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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph **December 28, 2025**

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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

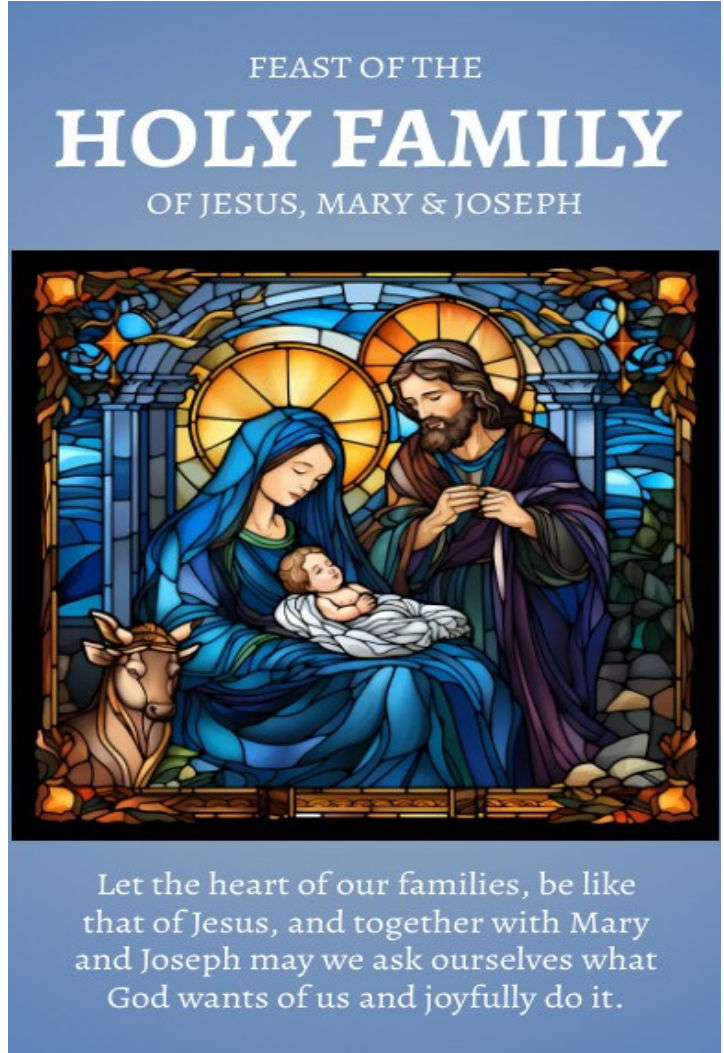
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2nd & 4th Wednesday 4:30-5:30pm

St. Mary, Omro

Sacraments/Membership

To arrange for Baptisms, Weddings or to join the parish please call the office.



New Year's Day Mass

Thursday, Jan. 1, 9:00 am

St. Mary, Winneconne



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

Welcome to our parishes.

PASTORAL PONDERINGS

In a world filled with constant noise, division, and uncertainty, many of us long for peace but struggle to find it. We search for it in success, comfort, or distraction, yet true peace often feels just beyond our reach. The gospel reminds us that peace is not something we manufacture. It's a gift from God. Jesus tells His disciples, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you." (John 14:27)

Imagine a small boat caught in a storm. The waves crash, the wind howls, and the passengers are terrified. Yet at the center of that storm, there is a place where the waters are calm, the eye. To reach it, the sailor must keep the vessel pointed toward it, resisting the urge to turn back in fear. Our souls are much like that boat. The storms of modern life like anxiety, conflict, and endless distractions rage around us, but when we keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, we can reach that calm center where His peace dwells.

This peace is not the absence of trouble but the presence of trust. It's found in prayer, in the quiet of the Eucharist, and in moments of forgiveness and mercy. When we allow Jesus to steer our hearts, the chaos around us may continue, but within, a holy stillness takes root.

As we begin the new year, more than ever, we are called to be witnesses to this peace. To carry it into our families, workplaces, and communities. By anchoring our lives in God's love, we become living signs of hope, guiding others toward the calm waters of His eternal peace.

God bless you and your family.

