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Second Sunday of Easter/Divine Mercy Sunday **April 12, 2026**

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Liturgy of the Word

Mon & Wed 7:30am St. Mary, Winneconne

Weekend Masses

Saturday: St. Mary, Omro
3:30pm Confession
4:00pm Mass

Sunday

8:30am St. Mary, Winneconne
10:30am St. Mary, Omro

Reconciliation

1st & 3rd Wednesday 4:30-5:30pm
St. Mary, Winneconne
2nd & 4th Wednesday 4:30-5:30pm
St. Mary, Omro

Sacraments/Membership

To arrange for Baptisms, Weddings or to join
the parish please call the office.

*Holy
Communion*

FIRST



St. Mary Omro

Garrett Korth

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St. Mary Winneconne

Warren Burnett

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Tucker Gross

Eliana Hansen

Layla Hansen

Sophie Hansen

Adelae Jennerjohn

Nala Meyers

Mora Mootz

Avianna Morden

Matilda Williams

Welcome to our parishes.

PASTORAL PONDERINGS

For Catholics, a child's First Holy Communion is one of the most sacred milestones of faith. In the Eucharist, we believe we truly receive the body and blood of Christ, just as Jesus gave Himself at the Last Supper. For this reason, First Communion is not merely a ceremony, it's the beginning of a deeper and lifelong friendship with Jesus' present in the Eucharist.

The preparation for this sacrament helps children grow in prayer, understanding, and reverence. Through catechesis and their first experience of Reconciliation, they learn about God's mercy and sacredness of the Mass. When a child approaches the altar for the first time, they are welcomed more fully into the life of the Church.

Adults are also invited to remember their own First Communion. That memory often carries purity, excitement, and devotion with which we once approached the altar. Reflecting on that day can renew our gratitude for Christ's presence and deepen our desire to receive Him with the same faith filled wonder.

Parents and families play a vital role in nurturing this Sacramental life. By celebrating and revisiting the meaning of First Communion, they show children that the Eucharist is not a one-day milestone but a continual source of grace, strength, and intimacy with Christ. When families attend Mass together and speak openly about the gift of the Eucharist, they help ensure that this first encounter becomes the foundation of a lifelong journey.

God bless our first communicants this weekend!

Deacon Paul Vidmar



The Divine Mercy Chaplet originated from the visions of St. Faustina Kowalska in 1935, who received the prayer directly from Jesus and spread it as a devotion to God's mercy.



The Chaplet of Divine Mercy was revealed to **St. Maria Faustina Kowalska**, a Polish nun of the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy, in 1935. During a vision, she saw an angel sent by God to punish a city for its sins. As she prayed for mercy, she experienced the presence of the Holy Trinity and heard interiorly the words that would form the basis of the chaplet:

"Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world; for the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us" (Diary, 475). The next day, Jesus instructed her on the full structure of the prayer, adding "and on the whole world" and emphasizing its use for the dying and for sinners.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION



EXPERIENCE

No matter where you are on your faith journey, Entrust is for you!

May 1 and May 2
St. Mary, Omro

Friday evening– 5:30-8:30PM: Dinner and Refreshments included.

Saturday– 8:00AM– 3:30PM: Light breakfast, lunch, snacks and refreshments included.

Benefits of attending Entrust

Builds a foundation of prayer in the parish.

Aligns parish ministries to a shared vision and mission.

Builds a pathway of missionary discipleship for the parish.

Creates a thriving culture of missionary disciples.

Forms a deeper sense of community in your parish.

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WINNECONNE NEWS

St. Mary, Winneconne Calendar

Mon.	Apr. 13	7:30am LOW* w/Communion 4:30pm CKC KH
Tues.	Apr. 14	9:30am Staff Meeting in Omro 1:30pm "The Search" LL 5:30pm "The Search" KH 7:00pm KC Meeting LL
Wed.	Apr. 15	7:30am LOW* w/Communion 10:30am LOW* at Highlands 3:15pm Elem FF Meeting 4:30pm Confession
Thurs.	Apr. 16	2:00pm Rosary
Sat.	Apr. 18	7:00am Men's Group Omro
Sun.	Apr. 19	8:30am Mass w/CLOW** Spiritus Talking

3rd Sunday of Easter

*LOW: Liturgy of the Word
**CLOW: Children's Liturgy of the Word
CKC: Christian Kindness Crew
KH: Kaudy Hall
LL: Lower Level of Church



Sunday April 12
HS FF Classes



Thank you to our Faith Formation volunteers for the faithful ways you accompany our children and youth. Your presence, patience, and care create a space for growth, questions, and encounter

with God. The time, love, and prayers you give are a true gift to our parish community. We are deeply grateful for you.

