



ST. MARY CHURCH OMRO & WINNECONNE



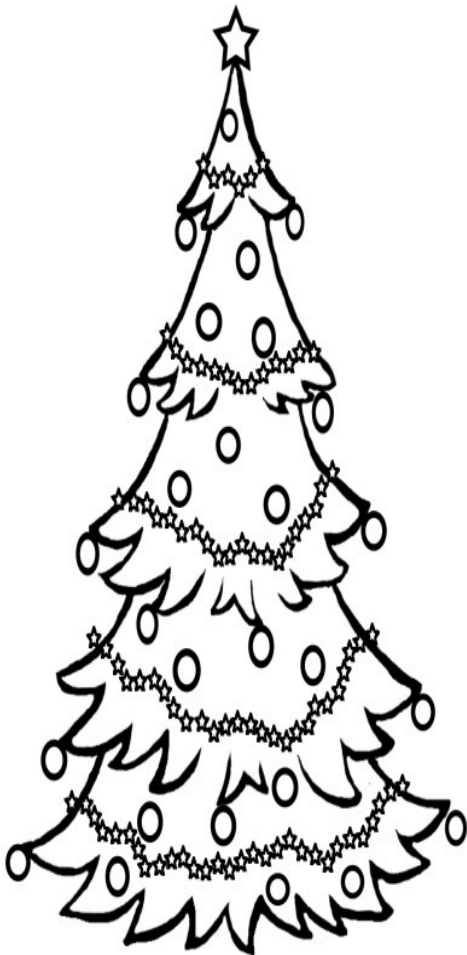
Mission Statement

We, the parish of St. Mary Omro, proudly proclaim the message of Jesus Christ through word and action. We joyfully celebrate the Eucharist, reach out to all with generosity & hospitality, and continue to grow as a community of love, compassion and faith.

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We, the caring community of St. Mary's Parish, inspired by the Holy Spirit, welcome everyone to celebrate the Eucharist, share our Catholic faith through education and example, and reach out to others with a generous spirit.

Second Sunday of Advent December 4, 2011



Blessing of the Christmas Tree

When the tree is decorated and before it is lit, gather the family together. Ask each family member to put one last ornament on the tree. Then someone reads this prayer of blessing:

We praise you, Lord God of all creation, for this tree which brings beauty and sweet memories and the promise of life to our home.

As we make our preparations for the Christmas season, keep us as gentle and as special as this tree which lights our way. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.
Amen.

The youngest person in the family then turns on the tree lights and all sing, "O Christmas Tree."

Parish Director: Sr. Pamela Biehl — directorstmary@sbcglobal.net
Sacramental Ministers: Fr. Doug LeCaptain & Fr. Luke Ferris

Parish Director's Ponderings.....

Last weekend marked a milestone in the life of the Church: a new English translation of The Roman Missal was implemented in parishes across the United States! We have been preparing for this day since last March by providing you with workshops, training sessions, booklets, bulletin articles and announcements. I think we can be very proud of our first weekend using the new translation. It was a challenge for all of us to stay attentive and remember what to say and what not to say but I think we prayed and sang well.

I know learning the new words is going to take time and there are going to be some frustrating moments when we wonder if these changes are really important and what difference they really make. No matter what we think about learning new words in our prayers at Mass, it's important to remember that the Mass is a celebration of unity, a gathering of the Christian community around the altar. Let's not allow this time of change and transition to become a moment of resentment or bitterness.

Let's be patient and understanding with all of this and use this time as an opportunity to deepen our faith by listening more attentively and being more conscious of the words we are saying. Let us open our hearts to see what kind of renewal in faith the Holy Spirit has in store for us during this time of change and transition as we walk these days of Advent and prepare for the coming of Christ in our hearts and in our homes.

Come and celebrate our Parish Feast Day on Thursday, December 8! The Feast of the Immaculate Conception is also a holyday of obligation. Masses will be in **Omro at 7:30 am** and in **Winneconne at 6:00 pm**. What a wonderful way to give thanks to God for the gift of our parish to the people of God in Omro and Winneconne!

Sr. Pam



Christmas Flower Offering

Help beautify our Church for the Christmas Season!

