

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

4th Sunday of Advent **December 21, 2025**

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Fr. Ben Pribbenow

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Office Hours

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Office Hours

M-Th 8-5pm;
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Liturgy of the Word

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

Weekend Masses

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

Sunday

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

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.



Prayer for Lighting the Fourth Candle - Love

*God of love, we
ask to be filled
with Your love
this Advent.*

*Help us to
shower Your love on our sisters and
brothers around the world. May
everyone we meet feel Your presence
and love. We say this prayer and light
this candle in Your name. Amen*



Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve

4:00pm St. Mary, Winneconne

6:00pm St. Mary, Omro

Christmas Day

8:30am St. Mary, Omro

10:30am St. Mary, Winneconne

New Year's Day

9:00am St. Mary, Winneconne



*The Parish offices will
be closed December 24
through January 4.*

Welcome to our parishes.

Christmas Greetings from the staff



May your days be filled with
peace and joy as we celebrate
the birth of our Savior!

Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year!

Patty Volp



May the spirit of Love, the beauty
of Hope and the Blessings of Peace
be your gifts this Christmas
season.

Janet Wegner, Custodian, Omro

Christmas
Blessings

Christmas blessings to you and
your loved ones.
Cammy Miller, Office Manager,
Omro



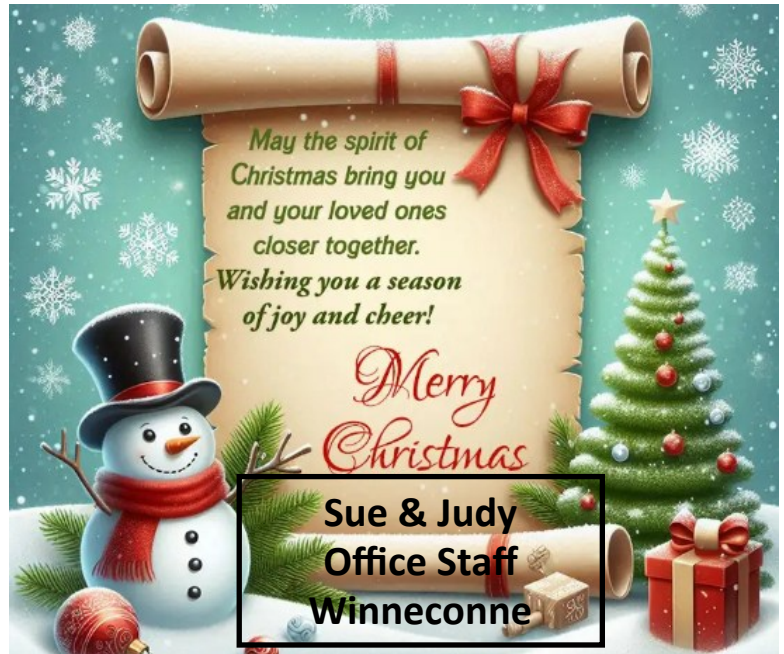
Wishing you and your family a Christmas
filled with the
peace and joy that only Christ can give.
Merry Christmas!
Rose User—Pastoral Associate



Christmas Greetings from the staff



May God bless you during this Christmas season. May He fill your minds and hearts with love, that you may be a sign of Jesus to all those living in your midst.
Pat Samolinski



