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# 4th Sunday in Lent (Laetare Sunday) March 10, 2024

Join us for the last one for this year
St. Mary Winneconne
Fish & Smelt Fry of the year

When: Friday March 15, 2024 Time: 4:00-7:00pm

Where: Kaudy Hall (244 S 3rd Ave., Winn.)

All you can eat Smelt \$15.00
Baked or Fried Haddock \$15.00
2pcs of baked or 3 pcs of fried haddock
Shrimp (6pcs) \$15.00
Fish & Shrimp Sampler \$15.00
2pcs haddock (1 baked, 1 fried,) 3 shrimp
Seafood Platter \$17.00
2pcs haddock (1 baked, 1 fried,) 3 shrimp & 3 smelt

2pcs haddock (1 baked, 1 fried,) 3 shrimp & 3 smeli Lite Eaters Fish or Shrimp \$10.00

2pcs fried haddock **or** 1pc baked haddock **or** 3 shrimp

#### **NEW THIS YEAR!!!**

Deep fried Cheese Curds \$3.00

Served with potato salad **or** fries, coleslaw, rye bread, dessert and coffee, milk or water. Soda & beer are available for purchase. No children's menu; new this year Lite Eaters Fish **or** Shrimp.

Calls for take out start at Noon and end at 6:30pm 920-582-7712 Use parking lot side entrance for pickups



### **Pastoral Coordinator: Deacon Paul Vidmar**

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#### **Priest Celebrants:**

Fr. Tom Long Fr. Quinn Mann

#### Sacraments/Membership

To arrange for baptisms, weddings or to join call

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## PASTORAL PONDERINGS

Life, as they say, is like a roller coaster. There are times when we are up, and everything is right with the world. But then, there are times when our world suddenly turns upside down. It is in these moments that we tend to ask ourselves: where is God?

Trusting God is easy when things are going your way. But when the going gets rough, that trust can easily turn to doubt. Before we know it, we're blaming God for all the unfortunate things happening to us. However, when our problems and struggles become the center of our attention, we zoom in on that and in the process it becomes magnified. Soon we forget our blessings. We forget the good things that God is doing to us because of the trials that He gave us. The trials that God gives us are oftentimes nothing compared to his blessings.

Living with anger and resentment makes us bitter people. Before we know it, we're projecting those feelings to the people around us. These people will, in turn, treat the people around them the same way. It's a small wonder then that the world we live in today is full of people who are mean to others for no particular reason. It started with persons losing their trust and confidence in God because of some of life's stumbling blocks.

We need to have absolute trust in God because all things are possible with Him. As Jesus once said, "Everything is possible to one who has faith." (Mark 9:23) Whatever concerns us right now, no matter how seemingly impossible it may be, know that it's possible with God. This is why we have the word "miracle" because there are things that our human understanding has never understood to be possible, but it happens, nonetheless. If we need any more proof that everything is possible with God, just look at the world around us. If He can create the world and everything that's in it, then what can't He do?

We need to have absolute faith in God because He has a plan for us. We may not understand why all these things are happening to us right now, but someday we may realize that it's all part of God's plan. Take the story of Joseph in the Old Testament. He was sold by his brothers into slavery and thrown into prison. But if not for that, he would not have been able to interpret the King's dream and save the people from famine. That's how God works. He designed us according to his purpose even while we were in our mother's womb. His plans for us are not to harm us but to prosper us and to give us hope and a better future.

We need to have absolute faith in God because He knows more than we do. Sometimes we think we know what we want only to find out that it doesn't really make us happy. Most of the time we want the things that society wants for us. We spend all our time at work buying things we don't need and impressing the people we don't like. God on the other hand knows the desires of our hearts. He knows what we really want deep inside of our hearts. We can hide nothing from Him. He knows our unspoken thoughts and the longings that we have. If God doesn't answer our prayers that doesn't mean He doesn't care for us. On the contrary, He cares so much for us that's why He won't give us the things that He knows will only harm us.

