

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

## **Word of God Sunday** **January 25, 2026**

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### **Priest Celebrants:**

Fr. Tom Long  
Fr. Ben Pribbenow

### **Parish Offices**

#### **St. Mary, Omro**

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### **Office Hours**

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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.



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

Bishop David Ricken just released his Pastoral Letter entitled “Sent On Mission: Answering the Call to Share Jesus.”

The Key Points invite us to:

**Discover Jesus.** The first step in becoming a missionary disciple is a personal encounter with Jesus Christ. Bishop Ricken invites us to open our hearts through daily prayer, reading Scripture, and listening to the Holy Spirit. This encounter transforms our lives and gives us the joy and courage to share our faith.

**Follow Jesus.** Discipleship is a lifelong journey. We are called to walk with Jesus and grow in friendship with Him and His Church. This means learning from His teachings, participating in parish life, and supporting one another in faith. Together, we become a community of disciples who encourage and strengthen each other.

**Worship Jesus.** At the heart of our faith is worship, especially through the Eucharist.

Bishop Ricken reminds us that the Mass is the

source and summit of our spiritual life. By staying rooted in the sacraments and cultivating a life of prayer and adoration, we draw closer to Christ and receive the grace to live our mission.

**Share Jesus.** Our mission does not end with personal faith—it begins there. We are sent to share Jesus with others through words and actions. This means witnessing to our faith in everyday life, serving those in need, and inviting others to experience the love of Christ. Evangelization is not just for a few; it is the call of every baptized person.

**Entrust Ourselves to the Holy Spirit.** *We cannot do this alone. Bishop Ricken urges us to rely on the Holy Spirit for guidance and strength. He asks every parish to include the Diocesan Prayer to the Holy Spirit in the Universal Prayers at Mass.*



## 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)

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.

Call either church office to sign up or email Patty at [patty.volp@stmarychurches.org](mailto:patty.volp@stmarychurches.org)

St. Mary, Omro: 920-685-2258 or

St. Mary, Winneconne: 920-582-7712

# ADULT FAITH FORMATION



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



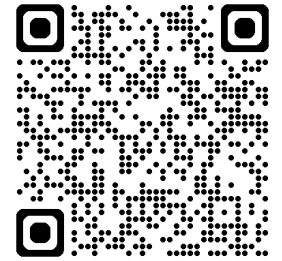
**Enhance your Lenten journey by joining us!**

**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.



## Thank you!

A great time of crafting, friendship and laughter was shared by the group that gathered at Highlands for the January CWOM. Many thanks to all who volunteered their time and talents and to the residents and staff at The Highlands who always fill our hearts with your warm welcome.



### Saint John Bosco: Mission to Love

Flavio Insinna gives a winning performance as John Bosco, the great priest and educator of youth. Beautifully filmed in Italy, this epic movie dramatizes the many challenges that he had to overcome from his childhood all the way to founding his religious order.

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



# WINNECONNE NEWS

## St. Mary, Winneconne Calendar

Mon. Jan. 26	7:30am LOW* w/Communion 6:00pm Fish Fry Mtg
Tues. Jan. 27	6:00pm DSG Training (Kaudy) 7:00pm KC Steak Night <b>Omro</b>
Wed. Jan. 28	7:30am LOW* w/Communion 3:05pm FF Elem Classes 3:30pm Altar Serving Training
Thurs. Jan. 29	2:00pm Rosary 2:30pm Glorious Mysteries
Sat. Jan. 31	CKC Winn Thrift & Gift 3:30pm Confession 4:00pm Mass
Sun. Feb. 1	9:00am HS/Confirmation Class 10:30am Mass w/CLOW** & Bread Partners & Refreshments 11:30am Liturgy Talk

**4th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Blessing of the Throats**  
\*LOW: Liturgy of the Word  
\*\*CLOW: Liturgy of the Word



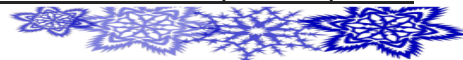
Wednesday January 28  
Elementary Class 3:05-4:30pm



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.

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.



### STEWARDSHIP OF SHARING-Winneconne Given Week ending 1/18/2026

Envelopes	\$3,125.00
Loose cash	\$ 607.00
Online & ACH Giving	<u>\$2,023.00</u>
Total	\$5,755.00
WEEKLY GOAL:	\$6,464.00

Thank you to the KC and Crew for putting up and taking down the Nativity this year!!



### 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sun. of the month.



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!!

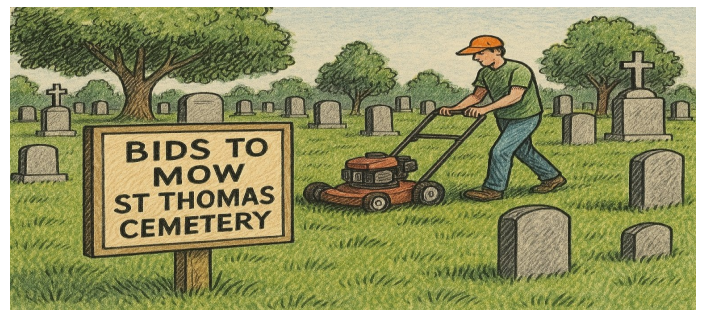
Christian Kindness Crew (CKC), (formerly Stewardship & CAM) & Friends of St. Thomas are volunteering **Sat. Jan. 31 at the Winn. Thrift Store.** Part of the proceeds they make that Sat. will be donated back to CFC & The Friends. So, **Stop, Shop and Support our Crew.**



### 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 basket will be 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.**



