

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

## **The Epiphany of the Lord** **January 4, 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.

### **EPIPHANY BLESSING OF THE HOME—2026**

1. Begin by praying the Our Father.
2. A member of the family then writes with chalk over the front door 20 + C + M + B + 26. The numerals are the new year. The crosses stand for the 4 seasons. C-M-B stand for the names of the Magi: Caspar, Melchior & Balthasar. C-M-B also stands for Christus Mansionem Benedicat, which means, "Christ, bless this house."
3. Pray this blessing "God of all time and space, may this home and this family be a light for all who are lost and afraid, a place of peace and hospitality for those in need and a sign that you are God with us. And when our long journey has ended, lead us all by the star of your mercy that we may come home to you to the dwelling place you have prepared for us in Heaven. Grant this through Christ our Lord, Amen."
4. Share a greeting of peace with everyone present.

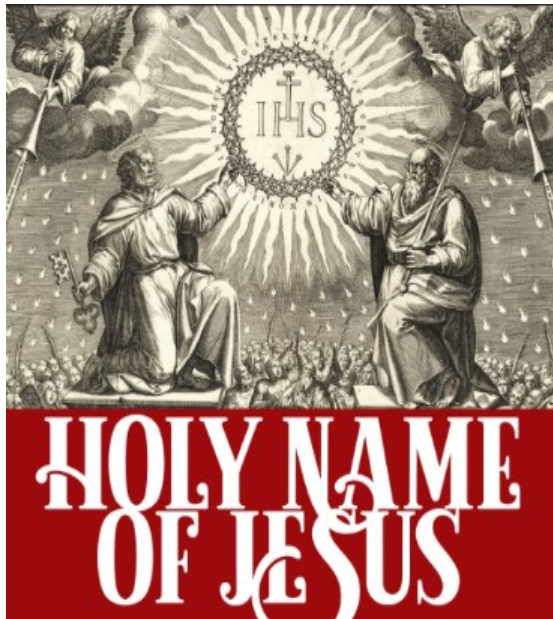


### **Photo Opportunity!** **January 4 Epiphany Masses** **after 8:30 am in Omro and** **10:30 am in Winneconne**

The Three Kings will be visiting  
our Parishes and will be available for  
photos with you.

**Welcome to our parishes.**

# PASTORAL PONDERINGS



January is a month dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus and His Holy Childhood. As we enter this new calendar year, we are called to continue pondering the significance of Jesus' name and to honor His birth and the season of Christmas.

You might be thinking, how can I celebrate the Holy Name of Jesus? One way to begin is by keeping Jesus' Name frequently and lovingly on your lips, and then build a few simple habits around prayer, Scripture, and charity that you can realistically sustain through the month.

## **Daily prayer and acts of love**

- Repeat short prayers during the day, such as "Jesus, I trust in you" or "Jesus, I love you. Have mercy on me," to cultivate a constant, heart-level devotion.

Set aside a few minutes of mental prayer to quietly ponder the power, gentleness, and mercy contained in his Name, especially when starting or ending your day.

## **Reverence and reparation**

- When you hear the Holy Name used carelessly, respond silently with a brief act of reparation, for example, "Blessed be the Name of the Lord."

Make a conscious effort to bow your head slightly whenever you hear the Name of Jesus at Mass or in public prayer, uniting yourself to the Church's reverence.

## **Use of formal devotions**

- Pray the Litany of the Holy Name of Jesus at least once a week in January, alone or with family; this traditional prayer praises Christ through his many titles and asks him to "save your people."

If possible, attend Mass on or near January 3, the Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus, offering the day for a deeper love and trust in him.

## **Scripture and charity in his Name**

- Memorize or frequently pray verses like Philippians 2:9–11, which proclaim that at the Name of Jesus every knee should bow and every tongue confess him as Lord.

Choose specific acts of service or mercy this month—helping a neighbor, visiting someone lonely, giving alms—and do them explicitly "in the Name of Jesus," asking that his love be what others experience through you.

As we begin a new calendar year may one or all these practices draw us ever closer to the Lord and each other, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Rose Unser – Pastoral Associate

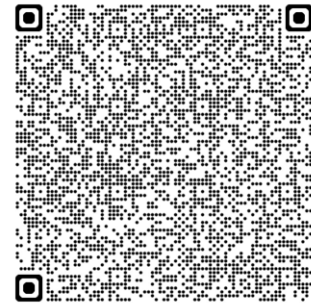
# ADULT FAITH FORMATION

**Are you looking for an after-Christmas present for you or your loved one? We have you covered!**

**Coming to St. Mary Churches, Financial Peace University by Dave Ramsey led by Bob and Peggy Wilms. In person meetings will run for 9 weeks starting in February through March on Monday evenings. Your purchase includes in person meetings, materials and online access.**

