

St. Mary Churches-Omro & Winneconne

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22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 3, 2023



**In honor of Labor Day, our offices will
be closed Monday, September 4th.**

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PASTORAL PONDERINGS

Over the years, my daughter Alexis and I have formed a tradition of going on adventures together. This year's was climbing a mountain! Yes, a 14er and even though it is one of the easier, less technical fourteeners to climb, it was far from a walk in the park. This adventure brought the transfiguration of Jesus to life for me through the following spiritual lessons.

1. Be as prepared as you can and be open to what unfolds.

Peter, James and John, trusted Jesus and followed him. Alexis had climbed before, and it was through her wisdom of taking a couple days to acclimate to the elevation, to hydrate, and to have a well packed backpack for the big day that we were well prepared on the morning of the climb. In addition, like Peter, James and John, I trusted that Jesus knew where he was taking us!

2. Take breaks when needed regardless of the pace of others.

We started early in the morning with lots of energy and the excitement of the journey filled our hearts. Yet, it was not too long before we realized that many breaks would be needed throughout this adventure. I must admit there were times when I thought "what did I get myself into?" In these moments, Jesus kindly reminded me not only to be patient physically but also spiritually, for He is the one leading each one of us on our journey to that mountain top where we will be transfigured.

3. Be grateful in the midst of the journey—for the beauty, as well as the pain.

My daughter and I have a good relationship and we also have things we do not agree on. In the midst of our differences, as we climbed that mountain, there was a sense of gratitude for the gift of each other, the gift of walking through our differences and choosing to love one another. Climbing that mountain reminded me the road is not always easy and there are times we are afraid, but it is walking through the pain and fear with JESUS that makes the journey beautiful.

4. Take one rock at a time. The struggle is worth it.

As we rose above the tree line and got to a false summit, we were able to see we still had a LONG way to go. Despite feeling a bit overwhelmed, we were able to laugh and rest and begin again with hope and a conviction to complete the journey. There were times that I felt like I couldn't go on but I imagined Jesus telling me, as he may have Peter, James and John, "Come on Rosemary, don't be afraid. You can climb one more rock." So I did, one rock at a time and that led to the top of the mountain where my daughter and I celebrated in God's magnificent glory! I did not want to leave. "Lord it is good that we are here." Time stopped. The beauty took my breath away, ok so did the climbing! In that moment, I came to understand, mountain top experiences would be empty without grace and love!

5. Mountain top experiences can happen in ordinary time.

On the way down the mountain, there was the realization that our adventure was coming to an end, a joy for what we experienced, and the reality of having to go back to the ordinary routine of life. The day we returned home, as Alexis and I were saying goodbye, there was a hug that was eternal. It was a grace from God. A time a mother was able to hold her grown daughter as she did when she was an infant in her arms. Another mountain top experience in the midst of the ordinary! A transfiguration of hearts. God is sooo good! May we all become more aware of the extraordinary in the ordinary and the beauty in the adventure!

Wishing you the love of Jesus, Rose Unser, Pastoral Associate



Jesus took Peter, James, and his brother, John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, conversing with him. Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." When the disciples heard this, they fell prostrate and were very much afraid. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and do not be afraid." And when the disciples raised their eyes, they saw no one else but Jesus alone. (Mt 17:1-8)

WINNECONNE NEWS

St. Mary's Catholic Church Ladies Night Out Group



Relax and Rejuvenate!
Join the fun!



When: Monday, September 11, 2023

Time: 6:30pm

**RELAX
REFRESH
REJUVENATE
RESTORE**

What: Relax, Refresh, and Rejuvenate

Where: Kaudy Hall, St. Mary, Winn.

Cost: Free (donations appreciated)

Come join us for a night of relaxation, mindfulness, celebration and socialization. Light snacks and beverages will be served.

