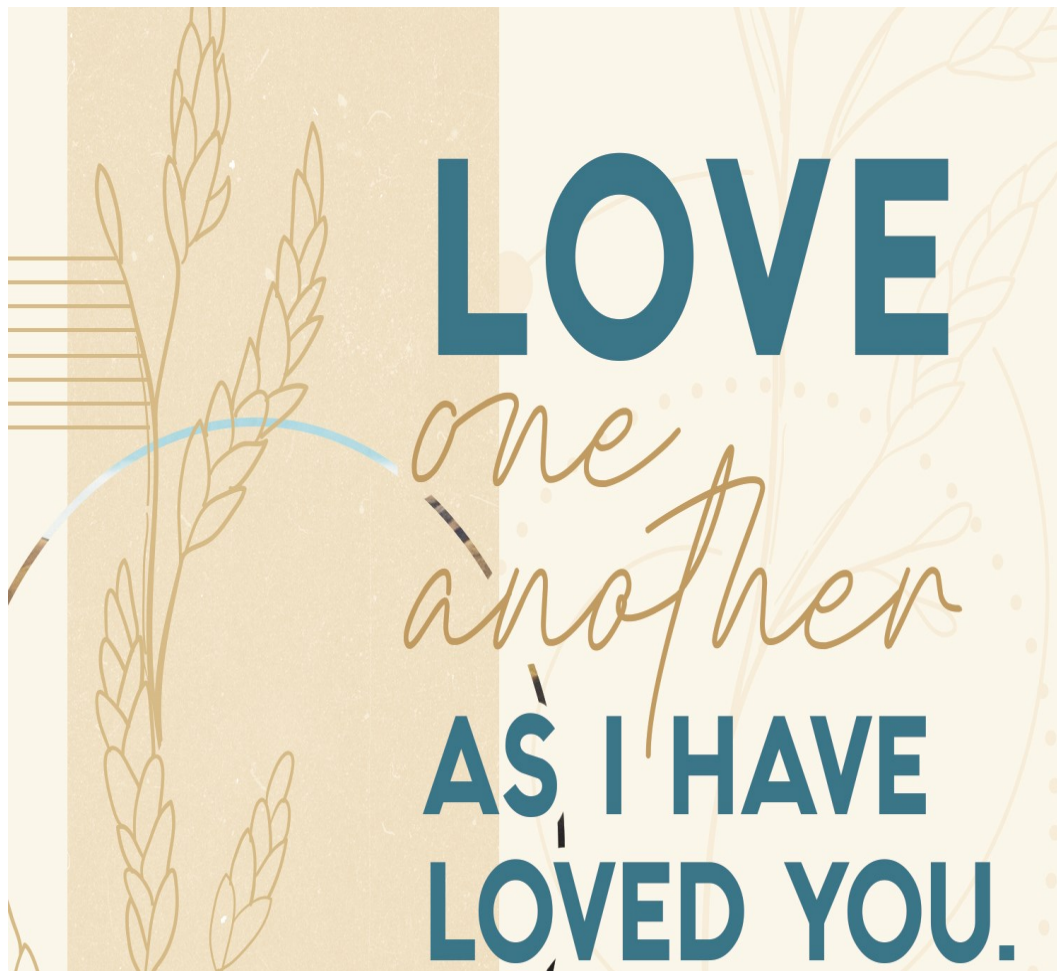


St. Mary Churches-Omro & Winneconne

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6th Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2024



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PASTORAL PONDERINGS



Nature invites us to consider the spirituality and transformative power of God. Engaging in nature gives us rest and time for contemplation. Nature has the power to change us and to shift our perspective on what we thought we knew and understood about life. Nature has the ability to bring the great truths of being Easter People to life! The cosmic story of Jesus Christ's divine conception, his hidden ordinary life, his abandonment, rejection, crucifixion, death, resurrection and ascension is continuously taking place everyday and in every moment. The Good Shepherd reminds us to pay attention.



