

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

1st Sunday of Lent **February 22, 2026**

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M-Th 8-4pm
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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, 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.



SILENCE PLEASE

Please enter church in silence. We will have
Adoration 20 minutes before Mass all
Sundays in Lent.



STATIONS *of the* CROSS

St. Mary, Winneconne Stations

M & W after LOW
Thursdays at 2:00 pm

St. Mary, Omro Stations

Mondays at 6:00 pm

*Remember to draw your Lenten
Prayer Partner from the basket
(main entrance in Winneconne
and Marian Hall in Omro)*

Welcome to our parishes.

PASTORAL PONDERINGS

The Sacred Heart of Jesus stands at the center of Catholic devotion as a powerful symbol of Christ's boundless love for humanity. Depicted as a heart aflame with love, wounded by sin, and crowned with thorns, the Sacred Heart reveals the depth of Jesus's mercy, sacrifice, and desire for an intimate relationship with every soul. This devotion invites the faithful to contemplate not only what Christ has done for us, but how deeply He loves us.

Rooted in Scripture, the Sacred Heart reflects the love that leads Jesus to give his life on the Cross. From His pierced side flowed blood and water, signs of the Sacraments of Baptism and the Eucharist and the birth of the Church. The heart of Christ, both human and divine, beats with compassion for sinners, the suffering, and the lost. In venerating the Sacred Heart, Catholics are drawn into the mystery of God's love made visible and tangible in Jesus.

The devotion was especially promoted through the visions of Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque in the seventeenth century, during which Jesus expressed His desire to be loved

in return and to offer His Sacred Heart as a refuge of grace. Practices such as First Friday devotion, consecration to the Sacred Heart, and acts of reparation encourage believers to respond to Christ's love with faith, prayer, and holiness of life.

In a world often marked by indifference and brokenness, the Sacred Heart of Jesus reminds Catholics that no sin is greater than God's mercy. It calls believers to trust in Christ's love and to imitate His Heart by showing patience, forgiveness, and compassion to others.

God bless you and your family.
Deacon Paul Vidmar



Nominations for Trustees

We will begin taking nominations of Trustees this weekend (February 21/22) and next weekend (February 28/March 1). Please prayerfully consider offering your name as a candidate.

St. Mary Omro will be accepting nominations for a Trustee-Treasurer.

St. Mary Winneconne will be accepting nominations for a Trustee-Secretary.

Also consider getting involved by putting your name or someone you think would be good on the Parish Council. Do you have a High School Student who would like to be involved with the parish? Consider joining the Parish Council.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Our Lenten Series, “The Search”, Begins Feb 24!

You’re invited to join one of our **Discipleship Small Groups** this Lent. These groups will use *The Search*, a video series that explores life’s biggest questions—Who am I? Why am I here? Who is Jesus?—and invites participants into prayerful conversation and deeper faith.

Each session includes a shared meal, prayer, video, and small-group discussion led by trained facilitators.

We will begin with the Kickoff Session on Tuesday, February 24, at 5:30 pm in Kaudy Hall. The February 24 session includes a meal, viewing, and discussion on Episode 1 of *The Search*.

Follow up sessions are Tuesdays, March 3, 10, 17, 24, April 7 & 14:

1:30-3:00pm, St. Mary Winneconne—savory snacks will be served

5:30-7:00pm, St. Mary Omro-dinner will be served

5:30-7:00pm, St. Mary Winneconne-dinner will be served



Detailed information can be found in the flyer available at both churches or by calling either parish office. 920-582-7712 Winneconne or 920-685-2258 Omro. You can also use the QR code to sign up.



St. Mary Winneconne Fish and Smelt Fry

When: February 27, 2026

March 13, 2026

March 27, 2026

Time: 4:00 – 6:30pm

Dine In or Carry Out

Where: St Mary Winneconne Kaudy Hall

244 S 3rd Ave Winneconne

What: Fried or Baked Haddock, Shrimp, Fish & Shrimp,
or All-you-can-eat Smelt \$15.00

Seafood Platter \$20.00

Lite Eater’s Fish or Shrimp \$10.00

Andy’s Mac and Cheese Kids Meal \$5.00

Deep Fried Cheese Curds \$5.00

Served with crispy french fries, homemade mac and cheese, or potato salad, coleslaw, rye bread, dessert and milk or water.