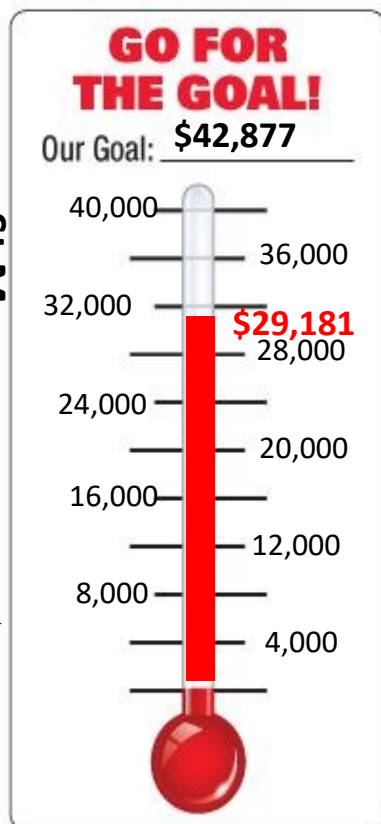
To register, email:

Tanya at jonya830@gmail.com or text Tanya at 262-441-0674.



**St Mary
Winneconne
Bishop's Appeal**

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



Winneconne
September 3 & 17
Children's Liturgy
at the 8:30am Mass

It's PMP Fellowship Sunday. Join us in the vestibule after Mass for refreshments & donuts.



Get to know your fellow parishioners and enjoy some goodies at the same time.

Join us on Sunday, September 10th at the 8:30 Mass for a Blessing of the Backpacks.

All students, teachers, and educators are encouraged to bring your backpacks to be blessed for the new school year.



**BLESSING OF THE
BACKPACKS**

Wings of Prayer



We would like to say thank you to Chris Brill who has taken the lead of the Wings of Prayer (prayer chain) Ministry. If you would like a prayer added to the prayer chain please send it to chriscarybrill@gmail.com. You may also call the parish office 920-582-7712 or stmarywinn@stmarychurches.org and we will be happy to add your prayer on the wings of prayer.

STEWARDSHIP OF SHARING- Winneconne

Given Week ending 8/27/2023 = \$5,544

WEEKLY GOAL: \$6,550

WINNECONNE NEWS

St. Mary, Winneconne Calendar

- Mon. Sept. 4 NO LOW*
Parish Offices Closed
- Wed. Sept. 6 7:00am LOW* w/Communion
4:30pm Confession
6:00pm Come & See-Kaudy Hall
6:30pm MS Social Night
- Thurs. Sept. 7 2:00pm Rosary
- Sat. Sept. 9 6:00pm Mass at St. Thomas, Poygan
- Sun. Sept. 10 8:30am Mass w/Back Pack Blessing
9:30am RCIA
9:45am Come & See-Kaudy Hall

Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Mark Your Calendar

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.



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

FOUR DATES TO CHOOSE FROM:

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

Open to ALL parishioners!!



St. Mary Winneconne Faith Formation Registration is now available for 2023-2024. Don't delay, register today! We have so many great things planned.



The start of Faith Formation is just around the corner. We are getting set behind the scenes to provide an engaging and fun faith filled year.

This year we will be hosting four sessions of "Come & See" this is an opportunity for our whole parish community to gather together to hear about some of the many opportunities, events, experiences we look forward to sharing with you. You only need to attend one. They are all the same.

It is important that our Faith Formation families pick one session to attend.



Congratulations to the Swinford family on the Baptism of Adella, Memphis and Elladee. What a wonderful blessing they are!



OMRO NEWS

St. Mary, Omro Calendar

Mon. Sept. 4 Parish Offices Closed
 Sat. Sept. 9 3:30pm Confession
 4:00pm Mass
 Sun. Sept. 10 10:30am Mass

Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
 AFF Kick Off Speaker



Bishop's Appeal
 Goal \$18,919

St. Mary

Omro



\$17,500

\$15,000

Thank you to all those who have already donated. We are at 91% of our goal.

Knights of Columbus News:

The KC's Winneconne/Omro Chapter 8810 will be accepting cash donations for the Winneconne Area Assistance Center, the Omro Food Pantry, Ruth's Pantry in Winchester and Fr. Carr's Place 2B.

On Friday, Sept 8 and Saturday, Sept 9, the Knights and their volunteers will be handing out candy to everyone—donation or not—at the Winchester, Omro and Winneconne Kwik Trips. We ask you to make a cash contribution to support local food banks.

We will also be collecting cash donations after all Masses in Winneconne and Omro the weekend of September 16 and 17.

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.

STEWARDSHIP OF SHARING-Omro

Given Week ending 8/27/2023 = \$4,100

WEEKLY GOAL: \$3,941



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.