STEWARDSHIP OF SHARING-Winneconne

End of Fiscal Quarter #3 (Q3)

Sunday Offering budgeted Q3	\$242,620
Sunday Offering actual Q3	\$234,482
Sunday Offering shortage	(\$8,138)
Income budgeted Q3	\$309,330
Income Q3 (with fish fry & sponsorship)	\$319,602
Total Q3 income	\$10,272
Expense budgeted Q3	\$309,574
Expense Q3	\$302,843
Total Q3 expense (under budget)	\$6,731
Net ordinary income Q3	\$17,003



The Bishop's Appeal is a stewardship opportunity for each of us to reach out to thousands of people in search of Jesus' love.

Each gift given supports the ministries of the Diocese of Green Bay which serve our parishes, Catholic schools, and communities. Your gift truly helps bring the heart and hands of Christ to our children, young adults, families, and neighbors here in northeastern Wisconsin. **Our Bishop's Appeal goal this year is \$45,651. We have collected \$28,483.51.** Pray how you can give back to the Lord. Thank you to those who have donated.



This year, our elementary Faith Formation students and catechists—along with parents and members of our parish community—were blessed with the beautiful opportunity to

celebrate Mass together each month. This gift would not have been possible without the support of Deacon Paul. Thank you. We extend our heartfelt thanks to Fr. Tom, Fr. Ben, and Fr. Pete for their willingness to celebrate Mass with us. Sharing in the Eucharist together was truly a highlight of each month and a meaningful way to grow in our love for Jesus.



Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)

Mass readings for all children ages 4—4th Grade.



Is offered the 1st and 3rd Sun. of the month during the 8:30am Mass



Confession

Wednesday, April 15, 4:30—5:30 pm
with Fr. Dave in Winneconne

OMRO NEWS

St. Mary, Omro Calendar

Mon. Apr. 13 4:30pm CKC (**SMW-Kaudy Hall**)
 Tues. Apr. 14 9:30-11:30am Office Closed for
 Staff Meeting
 5:30-7:00pm Discipleship Small
 Groups, "The Search"
 (Triple Room)
 7:00pm Knight of Columbus
 (**SMW-LL**)
 Sat. Apr. 18 7:00am Men's Group
 3:30pm Confession
 4:00pm Mass
 Sun. Apr. 19 10:30am Mass with Refreshments

3rd Sunday of Easter
 SMW-St. Mary Winneconne
 CKC-Christian Kindness Crew
Spiritus Talking at Masses

STEWARDSHIP OF SHARING-Omro	
End of Fiscal Quarter #3 (Q3)	
Sunday Offering budgeted Q3	\$154,150
Sunday Offering actual Q3	\$142,480
Sunday Offering shortage	(\$11,670)
Income budgeted Q3	\$205,233
Income Q3 (with picnic & sponsorship)	\$215,272
Total Q3 income	\$10,039
Expense budgeted Q3	\$201,183
Expense Q3	\$215,111
Total Q3 expense (deficit)	(\$13,928)
Net ordinary income Q3 (deficit)	(\$3,889)

Bishop's Appeal 2026

A Christian steward is "One who receives God's gifts gratefully, cherishes and tends them in a responsible manner, shares them in justice and love with others, and returns them with increase to the Lord."

Our Bishop's Appeal goal is \$19,395. To date, we have collected \$8,331. Note: no update was received Easter week; update will be in next week's bulletin. Thank you to all who have donated!



ST. MARY OMRO LENTEN GIVING

Thank you to the anonymous donation for printing of the bulletin for 2 weeks.

FAITH FORMATION



Thank you to all our volunteers and families for another memorable Faith Formation year!