Soda and beer available for purchase.

Call 920-582-7712 Extension 206 for carry out orders starting at 10am for pick up between 4:00-6:30pm.



CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY FEBRUARY-MARCH

The Help for the Homeless Hygiene Drive (February 22—March 15), organized by The Family Radio Network, Inc., is an annual community effort that collects new hygiene and cleaning supplies for local crisis agencies. Donations such as soap, shampoo, toothpaste, diapers, and wipes stay right here in our community and directly support organizations like Vida Parent Support Services, a local pregnancy resource center serving moms, babies, and families in need. Please see the display in the church entrances to learn more about the most needed items and to drop off your donations.

Thank you for your support!



WINNECONNE NEWS

St. Mary, Winneconne Calendar

Mon.	Feb. 23	7:30am	LOW* w/Communion
		6:00pm	Financial Peace KH
Tues.	Feb. 24	5:30pm	"The Search Kick-Off" KH
Wed.	Feb. 25	7:30am	LOW* w/Comm
		3:05pm	FF Elem Classes
Thurs.	Feb. 26	2:00pm	Stations of the Cross
Fri.	Feb. 27	4:00pm	Smelt/Fish Fry
Sat.	Feb. 28	3:30pm	Confession
		4:00pm	Mass
Sun.	Mar. 1	9:00am	HS & Confirm. Classes
		10:30am	Mass w/CLOW** & Penitential Rite & Refresh

2nd Sunday of Lent

*LOW: Liturgy of the Word
 **CLOW: Children's Liturgy of the Word
 Nominations Trustee Secretary

STEWARDSHIP OF SHARING-Winneconne
 Given Week ending 2/15/2026

Envelopes	\$4,059.00
Loose cash	\$ 466.00
Online & ACH Giving	\$1,940.00
Total	\$6,465.00
WEEKLY GOAL:	\$6,464.00

Those who are generous will be blessed
Proverbs 22:9

Wise as Serpents: Navigating the Digital World and Fraud Prevention

Wednesday, February 25, 2026
 First Presbyterian Church of Winn.
 32 S Third Ave. (Fellowship Hall)
 4:45 PM -5:15 PM - All are welcome for a free community meal provided by the Session.
 5:15 PM – 6:30 PM - Presentation by investigators from the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office.



Wednesday February 25

Elementary Class 3:10-4:30pm

First Communion Retreat

March 7th—1:30-5:00pm



Parish Picnic is just around the corner.

Our baskets are looking pretty empty. Can you help?

Basket Theme List (with some suggestions to get you thinking)

- **Grade 1 – Day at the Beach** 🏖️
(towels, sunscreen, sand toys, bubbles, frisbee)
- **Grade 2 – Backyard Fun** 🌿
(sidewalk chalk, jump ropes, bubbles, outdoor games, picnic blanket)
- **Grade 3 – Game Time** 🎲
(board games, puzzles, cards, snacks)
- **Grade 4 – Rainy Day Fun** ☔
(craft kits, movies, cocoa, cozy socks, books)
- **Grade 5 – Sports Fun** 🏆
(balls, water bottles, sports towels, fan gear, snacks, games, frisbee)
- **Middle School – Movie Night Basket** 🎬
(DVDs or streaming gift cards, popcorn, candy, soda, blanket)
- **Middle School – Baking Bonanza Basket** 🍪
(cookie mixes, measuring cups, sprinkles, mixing bowl, spatulas, ingredients, recipes)
- **High School – Adventure or Camping Basket** 🏕️
(flashlight, bug spray, s'mores fixings, reusable water bottle, blanket, journal, snacks)
- **Confirmation – Study Essentials Basket**
(snacks, post its, note cards, pens, coffee gift card, planner)



Leave Your Mark on Our New Parish Center

You may notice a large piece of drywall displayed in the lower level. This is a unique opportunity for our parish family to leave a lasting mark on the history of St. Mary Church. **This weekend Feb 21 & 22, we invite you to stop** by and sign your name or write a brief message or prayer.

