

St. Mary Churches-Omro & Winneconne

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24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 17, 2023

When asked "How often shall I forgive?"

JESUS SAID...

I do not say to you, up to seven times,
but up to seventy times seven.

Matthew 18.21-22

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PASTORAL PONDERINGS

Recently on Public Radio, I was listening to a review of the book The Ocean at the End of the Lane. It appears to be a “harrowing tale of mystery and survival.” Most likely I will not read the book, because I don’t do “harrowing” but, in the interview, the author read a few pages that caught my attention.

He spoke of the “original” language. The old language, a language that in its very nature had the power to heal, restore and unify. When asked to explain this further the author said, “Well in the beginning was the word and the word was God.” This is one of my favorite scripture passages. I have read it hundreds of times but I had never contemplated that at the very beginning of creation it was God language that made all that came into being, whole and perfect.

On the day of our Baptism, we are given the blessing of speaking God language. In the more ancient rite of Baptism a grain of salt was actually put on the child’s tongue, “that their mouth may be opened.”

When I wondered, did I first slip into the language of this world, so much so, that learning to speak God language is now a struggle? Did it begin the first time I heard unsavory language slip from the lips of an adult and repeated it and adults laughed and said “how cute,” rather than correcting me? Was it the first time another child called me fat or stupid? Did I hear it on the television or in a movie?

More importantly, when did I begin to use language of this world as my language? When did I begin to gossip? When did I learn to speak disparagingly about another person or situation?

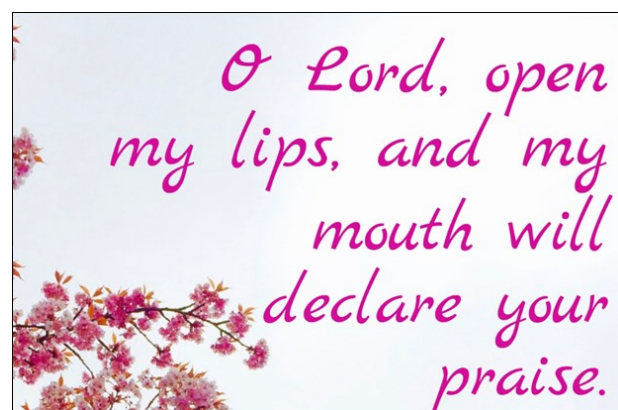
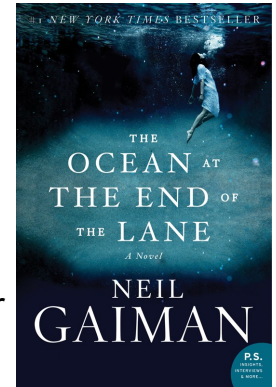
And as a whole, when did we as a human people come to allow words that are ugly and vile to become accepted parts of everyday language?! Words we use to describe another person’s skin, mental ability or body, cringe in shame before God Language. For those of you who follow Facebook or other electronic communication you know that someone could make a post about something as simple as “I don’t like green M&M’s” and in no time, peoples’ comments become politically abrasive, mean and arrogant. For all the good we can gain using electronic media, the destructive side is that we can hide our vileness under a cloak of anonymity, or so we have come to believe. We can never act anonymously before Jesus, for he has said “Wherefore whatsoever ye have said in the darkness shall be heard in the Light, i.e. before Jesus. (Luke 12:3)

Perhaps at the beginning of each day we need to figuratively place a grain of salt upon our tongue, reminiscent of the Baptismal salt and pray... “Lord open my mouth and my lips, that I may speak your praise.”

Blessings,

Lyn Zahorik

Director of Spiritual Engagement



LOCAL HAPPENINGS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2023

National Shrine of Our Lady of Champion - 4047 Chapel Dr., New Franken, WI

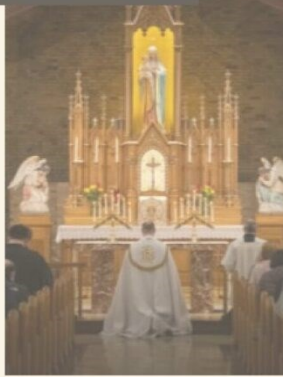
FALL RETREAT WITH OUR LADY OF CHAMPION

Please join us - Everyone is welcome - \$25

CHRIST IS PASSING BY

Retreat Master: Fr. Joseph Aytona

- 8:30 am - Arrival and register. Please go to Mother of Mercy Hall. Coffee & donuts will be provided.
- 9:00 am - 1st Reflection "Sanctifying the Ordinary" (Mother of Mercy Hall)
- 10:00 am - Confessions available; free time for prayer and exploring the grounds.
- 11:00 am - Holy Mass (Mother of Mercy Hall)
- 12 noon - Lunch provided; reserve your lunch preference during online registration (Mother of Mercy Hall)
- 2:00 pm - 2nd Reflection "Mary: The Eyes of Mercy" (Mother of Mercy Hall)
- 3:00 pm - Free time for prayer, Adoration, Grotto, gift shop, outdoor Stations of the Cross, and exploring the grounds.