Deacon Paul



Photo Opportunity!
January 4 Epiphany Masses
after 8:30 am in Omro and
10:30 am in Winneconne

The Three Kings will be visiting our Parishes and will be available for photos with you.

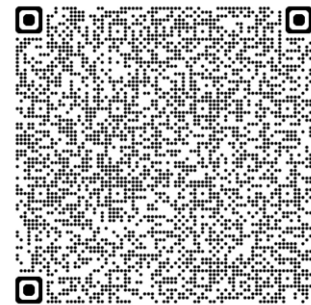
ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Are you looking for an after-Christmas present for you or your loved one? We have you covered!

Coming to St. Mary Churches, Financial Peace University by Dave Ramsey led by Bob and Peggy Wilms. In person meetings will run for 9 weeks starting in February through March on Monday evenings. Your purchase includes in person meetings, materials and online access.

Here is what this course will help you and someone you love learn to do:

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- *Choose the right insurance plans
- *Invest wisely and build wealth
- *Plan for retirement
- *Give generously
- *Communicate more effectively in your relationships



Get your gift cards here: [Financial Peace University](https://www.financialpeace.org)

Contact Patty Volp patty.volp@stmarychurches.org, 920-376-1157 or either parish office with questions.

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Christmas | Sacred Art

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp as they look at the painting Adoration of the Shepherds by Gerard van Honthorst to celebrate the Nativity of our Lord. This famous painting reveals the Christ Child as the light that has come into the world and also depicts the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph, and the shepherds to be models of adoration to our humble Lord who came as a helpless baby.

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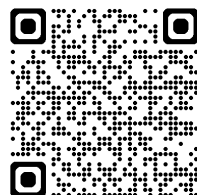
Corporal Works of Mercy— January

Join us for fun and fellowship as we assist residents at The Highlands River Crossing, 424 Cleveland St, Winneconne with a craft activity.

January 19th— 1:00-3:00PM

Sign up below or reach out to Patty

Patty.volp@stmarychurches.org



[St Mary Winneconne and Omro: Corporal Work of Mercy-January- Craft activity at Highlands, Winneconne](#)

WINNECONNE NEWS

St. Mary, Winneconne Calendar

Mon. Dec. 29 **NO LOW*** Office Closed
 Wed. Dec. 31 **NO LOW*** Office Closed
 Thurs. Jan. 1 9:00am **New Year's Day Mass**

Sat. Jan. 3 3:30pm Confession
 4:00pm Mass
 Sun. Jan. 4 9-12:30pm HS/Conf. Classes
 10:30am Mass

The Epiphany of the Lord
 *LOW: Liturgy of the Word
Offices Closed Dec 24-Jan 4

STEWARDSHIP OF SHARING-Winneconne

Given Week ending 12/21/2025

Envelopes	\$9,443.00
Loose cash	\$ 526.00
Online & ACH Giving	<u>\$2,055.00</u>
Total	\$12,024.00
WEEKLY GOAL:	\$ 6,464.00

For it is in giving, that we receive St. Francis of Assisi



SAVE YOUR MEDALS

Just as we recently placed sacred artifacts in the foundation of our new space in Winneconne for protection and blessing, sometime in January, you will have the opportunity

to place your sacred medals within the walls of the building, entrusting them to God for the same purpose.

It's ok if you don't have any medals, we are also collecting them and will have the blessed medals available for you to place.

Hold onto your medals, and look for updates in the upcoming bulletins.



Happy New Year!

See you all January 7!

Wednesday January 7

Class is back in session.

Elementary Class 3:15-4:30pm and Mass at 3:45pm

Middle School Class 6:30-8:00pm



Inside the Fence: Update on the new office & gathering space. Check it out. Click below

<https://share.icloud.com/photos/010ggR20bEorkp5J5tb8-p9g>

Sponsorship Thank You

Thank you to those who have sponsored:

Dry cleaning: Jerry & Chelsy Cegielski
Textbooks for a grade level FF: Jane &

Dave Voss

Weekly Missalette: Joe & Kelly Luedtke

Lector Workbook: Phil & Molly Johnson

Teaching Aids for FF for a month:

Dennis & Debby Bahrke

Altar Bread for a month: Monica Lapin

Thank you!!! Thank you!! The giving tree filled the office and several vehicles this year. Thank you to Judy Reetz who keeps it straight in the office year after year and Jolene Johnson and Deb & Jack Woelfel for loading up the vehicles and hauling it to the Winneconne Police Department. There were many smiles on children's faces this past week because of your generosity.