This piece of drywall will be installed in the new St. Mary Parish Center, becoming a permanent reminder of the faith, love, and community that continue to shape our parish.

THIS FRIDAY!!! ITS BACK!! SMELT/FISH FRY

Volunteers Needed!

Friday, February 27, March 13 & 27.

Time: 4:00pm—6:30pm in Kaudy Hall.

[St. Mary Winneconne: Fish Fry 2-27-26](#)



[St. Mary Winneconne: Fish Fry 3-13-26](#)



[St. Mary Winneconne: Fish Fry 3-27-26](#)



1 Peter 4:10

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.

Please use your gifts and volunteer at our fish frys on February 27, March 13, and March 27. We really appreciate our volunteers; we can't do it without you.



Help Jesus with His work of educating our children, comforting the sick, and helping families in need. Our Bishop's Appeal goal this year is \$45,651. We have collected \$6,170.00. Thank you to those who have donated. Please pray about giving to the Bishop's Appeal.

ALL RISE! 2026

Palm Sunday weekend see the scriptures come to life through music, dance and drama.

Bring your family to experience this inspiring production celebrating the joyous time when Our Lord walked the earth.

7:00 pm March 26, 27, 28

1:00 pm March 28, 29

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www.newpassionplay.org

OMRO NEWS

St. Mary, Omro Calendar

Mon.	Feb. 23	Noon-3:30pm Extended Watch of The Chosen (Triple Room) 6:00pm Parish Council Mtg (Triple Room) 6:00pm Stations of the Cross 6:00-8:00pm Financial Peace (SMW-Kaudy Hall)
Tues.	Feb. 24	5:30-7:00pm Discipleship Small Groups, "The Search" Kickoff (SMW-Kaudy Hall)
Wed.	Feb. 25	4:30-5:30pm Adoration & Confession 4:30pm FF Grades 1-6 6:30pm FF Grades 7-8
Sat.	Feb. 28	Mission Trip Youth Making Pizzas (Dining Hall)
Sun.	Mar. 1	8:30am Mass 8:30am-12:30pm Confirmation Class

2nd Sunday of Lent

SMW-St. Mary Winnecone
 Omro Food Pantry Collection
 Nominations Trustee Treasurer

STEWARDSHIP OF SHARING-Omro
 Given Week ending 2/15/2026

Envelopes	\$5,546.00
Loose cash	\$ 183.00
Online & ACH Giving	<u>\$1,017.00</u>
Total	\$6,746.00
WEEKLY GOAL:	\$4,044.00

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LENTEN GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

Prayerfully consider sponsoring an item (or two) from the "Lenten Giving" display in Marian Hall. These supplementary budget items range from \$10-\$50. Please take a card and envelope and return them in the Sunday collection or to the parish office.

Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Remember to pick up a Rice Bowl and other Lenten materials in Marian Hall.

For the family and friends of *Betty Schuster* called home to our loving Father in Heaven. May the words of Jesus bring you comfort, strengthen your hearts, and fill you with His peace.



Visitation is at St. Mary Omro, Monday, February 23, 9:00-11:00am. Funeral Mass at 11:00 am with luncheon to follow in the Dining Hall.

FAITH FORMATION

Wednesday, February 25

4:30 pm: Grades 1-6 Class

6:30 pm: Grades 7-8 Class

Proceeds of the Beef Raffle & Soup for the Soul go directly to support the Youth Mission Trip to Nashville this June!

HOLY COW...It's a Beef Raffle!

*Donated by Egan Family Dairy, Inc.
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 Quarter of a beef (approximately 300 lbs of homegrown beef) - valued at \$1,000!
 (Winner is responsible for processing fees of approximately \$300; see details on ticket)

TICKETS: \$10.00 each

DRAWING: Sunday, March 15, 1:15 pm
 (need not be present to win)

Tickets are available for purchase after Mass in Marian Hall and at BOTH parish offices during office hours.

St. Mary Omro Parish Council Presents SOUP FOR SOUL: BATTLE OF THE BOWLS!

