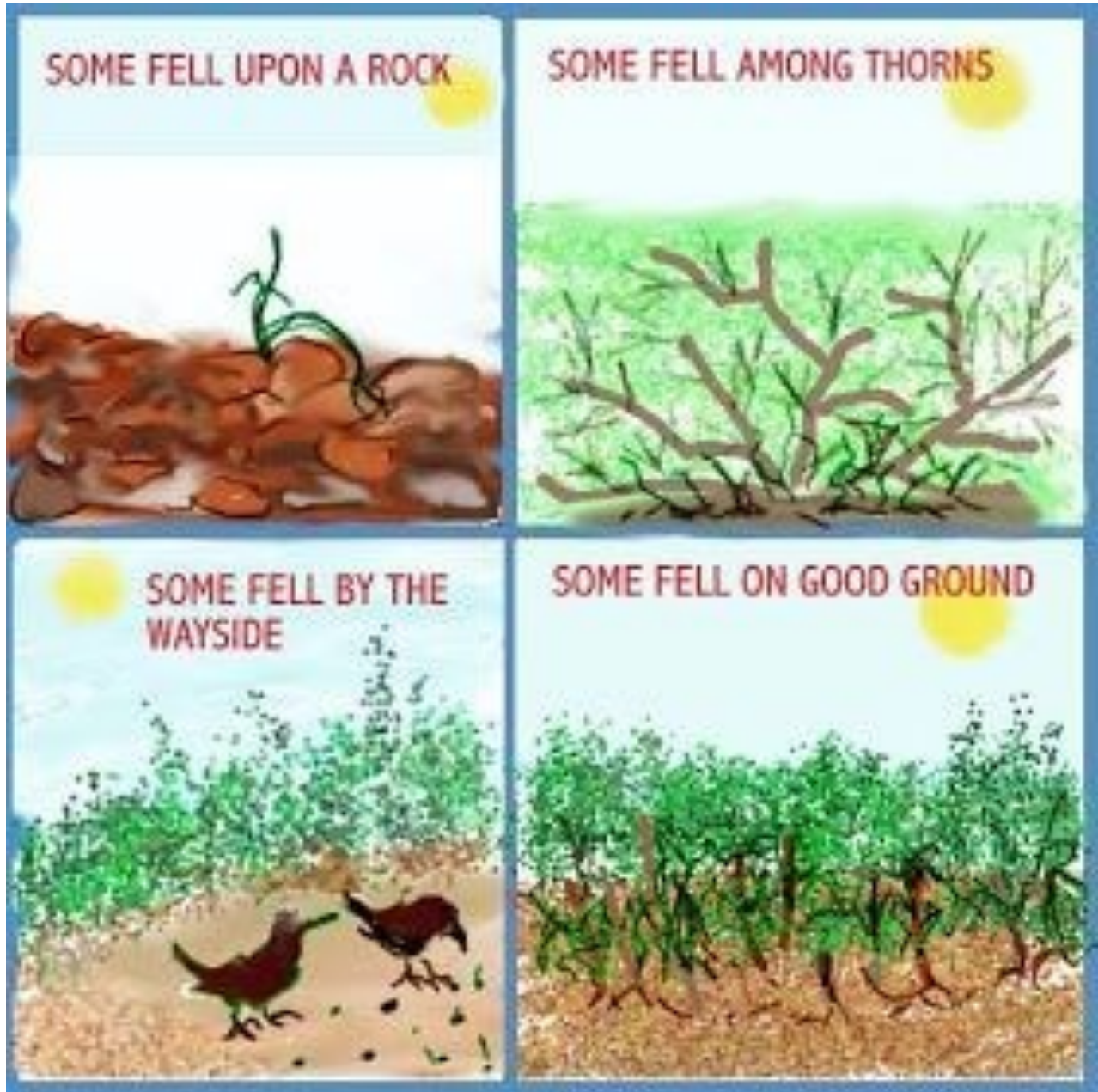


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Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 16, 2023



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# PASTORAL PONDERINGS

It's Tuesday morning, July 11. The United States weather service has declared we are in a drought, with most of Wisconsin being 2-4" short of usual rainfall, so as I read the readings for this Sunday, they were poignant. We pray with the prophet Isaiah for rains to come down and water the earth.

