

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

3rd Sunday of Lent **March 8, 2026**

Pastoral Coordinator: Deacon Paul Vidmar

920-379-8068

Paul.vidmar@stmarychurches.org

Priest Celebrants:

Fr. Tom Long
Fr. Ben Pribbenow

Parish Offices

St. Mary, Omro

730 Madison Ave, Omro
920-685-2258
stmaryomro@stmarychurches.org

Office Hours

M-Th 8-4pm
Fridays Closed

St. Mary, Winneconne

210 Pleasant Dr/PO Box 487, Winneconne

Office: 205 Pleasant Dr. Winneconne

920-582-7712

stmarywinn@stmarychurches.org

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.

3rd Sunday of Lent

*"...whoever drinks of the water I
shall give will never thirst."*

John 4:14



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

Sincerity is a virtue at the heart of Christian discipleship. To be sincere is to speak and act with honesty, transparency, and integrity. This allows our words to reflect what is truly in our hearts. The Catechism reminds us that truthfulness is a form of justice, because it gives others what is their due, our honest selves.

When we live with sincerity, we imitate Jesus who is “the way, the truth, and the life” and whose every word radiated purity of intention. In a world where image often matters more than authenticity, sincerity becomes a courageous witness. It requires humility because it means admitting our weakness and avoiding the temptation to hide behind facades. It also demands charity, since sincerity is not bluntness or harshness, but truth spoken with love. The sincere Christian brings unity rather than division, for deception always fractures relationships, but truthful hearts foster trust.

Michael, a father of three, comes home from work exhausted and distracted. His young son asks if they can play together and Michael automatically says maybe later, knowing he likely won't have the energy. As he sits down, he feels a nudge in his conscience. He realizes his answer wasn't sincere, it was a way to avoid disappointing his son in the moment without giving a true response.

Moving by grace, Michael goes back to his son and speaks honestly. He kneels beside him and says “I'm really tired today, and I won't be able to play right now. But I do want to spend time with you. How about we read a story together before bed?” His son accepts this with a smile trusting his father's words.

Michael discovers that sincerity strengthens love. By choosing honest communication instead of a vague promise, he builds trust within his family. His example shows that sincerity often means speaking truth gently and clearly, even when it feels uncomfortable. In doing so, he reflects the faithfulness of Christ, who calls us to let our yes mean yes and our no mean no.

By embracing sincerity in our daily lives, we allow Christ's light to shine through us. In doing so we become instruments of truth, love, and authentic holiness in the world.

God bless you and your family.

Deacon Paul Vidmar



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 packets 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. Children under age 10 eat for free. 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.
All proceeds go directly to support the Youth Mission Trip to Nashville this June!

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Our Lenten Series, "The Search"

There is still room to sign up!
Each session includes a shared meal, prayer, video, and small-group discussion led by trained facilitators. **Call either parish office to sign up.**

Sessions are Tuesdays,
March 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

5:30-7:00pm, St. Mary Winneconne
dinner will be served

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.**



formed
Forming Catholics for Life.



St. Frances

Join the Tierney family as they celebrate the feast of Saint Frances of Rome, patroness of homemaking! Learn about practicing the corporal works of mercy in the home, the very Catholic Lenten history of pretzels and beer, and watch Kendra and three-year-old Barbara make something they like to call "trash can soup." Find this episode's feature recipes and more about liturgical living in the home at Catholic All Year.
<https://catholicallyear.com/at-home/>

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!
Please use the zip code 54986 to access this subscription



An offering from the AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE



WINNECONNE NEWS

St. Mary, Winneconne Calendar

Mon.	Mar. 9	7:30am LOW* w/Communion 4:30pm CFC Meeting KH 6:00pm Financial Peace KH
Tues.	Mar. 10	9:30am Staff Meeting 1:30pm "The Search" LL 5:30pm "The Search" KH 7:00pm KC Meeting SMO
Wed.	Mar. 11	7:30am LOW* w/Comm 3:05pm FF Elem Classes 3:45pm Last Elementary Mass 6:30pm All HS & Confirmation Students Night of Reflection
Thurs.	Mar. 12	2:00pm Stations of the Cross 6:30pm St. Thomas Cemetery Mtg
Fri.	Mar. 13	4:00-6:30pm Smelt/Fish Fry
Sat.	Mar. 14	3:30pm Confession 4:00pm Mass
Sun.	Mar. 15	10:30am Mass w/CLOW** KC Ministers/Blessing 50th Tim & Sherrie

**4th Sunday of Lent
World's Poor Collection**
*LOW: Liturgy of the Word
**CLOW: Liturgy of the Word
KC Marriage Prayer Cards

STEWARDSHIP OF SHARING-Winneconne
Given Week ending 3/1/2026

Envelopes	\$5,811.00
Loose cash	\$ 546.00
Online & ACH Giving	<u>\$2,040.00</u>
Total	\$8,397.00
WEEKLY GOAL:	\$6,464.00

There is deep joy in giving, since what we receive is much more than we give.
Mother Teresa

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](#)



Help Jesus with His work of educating our children, comforting the sick and helping families in need.