Sunday, March 15, Noon-1:30 pm

St. Mary Omro Dining Hall

Calling All Soup Makers!

Contestant registration is open! Contestant forms and rules are in Marian Hall and both parish offices. Submit your contestant form to Omro Parish Office by Monday, March 9.

Calling All Soup Tasters!

Sample a delicious assortment of soups and cast your votes! Tickets are \$10 and include soup, salad bar, beverages, and voting ballots. Tickets are available in both parish offices and at the door the day of the event.

Plus, don't miss these extras!

Bake Sale, 50/50 Raffle, and Beef Raffle Tickets.



Bishop's Appeal

Our Bishop's Appeal goal is \$19,395. We invite you to prayerfully reflect on how you can support this year's Appeal.

Readings for the Week of February 23

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32
Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Mt 7:7-12
Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26
Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48
Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a/2 Tm 1:8b-10
 Mt 17:1-9
2nd Sunday of Lent

Ministry Opportunity!

St. Mary Omro and St. Mary Winneconne are seeking a dedicated and faith-filled **Adult Faith Formation Coordinator** to join our team.

This role includes developing and coordinating adult formation programs, as well as providing catechetical leadership in collaboration with our clergy and volunteers. Ideal candidates will have a strong foundation in the Catholic faith, proven leadership skills, and a passion for evangelization and parish outreach.

For more information, please contact either parish office:

- **St. Mary Omro:** 920-685-2258
- **St. Mary Winneconne:** 920-582-7712

**Prayer for a New President
of Lourdes Academy**

Almighty God,
 You sent your Son Jesus as our Good Shepherd to lead and guide us.
 We humbly ask Your Holy Spirit to call a faith-filled leader
 to serve as our new President of Lourdes Academy.
 May we grow ever closer to You and one another.
 We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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February 14 to March 1

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- **DONATIONS** can be [brought to](#) Vida Parent Support Services – Mon-Thurs, 9am-4pm.

• **LOOK FOR OUR RECEPTACLES at worship sites to donate:**

- Diapers, Pull-ups, Wipes
- Baby & Toddler Clothing
- Baby & Adult Hygiene Products



JOIN US!
for **our**



INFORMATIONAL SOCIAL

– THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 2026 – 4-6 PM

Vida Parent Support Services,
601 Oregon Street, Oshkosh.

Vida also continues to operate its Medical Clinic (formerly Bella) at 1484 W. South Park Avenue, Oshkosh.

St. Mary Omro has an old wooden piano & bench available for anyone who would like it. Please note that the piano has no keys and will need to be loaded and moved by the recipient. If you are interested, please contact Cammy in the Parish Office.

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY: February 28
4:00pm (SMW) Gene & Connie Ertmer

SUNDAY: March 1
8:30am (SMO) Scott Johnson
10:30am (SMW) For Our Parishioners

Altar Servers

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

Lectors

4:00pm (SMW) **2 Volunteers**
8:30am (SMO) Confirmation Student
10:30am (SMW) Dave Voss, Tom Snider

Ushers

4:00pm (SMW) **4 Volunteers**
8:30am (SMO) 2 Confirmation Students
10:30am (SMW) 3 Confirm. Students, **Volunteer**

Sacristans

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

Communion Ministers

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

Greeters

4:00pm (SMW) Kathy Meinen, Tanya Michalski, **Volunteer**
8:30am (SMO) 2 Confirmation Students
10:30am (SMW) Wade & Jann Berglund, Confirmation Student

Intercessory Prayers

10:30am (SMW) Julie Servais, Mike Jordan

Musicians

4:00pm (SMW) Chrissy Volpe, Gail Breu
8:30am (SMO) Ron Hayes, Paul Kamikawa
10:30am (SMW) Annemarie Birschbach, Julie Mueller

God Bless You.

St. Mary, Omro

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8:00am-4:00pm

Fridays: Closed

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

St. Mary, Winneconne

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Deadline for the Bulletin

NOON on Tuesday

E-mail bulletin announcements to:

Sue Kuhn: sue.kuhn@stmarychurches.org

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Children's Liturgy of the Word

Winneconne

March 1 & 15, 10:30am Mass

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CLOW will return in April 2026



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