Have you ever found yourself in a time of spiritual drought? At times our sense of a spiritual life can be strong and vibrant. Other times our hearts feel like lead weights, and we find ourselves longing for God to rain grace upon our soul and bring refreshment.

Some indicators of spiritual drought can be 1) Finding in yourself a lack of generosity. We are no longer giving to others out of a sense of fullness and focus more on what we don't have. 2) We no longer find joy in attending Mass or being part of the Christian Community. There is a reluctance to attend Mass and a resistance to serve, but we continue to do so because we feel we have no choice. 3) We are not joy filled. People are not seeing something in us that causes them to thirst for God, and we lack the motivation to share with them; feeling we have nothing to offer. 4) God feels distant. We lack the excitement we once had in our relationship with God and our encountering has either been reduced to a rote exercise, is occasional, or has ceased to exist at all. A final indicator of spiritual drought can be realizing life events have pulled us further from God rather than bringing God closer. We worry about and expend so much energy on finances, dealing with sickness and death, the loss of family, friends or material possessions, seeing others prosper as we struggle; leaving us in a negative place where peace and joy—seem to evade us.

A spiritual drought has been a struggle we've all most likely faced. I've struggled with an occasional spiritual drought of my own and know firsthand how dangerous it can be. But I also know how amazing it can be to come out better than you went in. That is what I hope for you; not to lose faith in the midst of a spiritual drought but to dig into it, learn from it and move out of it.

Begin by making attending Mass on Sunday a joyful priority in your life.

Be intentional about sharing your burdens. Realize these are not yours to carry alone, seek out spiritual support companions. Do not be afraid. Have you become indifferent to the Mass or the Sacrament of Reconciliation? Talk to a priest or Deacon Paul. They will not judge you; they find great joy in knowing that you have rekindled your love in Jesus. Perhaps you desire someone to walk with you a little longer. Our parish provides, as a service to you, Spiritual Companionship. In this practice you meet Lyn Zahorik who is trained in Spiritual Companionship. Meetings last for an hour; usually monthly. Together you pray, reflect on your life, laugh, cry and explore the beauty and potential God holds for your life.

Set time aside to attend one of the many Adult Spiritual Formation programs given within our parish.

Live quiet moments in your life by reading scripture or a spiritual book, going on a walk in nature, sitting and listening to Christian music or falling asleep at night counting your blessings. Believe and trust - God is the only answer that can lead us out of our own suffering; out of our own season of drought. God will pull you out. Let God show you the way.

The most encouraging words I can give are these:

*"The Lord will guide you continually, satisfy your soul in drought, and strengthen your bones. You shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters do not fail." (Isaiah 58:11)*

# COMMUNITY NEWS



# WELCOME

A warm welcome to our parishioners and any visitors joining us for worship this weekend! We are glad you are here as your presence is a blessing to us!

- \* If you are looking for a Catholic Parish, we invite you to get to know us better!
- \* If you are new to the area,
- \* been away from us for awhile,
- \* have a desire to explore your spiritual faith,
- \* would like to find out more about the Catholic faith
- \* or just have questions,

Please feel free to contact our Pastoral Coordinator Deacon Paul Vidmar at [paul.vidmar@stmarychurches.org](mailto:paul.vidmar@stmarychurches.org).

Calling all young adults (ages 18-39ish!) We're bringing all the joy, fire, and faith from World Youth Day to our diocese!

The Diocese of Green Bay is hosting it's first-ever local World Youth Day

**on Sunday, August 6, from 8am-5:30pm at Xavier High School in Appleton.** This day will

feature dynamic speakers, Adoration, Mass, Confession, a food truck rally, live praise & worship and much more! Free childcare will be offered for children ages 2-12. Nursing infants will be welcome and nursing rooms will be provided.

