

# ***St. Mary Churches-Omro & Winneconne***

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**December 17, 2023**

## *Third Sunday of Advent*



*This Season of Advent*

*Let Us:*

*Receive Jesus*

*Renew in Jesus*

*Rejoice in Jesus*

*Prepare your heart to receive Jesus  
Opportunities for Reconciliation:*

Sat	Dec 16	3:30pm	St. Mary, Winneconne
Tues	Dec 19	2:00pm	St. Raphael
			City Wide Reconciliation
Wed	Dec 20	4:30pm	St. Mary, Winneconne
Sat	Dec 23	3:30pm	St. Mary, Winneconne

### **Mass Schedule for**

#### ***4th Sunday of Advent***

Saturday, Dec. 23

St. Mary, Winneconne 4:00pm Mass

Sunday, Dec. 24

St. Mary, Omro 8:30am Mass

#### ***Christmas Eve***

St. Mary, Winneconne 4:00pm Mass

St. Mary, Omro 6:00pm Mass

#### ***Christmas Day***

St. Mary, Omro 8:30am Mass

St. Mary, Winneconne 6:00pm Mass

**Note:** Parish Offices will be closed from Dec. 26 thru Jan. 1. Offices will reopen on Jan. 2, 2024.

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#### **Priest Celebrants:**

Fr. Tom Long

Fr. Quinn Mann

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# PASTORAL PONDERINGS

This weekend is named Gaudete Sunday – the Sunday of joy. It, along with Laetare Sunday in Lent, are the two days when you may see Rose colored Vestments worn by the priest at Mass.



This past Tuesday as I read over the Sunday scriptures, I noted they called us to proclaim good tidings to the poor, to the broken hearted, to those who are at wits end. Up to this point, Advent has been happily advent-full for me. I have enjoyed watching for God’s presence in the most unexpected of places. I have taken a little extra time to pray, to put out a few decorations, and even stay fairly up to date on my Day-by-Day Scripture Advent Calendar (only a few days behind,) and on my Chocolate Advent Calendar (in that case, “Happy New year.”)

However, this week’s challenge to proclaim “glad tidings” is not looking good. My glad tidings may fall flat to the parishioner who just found out that after 30 loyal years to the Company, she is losing her job. Glad tidings will be hard to convey to a friend who has undergone yet another surgery with no insurance and is recovering in a cold house because FEMA has yet to come through with a flood loan applied for this past summer. How do I say “rejoice” to another acquaintance who is living with a pregnancy filled with serious health issues, or “rejoice” to one of our elderly men who took a fall and may have to move to a nursing home? How do I convey a spirit of rejoicing to the family who on the 23<sup>rd</sup>, amidst everyone else in full Christmas mode, will be having the funeral for their Father?

One answer lies in this weekend’s Second Reading, “In all circumstances give thanks for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus.” God promises that in the hour of greatest trial consolation is promised to us along with the great support and intercession from the Communion of Saints in heaven. This is not a “hope” that things might turn out well for us, rather, this is a rock-solid promise, rooted in the unshakeable character of God who is loving and faithfully watching over us.

You may think now that you will not be able to bear a difficulty that lies in your path. But God is always present. Seek to be holy; seek to bring truth; seek to bear witness; and do not turn aside from the chance to do good.

- \* **Receive** and recognize each day, the blessings God has set before you.
- \* **Renew** each day your belief, that you belong to God and in all things God’s Spirit is within you.
- \* **Rejoice** because in even the darkest moments, the Spirit gives to us enough of God to satisfy our soul and carry us through.

Lyn Zahorik,  
Director for Spiritual Engagement



# PARISH HAPPENINGS



CAM CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

## BOOKS FOR CHILDREN

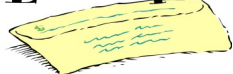


We received  
 Baby/Toddler Books (board books)  
 15 + 24 (3=8 packs Dr. Seuss)  
 Total= 39  
 Picture Books  
 63 + 15 (Fairytale pack)  
 Total=78  
 Chapter Books  
 21 books  
 Grand total of books: 138


**THANK YOU!!!**



### Offering Envelopes



Church support envelopes for 2023 need to be postmarked by Dec. 31 to go on this year's statement. Remember with the office closed after Christmas you will have to mail them in or put your envelopes into the collection basket. **Thank you**

Thank You 

**HANDS & FEET**  
SERVING CHRIST | SERVING OTHERS

Thank You 

Hello Corporal Works of Mercy participants,

I would like to say a HUGE "thank you" to all of you who contributed to the success of the Corporal Works of Mercy this fall. I sure saw and felt Jesus' presence in every one of you. YOU made this the success that it became. We are almost coming to the end of our fall activities.

With warmest appreciation for all of YOU that stepped up and did God's work this fall. You truly were the hands and feet of Jesus!



Omro Care   
 Frosting & Decorating  
 Cookies

Omro Care

Enjoying Bingo!!



