

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

**20th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**August 17, 2025**



## **St. Mary Omro Parish Picnic THANK YOU!**

We are deeply grateful for everyone who attended, volunteered, donated, or prayed for our “Day at the Beach” picnic on August 10.

Although the weather brought a bit of rain, the joy and community spirit shone through.

Thanks to all of YOU, the picnic was a wonderful success. Your support is appreciated!

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Fr. Tom Long

Fr. Ben Pribbenow

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Fridays Closed

### **Sacraments/Membership**

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# PASTORAL PONDERINGS

Summer is a season of possibility of detours that lead somewhere delightful—sometimes unexpected. What paths did you travel this summer? Was it a road trip that included sleepy towns and local diners? Did you go off camping, hiking about the grandeur of nature? Perhaps you took a path to the beach, amusement park or museum. Maybe you chose the quiet path, sitting in your backyard taking unapologetic naps on a porch swing letting chapters of a favorite book, blur into dreams with no alarm clocks to chase.

August heralds the journey into the season of Autumn, promising us many more adventures through tree-lined paths colored in amber, orchards open up for apple picking, baking pies, watching football, or celebrating traditions like Halloween or Thanksgiving. Fall deepens our sense of home.

As days shorten, thoughts often go deeper. It's a lovely time for reflection—on where you've been and where you're going next. Which path speaks to you most right now? Or maybe there's a new one you're carving out for yourself?

Now is a good time to ask yourself if the pathway of Spiritual Companionship/Spiritual Direction is one you might wish to set your feet upon. Do you hear Jesus saying, "You've been running—now, come sit awhile."

Spiritual direction isn't just for those among us who are extra holy, it's for anyone craving deeper clarity, meaning, or connection in their life. It's not about having all the answers but sitting with the questions such as "Why am I here?" or "What does my soul need right now?", in the company of private, holy, non-judgmental space with someone trained to listen for the sacred in the everyday.

Here's who might find spiritual direction meaningful:

People curious about their own spiritual path, religious or not. Anyone going through grief, burnout, change, or even just feeling spiritually dry. Those facing a crossroads and wondering how to discern their next step or people who want to grow in their understanding and practice of their religious traditions. Many who seek out Spiritual Direction simply want to know their truest self in the quiet, with someone who helps listen for the whisper beneath the noise.

Our St. Mary parishes stand out in this Diocese as having not one, but two people, trained in this area. I am a certified Spiritual Companion, having taken a one-year program of training with follow up courses. Rose Unser has completed an extensive and intensive three-year program in Spiritual Direction. Both of us are accepting new clients and the customary charge is waived for a parishioner of either parish. Rose usually meets her clients in Winneconne, and I meet my clients in Omro, but we are flexible in meeting your needs.

If this is your time to seek out a new path, feel free to reach out to either of us for more information. Spiritual Direction is YOUR self-guided path. How often we meet together or regular continued visits are always determined by you.

Come, walk with us.

*Lyn Zahorik, Director for Spiritual Direction*





## Join Us for a Christian Family Movement Info Session

Thursday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, Kaudy Hall  
6:30PM-8:00PM

Christian Family Movement (CFM) is a vibrant, worldwide ministry that has been enriching families for over 75 years. CFM brings people together in small discipleship groups—welcoming families of all shapes, sizes, and stages of life.

The mission of CFM is simple: to follow Jesus at home, at church, and in the world—transforming society through love, service, education, and witness.

We all need encouragement and support to live out our faith. In CFM, you'll build lasting friendships with others who share your values and desire to grow in faith and action.

The CFM study guide is easy to use, offering Scripture readings, reflections, guided discussion, and practical ways to live out our faith—both as individuals and together as a group—through acts of service and discipleship in our community.

This past year, St. Mary Parishes in Winneconne and Omro participated in a pilot program where 8–10 parishioners met monthly in the home of the host family.

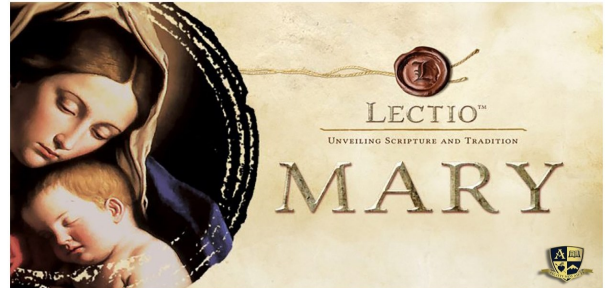
### **Here's what some of our pilot program participants shared about their experience:**

"We truly enjoyed getting to know fellow parishioners on a deeper level. Our group shared laughter, tears, and meaningful stories that strengthened our faith and reminded us just how special a faith community can be."

We hope you can join us on September 11<sup>th</sup> to learn more about this amazing program.