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- Depart or stay as late as you would like.

Register by September 15 online at: sgmgnew.com

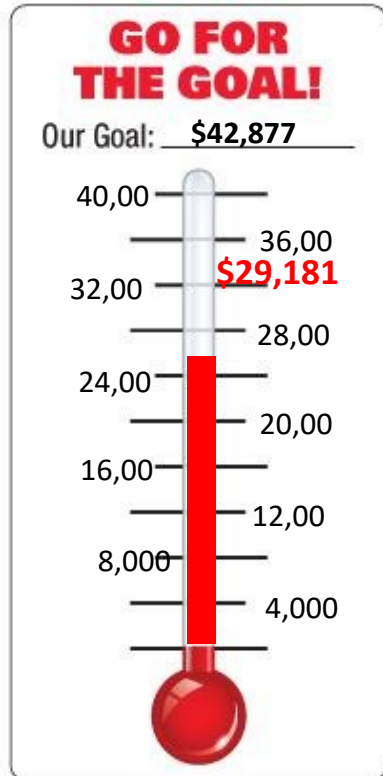
STEWARDSHIP OF SHARING- Winneconne

Given Week ending 9/10/2023 = \$4,560

WEEKLY GOAL: \$6,550



St Mary
Winneconne
Bishop's Appeal



Thank you to those who have donated to the Bishop's Appeal. We are at **68%**.



Winneconne

September 17, Oct 1 and 15

Children's Liturgy
at the 8:30am Mass



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Please consider making a financial donation for the upcoming BABY SHOWER for Ahmad and Bodour, one of our families from Syria, who are expecting their first baby. Your donations will go towards the following:

- **Baby bath**
- **Pillow for breast feeding**
- **Burp clothes**
- **Crib/mattress/sheets**
- **Receiving Blankets**
- **Baby cups**
- **Baby clothes 6-12months**
- **We have obtained other items from Jake's Hope in Menasha and donations from the Good Neighbor Team.**



Please place your donation in an envelope and place it the collection basket at Mass or drop off at one of the church offices.

Thank you for your continued support!

Your Good Neighbor Team

REMINDER: Mass Times change in 2 weeks

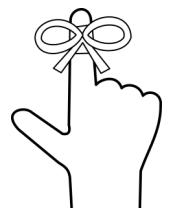
Beginning Saturday, September 30, 4:00pm Mass will be at St. Mary, Winneconne.

There will be no 6:00pm Mass at either parish.

Sunday, October 1, through Sunday, March 31, Mass times will be:

8:30am in Omro

10:30am in Winneconne



WINNECONNE NEWS

St. Mary, Winneconne Calendar

- Mon. Sep. 18 7:00am LOW* w/Communion
6:00pm Bible Study-Kaudy Hall
6:00pm Finance Council Mtg-LL
- Tue. Sep. 19 1:30pm Bible Study-Kaudy Hall
6:00pm Parish Council Mtg-LL
6:00pm Bible Study-Kaudy Hall
- Wed. Sep. 20 7:00am LOW* w/Communion
4:30pm Adoration & Confession
- Thurs. Sep. 21 11:00am Widow/Widower Lunch-
Kaudy Hall
2:00pm Rosary
- Sun. Sep. 24 8:30am Mass
9:30am RCIA-LL

Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*LOW: Liturgy of the Word



- **Elementary Class** begins on October 4th.
- One Decade Rosary at 3:35
- Mass at 3:45

Middle School Class begins on October 4th at 6:30 in Kaudy Hall

Confirmation Meeting/Class/ Enrollment -October 1 - 9:30-12:30

Those who devote themselves to the ministry of catechesis play a vital role in assisting parents in sharing the faith with their children. Those who lead our adult faith formation groups play a vital role in sharing Jesus and helping others to learn and grow in their faith. Through these ministries catechists introduce the truths of our faith which they themselves have learned, lived and celebrated.

ST. MARY CHURCH



Join us for refreshments, fellowship, an opportunity to learn about the upcoming year, and a chance to share your thoughts and ideas. + + + + +



FOUR DATES TO CHOOSE FROM:

- September 6 @ 6:00pm,
- September 13 @ 6:00pm,
- September 10 @ 9:45am, and
- September 17 @ 9:45am

Everyone is invited. Faith Formation families are asked to attend one session.