In Memory Of: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____


Email Address: _____

Amount: _____

___ St. Mary Church Omro

___ St. Mary Church Winneconne

Liturgy of the Word with Communion:
Monday & Wednesday: 7:30AM

MASS INTENTIONS 

SATURDAY: December 10
4:00PM Ray Weber

SUNDAY: December 11
10:30AM John & Joan Sprietzer

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LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE
SATURDAY & SUNDAY December 10 & 11

ALTAR SERVERS:
4:00PM Katelyn Koval, Greg Murawski
10:30AM Brittney & Andrew Adolf

LECTORS:
4:00PM Marilyn Goska
10:30AM Eric Bauer

USHERS:
4:00PM Bob Pollack, David, Sam & Jacob Aerts
10:30AM Therese Ann Witzke, Gail Korn
Jeff Muehlenberg, Leo Kinney

COMMUNION MINISTERS:
4:00PM Sr. Pam, Craig & Donna Rider, Tracy Aerts
Gretchyn Weisgerber, Barb Breister
10:30AM Sr. Pam, Steve & Irma Christian,
Mike & Kathy Lynch, Julie Ablor

GREETERS:
4:00PM Tracy Aerts, Bill & Diane Benedict
10:30AM Dave, Amy & Shannon Goltz

MUSICIANS:
4:00PM Ted Kreuzer
10:30AM Ron Hayes

MASS INTENTIONS 

SATURDAY: December 10
6:00PM Donald Lesnick

SUNDAY: December 11
8:30AM Nick Leitl

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE
SATURDAY & SUNDAY December 10 & 11

ALTAR SERVERS:
6:00PM Louis Clark
8:30AM Kelly Emmrich

LECTORS:
6:00PM Amy Karn
8:30AM Janet Wegner, Glen Mischka

COMMUNION MINISTERS:
6:00PM Janet Abalan, Jill Pernaski
8:30AM Barb Rank, Heather Martin
Jim & Deb Wellens

USHERS:
6:00PM Laura Heried, Karlee Pernaski
8:30AM Mona Freund, Russ Rank

GREETERS:
6:00PM Deb Clark
8:30AM Cherie & John Kiley

MUSICIANS:
6:00PM Dennis Sphatt w/Rose Luebke
8:30AM Dennis Sphatt w/Joni Volkert

VIDEO:
Mary Jo Hinderman

Liturgy of the Word with Communion:
1st & 3rd Tuesday: 8:00AM at St. Mary, Omro
2nd & 4th Wednesday: 10:30AM at Omro Care Center

ST. Mary Parish, 730 Madison Ave.
Omro, WI 54963

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Mon. Dec. 5 4:30 C-Pop
7:00 PM Choir Practice

Tue. Dec 6 8:00 AM LOW* w/Communion

Wed. Dec. 7 5:30 PM Lifelong Faith: Jesus Our Compass

Thu. Dec. 8 7:30 AM Mass:
Immaculate Conception

Fri. Dec. 9 8:00 AM — 4:00 PM Confirmation Interviews

Sat. Dec. 10 5:30 PM Confession
6:00 PM Mass w/Confirmation Enrollment

Sun. Dec. 11 8:30 AM Mass
1:00 PM Mass in Spanish & Guadalupe Celebration

Sat. & Sun Retired Religious Collection

Sun. 3rd Sunday of Advent

*LOW: Liturgy of the Word

Please Note

Christmas Day Mass will be at **10:30 AM** and not 8:30 AM.

2011 Christmas Wish List

New Server Albs - \$75 each

150 - New Folding Chairs for Dining Hall \$15.50 each

5 - Round Tables for Triple Room \$168.45 each

(Purchased 5 with money from Soup Cook-Off)

Processional Cross - \$2,000

Projector for Laptop Computer - \$800

22 Ft. Ladder System - \$300 (Similar to Little Giant)

Contoured Changing Table Pad—\$25

4 Small Children's Chairs—\$15 each

Small Refrigerator for Children's Room—\$65

3—Safety 1st Booster Seats—\$20 each

Lifelong Faith Formation *Cruisín' the Creed*



December 7th & 14th
Jesus, Our Compass

We begin our evening with prayer on the Incarnation of Christ with songs that celebrate both Mary and the Nativity of the Lord, (Christmas). Meet Jesus at four stations with discussions, role play, meditation as teacher, servant, savior & prophet. An Advent Evening filled with reasons for the season.

Meal: Scalloped Potatoes & Ham

We will enjoy an evening of Caroling in the community on Thurs. Dec. 22nd from 6:30 - 7:30pm. Come join the fun!



