

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

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time **February 1, 2026**

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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

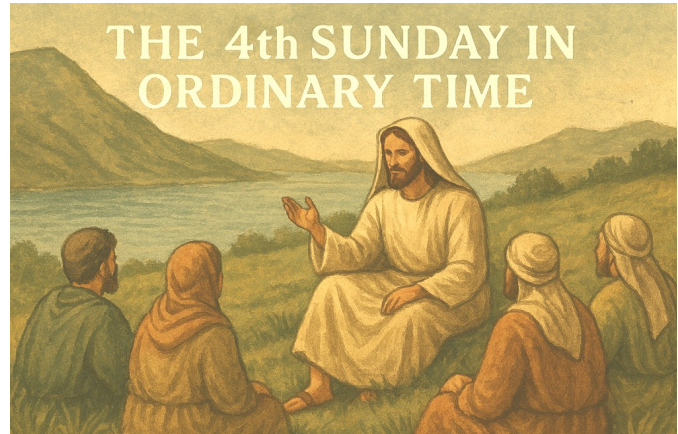
8:30am St. Mary, Omro
10:30am St. Mary, Winneconne

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.



Join us for a winter evening filled with good
food, warm hearts, and fellowship!

Saturday, February 7, 6:30 pm
St. Mary Omro Dining Hall

Tickets are \$30 per person and include a delicious
dinner catered by The Roxy Supper Club,
homemade desserts, beverages, live music,
50/50 raffle, and door prizes to local restaurants
worth \$500.

Tickets are available for purchase after Mass in
Omro TODAY; you can also purchase tickets in
both parish offices.

Please purchase your tickets by February 3.
ALL proceeds will benefit St. Mary
Omro "Be The Light" Youth Mission Trip
to Nashville in June!

Welcome to our parishes.

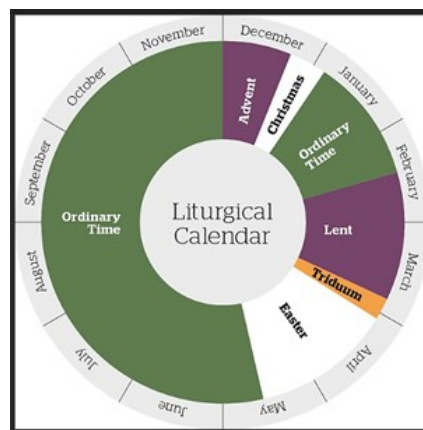
PASTORAL PONDERINGS

During February, we will move from the quiet simplicity of Ordinary Time into the sacred days of Lent. God's Word reminds us of the kind of people He desires: *"I will leave in your midst a people humble and lowly"* (Zephaniah 3:12). The Lord delights not in power or prestige, but in hearts that rely on Him completely.

As St. Paul writes, *"God chose the weak of the world to shame the strong"* — for it is in our humility that His grace shines brightest.

Ordinary Time is understood as a season of growth in which we live out what we have just celebrated in the great seasons like Advent–Christmas and Lent–Easter. The idea is that the mysteries we contemplate in those "high" seasons—Christ's incarnation, death, resurrection, and the gift of the Spirit—now take root in our daily life through conversion, discipleship, and concrete acts of love. This growth requires humility.

Lent invites us into this holy humility. We turn from self-sufficiency to trust, from comfort to sacrifice, from noise to silence.



Penance, fasting, and prayer are not ends in themselves but pathways that strip away what is false, making room for new life. Just as seeds planted in the dark soil one season blossom in the next, so too do we, through repentance and mortification, prepare for the joy of resurrection.

So as we move toward the sacred journey of Lent, do not lose heart—REJOICE! God's mercy meets us in our weakness, restores our hearts, and leads us to the fullness of Easter light and is available every day!

In Christ,
Rose Unser - Pastoral Associate



Lenten Prayer Partners

St. Mary Omro and St. Mary Winneconne

A Lenten Prayer Partner is an individual with whom you share in prayer during the Lenten season. It is a way to deepen your own prayer life while also providing comfort and support to others.



