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Mon & Wed 7:30am St. Mary, Winneconne

Weekend Masses
Saturday: St. Mary, Omro
3:30pm Confession
4:00pm Mass

Sunday
8:30am St. Mary, Winneconne
10:30am St. Mary, Omro

Reconciliation
1st & 3rd Wednesday 4:30-5:30pm
St. Mary, Winneconne
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St. Mary, Omro

Sacraments/Membership
To arrange for Baptisms, Weddings or to join the parish please call the office.

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Welcome to our parishes.

A Mother's Day Blessing for All Women

May you be celebrated today—
for the love you give,
the strength you carry,
and the ways you nurture life in this world.

To those who are mothers,
those who long to be,
those who have mother in quiet, unseen ways—
may you feel honored and held.

To those who nurture families, communities, friendships, and to those who care with open hearts,
your presence matters, your love makes a difference.

For every woman walking her own unique path—
in joy, in grief, in hope, in healing—
may you be wrapped in peace,
recognized for your courage, and reminded
of your worth.

Happy Mother's Day.

St. Mary, Omro
Monday, May 11, 6:00 pm

St. Mary, Winneconne
Thursdays, 2:00 pm

Pray the Rosary
Wednesday, May 13 at Noon
At St. Thomas Chapel**
5753 Church Road, Omro
Bring your own chair and Rosary.
The Rosary guide will be provided.
*****NOTE: This replaces Rosary in the Park.***

PASTORAL PONDERINGS

As a little girl, I would pick up a daisy, pluck each petal, and chant, "He loves me… he loves me not." Of course, if I didn't like the answer, I could always find another flower. Dreams fulfilled by selective gardening.

That's why Jesus' words this Easter matter so much: "Love one another as I have loved you." He doesn't leave us guessing. He gives us a pattern to follow and a promise to hold. Many of us carry in our hearts, this quiet assumption: God loves me. We repeat it in prayer. We sing it in hymns. But then life happens, and suddenly we're back at the flower patch plucking petals: He loves me… he loves me not.

That's why Jesus' words this Easter season matter so much. Into our anxious, self-negotiating space, Jesus speaks with remarkable clarity: "Love one another as I have loved you." He anchors love in something solid—his own way of loving.

God loves us but let's pause to think how God loves us. Let's do a bit of flower-plucking together, shall we? How does God love us? Let us count the ways, one petal at a time.

First petal: God loved us first. Long before we responded, repented, understood, or deserved it, God acted. God didn't wait for us to get lovable. Jesus chose his disciples, and we who follow after them, knowing full well how often we all would miss the point.

Second petal: God loves us personally. Not as a category. Not as part of a crowd. But as one created in God's own Divine Image. God knows our names, our histories, our wounds—and still calls us "beloved."

Third petal: God loves us individually. Not as a category, not as part of a crowd, but as friends. He knows our names, our histories, our wounds—and still calls us beloved.

Fourth petal: God loves us patiently. Jesus repeats himself often in the Gospels, making the same point in a different way. Apparently, the Son of God understands slow learners.

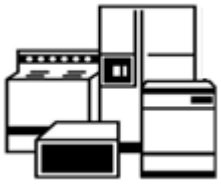
Fifth petal: God loves us sacrificially. It led Jesus to the cross marked by pain, misunderstanding, and abandonment. The risen Christ still carries the marks. The joy of Easter resurrection doesn't erase the wounds; it transforms them. Easter love is not fragile; it endures.

Sixth petal: God loves us so that we may have joy. We often picture joy as if faithful people should walk around smiling all the time. But the joy Jesus speaks about is different; it is a joy that can exist even while things are unfinished, unresolved, or aching because God's love is bigger and more enduring than whatever we are facing.

By the time we reach the center of the flower, we realize something important: God's love is not a guessing game. There is no chance final petal that suddenly changes the answer. In Christ, the answer is always the same. No more daisy petals need to be sacrificed. He loves me. He loves me. He loves me…

Lyn Zahorik
Director for Spiritual Engagement

Rectory Renovations Are Underway!



We are excited to begin renovations to the rectory for our new resident priest, starting with the kitchen. As part of this project, we will be purchasing new kitchen appliances, including a refrigerator, stove, dishwasher, microwave, and garbage disposal.