Registration closes September 1st so don't hesitate to check this off your list. **Classes start Wednesday,**



October 4th.



Have you ever thought about volunteering in Our Faith Formation Program?

- ◇ If you love to work with children
- ◇ If you love to teach and share about our Faith
- ◇ If you want to learn more about your own Faith
- ◇ If you are looking for a way to be a part of the Church

Then getting involved is right for you!
St. Mary's Faith Formation program is in need of catechists for 2nd Grade Sacramental Preparation (First Reconciliation and First Communion) 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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COMMUNITY NEWS

Readings for the Week of September 4

Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18/Lk 4:16-30
 Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6,9-11/Lk 4:31-37
 Wednesday: Col 1:1-8/Lk 4:38-44
 Thursday: Col 1:9-14/Lk 5:1-11
 Friday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/
 Mt 1:1-16,18-23 or 1:18-23
 The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 Saturday: Col 1:21-23/Lk 6:1-5
 USA: St. Peter Clear, Priest
 Sunday: Ex 33:7-9/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20

Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



Looking for a place to have a baby shower, birthday party, family get together, etc. **Kaudy Hall is now available to rent.** New remodeled hall and kitchen area.

Rent the hall, or hall & kitchen area, hall & audio-visual equipment.

Call the office and let us see what we can do for you. 920-582-7712.

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**Last Mass of the Summer
 at St. Thomas Church
 5753 Church Rd, Poygan
 * September 9
 at 6:00pm**

If you are coming from Winneconne on Hwy 116, turn right on Cty Hwy D and then turn right on Church Road.

Prayer Shawls are in demand.

If you have the gift of knitting or crocheting and would like to share that gift with others, please drop off completed prayer shawls at the Omro or Winneconne parish office. Need a pattern? Google prayer shawls & you will find a variety of patterns.

If you need yarn for your project, contact Sue at 920-528-7712 or Peggy at 920-685-2258.

HELP FOR PARENTS



"Raising Children Rooted in Faith while Living in Today's Society"

THURS, SEPT. 14 | 6 PM | ST RAPHAEL

Presenter *Katie Douglas* is a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist. She is a married mother of three girls, and member of St. Raphael's church. She is excited to share her story of faith, family, struggles of parenting and how to navigate it all.

Deadline for the Bulletin

NOON on Tuesday

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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY: September 9

4:00pm (SMO) Stan Potts

6:00pm St. Thomas John Lee

SUNDAY: September 10

8:30am (SMW) Deceased Members of

Dave & Millie Voss Family

10:30am (SMO) Patti Palecek

Saturday & Sunday September 9 & 10

SMO– St. Mary, Omro

SMW– St. Mary, Winneconne

**STEWARDSHIP OF SERVING-LITURGICAL
MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

Altar Servers:

4:00pm (SMO) Wyatt Miller, **Volunteer**

8:30am (SMW) Anna Lynch, Hugh Sleeman

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

Lectors:

4:00pm (SMO) Lori Meyerhofer-Fisher

8:30am (SMW) Phil Johnson

10:30am (SMO) Kathy Hayes

Ushers:

4:00pm (SMO) MaryJo Hinderman, Bob Breu

8:30am (SMW) Peggy Benjamin, Mike Miller,
Steve Kuenster, **Volunteer**

10:30am (SMO) Jill Pernaski, **Volunteer**

Greeters:

4:00pm (SMO) MaryJo Hinderman, Mazie Miller

8:30am (SMW) Shawn Lynch, Lisa Lynch

2 Volunteers

10:30am (SMO) Wrage Family

Communion Ministers:

8:30am (SMW) Molly Johnson, Mike Jordan

Sacristans:

4:00pm (SMO) Margaret Potratz

8:30am (SMW) Kristin & Bryan Wright

10:30am (SMO) Peggy Wilms

Intercessory Prayer Ministers:

4:00pm (SMO) Margaret Potratz, **Volunteer**

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

Musicians:

4:00pm (SMO) Kristin Day/Rose Luebke

8:30am (SMW) Annemarie Birschbach/Julie Mueller &
Bonnie Plummer

10:30am (SMO) Ron Hayes/Amy Karn



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