

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

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time **August 24, 2025**

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Fridays Closed

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Office Hours

M-Th 8-5pm;

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

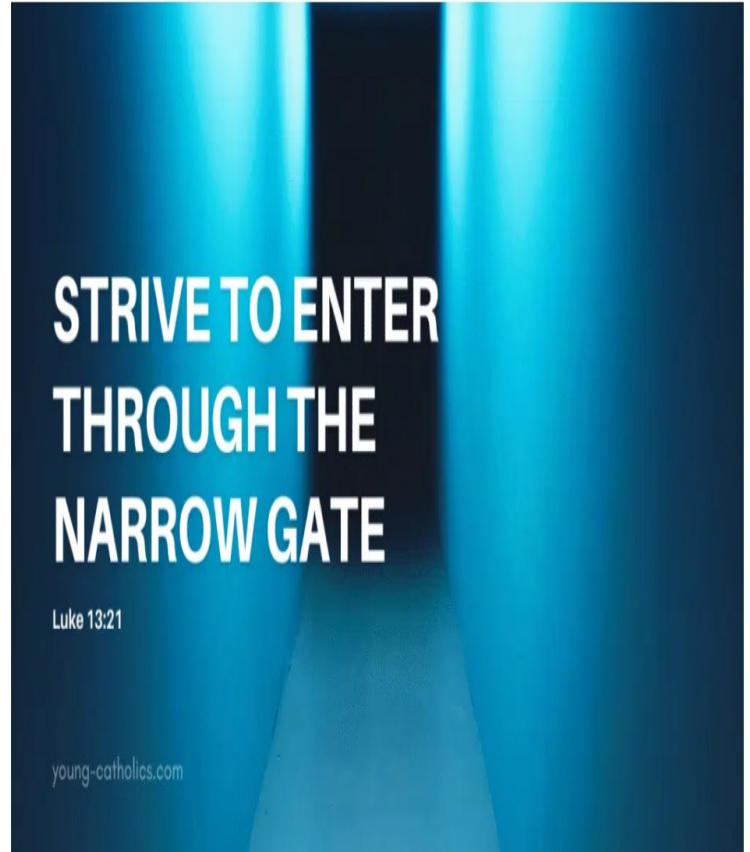
St. Mary, Winneconne

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.



Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough.

The "narrow gate" in the Gospel of 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time represents the effort and commitment needed to follow Jesus. It shows that following Christ isn't easy and requires dedication and sincere faith.



Both St. Mary's Parish offices will be closed on Tuesday, August 26 for an All Staff Inservice.

Welcome to our parishes.

PASTORAL PONDERINGS

In the Catholic faith, simplicity is more than minimalism. It's a way of life rooted in the gospel. Jesus is our model and savior who lived simply, without wealth or worldly power. He taught us not to store up our treasures on earth but store up treasures in heaven. Simplicity helps us align our lives with God's will, freeing us from the distractions of materialism and the noise of the world.

Many Saints embraced simplicity to grow closer to God. Saint Francis of Assisi gave up all he had to follow Christ more fully. Saint Teresa of Lisieux found holiness in small, humble acts done with great love. Their lives remind us that we do not need many things to live faithfully. We only need a heart open to God and others.

By choosing simplicity, we become more available to love, more attentive to beauty, and more grateful for God's daily gifts. It fosters humility, peace, and generosity. These are qualities that help us grow in holiness and better serve those in need. Simplicity, then, is a path to freedom: a life not cluttered by excess but filled with Christ. Through it, we discover what truly matters and draw nearer to the heart of God.

God bless you and your family.

Deacon Paul Vidmar



We Need YOU to Serve!

Are you ready to step up and be part of something meaningful? We're looking for Altar Servers, Lectors, Communion Ministers, Sacristans, Ushers, and Greeters and we'd love to have **YOU** join us!

Whether you're new or experienced, we're happy to provide training **for you or your family**. We're currently preparing the September and October schedules, and your help is essential to make it all come together.

Reach out today if interested!

Winneconne: Sue Kuhn sue.kuhn@stmarychurches.org
920-582-7712

Omro: Cammy Miller cammy.miller@stmarychurches.org
920-685-2258

Volunteers Needed! We can't do it without YOU!



Christian Family Movement

Join Us for a Christian Family Movement Info Session

Thursday, September 11th, Kaudy Hall

6:30PM-8:00PM

Christian Family Movement (CFM)

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 hope you can join us on September 11th to learn more about this amazing program.

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



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



Actor Leonardo DiCaprio captures the poetry and passion of Saint Augustine of Hippo (AD 354-430) in a performance that is accessible and deeply moving. The play is astonishingly relevant for our own times. Augustine struggled with promiscuity, fathered a child out-of-wedlock and dabbled in a "new age" style cult. Be inspired by his relentless pursuit of Truth and encouraged by the prayerful perseverance of his faithful mother, Saint Monica.

