

# St. Mary Churches-Omro & Winneconne

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## Easter Sunday April 12, 2020

### Prayer for Holy Week

Lord Jesus Christ,  
in this sacred and solemn week  
when we see again  
the depth and mystery of your redeeming love,  
help us to follow where you go,  
to stop where you stumble,  
to listen when you cry,  
to hurt as you suffer,  
to bow our heads in sorrow as you die,  
so that, when you are raised to life again,  
we may share in your endless joy.  
Amen.



### Easter Prayer

Good and gracious God,  
our most glorious Creator,  
as we greet the signs in nature  
around us,  
of Spring once again delighting  
us in bloom,

in the songs of returning birds  
and fields soon to be planted,  
we give you praise  
for an even greater sign of new life:  
the resurrection of your Son,  
Our Lord Jesus Christ,  
that we especially celebrate at this time.

The sadness and despair of his death  
has given way to the bright promise of immortality.  
For the Resurrection is our guarantee  
that justice will triumph over treason,  
light will overcome darkness,  
and love will conquer death.

We praise you in this Easter season.  
Change our lives,  
change our hearts to be messengers  
of Easter joy and hope.  
We make our prayer through Jesus Christ,  
our risen Lord forever.  
Amen.

— *Father Larry Snyder*

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Dear Parishioners,

Holy Week, 2020

Right now we are in the midst of holy week and every year I encourage you to make this week different from all other weeks of the year. I know it is already different for all of us. We are already doing things very differently at home. But maybe as we begin the Triduum which starts on Thursday evening at sundown, we can make the next three days special in new ways.

Below are some things that you can do at home along with information on what we will be doing as a parish.

## HOLY THURSDAY – April 9, 2020

**AT HOME:** Go to the place that you made your “*Holy Week Sanctuary*” last week and put a loaf of bread and a glass of wine/grape juice for each member present.

*On Holy Thursday we remember that Jesus gathered with his friends at a meal. Before the meal he knelt and washed their feet as a sign of his humility and service.*

**Say this blessing over the bread and wine:**

Lord Jesus, we remember that you are the bread of life given for us.  
Bless this ordinary bread we share this night,  
that we may always know the richness of your goodness.

Lord Jesus, we remember that you are the fruit of the vine and shed your blood for us.  
Bless this ordinary wine we share this night  
that we may always know your peace and forgiveness.

*Share the bread and wine/grape juice together and let each person present tell how they have been of service during these days at home.*

**At 7:00pm** watch the St. Raphael Holy Thursday service that will be livestreamed on their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/straphaelcatholicchurch/>  
You can also watch it later on YouTube at "St. Raphael the Archangel Catholic Church".  
*(I will be the lector at this Mass and all the days of the Triduum through Easter Sunday.)*

For the past 8 years we have transferred the Blessed Sacrament in procession from St. Mary's in Omro to St. Mary's in Winneconne. *You may want to make that drive from one church to the other with your family this evening in a spirit of prayer and quiet. When you get back home pray this prayer together:*

Lord God, keep us united with your Son in his death and burial so that we may rise to new life with him, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

May the all-powerful Lord grant us a restful night and a peaceful sleep. Amen.

**AT CHURCH:** You are invited to come to church to pray in front of the Blessed Sacrament in the tabernacle during the day in BOTH churches during the following hours:

**Omro: 8:00am-4:00pm    Winneconne: 9:00am-5:00pm**  
*(The Church office will also be open during this time as well.)*

**NOTE:** Please make sure there is no more than 10 people in church at a time and you practice social distancing. There will be wipes and sanitizing gel available for your use.

## GOOD FRIDAY – April 10, 2020

**AT HOME:** Go to the place that you made your “*Holy Week Sanctuary*” and put a crucifix that you have in your home. You can also ask everyone to draw and cut out one and put that in this space.

Read the story of the passion and death of Jesus as recorded in John chapters 18 & 19 or just tell the story as you know it.