Gospel Question of the Week
2nd Week of Advent (Patience)

Adults: With whom could you be more patient this week as God has been patient with you?

Children/Youth: With whom can you be more patient?

JUNIOR CONFIRMATION
INTERVIEWS: Fri. Dec. 9th
ENROLLMENT: Sat. Dec. 10th
@ 6:00pm Mass

STEWARDSHIP OF SHARING
Week Ending 11/27/2011

Given: \$3,238.25

YTD (July 1 – Nov. 27, 2011)

Budgeted Offertory Collection : \$80,361.67
(Envelopes & Loose)

Actual Offertory Collection : \$80,466.83

Surplus \$ 105.16

WINNECONNE

✓ CHECK IT OUT **ST. MARY, WINNECONNE**

Mon. Dec. 5 7:30 AM LOW* with Communion
6:00 PM RCIA

Wed. Dec. 7 7:30 AM LOW* with Communion
3:00 PM Faith Formation Gr. 1-5
5:15 PM MS Youth Group
6:30 PM MS Class

Thu. Dec. 8 6:00 PM Mass: Immaculate
Conception

Sat. Dec. 10 9:30-11:30 AM 1st Reconciliation
Retreat
3:30 PM Confession
4:00 PM Mass

Sun. Dec. 11 10:30 AM Mass

Sat. & Sun. KC Santa Visit after Masses

Sat. & Sun. Retired Religious Collection

Sun. 3rd Sunday of Advent

*LOW: Liturgy of the Word

STEWARDSHIP OF SHARING

Week Ending 11/27/2011

Given: \$4,606.77

YTD (July 1 – Nov. 27, 2011)

Budgeted Offertory Collection : \$104,526.67
(Envelopes & Loose)

Actual Offertory Collection : \$ 97,792.32
Deficit (\$6,734.35)

Looking for a way to volunteer or to help out the parish?

We are looking at **forming 2 new funeral luncheon committees**. At this time we have one committee that is already formed. Our goal would be to have 2 more groups that can be called on so we may rotate the luncheon duty. It would be nice to have 2 leaders for each group and 5 to 6 workers that can be called on. The hope is with 3 groups you would not be called for each funeral. St. Mary Parish, Winneconne is known for its hospitality, let us also show our compassionate side. Call the parish office 582-7712 or send an e-mail to suestmary@sbcglobal.net.

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FAITH FORMATION

Third Grade Faith Formation Season of Giving Out-Reach Project

The third grade Faith Formation classes are collecting non-perishable food items to take to WAAC, (Winneconne's Food Pantry). If you would like to help them in this effort, baskets will be at the Church entrances until December 7th. This is a great way for the children to see how they can make a big difference to members in the community who are in need.

Thank you to our third graders!

This week the Elementary Classes will meet right after school at 3:00 PM.

It is a Middle School Week!

5:15-6:15 PM join us for youth group

6:30-8:00 PM Middle School Faith Formation



St. Mary Parish, Winneconne 2011 Christmas Wish List

- Color Printer--**Rec'd Thank You!**
- 2-100 Cup Coffee Pots--\$130.00 each
- 2-30 Cup Coffee Pots--\$45.00 each
- 1-Floor Scrubber & Buffer--\$600.00
- 2-Lightweight Round Tables--\$75.00 each
- 1-Wood Cabinet with Doors--\$300.00
- 2-Sony Boomboxes- \$50.00 each.

Let us welcome the 2 little ones who were baptized here this weekend into our Catholic Faith. Lucille Marie Bongert, daughter of Matthew & Stephanie & Gretel Jane Jerabek, daughter of David & Dana. May God be with them as they guide their daughters in the faith.



ATTENTION LITURGICAL MINISTERS

If you are going to be in town for **New Year's weekend** and can help out at one of the Masses, please contact the office ASAP by phone 685-2258 or email kochmary@charter.net. We need help in all ministry areas.



Please welcome to our parish Alexander, son of Austin & Ashley Gruetzmacher. Alexander was baptized at St. Mary, Omro, this weekend.

This week's Sanctuary Candle is burning in loving memory of Donald Lesnick.

"The Angel Tree"

Take a tag off the tree. Purchase what is written on the tag and follow the instructions on the label whether it should be in a gift bag or unwrapped. Attach the tag to the present and place it under the tree by December 20th. This year we will be purchasing items for Bella Medical Clinic, Day-By-Day Warming Shelter and 3 Local Families.