Our parishes have a Formed subscription. Visit formed.org/signup and select our parish. Scan the QR code to download the Formed app to your phone.



An offering from the AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE

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!

ROSARY IN THE PARK



Many parishioners recently honored our blessed Mother and the apparitions at Fatima by participating in Rosary in the Park.

Thank you to all who attended.



WINNECONNE NEWS

St. Mary, Winneconne Calendar

Mon. Aug. 25 7:30am LOW* w/Communion
 Tues. Aug. 26 9:30pm All Day Inservice
 Noon Office Closed
 Wed. Aug. 27 7:30am LOW* w/Communion
 5:30pm KC 4th Degree Picnic
 Thurs. Aug. 28 2:00pm Rosary
 Sun. Aug. 31 8:30am Mass

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*LOW: Liturgy of the Word

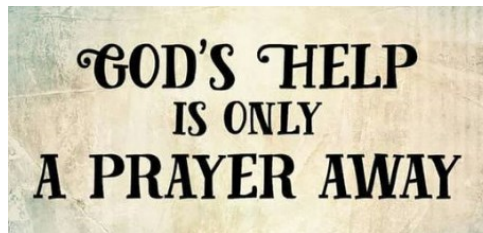
STEWARDSHIP OF SHARING-Winneconne

Given Week ending 8/17/2025

Envelopes	\$2,245.00
Loose cash	\$ 213.00
Online & ACH Giving	<u>\$2,038.00</u>
Total	\$4,496.00
WEEKLY GOAL:	\$6,464.00

Those who are generous will be blessed

Proverbs 22:9



Shop Local – Saturday, August 30 Winneconne Thrift Store

Support your community and our parishes by shopping at the **Winneconne Thrift Store on Saturday, August 30**—the **5th Saturday of the month!**

On every 5th Saturday, the **Stewardship Committee** receives a portion of the store's profits. This month, our stewardship members will be volunteering their time at the store.

Let's show our support by stopping in and shopping local. Every purchase helps make a difference!



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.

Can you believe Classes are getting ready to begin! If your child will begin 1st grade, now is the time to sign them up for Faith Formation Classes on Wed. after school.

Is your child registered yet!! Now is the time!!

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 the Bishop visits.

CHURCH SCHOOL



5th Grade Needed

Catechist Needed for 5th Grade Class!

Excitement is building as we prepare for a fantastic year of faith formation!

Classes are coming together, and we're looking for someone just like YOU to join our team.

Why join?

- Lessons are already planned
- Support is always available
- You'll make a meaningful impact

Jump on board and **catch the excitement** today—help us make this year unforgettable!

OMRO NEWS

St. Mary, Omro Calendar

- Mon. Aug. 25 6:00pm Picnic Recap Meeting
Confirmation Exit Interviews
Aug. 25-28
- Tues. Aug. 26 9:30am All Day Inservice
Office CLOSED
- Wed. Aug. 27 4:30-5:30pm Adoration and
Confession
5:30pm 4th Degree KC Picnic (KH)
- Sat. Aug. 30 3:30pm Confession
4:00pm Mass
- Sun. Aug. 31 10:30am Mass

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(KH) Kaudy Hall

STEWARDSHIP OF SHARING-Omro

Given Week ending 8/17/2025

Envelopes \$2,535.00

Loose cash \$427.00

Online & ACH Giving \$841.00

Total \$3,803.00

WEEKLY GOAL: \$ 4,044

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Proverbs 22:9



St. Mary Omro
Wednesday, August 27, 4:30-5:30 pm
All are welcome.

Volunteers Needed for Refreshments



St. Mary Omro is looking for individuals, families, or groups to serve coffee & donuts after 10:30 am Mass on **Sunday, September 28.**

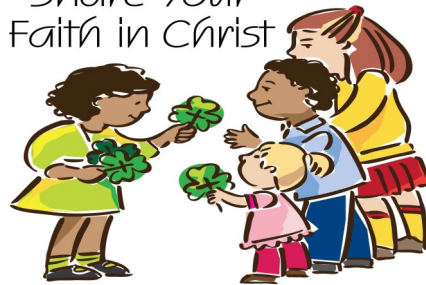
If you are interested, please call Cammy in the parish office for more information.

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



Our parish is seeking catechists to help children and youth grow closer to Christ. **We are currently in need of catechists for grades 3&4 and 5&6.** No experience needed—training and support are provided! If you feel you are being nudged in this direction, or would like more information please contact Heidi Seaman.

heidi.seaman@stmarychurches.org

Your YES will make a difference!



