

St. Mary Churches-Omro & Winneconne

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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 23, 2023



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Fr. Quinn Mann

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PASTORAL PONDERINGS

When I was growing up, I knew we weren't rich because my mother fed us Velveeta cheese and pickle sandwiches on Wonder Bread for lunch and mixed powdered milk in with real milk to make it last and she always said "no" to the penny gumball machines. But, we never missed a meal and we never went hungry.

I wish that I could say the same for kids growing up today. I always knew there were families that struggled to eat, but my eyes were really opened by two experiences this summer.

The first exposure was at a park in Appleton. I had taken my granddaughter there to play. A girl about 9 or 10 kept asking her to play. It didn't take long for me to realize that the playground was her babysitter for the day and she was starving for attention and food. We had gotten to the top platform of the slide and when she didn't think I saw her, the girl picked up pieces of broken pretzel from the platform and ate them. When she looked up, she realized I saw her and the sadness in her eyes broke my heart. I did not have food or money with me to give her that day and it still haunts me.

My daughter relayed a similar event to me a few weeks later. She took the kids to the park and found a little girl that had fallen off the equipment and was noticeably injured and crying. Her brother was trying to console her. Their parents were nowhere around. Again, the playground was being used as a babysitter. Somehow they were able to contact mom who told my daughter that she would be fired if she left work. The boss said that if they weren't on their way to the hospital, she wasn't leaving! With mom's permission, my daughter took the siblings home and tended to the wound. She also fed the children; who ate like they hadn't eaten in weeks. They played with every toy they could get their hands on and had smiles on their faces like it was their best day ever! When mom finally came to pick them up, they asked if they could come back the next day. Unfortunately, this was not possible.

These experiences have been weighing on my heart. If this is happening in other towns, it surely is happening in Omro. I have looked on line and called a few agencies and I do not see any kind of food programs or free lunches being offered in Omro.

We may not be able to offer free lunches here, but I believe that something can be done to help these kiddos. To help in a small way, we would like to put up a "little pantry" near our "little library" in front of church.

We need a metal cabinet no bigger than about 24" tall x 22" wide x 9" deep, that can close tightly to keep out critters and weather. We can fill it with non-perishables like granola bars and healthier snacks for the kids. Canned meals like SpaghettiOs and raviolis with pull-top lids would also work for the kids. Donations should be new and in un-opened containers for people to take as needed.

Your donations could be placed directly in the cabinet at your convenience or can be dropped off in the office. I will make sure that the cabinet always has food in it. Please contact me at the office if you can help with a cabinet, food or possible solutions (920) 685-2258.

If you have never gone hungry for more than a day, thank God. If you have experienced food impoverishment at some point in your life, you know how important it is to provide for those in need.

Thank you for making a difference in the lives of your community!

Peggy Wilms

Administrative Assistant

The USDA defines food insecurity as a lack of consistent access to enough food for every person in a household to live an active, healthy life.

COMMUNITY NEWS



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

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.



JOIN OUR TEAM!

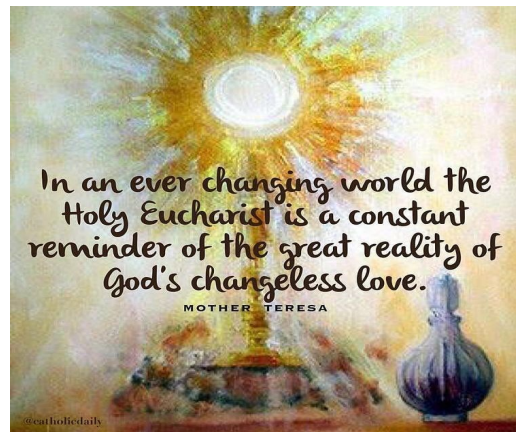


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St. Mary, Winneconne Calendar

- Mon. July 24 7:00am LOW* w/Communion
 Prep for MASA Meal-CAM
 Kaudy Hall
- Tues. July 25 CAM serving MASA Meal @ EAA
- Wed. July 26 7:00am LOW* w/Communion
- Thurs. July 27 2:00pm Rosary
 4:30pm RCIA—Omro
- Sun. July 30 8:30am Mass

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*LOW: Liturgy of the Word



ISO: (In Search Of)

Melissa and Doug building blocks. Do you have a set sitting around? If you have a set that you would like to unload consider dropping it off at St. Mary 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 7/16/2023 = \$6,899

WEEKLY GOAL: \$6,550

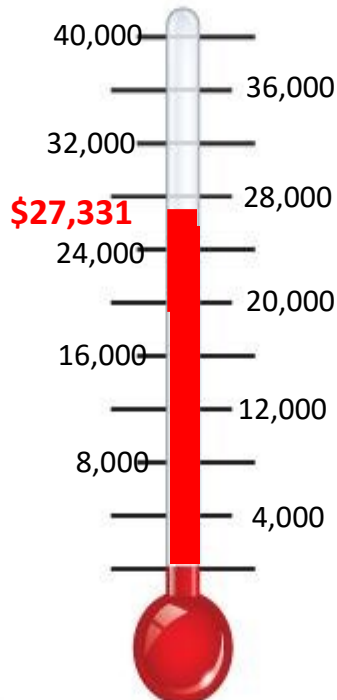
Elderly parishioner is looking to hire someone for odd jobs around her property once a month. If you are interested please reach out to the parish office, 920-582-7712.



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 at 63.7% of our goal.

