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The Baptism of the Lord **January 11, 2026**

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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.



Public Call for Testimony and Information



The Diocese of Green Bay is seeking testimony and information about **Adele Brice**, recipient of the approved apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Champion, Wisconsin, in 1859.

Many of you have visited this holy site. If you or someone you know has experienced a possible miracle or significant grace through Adele's intercession, you are invited to share this information. Your submission is an important contribution to the official inquiry into her cause for canonization.

Submissions requested by January 30, 2026
(Adele's birthday)

LEARN MORE at dioc.io/adele
or click on the link below:

[Public Call for Testimony and Information -
Adele Brice](#)

Welcome to our parishes.

PASTORAL PONDERINGS

Encouraging a loved one to return to the Catholic faith is a delicate mission and one that requires patience, gentleness, and deep trust in God's timing. Rather than using pressure or debate, the most powerful tools we have are love, witness, and prayer.

Imagine faith like a fireplace in a family home. For some, the fire still burns brightly; for others, the flame has dimmed or seems extinguished altogether. But embers often remain hidden beneath the ash. With warmth and care, not force, we can help those embers glow again. Our task is not to rebuild the fire for them, but to gently remove the cold ash of past hurts, misconceptions, or distance so that God's breath can reach the ember within.

Begin with sincere listening. Ask your loved one about their experiences, their doubts, and even their frustrations. Sometimes people step away from the church because they felt misunderstood or wounded. By offering a safe, compassionate space, you reflect the mercy of Christ himself.

Then, let your own life speak. Strive to live your faith with humility showing forgiveness, gratitude, and steady hope. This quiet witness can create a desire in others, reminding them of the peace found in Christ.

Prayer is essential. Entrust your loved one to the care of the Blessed Virgin Mary and ask the Holy Spirit to work in their heart. You may not see immediate results, but grace often moves quietly.

Lastly, offer gentle invitations: attending Mass together during a special feast, visiting a beautiful church, or reading a short reflection from a saint. Even if they decline, the gesture plants a seed.

Above all, remember that conversion is God's gift. You simply guide with love, trusting that he will lead them back in his perfect time.

God bless you and your family.
Deacon Paul Vidmar

ST. MARY OMRO "BE THE LIGHT" YOUTH MISSION TRIP RUMMAGE SALE! **Saturday, January 17: 8am-3pm & Sunday, January 18: 9:30am-3:30pm** **St. Mary Omro Dining Hall**

Our youth are heading to Nashville, TN for a mission trip the week of June 21, 2026.

Help support their journey by donating items for our upcoming rummage sale.

We're looking for:

Children's Clothing

Gently used and clean

Accessories

Purses, jewelry

Household Goods

Dishes, cookware, décor

Books: Adult and children

Seasonal Items: Holiday decorations

Books

Adult and children

Toys & Games

Board games, puzzles,
stuffed animals, kids' toys

Craft Supplies

Yarn, fabric, art materials

**Every donation
helps our teens
serve others.**

**Thank you for
supporting this
mission!**

No furniture, electronics or adult clothing will be accepted. You do not need to price your items.

Drop-off deadline: Bring items to the St. Mary Omro office no later than **Wednesday, January 14.**

**We look forward to seeing you at our rummage sale on January 17-18.
Delicious baked goods will also be for sale!**

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Financial Peace University at St. Mary Churches

Bob and Peggy Wilms, Coordinators

Mondays, 6:00-8:00pm

February 2, 9, 16, 23 at St. Mary Winneconne, Kaudy Hall

AND

March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 at St. Mary Omro, Triple Room

Cost is \$79.00 per person/couple and includes:

- One year of access to all 9 video lessons
- In-person class (9 sessions)
- Three months of premium access to the EveryDollar budgeting app
- The Self-Study Workbook (answers included—follow along with lessons, complete action steps, budget with sample forms, and use as a reference guide through your entire Baby Steps journey)

Call either church office to sign up or email Patty:

patty.volp@stmarychurches.org

St. Mary, Omro: 920-685-2258

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SIGN UP TODAY!



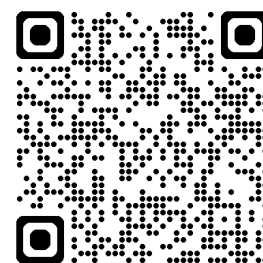
The KICK OFF SESSION on Tuesday, February 24, 5:30PM, Kaudy Hall includes:

- A meal
- Viewing and discussion of “The Search”, Episode 1
- Follow up sessions in Omro & Winneconne on Tuesdays, in March and April

Detailed information can be found in the flyer available at both churches or by calling the church offices.

