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Third Sunday of Easter **April 19, 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.

Congratulations to our First Communicants who were welcomed to the table of the Lord last Sunday in Winneconne and Omro



St. Mary, Winneconne



*St.
Mary,
Omro*

Welcome to our parishes.

PASTORAL PONDERINGS

Seeing Jesus More Clearly

Last Sunday, when Deacon Paul announced that our St. Mary parishes would have a resident priest, my first reaction was simple and sincere: What a blessing for us. But then he went on to say that this priest would be an international priest—and a new emotion rose up in me. An emotion that was uncomfortable to name, because it does not align with Jesus or His Gospel.

I realized in that moment how much I want Jesus—and the priest who functions in Jesus' name—to look like me. I want a Jesus who is familiar, like the images on most holy cards and statues: white-skinned, blue-eyed, neatly groomed, safely recognizable. I want a Jesus shaped by my culture, my language, my assumptions. I want a Jesus who speaks the way I speak, thinks the way I think, worships the way I expect, and understands the parish, the Church, and the future exactly as I imagine it should be.

But the Jesus my “still-seeking, still-in-need-of-redemption heart” wants...is not Jesus. The real Jesus was born on the margins, not at the center. He was a brown-skinned Jew from an occupied land. A child refugee. An outsider. The real Jesus refuses to be claimed by any one culture, any one language, or any one vision of how things should be.

We have been praying for Jesus to come among us as a parish priest. And now, the man who will stand among us may, in physical appearance, more closely resemble Jesus than most of us ever will—dark-skinned, an immigrant, someone who may

struggle to learn a new language and to understand a people very different from those he left behind. This moment will reveal something—not about our priest, but about us.

The Gospel does not ask whether someone speaks like us, looks like us, or comes from where we come from. It asks whether we can recognize Christ when He arrives in a form we did not expect. Scripture is painfully clear on this point. God almost never shows up the way people think He should.

Jesus Himself was dismissed because He came from the “wrong place.” His accent, His background, His lack of social standing were all reasons given to doubt Him. And history shows we have not improved much on that instinct.

Hospitality is not tested when it's easy. Acceptance does not mean anything when there is nothing to accept. This moment is our test. We can choose to be polite but closed, smiling but resistant. Or we can choose the harder, holier path: to receive this priest fully, humbly, and gratefully—not as a compromise, but as a blessing.

Nineteen years is a long time to wait. My prayer is that our priest will be deeply formed in the mind, heart, and spirit of Jesus Christ. And my prayer for us is this: when we look upon him, we will not say “he isn't like us” but “Lord, let me see Your face.”

*Lyn Zahorik,
Director for Spiritual Engagement*



Rectory Renovations Are Underway!

We are excited to begin renovations to the rectory for our new resident priest, starting with the kitchen. As part of this project, we will be purchasing new kitchen appliances, including a refrigerator, stove, dishwasher, microwave, and garbage disposal.

If you would like to contribute toward the cost of these appliances (approx. \$2,500), donations may be placed in the basket marked “**Renovations**” at either parish. When the time comes, all appliances will be ordered together and delivered directly to the rectory.

Thank you for your generous support as we move forward with this important project!



Diocese of
Green Bay

April 7, 2026

St. Mary Parishes
730 Madison Ave.
Omro, WI 54963-1630

Dear Parishioners of St. Mary Parishes of Omro and Winneconne,

God's blessings to you this Easter season!

Out of gratitude for the service that **Deacon Paul Vidmar** has provided to the communities of St. Mary of Omro and Winneconne, I extend my heartfelt thanks and prayers as his ministry at St. Mary Parishes concludes on June 30, 2026. I ask you to join me in expressing our thanks and keeping Deacon Paul in your prayers.

It is Bishop Ricken's intention to appoint a new international priest to replace Deacon Paul. The announcement of the international priest is not made until he arrives in the United States. The goal is for him to arrive early July and be able to begin serving your parishes in September after some time of acclimating to the Diocese of Green Bay. Until the new priest arrives, I will serve as Temporary Administrator, and the priests from St. Raphael and the Newman Center will assist with the weekend Masses and other sacramental needs.

Please know of my prayers for your parishes during this time of transition.

