

**December 13, 2020**

# Gaudete Sunday



**MASS**

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**Sunday  
8:30am**



**Sunday  
10:30am**

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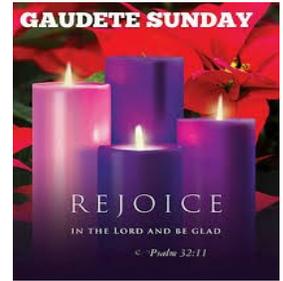
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# PASTORAL LEADER'S NOTES

Dear Parishioners,

## This weekend we celebrate Gaudete Sunday!

Gaudete Sunday marks the halfway point of the Advent season. It is a day of JOY in the midst of all of our preparations for Christmas and all the struggles we may be experiencing during these days of the pandemic. There is a sense of joyful expectation, an awareness that the Lord is coming soon. This is the day we light the pink candle on our Advent wreath. It is a time for us to take a minute to ask ourselves:



***Will our HEARTS as well as our homes  
be ready for the coming of the Lord on Christmas?***

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**Calculate your next travel destination**

1. Choose a number between 1 and 9
2. Multiply it by 3
3. Add 3
4. Multiply by 3 again
5. Add the 2 digits together
6. The number you're left with is where you're travelling to!

1. Japan
2. Hawaii
3. Paris
4. Bali
5. Australia
6. Barbados
7. Italy
8. Kenya
9. Stay home
10. Cuba
11. New York
12. Jamaica
13. Greece
14. Thailand
15. The Maldives



I know that many of you are not getting together as a family during the Christmas holiday to make sure that everyone remains safe and well. Those decisions had to be very difficult to make and I have no doubt they took great courage and sacrifice along with a lot of love and concern.

With that in mind I wanted to share this creative way of reminding us to be safe and "stay home" during Christmas time and hope it brings you a smile in the midst of finding your own creative ways to celebrate Christmas safely.

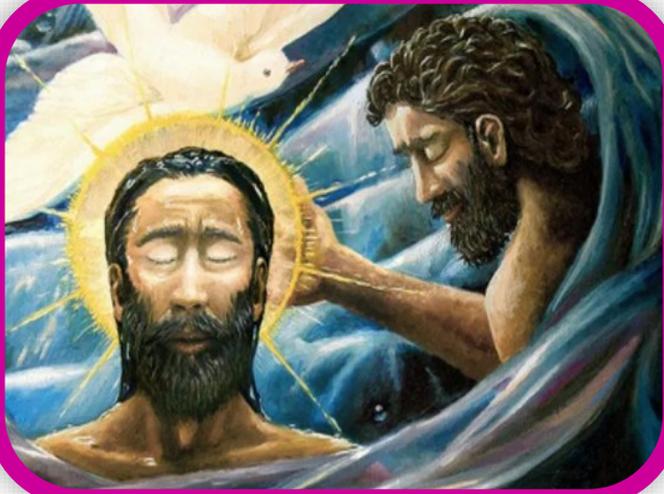
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During these Advent days I've been thinking a lot about the many people who are in need of just the basics in life like food and clothing this Christmas because they have lost their jobs or been unable to work because of sickness in their families. I know that I am very blessed to have a job, a roof over my head and more than enough food on the table. Many of you are so generous to me at Christmas which I am always so grateful for. It would mean a lot to me this year if instead of gifting me with something you would give it to a family or an organization that could use some extra help right now. I would love to receive a Christmas card from you, but I hope you will share the gift as a way for both of us to reach out and help those who are struggling during these difficult days of the pandemic.



*Sr. Pam*

# STEWARDSHIP NEWS



## ***The Gospel of John 1:6-8, 19-28***

*“He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to testify to the light.”*

Today, right in the midst of Advent, we receive an invitation to joy and hope.

It is a good time to think of everything God has done for us and thank Him for it.

Joy is an essential characteristic of the life of Faith. To feel loved and saved by God is a great JOY; to be aware we are brothers and sisters of Jesus Christ, who gave his life for us, is the basic motivation of our Christian JOY.

Christian happiness stems from thanksgiving, basically because of the love our Lord pours over us; through the Eucharist, as well as within the routine of our daily lives.

John the Baptist enjoyed great popularity among the people of his time; but, when they ask him who he is, he humbly answers: “I am not the Messiah...;” “I baptize you with water, but among you stands one whom you do not know; although he comes after me.”