To everyone who helped make our mission trip fundraisers such a success...thank you!

We are incredibly thankful for the generosity, time, and encouragement so many of you shared. Whether you donated, volunteered, organized, or came alongside us with support, every effort truly mattered.

Because of your kindness, our group reached its goal! We are moving forward with this mission full of confidence and gratitude. Your support is not only helping us get there, but also reminds us of the strong and loving community that stands behind us. You are a part of this mission, and we carry your support with us every step of the way.

With sincere thanks,

Be The Light Youth Mission Team

Our mission trip with Catholic HEART Workcamp is scheduled for June 21-27 to Hendersonville, TN (right outside Nashville).

The Sanctuary Candle for the remainder of the year and the 2026 Paschal Candle are lovingly

provided in memory of

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Readings for the Week of April 13

Monday: Acts 4:23-31/Jn 3:1-8
Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Jn 3:16-21
Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Jn 3:31-36
Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Jn 6:1-15
Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Jn 6:16-21
Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/1 Pt 1:17-21
Lk 24:13-35
Third Sunday of Easter

Ministry Opportunity!

St. Mary Omro and St. Mary Winneconne are seeking a dedicated and faith-filled **Adult Faith Formation Coordinator** to join our team. This is a paid employment position.

This role includes developing and coordinating adult formation programs, as well as providing catechetical leadership in collaboration with our clergy and volunteers. Ideal candidates will have a strong foundation in the Catholic faith, proven leadership skills, and a passion for evangelization and parish outreach.

For more information, please contact either parish office:

- **St. Mary Omro:** 920-685-2258
- **St. Mary Winneconne:** 920-582-7712

Men's Group Meeting

Saturday, April 18, 7:00-8:00 am

All men from St. Mary, Omro and Winneconne are welcome. The April 18 meeting is in Omro. We will review the upcoming Sunday gospel reading and have a discussion. Feel free to just drop in; no RSVP needed.

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)

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YARD PROJECTS NEEDED

We are seeking yard projects for our Senior Service Day on May 22nd.

- Groups will arrive between 9-11:45 am. Please be home during this time.
- Please provide all yard tools needed (Students are prohibited from using ladders or power tools).
- Please provide a contact phone #

LOURDES ACADEMY

If you have a project that our seniors can assist with, kindly reach out to:
Kimberly Kropuenske at kkropuenske@lourdes.today.

The deadline for project submissions is May 8th.

NEW!

Pope Leo XIV launches a digital evangelization tool from the Holy See.

View this tool by scanning the QR code or visiting

onmiss.io/vaticannews



On **MISSION**



MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY: **April 18**
4:00pm (SMO) Barbara Rank

SUNDAY: **April 19**
8:30am (SMW) John L
10:30am (SMO) For Our Parishioners

4:00pm (SMO) **Altar Servers**
8:30am (SMW) **2 Volunteers**
10:30am (SMO) **2 Volunteers**

Lectors
4:00pm (SMO) Janet Wegner
8:30am (SMW) Phil Johnson
10:30am (SMO) **Volunteer**

Ushers
4:00pm (SMO) Casey Koterbski, Steve Koterbski
8:30am (SMW) **4 Volunteers**
10:30am (SMO) Mona Freund, **Volunteer**

Sacristans
4:00pm (SMO) Janet Wegner
8:30am (SMW) Brenda McCarty-Kubasta
10:30am (SMO) Jen Wellhoefer

Communion Ministers
8:30am (SMW) Molly Johnson, **Volunteer**

Greeters
4:00pm (SMO) Lindsay Galica, Mady & Kate Butt
8:30am (SMW) **3 Volunteers**
10:30am (SMO) Mike Freund, **Volunteer**

Intercessory Prayers
8:30am (SMW) Chelsy Cegelski, Julie Servis

Musicians
4:00pm (SMO) Chrissy Volpe, Gail Breu
8:30am (SMW) Chrissy Volpe
10:30am (SMO) Cameron Crandall

God Bless You.

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Sue Kuhn: sue.kuhn@stmarychurches.org
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Children's Liturgy of the Word



Winneconne

April 19, 8:30am Mass

Omro

April 26, 10:30 am Mass

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