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Tom Long
Chair, Priest Personnel Board

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WINNECONNE NEWS

St. Mary, Winneconne Calendar

Mon. Apr. 20	7:30am LOW* w/Communion 6:00pm Finance Council Meeting
Tues. Apr. 21	9:30am Staff Meeting in Omro 1:30pm "The Search" LL 5:30pm "The Search" KH 6:00pm Parish Council Meeting
Wed. Apr. 22	7:30am LOW* w/Communion 6:00-9:00pm Catechist Appreciation
Thurs. Apr. 23	2:00pm Rosary
Sun. Apr. 26	8:30am Mass 9:30-11:00am Intercessory Prayer Training

Fourth Sunday of Easter
*LOW: Liturgy of the Word
KH: Kaudy Hall
LL: Lower Level of Church

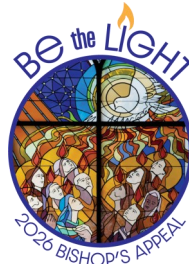


Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)
Mass readings for all children ages 4—4th grade.

CLOW is offered the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month during the 8:30am Mass.

Bishop's Appeal 2026

Please Help Us Reach Our Bishop's Appeal Goal!



Our Bishop's Appeal goal this year is \$45,651. We have collected \$30,938.61, 67.8%, towards our goal! Pray how you can give back to the Lord.

Thank you to those who have donated.

STEWARDSHIP OF SHARING-Winneconne

Given Week ending 4/12/2026	
Envelopes	\$3,448.00
Loose cash	\$ 518.00
Online & ACH Giving	<u>\$2,040.00</u>
Total	\$6,006.00
WEEKLY GOAL:	\$6,464.00



Via Lucis - Introduction

Via Lucis, or the Stations of Light, is a devotional practice for reflecting on the joy and hope of the Resurrection during the Easter season. While the Stations of the Cross commemorate Jesus' journey to his crucifixion and death, the Stations of Light focus on the events that followed the Resurrection.

Our parish has a free Formed subscription for you! Simply scan the QR code or visit formed.org/signup to create your account and select our parish to get free access to this content and much more!



St. Mary's Catholic Church Ladies Night Out



When: Monday, May 4th at 6pm

- What:**
- 1) Father Ben Pribbenow and his mother, Mary, will discuss their "Family of Faith" *Women Celebrate* presentation
 - 2) Food, drinks and fellowship
Please bring a snack or dessert to share.

Where: Kaudy Hall

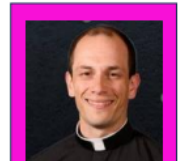
Cost: Free; donations appreciated

Chance to win some great door prizes.

Please sign up with the link below or contact Tanya at 262-441-0674.

Describe your item to share under "Comments" when you sign up.

[St Mary's Ladies Night Out: Family of Faith](#)



OMRO NEWS

St. Mary, Omro Calendar

Tues. Apr. 21 9:30-11:30am Office Closed for Staff Meeting
 4:30pm Finance Council Meeting
 5:30-7:00pm Discipleship Small Groups, "The Search" (Triple Room)
 Wed. Apr. 22 4:30-5:30pm Adoration & Confession
 Sat. Apr. 25 3:30pm Confession
 4:00pm Mass
 Sun. Apr. 26 10:30am Mass with CLOW

Fourth Sunday of Easter
 CLOW: Children's Liturgy of the Word

STEWARDSHIP OF SHARING-Omro

Given Week ending 4/12/2026
 Envelopes \$1,902.00
 Loose cash \$ 533.00
 Online & ACH Giving \$ 910.00
 Total \$3,345.00
 WEEKLY GOAL: \$4,044.00



Refreshments will be served Sunday, April 19, after Mass in Marian Hall. Stop by for a treat, coffee, and fellowship!

Adoration & Confession
Wednesday, April 22
4:30—5:30 pm



SPIRITUS missionaries are young adults who give nine months of service to ignite the faith of our Catholic youth. Spiritus invites parishioners to partner with their missionary efforts through prayer and financial support.
www.spiritusministries.org

Bishop's Appeal 2026

Our **2026 Bishop's Appeal** Goal is \$19,395. To date, we have received \$10,331, 53%, towards our goal!
 To give to the Appeal, contact the parish office or pick up a pledge card at church. Thank you for your gift to the Bishop's Appeal and for your support of our parish.



FAITH FORMATION

Thank you to all who attended our Family Night on April 8. Our students put on a great show!



We offer a very special word of gratitude to **Ron Jungwirth** in recognition of 30 years of faithful service as a catechist. We are deeply grateful for your service.