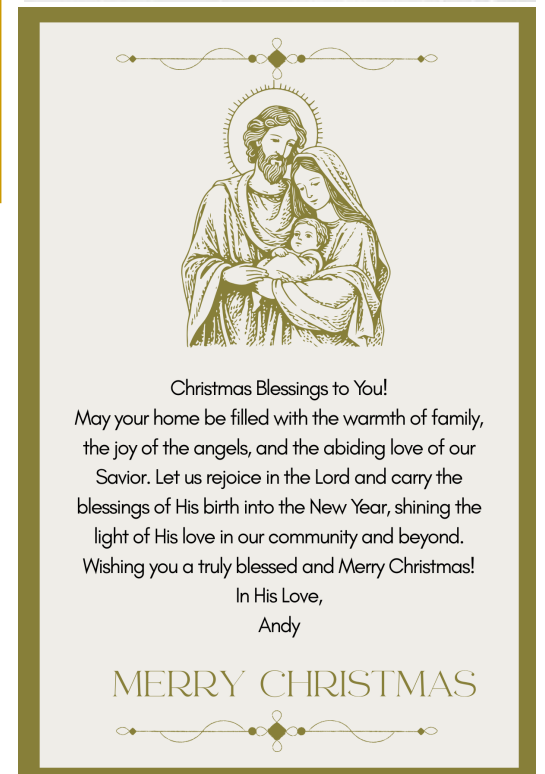
May the peace of the Christ Child fill your hearts and homes this Christmas. As we celebrate His birth, may we be renewed in hope, strengthened in faith, and encouraged to share His love with all we meet. A blessed and joyful Christmas to you and your families.
Deacon Paul Vidmar

May your days be joyfilled, your heart full of grace and gumption, and your spirit full of holy mischief.

Lyn Zahorik, Director for Spiritual Engagement



Heavenly hosts cry, 'Glory, glory'
For the Lord is with us
Let all the Earth shout, 'Worthy, worthy'
Love has come to save us.
Annemarie Birschbach, Custodian, Winneconne



May the miraculous love of Christ, born in Bethlehem, fill your heart with peace, hope and joy this Christmas. May His light guide your days, strengthen your spirit, and bless your home with His enduring grace. Wishing you a holy and joyful Christmas season.

*Jolene Johnson
Social Media Specialist*

WINNECONNE NEWS

St. Mary, Winneconne Calendar

Mon. Dec. 22 7:30am LOW* w/Communion
 Wed. Dec. 24 NO LOW*
 4:00pm Christmas Eve Mass
 w/Choir
 Thurs. Dec. 25 10:30am Christmas Day Mass
 Sat. Dec. 27 3:30pm Confession
 4:00pm Mass
 Sun. Dec. 28 10:30am Mass

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

*LOW: Liturgy of the Word
 KC Holy Family Cards

Offices Closed Dec 24-Jan 4

STEWARDSHIP OF SHARING-Winneconne

Given Week ending 12/14/2025

Envelopes	\$ 8,685.00
Loose cash	\$ 352.00
Online & ACH Giving	\$ 2,055.00
Total	\$11,092.00
WEEKLY GOAL:	\$ 6,464.00

There is deep joy in giving, since what we receive is much more than we give.

Mother Teresa



Birthday Cake for Jesus Sponsored by Fellowship Ministry



Birthday Cake for Jesus kits available after Mass on December 20 and 21 (limited quantities)

Kits include cake mix, frosting, candles, angel, star, evergreens and instructions showing the symbolism of these items.

Please take a kit and share the joy and inspiration of this family experience.



NO Faith Formation Classes
 See you all in January!



HAPPY NEW YEAR



Police Crusade Giving Tree.

Thank You to everyone who helped with the Christmas Giving tree. Thank you for making dreams come true for many children.

A NOTE FROM DEACON PAUL:

In the book of Ecclesiastes we're told there is a season for Everything and with this in mind I want to share with you that I will be retiring from the position of Pastoral Coordinator on June 30th next year. I'm announcing this now so that our parishes can begin the process of preparing for the transition for my replacement. We will know my replacement by mid-April and I encourage us to continue to pray for a resident priest. Over the months ahead I will look forward to continuing to walk with you, pray with you and serve you. Thank you for your kindness, your faith, and the many ways you've supported me during my time here.