Our Bishop's Appeal goal this year is \$45,651. We have collected \$15,051.00.

Pray how you can give back to the Lord.

Thank you to those who have donated.

Please pray about giving to the Bishop's Appeal.



Wednesday March 11

Elementary Class 3:10-4:30pm

Elementary Mass 3:45pm—LAST ONE

**High School (9th & 10th) and Confirmation—
Night of Reflection and Reconciliation**

6:30-8pm



The Parish Picnic, June 14, 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!

Basket Theme List (with some suggestions to get you thinking)

- **Grade 1 – Day at the Beach** 🏖️
(towels, sunscreen, sand toys, bubbles, frisbee)
- **Grade 2 – Backyard Fun** 🌿
(sidewalk chalk, jump ropes, bubbles, outdoor games, picnic blanket)
- **Grade 3 – Game Time** 🎲
(board games, puzzles, cards, snacks)
- **Grade 4 – Rainy Day Fun** ☔
(craft kits, movies, cocoa, cozy socks, books)
- **Grade 5 – Sports Fun** 🏆
(balls, water bottles, sports towels, fan gear, snacks, games, frisbee)
- **Middle School – Movie Night Basket** 🎬
(DVDs or streaming gift cards, popcorn, candy, soda, blanket)
- **Middle School – Baking Bonanza Basket** 🍪
(cookie mixes, measuring cups, sprinkles, mixing bowl, spatulas, ingredients, recipes)
- **High School – Adventure or Camping Basket** 🏕️
(flashlight, bug spray, s'mores fixings, reusable water bottle, blanket, journal, snacks)
- **Confirmation – Study Essentials Basket**
(snacks, post its, note cards, pens, coffee gift card, planner)

Next weekend, March 14 & 15, our Knights of Columbus Council #8810 will be handing out Marriage Prayer Cards at both parishes.

Please take one home and join us in praying for marriages in our parishes and around the world. Your prayers support couples, strengthen families, and help promote God's gift of loving, faithful marriages.

OMRO NEWS

St. Mary, Omro Calendar

- Mon. Mar. 9 Noon-3:30pm Extended Watch of The Chosen (Triple Room)
4:30pm Christian Fellowship Crew (SMW-Kaudy Hall)
6:00pm Stations of the Cross
6:00-8:00pm Financial Peace (SMW-Kaudy Hall)
- Tues. Mar. 10 9:00am-Noon Staff Meeting **(OFFICE CLOSED)**
5:30-7:00pm Discipleship Small Groups, "The Search" (Triple Room)
7:00pm Knights of Columbus (Dining Hall)
- Wed. Mar. 11 4:30-5:30pm Confession
4:30pm FF Grades 1-6
4:30pm Grade 2 with Fr. Tom
6:30pm FF Grades 7-8
- Sun. Mar. 15 8:30am Mass
Noon-1:30pm Soup for the Soul (Dining Hall)

**4th Sunday of Lent
World's Poor Collection**
SMW-St. Mary Winneconne
KC Marriage Prayer Cards

STEWARDSHIP OF SHARING-Omro

Given Week ending 3/1/2026

Envelopes	\$1,867.00
Loose cash	\$ 141.00
Online & ACH Giving	\$ 910.00
Total	\$2,918.00
WEEKLY GOAL:	\$4,044.00

There is deep joy in giving, since what we receive is much more than we give. Mother Teresa



Bishop's Appeal

The Bishop's Appeal is an annual campaign that supports the ministries of the Diocese. The Bishop's Appeal provides support to diocesan ministries reaching out to thousands of people each year. These ministries include Catholic Charities, Catholic schools, and On Mission, to name a few.

Our 2026 Bishop's Appeal goal is \$19,395. To date, we have collected \$2,826. We encourage you to take some time in prayer to consider how you can support this year's Appeal.

Thank you to all who have donated.

