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33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 19, 2023



Last Sunday we celebrated the **Rite of Acceptance**, for those previously known as inquirers who are now catechumens seeking the sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, 1st Communion.) They have been officially welcomed by the Church as disciples, members, yet not full members, of the household of faith. They have been marked with the cross of Christ as God's own.

For those baptized in other Christian traditions, we celebrated **the Rite of Welcome**. For them the signing of the Cross signifies their commitment to deepen their relationship with Christ. These candidates are seeking full communion in the Catholic Church and will complete the sacraments of initiation (Confirmation, 1st Communion.)

Please keep these catechumens and candidates in your prayers as they continue this journey of faith. Catechumens and Candidate are on the left of their sponsors.



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Catechumen

Waylon Swinford
Catechumen

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Candidate



Cassidy Behm
Catechumen



Jim Day
Candidate

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PASTORAL PONDERINGS

The season of Advent is rising on the horizon. As a Parish Community we will be encouraged to spend the year as people who *RECEIVE*, *RENEW* and *REJOICE*. The premise, while very simple, is challenging to live out. Each time we *RECEIVE* Jesus into our lives, every part of our mind, body, and soul can be & *is* renewed. In that we *REJOICE* as we strive to live more deeply as People of the Gospel.

As we begin this Advent journey we will be looking to Mary as a model of how we should be living Advent. Mary *RECEIVED* the invitation from God to be the Christ bearer. In her “yes” she was *RENEWED* by God, in every way necessary, as she *REJOICED* in the role, she was being called to fulfill in Salvation History.

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI said, “To celebrate Advent means: to become Marian, to enter that communion with Mary’s ‘Yes,’ which, ever new, is room for God’s birth, for the ‘fullness of time.’” This Advent each of us can seek out and honor the responsibility we have as a Christ bearer.

Within our Parish church you will experience three things unique to this year and our union with the Advent Mary.

You will see the Advent Wreath covered in fruit. This style is called Della Robia and is credited to Luca Della Robia, a 15th century Italian sculptor, who encircled sculptures of Mary and Jesus with Fruit. The symbolism is twofold. First, it is within the deep center of the fruit that the seeds of potential life for the next generation are held. Inside each of us, in our deepest center of soul, lies the mystery of Jesus Christ, whom we are called to make known to all people. Secondly, the fruit reminds us of the nine Fruits of the Spirit that are to be part of our daily living. “The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.” (Galatians 5:22)



Each Sunday of Advent we will begin Mass by singing the hymn “Mary the Dawn.” While Jesus was the one who accomplished salvation, Mary played an important supportive role, in bringing the Messiah into the world. The song “Mary the Dawn,” written by Fr. Justin Mulcahy, C.P. in the mid-20th century, is a beautiful expression of the relationship between Mary and Jesus. Many images are taken right from the Old Testament. For example, the song says, “Mary the dawn, Christ the perfect day.” This is classic Marian theology; Mary became the means for Christ to enter the world in perfection and completeness.

For the past several seasons of Advent and Lent we have had a Rosary Tree available for people. You have been encouraged to take a rosary and during the week pray for the specific intention or person that was attached to it. With our focus being on Mary, in particular the pregnant Mary of Advent, the intentions on our rosaries will be for women who are pregnant or for men and women who are awaiting a child through adoption. Your rosary may have the name of a woman or family from our community that has requested our prayers, or you may have an intention for women outside of the community who are pregnant, in a difficult health situation related to pregnancy, those dealing with a pregnancy resulting from violence etc.

This year the Season of Advent is short. The 4th week of Advent will only last from our 4 PM Mass on Saturday until our Christmas Eve Mass the next afternoon. People are going to be moving at a more frantic pace to get all the things done that they feel are needed to have an enjoyable Christmas season. Please make some time each week to come to Mass, so that you too can have the opportunity to quietly contemplate, as Mary did, the wondrous work that God is doing in your life. Come Lord Jesus, be born in us anew.

Lyn Zahorik

Director for Spiritual Engagement

PARISH HAPPENINGS

The Star of Bethlehem

You are invited to join us for an evening of awe and wonder.

The **STAR OF BETHLEHEM** FASCINATES. For millennia, believers, scoffers and the curious have wondered at the Biblical account of the Star. The Bible recounts unusual, or even impossible astronomical events at Christ's birth. For many believers, it's a mystery accepted on faith. But what happens if we combine current historical study, astronomical fact and an open mind?

Judge for yourself.....