Here's how to participate:

- Stop at the Lenten Prayer Partner table in the main entrance of church (Winneconne) or in Marian Hall (Omro) and fill out a slip.
- On Ash Wednesday, pick your prayer partner's name from the basket. You will keep your identity secret from your prayer partner.
- Pray for this person throughout Lent, and then reveal your identity with a card or Easter greeting during the Easter season.

Let's fill our community with prayer this Lent!

ADULT FAITH FORMATION



Our Lenten Series, “The Search”, is a 7-episode video series, exploring fundamental questions:

Why am I here? What gives life meaning?

Where am I going?

Each session includes a meaningful video presentation, guided discussion, and small group conversation facilitated by trained leaders. This is not a traditional class, but an opportunity for authentic inquiry, building relationships and active listening.



The KICK OFF SESSION on Tuesday, February 24, 5:30 pm in Kaudy Hall includes a meal, viewing and discussion on “The Search”, Episode 1.

Follow up sessions are Tuesdays, March 3, 10, 17, 24, April 7, and 14:
1:30-3:00pm, St. Mary Winneconne
5:30-7:00pm, St. Mary Omro
5:30-7:00pm, St. Mary Winneconne



Detailed information can be found in the flyer available at both churches or by calling either parish office. 920-582-7712 Winneconne; 920-685-2258 Omro

Use the QR code to sign up.



Our parishes are seeking a passionate individual to be our **Adult Faith Formation Coordinator**.

Responsibilities include: program development and catechesis in collaboration with clergy and volunteers. Qualified candidates should demonstrate strong Catholic formation, leadership, and a commitment to parish evangelization and outreach.

If you are interested in more information, please contact either parish office. Omro-920-685-2258; Winneconne-920-582-7712.

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WINNECONNE NEWS

St. Mary, Winneconne Calendar

Mon. Feb. 2 7:30am LOW* w/Communion
6:00pm Financial Peace (Kaudy)

Wed. Feb. 4 7:30am LOW* w/Communion
3:05pm FF Elem Classes
4:30pm Confession
6:00pm MS Social
6:30pm MS Classes

Thurs. Feb. 5 2:00pm Rosary
2:30pm Glorious Mysteries

Sat. Feb. 7 3:30pm Confession
4:00pm Mass

Sun. Feb. 8 9:00am Confirmation Class at Mt. Tabor
10:30am Mass

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

*LOW: Liturgy of the Word
Collection Non-Perishable Food for Fr. Carr's
Sign Up for Lenten Prayer Partners

STEWARDSHIP OF SHARING-Winneconne
Given Week ending 1/25/2026

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| Envelopes | \$2,176.00 |
| Loose cash | \$ 342.00 |
| Online & ACH Giving | <u>\$2,023.00</u> |
| Total | \$4,541.00 |
| WEEKLY GOAL: | \$6,464.00 |



Religious Medals for the New Parish Center

Parishioners are invited to **bring in your small religious medals** to be placed within the walls of our new Parish Center. A bowl is available in the main entrance of the church for these items. All medals collected will be blessed and placed in the walls as a sign of protection **on February 14/15, immediately following the Masses.**

Fr. Carr's Place 2B Food Collection.

Items needed:

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| applesauce | hamburger helper | jelly/jam |
| coffee | canned meat/tuna | onion powder |
| cumin | chunky/progresso soup | pasta |
| canned chili | spaghetti/sauce | cinnamon |
| canned fruit | flavored oatmeal | garlic powder |
| peanut butter | breakfast cereal | chili powder |
| cumin | chef Boyardee | coffee |
| granola/snack bars | pancake syrup | deodorant |
| body wash | cleaning supplies | |
| Baby/toddler diapers, all sizes | | |

THANK YOU!!!