CLOW: April 26 at 10:30am Mass

Through video, group discussion, and fun activities, each of the Gospels is brought to life to gain a better understanding of the message that Jesus wants them to hear and live by. For children ages 4-4th grade.
 CLOW is offered April through September, 2nd and 4th Sundays at 10:30 am Mass.

Readings for the Week of April 20

Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday: Acts 7:51-8:1a/Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Jn 6:35-40
Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Jn 6:44-51
Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Jn 6:52-59
Saturday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Mk 16:15-20
Saint Mark, Evangelist
Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41/1 Pt 2:20b-25
Jn 10:1-10

Fourth Sunday of Easter
World Day of Prayer for Vocations

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

St. Carlo Acutis Exhibit

Eucharistic Miracles Around the World



Friday May 1- St. Jude Parish
Sacred Heart Location
7:30 am - 1:00 pm

Sunday, May 3
Lourdes Academy
St. Carlo Acutis
Birthday Celebration
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Both events open to all Parishes

The Eucharist is my Highway to Heaven
-St. Carlo Acutis



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For more information contact Kathie at (920) 539-6871
or Dcn. Rick at mbsrhocking@gmail.com, (920) 420-6912

ENTRUST

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St. Mary, Omro

Friday, May 1: 5:30-8:30pm

Saturday, May 2: 8:00am-3:30pm

CHRIST IS RISEN, ALLELUIA!

With grateful joy, we celebrate this Easter season, rejoicing that our Lord is truly risen! Through His Resurrection, we are reminded of the gift of salvation and the hope we share through our faith and trust in Him.

As you continue to nourish your faith through prayer, witness, and love, we invite you to take part in the *Entrust Experience*. As

Deacon Paul shared recently in his homily, just as logs are added to a campfire to keep it burning brightly, Entrust is a beautiful opportunity to keep the fire of faith alive in our hearts—and it is being offered in Omro.

During the *Entrust Experience*, you will encounter meaningful prayer, reflect on Scripture, hear guests speak on a wide variety of discipleship topics and engage in activities designed to help you better understand how God is calling you. It is through these gentle nudges from the Lord that we grow in faith, deepen our witness, and become the disciples Jesus calls each of us to be.

Use the links here to sign up or call either parish office.

920-685-2258—Omro

920-582-7712—Winneconne

[Sign up for Entrust Participant Form - St. Mary Omro](#)



MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY: April 25
4:00pm (SMO) Polly Spindt

SUNDAY: April 26
8:30am (SMW) Pete Kasuboski
10:30am (SMO) Margaret Cismoski

Altar Servers

4:00pm (SMO) Pat Samolinski, Mike Kirsch
8:30am (SMW) Tim Johnson, **Volunteer**
10:30am (SMO) Mike Jordan, Hank Albright

Lectors

4:00pm (SMO) Ken Bressers
8:30am (SMW) Phil Johnson
10:30am (SMO) **Volunteer**

Ushers

4:00pm (SMO) Jim Fay, Jim Kress
8:30am (SMW) **4 Volunteers**
10:30am (SMO) **2 Volunteers**

Sacristans

4:00pm (SMO) Margaret Potratz
8:30am (SMW) Sherrie Johnson
10:30am (SMO) Margaret Potratz

Communion Ministers

8:30am (SMW) Vicky Holt, Connie Kostichka

Greeters

4:00pm (SMO) Ed Mason, **Volunteer**
8:30am (SMW) **3 Volunteers**
10:30am (SMO) Vienn Stachura, **Volunteer**

Intercessory Prayers

8:30am (SMW) Tim & Sherrie Johnson

Musicians

4:00pm (SMO) Kristin Day, Julie Mueller
8:30am (SMW) Chrissy Volpe
10:30am (SMO) Cameron Crandall




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Fridays: Closed



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Faith Formation Coordinator: Heidi Seaman
Adult Faith Formation Coordinator: Patty Volp
Adult Faith Formation Assistant: Jolene Johnson
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Deadline for the Bulletin

NOON on Tuesday

E-mail bulletin announcements to:

Sue Kuhn: sue.kuhn@stmarychurches.org
Cammy Miller: cammy.miller@stmarychurches.org

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Winneconne

April 19, May 3 & 17, 8:30am Mass

Omro

April 26, May 10 & 24, 10:30am Mass



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