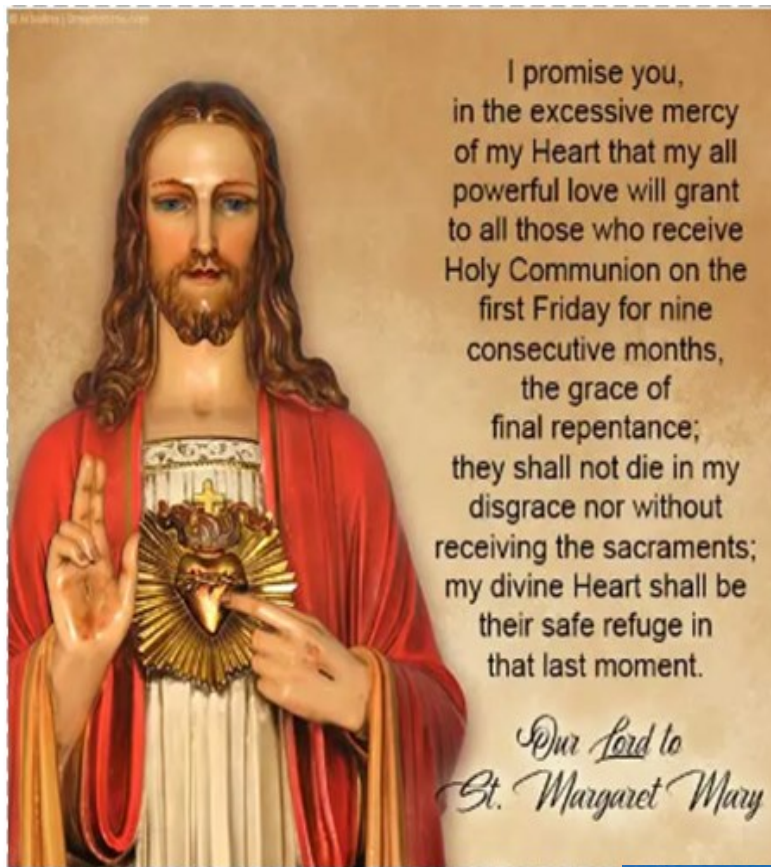


St. Mary Churches-Omro & Winneconne

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26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 1, 2023



I promise you,
in the excessive mercy
of my Heart that my all
powerful love will grant
to all those who receive
Holy Communion on the
first Friday for 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*

The Next First Friday Mass

Friday, October 6th at 7:15 am at

St. Raphael's in Oshkosh

Rosary afterwards if you wish.

[Click for more information:](#)

First Friday Requirements: To meet the requirements for the First Friday Devotion a person must, on each First Friday for nine consecutive months:

1. Attend Holy Mass
2. Receive Communion
3. Go to Confession

SAVE THE DATE

Fatima Rosary Rally & Potluck

Saturday, October 14 at 11:00am

At Kaudy Hall

We will walk around ONE BLOCK
praying the Rosary and then
return to finish at Kaudy Hall

Meal to follow

Bring your family and a dish
to pass



October is the month of the Rosary

Opportunities to Pray the Rosary:

Mondays at St. Mary Omro
at 6:00pm

Thursdays at St. Mary, Winneconne
at 2:00pm

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Priest Celebrants:
Fr. Tom Long
Fr. Quinn Mann

Sacraments/Membership
To arrange for baptisms, weddings or to join call

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PASTORAL PONDERINGS

The Lectionary in the Catholic Church is arranged in two cycles, one for Sundays and one for weekdays. The Sunday cycle is divided into three years, labeled A, B, and C. Each Liturgical Year begins on the First Sunday of Advent and ends on the Solemnity of Christ the King. We are currently in Year A which began on November 27, 2022 and continues through December 2, 2023. In Year A, we read mostly from the Gospel of Matthew.

With every passing year, we are not simply going round and round and repeating the same thing over and over. Instead, each year, we should be spiraling upward toward heaven in our spiritual lives.

As we have journeyed through September and are moving into October, we continue following the life of Christ through the Gospels and focus on the teachings and parables of Jesus and what it means for each of us to be a follower of Christ.

To follow is a summary of the Gospel readings for October 2023. To continue the spiral upward, consider blocking some time during the week to spend with Sunday's Gospel practicing Lectio Divina to see how God is calling you to follow Him more closely. Grab your Bible, a journal, find a quiet space, and enter into the life of Christ.



