

# **St. Mary Churches-Omro & Winneconne** www.stmarychurches.org

## **Fourth Sunday of Easter** **April 26, 2026**

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### **Office Hours**

M-Th 8:00-5:00pm  
Fridays Closed

### **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.

Please Join Us!



**May 1 and May 2**  
**St. Mary, Omro**

Join your fellow parishioners for a meaningful Friday evening and Saturday filled with prayer, reflection, and engaging speakers who will inspire and equip you to grow as a disciple.

**Friday evening: 5:30-8:30 pm**

Dinner and refreshments included

**Saturday: 8:00 am– 3:30 pm**

Light breakfast, lunch, snacks, and refreshments included

Sign up using the link below or the QR code or call either parish office to register.

Omro: 920-685-2258

Winneconne: 920-582-7712

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



**Welcome to our parishes.**

# PASTORAL PONDERINGS

Gratitude is at the heart of the Catholic life. Each day the Church invites us to give thanks to God—not only for the blessings we notice, but also for the quiet gifts we easily overlook: life, faith, family, and the grace that sustains us. Even the very word *Eucharist* comes from the Greek word for “thanksgiving,” reminding us that gratitude stands at the center of our relationship with God. When we give thanks, we recognize that everything we have flows from His loving care.

Gratitude is like tending to a garden. A gardener who plants seeds but never waters them will soon find the soil dry and the blossoms fading. In the same way, gratitude is the water that keeps the garden of our faith alive. Each time we thank God, we nourish our hearts and help them grow. Without gratitude, our spirits can become parched focused only on what seems missing instead of the abundance already present.

As gratitude deepens, it naturally leads us to humility. We begin to see that our gifts, achievements, and opportunities are not ours alone, but are shaped by God’s providence. This awareness strengthens our trust, especially in difficult times.

Gratitude also transforms our relationships. A thankful heart becomes more patient, generous, and joyful. Just as sunlight helps a garden flourish, gratitude allows love and kindness to take root within us and extend to those around us. When we give thanks each day, we open our hearts to God’s grace and learn to recognize His presence in every moment of life.

Gratitude doesn’t just change how we feel—it changes how we live.

God bless you and your family.  
Deacon Paul Vidmar



## 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!***

# ADULT FAITH FORMATION

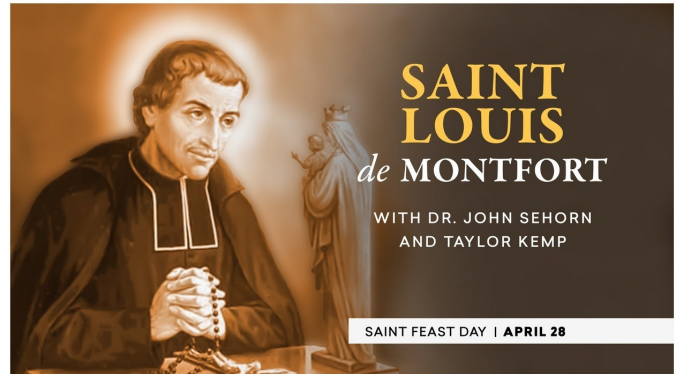
## Adult Faith Formation Coordinator Position Open

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. Louis de Montfort | Catholic Saints

Dr. John Sehorn joins Taylor Kemp to discuss the life of St. Louis de Montfort. Born in western France, St. Louis had a great love for Mary and the Rosary. His work True Devotion to Mary helps Catholics grow in their relationship with Jesus through his Mother, Mary.

LET US PRAY TOGETHER

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An offering from the AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE

## St. Mary's Catholic Church Ladies Night Out



**When:** Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup> 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](#)



## Saturday, May 2, 2026



A 22-mile walking pilgrimage from the National Shrine of St. Joseph to the National Shrine of Our Lady of Champion. Scan the QR code to the right or go to [walktomary.com](https://walktomary.com) to register!



