

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

2nd Sunday of Lent **March 1, 2026**

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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.

Second Sunday of Lent



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

Welcome to our parishes.

PASTORAL PONDERINGS

At Mass in Winneconne last weekend, we celebrated the rite of sending which involves "sending" the catechumens for "election" and candidates for the "call to continuing conversion" to the Bishop after the Church community hears testimony from the godparents and sponsors on how the catechumens and candidates have responded to God's call. We do not have any catechumens this year; however, our candidate, Miranda Peach, a baptized Christian seeking to complete her initiation through the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist, along with other candidates throughout the diocese, were also included in this rite because they are continuing their conversion. During this rite, candidates express their desire to complete their Christian initiation and are presented to the bishop, who acknowledges their readiness to receive the sacraments.

After the rite of sending, all those seeking either Baptism or full Communion with the Catholic Church within our diocese gathered at the Cathedral of St. Francis Xavier in Green Bay, with their sponsors, catechists and families to celebrate another step on this journey of faith. The rite of election and call to continuing conversion is a formal confirmation of the catechumens' and candidates' readiness for the sacraments. It also serves as a witness to everyone's need for communion with God and the Church's call to bring others into the flock. Due to the number of elect and candidates coming into the Catholic Church, there were two weekends this rite was celebrated in our diocese!

The rite of election begins the stage of purification and enlightenment. Catechumens and candidates have learned about the Church, have become a part of the community and, in the weeks ahead, will be asked to examine their lives and to think about what Christ is asking of them. As Catholic Christians, we can attest that it can be difficult to give an unconditional "yes" to Christ and to embrace the cross he asks us to carry. Let us all continue to ask the Lord to help us daily to continue to make this leap of faith, abandoning pride, insecurity, selfishness or laziness that can paralyze discipleship.

As Miranda continues to walk this journey, please include her and all elect and candidates in your prayers so they, too, recognize more deeply how God has chosen them, loves them and provides the sacraments to strengthen us all on our journey to the Kingdom of God.

To get to know Miranda a bit better, be sure to take a look at the poster board in the main entrance in Winneconne and Marian Hall in Omro. There will also be a basket by the poster boards for you to place cards of encouragement for our candidate. She will receive your cards at the Mass she completes her initiation through the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist.

Yours in Christ,
Rose Unser — Pastoral Associate

Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion
St . Francis Xavier in Green Bay



Breakfast at
Jackie's in Winneconne



Rite of Sending
St. Mary Church, Winneconne



ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Our Lenten Series, "The Search" !



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

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

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CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY FEBRUARY-MARCH

The Help for the Homeless Hygiene Drive February 22—March 15

The Help for the Homeless Hygiene Drive is an annual community effort that collects new hygiene and cleaning supplies for local crisis agencies. The Hygiene Drive is organized by The Family Radio Network, Inc. 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!



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.**



Nominations for Trustees

We are taking nominations of Trustees this weekend (February 28/March 1).

All nominations need to be submitted by March 2. 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.

Nomination forms are in Marian Hall (Omro) and at the entrances in (Winneconne). Please place your nomination in the box next to the forms.

WINNECONNE NEWS

St. Mary, Winneconne Calendar

Mon.	Mar. 2	7:30am LOW* w/Communion 6:00pm Financial Peace KH
Tues.	Mar. 3	1:30pm "The Search" LL 5:30pm "The Search" KH
Wed.	Mar. 4	7:30am LOW* w/Comm 3:05pm FF Elem Classes 4:30pm Confession & Adoration 6:00pm MS Social 6:30pm MS Class
Thurs.	Mar. 5	2:00pm Stations of the Cross 5:30pm Picnic Meeting
Sat.	Mar. 7	1:30pm 1st Communion Retreat 3:30pm Confession 4:00pm Mass
Sun.	Mar. 8	10:30am Mass

3rd Sunday of Lent

*LOW: Liturgy of the Word
Fr. Carr's Non-Perishable Food Collection
Nominations Trustee Secretary

STEWARDSHIP OF SHARING-Winneconne
Given Week ending 2/22/2026

Envelopes	\$4,870.00
Loose cash	\$ 393.00
Online & ACH Giving	<u>\$1,940.00</u>
Total	\$7,203.00
WEEKLY GOAL:	\$6,464.00

*Giving is not just about making a donation,
It is about making a difference.*



Adoration & Confession

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



A Christian steward is "One who receives God's gifts gratefully, cherishes and tends them in a responsible manner, shares them in justice and love with others, and returns them with increase to the Lord.

Our Bishop's Appeal goal this year is \$45,651. We have collected \$8,441.00. Pray how you can give back to the Lord. Thank you to those who have donated.

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!!!



March 1—High School and Confirmation Classes 9:00-12:30pm

Wednesday March 4

Elementary Class 3:10-4:30pm
Middle School Social 6:00pm
Middle School Classes 6:30pm

First Communion Retreat

March 7th—1:30-5:00pm



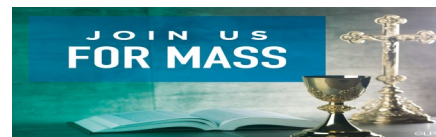
March 11—Elementary Class 3:10-4:30

Elementary Mass 3:45-4:30 (Last one)

March 11 High School and Confirmation—

Night of Reflection and Reconciliation

6:30-8pm



March 11 3:45pm is our LAST Elementary Mass

The Parish Picnic is quickly approaching, and our class baskets are still looking a bit empty.

