursday Mass Fri. Mar. 29 6:00pm Good Friday Service

Sun. Mar. 31 7:30am Easter Mass 9:00am Easter Mass

Mon. April 1 Offices Closed

#### **Easter Sunday**

#### **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.

#### Bishop's Appeal 2024

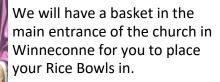
Our goal for the Bishop's Appeal this year was set at \$19,375. At this time we have received \$9,180 toward our goal. Please pray about how you will respond.

Gifts to the Bishop's Appeal help form our Deacons, train our staff and faith formation leaders. This past year, the Bishop's Appeal was also the largest source of funding for Catholic Charities. Catholic Charities provides incredibly important counseling services to our brothers and sisters in their time of need.

Thank you to those who have given. Please pray how you can give.

STEWARDSHIP OF SHARING-Omro Given Week ending 3/17/2024 \$3,413 WEEKLY GOAL: \$3,941

#### **Rice Bowl Collection**



In Omro, you bring them to Holy Thursday Mass or place n the basket in Marian Hall.



Wednesday March 27
No Faith Formation Classes.
Have a relaxing spring break!



Wednesday, April 3
Grades 1-6 Class 4:30pm
Grades 7-10 Class 6:30pm



#### Wednesday April 10th 6:30pm

Join us for dinner at 6:30pm followed by performances from our 1st-8th grade students!

#### **2nd Grade Sacramental Prep**

First Communion Practice
Saturday, April 6 at 9:30am Omro



We will be decorating the church for Easter on Saturday, March 30 from 10am-Noon. Please stop by and lend a hand if you are able. Many hands make light work.

Our Parish Offices will close early on Holy Thursday, March 28 and remain closed through Monday, April 1. We will reopen on Tuesday, April 2.

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

#### Readings for the Week of March 25

Monday: Is 42:1-7/Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Jn 13:21-33,36-38

**Wednesday:** Is 50:4-9a/Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: Ex 12:1-8,11-14/1 Cor 11:23-26/

Jn 13:1-15

**Holy Thursday** 

Is 52:13-53:12/Heb 4:14-16;5:7-9/ Friday:

> Jn 18:1-19:42 Good Friday

Saturday: Gn 1:1-2:2,26-31a/Ex 14:15-15:1/

Ez 36:16-17a,18-28/Rom 6:3-11/

Mk 16:1-7 **Easter Vigil** 

Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4/ Sunday:

Jn 20:1-9

**Easter Sunday** 

Today is Palm Sunday which marks Jesus triumphal entry into Jerusalem. It is also the beginning of Holy Week.

#### 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 team will complete service activities at the orphanage, attend Mass and holy hour daily, work with children to gain confidence, develop skills, and show that Jesus and others love them. You can support by:

- Praying 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.
- CA\$H for CASA Containers put money in the white CA\$H for CASA containers at church entrances in Winneconne.
- 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 more details/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



Omro

During the 8:30am Mass March 24, April 14 & 28 **Winneconne** 

CHILDREN'S During the 10:30am Mass April 7 & 21

Liturgical Ministers— HOPPINGER

## March 28—Holy Thursday

<u> Altar Servers:</u>

7:00pm (SMO) Bob Breu, Tim Johnson

7:00pm (SMO) Kelly Vidmar, Elizabeth Frank

**Ushers:** 

7:00pm (SMO) Mike Glodowski, Jill Pernaski

Sacristan: Volunteer

**Greeters:** 

7:00pm (SMO) Mazie Miller, **Volunteer** 

**Musicians:** 

7:00pm (SMO) Annemarie Birschbach,

Kim Berndt

Feet Washed:

