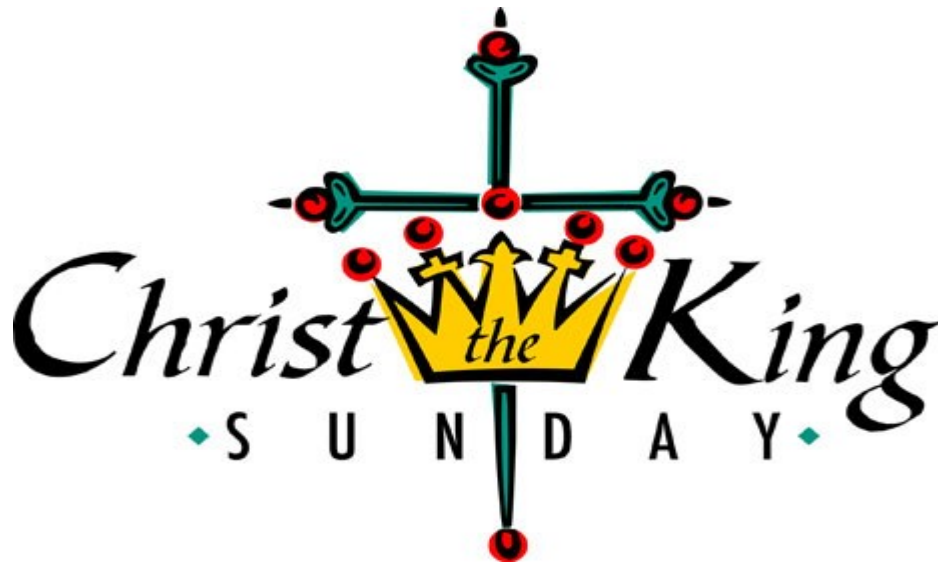


St. Mary Churches-Omro & Winneconne

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November 26, 2023



Advent Begins next weekend

Take a moment to look at the resources set out to help you prepare during this Advent season!

Christmas giving trees are up at both parishes, how will you help those in need this Christmas?

Corporal Works of Mercy **needs help** at the nursing homes, donating food, preparing meals.

Great opportunity to help prepare during Advent

Our Parishes Feast Day

This year we will have a **VIGIL Mass** in Omro on

Thursday, Dec. 7

6:00pm Mass St. Mary, Omro
&

Friday, Dec. 8

7:30am Mass St. Mary, Winneconne

Immaculate Conception



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Fr. Tom Long

Fr. Quinn Mann

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PASTORAL PONDERINGS

Advent is a time of waiting, preparation, and hope. We await Jesus' coming as a baby on Christmas Day, as well as the end of time. We look back in time 2,000 years ago to see that Jesus was born into a family of simple means and yet was the Son of God. We celebrate and recognize Jesus' coming at a moment of history and use Advent to remind us that God (Emanuel) is always with us. Our Advent journey is rooted in preparation and hope for the coming of Jesus.

As we journey this year during Advent one of the ways to prepare and fill our days with hope is to use the Advent wreath. The Advent wreath is a long-standing tradition and its symbolism is beautiful. The wreath is made of various evergreens signifying continuous everlasting life. The laurels signify victory over persecution and suffering; the pine holly and yew immortality; and cedar: strength and healing. The prickly leaves remind us of the crown of thorns and the red berries, the blood of our Savior. The circle of the wreath which has no beginning or end symbolizes the eternity of God, the immortality of our Soul, and the new everlasting life offered by Christ.

The four candles represent the four weeks of Advent. During the first week of Advent we light a purple candle as we look forward to Jesus' coming with hope. The second week we light another purple candle which is the candle of peace. During the second week we reflect on our lives and how we can become a better version of ourselves in preparation of Jesus' coming. The third week we light the pink candle which is the candle of joy. This candle symbolizes our increased anticipation and rejoicing. During the third week we are filled with joy for the upcoming arrival of Jesus on Christmas Day. The fourth week of Advent we light the remaining purple candle which is the candle of love. During this final week we rejoice in the endless love that God has for us which is apparent in the birth of his son.

Advent starts the first weekend in December. Might you consider this Advent season to invest in an Advent wreath which serves as a powerful reminder of the holiness of the season? The light of the candles invites us to quiet ourselves during this busy time and reflect on the true meaning of Christmas. Whether at home or at church it provides an invitation to wait and pray in hopeful anticipation of the coming of Jesus.

Have a blessed Advent!