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

Wed. July 26 4:30pm Confession
 Thurs. July 27 4:30pm RCIA

Sat. July 29 3:30pm Confession
 4:00pm Mass

Sun. July 30 10:30am Mass

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Picnic Promo

STEWARDSHIP OF SHARING-Omro

Given Week ending 7/16/2023 = \$ 3,623

WEEKLY GOAL: \$3,941

St. Mary, Omro

\$17,500

\$15,000

\$12,500

\$10,500

\$7,500

\$5,000

\$2,500

*Thank you
 to all those
 who have
 already
 donated.*

Bishop's
 Appeal
 Goal
 \$18,919



**Received
 \$15,551**



**Community
 welcome!**

Rock 'n Roll to ST. MARY'S CHURCH PICNIC

730 Madison Ave. Omro

Sunday, August 13, Omro 11:30-4

*Featuring
 The DelRay's 12-4pm*

Mass in church at 10:30am
 Picnic to follow 11:30-4pm
 to enjoy fellowship and music!

Chicken dinner \$8.00

Hot dogs, and chips \$3.00

Beverages

Dessert room



Music from the 50s, 60s and 70s

Country store

Silent auction

Basket raffles

Main raffle & 50/50 raffles
 for cash prizes!

Kids' games
 and craft

Face painting



Overflow parking at Grace Lutheran Church: 720 Jackson Ave. Omro. Golf cart rides to St. Mary's from parking lot and street

COMMUNITY NEWS

Readings for the Week of July 24

Monday: Ex 14:5-18/Mt 12:38-42
Tuesday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Mt 20:20-28
Sts. James, Apostle
Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5,9-15/Mt 13:1-9
Sts. Joachim & Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Thursday: Ex 19:1-2,9-11,16-20b/Mt 13:10-17
Friday: Ex 20:1-17/Mt 13:18-23
Saturday: Ex 24:3-8/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Sts. Martha, Mary and Lazarus
Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5,7-12/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Welcome to our Missionary Speakers from MASA this weekend.



Derik and Zoe Flensburg are both missionaries with Proclaim Aviation Ministries and are on loan, fulltime, to Moody Aviation in Spokane, WA. Their journey began during their training at Moody Aviation in 2013, where they formed a strong friendship. Over time, their connection deepened, leading them to exchange vows in 2016.

They graduated together in 2020 and are grateful to God for His provision and wonderful faithfulness through their training and now onto serving as full-time missionaries. While they currently gain valuable experience at Moody Aviation, Derik and Zoe have a desire to serve long-term overseas in mission aviation. They see the logistical problem that separates those in rural parts of the world from the Good News and want to be part of how God is using aviation to solve that problem. In addition, they both have a keen interest in exploring new and developing technologies that could contribute to the safety and efficiency of mission aviation in isolated parts of the world.



Kerrick and Connie Tweedy founded SOAR in October 2011. After a 26-year career in insurance software development, the Lord provided a clear plan to Kerrick and Connie to begin a new ministry preparing missionary candidates to serve full-time in missionary aviation.

This plan implemented a new financial model to avoid debt which was taking time out of missionary candidates progressing from training to the mission field.

Kerrick and Connie have three grown children and six grandsons.



Bruce Chase was born to missionary parents and grew up in the Republic of Korea and the Philippines. Although his father was a radio broadcaster, airplanes captured Bruce's attention. He attended LeTourneau University, where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Aviation Technology.

After graduation, he began flight instruction at LeTourneau University. The path as a professional aviation educator continued with a Master's of Aeronautical Science from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. Bruce teaches in the classroom and in the airplane. He currently serves LeTourneau as the Chair of the Flight Science Department.

Bruce married Deborah, a missionary kid from Brazil, in 1993. They have two adult children.

**Deadline for the Bulletin
NOON on Tuesday**

E-mail bulletin announcements to:

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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY:	July 29
4:00pm (SMO)	Charlie Hart
SUNDAY:	July 30
8:30am (SMW)	Jeanne Clasen & Kelly Sabot
10:30am (SMO)	Alex Albright

Saturday & Sunday July 29 & 30

SMO– St. Mary, Omro

SMW– St. Mary, Winneconne

**STEWARDSHIP OF SERVING-LITURGICAL
MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

Altar Servers:

4:00pm (SMO) **2 Volunteers**
8:30am (SMW) Rose Unser, **Volunteer**
10:30am (SMO) Rylee & Hailey Karn

Lectors:

4:00pm (SMO) Bob Breu
8:30am (SMW) Eric Bauer
10:30am (SMO) Jodi Hess

Ushers:

4:00pm (SMO) **2 Volunteers**
8:30am (SMW) Jack, Paige and Deb Woelfel,
Tammy Davis
10:30am (SMO) Huth Family

Greeters:

4:00pm (SMO) **2 Volunteers**
8:30am (SMW) Jennifer & Sophie Yetter,
Mary Materna, Sue Murawski
10:30am (SMO) Huth Family

Communion Ministers:

8:30am (SMW) Sue Murawski,
Jackie Saunders

Sacristans:

4:00pm (SMO) **Margaret Potratz**
8:30am (SMW) Kristin & Bryan Wright
10:30am (SMO) Jodi Hess

Intercessory Prayer Ministers:

4:00pm (SMO) **Margaret Potratz**, Volunteer
8:30am (SMW) **2 Volunteers**

Musicians:

4:00pm (SMO) Mike Graves/Gail Breu
8:30am (SMW) Ted Kreuzer
10:30am (SMO) Joanne Loy/Amy Karn



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