## St. Mary's Catholic Church Ladies Night Out Group



**Join the fun!**



**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.*

*Followed by Bingo with great prizes and extra fun.*

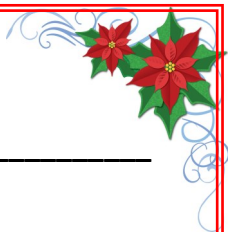


To register, use the QR Code to the right or Sign up Genius link below or email Tanya at jonya830@gmail.com.

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



### Christmas Environment/Decorations Donation



Name \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory Of:  
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Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

St. Mary Winneconne or Omro



# WINNECONNE NEWS

## Calendar

### St. Mary, Winneconne

- Mon. Dec. 18 7:30am LOW\* w/Communion
- Wed. Dec. 20 7:30am LOW\* w/Communion  
3:05pm FF Classes  
4:30pm Confession  
4:30pm Set up for Christmas
- Thurs. Dec. 21 2:00pm Rosary
- Sat. Dec. 23 3:30pm Confession  
4:00pm Mass  
5:15pm Choir Practice
- Sun. Dec. 24 NO 10:30am Mass  
4:00pm Christmas Eve Mass w/choir
- Mon. Dec. 25 10:30am Christmas Day Mass

### Fourth Sunday of Advent

\*LOW: Liturgy of the Word

## STEWARDSHIP OF SHARING-Winneconne

Given Week ending 12/10/2023 = \$5,508

WEEKLY GOAL: \$6,550



Thank you to  
Mrs. Winnekens &  
Mrs. Michalski & their

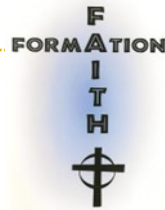
4th Grade Faith Formation Class.

They made beautiful handmade cards to give to our newly Baptized babies. Each baby is given a gift from the parish when they are Baptized and become members here at St. Mary, Winneconne.

The 4th grade class made each of them a Welcome to St. Mary card to be put into their bags.



## Faith Formation News



### Elementary Classes

3:05-4:30pm December 20<sup>th</sup>

No Middle School Class

Merry Christmas

## Winneconne

During the 10:30am Mass

December 17



### 6-day votives increase

Beginning Jan 1, 6-day votive candle donation will be \$3.00 per candle, which is the cost of the candle.



There will be many smiling faces for Christmas this year due to the generosity of so many of you. The office was filled with wrapped gifts and we had 5 new bikes too.

Took 2-SUV's, 2 vans and a truck to deliver all the goodies to the police department. Thank You!



## Winneconne Wish List

Carpet Cleaner Head	\$ 100
Faith Formation Computer	\$1,000
Adult Faith Formation Computer	\$1,000

## Calling All Singers!!!

St. Mary, Winneconne will

have a Choir at the

4:00pm Christmas Eve Mass.

Practices will be on:

**Saturday, December 16 & 23 at 5:15pm**



# OMRO NEWS

## Calendar St. Mary, Omro

Wed. Dec. 20 4:30pm FF Gr. 1-6  
6:30pm FF Gr. 7-10

Sun. Dec. 24 8:30am Mass 4th Sunday  
6:00pm Christmas Eve Mass  
w/choir

Mon. Dec. 25 8:30am Christmas Day Mass  
w/choir

### Fourth Sunday of Advent

#### STEWARDSHIP OF SHARING-Omro

Given Week ending 12/10/2023 = \$4,885

WEEKLY GOAL: \$3,941

### Choir Practice for Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Masses

If you would like to be in one or both of the choirs, please attend practice on Thursday, Dec. 21 at 6:30pm.



Wednesday, December 20

Grades 1-6 4:30pm

Grades 7-10 6:30pm



High school youth helped spread some holiday cheer caroling in Omro as part of the Corporal Works of Mercy.



### AN EVENING WITH THE SAINTS WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup>



Grades 1-6 will be spending the evening learning about the saints during the Advent season.



This weekend we are celebrating the men that have been keeping our church in working condition for the last 18 plus years. Together they have over 100 years of service to St. Mary and we are very grateful for all that they do.

If you see Gene, Tod, Bill or Ed make sure that you thank them! **THANK YOU!!!!**



First grade learned about the holy family and had fun with a nativity project last week.



# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Readings for the Week of December 18

**Monday:** Jer 23:5-8/Mt 1:18-25  
**Tuesday:** Jgs 13:2-7,24-25a/Lk 1:5-25  
**Wednesday:** Is 7:10-14/Lk 1:26-38  
**Thursday:** Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/  
Lk 1:39-45  
**Friday:** 1 Sm 1:24-28/Lk 1:46-56  
**Saturday:** Mal 3:1-4,23-24/Lk 1:57-66  
**Sunday:** 2 Sm 7:1-5,8b-12,14a,16/  
Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38  
**Fourth Sunday of Advent**



## Liturgical Ministry Schedule Christmas Eve & Day

### Christmas Eve

#### Altar Servers

4:00pm (SMW)

#### 2 Volunteers

6:00pm (SMO)

#### 2 Volunteers

#### Lectors:

4:00pm (SMW)

Kelly Vidmar

6:00pm (SMO)