Deacon Paul Vidmar



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.

CAM CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

BOOKS FOR CHILDREN



St. Mary, Winneconne, Christian Action Ministry, CAM is collecting children's books to be delivered to children in need in our community and beyond. We believe every child should have their own book(s) and want to help make that idea a

reality so we are collecting new books for children from ages newborn through teen. Please place your **NEW** books in the boxes located at the church entrances the **weekends of 12/3 and 12/10**. Help make Christmas brighter for our children by giving the gift of reading to them this year! Books open the world for everyone and help dreams become reality!



Liturgical
St. Mary Omro
and Winneconne
Greeter Training
Ministers

ALL GREETERS
(Omro & Winneconne)
Mark Your Calendars
for **Greeter Training**

Wednesday
January 17, 2024
5:30pm
St. Mary Church
Winneconne



Christmas Environment/ Decorations Donation



Name _____

In Memory Of:

Amount \$ _____

St. Mary Winneconne or Omro

WINNECONNE NEWS

Calendar

St. Mary, Winneconne

Mon. Nov. 27 7:30am LOW* w/Communion
8:30am Enviro Changes

Wed. Nov. 29 7:30am LOW* w/Communion
NO FF Classes
CWOM Drop Off

Thurs. Nov. 30 2:00pm Rosary

Sat. Dec. 2 3:30pm Confession
4:00pm Mass w/Baptism

Sun. Dec. 3 9:30am Confirmation Class
10:30am Mass w/CLOW** &
Refreshments Sponsored by PMP
11:45am Baptism
11:45am Choir Practice LL

First Sunday of Advent

***LOW: Liturgy of the Word**

****CLOW: Children's Liturgy of the Word Speaker**

STEWARDSHIP OF SHARING-Winneconne

Given Week ending 11/19/2023 = \$5,778

WEEKLY GOAL: \$6,550

Calling All Singers!!!



St. Mary, Winneconne will be having a Choir at the



4:00pm Christmas Eve Mass.

Practices will be on:

Sunday, December 3 & 10 at 11:45am

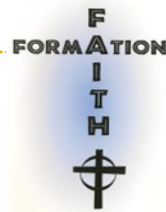
Saturday, December 16 & 23 at 5:15pm

Winneconne

During the 10:30am Mass
December 3 & 17



If you removed a tag off the Christmas Giving tree, we ask that you have your gift wrapped and with the tag attached. Return it to church or the office by Monday Dec. 4. If you did not receive a tag you may still help by purchasing a gift card from Walmart, Kohl's, Target, Kwik Trip etc... We will use it for the families on the tree. Let's give those less fortunate a Merry Christmas. Thank you!



Faith Formation News

Confirmation Class

Next Class December 3rd
9:30am-12:30pm

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

Join us for a decade of the rosary at 3:35pm.

Mother Mary, Pray for us!



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!



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.

OMRO NEWS

Calendar St. Mary, Omro

Mon. Nov. 27 6:00pm Parish Council
Tues. Nov. 28 Noon Latino Support Group
Wed. Nov. 29 No FF Classes
4:45pm Latino Bible Study
CWOM Drop Off
Thurs. Nov. 30 2:30pm CWOM
Sun. Dec. 3 8:30am Mass
10:00am Confirmation Class
First Sunday of Advent

STEWARDSHIP OF SHARING-Omro

Given Week ending 11/19/2023 = \$3,180

WEEKLY GOAL: \$3,941



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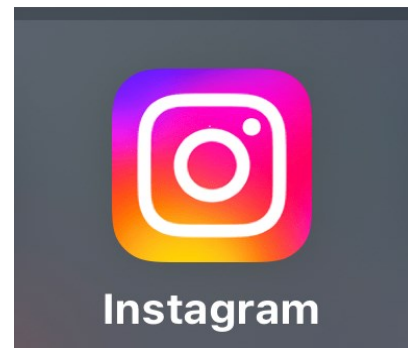


Wednesday, November 29
No Faith Formation classes

Grades 9-11
will be
Caroling on Wednesday,
Dec. 6th at 6:30pm
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.

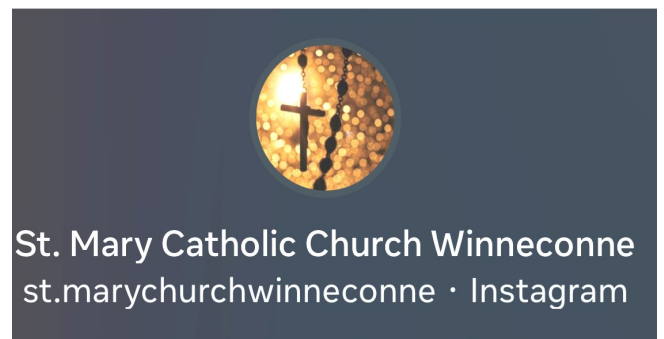


Check It Out!!!



