

St. Mary Churches-Omro & Winneconne

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31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 5, 2023



Our own "Deacon in the Dell" braved the cold and made many children and animals happy by passing out their favorite treats on Tuesday.



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PASTORAL PONDERINGS

Now that we are in the month that we celebrate Thanksgiving Day, some of us may find ourselves looking forward to gathering with loved ones for that wonderful meal with turkey and pumpkin pie. Perhaps traveling to and from homes of relatives or friends and watching football is a part of your Thanksgiving Day tradition.

For many of us, Thanksgiving Day is so full of activity that there is a tendency to forget what it is really all about. Thanksgiving is not just a day. It is about giving thanks to God, everyday, for the many gifts he has given to us. In our secular culture, the “reason for the season” is often forgotten. Yet, good stewards, those who understand that all we have is a gift from God, live lives of faith and recognize thanksgiving should be directed toward God.



From a spiritual standpoint, stewardship calls us to recognize the greatness of God. God, who created us with a Father’s love. God, who redeemed us with the sacrifice of the Son. God, who makes us holy by the sending of His Spirit. Everything we have is a gift from God to be shared with others and used to glorify Him; not to be selfishly held onto in fear of there not being enough. For he is a God of generosity and abundance.

Because the “busyness” of Thanksgiving Day can easily distract us from slowing down enough to rightly express our gratitude to God, perhaps this November we can consciously choose to let thanksgiving permeate our lives all month! Expressing gratitude and thanksgiving is at the heart of good stewardship and leads to service, prayer, and sharing. Let’s commit to dedicating a little time each day in November to giving thanks for our blessings and sharing them with our words and actions. Here are a few ways to implement this practice:

- Take a walk or hike and express your gratitude for the beauty of God’s creation—autumn colors and snow!
- Take a moment each day to say thank you, with specific reasons why you are thankful, not only to those you find it easy to love, but also to those who may be difficult to love.
- Drop someone a note via snail mail, give a phone call or send a video chat telling people you are thankful for them. It will not only brighten their day, but such an intentional act will also enrich your life.
- Before going to bed, write down 1-3 small or big things that you’re grateful for that day. Perhaps, taking a picture a day of one thing you are grateful for and placing a printed copy in a journal will magnify this practice?
- Sign up for a parish offered Corporal Works of Mercy and invite a friend.
- Set a day on your calendar to go to at least one Mass outside the regular weekend Masses. Going to Mass on Thanksgiving morning is a wonderful way to enhance Thanksgiving Day by glorifying God with a community of faith.

As good stewards of God’s gifts, let’s choose to transform the month of November into a MONTH of Thanksgiving! I trust this effort will lead to a Thanksgiving Day that is better than you could have imagined. Establishing or recommitting to this discipline of thanksgiving will not only lead to a greater overall happiness within, but to a closer relationship with others; and most importantly with God - Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Gratefully,

Rose Unser—Pastoral Associate

LOCAL HAPPENINGS

Sometimes the support we need most comes from someone walking the same path.

Widows/Widowers

**You are invited:
Come to Share-Eat-Laugh-Pray!
Thursday, November 16, 2023
(3rd Thursday—odd months)
11:00am
Kaudy Hall, Winneconne
Potluck: Bring dish to share.
Celebrate our loved ones!
Feel free to BRING A FRIEND.**

RSVP: Kathy 920-582-7147



Winneconne

November 5 & 19

Children's Liturgy
at the 10:30am Mass

St. Mary's Catholic Church Ladies Night Out Group



**Christmas Crafts!
Join the fun!**



When: Monday, November 13, 2023 at 6:30pm

What: Make several Christmas crafts, sing carols and socialize

Where: Kaudy Hall

Cost: \$10.00 fee for supplies, food and drinks

Come join us for a night of making several cute Christmas crafts, fellowship and fun.

If you want to share your favorite Christmas cookies, bring 1 dozen cookies to share along with the recipe.



To register, use the QR Code or Sign up Genius link or email Tanya at jonya830@gmail.com.



[St Mary's Ladies Night Out: ** Ladies Night Out ** November 13, 2023 \(signupgenius.com\)](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050545ADAA2AA7F58-44819901-bring)

A Weekend Honoring Our Veterans

November 11, 3:50pm, St. Mary, Winneconne

3:50pm Procession of Veterans and Presentation of the colors. All veterans are invited to assemble in the gathering area of church prior to 3:50pm.

November 12, 11:30am, Kaudy Hall, Winneconne

Packer Tailgate Party. We will have food, raffles and cheer on the Packers. There is a special "half-time" honoring all the Veterans present.



Bring a Friend to Mass and Packer Party



When: Sunday, November 12, 2023

Where: St Mary Winneconne

What: Celebrate 10:30am Mass, which is the best thing we can do before all Packer games. Then head to Kaudy Hall for a tailgate get together.