Deacon Paul

OMRO NEWS

St. Mary, Omro Calendar

Wed. Dec. 24 6:00pm Christmas Eve Mass
w/Choir
Thurs. Dec. 25 8:30am Christmas Mass
Sun. Dec. 28 8:30am Mass

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
KC Holy Family Cards
Offices Closed Dec 24-Jan 4

STEWARDSHIP OF SHARING-Omro

Given Week ending 12/14/2025

Envelopes	\$2,840.00
Loose cash	\$ 97.00
Online & ACH Giving	\$ 945.00
Total	\$3,882.00
WEEKLY GOAL:	\$4,044.00

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Mother Teresa



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

**Are you looking for a last-minute
Christmas present for your loved
one? We have you covered!**

Coming to St. Mary Churches, Financial Peace University by
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through March on Monday evenings. Your purchase
includes in person meetings, materials and online access.

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- *Plan for retirement
- *Give generously
- *Communicate more effectively in
your relationships

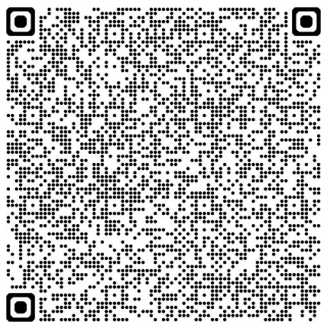
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[Financial Peace University](https://www.financialpeace.org)

Contact Patty Volp

patty.volp@stmarychurches.org,

920-376-1157 or either parish office
with questions.



FAITH FORMATION

No classes December 24 & 31

Looking Ahead!

Sunday, January 4

Confirmation Class 8:30 am

Wednesday, January 7

Grades 1-6 Retreat 4:30 pm

Grades 7-10 6:30 pm

January 17-18 Youth Mission Trip

Rummage Sale in Dining Hall



St. Mary Omro Wish List

Desk/Ergonomic Computer Chair \$135



THANK YOU to everyone for the
overwhelming response to the St. Mary
Omro Giving Tree! Your love and
kindness will bless these families from
H.B. Patch and Omro Elementary
Schools this Christmas!

Readings for the Week of December 22

Monday: 1Sm 1:24-28/Lk 1:46-56
Tuesday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Lk 1:57-66
Wednesday: 2sm 7:1-5,8b-12,14a,16/Lk 1:67-79
Thursday: Is 9:1-6/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14
The Nativity of the Lord Christmas
Friday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Mt 10:17-22
St. Stephen, the First Martyr
Saturday: 1Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a,2-8
St. John, Apostle & Evangelist
Sunday: Sir 3:2-6,12-14/Col 3:12-21/
Mt 2:13-15,19-23

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph



Check our Giving Levels!!

How long has it been since you have adjusted your giving levels to the parish and other charities? Now may be a good time to pray about levels of generosity. Giving the same level over a period of years results in giving less.

Ex. \$20 in 2015 is NOW worth \$15 in 2025.

You can scan the **QR code to take you to our individual parish page**. It is all set to go to Sunday collection or use the drop box to put it where you desire.

St. Mary, Winneconne

QR Code



St. Mary, Omro

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END OF YEAR STATEMENTS

The end of year statements will not be mailed out to parishioners unless requested. If you would like them emailed to you or mailed to you, please contact your parish office.

Offering Envelopes



Both Parishes! Church support envelopes for 2025 need to be postmarked by December 31 to go on this year's giving statement.

With the offices closed after Christmas, please mail your envelopes or place them in the collection basket. Offices will be closed starting on Dec. 24, 2025 and will reopen on January 5, 2026. **Thank you.**