OCTOBER

- Matthew 21:28-32: He changed his mind and went. Tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of heaven before you.
- Matthew 21:33-43: He will lease his vineyard to other tenants.
- Matthew 22:1-14: Invite to the wedding feasts whoever you find.
- Matthew 22:15-21: Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God.
- Matthew 22:34-40: You shall love the Lord your God and your neighbor as yourself.

What is Lectio Divina? It is a traditional way of listening to the Word of God. St. Jerome says, "When we pray, we speak to God. When we read, God speaks to us." It's a way of listening to the word of God in Scripture in order to cultivate friendship with Christ through the conversation prompted by the Holy Spirit. The process includes the following:

Lectio (reading): which is an attentive, slow, *repetitious reading* of a short passage of scripture, paying attention to words, details, themes that speak to you.

Meditatio (meditation/reflection): is an effort to reflect upon and understand the passage and apply it to our own lives.

Oratio (prayer): is engaging, responding, or talking with God about the passage.

Contemplatio (contemplation): is allowing oneself to rest and be absorbed in the words of God as the Holy Spirit draws us into His presence through scripture.

If your mind wanders, avoid any frustration or self-condemnation and *gently* bring your attention back to our Lord and the text, breathing in and out in a purposeful and relaxed manner. Be sure to consider how you will put into practice what God shares with you! This journey to heaven is worth the effort of growing in relationship with our one God - Creator, Savior and Sanctifier!

Wishing you the peace of Christ - Rose Unser, Pastoral Associate

"We must continuously meditate on the Word of God (...); this meditation is a powerful help in our fight against sin."
St. Thomas Aquinas

"The liturgical year breaks us open to the divine. It gives us the energy to become the fullness of ourselves. It makes the next step possible. It calms us as we stumble from one to the other. It leads us beyond our present selves to the self that lies in wait for God. By taking us into the depth of what it means to be a human on the way to God . . . the liturgical year breaks us open to the divine." Benedictine Sister Joan Chittister

LOCAL HAPPENINGS

NEXT SATURDAY Bella Walk for Life!!!

Put a team together or support your favorite Deacon by filling out one of the pledge forms at the entrances of church.



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2023
CHECK IN: 8:30AM
WALK STARTS: 9:00AM

If you haven't had a chance to sponsor a program in Omro yet, there is still time. Check this list for opportunities to make a difference:

Omro Sponsorship	Goal	Received
Adult Faith Formation	\$1,000	\$1,000
Communion Hosts	\$350	
Faith Formation Supplies	\$600	
Printing of Weekly Bulletin	\$650	
Candles	\$700	
Keyboard	\$850	\$750
College Scholarship Program	\$2,400	
Music Supplies	\$900	
FF Meals and Programs	\$900	
Visiting Priests	\$1,400	
Textbooks for FF	\$1,800	
Annual Picnic Tent Upgrade	\$1,700	
Church Missalettes	\$2,000	
FF Teacher Appreciation	\$350	
Musicians & Music Program	\$6,000	
Homebound Care Ministry	\$350	\$350



Winneconne
October 1 and 15
Children's Liturgy
at the 10:30am Mass

Larsen-Winchester Lions Autumn 2023 Pancake Breakfast



Sunday, October 1 from 8am-1pm
Winchester Elementary School
Adults \$8, Age 4-12 \$6, Age 4 and under FREE

All proceeds go to local charities.
Don't forget to register for CASH PRIZE drawings too!

Join us on October 7 at 2:30 at Marble Park Lanes for **The Winneconne Open for a Cause**. This year's open is for Donnie Kachikis, a 2022 graduate of Winneconne High School. Donnie was born with spina bifida and hydrocephalus. He was diagnosed with B-Cell Lymphoma shortly after graduation last year. Even though he has been fighting one thing or another his entire life, he personifies what living with a positive attitude can do!



If you are interested in supporting Donnie and his family, please contact David Reetz at coari31@hotmail.com, 920-740-2213 or P.O. Box 21, Winneconne, WI 54986. Thank you!



Are you or a loved one homebound? Would you like a visitor from the parish? We know life changes. If you or a loved one is unable to get out of your home to go to church let us know. We will try to find a Homebound Minister to bring communion to you or the loved one. If you do not call, we will not know. Call 920-582-7712 for Winneconne Office or 920-685-2258 for Omro Office.