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 25

Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8/Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13/Mt 23:27-32
 St. Monica
Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13/Mt 24:42-51
 St. Augustine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8/Mk 6:17-29
 The Passion of St. John the Baptist
Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11/Mt 25:14-30
Sunday: Sir 3:17-18,20,28-29/
 Heb 12:18-19,22-24a/Lk 14:1,7-14

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



RAISING VOCATIONS COLLECTION

Our Future Priests and Religious Need Your Help: Thank you to those who have participated in the Raising Vocations Collection! More than 500 high school students from our diocese attended Steubenville Youth Conferences this summer to discover Jesus and hear God’s call to the priesthood and religious life. This is just one of the many ways your gifts are already at work! Will you please support our youth, so they can say “yes”? Every gift makes an impact in the formation of hundreds of young men and women throughout northeastern Wisconsin as they say “yes” to vocations to the priesthood or religious life.



Do you or someone you know need prayers?

Both of our parishes have active prayer chains—groups of people dedicated to praying for the needs of others. You don’t need to share full names; God knows who they are.

If you’d like to add someone to the prayer list, please email or call the parish office.

In Omro: cammy.miller@stmarychurches.org/
920-685-2258;

Winneconne: sue.kuhn@stmarychurches.org/
920-582-7712 or chriscarybrill@gmail.com

We’re here to help spread the word and lift up your intentions in prayer. *If you are called to pray for others, let us know at the office and we will add your name to the prayer team.*



Mark Your Calendar!

Our Knights of Columbus Council #8810 will be collecting money for “Helping the Hungry”.

They will be collecting funds at the Kwik Trip in Winneconne & Omro on Sept 5 & 6. KC members will be at all the entrances **of church on the weekend of Sept. 6 & 7.**

All proceeds will be shared amongst the local pantries; Fr. Carr’s, Winneconne, Omro & Ruth’s Pantry in Winchester.

Thank you!



**2025 Bishop’s Appeal
2nd Collection
31 on the 31st**

Next weekend, August 30/31, we will be taking a 2nd collection at both parishes to help offset the remaining balance owed for the Bishop’s Appeal.

Thank you for your continued generosity!

WWW.NATURALPLAN.ORG



A new online video series featuring doctors, scientists, clergy, fertility coaches, couples who came together to share their experiences and insights about fertility awareness, from a Catholic perspective.



NFP like you have never seen it before!

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY: August 30
4:00pm (SMO) Rose Roderick 90th Birthday and
Living & Deceased Family Members

SUNDAY: August 31
8:30am (SMW) For Our Parishioners
10:30am (SMO) Ervin & Alice Fay

Altar Servers

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

Lectors

4:00pm (SMO) Lori Meyerhofer-Fisher
8:30am (SMW) Vicky Holt
10:30am (SMO) **Volunteer**

Ushers

4:00pm (SMO) Casey Koterbski, Steve Koterbski
8:30am (SMW) Peggy Benjamin, JoAnn Winnekens,
2 Volunteers
10:30am (SMO) Seaman Family

Sacristans

4:00pm (SMO) Lori Meyerhofer-Fisher
8:30am (SMW) **Volunteer**
10:30am (SMO) Margaret Potratz

Communion Ministers

8:30am (SMW) Vicky Holt, **Volunteer**

Greeters

4:00pm (SMO) **2 Volunteers**
8:30am (SMW) JoAnn Winnekens, **3 Volunteers**
10:30am (SMO) Ron & Lawanda Jungwirth

Intercessory Prayers

10:30am (SMW) **Volunteer**

Musicians

4:00pm (SMO) Ted Kreuzer
8:30am (SMW) Chrissy Volpe, Katie Karweik
10:30am (SMO) Ted Kreuzer

God bless you

St. Mary, Omro

Parish Office: 920-685-2258

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8:00am-4:00pm

Fridays: Closed

Office Manager: Cammy Miller
Business Manager: Pat Samolinski
Custodian: Janet Wegner
Faith Formation Coordinator: Heidi Seaman
Adult Faith Formation Coordinator: Patty Volp
Adult Faith Formation Assistant: Jolene Johnson
Pastoral Associate: Rose Unser
Director for Spiritual Engagement: Lyn Zahorik

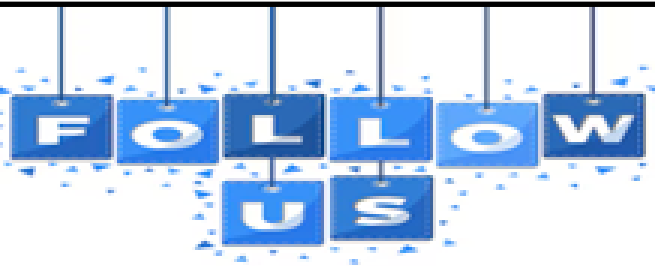
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8:00am-Noon 12:30-5:00pm

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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

No CLOW until Sept.



Omro

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

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