Liturgical Ministers for Christmas Eve & Day

Christmas Eve

WINNECONNE 4:00 PM

Mass Intention: Jerry Reetz

Sacristan: Rose Unser, Darlene Scheidegger

Servers: Hugh Sleeman, Tim Johnson

Lectors: Gary Scheidegger, Dave Voss

Ushers: Eric Krueger, Deb, Jack, Emma Woelfel

Communion: Monica Lapin, Judy Reetz,

Andy Krueger, Sue Kuhn

Greeters: Andy Krueger, Sherrie Johnson, Sue Kuhn

Musicians: Ron Hayes & Choir

OMRO 6:00 PM

Mass Intention: The Living & Deceased Members of the Schuster & Egan Families

Sacristan: Margaret Potratz

Servers: Bob Breu, **Volunteer**

Lectors: Lori Meyerhofer-Fisher

Ushers: Jim Potratz, Mona Freund

Communion: Margaret Potratz, Kelly Vidmar

Greeters: Dylan and Maddy LaKosh, Mike Freund

Musicians: Ron Hayes & Choir

Christmas Day

OMRO 8:30 AM

Mass Intention: Alex Albright

Sacristan: Margaret Potratz

Servers: **2 Volunteers**

Lectors: Ken Bressers

Ushers: The Huth Family

Greeters: The Huth Family

Musicians: Chrissy Volpe, Leah Krohn

WINNECONNE 10:30 AM

Mass Intention: For Our Parishioners

Sacristan: **Volunteer**

Servers: **2 Volunteers**

Lectors: Vicky Holt, Pat Samolinski

Ushers: **4 Volunteers**

Communion: Vicky Holt, Pat Samolinski

Greeters: **3 Volunteers**

CHRISTMAS DAY DINNER PROGRAM THURSDAY DECEMBER 25, 2025

• CHRISTMAS DAY DINNER

◦ DELIVERY 10:30AM – NOON

◦ TAKING ORDERS NOW (920) 231-2378

• MOTHER TERESA CENTER DINE-IN

◦ SERVING FROM NOON – 1:30PM

◦ NO RESERVATIONS NECESSARY



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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY: December 27
4:00pm (SMW) Nancy Stanke

SUNDAY: December 28
8:30am (SMO) Joyce Unker
10:30am (SMW) Leo Kinney

Altar Servers

4:00pm (SMW) **2 Volunteers**
8:30am (SMO) **2 Volunteers**
10:30am (SMW) John Michalski, **Volunteer**

Lectors

4:00pm (SMW) Jill Verich, Heather Pines
8:30am (SMO) Janet Wegner
10:30am (SMW) Dave Voss, Pat Samolinski

Ushers

4:00pm (SMW) **4 Volunteers**
8:30am (SMO) **2 Volunteers**
10:30am (SMW) Peggy Benjamin, **3 Volunteers**

Sacristans

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

Communion Ministers

4:00pm (SMW) Jill Verich, Tracey Losse
10:30am (SMW) **2 Volunteers**

Greeters

4:00pm (SMW) **3 Volunteers**
8:30am (SMO) **2 Volunteers**
10:30am (SMW) Tanya Michalski, **2 Volunteers**

Intercessory Prayers

10:30am (SMW) **2 Volunteers**

Musicians

4:00pm (SMW) Ted Kruezer
8:30am (SMO) Ron Hayes, Rose Luebke
10:30am (SMW) Ted Kreuzer, Ric Reynolds

Merry Christmas

St. Mary, Omro

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Office Hours: Monday-Thursday
8:00am-4:00pm

Fridays: Closed

Office Manager: Cammy Miller
Business Manager: Pat Samolinski
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An offering from the AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE and CATHOLIC EDUCATION RESOURCE CENTER

A graphic with a blue and white color scheme. At the top, the word "FOLLOW" is written in large, blue, block letters. Below it, the text "Webpage: www.stmarychurches.org" is displayed. There are three social media icons: Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter. Below each icon is the name of the corresponding social media page: "St. Mary Catholic Church Omro" for Facebook, "St. Mary Catholic Church Winneconne" for Instagram, and "stmarychurchomro" and "st.marychurchwinneconne" for Twitter.

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

Jan. 4 & 18, 10:30 am Mass

Omro

CLOW will return in April 2026



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