We need to have absolute faith in God because Jesus told us to take up our cross. When we do this, we become a true disciple of Christ. Our sufferings resembled the cross that Jesus carried on the way to Calvary. He patiently carried it because He knew it was the only way to save us. We must do the same for him. Enduring our trials and sufferings is a testament to our willingness to become Christ's followers in every sense of the word.

We need to have absolute faith in God because we need to be able to wait on the Lord. Waiting for something isn't really easy and that is why patience is considered a virtue. God has a plan for us and the pain and suffering we're going through right now is all a part of His plan. This is why trusting God involves waiting on Him. Instead of asking God why He's not answering our prayers, ask Him to give us the strength during this waiting

time and consider this time as an opportunity to work on our spiritual growth.

Trusting in God is sometimes easier said than done. It's not something that can be done overnight. Trusting in God completely involves walking in faith every day. It's letting go of our worries and fears and accepting what God has in store for us. When we lift everything up to Him and trust in His wisdom, we don't exactly become fearless. But it gives us the courage to face the difficult times with hope that God will always have our backs.

God bless you and your family.

Deacon Paul Vidmar



#### **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



















### **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

1st & 2nd Sessions onThe Reflection of the Masswith Sr. Pam Biehl



#### 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. 11 7:30am LOW\* w/Communion 6:00pm CAM Mtg

Tues. Mar. 12 10am Staff Mtg

1:30pm Jesus in the Eucharist KH

4:30pm Stewardship Mtg

6:00pm Jesus in the Eucharist KH

7:00pm KC Mtg—**SMO** 

Wed. Mar. 13 7:30am LOW\* w/Communion

3:10pm FF

3:35pm Decade of the Rosary 3:45pm Elementary School Mass

6:30pm FF HS

Thurs. Mar. 14 2:00pm Stations of the Cross

2:00pm City-Wide Reconciliation, St. Raphael

6:30pm St. Thomas Cemetery Mtg.

Fri. Mar. 15 4-7pm Last Fish Fry

Sat. Mar. 16 3:30pm Confession

3:40pm Adoration

4:00pm Mass w/ Town Hall Mtg.

Sun. Mar. 17 10:10am Adoration

10:30am Mass w/\*\*CLOW, Student of the Month & Town Hall Mtg

#### Sat./Sun. 5th Sunday of Lent

\*LOW: Liturgy of the Word \*\* CLOW: Children's Liturgy of the Word **SMO**=St. Mary, Omro 3rd Scrutiny-Our Father Voting Trustee

STEWARDSHIP OF SHARING- Winneconne Given Week ending 3/3/2024 \$6,379 WEEKLY GOAL: \$6,550

#### 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 \$13,148. One way the Bishop's

2024 BISHOP'S APPEAL 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.

#### 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)

## **Faith Formation News Wednesday March 13**

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

FOR MASS

You are invited to join us for

Mass on March 13.

3:45-4:30pm. All are invited.

St. Mary young Catholics will

help lead parts of the Mass.

See you at Mass!

Join us for a decade of the rosary before Mass, March 13 at 3:35pm. Mother Mary, Pray for us!

# St. Joseph Meal **Holy Week Experience**

March 20

5:30-7pm

#### 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.



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.

## **OMRO NEWS**

#### St. Mary, Omro Calendar

Mon. Mar. 11 6:00pm Stations of the Cross

Tues. Mar. 12 10:00am Staff Mtg.—SMW

4:30pm Stewardship Mtg-**SMW** 

6:00pm Picnic Meeting 7:00pm KC Mtg

Wed. Mar. 13 4:30pm FF Grades 1,3-6

**No 2nd** grade

4:30pm Confession 6:30pm FF Grades 7-8

Thurs. Mar. 14 2:00pm City Wide Confession at St. Raphael, Oshkosh

Sun. Mar. 17 8:10am Adoration

8:30am Mass w/ refreshments 12:30pm Bingo & Bake Sale

**5th Sunday of Lent** 

**SMW**=St. Mary, Winneconne Voting for Trustee

#### **Calling All Bakers and Host**

Do you love to bake and entertain? Then we have an opportunity for you!