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. Jan. 26 Noon-3:30pm Extended Watch of The Chosen (Triple Room)  
5:15pm Discipleship Small Groups Training (Marian Hall)  
6:00pm Parish Council Meeting (Triple Room)
- Tues. Jan. 27 7:00pm Knights of Columbus Dinner (Dining Hall)
- Wed. Jan. 28 4:30-5:30pm Confession  
5:30pm FF Family Night & Evening with the Saints (Grades 1-6)  
6:30pm FF Gr. 7-8 Classes
- Sun. Feb 1 8:30am Mass with Bread Partners  
8:30am-12:30pm Confirmation Class

**4th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Blessing of the Throats**  
Omro Food Pantry Collection

## STEWARDSHIP OF SHARING-Omro

Given Week ending 1/18/2026

Envelopes	\$1,702.00
Loose cash	\$ 160.00
Online & ACH Giving	\$ 945.00
Total	\$2,807.00
WEEKLY GOAL:	\$4,044.00

Confession at St. Mary Omro  
Wednesday, January 28, 4:30-5:30pm



**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. Please stop by the display in Marian Hall for yarn kits, patterns, and additional information. Please prayerfully consider joining this important ministry.

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

## FAITH FORMATION

### Wednesday, January 28

5:30 pm: Evening with the Saints  
Grades 1-6

6:30 pm: Grades 7-8 Class

### Sunday February 1

8:30 am Confirmation Class

## *An Evening with the Saints*

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 Seaman\***

## "BE THE LIGHT"

### YOUTH MISSION TRIP NEWS!

The **Rummage Sale** was a HUGE success! Thank you for the helping hands and generous donations.



## NEW!! 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 January 25, 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.**

**Readings for the Week of January 26**

**Monday:** 2 Tim 1:1-8/Mk 3:22-30  
Saint Timothy and Saint Titus, Bishops

**Tuesday:** 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/Mk 3:31-35

**Wednesday:** 2 Sm 7:4-17/Mk 4:1-20  
Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church

**Thursday:** 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Mk 4:21-25

**Friday:** 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17  
Mk 4:26-34

**Saturday:** 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Mk 4:35-41  
Saint John Bosco, Priest

**Sunday:** Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/1 Cor 1:26-31  
Mt 5:1-12a  
**4th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**St. Mary's Catholic Church  
Ladies Night Out Group**



**Join the fun!**



**When:** Thursday, February 12<sup>th</sup> 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](#)



CELEBRATING  
**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK**  
JANUARY 25-30

**THANK YOU!**

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Scan the QR code to view the full CSW schedule and theme days.



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

You are invited !

**Diocesan Marriage Enrichment Retreat**

**Feb. 13-15, 2026**  
Starts: Friday, 4:00 P.M.  
Ends: Sunday, 2:30 P.M.

**Green Lake Conference Center**  
W2511 WI-23, Green Lake, WI

All are welcome to participate, whether you are a newlywed couple or are celebrating a milestone wedding anniversary. The weekend will include:

- Guest speakers
- Small group sessions
- Confession
- Eucharistic Adoration
- Holy Mass

Cost is \$250 per couple. Includes accommodations, materials and meals.

Organized by the Office of Marriage & Family Life



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

[dioc.io/enrichment](http://dioc.io/enrichment)



For more information, contact the Office of Marriage & Family Life: [marriageministries@gbdio.org](mailto:marriageministries@gbdio.org) | 920-272-8383

## MASS INTENTIONS

**SATURDAY:** **January 31**  
4:00pm (SMW) For Our Parishioners

**SUNDAY:** **February 1**  
8:30am (SMO) Loren Cismoski  
10:30am (SMW) Marty Weber & Living & Deceased Members of the Family

### Altar Servers

4:00pm (SMW) **2 Volunteers**  
8:30am (SMO) Abbi Seaman, Lillian Schoonover  
10:30am (SMW) **2 Volunteers**

### Lectors

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

### Ushers

4:00pm (SMW) **4 Volunteers**  
8:30am (SMO) Blake Huth, Devin Allison  
10:30am (SMW) **4 Volunteers**

### Sacristans

4:00pm (SMW) Rose Unser  
8:30am (SMO) Heidi Seaman  
10:30am (SMW) **Volunteer**

### Communion Ministers

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

### Greeters

4:00pm (SMW) Kathy Meinen, **2 Volunteers**  
8:30am (SMO) Sierra Potratz, Mazie Miller  
10:30am (SMW) 3 Confirmation Students

### Intercessory Prayers

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

### Musicians

4:00pm (SMW) Ted Kreuzer, Paul Kamikawa  
8:30am (SMO) Kristin Day, Rose Luebke  
10:30am (SMW) Ted Kreuzer, Ric Reynolds

**VOLUNTEERS  
NEEDED**

### **St. Mary, Omro**

**Parish Office:** 920-685-2258

**Office Hours:** Monday-Thursday  
8:00am-4:00pm

**Fridays:** Closed

Office Manager: Cammy Miller  
Business Manager: Pat Samolinski  
Custodian: Janet Wegner  
Faith Formation Coordinator: Heidi Seaman  
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**

**Parish Office:** 920-582-7712

**Office Hours:** Monday-Thursday  
8:00am-5:00pm

**Fridays:** Closed

Office Manager: Sue Kuhn  
Business Manager: Pat Samolinski  
Custodian: Annemarie Birschbach  
Faith Formation Coordinator: Andy Krueger  
Adult Faith Formation Coordinator: Patty Volp  
Adult Faith Formation Assistant: Jolene Johnson  
Pastoral Associate: Rose Unser  
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**Or use the QR codes below:**

**St. Mary, Winneconne**



**St. Mary, Omro**



**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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