FAITH FORMATION

Wednesday, March 11

- 4:30 pm: Grades 1-6 Class
4:30 pm: Grade 2 with Fr. Tom
6:30 pm: Grades 7-8 Class

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our "Be the Light" Youth Mission Trip pizza sale. Because of you, we made and sold 200 pizzas!

HOLY COW...It's a Beef Raffle!

*Donated by Egan Family Dairy, Inc.
John & Sheri Egan, Ed & Kyra Egan*
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 before and after Mass in Marian Hall and at BOTH parish offices during office hours.

Proceeds of the Beef Raffle support the Youth Mission Trip to Nashville this June!

Confession

Wednesday, March 11, 4:30-5:30 pm



LENTEN GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

Take a moment to visit the Lenten Giving display in Marian Hall and consider sponsoring an item. Donation options range from \$10-\$50. Simply choose a card and envelope, and return them in the Sunday collection or drop them off at the parish office.

Thank you!

Readings for the Week of March 9

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Lk 11:14-23
Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34
Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14
Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a
 Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41
4th 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



World's Poor Collection

Next weekend, we will take up the World's Poor Collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection and share Christ's love with those most in need.

Thank you for your generosity!

ALL RISE!

THE NORTHEAST WISCONSIN PASSION PLAY
2026

An original, uplifting, dramatic musical based on the ministry, teachings, Passion and Resurrection of Our Lord

7:00 pm March 26, 27, 28
1:00 pm March 28*, 29

* An American Sign Language interpreter will be provided at the 1:00 pm performance on March 28th.
 Hearing Loop equipped.

Adult \$14 • Senior Citizen \$12 • Student \$9 (College & under)
 Opening night discounts: Adult & Senior \$10 • Student \$6
Ticket prices do not include service fees on credit card purchases. These fees are established by Lulus, our box office vendor, and are nonrefundable.

www.newpassionplay.org • (920) 733-8840

Xavier Fine Arts Theatre Box Office Hours: Noon to 3:00 pm
 February 9 - 13 Monday - Friday
 February 18 - March 13 Monday & Wednesday
 March 16-27 Monday - Friday
*Closed February 16 for staff retreat
 Also open one hour before each performance

Xavier Fine Arts Theatre • 1600 W. Prospect Avenue, Appleton, WI
 A Program of the St Francis Xavier Catholic School System

Men's Group Meeting

Saturday, March 21, 7:00-8:00 am

All men from St. Mary, Omro and Winneconne are welcome. The March 21 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.

Lourdes Academy High School



BUY TICKETS HERE!

MARCH 13-15, 2026

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY: **March 14**
4:00pm (SMW) George Dietsch

SUNDAY: **March 15**
8:30am (SMO) Marie Kress
10:30am (SMW) Johnson & Reynebeau Families

Altar Servers

4:00pm (SMW) **2 Volunteers**
8:30am (SMO) **2 Volunteers**
10:30am (SMW) Mike Jordan, Rob Reynebeau

Lectors

4:00pm (SMW) **2 Volunteers**
8:30am (SMO) Lori Meyerhofer-Fisher
10:30am (SMW) Sophia Johnson, Callie Vosters

Ushers

4:00pm (SMW) **4 Volunteers**
8:30am (SMO) Huth Family
10:30am (SMW) Steve Christian, Rick Lee
Ken Kranski, **KC Volunteer**

Sacristans

4:00pm (SMW) **Volunteer**
8:30am (SMO) Jen Wellhoefer
10:30am (SMW) John Michalski

Communion Ministers

4:00pm (SMW) Tracey & Mike Losse
10:30am (SMW) Sherrie Johnson, Tom Scherer

Greeters

4:00pm (SMW) Kathy Meinen, **2 Volunteers**
8:30am (SMO) Ron & Lawanda Jungwirth
10:30am (SMW) Glen Bodendorfer, Kevin Flaherty
Volunteer

Intercessory Prayers

10:30am (SMW) Tim & Sherrie Johnson

Musicians

4:00pm (SMW) Chrissy Volpe/John Verich
8:30am (SMO) Chrissy Volpe/Amy Karn
10:30am (SMW) Ron Hayes/Paige Woelfel

Thank You

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
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

QR Code



St. Mary, Omro

QR Code



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 15, 10:30am Mass

Omro

CLOW will return in April 2026



The Dowling Group LLC
Teri Dowling, Broker
 (920) 420-0773 Cell
 Oshkosh, WI
 teri@dowlinggroupllc.com
 COMMERCIAL-RESIDENTIAL