If you have questions, please contact our Office of Young Adult Ministry (920) 272-8313 or [ksummers@gbdioc.org](mailto:ksummers@gbdioc.org)

We wanted to create a day young adults could come together locally to celebrate our Catholic faith, hear from engaging speakers, eat wonderful food, and give thanks and praise to God.



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# WINNECONNE NEWS

## St. Mary, Winneconne Calendar

Mon. July 17 7:00am LOW\* w/Communion  
6:00pm KC Audit-Kaudy Hall

Wed. July 19 7:00am LOW\* w/Communion  
4:30pm Confession & Adoration

Thurs. July 20 11am Widow/Widower Lunch-KaudyHall  
2:00pm Rosary

Sun. July 23 8:30am Mass—MASA Speaker

### Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

\*LOW: Liturgy of the Word



Do you have a set of **Melissa and Doug** building blocks sitting around? If so, please consider dropping it off at church. The wheels are spinning, and I am excited about a project that will engage our Elementary students in a new and fun way during Holy Week.



## STEWARDSHIP OF SHARING-Winneconne

Given Week ending 7/9/2023 = \$4,380

WEEKLY GOAL: \$6,550

Elderly parishioner is looking to hire someone for odd jobs around her property once a month. If you are interested please reach out to the parish office, 920-582-7712.



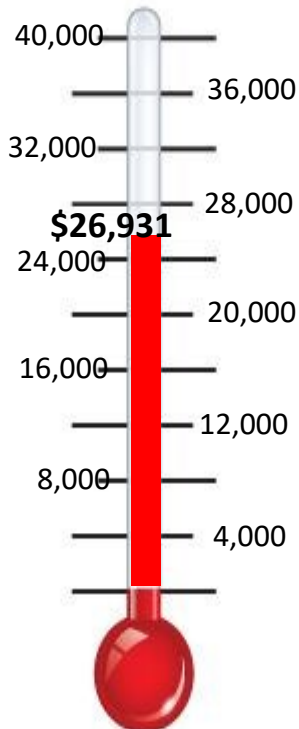
You are invited to a Holy Hour at St. Mary, Winneconne this Wednesday, July 19 from 4:30-5:30pm. Confessions will be held during this hour with Fr. Dave Duffek.



St Mary  
Winneconne

**GO FOR THE GOAL!**

Our Goal: **\$42,877**



*Thank you to those who have donated to the Bishop's Appeal. We are over half-way there.*

We apologize for the misprint in last week's bulletin. It was **Dave** and Jane Voss and Miron Construction who so generously re-paved the parking lot and painted Kaudy Hall.



## SOVEREIGN STATE DAYS Sunset Service in the Park

Join together with other local churches to glorify God! Come for an hour to see and hear how God is ALIVE in our community!

**DATE:** Sunday, July 23, 2023

**TIME:** 7:00-8:00pm

**LOCATION:** Lake Winneconne Park Gazebo

**Rain alternate:** Lake Winneconne Park Barn

**Expect:** Light snacks, good words, beautiful prayers and great fellowship!



# OMRO NEWS

## St. Mary, Omro Calendar

Mon. July 17 6:00pm Picnic Mtg-Triple Room  
 Thurs. July 20 11am Widow/Widower Lunch—  
 Kaudy Hall, Winneconne

Sat. July 22 3:30pm Confession  
 4:00pm Mass

Sun. July 23 10:30am Mass

**Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 MASA Speakers

### STEWARDSHIP OF SHARING-Omro

Given Week ending 7/9/2023 = \$2,483

WEEKLY GOAL: \$3,941

Get involved—join us for a Picnic Meeting on Monday, July 17 at 6:00pm in the Triple Room.

The picnic is getting closer. Help us to plan the last minute details and be part of a great team! See you Monday!



We would like to thank Rudy and Susan LaKosh for sponsoring the Adult Faith Formation for the upcoming year.

St. Mary Bishop's Appeal Goal \$18,919 Omro



Thank you to all those who have already donated.