*Both Parish Offices will be closed on Tuesday, August 19 from 11:00am to 2:00pm. We will be at an all staff picnic with Oshkosh parish staff.*

See what's trending on Formed, use the link or QR code to watch This Week on FORMED - FORMED



### **The Queen Mother | Lectio: Mary | Episode 4**

Mary serves as our Queen Mother. What does that mean? Join Dr. Brant Pitre as he explores the scriptural roots of this title.

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An offering from the AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE

### **CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY SEPTEMBER 3rd, 11:15AM-2:45PM**



Help sort donated food items at the Appleton Food Bank, transportation provided if needed. Use the links below to sign up or call, text or email Patty; 920-376-1157, [patty.volp@stmarychurches.org](mailto:patty.volp@stmarychurches.org)



### **Children's Bulletins Available at Both Parishes! Ages 3+**

Every weekend, both parishes provide bulletins designed just for younger children. These fun and engaging handouts relate to the week's Gospel and are located next to the regular bulletins.

Be sure to grab one for your child(ren) and explore together!

# WINNECONNE NEWS

## St. Mary, Winneconne Calendar

Mon. Aug. 18 7:30am LOW\* w/Communion  
 1:00pm CWOM at Highlands  
 6:00pm Finance Council Mtg.  
 Tues. Aug. 19 11:30pm All staff picnic-Osh.  
 5:30pm KC picnic (KH)  
 Wed. Aug. 20 7:30am LOW\* w/Communion  
 10:30am LOW\* at Highlands  
 4:30pm Confession  
 Thurs. Aug. 21 2:00pm Rosary  
 Sun. Aug. 24 8:30am Mass  
 9:30am Confirmation Class

### 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

\*LOW: Liturgy of the Word  
 (KH) Kaudy Hall

#### STEWARDSHIP OF SHARING-Winneconne

Given Week ending 8/10/2025

|                     |                   |
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| Envelopes           | \$4,204.00        |
| Loose cash          | \$ 247.00         |
| Online & ACH Giving | <u>\$2,063.00</u> |
| Total               | \$6,514.00        |

WEEKLY GOAL: \$6,464.00

**God loves a cheerful giver**  
**2 Corinthians 9:7**

#### All Are Welcome Mark Your Calendar:

**Sept. 17, 7pm: Confirmation Mass held here in Winneconne. Join us for this Mass with Bishop Ricken** if you are free. We always try to pack the church when Bishop visits.

**Sept 21, 8:30am Mass: Catechetical Sunday** - Please join us for a special Mass where we have a special blessing for the Catechists, our volunteers, as well as the parents. We invite our families to join us at this Mass and have refreshments following Mass in the lower level.

**Can you believe Classes are getting ready to begin! Is your child registered yet!! Now is the time!!**

**Wednesday, October 1,** Elementary and middle school classes begin.

**Sunday, October 5, High School (9th-10th) and Confirmation (11th) classes begin.** All high school classes have moved to the first Sunday of each month October - May.

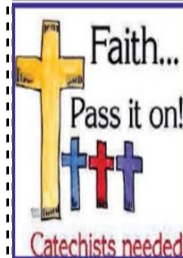


## Faith Formation Registration

**It's time to register for Faith Formation classes at St. Mary, Winneconne!**



**Don't delay register before Sept. 1, to save \$20.**



It's that time of year again—a wonderful opportunity for us to come together and make a lasting impact. We're gearing up to support and partner with parents through our Faith Formation Program, helping to nurture and guide the next generation of saints.

We warmly invite you to consider joining our team. Our ministry is made up of caring, passionate individuals just like you—people who love Jesus and want to share that love with the children and youth of St. Mary Church. Right now, we especially need a dedicated **catechist for the fifth grade.**

Catechists are truly the heart of our parish's faith formation. Your service makes a difference—it's the foundation of what keeps this ministry strong and meaningful.

As the saying goes, **"It takes a village to raise a child,"** and that couldn't be more true. Your parish is asking you to prayerfully consider becoming a catechist or catechist aide—an instrument in God's hands to share the AMAZING Good News with our children and youth. Together, we can make a real impact in their lives and in our parish community.