If you would like to contribute toward the cost of these appliances (approx. $2,500), donations may be placed in the basket marked **"Renovations"** at either parish. When the time comes, all appliances will be ordered together and delivered directly to the rectory.

Thank you for your generous support as we move forward with this important project!

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

ENTRUST

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A beautiful weekend was shared by all who attended the *ENTRUST Experience* at St. Mary in Omro, as we grew together in answering the call to missionary discipleship. Thank you to everyone who said "yes" and participated. We are also deeply grateful to Lisa Christensen, Deacon Mike Eash, and Deanna Schauer from the Green Bay Diocese Office of Discipleship for their dedication in bringing *ENTRUST* to our parishes.

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A JOURNEY IN FAITH

Adult Faith Formation Coordinator Position Open

St. Mary Omro and St. Mary Winneconne are seeking a dedicated and faith-filled **Adult Faith Formation Coordinator** to join our team. This is a paid employment position.

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

Miranda Rose Peach

will complete her initiation (1st Communion & Confirmation) into the Catholic Church on Sunday May 17, 2026 during 8:30am Mass at St. Mary Winneconne.

Feel free to drop off a card of congratulations, support and encouragement as she continues her journey of faith as a member of St. Mary Parish!

WINNECONNE NEWS

St. Mary, Winneconne Calendar

Mon.	May	11	7:30am LOW* w/Communion 4:30pm CKC Kaudy
Tues.	May	12	9:30am Staff Meeting 7:00pm KC Mtg. Omro
Wed.	May	13	7:30am LOW* w/Communion Noon Rosary St. Thomas Chapel
Thurs.	May	14	10:00am Private Funeral 2:00pm Rosary 6:30pm St. Thomas Cemetery
Sat.	May	16	7:00am Men's Group Mtg 6:00pm St. Thomas Mass
Sun.	May	17	8:30am Mass w/CLOW** & Miranda's Initiation

Ascension of the Lord
*LOW: Liturgy of the Word
**CLOW: Children's Liturgy of the Word

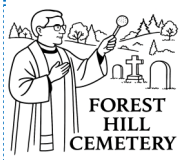
STEWARDSHIP OF SHARING-Winneconne
Given Week ending 5/3/2026

Envelopes	$2,176.00
Loose cash	$ 633.00
Online & ACH Giving	$2,040.00
Total	$4,849.00
WEEKLY GOAL:	$6,464.00

Picnic is getting underway. Sign up to volunteer with QR code or click on the link below.
https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0F4FADA92EA2FB6-63877311-2026
Also time to start bringing in items for Raffle baskets or silent auctions. Drop items off in the office or sacristy.

St. Mary Parish Winneconne would like to invite all to

Forest Hill Cemetery (9212 Cty. Rd D)
Tuesday, May 19th at 4:00pm



Fr. John Girotti, Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia, from the Green Bay Diocese and Deacon Paul will have a Ceremony to bless half of the grounds of the cemetery for Catholic burials.

Forest Hill Cemetery was a Town of Poygan cemetery and is now owned by our Parish.

Any questions, contact Mike Jordan at 920-858-7709.

Our Bishop's Appeal goal this year is $45,651. We have collected $31,838.61 (69.7%), towards our goal. Pray how you can give back to the Lord. ***Thank you to those who have donated!***

ROSARY AT ST. THOMAS CHAPEL
In place of Rosary in Marble & Scott Parks it will now **be held at St. Thomas Chapel**, 5753 Church Road, Omro at NOON on **Wednesdays, May 13**, June 17, July 15, August 19, Sept. 9.
Bring your own lawn chair and rosary.

Tickets: $10.00 each

Packets of raffle tickets for our **parish picnic on June 14** are at the entrances. Each packet contains 10 tickets at $10 each. For every 10 tickets you sell, your name will get entered into a special $100 drawing.

The envelope your tickets come in already has the parishes address on it so you may simply place the money & stubs or unsold tickets in the envelope and mail it or put into the collection basket.

Thank you for supporting the parish!

Masses at St. Thomas Chapel (Church)
Saturdays at 6:00pm on the following dates:
May 16, June 6, July 11, August 15, September 19
Masses are held at 6:00pm at St. Thomas Chapel
5753 Church Road, Omro
ALL ARE WELCOME!!