Both Parishes have an
Instagram account!

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COMMUNITY NEWS



*The Corporal
Works of Mercy*

Readings for the Week of November 27

Monday: Dn 1:1-6,8-20/Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45/Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6,13-14,16-17,23-28/
Lk 21:12-19
Thursday: Rom 10:9-18/Mt 4:18-22
St. Andrew, Apostle
Friday: Dn 7:2-14/Lk 21:29-33
Saturday: Dn 7:15-27/Lk 21:34-36
Sunday: Is 63:16b-17,19b;64:2-7/
1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37

First Sunday of Advent



Nov. Corporal Works



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.

We really need **VOLUNTEERS** for the nursing home activities. Please go on the link or check the boards in church to see WHERE YOU CAN HELP!!



Winneconne Wish List

Carpet Cleaner Head	\$ 100
Mobile Utility Cart	\$ 100
Faith Formation Computer	\$1,000
Adult Faith Formation Computer	\$1,000

Reminder to join us for the 1st Friday of the Month

"I promise you, in the excessive of my Heart that my all powerful love will grant to all those who receive Holy Communion on the first Friday of nine consecutive months, the grace of final repentance; they shall not die in my disgrace nor without receiving the sacraments; my divine Heart shall be their safe refuge in that last moment."
Our Lord to St. Margaret Mary

How to complete the First Fridays Devotion:

1. Receive Holy Communion on each first Friday.
 2. The nine Fridays must be consecutive.
- They must be made in honor and in reparation to His Sacred Heart.

This Friday, Dec. 1, the first Friday Mass will be said at 7:15am at St. Raphael in Oshkosh.

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin

St. Mary, Omro Thursday, Dec. 7 at 6:00pm

Mass Intention: Dorothy Neuwirth

Altar Servers: 2 Volunteers

Lector: Kathy Hayes

Ushers: Mona Freund, MaryJo Hinderman

Greeters: Ron & Lawanda Jungwirth

Sacristan: Peggy Wilms

St. Mary, Winneconne Friday, Dec. 8 at 7:30am

Mass Intention: George Kuhn & Dick Ruedinger

Altar Servers: Volunteer

Lector: Phil Johnson

Ushers: Frank & Kaye Rogers

Communion Minister: Molly Johnson

Sacristan: Volunteer

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NOON on Tuesday**

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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY:
4:00pm (SMW)

December 2
Francis Crowley



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

December 3
Edward & Ann Mossak
Richard & Roseann Tews

Stewardship of Serving-Liturgical Ministry Schedule

Saturday & Sunday December 2 & 3

SMO—St. Mary, Omro
SMW—St. Mary, Winneconne

Altar Servers

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

Lectors:

4:00pm (SMW) Pat Samolinski
8:30am (SMO) Amy Karn
10:30am (SMW) Phil Johnson

Ushers:

4:00pm (SMW) Deb & Jack Woelfel,
Mike Miller, Kathy Hartzheim
8:30am (SMO) Sara Waters, **Volunteer**
10:30am (SMW) JoAnn Winnekens, Steve Kuenster
Addi & Emma Cegielski

Sacristans:

4:00pm (SMW) Mike & Tracey Losse
8:30am (SMO) Margaret Potratz
10:30am (SMW) Anne Baldwin

Communion Ministers:

4:00pm (SMW) Pat Samolinski, Tracey Losse
10:30am (SMW) Anne Baldwin, Molly Johnson

Greeters:

4:00pm (SMW) Blanche Fiegel, **Volunteer**
Kathy Meinen, Mary Materna
8:30am (SMO) Oliver & Charlie White
10:30am (SMW) Addi & Emma Cegielski
JoAnn Winnekens, **Volunteer**

Musicians:

4:00pm (SMW) Kristin Day/Paige Woelfel
8:30am (SMO) Ron Hayes/Rose Luebke
10:30am (SMW) Kristin Day/Mary Gallenberg

Intercessory Prayers:

8:30am (SMO) Chelsy Cegielski/**Volunteer**
10:30am (SMW) JoAnn Winnekens/Julie Servais

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