

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

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Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 18, 2023



Many blessings Fr. Kevin as you continue God's work growing the faith in the Green Bay Diocese.

**HAPPY FATHER'S DAY**

**PRAYER FOR FATHERS**

*God our Father, through the intercession of St. Joseph, foster father of Your Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, we give you thanks and praise for all fathers in the world.*

*We pray for them so that they may they find courage and perseverance to balance work, family and faith in joy and sacrifice.*

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# PASTORAL PONDERINGS

Jesus of Nazareth invites you to a meal in His honor

I find one of the joys of life is gathering over a good meal of delicious food and uplifting conversation. Dining with Jesus is the most intimate meal in which we can share. As I have grown in my own relationship with Jesus, I have begun to realize my different needs in Eucharistic dining preferences.

Most of the time when I am at Mass, I am the Brunch kind of person. I like variety in the music, combinations of the contemporary and the traditional rituals, moments of silence and times of singing and speaking out with the rest of the Community.

I also look forward to the Masses that are Fine Dining, such as Christmas, Easter, Pentecost and other high feasts that call for my “dress up for church” clothes. These are the Masses that are “high church,” with all the bells and smells. We get to participate in elaborate processions, smell the wafting incense and immerse ourselves in elaborate environments. Just like Thanksgiving is not Thanksgiving without the special turkey stuffing, that was great grandmother’s recipe being served, so too, these Masses carry traditions that have been part of the church for centuries; and should not be forgotten.

And then, there are times I simply enjoy a picnic. I come to Mass to be with the Community, to share smiles and hugs, and to be casual. Receiving Jesus in the Eucharist is what matters most to me. If everything else is simple, but done nicely, I’m content.

I must admit, there have been a few times when I was a snacker. Snackers slip into the pew just in time for the Gospel and leave immediately after Communion. Their life is always on the run. Snacks are short term treats; they will never fill us with the grace that comes from making time to savor the Eucharist.

In the past years a new trend emerging among the Healthy Living Lifestyle groups, is the use of Intermittent Fasting. The claim is that intermittent fasting improves your general health, lowers cholesterol and improves heart function. When it comes to Jesus in the Eucharist, the only fasting to even consider, is the one hour that the Church asks us to fast from food and drink before receiving Eucharist. As an aside, there are people who feel this fast is a burden and that if they are attending, for instance, a 10 AM Mass, eating or drinking nothing after 9:00 AM can easily be forgotten and the fast broken. We need to pay attention to what the rule is asking of us...60 minutes of fasting before receiving Eucharist. The reception of Eucharist usually happens approximately 40 minutes into the Eucharist. Factor in your travel time to Church (with no drive-through restaurant stops) and for most of us, we have easily kept the one hour fast.

Intermittent Fasting from the Sunday (Saturday Vigil) Liturgy DOES NOT have any spiritual benefit for us. Our heart connection with Jesus is not strengthened, nor do we gain any of the graces and spiritual support of praying with the gathered Assembly. Please do not allow yourself to slip into the mode of “I will attend Sunday Mass whenever it works out in my schedule.” Attending Mass on Sunday should be a joy, a privilege, a priority. *Jesus of Nazareth invites you to a meal in His honor.* Don’t let this invitation pass you by, because if you do, you are missing out on a meal that is simply out of this world!

Lyn Zahorik

Director of Spiritual Engagement



# PARISHES NEWS



This weekend will be Fr. Kevin's last Masses with us. We will have refreshments after each Mass for you to say thank you and good bye. There is a box in the main entrance for you to leave a card for Fr. Kevin.

Be sure to allow a few minutes after Masses this weekend to say Good-bye and Thank you for all he has done for our parishes in the last 3 years.

Are you or a family member going to the hospital, having a procedure done or are in the hospital now? Call Deacon Paul, 920-379-8068 to set up a visit/anointing of the Sick.



The Order of Catholic Initiation for Adults (OCIA), (formerly known as RCIA) is the program by which Catholics and non-Catholics learn more about the Catholic faith. If you are interested in becoming Catholic, contact Rose Unser, Pastoral Associate or Deacon Paul Vidmar, Pastoral Coordinator; [rose.unser@stmarychurches.org](mailto:rose.unser@stmarychurches.org)/[paul.vidmar@stmarychurches.org](mailto:paul.vidmar@stmarychurches.org). OCIA is for Adults who:

- \*are interested in the Catholic Faith
- \*are married to a Catholic
- \*have never been baptized
- \*were baptized in a different Christian faith but are seeking entrance into the Catholic Church
- \*baptized Catholics who have not yet received First Communion or Confirmation
- \*attend Mass and would like to take the next step to become a member of the Catholic Church.