Then take the crucifix and as one member of the family places a finger upon the head of Jesus read this:

When we think of crowns we think of kings and queens or Disney movies.  
Jesus was forced to wear a painful crown of thorns. When the soldiers crowned him with the thorns they bowed and they mocked him. 'Hail, king!'  
They didn't know how truly they spoke, even though they spoke in mockery.  
Christ indeed is King, and by wearing that crown, and suffering its fate,  
Jesus reigns as our king, rescuing us from our sin.  
One day then, we will see Jesus, crowned not with thorns,  
but wearing His crown of eternal glory.  
Lord Jesus crucified **All: Have mercy on us.**

Then a family member places a finger upon the heart of Jesus as someone reads:

His heart that was both human and divine; a heart that beats with love for us. After three hours on the cross – his heart was torn apart from fatigue and lack of oxygen. His heart was broken for us in every possible way.

As he bowed his head in death, it was the sin in our hearts that should be unraveled and loosed from its rule over us. Through the wounds in the Body of Jesus, in the heart of his being, that great mystery of love, was revealed.  
Lord Jesus crucified **All: Have mercy on us.**

**At 1:00pm** watch the St. Raphael Good Friday service that will be livestreamed on their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/straphaelcatholicchurch/>

You can also watch it later on YouTube at "St. Raphael the Archangel Catholic Church".

**AT CHURCH:** We are going to have a procession with someone carrying a crucifix from each church down Main Street (SMW to the West, SMO to the East), and back to church. I will follow the crucifix holding a crown of thorns and Rose Unser will walk behind me sounding the clapper as we pray aloud the Our Father and Glory Be.

You are invited to come and park your car along main street, WATCH the procession from your car and pray aloud with us. Please remain in your cars and do not walk in the procession.

The procession in Omro will begin at church at 11:00am  
and  
the procession in Winneconne will begin at church at 3:00pm.

## HOLY SATURDAY – April 11, 2020

**AT HOME:** Go to the place that you made your “*Holy Week Sanctuary*” and put a bowl of water and a large candle.

*Holy Saturday is the night of all nights. This is the night we remember who we are as Catholic Christians. This is the night we celebrate the victory of life over death. Jesus has died and is now risen.*

Light the candle and sing an “*alleluia*” you remember from Mass or play this one on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nn9IKRrn0IY>

Then say together:

May our Alleluias resound not only in these walls, but touch the lives of all we meet and forever be the truth of which we speak. Alleluia!  
Jesus is risen! He is risen indeed!

Take the bowl of water and as everyone extends their hands over the water pray this:  
Holy God. Holy Mighty One. Holy Eternal One.

We rejoice at your rising from the dead but we long for the day when we can once again, bless ourselves with Holy Water and partake in the gift of Your Eucharist.

Bring a blessing down upon our simple bowl of water that in using it we may have hope for that day when your Church can again be united together. We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Then each person present dips their hand in the water and makes the sign of the cross.

**At 8:15pm** watch the St. Raphael Holy Saturday service that will be livestreamed on their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/straphaelcatholicchurch/>

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**AT CHURCH:** This is a quiet day at our church. Normally we would be getting ready to celebrate the most important night of our Church year. But this year is different. Both churches will be open from 8:00am-5:00pm if you want to come and pray.

## EASTER SUNDAY- April 12, 2020

**AT HOME:** Share Easter Dinner today. Pray the enclosed dinner prayer together.

**At 9:00am** watch the St. Raphael Easter Sunday Mass that will be livestreamed on their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/straphaelcatholicchurch/>

You can also watch it later on YouTube at "St. Raphael the Archangel Catholic Church".

**AT CHURCH:** We will be handing out special “*Easter Bags*” in a “drive thru” style on Easter Sunday afternoon, April 12. So be sure to come and “drive thru”

**the front entrance of St. Mary’s, Winneconne from 1:30-3:00pm  
or the parking lot entrance at St. Mary’s, Omro, from 3:30-5:00pm.**

HAPPY EASTER EVERYONE!

*Sr. Pam*