Recently, I traveled with a friend to her sister's sheep farm and experienced three days of the lambing season. What laid ahead was filled with the story of what being Easter people is all about. God's goodness through this experience brought new life and deeper meaning to the deepest truths in our faith.

We arrived at the farm, which is located in a desert valley, about 11:30pm. We dropped our bags off in the bungalow and went out to check on an ewe who was experiencing some problems with her pregnancy. She was in labor with no sign of delivery so Terry, my friend and the owner of the farm, slipped into vet mode and entered the lamb to assist the mom with delivery. There were four lambs in the ewe and they were all tangled up. The first was delivered and handed to me. Since the lamb was not breathing I was instructed to remove any blockage from its mouth and then was told to hold it upside down and swing it back and forth and slap its sides to try to get the lamb breathing. The 2nd, 3rd, and 4th lambs were delivered with the same problem. The three of us were unsuccessful in our efforts of trying to help the lambs take their first breath and on top of that, their momma died during labor. We went to bed with heavy hearts.

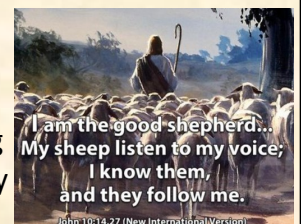
Morning came and brought with it sounds of sheep, chickens, guineafowls and hope for a better day. Breakfast was prepared on the open fire and the two families camping on the farm for a lambing experience joined us. As we all walked toward the fields containing the pregnant ewes, we passed the fields containing the new lambs with their moms. This brought great joy! As we entered the field, there was a ewe down on her side in labor. She did require some assistance but we were happy to welcome heathy twins who were named Buttercup and Boulder!



Even though the lambing season had been very successful up until the night before, later that day there was another loss. The ewe needed some recovery time due to her difficult delivery and the loss of her lambs. She was put in a pen and provided with two lambs. One was a preemie who had been bottle fed by a neighbor for a couple weeks and the other lamb was rejected by her mother. I am happy to share the two lambs (Maxi and Mini) are flourishing and mom is physically stronger and in much better spirits! These experiences were filled with sorrow due to death and joy due to new life. It was both/and.



As we celebrate Easter, as resurrection people, may we receive and keep hope alive through the cultivation of gratitude; especially during the difficult times. Let us open our eyes and ears to the voice of the Good Shepherd who is always calling us. As we spiral toward heaven with each liturgical year, let us pray to become more aware of how the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ plays out in our day to day lives. The feeling of doom that is often the focus in our culture, along with the ups and downs within our personal and family lives, can at times make it hard to say: "Death no longer has the final word." The challenge of being resurrection people is to continually listen to the voice of the Good Shepherd; especially while waiting in the darkness for new life to come. God is faithful. Resurrection is filled with grace, possibility, and new life! Let us receive and share this Good News!



Wishing you Easter blessings, *Rose Unser*—Pastoral Associate



MINISTRY APPRECIATION

In appreciation to all who make **St. Mary Churches (OMRO & WINNECONNE)** as vibrant as they are, all volunteers are invited to the following event! You should have received an email invitation or for those who do not have email, they were mailed. **If you did not receive one please call the office 920-582-7712.**

Please **RSVP by May 6**, using the link below!

Monday
May 13, 2024
5:45pm to 8pm
Speaker: Fr. John Girotti



Vicar General
and Moderator
of the Curia

[Click here to RSVP](#)

St Mary Winneconne Photo Directory

- ⇒ Who is that family that sits in front of you at Mass?
- ⇒ What's the name of the person that held the door for you on your way into the church?

One very helpful tool that we can use is a photo directory of our parish community. It's been 14 years since we last had a directory made and the time has come to get a new one printed.

Mortell Studios will be in Kaudy Hall to take your photo in May. Every member that gets their photo taken will receive a FREE directory and a FREE 5x8 or 8x10 photo.

WHERE: Kaudy Hall **Sign Up Today!!**

WHEN: Thursday, May 16th 2pm-7pm

Friday, May 17th 2pm-7pm

Saturday May 18th 10am- 3pm

Tuesday, May 21st 2pm-7pm

Wednesday May 22nd 2pm-7pm

Your photo session will be 15 minutes long.