# WINNECONNE NEWS

## St. Mary, Winneconne Calendar

Mon. Apr. 27 7:30am LOW\* w/Communion  
 Tues. Apr. 28 6:00pm Knights of Columbus Meeting  
 Wed. Apr. 29 7:30am LOW\* w/Communion  
 Thurs. Apr. 30 2:00pm Rosary  
 Fri. May 1 5:30-8:30pm ENTRUST at **SMO**  
 Sat. May 2 8:00am-3:30pm ENTRUST at **SMO**  
 Sun. May 3 8:30am Mass with Knights of Columbus Ministers, CLOW\*\*, Refreshments  
 8:30am-Noon Confirmation Class

### Fifth Sunday of Easter

\*LOW: Liturgy of the Word

\*\*CLOW: Children's Liturgy of the Word  
**SMO**—St. Mary Omro  
 Missionary Speaker  
 Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive



Sunday, May 3  
 Confirmation Class 8:30am–Noon



### Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)

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

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



### Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive May 2 & 3 at Both Parishes

The funds raised directly support individuals with intellectual disabilities, with most of the proceeds from our local council going to schools in Omro and Winneconne.

### STEWARDSHIP OF SHARING-Winneconne

Given Week ending 4/19/2026  
 Envelopes \$2,465.00  
 Loose cash \$ 242.00  
 Online & ACH Giving \$2,040.00  
 Total \$4,747.00  
 WEEKLY GOAL: \$6,464.00



### 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 this year is \$45,651. We have collected \$31,163.61 (68.2%), towards our goal. Pray how you can give back to the Lord.**

**Thank you to those who have donated!**



### Tickets: \$10.00 each

Next weekend, we will start handing out packets of raffle tickets for our parish picnic on June 14. Each packet contains 10 tickets at \$10 each. For every 10 tickets you sell, your name will get entered into a special \$100 drawing. The envelope your tickets come in already has the parishes address on it so you may simply place the money & stubs or unsold tickets in the envelope and mail it or put into the collection basket.

Thank you for supporting the parish!



### Missionary Cooperation Plan

#### May 2 & May 3, St. Mary Omro & St. Mary Winneconne

Sr. Matilda Sorkpor will speak at all Masses on May 2 & 3. St. Matilda is a Sister of the Handmaids of the Divine Redeemer (HDR) of Accra, Ghana, West Africa. She is currently serving at Fr Carr's at the homeless shelter for women and children. The HDR are a Catholic religious congregation based in Ghana.

They focus on spiritual, social, and humanitarian missions, emphasizing the protection and empowerment of vulnerable populations, particularly women and children.

Next weekend, a 2nd Collection will be taken for the Missionary Cooperation Plan. Donations for the Visiting Missionary Appeal from all parishes in the Diocese are pooled and divided equally. Thank you.

# OMRO NEWS

## St. Mary, Omro Calendar

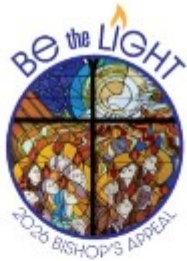
Mon. Apr. 27 6:00pm Parish Council Meeting  
(Triple Room)  
Fri. May 1 5:30-8:30pm ENTRUST  
Sat. May 2 8:00am-3:30pm ENTRUST  
3:30pm Confession  
4:00pm Mass  
Sun. May 3 10:30am Mass  
10:30am-1:00pm Confirmation  
Class

### Fifth Sunday of Easter

Missionary Speaker  
Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive  
Omro Food Pantry Collection

### STEWARDSHIP OF SHARING-Omro

Given Week ending 4/19/2026  
Envelopes \$1,985.00  
Loose cash \$ 401.00  
Online & ACH Giving \$ 910.00  
Total \$3,296.00  
WEEKLY GOAL: \$4,044.00



### Bishop's Appeal 2026

Our 2026 Bishop's Appeal Goal is \$19,395. To date, we have collected \$10,631 (54.8%), towards our goal.

**"Help Jesus with His work of educating our children, comforting the sick, and helping families in need."**

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.



*For the family and friends of Loretta Dolske, who has been called home to our loving Father in Heaven. May the words of Jesus bring comfort in your sorrow, strength in your hearts, and peace in His presence.*

## FAITH FORMATION

Sunday, May 3  
Confirmation Class 10:30am-1:00pm



### 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 4-4<sup>th</sup> grade.

CLOW is offered April through September, 2nd and 4th Sundays at 10:30 am Mass.