OCIA is a spiritual formation process that will begin this Fall and end with full initiation into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil next year. These classes are for anyone with interest no matter your current denomination. Please encourage your friends and neighbors with interest in Catholicism to give us a call. Let the Holy Spirit Guide you!



Please join us at **St. Mary Church, Omro** on

**Wednesday, June 28, from 4:30-5:30pm** for

**Holy Hour with Adoration** where we will learn more about the devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and adore Jesus together.

Confession will also be offered during this hour.

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# WINNECONNE NEWS

## St. Mary, Winneconne Calendar

Mon. June 19 7:00am LOW\* w/Communion  
 Wed. June 21 7:00am LOW\* w/Communion  
 4:30-5:30pm Confession  
 6:00pm Musician Meeting  
 Thurs. June 22 2:00pm Rosary  
 Sun. June 25 8:30am Mass

### Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

\*LOW: Liturgy of the Word



We are looking to start a Hospitality Ministry here at St. Mary, Winneconne. When special events, eg: Fr. Quinn's welcome reception, Confirmation reception, Easter Vigil reception after Masses, the Hospitality group would set up & clean up refreshments for the parish.

If this would be a ministry you would be interested in, contact Sue in the parish office; [sue.kuhn@stmarychurches.org](mailto:sue.kuhn@stmarychurches.org) or 920-582-7712.



*For the family and friends of*  
**Chuck Mapes**

*who was called home to our loving Father in Heaven.  
 May Jesus' words console you, strengthen you and fill you with peace.*

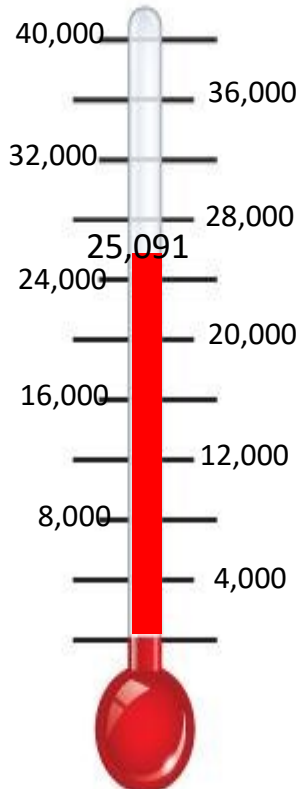


## St Mary Winneconne Bishop's Appeal

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

### GO FOR THE GOAL!

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



### Rosary in the Park

So happy for the rain, but it didn't put a damper on 15 people who showed up at Marble park to pray the rosary. They just shifted location to a drier place and prayed the rosary. Next month it will be in the park on Thursday, July 13. See you there!

### STEWARDSHIP OF SHARING Winneconne

Given Week ending 6/11/2023 = \$5,037

WEEKLY GOAL: \$6,307



Confession will be held at St. Mary, Winneconne this Wednesday, June 21 from 4:30-5:30pm with Fr. Dave.

# OMRO NEWS

## Calendar St. Mary, Omro

Wed. June 21 1:00pm Musician Meeting  
 Sat. June 24 3:30pm Confession  
 4:00pm Mass  
 Sun. June 25 10:30am Mass

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### STEWARDSHIP OF SHARING- Omro

Given week ending **6/11/2023** = \$ 3,500

### Fiscal Year to Date through date above

Actual Offertory Collection: \$215,538

Budgeted Offertory Collection: \$212,387

**Over \$ 3,151**

Omro Community is hosting a blood drive with the Community Blood Center on Monday, June 26 from 12:30-3:00pm at Omro Pharmacy.

You may register for an appointment by calling (800) 280-4102. When you give blood, you give life!



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



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

*Shake, Rattle & Roll!*

## BASKET RAFFLES, SILENT AUCTION AND COUNTRY STORE ITEMS NEEDED!

**Basket Raffle:** Use your creativity to put together a themed basket containing new items or donate a single item or gift card to be compiled into a basket.

**Silent Auction:** Looking for big ticket items or gift certificates to have in the auction.

**Country Store:** Do you have a talent to make things, garden or can things that you can share? Please price your own if possible.