There are numerous opportunities 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 \$6,030 toward our goal. Please 2024 BISHOP'S APPEAL pray about how you will respond.

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.

#### **Picnic Time is Coming!**

As the weather gets nicer, it's time to think about plans for our church picnic August 11. If you have some ideas or would like to get involved, please join us Tuesday, March 12 at 6:00pm in the Triple Room. All are welcome!



#### **Wednesday March 13**

Grades 1-3-4-5-6 Class at 4:30pm NO 2nd Grade Grades 7 & 8 Class at 6:30pm

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 their daily lives.



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

- Prayer





STEWARDSHIP OF SHARING-Omro Given Week ending 3/3/2024 \$5.040 WEEKLY GOAL: \$3,941

#### 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.





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

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

#### **Readings for the Week of March 11**

Monday: Is 65:17-21/Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9,12/Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Jn 5:17-30
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Jn 5:31-47

**Friday:** Wis 2:1a,12-22/Jn 7:1-2,10,25-30

**Saturday:** Jer 11:18-20/Jn 7:40-53

**Sunday:** Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45

**5th Sunday of Lent** 

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 Monday before 6pm in the 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 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 for your support!



**Omro** 

During the 8:30am Mass March 10 & 24

**Winneconne** 

During the 10:30am Mass March 17

#### Celebration of the 1st Scrutiny, Sunday, March 3, 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.

**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.







## 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.

Direct your
Thrivent Choice (
Dollars
Todau!

Thrivent Members are now able to direct their Thrivent Choice Dollars from now

until March 31<sup>st</sup>. Please contact Rebecca Poppy at the Oshkosh office 920-479-2667 and tell her which fund you would like your Choice Dollars directed to .

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

E-mail bulletin announcements to:

Sue Kuhn: sue.kuhn@stmarychurches.org Peggy Wilms: peggy.wilms@stmarychurches.org

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#### MASS INTENTIONS

March 16 **SATURDAY:** 4:00pm (SMW) Carol Brennand

SUNDAY: March 17

8:30am (SMO) 10:30am (SMW) Kay Biebl Al Ébben

#### **Check us out on the web:**

stmarychurches.org

## **Stewardship of Serving-Liturgical Ministry Schedule**

Saturday & Sunday March 16 & 17

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

**Altar Servers:** 

4:00pm (SMW) **2 Volunteers** 8:30am (SMO) Wyatt Miller, Devon Reuman

10:30am (SMW) Mike Jordan

Lectors:

4:00pm (SMW) Kelly Diker 8:30am (SMO) Jodi Hess 10:30am (SMW) Tom Snider

**Ushers:** 

4:00pm (SMW) Frank & Kaye Rogers,

Donna Krueger, Kathy Hartzheim

8:30am (SMO) Huth Family

10:30am (SMW) Steve Christian, Jack Woelfel Mike Miller, Doug Mace

Sacristans:

4:00pm (SMW) Rose Unser 8:30am (SMO) Jodi Hess

10:30am (SMW) Kristin & Bryan Wright

**Communion Ministers:** 

4:00pm (SMW) Sue Kuhn, Judy Reetz 10:30am (SMW) Jeff Baldwin, Tom Scherer

**Greeters:** 

4:00pm (SMW) Donna Stratton, Mary Materna Kathy Meinen, Kathy Hartzheim

8:30am (SMO) Liam Forster, Huth Family 10:30am (SMW) Gary Scheidegger, Doug Mace Steve Christian, Jeff Baldwin

**Intercessory Prayers:** 

8:30am (SMO) Volunteer 10:30am (SMW) Mike Jordan, Volunteer



Musicians:

4:00pm (SMW) Ted Kreuzer 8:30am (SMO) Ted Kreuzer

10:30am (SMW) Kristin Day, Shawn & Anna Lynch

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Patty Volp

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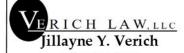


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