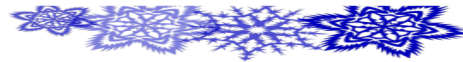


Wednesday February 4
Elementary Class 3:05-4:30pm
Middle School Social 6:00pm
Middle School Class 6:30pm



Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)

will be on Feb. 1 & 15 during the 10:30am Mass for all children ages 4—4th Grade. It will now be **offered the 1st and 3rd Sun. of the month.**



Smelt tradition still SIZZLING after 60 YEARS at Winneconne parish

STORY AND PHOTOGRAPHY BY MICHAEL COONEY | FOR ON MISSION

Did you check out the "On Mission" Magazine

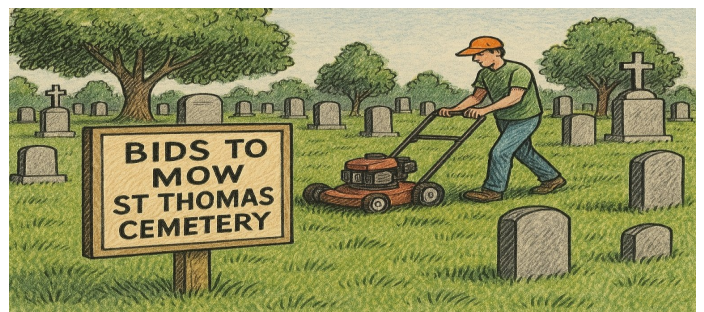
You should have received your copy in the mail last week from the Diocese. Before just setting it aside I hope you took time to read the article regarding **our Smelt/Fish Fry** on pages 26 & 27. There are several people in the pictures you may recognize. It was a great article showcasing the Smelt/Fish Fry.

With the Lent season closing in...we want to get the word out **THIS year our FIRST one is FRIDAY Feb. 27th.** It **will NOT be the Friday right after Ash Wed.**

Start spreading the dates for this year:

Friday, February 27, March 13 & 27.

Time: **4:00pm—6:30pm** in Kaudy Hall.



St. Mary Winneconne is asking for bids to mow St. Thomas Cemetery. Interested parties contact Mike Jordan: 920-858-7709. Thank You

OMRO NEWS

St. Mary, Omro Calendar

- Mon. Feb. 2 Noon-3:30pm Extended Watch of
The Chosen (Triple Room)
6:00-8:00pm Financial Peace
(SMW-Kaudy Hall)
- Wed. Feb 4 4:30pm FF Grades 1-6
6:30pm Confession Grades 7-11
7:00pm Mass-All Are Welcome!
- Sat. Feb 7 6:30pm A Feast with Frost & Friends
(Dining Hall)
- Sun. Feb 8 8:30am Mass with Refreshments
9:00am Confirmation Class at
Mt. Tabor

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

SMW-St. Mary Winneconne
Sign Up for Lenten Prayer Partners
Finance Council Liturgical Ministers

STEWARDSHIP OF SHARING-Omro

Given Week ending 1/25/2026

| | |
|---------------------|------------|
| Envelopes | \$ 878.00 |
| Loose cash | \$ 231.00 |
| Online & ACH Giving | \$ 945.00 |
| Total | \$2,054.00 |
| WEEKLY GOAL: | \$4,044.00 |

Marian Hall at Omro recently realized it had no image of its namesake. Purchasing a traditional church statue of Mary was beyond our budget, but after some searching we found a garden statue that was generously donated as a memorial.

Heidi Seaman's sister, Kate, offered to transform the plain white statue with her own talent and prayer. We are grateful for the many hours she dedicated to this beautiful project.

Stop in Marian Hall and take a closer look at the newly restored statue.



FAITH FORMATION

Wednesday, February 4

- 4:30 pm: Grades 1-6 Class
6:30 pm: Grades 7-11 Confession
7:00 pm: Mass—All are welcome!

Sunday, February 8

- 9:00 am Confirmation Retreat at
Mt. Tabor

"BE THE LIGHT" YOUTH MISSION TRIP NEWS!

PIZZA SALE

Order deadline is
February 18

All pizzas are 14"

Cheese \$12.00

Sausage \$14.00

Pepperoni \$14.00

Sausage & Pepperoni \$16.00

Students will be taking pizza orders in Marian Hall after Mass on February 1 and February 8. Orders can also be placed in the Parish Office during office hours.

Make checks payable to St. Mary Omro.

Pizzas will be available after February 28.



"MAP IT OUT" to Nashville, TN!

Are you looking for another way to donate to the Youth Mission Trip? You can help by purchasing miles for their travels from Wisconsin to Tennessee. Stop by the display in Marian Hall and pick up an envelope to use for your donation. Each mile is only \$1.00 and every mile purchased helps the youth get closer to their mission destination!