Holiday Florist
 Full Service Florist
 217 W. Main St. Winneconne
 Hours: Mon-Fri 8:30-5:00
 920-582-3939
 www.holidayfloristwinneconne.com

OMRO PHARMACY
 328 E. Main Street, Omro
 920-685-5041

Buy, Sell, & Trade
 Toys, Records &
 Collectibles
 Call Steve & Mike
 815-579-9100
 Two Brothers Bad Boy Toys

Tipler Insurance
George A. Tipler-Agent
 920-836-2000
Erin Siegmann-Agent
 920-410-8309
 8299 Hickory Ave, Larsen

WISCONSIN CUSTOM BUILT HOMES
DOWLING CONSTRUCTION INC.
 Dan Dowling - President
 Oshkosh, WI - Phone (920) 235-8021
 www.DowlingConstructionInc.com

SCHERER FAMILY
Chiropractic, S.C.
 Dr. Cindy Scherer, Dr. Tom Scherer
 884 Airport Road, Menasha
 (920) 725-6933

VERICH LAW, LLC
Jillayne Y. Verich
 (920) 810-7480
 jverich@verichlaw.com

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
 Omro-Winneconne Council 8810
 Come Join Us
 www.KofC.org/JoinUs
 Call Gary Scheidegger 262-622-3000

LEO'S SERVICE, LLC
 302 W. Main, Winneconne
 Complete Auto Repairs
 Mini-Mart
 (920)582-7717 days

MUELLER FUNERAL HOME
 Complete Funeral & Cremation Services
 Kelly Angell
 904 E. Main St. Winneconne
 920-582-4242 • www.muellerfh.net

LOURDES ACADEMY
 PK3-12 CATHOLIC SCHOOL
SCHEDULE A TOUR TODAY!
 920-426-6421
 www.lourdes.today

Off the Wolf
 Supper Club
 204 W. Main Street, Winneconne, WI 54986
 920.582.4422
 Owners: Jeff & Jennifer Schmitz

DEX PLUS
 Construction Remodeling
JOHN R. VANDE HEI
 Owner Siding Additions
 (O)920-685-3004 Decks
 (C)920-420-1636 New Homes

Edward Jones
 MAKING SENSE OF INVESTING
 Eric J. Lang
 Financial Advisor
 119 W Main St. Winneconne
 Phone: 920-582-4268
 Cell: 920-379-1154
 eric.lang@edwardjones.com

Kwiatkowski Funeral Home
 425 Jefferson Ave, Omro
 920-685-2207

Shawn Zagrodnik
D&S PLUMBING
 920-850-2919

Miron Construction
 Building Excellence
 1471 McMahon Drive
 Neenah, WI 54956
 920.969.7000
 Miron-Construction.com

Gorgie's
 N3084 County Rd. XX
 Berlin, WI 54923
 920-987-5800
 John & Jodi Hess, Owners

SCP EverGreen
 30 YEARS
 Skids, Crates, & Pallets Inc.

Advertise Here
 Email:
Stmarywinn
 @stmarychurches.org

In Memory of Evie Kress

OUTDOOR DINING
 Serving Food Daily at 11:30 a.m. (Closed Mondays)
 Large Parking Lot for Motorcycle Groups
GREAT FRIDAY FISH FRY!
 Outdoor Steak Fry once a month
 from April-November

KWIK SHADE
 Tree Service
 Phil Ertmer
 920-379-2233
 3089 Heise Rd
 Omro

Ludwig Plumbing
 Since 1960
 920-231-5770



MAIN TIRE and MAINTENANCE
 Repair on Foreign & Domestic Cars
 1121 E. Main St. Omro WI 54963
 920-685-5553

Chris Seaman Carpentry Services LLC
 Chris Seaman
 Owner
 carpentryservices3143@gmail.com
 920-312-3058
 3143 Morrow Rd, Omro

Marsh Family Eyecare
 Family Eyecare · Quality Eyewear
 Contact Lenses · Laser Care
 Winneconne Oshkosh
 Healthy Vision: One of God's Most Precious Gifts

Vida
 SPECIALIZING IN SAVING LIVES OF THE UNBORN
Medical Clinic 1484 W. South
 Park Ave, Oshkosh
Parent Support Services
 601 Oregon St, Oshkosh

Riverfront Cabinetry & Design
Jeff Noffke LLC
 920-252-5501

Compliments of
 Jim & Margaret Potratz
 Parish Members