Use the QR code to sign up.

*Why are we here?
What do we want from life?
What does God want for us in this life?*
Join your fellow parishioners as,
together, we embark on a journey of
discipleship.



WINNECONNE NEWS

St. Mary, Winneconne Calendar

Mon. Jan. 12	7:30am LOW* w/Communion 4:30pm CFC Meeting (KH)
Tues. Jan. 13	9:30am Staff Mtg. 7:00pm KC Mtg (SMO)
Wed. Jan. 14	7:30am LOW* w/Communion 3:05pm FF Elem Classes 6:00pm 4th Degree Audit (KH)
Thurs. Jan. 15	2:00pm Rosary 2:30pm Glorious Mysteries
Sat. Jan. 17	7:00am Men's Grp (SMW) 3:30pm Confession 4:00pm Mass
Sun. Jan. 18	10:30am Mass w/CLOW** KC Ministers

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

*LOW: Liturgy of the Word
 **CLOW: Liturgy of the Word
 Knights of Columbus Life Savers 4 Life
 SMO: St. Mary Omro
 KH: Kaudy Hall
 Speakers at Masses



Wednesday January 14
 Elementary Class 3:05-4:30pm

Prayer for Children Preparing for First Communion

Loving God,
 Bless the children of our parish as they prepare to receive Jesus in the Eucharist.
 Open their hearts to Your presence, deepen their wonder, and strengthen their love for You.
 Guide their families and all who accompany them, that our whole community may grow in faith, hope, and charity.
 Make this time of preparation a season of joy, peace, and grace.
 We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



STEWARDSHIP OF SHARING-Winneconne End of Fiscal Quarter #2

Sunday Offering budgeted YTD	\$163,080
Sunday Offering total YTD	\$161,150
Total income budgeted YTD	\$205,795
Total income YTD	\$207,413
Total expense budgeted YTD	\$199,506
Total expense YTD	\$198,302
Net ordinary income v. budget	\$ 2,772



The Magi

Ethan Duel
 Finn Sullivan
 Ryan Quigley

Epiphany Blessing of Our Church



In December, the Fellowship Ministry sponsored kits to make a Birthday Cake for Jesus. They included everything needed cake, frosting, candles, greens, symbols and what they meant. Here is a picture of a birthday cake for Jesus that was shared from a parishioner.

Thank you Braden for sharing with us your beautiful birthday cake for Jesus.

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.

OMRO NEWS

St. Mary, Omro Calendar

- Mon. Jan. 12 Noon-3:30pm Extended Watch of The Chosen (Triple Room)
4:30pm Christian Fellowship Crew (SMW-Kaudy Hall)
- Tues. Jan. 13 9:30am-Noon Staff Mtg at SMW- OFFICE CLOSED
6:00pm Sacristan Collaboration Mtg
7:00pm Knights of Columbus Mtg
- Wed. Jan. 14 4:30-5:30pm Confession
4:30pm FF Gr. 1-6 Classes
6:30pm FF Gr. 7-8 Classes
- Sat. Jan. 17 7:00am Men's Group, SMW
8:00am-3:00pm "Be The Light"
Youth Mission Trip RUMMAGE SALE (Dining Hall)
- Sun. Jan. 18 8:30am Mass with Refreshments
9:30am-3:30pm "Be The Light"
Youth Mission Trip RUMMAGE SALE (Dining Hall)

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Knights of Columbus Life Savers 4 Life
SMW: St. Mary Winneconne
Speaker at Mass

STEWARDSHIP OF SHARING-Omro

End of Fiscal Quarter #2

Sunday Offering budgeted YTD	\$105,100
Sunday Offering total YTD	\$ 96,661
Total income budgeted YTD	\$150,308
Total income YTD (with picnic)	\$152,943
Total expense budgeted YTD	\$136,360
Total expense YTD	\$138,857
Net ordinary income v. budget	\$ 138

Confession at St. Mary Omro

Wednesday, January 14, 4:30-5:30pm
All are welcome.

Celebrating the Epiphany with the Three Kings (Parker Kasuboski, Blake Huth, Devin Allison) and Deacon Paul



FAITH FORMATION

Wednesday, January 14

Grades 1-6 Class 4:30 pm
Grades 7-8 Class 6:30 pm

An Evening with



Families in grades 1-6. Join us Wednesday, January 28 @ 5:30pm! Dinner and activities will be provided. This event takes place of class for the evening.