Readings for the Week of February 2

Monday: Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40
The Presentation of the Lord

Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a,
30-19:3/Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/Mk 6:7-13
Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr

Friday: Sir 47:2-11/Mk 6:14-29
Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs

Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Mk 6:30-34

Sunday: Is 58:7-10/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time World Marriage Day



2026 Bishop Appeal Kick-Off

The Bishop's Appeal is a direct appeal asking the people of the diocese, to make a gift to support the mission and ministries of the Diocese of Green Bay. These ministries reach many different people. Young people learn about Jesus in our parishes and Catholic schools. Men receive training and formation to become deacons. Your gift to the Bishop's Appeal helps us build vibrant parishes and share the gospel throughout northeastern Wisconsin.

St. Mary's Catholic Church Ladies Night Out Group



Join the fun!



When: Thursday, February 12th at 6pm

What: 1) Local author of *Spared*, Lori Jones, will discuss her book and Huntington's disease. 5 FREE copies of *Spared* available at Parish Office in Winneconne. Kindle special for \$0.99 for limited time or many copies at the Winneconne Public Library.
2) Food, drinks and fellowship

Chance to win door prizes.

Where: Kaudy Hall

Cost: Free; donations appreciated



Please sign up with the link below or contact Tanya at 262-441-0674.

[St Mary's Ladies Night Out: Speaker - Local Author Lori Jones](#)



You are invited! REFOCCUS Training

The Office for Marriage and Family Life invites you to attend this REFOCCUS training for Deacons and Parish Leaders Couples.

Feb. 21, 2026
Starts: 9:00 A.M.
Ends: 2:00 P.M.

**St. Francis Xavier Room
in the Chancery Building**
1825 Riverside Drive

REFOCCUS is a Marriage Enrichment for married couples that can be taken at any stage to assess their relationship, focusing on areas like intimacy, compatibility, communication etc. REFOCCUS is ultimately about bringing awareness to major aspects of marriage. Further, it is about the discussion that happens between the couple after taking the Inventory and the communication and problem solving that is utilized and developed.

You can become a certified facilitator and support the married couples at your parishes by attending this in-person training on how to use and facilitate this marriage enrichment inventory.

Cost of the workshop is \$50 per couple, and pre-registration is required. Materials and lunch will be provided.



Click [HERE](#) to register or scan the QR code!

For more information contact:
Office of Marriage & Family Life

marriageministries@gbdioc.org 920-272-8315



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10:15 a.m. - Brunch
11:00 a.m. - Speaker

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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY: February 7
4:00pm (SMW) For Our Parishioners

SUNDAY: February 8
8:30am (SMO) John Formiller
10:30am (SMW) Paula Snider

Altar Servers

4:00pm (SMW) Hugh Sleeman, **Volunteer**
8:30am (SMO) Margaret Potratz, Michael Kirsch
10:30am (SMW) **2 Volunteers**

Lectors

4:00pm (SMW) Jill Verich
8:30am (SMO) Sue Martin
10:30am (SMW) **Volunteer**

Ushers

4:00pm (SMW) Deb Woelfel, MaryLynn Meyers,
Jack Alan, Sonny Gogo
8:30am (SMO) Jim Fay, Jim Kress
10:30am (SMW) **4 Volunteers**

Sacristans

4:00pm (SMW) Mike & Tracey Losse
8:30am (SMO) Jen Wellhoefer
10:30am (SMW) Monica Lapin

Communion Ministers

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

Greeters

4:00pm (SMW) Mike Casper, Jennifer Yetter,
Tanya Michalski
8:30am (SMO) Diane Braun, **Volunteer**
10:30am (SMW) **3 Volunteers**

Intercessory Prayers

10:30am (SMW) Rose Unser, Chris Brill

Musicians

4:00pm (SMW) Cameron Crandall, John Verich
8:30am (SMO) Ted Kreuzer
10:30am (SMW) Annemarie Birschbach, Rose Luebke

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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

Feb. 1 & 15, 10:30 am Mass

Omro

CLOW will return in April 2026



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