Jesus Christ is the long-awaited Messiah; He is the Light of the world. He is our JOY that gives meaning to our lives. As Christ's disciples, we are called to share His Light in the darkness. When we respond faithfully, we experience a JOY beyond our human understanding.

How will you be light in the darkness and share the JOY of Jesus this week?

# WINNECONNE NEWS

## Calendar—St. Mary, Winneconne

- Mon. Dec. 14 7:30am LOW\* w/Communion  
 Tues. Dec. 15 11:30am Staff Birthday Lunch  
 Wed. Dec. 16 7:30am LOW\* w/Communion  
     Faith Formation **Virtual**  
     Elem & MS  
 Thurs. Dec. 17 2:00pm Rosary  
 Sat. Dec. 19 3:30pm Confession  
     4:00pm Mass  
 Sun. Dec. 20 10:30am Mass  
     CLOW\*\* **Virtual**  
     6:00pm FF Gr. 9/10 **Virtual**  
     7:30pm FF Gr. 11 **Virtual**

### Sat./Sun. 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

\***LOW: Liturgy of the Word**

\*\***CLOW: Children's Liturgy of the Word**

## STEWARDSHIP OF SHARING-Winneconne

Given week ending 12/6/2020 = \$6,373

WEEKLY GOAL: \$5,576



## St. Mary, Winneconne Christmas Wish List

- Criss Cross Shredder for office   \$170  
 3- Chair Mats                         \$185



## Environment Ministry Decorating for Christmas



**When:** Monday, Dec 21<sup>st</sup>

**Time:** 9:00am to 2:00pm

**Where:** St. Mary Church Winneconne

### Looking for Volunteers:

Lifters, Haulers, ornament hangers, floral arrangers, crafters, and hanging stars, etc....

Contact Anne Baldwin

email: [annebaldwin50@yahoo.com](mailto:annebaldwin50@yahoo.com)

or call 920-379-4677 if interested.



## Virtual Baking Event open to everyone!

We have our second of two virtual baking events planned for December 15<sup>th</sup>. These events will take place via Zoom at 7:00pm. Anyone who is interested in joining us to bake goodies in our own homes, together via a computer screen, should contact Andy ([andy.krueger@stmarychurches.org](mailto:andy.krueger@stmarychurches.org)) or follow this link [SIGN UP HERE](#). You will then be given the list of ingredients you will need so you are all set to go on one or both of the Virtual Baking Event nights. The baked goods will be baked in your home, packaged individually in plastic bags, and should then be returned to the church office. These goodies will then be delivered to the Day By Day Warming Shelter for a morning distribution to the shelter guests. Our baking event on December 7<sup>th</sup> was so much fun! Do you like to bake? Join us on December 15<sup>th</sup>!

## December 16 Virtual Faith Formation...

2<sup>nd</sup> graders at 5:00pm

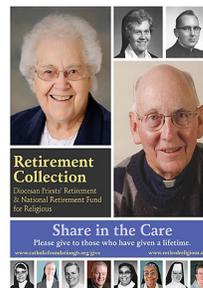
4<sup>th</sup> graders at 5:15pm

We really enjoy this opportunity to gather together!

For the month of December we will be collecting **toilet paper and napkins** for Fr. Carr's. You may place your donations in the white cart on the parking lot side of the church. Thank you for helping in this time of great need.

## Winneconne/Omro

### Retired Religious Collection



Today, through the Retirement Collection, we are able to Share in the Care of our retired sisters, brothers and religious order priests through the National Retirement Fund for Religious, as well as of the senior priests of our own diocese. Envelopes

are available to make your contribution at the entrances or drop off an envelope marked Retired Religious Collection (National Retirement or Diocese of Green Bay Religious Retirement). Please be generous in helping those who have given so much over the years.



# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Readings for the Week of December 14

**Monday:** Nm 24:2-7,15-17a/Mt 21:23-27  
**St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church**

**Tuesday:** Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Mt 21:28-32

**Wednesday:** Is 45:6b-8,18,21c-25/Lk 7:18b-23

**Thursday:** Gn 49:2, 8-10/Mt 1:1-17

**Friday:** Jer 23:5-8/Mt 1:18-25

**Saturday:** Jgs 13:2-7,24-25a/Lk 1:5-25

**Sunday:** 2 Sm 7:1-5,8b-12,14a,16/  
 Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38  
**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

December 14<sup>th</sup>  
 2:30pm-4:30pm

**DRIVE UP  
 CONFESSION**

Lourdes Academy  
 110 N. Sawyer St. Oshkosh  
 In the circle drive

### December 24, Christmas Eve:

1:00pm Mass in Winneconne  
 3:00pm Mass in Omro  
 5:00pm Mass in Winneconne

### December 25, Christmas Day:

8:30am Mass in Winneconne  
 10:30am Mass in Omro

A survey was emailed to all those who we have email addresses for. If you responded to the survey thank you. **If you still need to respond to the survey please do so today.** We would like an estimate of how many to plan for each Mass.