Please RSVP to Heidi by January 21

st. Mary Omro Presents:
A Feast with Frost & Friends
Saturday, February 7th 6:30pm



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 will be available for purchase starting January 14 in both parish offices. You can also purchase tickets before or after Mass in Omro on Jan. 18 & Jan. 25. Please purchase your tickets by February 3.

ALL proceeds will benefit St. Mary Omro "Be The Light" Youth Mission Trip to Nashville in June!

Readings for the Week of January 12

Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/Mk 1:21-28
Saint Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Mk 1:29-39
Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Mk 1:40-45
Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Mk 2:1-12
Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19, 10:1/
Mk 2:13-17
Saint Anthony, Abbot
Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6/1 Cor 1:1-3/
Jn 1:29-34

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.

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. They will be mailed or emailed at the end of January.



The Desert Fathers (Part 1) | Littlest Saints

In this special two-part episode, we follow the stories of three famous desert fathers—St. Anthony the Great, St. Macarius, and St. John the Dwarf—as they navigate the perils of the desert in search of its great spiritual riches.

Our parish has a free Formed subscription for you! Simply scan the QR code or visit formed.org/signup to create your account and select our parish to get free access to this content and much more!



Corporal Works of Mercy—January

Join us for fun and fellowship as we assist residents with a craft activity.

The Highlands River Crossing,
424 Cleveland St,
Winneconne

January 19, 1-3:00PM

Sign up below or reach out to Patty

Patty.volp@stmarychurches.org



[St Mary Winneconne and Omro:](#)
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Men's Group Meeting

Saturday, January 17, 7:00-8:00 am

All men from St. Mary, Omro and Winneconne are welcome. The January 17 meeting is in Winneconne. We will review the upcoming Sunday gospel reading and have a discussion. Feel free to just drop in; no RSVP needed.

Life Savers 4 Life

Look for the Knights of Columbus at the parish entrances of both churches next weekend, January 17 and 18.



FYI-For this winter REMEMBER

No school = no faith formation classes.
No after school events = no faith formation classes.

ALL CHURCH EVENTS ARE CANCELLED IF SCHOOL OR AFTER SCHOOL EVENTS ARE CANCELLED!

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY: **January 17**
4:00pm (SMW) For Our Parishioners

SUNDAY: **January 18**
8:30am (SMO) Lorraine Voss
10:30am (SMW) Don Natrop

Altar Servers

4:00pm (SMW) **2 Volunteers**
8:30am (SMO) Hailey Karn, Tenlee Schroeder
10:30am (SMW) Tim Johnson, Ken Kranski

Lectors

4:00pm (SMW) **Volunteer**
8:30am (SMO) Amy Karn
10:30am (SMW) Gary Scheidegger, Phil Johnson

Ushers

4:00pm (SMW) **4 Volunteers**
8:30am (SMO) Cindy and Macy Morse
10:30am (SMW) Jack Woelfel, Mike Miller
Steve Christian, **KC Volunteer**

Sacristans

4:00pm (SMW) Rose Unser
8:30am (SMO) Jen Wellhoefer
10:30am (SMW) Sherrie Johnson

Communion Ministers

4:00pm (SMW) **2 Volunteers**
10:30am (SMW) Mike Jordan, **Volunteer**

Greeters

4:00pm (SMW) Kathy Meinen, **2 Volunteers**
8:30am (SMO) Vienn Stachura, Trish King, Rylee Karn
10:30am (SMW) Joe Stilen, Kevin Flaherty, **KC Volunteer**

Intercessory Prayers

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

Musicians

4:00pm (SMW) Cameron Crandall, John Verich
8:30am (SMO) Chrissy Volpe
10:30am (SMW) Kristin Day, Leah Krohn

Thank You

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Stmarychurches.org and click on the donation tab for Winneconne or Omro.

Or use the QR codes below:

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

Cammy Miller: cammy.miller@stmarychurches.org

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Winneconne

Jan. 18, 10:30 am Mass

Omro

CLOW will return in April 2026



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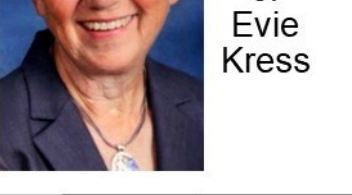
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