Elizabeth Frank

#### Ushers:

4:00pm (SMW) Eric &  
Donna Krueger, Deb &  
Jack Woelfel

6:00pm (SMO) Mona  
Freund, Jim Potratz

#### Sacristans:

4:00pm (SMW)

Rose Unser

6:00pm (SMO)

Margaret Potratz

#### Communion:

4:00pm (SMW)

Andy Krueger, Sue

Kuhn, Rose Unser,

Kelly Vidmar

#### Greeters:

4:00pm (SMW)

Sherrie & Tim Johnson,

#### 2 Volunteers

6:00pm (SMO)

#### 2 Volunteers

#### Musicians:

4:00pm (SMW)

Matthew Harden/Choir

6:00pm (SMO)

Ron Hayes/Choir

### Christmas Day

#### Altar Servers

8:30am (SMO)

#### 2 Volunteers

10:30am (SMW)

Colton & Grayson Luedtke

#### Lectors:

8:30am (SMO)

Lexi Rilling

10:30am (SMW)

#### Volunteer

#### Ushers:

8:30am (SMO)

Lisa Rilling, **Volunteer**

10:30am (SMW)

Jim & Isaac Day,

#### 2 Volunteers

#### Sacristans:

8:30am (SMO)

Margaret Potratz

10:30am (SMW)

#### Volunteer

#### Communion:

10:30am (SMW)

#### 2 Volunteers

#### Greeters:

8:30am (SMO)

Liam Forster, **Volunteer**

10:30am (SMW)

Emmy Day, **3 Volunteers**

#### Musicians:

8:30am (SMO)

Ron Hayes/ Choir

10:30am (SMW)

Kristin Day/Leah Krohn



ST. MARY OMRO PRESENTS:

AN ENCHANTED EVENING

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2024

6:30PM-8:30PM

\*\*Limited number of tickets available.



Enjoy a magical night under the stars:

· Dinner catered by The Roxy

· Live entertainment

· Door prizes worth \$350

· Babysitting available

· Sponsored by:

· The Roxy Supper Club

· Jeff's on Rugby

· Leo Rivera's Mexican Grill

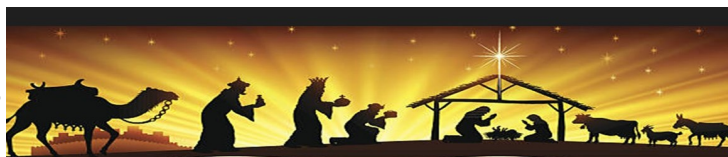
· Off the Wolf Supper Club

· Jimmie's White House Inn

· Fox River Brewing Co.

· Fin n' Feather

Limited number of tickets available. This is open to both parishes and you do not need to be a couple. Bring a friend and enjoy entertainment and a great meal. Tickets are \$25/person. Call the parish office to purchase your ticket today!!



FATHER CARR'S PLACE 2B CHRISTMAS DAY DINNER

MONDAY DECEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup>, 2023

CHRISTMAS DAY DINNER DELIVERY 10:30 – NOON

ACCEPTING ORDERS NOW – (920) 231-2378

SAINT MOTHER TERESA CENTER DINE-IN NOON – 1:30

NO RESERVATIONS NECESSARY

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**MASS INTENTIONS**



**SATURDAY:**  
4:00pm (SMW)  
**SUNDAY:**  
8:30am (SMO)

**December 23**  
Ed & Viola Zahorik  
**December 24**  
Randy Kos

**Sunday:**  
4:00pm (SMW)  
6:00pm (SMO)  
**Monday:**  
8:30am (SMO)  
10:30am (SMW)

**Christmas Eve**  
For Our Parishioners  
Schuster & Egan Families  
**Christmas Day**  
Alex Albright  
Don Natrop

**Stewardship of Serving-Liturgical Ministry Schedule**

**Saturday & Sunday December 23 & 24**

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

**Altar Servers**

4:00pm (SMW) **2 Volunteers**  
8:30am (SMO) Aubree Krier, Sydney Kirsch

**Lectors:**

4:00pm (SMW) Mike Jordan  
8:30am (SMO) Janet Wagner

**Ushers:**

4:00pm (SMW) Lester Brennand, Mary Berger  
**2 Volunteers**  
8:30am (SMO) Huth Family

**Sacristans:**

4:00pm (SMW) **Volunteer**  
8:30am (SMO) Janet Wagner

**Communion Ministers:**

4:00pm (SMW) Mike Losse, Mike Jordan

**Greeters:**

4:00pm (SMW) Sherry & Roger Rozek,  
**2 Volunteers**  
8:30am (SMO) Huth Family

**Musicians:**

4:00pm (SMW) Matthew Harden/Gail Breu  
8:30am (SMO) Ted Kreuzer/Paul Kamikawa

**Intercessory Prayers:**

8:30am (SMO) **Volunteer**

*Receive, Renew, Rejoice*

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Pastoral Associate: Rose Unser  
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Adult Faith Formation Assistant: Jolene Johnson  
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