

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

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time **January 18, 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 and January 25. 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!

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Jimmie's White House Inn
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Becket's
Mohr's Den*

Welcome to our parishes.

PASTORAL PONDERINGS

My Unusual Christmas

This year, Christmas arrived in an unexpected way. Gone were the familiar sparkles and cherished traditions, replaced by a stillness I hadn't chosen. The day before Christmas Eve, I spent six hours in the hospital. In the Catholic Church, when faced with an unanswerable question, the response is often, "It's a mystery." In medicine, the refrain is, "It's a virus." By the time I returned home, my body was weary, my spirit thin. The Christmas tree stood undecorated, cards remained unopened, and "A Christmas Story" went unwatched.

Perhaps you've experienced a holiday—or a season—that didn't match the images on greeting cards or the scenes in movies. If so, I want to share something I relearned this year: Christmas, or any day, does not depend on us. It doesn't wait for our energy, readiness, or ability to feel joyful. Christmas comes because God comes—especially to the weary, the overwhelmed, and those who feel left behind by their own lives.

In the quiet of those days—without decorations, music, or sparkle—I discovered something unexpected. Sometimes Christmas arrives not as a chorus of angels, but as a

whisper of peace. Not as a blazing star, but as my Indiana niece, Pam, bringing gentle light into the darkness. Not in the company of family and friends, but in the quiet companionship of Miss Rosie, curled up beside me. Sometimes, Christmas is simply the truth that God finds us wherever we are, even when that place feels dim.

This year reminded me that holiness does not require perfection. The sacred slips into the cracks of our real lives—into quiet houses and moments when we're too tired to lift our heads. Perhaps that is the deeper gift of Christmas: God comes not only to the joyful, but to the struggling; not only to the prepared, but to the undone; not only to those who feel ready, but to those who feel lost.

So, if in the seasons ahead you find yourself facing moments that fall short of your hopes, take heart. Light will rise. Hope will come. And joy—gentle, steady, and unforced—will return in its own time. It does not require our strength to arrive; it only asks for our openness to notice the small, persistent ember of God's love glowing quietly within.

Lyn Zahorik
Director for Spiritual Engagement



Discipleship Small Groups—How it Works

Discipleship Small Groups are a part of a larger vision for making disciples. The very first small group in the Church was Jesus and the Twelve Apostles.

Key benefits of Discipleship Small Groups:

- Build community
- Support mutual encouragement
- Develop unity in your parish
- Create disciples who disciple others
- Encourage stewardship

As a friend and follower of Jesus, we can easily share our love for Jesus with others!

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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Through the generosity of an anonymous parishioner, a limited number of paid subscriptions are available for those willing to commit to attending all in-person sessions.



*Why are we here?
What do we want from life?
What does God want for us in
this life?*



Enhance your Lenten journey by joining us!

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:

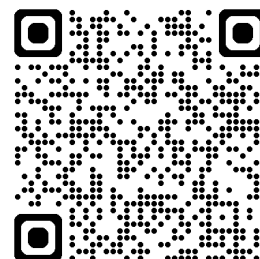
1:30-3:00pm, St. Mary Winneconne

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.

Use the QR code to sign up.



WINNECONNE NEWS

St. Mary, Winneconne Calendar

Mon. Jan. 19 7:30am LOW* w/Communion
 1:00pm CWOM Highlands
 6:00pm Finance Council Mtg

Tues. Jan. 20 6:00pm Parish Council Mtg

Wed. Jan. 21 7:30am LOW* w/Communion
 10:30am Highlands LOW*
 3:05pm FF Elem Classes
 4:30pm Adoration & Confession
 6:00pm MS Social
 6:30pm FF MS Classes

Thurs. Jan. 22 2:00pm Rosary
 2:30pm Glorious Mysteries

Sat. Jan. 24 3:30pm Confession
 4:00pm Mass

Sun. Jan. 25 10:30am Mass

Word of God Sunday

*LOW: Liturgy of the Word

STEWARDSHIP OF SHARING-Winneconne

Given Week ending 1/11/2026

Envelopes	\$2,436.00
Loose cash	\$ 425.00
Online & ACH Giving	\$2,023.00
Total	\$4,884.00
WEEKLY GOAL:	\$6,464.00

For it is in giving, that we receive

St. Francis of Assisi



Winneconne Area Assistance Center is in need of empty egg cartons to help divide eggs that are donated. Place them in any of the baskets at the entrances. Thank You!!



SAVE YOUR MEDALS

Just as we recently placed sacred artifacts in the foundation of our new space in Winneconne for protection and blessing, looking at either Feb 8 or 15, 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. So get your medals ready and check for the date in the upcoming bulletin.



Wednesday January 21
 Elementary Class 3:05-4:30pm
 MS Social 6:00pm
 MS Classes 6:30-8:00pm



On January 28th during our elementary class time we will be providing altar server training for grades 3–5, to those interested in serving at Mass. This is a wonderful opportunity for them to grow spiritually, develop a deeper connection with their faith, and actively participate in the life of the Church.

Altar serving is a meaningful ministry that teaches responsibility, teamwork, and reverence. It allows children to assist during Mass and other liturgical celebrations, helping them better understand the sacred traditions of our faith. Through this role, they will gain valuable life skills, such as confidence, discipline, and a sense of service to others. If you have a child who would like to attend this training and is able to commit to this ministry we invite you to return the form that was sent home in your child's folder by January 28th.