### **Items needed by July 17**

Please drop off all in church office M-TR 8-4 or before mass in box by office

## Rock 'n Roll to ST. MARY CHURCH PICNIC *Featuring The DelRay's*

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



**Chicken dinner, beverages and dessert room!**

# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Readings for the Week of June 19

**Monday:** 2 Cor 6:1-10/Mt 5:38-42  
**Tuesday:** 2 Cor 8:1-9/Mt 5:43-48  
**Wednesday:** 2 Cor 9:6-11/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18  
St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious  
**Thursday:** 2 Cor 11:1-11/Mt 6:7-15  
**Friday:** 2 Cor 11:18, 21-30/Mt 6:19-23  
**Saturday:** Is 49:1-6/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66,80  
The Nativity of St. John the Baptist  
**Sunday:** Jer 20:10-13/Rom 5:12-15/Mt 10:26-33

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Coffee, donuts, cookies, fellowship!!

The **committee Parish Mission Planning (PMP)** sponsors refreshments after Mass on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month. It's a newer committee so be sure to stop and say HI and thank you for taking the time to sponsor the refreshments.



Ever wonder how you can be part of the parish? How to get to know others? Do not want to be on a committee where you don't have a say? Well I think we found one you might like to try!!

Want to do something to help those in need? Give back to the community? Help those outside of our community? Have ideas you'd like to explore to fill some of those questions.

**Christian Action Ministry (CAM)** is putting out a shout for Baby **Blankets and Prayer Shawls**, which are knitted or crocheted.

We use them to supply nursing homes, Bella Medical Clinic, both of our parishes and Sister Dora.

So gather up the needles, crochet hooks and yarn. Make sure to weave in your prayers and love. You can do a simple pattern in the shape of a rectangle or more in a shawl shape. We accept all gifts & talents. Patterns can be found on the website under prayer shawls.

You can drop off your donations at either parish office and we will get them to CAM for distribution.

Contact the parish office if you need yarn to make your shawl/blanket. We often have a supply on hand. Sue 920-582-7712 or Peggy 920-685-2258.



Well try looking at **Christian Action Ministry**. They meet on the 2nd Monday of the month in the lower level of the church. September-May. They would love some new ideas & new people. CAM is involved with putting together baskets, Christmas stockings for the homebound, making a meal for the Missionary Aviators for the EAA, 4th of July lunch bag treats for the kids, hams at Easter & turkeys at thanksgiving for Winneconne Area Assistance Center plus more.

If you have any interest or new ideas you would like to offer, give me a call in the office, or email sue.kuhn@stmarychurches.org or 920-582-7712 and I will be happy to send your name on to the group.

**W E L C O M E**

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 Deacon Paul Vidmar at paul.vidmar@stmarychurches.org.

**Deadline for the Bulletin  
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**MASS INTENTIONS**

**SATURDAY: June 24**

4:00pm (SMO) Living & Deceased Members  
of John & Elizabeth Schuster Family

**SUNDAY: June 25**

8:30am (SMW) Joe & Ann Manena,  
Jose Blanco  
10:30am (SMO) Donna Van Asten

**STEWARDSHIP OF SERVING-LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

**Saturday & Sunday June 24 & 25**

SMO– St. Mary, Omro

SMW– St. Mary, Winneconne

**Altar Servers:**

4:00pm (SMO) **2 Volunteers**  
8:30am (SMW) Anna Lynch, Evelyn Steffes  
10:30am (SMO) **2 Volunteers**

**Lectors:**

4:00pm (SMO) Ken Bressers  
8:30am (SMW) Mike Jordan  
10:30am (SMO) Elizabeth Frank

**Ushers:**

4:00pm (SMO) **2 Volunteers**  
8:30am (SMW) Lani Clerkin, Dennis Bahrke  
Steve Kuenster, JoAnn Winnekens  
10:30am (SMO) Huth Family

**Communion Ministers:**

8:30am (SMW) Mike Jordan, Jackie Saunders

**Greeters:**

4:00pm (SMO) **2 Volunteers**  
8:30am (SMW) Sue Murawski, Deb Kolasinski  
Mary Materna, **Volunteer**  
10:30am (SMO) Huth Family

**Sacristans:**

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

**Intercessory Prayer Ministers:**

4:00pm (SMO) **Volunteer**  
8:30am (SMW) Connie Kostichka, Darlene Scheidegger

Mass Attendance	Winneconne	Omro
Sat. June 3	N/A	99
Sun. June 4	191	131
Sat. June 11	N/A	151
Sun. June 12	170	81

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