



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.

Mission Statement

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.

NEW YEAR'S BLESSING PRAYER FOR CALENDARS January 1, 2012

As we make our New Year's Resolutions, let us think about how we can grow in our faith during 2012. Take a minute to bless your new calendar or your appointment book by placing it on a table, looking at the entries and asking yourself:

- ◇ What priorities does this calendar reveal?
- ◇ Is there space for God in my life?
- ◇ Is Mass and prayer time scheduled?



Then bless your calendar by praying:

***God of all times and seasons,
we ask your blessing upon your gift to us of time.
Bless our calendars,
these ordered lists of days, weeks and months,
of holydays and holidays - all our special days of remembering.
May they remind us of birthdays and other gift-days,
as they teach us the secret that all life is meant for celebration.
Bless this New Year, Lord,
and help us to be attentive to the needs and concerns of others
as we grow in your love and grace.
Amen.***

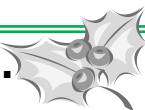
Sacraments/Membership

To arrange for baptisms, weddings or to join call
St. Mary, Winneconne- 582-7712
Or St. Mary, Omro-685-2258

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Sacramental Ministers: Fr. Doug LeCaptain &
Fr. Luke Ferris

Parish Director's Ponderings.....



In the midst of these days of Christmas Time the Church celebrates the solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. One of the most outstanding characteristics of Mary is her willingness to know and do God's will. Mary reflected on events that happened to her and were happening around her. She meditated. She took time to "listen" to God in her life.

In our busy lives today, we often overlook meditation as a prayer. We don't take time to stop and think about what happens to us every day. We forget to rejoice in the good times and to find meaning in the difficult times.

As we begin this NEW YEAR of 2012 let's make a resolution to be more like Mary this year. Let's take time before we go to bed each night to reflect on what happened during the day. Let's thank God for the goodness in our day and ask God to help us with the struggles and difficult moments of our day. Then, like Mary, we will come to know and do God's will.

I want to say a very special thank you to the many people who helped to make our Christmas Masses great celebrations of love and joy. From the environment and hospitality to the music and ritual, people were once again drawn into the mystery of Jesus' birth. During these days of Christmas time may we continue to discover the many ways that God is truly with us.

Sr. Pam



**The Parish Offices will
be closed on
Monday, January 2,
at both churches—
Omro & Winneconne.
Happy New Year!!**

FYI... 2011 Contributions will be given to those whose envelopes come in on Saturday December 31st. Any envelopes that come in on Sunday January 1st or thereafter will go on your 2012 statement.

Thank you for your support for 2011.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Readings for the Week of Jan. 1, 2012



Monday: St. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, bishops & doctors of the Church
1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28

Tuesday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus
1 Jn 2:29-3:6/Jn 1:29-34

Wednesday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, religious
1 Jn 3:7-10/Jn 1:35-42

Thursday: St. John Neumann, bishop
1 Jn 3:11-21/Jn 1:43-51

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38 or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 2:1-11

Next Sun.: The Epiphany of the Lord
Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12



MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY: January 7
4:00PM Nicholas Leitl
SUNDAY: January 8
10:30AM Phyllis Dufek



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Website: www.stmarywinneconne.org

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY: January 7
6:00PM Bishop Mark Schmitt
SUNDAY: January 8
8:30AM Ralph Frank



**LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE
SATURDAY & SUNDAY January 7 & 8**

ALTAR SERVERS:

6:00PM Garrett & Hunter Ellis
8:30AM Joelle Berger, Sadie Huth

LECTORS:

6:00PM Janet Wegner
8:30AM John Kiley, Emily Luebke

COMMUNION MINISTERS:

6:00PM Janet Abalan, Janet Bunker
8:30AM Jim & Pat Albright, Pat & Phil Belongie

USHERS:

6:00PM Judy & John Schuster
8:30AM Glen & Carol Mischka

GREETERS:

6:00PM Lila Ellis
8:30AM Cherie & John Kiley

MUSICIANS:

6:00PM Marshall Potter w/Karla Ellis
8:30AM Volunteer

VIDEO: Jim Wellens



Liturgy of the Word with Communion:

Monday & Wednesday: 7:30AM
Reconciliation: Saturday 3:30PM

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

SATURDAY & SUNDAY January 7 & 8

ALTAR SERVERS:

4:00PM Markus Fahrney, Michael Mastalish
10:30AM Kaylee Witzke, Audrey Flora

LECTORS:

4:00PM Mike Jordan
10:30AM Julie Abler

USHERS:

4:00PM Jerry Reetz, Jeff Muehlenberg
Marisue & Jack Quigley
10:30AM Erin Flora, Tammy Davis,
Steve & Irma Christian



COMMUNION MINISTERS:

4:00PM Mike Jordan, Tom & Paula Snider
Judy Reetz, Barb Breister
10:30AM Jeannie Furman, Patty Volp, Julie Abler
Craig & Donna Rider

GREETERS:

4:00PM Jason, Jenny & Anna Fahrney
10:30AM Donna Stratton, Kathy Schmitt,
Jennifer & Olivia Flora

MUSICIANS:

4:00PM Jodi Bohn
10:30AM Volunteer

Liturgy of the Word with Communion:

1st & 3rd Tuesday: 8:00AM at St. Mary, Omro
2nd & 4th Wednesday: 10:30AM at Omro Care Center
Reconciliation: Saturday 5:30PM

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✓ CHECK IT OUT... ST. MARY, OMRO

Mon. Jan. 2 **PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**
 Tues. Jan. 3 8:00 AM LOW* w/Communion
 @ St. Mary, Omro
 Wed. Jan. 4 5:30PM Lifelong Faith-
 God the Upper Deck
 Sat. Jan. 7 5:30PM Confession
 6:00 PM Mass
 Sun. Jan. 8 8:30 AM Mass-Epiphany
 *LOW: Liturgy of the Word
 Sat. & Sun. Jan. 7 & 8 Omro Area Non-
 Perishable Food Collection

*Lifelong Faith Formation
 Cruisin' the Creed*

*God the Upper Deck
 January 4 & 11, 2012*

*Our focus is God the Creator.
 What does the love of
 God mean to us?
 What is our
 understanding of the
 presence of God? All are welcome to
 learn and deepen their faith with us!*



**Gospel Question of the Week
 (Blessed by God)**



Adults: Which of God's blessings are you most thankful for right now?

Children/Youth: What does it mean to you to be a child of God?

Thank You!
 From
 Omro Food Pantry Staff
Thank You!

Thanks to all the donors who have helped to feed the many needy families of our community in 2011, we could not do this without your kind efforts. God Bless All Of You!

Our needs are much greater in these cold Winter months so here is what we could use....

- peanut butter/cereal
- juices
- pancake mix and syrup
- canned pineapple
- canned mixed fruit/fruit cocktail
- soda crackers
- spam/canned meats/tuna/hash
- beef stew
- beets
- canned sweet potatoes/yams
- mac and cheese/boxed dinners
- cleaning supplies/laundry supplies

We are open Tuesday and Thursday 9:30am to 3:30pm to receive fresh veggies, meats, pizzas, cheese, margarine/butter or whatever you have to donate. Thank You again.



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 685-2207
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Wed. Jan. 4 7:30AM LOW* w/Communion

Faith Formation

3:00-4:30PM Gr. 1-5

5:15PM MS Youth Group

6:30-8:00PM MS Class

Sat. Jan. 7 3:30PM Confession

4:00 PM Mass

Sun. Jan. 8 10:30 AM Mass-Epiphany

*LOW-Liturgy of the Word

Father Carr's Help on Wheels January is Canned Vegetables



This month St. Mary—Winneconne is collecting canned vegetables for Fr. Carr's Place 2B. You may place your donation(s) in the white basket on wheels in the entrance (parking lot side).

Thank you for your continued support!!

Stay Connected



Are you leaving for the winter or vacation?

There are many ways to stay connected with the parish:

- *through our website
www.stmarywinneconne.org
- *like us on facebook
- *contact the parish office
at 582-7712 we will e-mail or mail the bulletin out to you.

We would love to have you take us with you! The bulletin is a great way to stay connected!!

WINNECONNE

FAITH FORMATION

Classes will resume on **January 4th**.

- Elementary School meets every Wednesday except the 5th Wednesday of the month.
- No classes on the 5th Wednesday; this is reserved for catechist training in-service.
- Middle School meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month.
- High School meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month.
- 1st Wednesday of the month is Middle School Youth Group, 5:15-6:15.
- 2nd Wednesday of the month is High School Youth Group, 5:15-6:15.

Middle School Movie Night

January 13th 6:00-8:30 PM in front of the big screen, lower level of church. All middle school youth are invited to gather together to watch **Soul Surfer**.



Soul Surfer is the inspiring true story of teen surfer Bethany Hamilton, who lost her arm in a shark attack and courageously overcame all odds to become a champion again through her sheer determination and unwavering faith.

We hope you will join us for a fun night of games and a movie planned just for you. Invite your friends to join us too, all are welcome!



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Winneconne now has
a facebook page.**