Receive a **FREE photo directory and FREE 5x8 or 8x10 image from your photo session!**

HOW: Call Mortell Studios directly at **1-800-498-3399** to make your appointment.

****The church office will NOT be making appointments.**

*****Names, addresses & phone numbers will be printed in the back of the directory. If you WISH NOT to have yours added in the directory, please contact the office 920-582-7712 or stmarywinn@stmarychurches.org**

St. Mary Winneconne & Omro Ladies are INVITED

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Ladies Night Out

Celebrate May

The month of Mary and Motherhood

Join the fun!

When: Monday, May 6, 2024 at 6:30pm

What: 1) Bella Medical Clinic's director, Beth Nemecek, will speak about Bella's services. Beth is a dynamic, passionate and energetic speaker. She is a wonderful director and great lady. You don't want to miss this one!

Learn more about Bella at: [Bella Medical Clinic | Pregnancy Support Services](#)

2) Name that Baby Contest – win prizes, door prizes too

3) Potluck – bring a dish to pass

Please add what you will bring on SignUpGenius.

Where: Kaudy Hall

Cost: Free



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



St Mary's Ladies Night Out: Ladies Night Out May 6, 2024 (signupgenius.com)

Your gift to the Bishop's Appeal allows young people, founded in Catholic education, to become the future of our Church & assists them to be good citizens in our communities. **St. Mary, Winneconne's goal is \$45,363 and so far we have raised \$25,568.00.** If we all give, large or small it will all add up! Pray how we can help God's people.

WINNECONNE NEWS



Calendar
St. Mary, Winneconne

Mon. May 6 7:30am LOW* w/Communion
6:30pm Ladies Night Out—Kaudy
Wed. May 8 7:30am LOW* w/Communion
Thurs. May 9 2:00pm Rosary
6:30pm St. Thomas Cemetery Mtg
Sun. May 12 8:30am Mass /Crowning of Mary

Sun. Ascension of the Lord
***LOW: Liturgy of the Word**
Fr. Carr's Non-Perishable Food Collection
KC Rose Sale
Patty Volp Speaking

STEWARDSHIP OF SHARING Winneconne
Given Week ending 4/28/2024 \$4,412
WEEKLY GOAL: \$6,550

New office hours for St. Mary Winneconne
beginning May 6. The office will be open
8:00am—5:00pm.

Retreat in Daily Life/Service Opportunity

Please join our
Retreat in Daily Life/Service Opportunity,
scheduled for May 12-18th.

**This "Retreat in daily Life" is flexible and
can include one or all the following:**

- **Suggestions for your personal prayer** - prayer suggestions will be emailed to you a few days in advance.
- A commitment on your part to **15-20 minutes of prayer** with your family for five-seven days.
- A commitment to **minimizing distractions**, especially screen time, and to make another sacrifice or fast for the week.
- Commitment to participate either **spiritually or physically** in 3 hours of service on May 18th.
- **Lunch and a brief reflection of your experience on May 18, 11:00am-12:00pm in the lower level of St. Mary Church in Winneconne.**

Please sign up by [Clicking here](#) or using the QR code. You can also email, patty.volp@stmarychurches.org; text or call Patty Volp: 920-376-1157 to sign up.



Rock the Village, May 18 at 8:00am. Meet at Kaudy Hall. Bring gloves and rakes!! Time to spruce up the area.

Summer Kick Off Picnic

Saturday, June 8, 6:00pm

Mass under the tent

Sunday, June 9

Parish Picnic

Needed:

save the date

save the date

Gift Baskets or Silent Auction Items that you can put together for our picnic on Sunday. **Start** rummaging through your cook books to make a pie or two or for our **PIE SALE**

Entertainment is Booked!!!



Golden Jubilee
May 4, 1974 **50** Years May 4, 2024

Happy Anniversary
Bob & Pat Luedtke

May God Bless you
with many more years together!