## Month of May Rosary

Join us to pray the Rosary, starting  
Monday, May 4, 6:00 pm  
St. Mary Omro



### **Omro Food Pantry Collection Saturday, May 2/Sunday, May 3**

The Omro Food Pantry has a critical need for the following items this month: shampoo, body wash, feminine products, toilet paper, facial tissue, cleaning products and cleaning supplies. Basic food items are also always welcome. Items can be dropped in the basket located by the parking lot door at the Marian Hall entrance or in the parish office.

## Readings for the Week of April 27

**Monday:** Acts 11:1-18/Jn 10:11-18  
**Tuesday:** Acts 11:19-26/Jn 10:22-30  
**Wednesday:** Acts 12:24-13a/Jn 12:44-50  
 Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church  
**Thursday:** Acts 13:13-25/Jn 13:16-20  
**Friday:** Acts 13:26-33/Jn 14:1-6  
**Saturday:** Acts 13:44-52/Jn 14:7-14  
 Saint Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church  
**Sunday:** Acts 6:1-7/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12

### Fifth Sunday of Easter



**Become a host family...**



**...Change a life!**

Whether you've been a host family in the past or this is your first time considering it, hosting an international student is a positive, life-changing experience! There are many benefits to becoming a host family including:

- Expanding your horizons and connections
- Learning and experiencing new cultures
- Sharing your own culture
- Forming a life-long friendship with an international son, daughter or sibling
- Making dreams come true by creating opportunities for international students to live in the United States



Become a host family today!



Learn more about our international student program!

"Hosting several international students over the past 10 years has been such a unique experience. We have welcomed basically strangers into our home, immediately found room for these children in our hearts, and learned to watch our international daughters go with God back to their countries. Not only are we sharing our own family values, faith, and culture with these students, but they are doing the same for us. Being open, saying yes, and trusting in this journey has forever blessed our entire family."

-Mike & Pollyanna Kilde  
host family


## LOURDES ACADEMY IS SEARCHING FOR A DIRECTOR OF ADVANCEMENT

The Director of Advancement at Lourdes Academy is the chief development officer overseeing fundraising, donor relations, marketing and communications.

This role focuses on fostering a culture of philanthropy based on Catholic values, ensuring financial sustainability and enhancing relationships with alumni, parents, parish communities, and benefactors.

Interested candidates should send a letter of interest and resume to Lois Reischl at [lreischl@lourdes.today](mailto:lreischl@lourdes.today).

**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](mailto:mbsrhocking@gmail.com), (920) 420-6912



# ADORATION FOR THE NATION



Diocese of Green Bay

**WED., MAY 20 | 6 PM**  
 ST. JUDE (SACRED HEART SITE), OSHKOSH

Join us in prayer leading up to the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the United States of America!

CHECK OUT THE CURRENT LIST OF ADORATION SITES!



[dioc.io/250](http://dioc.io/250)

## MASS INTENTIONS

**SATURDAY:** **May 2**  
4:00pm (SMO) Shirley Pliszka

**SUNDAY:** **May 3**  
8:30am (SMW) Carol Brennand  
10:30am (SMO) Helen Henker

4:00pm (SMO) **Altar Servers**  
8:30am (SMW) **2 Volunteers** Ken Kranski, Tim Johnson  
10:30am (SMO) **2 Volunteers**

4:00pm (SMO) **Lectors** Janet Wegner  
8:30am (SMW) Tom Snider, Mike Jordan  
10:30am (SMO) **Volunteer**

4:00pm (SMO) **Ushers** **2 Volunteers**  
8:30am (SMW) Jack Woelfel, Joe Stilen,  
Doug Mace, Steve Christian  
10:30am (SMO) Confirmation Students

4:00pm (SMO) **Sacristans** Janet Wegner  
8:30am (SMW) John Michalski  
10:30am (SMO) **Volunteer**

**Communion Ministers**  
8:30am (SMW) Tom Scherer, Mike Jordan

**Greeters** **2 Volunteers**  
4:00pm (SMO) Glen Bodendorfer, Doug Mace,  
8:30am (SMW) **Volunteer**  
10:30am (SMO) Ron & Lawanda Jungwirth

**Intercessory Prayers**  
8:30am (SMW) Mike & Tracey Losse




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**NOON on Tuesday**

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**Children's Liturgy of the Word**

**Winneconne**

May 3 & 17, 8:30am Mass

**Omro**

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



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