DECEMBER 9TH from 5:00-6:30PM

Join us for Mass at 4:00pm at St. Mary Winneconne

Followed by supper and The STAR in Kaudy Hall.

The Star of Bethlehem is a comprehensive investigation of the story found in the Biblical Gospel of Matthew about the star that guided the Magi to the Christ child, combining the words of Roman and Jewish historians, the visions of ancient prophets, and a modern study of celestial objects.

Presented in a video format.



During the past seasons of Advent and Lent we've had a rosary tree available in church. People are encouraged to take a rosary and during the following week to pray for the specific intention that has been attached to the rosary.



This Advent we are going to focus on Mary as the life bearer of Jesus. We would like our Rosary Tree to reflect that theme by carrying the intentions of those who are expecting a child in their life through physical pregnancy or the adoption process. If you will be "pregnant" during Advent and would like to be prayed for, in a very intentional way, please let Lyn know at lyn.zahorik@stmarychurches.org by November 29th.

Your request can have your first and last name(s), or just a first name. Your name will be attached to one of the rosaries on the tree. Thank you for allowing us to cover you in prayer as you prepare for a child to come into your life.

Thank you to all the Veterans who participated in the Veterans Day Special Blessing!



WINNECONNE NEWS

Calendar

St. Mary, Winneconne

Mon. Nov. 20 7:30am LOW* w/Communion
 Wed. Nov. 22 7:30am LOW* w/Communion
 NO FF Classes
 Thurs. Nov. 23 Happy Thanksgiving-Offices Closed

Sat. Nov. 25 3:30pm Confession
 4:00pm Mass
 Sun. Nov. 26 10:30am Mass

Christ the King
 ***LOW: Liturgy of the Word**

Faith Formation News

Happy Thanksgiving

Elementary Classes

Next Class December 6th

You are invited to join us for Mass on

**December 6,
 3:45-4:30pm.**

All are invited. St. Mary young Catholics will help lead parts of the Mass.



See you at Mass!

We will have a special guest. Hint... it is his feast day

Middle School Class

Next Class December 6th

Service Opportunities for Middle School and High School

Faith in Action activities coming up in December. Check out this link to get involved.

These opportunities provide experiential learning for your child and are fun and make you feel good!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0F4FADA92EA2FB6-45931020-faith>

These events are on December 8th (no school) and December 9th. Please consider helping out!

It will be a good time!



Calling All Singers!!!

St. Mary, Winneconne will be having a Choir at the 4:00pm Christmas Eve Mass.



Practice will be on:

Sunday, December 3 & 10 at 11:45am

Saturday, December 16 & 23 at 5:15pm

Once again this year we are partnering with the Christmas Police Crusades for our Christmas Giving Tree. It is up in the main entrance. We ask you take a tag, purchase the item and bring it back wrapped and with the tag attached. Gifts will need to be brought to the parish office by Monday Dec. 4. Let's give those less fortunate a Merry Christmas.

Winneconne

During the 10:30am Mass

December 3 & 17



Used athletic equipment for Honduras. Can you help?

Cleat etc.



Collection



Consider donating for efforts happening in Honduras. Boys & girls in Honduras love to play soccer and baseball. They often do not have shoes or athletic equipment.

Help us to bring fun and games to the children of Honduras.

They would LOVE to use your old equipment. Collection box in the lower level of the church now through Dec. 1.

STEWARDSHIP OF SHARING

Winneconne

Given Week ending 11/12/2023 = \$6,352

WEEKLY GOAL: \$6,550

OMRO NEWS

Calendar St. Mary, Omro

Wed. Nov. 22 No Classes
4:30pm Confession
Thurs. Nov. 23 Happy Thanksgiving-Offices Closed
Sun. Nov. 26 8:30am Mass
Christ the King



Wednesday, November 22 & 29
No Faith Formation classes



STEWARDSHIP OF SHARING-Omro

Given Week ending 11/12/2023 = \$3,168
WEEKLY GOAL: \$3,941

Adult Faith Formation-Chosen- Group in Omro



"St. Mary, Omro!! has reached our goal for the Bishop's Appeal this year. **Thank you** to all of you who donated to help make this happen!"



Grades 9-11

will be

Caroling on Wednesday, Dec. 6th at 6:30 as part of the Corporal Works of Mercy. Join us as we spread some holiday cheer to Omro residents. Sign up boards are in Marian Hall.

Mark your calendar!



WINNECONNE NEWS CONTINUED.....