MEET THE MISSION TEAM



Emily
Makovec -

Mission Team Member
Winneconne High School
Junior

I am excited to be able to practice my Spanish speaking with the kids while being able to help them learn English. I am also excited to just spend time with all of them and create many relationships while strengthening my own relationship with God. Along with this, I am also looking forward to being able to work outside on a project with the other mission participants.

We appreciate your prayers and support!
This QR code will take you to online donations where you can select Casa Hogar Donations from the Fund drop down menu.



[Click here to donate to Casa Hogar Mission Trip](#)

OMRO NEWS



Calendar St. Mary, Omro

Mon. May 6 6:00pm Rosary
6:30pm Ladies Night Out **SMW-Kaudy**

Wed. May 8 4:30pm Confession

Sat. May 11 3:30pm Confession
4:00pm Mass

Sun. May 12 10:30am Mass CLOW**

**Sat./Sun. Ascension of the Lord
Crowning of Mary
**CLOW: Children's Liturgy of the Word
SMW-St. Mary Winneconne
KC's Rose Sale
Patty Volp Speaking**

STEWARDSHIP OF SHARING-Omro

Given Week ending 4/28/2024 \$2,950
WEEKLY GOAL: \$3,941

Kid's Prizes Needed

Last year we went through our stash of prizes for the kids' games at the picnic. We need your help to stock up again. We are in need of **new** small, medium and large prizes for the kiddos to win. Examples of prizes would be: slinkies, squishy or rubber balls, fidget toys, playdoh, teddy bears and stuffies, bubbles, chalk, card games.



Due to a retirement on our staff, St. Mary Parish, Omro is in search of a new Office Manager. Be part of an amazing team and be the hands and feet of Christ to those you encounter.

As Office Manager you would be the first friendly face that people see when coming to the office. Other duties would include:

- ◇ Providing administrative support to the Pastoral Coordinator and staff
 - ◇ Handling incoming calls and requests
 - ◇ Maintaining monthly calendars
 - ◇ Creating the bulletin, announcements and intentions
 - ◇ Maintaining electronic and paper records
 - ◇ Scheduling volunteers
 - ◇ Recording and maintaining sacramental records
 - ◇ Ordering office and church supplies
 - ◇ Computer and organizational skills are needed
- Position hours are Monday through Thursday from 8:00am—4:00pm

If interested in applying or to find out more about this opportunity, please contact Deacon Paul Vidmar at paul.vidmar@stmarychurches.org or 920-379-8068.

Calling All Bakers, Crafters, Shoppers and Creative Geniuses

We are looking for basket raffle items, silent auction items and country store items for our church picnic in August.



Here are just a few ideas: Game Night Basket, Bloody Mary or Old-Fashioned Basket, Craft Basket, Date Night Basket, Brewery or Wine Tour Basket, Museum or Play Tickets, Golf Outing, Music Lessons, Lottery Ticket Basket, handmade soaps, crafts, beef jerky, canned goods, doll clothes, corn hole games.

The possibilities are endless! What God-given skills or talents do you have that would make this year's event even better?

Please bring items in by July 14 so that we can display them before the picnic.



Our goal at St. Mary, Omro is \$19,375 and we have raised \$14,375. Every donation helps; no matter how small or large. Please give generously to the Appeal. Thank you to all those who have already prayed about and donated!

Readings for the Week of May 6

Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Jn 15:26—16:4a
Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Jn 16:5-11
Wednesday: Acts 17:15,22—18:1/Jn 16:12-15
Thursday: Acts 18:1-8/Jn 16:16-20
Friday: Acts 18:9-18/Jn 16:20-23
Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Jn 16:23b-28
Sunday: Acts 1:1-11/Eph 1:17-23/
 Mk 16:15-20

Ascension of the Lord

[Click here to donate to Casa Hogar Mission Trip](#)

Mission Trip Update:

Casa Hogar Juan Pablo II Orphanage Lima, Peru

The trip is an incredible opportunity to be a servant of God to the poorest of the poor.

In July we will travel to experience firsthand the incredible work being done at Casa Hogar. We will be the hands, feet, face and heart of Jesus as we travel the impoverished streets of Peru while learning more about Faith, Hope and Love. We will work with the 64 orphans at the Orphanage!