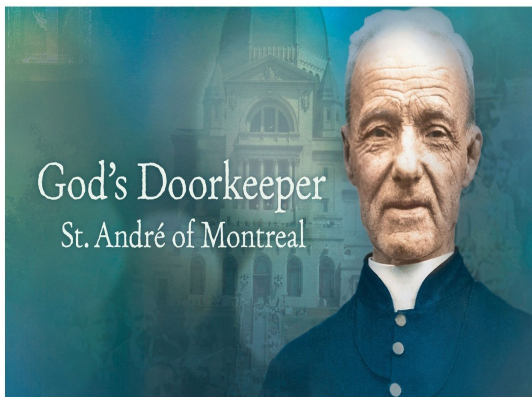
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- \*Invest wisely and build wealth
- \*Plan for retirement
- \*Give generously
- \*Communicate more effectively in your relationships



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Contact Patty Volp [patty.volp@stmarychurches.org](mailto:patty.volp@stmarychurches.org), 920-376-1157 or either parish office with questions.



## God's Doorkeeper: St. André of Montreal

This week, we celebrate the memorial of a humble doorkeeper, St. André of Montreal. Learn how this man became a great saint through his small acts of love!

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!



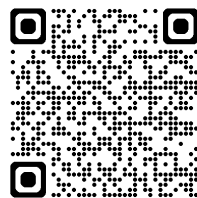
## Corporal Works of Mercy— January

Join us for fun and fellowship as we assist residents at The Highlands River Crossing, 424 Cleveland St, Winneconne with a craft activity.

January 19th— 1:00-3:00PM

Sign up below or reach out to Patty

[Patty.volp@stmarychurches.org](mailto:Patty.volp@stmarychurches.org)



[St Mary Winneconne and Omro: Corporal Work of Mercy-January- Craft activity at Highlands, Winneconne](#)

# WINNECONNE NEWS

## St. Mary, Winneconne Calendar

Mon. Jan. 5 7:30am LOW\* w/Communion  
 Wed. Jan. 7 7:30am LOW\* w/Communion  
 3:05pm FF Elem Classes  
 3:45pm Elem. Mass  
 4:30pm Confession  
 6:00pm MS Social  
 6:30pm FF MS Classes  
 Thurs. Jan. 8 2:00pm Rosary  
 5:00pm Staff Christmas Party  
 6:30pm St. Thomas Cemetery Mtg  
 Sat. Jan. 10 3:30pm Confession  
 4:00pm Mass  
 Sun. Jan. 11 9:30am 1st Comm. Parent Mtg  
 10:30am Mass w/enrollment  
**The Baptism of the Lord**  
 \*LOW: Liturgy of the Word  
 Fr. Carr's Place 2B Non-Perishable Collection

## Fr. Carr's Place 2B Food Collection. Items needed:

|                                 |                       |               |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------|
| 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 January 7

Class is back in session.

Elementary Class 3:15-4:30pm and Mass at 3:45pm  
 Middle School Class 6:30-8:00pm

*All are welcome to join us at the Elementary Mass at 3:45 pm, Wed. Jan. 7*



## 1st Communion Parent Meeting

All parents of 2nd graders are required to attend the Parent Meeting next Sunday, Jan 11 at 9:30am. Your student will be enrolled at Mass that morning at 10:30am.

## Confession at St. Mary Winneconne

Wednesday, January 7, 4:30-5:30 pm

All are welcome.

## Sponsorship Thank You

*Thank you to those who have sponsored:*

*Sacrament prep booklet: Anonymous*

*Funeral prep booklet: Anonymous*

*Missalettes for 1 weekend: Anonymous*

*FF Youth Retreat Sponsor: Vicky Holt*

*Advent Candles: Anonymous*

*Refreshments After Mass :*

*Emily & Jordan Dunham*

*Musicians Supplies for a month:*

*Emily & Jordan Dunham*

*Altar Wine: Sandy & John Simonis*

*Stewardship Activities: Anonymous*



## 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.

# OMRO NEWS

## St. Mary, Omro Calendar

Mon. Jan. 5 Noon-3:30pm Extended Watch of  
The Chosen (Triple Room)  
Wed. Jan. 7 4:30pm FF Gr. 1-6 Classes Spiritus  
Safe Environment Retreat  
6:30pm FF Gr. 7-10 Classes  
Thurs. Jan. 8 5:00pm Staff Christmas Party  
Sun. Jan. 11 8:30am Mass  
9:30am 2nd Graders Liturgy Talk  
with Lyn Zahorik in downstairs  
classroom

## The Baptism of the Lord

## FAITH FORMATION

### Wednesday, January 7

Grades 1-6 Retreat 4:30 pm  
Grades 7-10 Class 6:30 pm

### Sunday, January 11

9:30 am 2nd Graders, Liturgy Talk with  
Lyn Zahorik

## Omro Food Pantry Collection Sunday, January 4

Needed items this month are: shampoo,  
body wash, feminine products, toilet paper,  
Kleenex, cleaning products and cleaning  
supplies. Basic food items are also always  
welcome.

Items can be dropped in the basket located  
by the parking lot door at the Marian Hall  
entrance or in the parish office.

Thank you!!