Readings for the Week of December 29

Monday: 1Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35
Tuesday: 1Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40
Wednesday: 1Jn:18-21/Jn 1:1-18
Thursday: Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
Friday: 1Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28
Sts Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen,
Bishops & Doctors of the Church
Saturday: 1Jn 2:29-3:6/Jn 1:29-34
Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3.5-6/
Mt 2:1-12

The Epiphany of the Lord



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
QR Code



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.**

NEW YEARS DAY St. Mary Winneconne

THURSDAY:
9:00am (SMW)

January 1 Mass Intention
For Our Parishioners

Altar Servers: Tim Johnson, John Michalski
Lector: Dave Voss
Ushers: Phil Johnson, **Volunteer**
Sacristan: Rose Unser
Communion Minister: Molly Johnson, Pat Samolinski
Greeters: Sherrie Johnson, Tanya Michalski
Musician: Chrissy Volpe & Paige Woelfel

The 2026 Mass Intentions can be filled with your loved one in both parishes. The cost is \$20 for a Mass stipend. Call or stop in either parish office.

Wishing
YOU A
Blessed
NEW YEAR

St. Mary Omro Youth Mission Trip Rummage Sale

Saturday, January 17: 8am-3pm
Sunday, January 18: 9:30am-3:30pm
St. Mary Omro Dining Hall
The Youth Mission Trip to Nashville, TN is scheduled for the week of June 21, 2026.

We are looking for donations of items to sell. While you are cleaning out in the next few weeks, please keep this fundraiser in mind.

Here's what we are looking for:

Children's Clothing: Gently used and clean

Accessories: Purses, jewelry

Household Goods: Dishes, cookware, décor

Books: Adult and children

Toys & Games: Board games, puzzles, stuffed animals, kids' toys

Craft Supplies: Yarn, fabric, art materials

Seasonal Items: Holiday decorations

No furniture, electronics, or adult clothing

You do not have to price your items.

Drop-off deadline: Bring items to the St. Mary Omro office no later than **Monday, January 12.**

Every donation helps our teens serve others.

Thank you for supporting this mission!

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY: **January 3**
4:00pm (SMW) For Our Parishioners

SUNDAY: **January 4**
8:30am (SMO) Phil Spindt
10:30am (SMW) For Our Parishioners

Altar Servers

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

Lectors

4:00pm (SMW) **Volunteer**
8:30am (SMO) Confirmation Student
10:30am (SMW) Pat Samolinski

Ushers

4:00pm (SMW) Mike Miller, **3 Volunteers**
8:30am (SMO) Vanessa Poppy, Audrey Geffers
10:30am (SMW) Peggy Benjamin, JoAnn Winnekens
2 Confirmation Students

Sacristans

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

Communion Ministers

4:00pm (SMW) **2 Volunteers**
10:30am (SMW) Tracey & Mike Losse

Greeters

4:00pm (SMW) **3 Volunteers**
8:30am (SMO) Devin Allison, Confirmation Student
10:30am (SMW) 3 Confirmation Students

Intercessory Prayers

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

we appreciate you

SHARE IN THE CARE Diocese Retirement Collection

Thank you to everyone who gave so generously to **SHARE IN THE CARE Retirement Collection**. Your kindness helps provide essential care, housing, and support for our retired sisters, brothers, religious order priests, and senior diocesan priests: faithful servants who have spent their lives ministering to us.

If you haven't had a chance to contribute yet, it's not too late! Envelopes are available in church entrances.

Your support truly makes a difference.



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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8:00am-4:00pm

Fridays: Closed

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Adult Faith Formation Coordinator: Patty Volp
Adult Faith Formation Assistant: Jolene Johnson
Pastoral Associate: Rose Unser
Director for Spiritual Engagement: Lyn Zahorik

St. Mary, Winneconne

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8:00am--5:00pm

Fridays: Closed

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