7:00pm (SMO) Amy Karn, Kathy Hayes,

JoAnn Winnekens, Cassidy Behm, Waylon Swinford, Hunter Nelson

**Intentions:** For our OCIA Candidates

#### **March 29-Good Friday**

**Candle Bearers:** 

1:00pm (SMW) Tim Johnson, Mike Jordan 6:00pm (SMO) Hailey Karn, Volunteer

**Lectors:** 

1:00pm (SMW) Anne Baldwin, Rose Unser 6:00pm (SMO) Ken Bressers, Lexi Rilling, Janet Wegner

<u>Ushers:</u>

1:00pm (SMW) Kathy Hartzheim, Sue Kuhn

Donna Krueger, JoAnn Winnekens

6:00pm (SMO) Lisa Rilling, Volunteer

Sacristans:

1:00pm (SMW) Rose Unser 6:00pm (SMO) Janet Wegner

**Communion Ministers** 

1:00pm (SMW) Rose Unser, Judy Reetz

**Greeters:** 

1:00pm (SMW) Kathy Hartzheim, Kathy Meinen

Roger & Sherry Rozek

6:00pm (SMO) MaryJo Hinderman, Keefer Stapleton

**Musicians:** 

1:00pm (SMW) Ted Kreuzer 6:00pm (SMO) Ted Kreuzer

#### **Deadline for the Bulletin NOON** on Tuesday

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#### MASS INTENTIONS

**SATURDAY:** March 30

For Our OCIA Candidates 8:00pm (SMW)

**SUNDAY:** March 31 7:30am (SMO) Angela Koch 9:00am (SMO) Isaac Young

Bernice & Norm Flanigan 10:30am (SMW)

#### Stewardship of Serving-Liturgical Ministry Schedule

#### **Easter Vigil March 30 Saturday** Winneconne 8:00pm

Altar Servers:

8:00pm (SMW) Tim Johnson, Paige Woelfel

Thurifer:

8:00pm (SMW) Hugh Sleeman

Lectors:

8:00pm (SMW) Mike Jordan, Pat Samolinski, Rose Unser, Andy Krueger

Ushers:

8:00pm (SMW) Deb & Jack Woelfel,

Eric Krueger, Donna Krueger

Sacristans:

8:00pm (SMW) Rose Unser, Sherrie Johnson

**Communion Ministers:** 

8:00pm (SMW) Andy Krueger, Sherrie Johnson

8:00pm (SMW) Sherry & Roger Rozek

2 Volunteers

**Musicians:** 

8:00pm (SMW) Kathy Hammond & Choir



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Faith Formation Coordinator: Heidi Seaman

Pastoral Associate: Rose Unser

Adult Faith Formation Coordinator: Patty Volp Adult Faith Formation Assistant: Jolene Johnson Director for Spiritual Engagement: Lyn Zahorik

#### **Easter Sunday March 31**

**SMO**-St. Mary, Omro 7:30am & 9:00am **SMW**-St. Mary, Winneconne 11:00am

Altar Servers:

7:30am (SMO) Bob Breu, **Volunteer** 9:00am (SMO) Bob Breu, **Volunteer** 11:00am (SMW) Anna Lynch, **Volunteer** 

**Lectors:** 

7:30am (SMO) Kathy Hayes 9:00am (SMO) Peggy Wilms 11:00am (SMW) Eric Bauer

**Ushers:** 

7:30am (SMO) **2 Volunteers** 9:00am (SMO) Eric & Josie Wrage

11:00am (SMW) Peggy Benjamin, **3 Volunteers** 

Sacristans:

7:30am (SMO) 9:00am (SMO) Janet Wegner Peaav Wilms 11:00am (SMW) Lisa Lynch

**Communion Ministers:** 

11:00am (SMW) Lisa Lynch, Eric Bauer

**Greeters:** 

7:30am (SMO) Lawanda & Ron Jungwirth 9:00am (SMO) Lawanda & Ron Jungwirth

11:00am (SMW) 4 Volunteers

**Musicians:** 

7:30am (SMO) Ron Hayes, Choir 9:00am (SMO) Ron Hayes, Choir 11:00am (SMW) Kristin Day, Leah Krohn

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