WINNECONNE NEWS

St. Mary, Winneconne Calendar

Mon.	Oct. 2	NO LOW*
Tue.	Oct. 3	1:30pm Bible Study-Kaudy Hall 6:30pm Bible Study
Wed.	Oct. 4	7:00am LOW* w/Communion 3:10pm Faith Formation 3:45pm Elem Mass w/ Rosary decade 4:30pm Confession 6:30pm Middle School FF-KH 6:30pm The Chosen
Thurs.	Oct. 5	2:00pm Rosary
Sat.	Oct. 7	3:30pm Confession 4:00pm Mass w/ McAdow Baptism
Sun.	Oct. 8	9:30am Recon Enrollment & Mtg 10:30am Mass

Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

*LOW: Liturgy of the Word
Fr. Carr's Non-Perishable Food Collection



Elementary Class

- October 4th 3:05-4:30
- One Decade Rosary at 3:35
- Mass at 3:45

Middle School Class

- October 4th at 6:30 in Kaudy Hall

First Reconciliation Parent Child

Meeting/Enrollment—October 8, 9:30-11:30am

Prayer for the Start of a New Year

O God, we long to know you and to love you, but the busyness of life often gets in the way. Help us to recognize the ordinary, daily ways that our family can learn about you and grow closer to you. We know that you are with us, leading us and guiding us on our way. Amen.



Update—We are short of our goal by \$8,696. Please prayerfully consider helping us to make up the difference with a donation of any amount.

The Bishop's Appeal provides many services to the churches in our diocese; from training and education, adoptions, counseling, inspiring speakers and resources.

Thank you for helping us to reach our goal!



Thanks to all who attended the Widow/Widower Group gathering where we enjoyed community, a game, a short video, and a presentation on dementia.



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



*For the family and friends of
Joyce Groff*

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

OMRO NEWS

St. Mary, Omro Calendar

Mon. Oct. 2 Noon - The Chosen—Season 3
6:00pm Rosary
Wed. Oct. 4 4:30pm FF Gr 1-6
4:45pm Latino Bible Study
6:30pm FF Gr. 7-10
Sun. Oct. 8 8:30am Mass
9:30am RCIA
10:00am Confirmation Class

Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

ESTO VIR OSHKOSH

Saturday, October 21, 2023

Speaker: Deacon Greg Grey, St. Raphael the Archangel Catholic Parish - Oshkosh

Topic: *A Faith Journey*

Father Carr's Place 2B – Mother Teresa Center
1062 N. Koeller St., Oshkosh

7:00 am – Registration
7:05 am to 7:40 am – Confessions ([Fr. David](#))
7:20 am - Holy Rosary
7:45 am - Holy Sacrifice of the Mass ([Fr. David](#))
8:15 am - Continental Breakfast/Fellowship
8:45 am - Presentation ([Dcn. Greg](#))
10:00 am - Wrap Up
Free Will Offering

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



Help us to run the kids' games for Oktoberfest on October 14 between 10am-4pm. It will be a blast! To be part of this fun celebration, you can call Jill Pernaski 920-685-6150, or the church office at 920-685-2258/stmaryomro@stmarychurches.org



*Faith
Formation*

Wednesday October 4th
Grades 1-6 class 4:30-5:45pm

KICKOFF

Wednesday, October 4th
6:30-8:00pm

Students in grades 7-11

Join us for an evening of food, faith,
and friends as we kick-off the Faith
Formation year!

***Dinner 6:30**

Music and smores by the campfire
(bring something to sit on)

To better plan for this event please
R.S.V.P. by September 25th.

heidi.seaman@stmarychurches.org

***Parents are welcome but need not
attend***

STEWARDSHIP OF SHARING-Omro

Given Week ending 9/24/2023 = \$2,938
WEEKLY GOAL: \$3,941



St. Mary, Omro is only **\$1,612 short** of it's goal for the Bishop's Appeal.
Please help us to reach our goal by donating any amount that you are able. Envelopes will be on the tables at the entrances of church. Thank you!