## 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\***



“Be The Light” mission trip  
fundraiser...help our youth reach  
their destination! Located in  
Marian Hall.

St. Mary Omro Wish List  
Thank you to the parishioners  
who purchased the office  
chair and vacuum cleaner.



Free hats and mittens are available for anyone in  
need of warmth this winter, located at 124 E.  
Main Street in Omro. This is an annual project of  
the Omro Women’s Service League.



### **Readings for the Week of January 5**

**Monday:** 1Jn 3:22-4:6/Mt 4:12-17,23-25  
St. John Neumann, Bishop  
**Tuesday:** 1Jn 4:7-10/Mk 6:34-44  
**Wednesday:** 1Jn 4:11-18/Mk 6:45-52  
**Thursday:** 1Jn 4:19-5:4/Lk 4:14-22  
**Friday:** 1Jn 5:5-13/Lk 5:12-16  
**Saturday:** 1Jn 5:14-21/Jn 3:22-30  
**Sunday:** Is 42:1-4,6-7/Acts 10:34-38/  
Mt 3:13-17

### **The Baptism of the Lord**

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.

### **Reporting Sexual Abuse**

If you know of an incident of sexual abuse of a person who is **now under the age of 18** by a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer, **PLEASE IMMEDIATELY CALL THE CIVIL AUTHORITIES AND THEN THE DIOCESE.**

**If the person was abused as a minor but is now an adult,**  
please contact:

*Office of Safe Environment  
Diocese of Green Bay  
920-272-8174  
or 1-877-270-8174 (toll free)*

We always encourage you to report the incident to civil authorities.

**YOU MATTER TO US –  
THERE IS HOPE!**



### ***Mother & Daughter Retreat***

Jan. 23-24, 2026 5-8 year olds

March 6-7, 2026 9-13 year olds

**Fri. 5:30pm through Sat. 5:00pm**

Includes Mass

Elizabeth Ministry International

Zechariah House

119 W. 7th St. Kaukauna

All inclusive \$325 per Mother & Daughter team. Includes lodging, snacks, meals, project materials, & keepsakes!!

Elizabeth Ministry offers these special retreats as one way to encourage Mothers and Daughters to invest their time, energy and focus on their relationship by creating a meaningful connection and making special memories. It's an amazing way to strengthen a beautiful relationship with fun and faith-filled experiences.

To register: [www.elizabethministry.com/events](http://www.elizabethministry.com/events) or call 888-524-0557

### **St. Mary Omro Youth Mission Trip Rummage Sale**

**Saturday, January 17: 8am-3pm**

**Sunday, January 18: 9:30am-3:30pm**

**St. Mary Omro Dining Hall**

*The Youth Mission Trip to Nashville, TN is scheduled for the week of June 21, 2026.*

We are looking for donations of items to sell. While you are cleaning out in the next few weeks, please keep this fundraiser in mind.

Here's what we are looking for:

**Children's Clothing:** Gently used and clean

**Accessories:** Purses, jewelry

**Household Goods:** Dishes, cookware, décor

**Books:** Adult and children

**Toys & Games:** Board games, puzzles, stuffed animals, kids' toys

**Craft Supplies:** Yarn, fabric, art materials

**Seasonal Items:** Holiday decorations

**No furniture, electronics, or adult clothing**

**You do not have to price your items.**

Drop-off deadline: Bring items to the St. Mary Omro office no later than **Monday, January 12.**

Every donation helps our teens serve others.

Thank you for supporting this mission!

## MASS INTENTIONS

**SATURDAY:** **January 10**  
4:00pm (SMW) For Our Parishioners

**SUNDAY:** **January 11**  
8:30am (SMO) Ann Mossak  
10:30am (SMW) For Our Parishioners

### Altar Servers

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

### Lectors

4:00pm (SMW) **Volunteer**  
8:30am (SMO) Janet Wegner  
10:30am (SMW) Pat Samolinski

### Ushers

4:00pm (SMW) **4 Volunteers**  
8:30am (SMO) Mona Freund, **Volunteer**  
10:30am (SMW) Peggy Benjamin, JoAnn Winnekens  
**2 Volunteers**

### Sacristans

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

### Communion Ministers

4:00pm (SMW) Tracey & Mike Losse  
10:30am (SMW) Pat Samolinski, **Volunteer**

### Greeters

4:00pm (SMW) **3 Volunteers**  
8:30am (SMO) Mike Freund, **Volunteer**  
10:30am (SMW) Broc, Jann & Wade Berglund

### Intercessory Prayers

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

### Musicians

4:00pm (SMW) Cameron Crandall, Julie Mueller  
8:30am (SMO) Ted Kreuzer  
10:30am (SMW) Annemarie Birschbach, Paige Woelfel

*we appreciate you*

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

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



## **Donate Online Today!!**

St. Mary Winneconne & Omro are set up to take donations online!

**Go to the website:**

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

**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**

Jan. 18, 10:30 am Mass

**Omro**

CLOW will return in April 2026



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