Thank you so much for your giving!



Our C-Pop (*Catholic Parents of Preschoolers*) will meet this Monday (December 5th) to celebrate the feast day of someone very special this time

of year- Ho Ho Ho! All preschool families welcome! For food planning purposes, please RSVP to the office (920-685-2258) or e-mail stmaryomro@charter.net by noon on the Monday of the session. Also, let us know if you will need babysitting for children under 2 years old.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass Times

(This is a holy day of obligation.)

Thursday, December 8, 2011

St. Mary — Omro 7:30 AM

St. Mary — Winneconne 6:00 PM

Feast Day Celebration
Our Lady of Guadalupe
Sunday, December 11
St. Mary, Omro
1:00 PM Mass in Spanish with
Mariachi Band
Potluck dinner following Mass
All are welcome!

Thanks to all of you in Omro and Winneconne who purchased an Advent Calendar. The proceeds will be used to help make the new pre-school Children's Room a bit more functional. It is our hope that this Calendar will enrich the Advent Season for you and yours.
Enjoy!

**Kwiatkowski
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685-2207
Parish Member


**Schoonover
Pheasant Farm**
Call: 920-685-2628


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Readings for the Week of Dec. 4

Monday: Is 35:1-10/Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Mt 11:28-30
Thursday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12
Lk 1:26-38
Friday: Is 48:17-19/Mt 11:16-19
Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Next Sun.: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/1 Thes 5:16-24/
Jn 1:6-8, 19-28



Women's Advent Retreat

Thurs Dec 8, 7:00pm to Sun Dec 11, Noon
Jesuit Retreat House on Lake Winnebago
Come to a weekend of Peace and Prayer.
A time to speak with God in silence, to listen
to God speak to us, and a time to care for
ourselves. Sr. Elise Cholewinski OSF, will be
the retreat director. For reservations call:
920-231-9060 or 800-962-7330. For questions
on the retreat or on scholarship funding to help
defray costs call Marcie @ 920-923-2446 or
Jane @ 414-962-2443.

SHOPPER'S PRAYER

Dear God, as I look through my gift shopping list, I
hold up to you each person listed on it. Slowly, one by
one, I ask that the fire of your abundant love burn
within each of them. I pray that the gift I find for each
person will bring joy into their life. Also, help me to
find time in the frantic moments of each day to
become centered on you, God. Walking through a
store, riding on the bus, hurrying down a street. Let
each of these times be moments when I can remember
your incredible love for me and rejoice in it.

Monte Alverno
Retreat &
Spirituality Center 

Season of Advent Day of Reflection:
Tuesday, Dec. 6
9:30 am - 3:00 pm

To Register:
Monte Alverno Retreat & Spirituality Center
1000 N Ballard Road
Appleton WI 54911-5198
(920) 733-8526
Email: montealverno@juno.com
Website: www.montealverno.org

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Father Carr's Help on Wheels December is Toilet Paper & Napkins



This month St. Mary—Winneconne is collecting
toilet paper & napkins (paper products) for
Fr. Carr's Place 2B. You may place your donation(s)
in the white basket on wheels in the entrance
(parking lot side). We have received very positive
responses from Fr. Carr's for the help they have
received. Thank you!!

John: Yesterday and Today

By: Kristina M. DeNeve
Evangelization and Welcoming Director
Diocese of Green Bay

John the Baptist told anyone who would listen that
the Messiah was coming and that we needed to get
ready. This Gospel obviously fits the theme of
Advent, of preparing for Jesus.

However, there is more to John's message. We
believe God gave us the freedom to choose our
path. To choose how we spend our time, who and
what we will love, what we will pursue. Jesus will
never force himself on us. Jesus will come to us, will
be born within us, only to the extent that we
prepare for him, make room for him. In our hearts
and in our lives. John the Baptist provides timeless
advice we still need today.

That said, preparing the way doesn't mean avoiding
the flurry of Christmas parties and presents etc.
Indeed, Catholics are asked to be "leaven for the
world," being Christ for the people and activities of
our daily lives. Rather, take a moment to listen. God
is already nudging you on how you might best
prepare the way for him. Right now. Today.

City-wide Reconciliation Services
Tuesday, December 6, 7:00 PM
Most Blessed Sacrament (St. Peter Site)

Wednesday, December 7, 2:00 PM
St. Raphael Church

Half Hour Before Mass on Saturdays
St. Mary Church Omro & Winneconne