Enjoy the Green Bay Packer game against the Pittsburgh Steelers on the big screen TV.

Area for children with crafts and games with babysitting available.

*\$5.00 for Tailgate Style Meal
Children under 5 free*

*Veterans – free meal and 5 free raffle tickets
Veteran appreciation ceremony at half time*

**50/50 raffle, Packer merchandise raffle
Free Friend raffle for chance to win
Green Bay Packer blanket!**

Sign up at:

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WINNECONNE NEWS

St. Mary, Winneconne Calendar

- Mon. Nov. 6 7:30am LOW* w/Communion
11:00am Goska Funeral
6:00pm The Chosen—KH
6:00pm CAM Meeting
- Tue. Nov. 7 1:30pm Bible Study-Kaudy Hall
6:00pm Bible Study-KH
- Wed. Nov. 8 7:30am LOW* w/Communion
3:10pm Faith Formation
6:30pm High School FF
6:30pm The Chosen LL
- Thurs. Nov. 9 2:00pm Rosary
6:30pm St. Thomas Cemetery Mtg
Corporal Works of Mercy
- Sat. Nov. 11 1:30pm 1st Reconciliation Retreat
3:30pm Confession
3:50pm Presentation of Colors
4:00pm Mass
- Sun. Nov. 12 10:30am Mass w/ Rite of Welcome
11:30am Packer Tailgate Party—
Kaudy Hall

Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

*LOW: Liturgy of the Word

Fr. Carr Non-Perishable Food Collection
Stewardship Sunday

This weekend is Fellowship Sunday, November 5. We will be serving baked goods and refreshments in the vestibule after 10:30am Mass.





Christian Action Ministry
(CAM)

Collection for Turkeys

CAM will have boxes at the entrances to collect money the weekends of November 4/5 & 11/12. The monies will go to purchase 50 turkeys for Winneconne Area Assistance Center. Thank you for helping make it a Happy Thanksgiving.



November 8

Elementary Classes

3:05-4:30pm

High School Class

6:30-8:00pm in Kaudy Hall

Middle School and High School Youth

Faith in Action November 5th

Following Mass we will gather in Kaudy Hall to work together to provide the Sunday evening meal for the men and women staying at Fr. Carr's Place 2B. If you would like to help support these efforts talk to Andy.

November 11

First Reconciliation Retreat for parents and students preparing for First Reconciliation; held in Winneconne 1:30-5:00pm.

STEWARDSHIP OF SHARING-Winneconne

Given Week ending 10/29/2023 = \$3,965

WEEKLY GOAL: \$6,550



*For the family
and friends of*

John Goska

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

Volunteers are still needed to help at many of the non-profit organizations in the area. →

The Corporal Works of Mercy has a variety of opportunities to choose from. →

OMRO NEWS

St. Mary, Omro Calendar

Mon. Nov. 6 Noon The Chosen
Wed. Nov. 8 4:30pm FF Grades 1-6
4:30pm Confession
4:45pm Latino Bible Study
6:30pm FF Grades 7-8
Thurs. Nov. 9 Corporal Works of Mercy

Sat. Nov. 11 1:30pm 1st Reconciliation Retreat -
Winneconne

Sun. Nov. 12 8:30am Mass w/Rite of Welcome
9:30am RCIA

Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Stewardship Sunday

STEWARDSHIP OF SHARING-Omro

Given Week ending 10/29/2023 = \$3,129

WEEKLY GOAL: \$3,941

Christian Action Ministry (CAM)

Monday Meeting, November 6 at 6pm

Meetings held in lower level of St. Mary, Winn

All Winneconne & Omro parishioners are invited to join the CAM group. We work on projects that are needed in and around our communities. Open to new ideas and having new volunteers. Check it out!!

November Corporal Works of Mercy

The November sign up boards are out in the gathering spaces. Make a difference in someone's life this holiday season by volunteering. Sign up in person or on line at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E45A4AC2BABFEC70-44688192-corporal> for November events

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



*Faith
Formation*

Sunday November 5th

Confirmation Class

10:00am-1:00pm

Wednesday November 8th

FF Grades 1-6 4:30pm

Latino Bible Study 4:45pm

FF Grades 7-8 6:30pm



Confession will be held at
St. Mary, Omro this
Wednesday, November 8 from
4:30-5:30pm with Fr. Bill.

St. Mary will be participating in the Omro Holiday Parade, Saturday, December 2.

The theme this year is "Candyland."

If you would like to be a part of the fun, let us know. We are in need of help with decorating, candy to give away and items to use on the float as decoration.