Adoration & Confession

Wednesday, January 21,
 4:30-5:30pm

All are welcome.

Sponsorship Thank You

Thank you to those who have sponsored:

Musicians for Christmas Eve:

Joe & Kelly Luedtke

Advertising Mass Times in Winn News:

Tami & Jeff Adolf

Sanctuary Candle for 2 week:

Anonymous

OMRO NEWS

St. Mary, Omro Calendar

Mon. Jan. 19 Noon-3:30pm Extended Watch of
The Chosen (Triple Room)
Tues. Jan. 20 4:30pm Finance Council Mtg
Wed. Jan. 21 4:30pm FF Gr. 1-6 Classes
5:00pm Elementary Mass
6:30pm FF Gr. 7-10 Classes
Sun. Jan. 25 8:30am Mass w/Frost & Friends Skit

Word of God Sunday

Parish Council Members-Liturgical Ministers

STEWARDSHIP OF SHARING-Omro

Given Week ending 1/11/2026

Envelopes	\$3,649.00
Loose cash	\$ 132.00
Online & ACH Giving	\$ 945.00
Total	\$4,726.00
WEEKLY GOAL:	\$4,044.00

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



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

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Prayer shawls are knitted or crocheted with yarn and prayer and distributed by Deacon Paul and St. Mary staff during hospital, nursing home and homebound visits, to new parish members, and to anyone in need of the comfort of a shawl or blanket made with prayer. They are also given to baptism and wedding families. The repetitive motion of knitting and crocheting lends itself well to both rote or extemporaneous prayer. St. Mary Winneconne has had an active prayer shawl ministry for several years and St. Mary Omro is looking for knitters and crocheters to contribute as well. If you would like to be involved with this ministry, see the display in Marian Hall. Please prayerfully consider joining this important ministry.

Contact Lawanda Jungwirth with any questions.
920-685-5349 or ljungwirth@charter.net.



FAITH FORMATION

Wednesday, January 21

4:30pm Grades 1-6 Class
5:00pm Elementary Mass
6:30pm Grades 7-10 Class



Wednesday, January 21

Elementary Mass at
5:00pm

Mass Intention:
Loucille Mischke

ALL ARE WELCOME!

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 "BE THE LIGHT" YOUTH MISSION TRIP RUMMAGE SALE in the Dining Hall

Saturday, January 17

8:00 am—3:00 pm

Sunday, January 18

9:30 am—3:30 pm

Our youth are heading to
NASHVILLE, TN for a mission trip
the week of **June 21, 2026!**
Help support their journey...stop in
and shop!

Readings for the Week of January 19

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33,37,40-51/Mk 3:1-6
Saint Agnes, Virgin & Martyr
Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9,19:1-7/Mk 3:7-12
Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection
of Unborn Children
Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Mk 3:13-19
Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4,11-12,19,23-27/
Mk 3:20-21
St. Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor
of the Church
Sunday: Is 8:23-9:3/ 1Cor 1:10—13,17/
Mt 4:12-23

Word of God Sunday
Catholic Schools Week Begins

formed
Forming Catholics for Life.



Saint Francis de Sales: Pastor of Souls

St. Francis de Sales became a hero during the Catholic Reformation for his pastoral care and spiritual writings. Join Dr. Chris Blum as he walks through the life of this great saint, who is celebrated on January 24th!

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!



An offering from the  AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE

Adult Faith Formation Coordinator Needed

Our parishes are seeking a passionate **Adult Faith Formation Coordinator** to nurture lifelong discipleship.

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

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](#)



MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY: **January 24**
4:00pm (SMW) Harold & Gert Tegelman & Jane Domke

SUNDAY: **January 25**
8:30am (SMO) For Our Parishioners
10:30am (SMW) Gordy Van Asten

Altar Servers

4:00pm (SMW) **2 Volunteers**
8:30am (SMO) Keefer Stapleton, Dave Krier
10:30am (SMW) **2 Volunteers**

Lectors

4:00pm (SMW) Judy Reetz
8:30am (SMO) Lori Meyerhofer-Fisher
10:30am (SMW) Dave Voss

Ushers

4:00pm (SMW) **4 Volunteers**
8:30am (SMO) Carol Thums, Mary Wolff
10:30am (SMW) Jack & Deb Woelfel, **2 Volunteers**

Sacristans

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

Communion Ministers

4:00pm (SMW) Judy Reetz, **Volunteer**
10:30am (SMW) **2 Volunteers**

Greeters

4:00pm (SMW) Kathy Meinen, **2 Volunteers**
8:30am (SMO) Amy Potratz, John Egan
10:30am (SMW) **3 Volunteers**

Intercessory Prayers

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

Musicians

4:00pm (SMW) Chrissy Volpe, Katie Karweik
8:30am (SMO) Ron Hayes, Rose Luebke
10:30am (SMW) Annemarie Birschbach, Paige Woelfel

Thank You

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

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Go to the website:
Stmarychurches.org and click on the donation tab for Winneconne or Omro.

Or use the QR codes below:

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St. Mary, Omro

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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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