COMMUNITY NEWS

Readings for the Week of October 2

Monday: Zed 8:1-8/Mt 18:1-5,10
The Holy Guardian Angels
Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23/Lk 9:51-56
Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8/Lk 9:57-62
St. Francis of Assisi
Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a,5-6,7b-12/Lk 10:1-12
Friday: Bar 1:15-22/Lk 10:13-16
Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Lk 10:17-24
Our Lady of the Rosary
Sunday: Is 5:1-7/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43

Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Prayer for our Confirmation Candidates



Holy Spirit, strengthen _____
with your gifts of Wisdom,
Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude,

Knowledge, Piety, and Fear of the Lord, and serve as a disciple of Christ. Grant that they may grow into the fullness of the stature of Christ. Fill them with the joy of your presence. Increase in them the fruit of your Spirit. Help them to experience and trust your dwelling within, so that they can count on your guidance today and every day. Show us the way to help one another become better disciples of Jesus Christ, sharing your love with our world and with each person we meet. **Come, Holy Spirit! Come!**

<i>Bree</i>	<i>Garrett</i>	<i>Brady</i>
<i>Michael</i>	<i>Lucy</i>	<i>Eden</i>
<i>Addison</i>	<i>Logan</i>	<i>Carly</i>
<i>Reid</i>	<i>Cohen</i>	<i>Yarely</i>
<i>Macy</i>	<i>Mairin</i>	<i>Logan</i>
<i>Alex</i>	<i>Alex</i>	<i>Jack</i>
<i>Kolby</i>	<i>Adrianna</i>	<i>Charlie</i>
<i>Rylee</i>	<i>Sophie</i>	

Thank you for praying for our Confirmation Candidates who will celebrate Confirmation with Bishop Ricken on Tuesday, October 17, at 6:30pm. We hope you will join us for this special Mass.

Sponsor of the Week



**Shawn
Zagrodnik
920-850-2919**

Please patronize our sponsors as a thank you for their generosity and let them know you saw their ad.

Pilgrimage to Holy Hill

**Departing: St. Mary Church,
210 Pleasant Dr.
Winneconne**

Date: Friday, October 13

Time: 8:15 am—4:30 pm

Cost: \$50 includes Bus/lunch/
all activities of the day

Register by October 5 by calling St. Mary Parish office: 582-7712 or use the link:

<https://forms.gle/vR14M1Ukz19biVJU6>

Sign up soon as space is limited!

Come and enjoy the fall colors!



Barb Kimme Memorial Traveling Rosary for

Vocations: Men and women young and old, are invited to attend the Green Bay Diocesan Council of Catholic Women sponsored prayer service to raise an awareness of our Diocesan Priestly Vocation shortage. Our best course of action is prayer to our Lord. Every 2nd Wednesday of the month from March – November we will gather for prayer and inspiration at nine different churches throughout the diocese. The agenda includes Intro, rosary for vocations, speaker, and reception. Our next event is: [Wed, October 11th at St. Katharine Drexel Parish, NOTE ADDRESS & TIME CHANGE: 119 W. 7th Street Kaukauna 54130: 3:30 – 5:00 PM.](#)

We will be praying with the Religious Education classes 1 – 8. Newly ordained Fr. Pribbenow will be our speaker.

Deadline for the Bulletin

NOON on Tuesday

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Peggy Wilms: peggy.wilms@stmarychurches.org

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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY:	October 7
4:00pm (SMW)	Carol Brennand
SUNDAY:	October 8
8:30am (SMO)	Don Natrop
10:30am (SMW)	Don Natrop

Saturday & Sunday October 7 & 8

SMO– St. Mary, Omro

SMW– St. Mary, Winneconne

**STEWARDSHIP OF SERVING-LITURGICAL
MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

Greeters:

4:00pm (SMW) Jennifer Flora, Vivi Verich,
Linda Dorsett, Joanne Perry
8:30am (SMO) Ron & Lawanda Jungwirth
10:30am (SMW) Jennifer & Sophie Vetter,
2 Volunteers

Sacristans:

4:00pm (SMW) Monica Lapin
8:30am (SMO) Margaret Potratz
10:30am (SMW) Anne Baldwin

Intercessory Prayer Ministers:

4:00pm (SMW) Patty Volp, **Volunteer**
8:30am (SMO) **2 Volunteers**

Musicians:

4:00pm (SMW) Mike Graves, Julie N, Bonnie P
8:30am (SMO) Kristin Day, Rose Luebke
10:30am (SMW) Krisitn Day, Mary Gallenberg



Altar Servers:

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

Lectors:

4:00pm (SMW) Jill Verich
8:30am (SMO) Sue Martin
10:30am (SMW) Phil Johnson

Ushers:

4:00pm (SMW) Ken Geurts, Kathy Hartzheim,
Mary Berger, Lester Brennand
8:30am (SMO) Mary Jo Hinderman, Eric Wrage
10:30am (SMW) Paul, Pauline & Jeff Jandrin,
Donna Krueger

Communion Ministers:

4:00pm (SMW) Jennifer Flora, Monica Lapin
10:30am (SMW) Molly Johnson, Anne Baldwin

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