For questions and details, contact Heidi Seaman at 920-685-2258 or
Heidi.seaman@stmarychurches.org

COMMUNITY NEWS

Readings for the Week of November 6

Monday: Rom 11:29-36/Lk 14:12-14
Tuesday: Rom 12:5-16b/Lk 14:15-24
Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10/Lk 14:25-33
Thursday: Ez 47:1-2,8-9,12/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/
Jn 2:13-22
The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
Friday: Rom 15:14-21/Lk 16:1-8
St. Leo the Great, Pope & Dr. of the Church
Saturday: Rom 16:3-9,16,22-27/Lk 16:9-15
Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop
Sunday: Wis 6:12-16/1 Thes 4:13-18/Mt 25:1-13

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Stewardship Sunday



Barb Kimme Memorial
Traveling Rosary for Vocations:
St. Jude/Sacred Heart Church

519 Knapp St. Oshkosh

Wednesday Nov. 8

1:00-2:30pm

Speaker: Fr. Louis Golamari

Men and women young and old, are invited to help us pray for our Diocese and an increase in vocations. According to the Vocation Ministry Analysis from 2015-2021, the state of priestly vocations in our Green Bay Diocese meets 3 of the criteria to be considered as "unhealthy." To help raise an awareness and assist in rectifying this situation, the GB Diocesan Council of Catholic Women have decided that our best course of action is prayer to our Lord. We are sponsoring a 9-month novena for vocations. The agenda includes song, prayer, speaker, and reception. For more info Contact 920-323-3243 or visit www.gbdccw.org.

Sponsor of the Week

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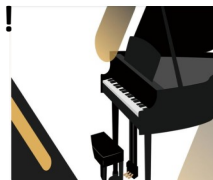
Piano Monster Concert 2023!!!

Saturday, November 11

University Oshkosh Campus

7:00 pm

Annemarie, our music coordinator, will be playing 2 songs at the concert!



Reporting Sexual Abuse

If you know of an incident of sexual abuse of a person who is **now under the age of 18** by a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer, **PLEASE IMMEDIATELY CALL THE CIVIL AUTHORITIES AND THEN THE DIOCESE.**

If the person was abused as a minor but is now an adult,
please contact:

Office of Safe Environment
Diocese of Green Bay
920-272-8174
or 1-877-270-8174 (toll free)

We always encourage you to report the incident to civil authorities.

**YOU MATTER TO US –
THERE IS HOPE!**



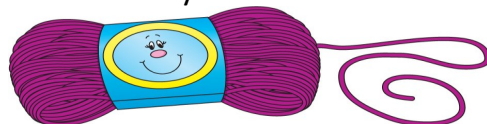
Are you or a family member going to the hospital, having a procedure done or are in the hospital now?

Call Deacon Paul, 920-379-8068 to set up a visit/
anointing of the Sick.

Hospital
Visitation

Call out for prayer shawls and baby blankets!!

We are running short for our commitments. As the weather cools off get the knitting needles and crochet hooks out. You can find patterns on the internet .Thank you!!



**Deadline for the Bulletin
NOON on Tuesday**

E-mail bulletin announcements to:

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Peggy Wilms: peggy.wilms@stmarychurches.org

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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY: November 11

4:00pm (SMW) Brian Voss

SUNDAY: November 12

8:30am (SMO) Members of John &
Elizabeth Schuster Family

10:30am (SMW) Roseann & Richard Tews

Saturday & Sunday Nov 11 & 12

SMO– St. Mary, Omro

SMW– St. Mary, Winneconne

**STEWARDSHIP OF SERVING-LITURGICAL
MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

Altar Servers:

4:00pm (SMW) **2 Volunteers**
8:30am (SMO) Macy & Weston Morse
10:30am (SMW) **2 Volunteers**

Lectors:

4:00pm (SMW) Andy Krueger
8:30am (SMO) Heidi Seaman
10:30am (SMW) Chris Brill

Ushers:

4:00pm (SMW) Kaye & Frank Rogers,
Deb & Jack Woelfel
8:30am (SMO) Jack Wellhoefer, Abbi Seaman
10:30am (SMW) **3 Volunteers**, Peg Benjamin

Communion Ministers:

4:00pm (SMW) Judy Reetz, Andy Krueger
10:30am (SMW) Chris Brill, Connie Kostichka

Greeters:

4:00pm (SMW) Kathy Hartzheim, Linda Dorsett,
2 Volunteers
8:30am (SMO) Blake Stachura, Sierra Potratz
10:30am (SMW) **4 Volunteers**

Sacristans:

4:00pm (SMW) Kristin Wright
8:30am (SMO) Jen Wellhoefer
10:30am (SMW) Connie Kostichka

Intercessory Prayer Ministers:

8:30am (SMO) **2 Volunteers**
10:30am (SMW) **2 Volunteers**

Musicians:

4:00pm (SMW) Joanne Loy, Paige Woelfel
8:30am (SMO) Ted Kreuzer
10:30am (SMW) Kristin Day, Julie Mueller
& Bonnie Plummer



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