## PLEASE HELP MAKE THE CHURCH PICNIC A SUCCESS!



*Volunteer sign up in Marian Hall!*

*Pick up your raffle tickets to buy or sell*



*Basket Raffle & Silent Auction Items Drop off by July 17*



*Country Store items needed*

*Rock 'n Roll to*



## ST. MARY CHURCH PICNIC

*Featuring The DelRay's*

**August 13, Omro 11:30am-4**



**Kids games & prizes**

**Leather craft**

**Face painting 1-3:30**

# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Readings for the Week of July 17

**Monday:** Ex 1:8-14,22/Mt 10:34-11:1  
**Tuesday:** Ex 2:1-15a/Mt 11:20-24  
**Wednesday:** Ex 3:1-6,9-12/Mt 11:25-27  
**Thursday:** Ex 3:13-20/Mt 11:28-30  
St. Apollinaris, Bishop & Martyr  
**Friday:** Ex 11:10-12:14/Mt 12:1-8  
**Saturday:** Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/  
Jn 20:1-2, 11-18  
St. Mary Magdalene  
**Sunday:** Wis 12:13, 16-19/Rom 8:26-27/  
Mt 13:24-43

## **Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**



Thank you for completing the Parish Mission Planning Mass Attendance Survey.

We appreciate your input. Our group is compiling the results, and we will present recommendations soon. Thank you for your sharing your thoughts.

*Sometimes the support we need most comes from someone walking the same path.*

## **Widows/Widowers**

**You are invited:**

**Come to Share-Eat-Laugh-Pray!**

**Thursday, July 20, 2023**

**(3rd Thursday—odd months)**

**11:00am**

**Kaudy Hall, Winneconne**

**Potluck: Bring dish to share.**

**Celebrate our loved ones!**

**Feel free to BRING A FRIEND.**

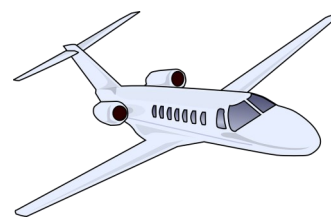
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*Join aviation missionaries on the eve of AirVenture 2023, Sunday, July 23, for the MASA kickoff potluck supper at Plymouth Church, 1325 Georgia Street, Oshkosh. Doors open at 5:00pm. The gathering in the sanctuary begins at 5:30pm.*

*Following the meal downstairs with the missionaries, we will gather again in the sanctuary for the evening program. Come, meet the missionaries and hear about what God is doing through aviation to help build His kingdom. Please be sure to bring a double portion of food so that we have enough to serve our missionary guests, too. For more information, call Nevin at 920.344.7512.*



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**MASS INTENTIONS**

**SATURDAY: July 22**  
4:00pm (SMO) Doris Werch

**SUNDAY: July 23**  
8:30am (SMW) Francis Crowley  
10:30am (SMO) Donald Natrop

**Saturday & Sunday July 22 & 23**

SMO– St. Mary, Omro

SMW– St. Mary, Winneconne

**Altar Servers:**

4:00pm (SMO) **2 Volunteers**  
8:30am (SMW) 2 KC Members  
10:30am (SMO) **2 Volunteers**

**Lectors:**

4:00pm (SMO) Ken Bressers  
8:30am (SMW) KC Member  
10:30am (SMO) Amy Karn

**Ushers:**

4:00pm (SMO) Poppy Family  
8:30am (SMW) Steve Christian, 3 KC Members  
10:30am (SMO) Wrage Family

**Greeters:**

4:00pm (SMO) Mazie Miller, **Volunteer**  
8:30am (SMW) 4 KC Members  
10:30am (SMO) Ron & Lawanda Jungwirth

**STEWARDSHIP OF SERVING-LITURGICAL  
MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

**Communion Ministers:**

8:30am (SMW) 2 KC Members

**Sacristans:**

4:00pm (SMO) **Volunteer**  
8:30am (SMW) Jeff Baldwin  
10:30am (SMO) Peggy Wilms

**Intercessory Prayer Ministers:**

4:00pm (SMO) **Rose Unser, Volunteer**  
8:30am (SMW) JoAnn Winnekens, Julie Servais

**Musicians:**

4:00pm (SMO) Ted Kreuzer  
8:30am (SMW) Joanne Loy/Emily Makovec  
10:30am (SMO) Ted Kreuzer



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