We could really use your help! Please ask your child about their class basket theme and consider donating one or two items to support it. Let's work together to fill those baskets and make this year's picnic a success!

For the family and friends of

Mike Meyer

Mike was called home to our loving Father in Heaven. May Jesus'



words console you, strengthen you, and fill you with peace.

SMELT/FISH FRY

Volunteers Needed!

Friday, March 13 & 27.

Time: 4:00pm—6:30pm in Kaudy Hall.

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

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



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



OMRO NEWS

St. Mary, Omro Calendar

Mon.	Mar. 2	Noon-3:30pm Extended Watch of The Chosen (Triple Room) 6:00pm Stations of the Cross 6:00-8:00pm Financial Peace (SMW-Kaudy Hall)
Tues.	Mar. 3	5:30-7:00pm Discipleship Small Groups, "The Search" (Triple Room)
Wed.	Mar. 4	4:30pm FF Grades 1-6 6:30pm FF Grades 7-10 6:30pm Student Mass
Sat.	Mar. 7	1:30pm 1st Communion Retreat (SMW)
Sun.	Mar. 8	8:30am Mass 3rd Sunday of Lent SMW-St. Mary Winneconne Nominations Trustee Treasurer

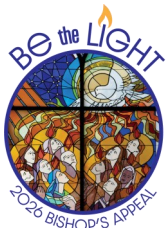
STEWARDSHIP OF SHARING-Omro

Given Week ending 2/22/2026

Envelopes	\$2,617.00
Loose cash	\$ 211.00
Online & ACH Giving	<u>\$1,017.00</u>
Total	\$3,845.00
WEEKLY GOAL:	\$ 4,044.00

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Bishop's Appeal



Life can be challenging. There are times when people feel lost and don't know where to turn. Thanks to your support, they can find help through Catholic Charities and the many programs and resources within our Diocese. **Our Bishop's Appeal goal is \$19,395.** To date, we have collected

\$2,251. We invite you to prayerfully reflect on how you will support this year's Appeal.

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.

FAITH FORMATION

Wednesday, March 4

4:30 pm: Grades 1-6

6:30 pm: Grades 7-10

March 4, 6:30 pm

**Student Mass
ALL ARE WELCOME!**



2nd Grade Sacramental Prep

First Communion Retreat Sat., March 7,
1:30 pm at St. Mary Winneconne.

Please keep these children in your prayers as they prepare for First Communion.

St. Mary Omro Parish Council Presents

**SOUP FOR SOUL:
BATTLE OF THE BOWLS!
(A Soup Competition)**



**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, & Beef Raffle.

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

LENTEN GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

Check out the Lenten Giving display in Marian Hall and consider sponsoring an item. The 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 for your generosity!

Readings for the Week of March 2

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Mt 20:17-28
Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31
Friday: Gn 37:3-4,12-13a,17b-28a/
 Mt 21:33-43,45-46
Saturday: Mi 7:14-15,18-20/Lk 15:1-3,11-32
Sunday: Ex 17:3-7/Rom 5:1-2,5-8
 Jn 4:5-42
3rd 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



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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 Omro Parish Office.

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY: **March 7**
4:00pm (SMW) Our Parishioners

SUNDAY: **March 8**
8:30am (SMO) Janniece Rohan
10:30am (SMW) Martha V

Altar Servers

4:00pm (SMW) **2 Volunteers**
8:30am (SMO) **2 Volunteers**
10:30am (SMW) Tim Johnson, **Volunteer**

Lectors

4:00pm (SMW) Andy Krueger, **Volunteer**
8:30am (SMO) **Volunteer**
10:30am (SMW) **2 Volunteers**

Ushers

4:00pm (SMW) Mike Miller, **3 Volunteers**
8:30am (SMO) Cindy & Macy Morse
10:30am (SMW) Peggy Benjamin, **3 Volunteers**

Sacristans

4:00pm (SMW) **Volunteer**
8:30am (SMO) Heidi Seaman
10:30am (SMW) Tim & Sherrie Johnson

Communion Ministers

4:00pm (SMW) Andy Krueger, **Volunteer**
10:30am (SMW) **2 Volunteers**

Greeters

4:00pm (SMW) Kathy Meinen, **2 Volunteers**
8:30am (SMO) Abbi Seaman, **Volunteer**
10:30am (SMW) **3 Volunteers**

Intercessory Prayers

10:30am (SMW) Rose Unser, Chris Brill

Musicians

4:00pm (SMW) Cameron Crandall, Mary Gallenberg
8:30am (SMO) Ted Kreuzer
10:30am (SMW) Ted Kreuzer

SERVING WITH LOVE

St. Mary, Omro

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8:00am-4:00pm

Fridays: Closed

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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
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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

March 1 & 15, 10:30am Mass

Omro

CLOW will return in April 2026



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