Click below the survey is 3 simple questions:

<https://forms.gle/Y4cD2e5G868789iV6>

### Church Decorations Donation

If you would like to remember a loved one this Christmas with a donation toward our Christmas decorations, please fill out this form and return it to the church office.

From: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory Of: \_\_\_\_\_

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Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Winneconne \_\_\_\_\_

Omro \_\_\_\_\_

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PICK OF THE WEEK

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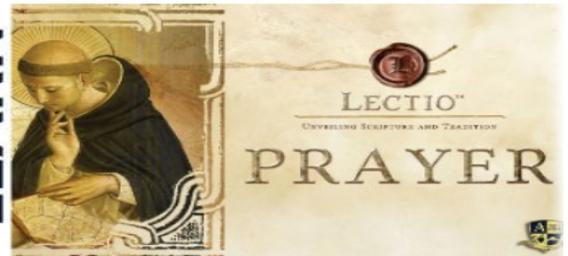


WATCH

### SAINT TERESA OF ÁVILA: A STUDY IN PERSEVERANCE

Both St. John of the Cross and his dear friend St. Teresa of Ávila lived heroic lives of prayer. In honor of these spiritual masters, enjoy this film depicting the Carmelite way of life and the virtue of perseverance.

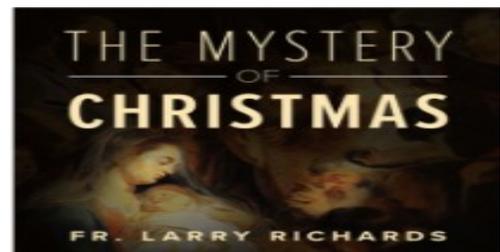
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### LECTIO: PRAYER—AN INTIMATE DIALOGUE

St. John of the Cross, Doctor of the Church, had a deep desire to help others grow in prayer. In honor of this mystical saint, join Dr. Gray as he dives into the simplicity and mystery of prayer.

LISTEN



### THE MYSTERY OF CHRISTMAS BY FR. LARRY RICHARDS

In this talk, Fr. Larry Richards reminds us that in the mystery of Christmas, God gives humanity his greatest gift—the gift of his Son to the world.

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## Stewardship of Serving-Liturgical Ministry Schedule

### Saturday & Sunday December 19 & 20

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

#### Lectors:

4:00pm (SMW) Jill Verich  
8:30am (SMO) **Volunteer**  
10:30am (SMW) Vicky Holt



#### Ushers:

4:00pm (SMW) Alex Verich, **Volunteer**  
8:30am (SMO) **2 Volunteers**  
10:30am (SMW) JoAnn Winnekens, Gerry Arens

#### Sacristans:

4:00pm (SMW) **Volunteer**  
8:30am (SMO) **Volunteer**  
10:30am (SMW) Anne Baldwin

#### Greeters:

4:00pm (SMW) **3 Volunteers**  
8:30am (SMO) **2 Volunteers**  
10:30am (SMW) Gerry Arens, Kristin Kasuboski  
**Volunteer**

### 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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Hispanic Ministry Coordinator: Sr. Pat Flanigan  
Pastoral Associate: Rose Unser  
Pastoral Ministry Coordinator: Lyn Zahorik

## MASS INTENTIONS

**SATURDAY:** December 19  
4:00pm (SMW) Sr. Patrice Walsh

**SUNDAY:** December 20  
8:30am (SMO) Stan Spanbauer  
10:30am (SMW) Robert Botello



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to **SHOP LOCAL!**

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## MASS ATTENDANCE

	WINN	OMRO
<b>11/28 Sat.</b>	68	—
<b>11/29 Sun.</b>	72	54
<b>12/5 Sat.</b>	69	—
<b>12/6 Sun.</b>	61	53
<b>12/6 Spanish</b>		30

### St. Mary, Winneconne

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