Packer Tailgate Party that was held in Kaudy Hall last weekend was a great success.

Young & Old had a great time !!

COMMUNITY NEWS



The Corporal Works of Mercy

Readings for the Week of November 20

Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15,41-43,54-57,62-63/
Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31/Lk 19:1-10
The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1,20-31/Lk 19:11-28
St. Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr

Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29/Lk 19:41-44
Thanksgiving Day

Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37,52-59/Lk 19:45-48
St. Andrew Dũng-Lac, Priest,
& Companions, Martyrs

Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13/Lk 20:27-40

Sunday: Ez 34:11-12,15-17/
1 Cor 15:20-26,28/Mt 25:31-46

**Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe**



The Green Bay Diocese will be putting out a new magazine 6 times a year in place of the weekly Compass.

The magazine is called "On Mission." The first edition has been mailed to all parishioners' home. Starting in January they will also have a weekly newsletter you may sign up to receive. Go to onmissionmedia.com to sign up.

Community Thanksgiving Meals



Have no one to celebrate Thanksgiving with this year? Don't sit home by yourself. Join others for Thanksgiving Dinner at:

Fr. Carr's Place 2B,

1062 Koeller St, Oshkosh

Deliveries from 10:30am-Noon.

Dine-in from Noon-1:30pm

Register for delivery at 920-231-2378
by Nov. 22.

**No need to register if dining in.
Just come on in for food and fellowship!**

The staff at St. Mary, Omro & Winneconne would like to wish you and your family a VERY BLESSED Thanksgiving! Offices will be Closed for Thanksgiving & reopen Monday, Nov 27.

Big shout out of Thanks for all who participated in the November Corporal Works of Mercy. It was and is a HUGE success!

We have begun our sign up for December now.

You may use the link below to sign up OR use the boards in church. No need to sign up in both places.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E45A4AC2BABFEC70-44874907-corporal>

Some of the opportunities are: donate food, make a casserole, help make cards, decorate cookies, play games, read books, decorate the pantry, help at Fr. Carr's, visit nursing homes, etc.....

There are so many opportunities for you to help make this a special holiday for someone.

Special Shout Out to all the Ladies who attended Ladies Night Out at Kaudy Hall.

They had the largest group of ladies join in on fellowship, crafts, carols & refreshments.

Special thank you to Lori Walker, Gail Breu, & Sandy Guerard for sharing their craft idea & skills.



**Deadline for the Bulletin
NOON on Tuesday**

E-mail bulletin announcements to:

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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY:
4:00pm (SMW)

November 25
Raymond Haiduk

SUNDAY:
8:30am (SMO)
10:30am (SMW)

November 26
Alex Albright
Jack Quigley



Stewardship of Serving-Liturgical Ministry Schedule

Saturday & Sunday November 25 & 26

SMO—St. Mary, Omro

SMW—St. Mary, Winneconne

Altar Servers

4:00pm (SMW) Stella Verich, **Volunteer**
8:30am (SMO) Caleb Wanezek Ella Wanezek
10:30am (SMW) Anna Lynch, **Volunteer**

Lectors:

4:00pm (SMW) Judy Reetz
8:30am (SMO) Sue Martin
10:30am (SMW) Eric Bauer

Ushers:

4:00pm (SMW) Kaye Rogers, **3 Volunteers**
8:30am (SMO) Eric & Josie Wrage
10:30am (SMW) Peg Benjamin, Jeff Jandrin
Pauline & Paul Jandrin

Sacristans:

4:00pm (SMW) Tracey Losse
8:30am (SMO) Margaret Potratz
10:30am (SMW) Lisa Lynch

Communion Ministers:

4:00pm (SMW) Judy Reetz, Tracey Losse
10:30am (SMW) Molly Johnson, Lisa Lynch

Greeters:

4:00pm (SMW) Jack, Francesca, Alex, Vivi Verich
8:30am (SMO) Lawanda & Ron Jungwirth
10:30am (SMW) Kristin Kasuboski,
JoAnn Winnekens, **2 Volunteers**

Musicians:

4:00pm (SMW) Ted Kreuzer, Paul Kamikawa
8:30am (SMO) Kristin Day, Kim Berndt
10:30am (SMW) Ted Kreuzer, Paul Kamikawa

Intercessory Prayers:

8:30am (SMO) Margaret Potratz, **Volunteer**
10:30am (SMW) Tim & Sherrie Johnson,
JoAnn Winnekens

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