To do this we need your prayers and support. Here is an update on our planning and breakdown of some of our costs:

- Flights are booked through Delta-\$1264.85 each, we fly out on July 14 and will have a mission team blessing at the Saturday evening Mass.
- We will all take three suitcases: a carry-on with 10 days worth of personal clothes and supplies and two checked suitcases with mission trip supplies and donations. The first suitcase cost is included in our flight, the second one is \$100!

Volunteers stay and eat at the orphanage: housing at the orphanage is \$175 per participant.

Thank you so much for the donations we have received so far. We truly appreciate it!!

St. Mary Churches Omro and Winneconne

FATIMA ROSARY IN THE PARK 2024



Date : (M) May 13, **Time:** 10:00 am

Place: Marble Park and Scott Park

Details: Bring your own chair and Rosary. The Rosary guide and apparition write up will be provided.

Rain details: There are shelters in both parks in case of light rain.

All Parishoners, voluteers, and parish leaders are invited to attend this special presentation.



Diocese of Green Bay

Southwest Vicariate Day

TUESDAY MAY 14
6:00 - 7:30 PM

St. Mary Magdalene Parish
N2845 Shadow Road
Waupaca, WI 54981



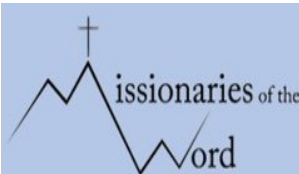
THE EUCHARIST "We are a Eucharistic People"

Presented by
Gerard Hall

Office of
Divine Worship Director
Diocese of Green Bay

This event is free of charge and
RSVPs are not required.

Questions? Please contact Tommy Nelson,
Vicariate Coordinator at tnelson@gbdioc.org



FATHER CARR'S PLACE 2B
presents
Mother Mary Catherine
of the Missionaries of the Word



Saturday May 11th, 2024
In the Saint Mother Teresa Center
on Father Carr's campus

11:00am presentation
Luncheon to follow

Free Will Offering Accepted

**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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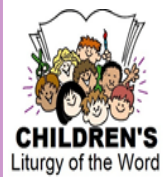
St. Mary Catholic Church Omro
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Winneconne

During the 8:30am Mass
May 5 & 19

Omro

During the 10:30am Mass
May 12 & 26

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY:

4:00pm (SMO)

SUNDAY:

8:30am (SMW)

10:30am (SMO)

May 11

Jerry Reetz

May 12

Aloyus O'Leary,
Carmon Richardson
For the Members of the
Schuster & Egan Families

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!**



Altar Servers:

4:00pm (SMO) Wyatt Miller, **Volunteer**
8:30am (SMW) Kat Clerkins, **Volunteer**
10:30am (SMO) Aubree Krier, Sydney Kirsch

Lectors:

4:00pm (SMO) Lori Meyerhofer-Fisher
8:30am (SMW) Patty Volp
10:30am (SMO) Sue Martin

Ushers:

4:00pm (SMO) Steve Gitter, Mona Freund
8:30am (SMW) Donna Krueger, Peggy Benjamin,
Tami Noffke, Steve Kuenster
10:30am (SMO) Mike Glodowski, Mason Huth

Sacristans:

4:00pm (SMO) Margaret Potratz
8:30am (SMW) **Volunteer**
10:30am (SMO) Peggy Wilms

Saturday & Sunday May 11 & 12

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

Communion Ministers:

8:30am (SMW) Jackie Saunders, Patty Volp

Greeters:

4:00pm (SMO) Mazie Miller, Parker Krokstrom
8:30am (SMW) **4 Volunteers**
10:30am (SMO) Huth Family

Musicians:

4:00pm (SMO) Ted Kreuzer
8:30am (SMW) Kristin Day/Paige Woelfel
10:30am (SMO) Ted Kreuzer

Intercessory Prayers:

8:30am (SMW) Julie Servais, Connie Kostichka
10:30am (SMO) **Volunteers**

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Pastoral Associate: Rose Unser
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