Contact Andy today to learn more  
 Andy.krueger@stmarychurches.org or 920-582-7712



**Confession with Fr. Dave**  
**Wednesday, August 20, 4:30-5:30 pm**

# OMRO NEWS

## St. Mary, Omro Calendar

- Tues. Aug. 19 11:30am All Staff Picnic-Osh.  
**Office CLOSED 11am-2pm**  
 5:30pm KC Picnic (SMW)
- Sat. Aug. 23 3:30pm Confession  
 4:00pm Mass
- Sun. Aug. 24 10:30am Mass w/CLOW\*\*

### 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (SMW) St. Mary, Winneconne

\*\*CLOW: Children's Liturgy of the Word

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| STEWARDSHIP OF SHARING-Omro |                  |
| Given Week ending 8/10/2025 |                  |
| Envelopes                   | \$2,586.00       |
| Loose cash                  | \$ 536.00        |
| Online & ACH Giving         | <u>\$ 841.00</u> |
| Total                       | \$3,963.00       |
| WEEKLY GOAL: \$ 4,044       |                  |

*God loves a cheerful giver*  
*2 Corinthians 9:7*

## Congratulations to our picnic raffle winners:

Tom Havey  
 Larry Stumpner  
 Omro Pharmacy  
 Ted Kreuzer  
 Tod Nortman  
 Lynette Shelvik  
 Ben Wanezek  
 Vicky & Don Haedt

Also, congratulations to everyone who won a raffle basket or had the winning bid on a silent auction item. This year, we had a record number of basket raffles (46) and silent auction items (51)!!

A special thank you to the Parish Picnic Committee led by Matt & Mary Wolff.



## FAITH FORMATION



Registration is now open for the 2025-2026 Faith Formation Year. Use the QR code above to register online today!

### Share Your Faith in Christ

Have you considered sharing your love of faith with our youth? The Faith Formation program is in need of volunteers to teach, aide, and sub for the upcoming year. If you are interested in becoming involved in our program or would like more information please contact Heidi Seaman [heidi.seaman@stmarychurches.org](mailto:heidi.seaman@stmarychurches.org)



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

For children ages 4 to 4th grade  
 August 24, September 14 and 28  
 10:30am Mass

The Children's Liturgy of the Word is a special part of the Catholic Mass designed for children. During this time, children leave the main congregation to celebrate and reflect on the Sunday Gospel reading in a way that is **age-appropriate**.

## Readings for the Week of August 18

**Monday:** Jgs 2:11-19/Mt 19:16-22

**Tuesday:** Jgs 6:11-24a/Mt 19:23-30

**Wednesday:** Jgs 9:6-15/Mt 20:1-16  
St. Bernard, Abbot & Doctor of the Church

**Thursday:** Jgs 11:29-39a/Mt 22:1-14  
St. Pius X, Pope

**Friday:** Ru 1:1,3-6,14b-16,22/  
Mt 22:34-40  
The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**Saturday:** Ru 2:1-3,8-11;4:13-17/Mt 23:1-12

**Sunday:** Is 66:18-21/Heb 12:5-7,11-13/  
Lk 13:22-30  
**21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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### 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  
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please contact:  
Office of Safe Environment  
Diocese of Green Bay  
920-272-8174  
or 1-877-270-8174 (toll free)

We always encourage you to report the incident  
to civil authorities.

**YOU MATTER TO US –  
THERE IS HOPE!**



## MASS INTENTIONS

**SATURDAY:** August 23  
4:00pm (SMO) Paul Strain

**SUNDAY:** August 24  
8:30am (SMW) Jensen & Huhn Families  
10:30am (SMO) Connie Ertmer

### Altar Servers

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

### Lectors

4:00pm (SMO) Ken Bressers  
8:30am (SMW) Patty Volp  
10:30am (SMO) Sue Martin

### Ushers

4:00pm (SMO) **2 Volunteers**  
8:30am (SMW) Peggy Benjamin, JoAnn Winnekens,  
**2 Volunteers**  
10:30am (SMO) Jill Pernaski, **Volunteer**

### Sacristans

4:00pm (SMO) Ken Bressers  
8:30am (SMW) Monica Lapin  
10:30am (SMO) Margaret Potratz

### Communion Ministers

8:30am (SMW) Monica Lapin, **Volunteer**

### Greeters

4:00pm (SMO) Lindsay Galica, Mady & Kate Butt  
8:30am (SMW) JoAnn Winnekens, **3 Volunteers**  
10:30am (SMO) Vienn Stachura, **Volunteer**

### Intercessory Prayers

10:30am (SMW) Rose Unser, **Volunteer**

### Musicians

4:00pm (SMO) Annemarie Birschbach, Gail Breu  
8:30am (SMW) Joanne Loy, Leah Krohn  
10:30am (SMO) Ron Hayes, Paige Woelfel

*God bless you*

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**NOON on Tuesday**

**E-mail bulletin announcements to:**

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Cammy Miller: [cammy.miller@stmarychurches.org](mailto:cammy.miller@stmarychurches.org)

### **Children's Liturgy of the Word**

**Winneconne**

No CLOW until Sept.



**Omro**

Aug. 24, Sept. 14 & 28, 10:30 am Mass

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Faith Formation Coordinator: Heidi Seaman  
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Adult Faith Formation Assistant: Jolene Johnson  
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