Prayer for a Catechist's Soul

Gracious God,
Open the door to my soul and bring me peace and perspective.
May I learn to be at home with myself
and to extend a hospitable welcome to your indwelling Spirit.
Open the door to my heart and grace me with compassion and understanding
May I see with the eyes of Christ all of those I am called to catechize.
Open the door to my mind and soften my thoughts.
May I make room for both ideas and imagination,
ever aware that knowledge is a gift of your Spirit.
Give me a joyful soul, heart, and mind
so that I share with others the great news of salvation and redemption.
Through your Son, Jesus Christ, I pray.
Amen.



Confession will be held at St. Mary, Winneconne this **Wednesday, September 20** from **4:30-5:30pm** with Fr. Dave.

OMRO NEWS

St. Mary, Omro Calendar

Mon. Sep. 18 Noon Bible Study
 Tue. Sep. 19 4:30pm Finance Council Mtg
 Wed. Sep. 20 6:00pm Lector Training-Winneconne
 Sat. Sep. 23 3:30pm Confession
 4:00pm Mass
 Sun. Sep. 24 10:30am Mass w/ Baptism and
 Annual Meeting

Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Faith Formation

It's not too late to register for Faith Formation classes this fall. Just scan the code below to fill out the online form and make your payment.

Classes start Wed, October 4th.



St. Mary's Faith Formation program is still in need of catechists, aides and substitutes for the 2023-2024 school year.

No teaching background is required.

Teaching materials provided.

If you have any interest, questions, or want to be involved, please take time to pray about it and then call or email! I am more than happy to answer your questions!

Contact:

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St. Mary Bishop's Appeal Goal \$18,919 Omro

\$17,500



Received \$17,307

Thank you to all those who have already donated.

We are at 91% of our goal.

\$15,000

**Save the Date!!!
 Bella Walk for Life!!!**

If you are not able to walk, you can support Deacon Paul by filling out one of these pledge forms at the entrances of church.



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2023

CHECK IN: 8:30AM

WALK STARTS: 9:00AM



Those cyber rascals are at it again; sending fake texts asking for gift cards.

Deacon Paul, Fr. Tom, Fr. Quinn or any other staff will NEVER contact you by email or text to have you purchase gift cards for them. This is a SCAM. Please do not respond to them either.

When in doubt, call the church office.

STEWARDSHIP OF SHARING-Omro

Given Week ending 9/10/2023 = \$4,430

WEEKLY GOAL: \$3,941

COMMUNITY NEWS

Readings for the Week of September 18

Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 7:1-10
Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13/Lk 7:11-17
Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16/Lk 7:31-35
Sts Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest & Paul Chong
Ha-sang & Companions, Martyrs
Thursday: Eph 4:1-7,11-13/Mt 9:9-13
St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist
Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Lk 8:1-3
Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16/Lk 8:4-15
St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest
Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Phil 1:20c-24,27a/Mt 20:1-16a

Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*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, September 21, 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.

Knights of Columbus News:

The last K of C Brat Fry of the year will be September 22 through September 24 at the Brat Barn in front of the Winneconne Piggly Wiggly. Come enjoy one last Brat of the year and support your local KC's.



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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!



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.

Deadline for the Bulletin

NOON on Tuesday

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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY:

4:00pm (SMO)

September 23

Cathy Zahorik

SUNDAY:

8:30am (SMW)

10:30am (SMO)

September 24

Rich Gagnon

Dan & Delynn Nordhaus

Saturday & Sunday September 23 & 24

SMO– St. Mary, Omro

SMW– St. Mary, Winneconne

**STEWARDSHIP OF SERVING-LITURGICAL
MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

Altar Servers:

4:00pm (SMO) Reese Wickham, **Volunteer**

8:30am (SMW) Mike & Mia Jordan

10:30am (SMO) Rylee & Hailey Karn

Lectors:

4:00pm (SMO) Ken Bressers

8:30am (SMW) Eric Bauer

10:30am (SMO) Amy Karn

Ushers:

4:00pm (SMO) Sara Waters, **Volunteer**

8:30am (SMW) Peggy Benjamin, Tami Nofke,
Steve & Irma Christian

10:30am (SMO) The Huth Family

Greeters:

4:00pm (SMO) **Charlie & Oliver White**

8:30am (SMW) Chelsy & Emma Cegielski,
Jennifer & Olivia Flora

10:30am (SMO) The Huth Family

Communion Ministers:

8:30am (SMW) Connie Kostichka,
Eric Bauer



Sacristans:

4:00pm (SMO) Tina Wickham

8:30am (SMW) Connie Lostichka

10:30am (SMO) Jodi Hess

Intercessory Prayer Ministers:

4:00pm (SMO) **2 Volunteers**

8:30am (SMW) Connie Kostichka, **Volunteer**

Musicians:

4:00pm (SMO) Annemarie Birschbach/Gail Breu

8:30am (SMW) Joanne Loy/Paige Woelfel/Shawn Lynch

10:30am (SMO) Ron Hayes

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