For the family and friends of

Ralph Giessen

Ralph was called home to our loving Father in Heaven. May Jesus' words console you, strengthen you, and fill you with peace.

OMRO NEWS

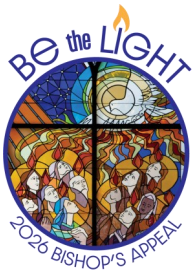
St. Mary, Omro Calendar

Mon. May 11 4:30pm Christian Kindness Crew Meeting (SMW-Kaudy Hall)
6:00pm Rosary
Tues. May 12 9:30am Staff Meeting, **OFFICE CLOSED UNTIL 1:30PM**
6:00pm Picnic Planning Meeting (Triple Room)
7:00pm Knights of Columbus
Wed. May 13 Noon Rosary St. Thomas Chapel
4:30-5:30pm Confession
Sat. May 16 7:00am Men's Group Mtg (SMW)
3:30pm Confession
4:00pm Mass, Graduates Blessing with Refreshments
6:00pm Mass at St. Thomas Chapel
Sun. May 17 10:30am Mass

Ascension of the Lord
SMW-St. Mary Winneconne

STEWARDSHIP OF SHARING-Omro
Given Week ending 5/3/2026

Envelopes	$5,458.00
Loose cash	$ 483.00
Online & ACH Giving	$ 910.00
Total	$6,851.00
WEEKLY GOAL:	$4,044.00



Bishop's Appeal 2026

Our **2026 Bishop's Appeal** Goal is $19,395. To date, we have collected $10,786 (55.6%), towards our goal. Please pray as to how you can give to the Appeal. Thank you for your gift to the Bishop's Appeal and for your support of our parish!

Confession at St. Mary Omro
Wednesday, May 13, 4:30-5:30 pm

Knights of Columbus Roses

The Knights of Columbus will have roses for Mother's Day at all Masses this weekend.
All donations will go to Vida Medical Clinic.

Saturday, May 16, 4:00 pm Mass

Join us for a special Graduate Blessing Mass as we celebrate and pray for our graduating students and their next chapter. All are welcome! Refreshments will be served in Marian Hall following the Mass. Come support and congratulate our graduates!

Calling all Students!

We need your help to make this year's Parish Picnic a fun and exciting day for everyone! We're looking for volunteers to help run games for kids, things like helping set up, explaining the rules, handing out prizes, and just bringing lots of energy and smiles.

This is a great way to serve our parish, earn service hours (if needed), and spend time with friends while giving back to the community.

When: Sunday, August 9, 10:00 am
Where: St. Mary Omro Parking Lot
If you're interested, please sign up in Marian Hall or contact Heidi Seaman
Heidi.seaman@stmarychurches.org
Come be part of the fun and help make the day awesome for our younger parishioners!

CLOW: May 10 and May 24 at 10:30am Mass

Through video, group discussion, and fun activities, each of the Gospels is brought to life to gain a better understanding of the message that Jesus wants them to hear and live by. For children ages 4-4th grade.

CLOW is offered April through September, 2nd and 4th Sundays at 10:30 am Mass.

Readings for the Week of May 4

Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Jn 15:26-16:4a
Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Jn 16:5-11
Wednesday: Acts 17:15,22:18-1/Jn 16:12-15
Thursday: Acts 1:15-17,20-26/Jn 15:9-17
Friday: Acts 18:9-18/Jn 16:20-23
Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Jn 16:23b-28
Sunday: Acts 1:1-11/Eph 1:17-23/
Mt 28:16-20

The Ascension of the Lord

Men's Group Meeting

Saturday, May 16, 7:00-8:00 am

All men from St. Mary, Omro and Winneconne are welcome. The May 16 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.

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An offering from the Augustine Institute

Ladies Night Out May 4th

50 ladies listened to Father Ben and his mother, Mary, share family stories and discuss Father Ben's journey to priesthood.

Thank you Father Ben. We are grateful we got to know you better.

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY:	**May 16**
4:00pm (SMO)	Jerry Steger
6:00pm	St. Thomas Chapel George & Jean Lee
SUNDAY:	**May 17**
8:30am (SMW)	Nancy Stanke
10:30am (SMO)	For Our Parishioners

Altar Servers

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

Lectors

4:00pm (SMO)	Lori Meyerhofer-Fisher
8:30am (SMW)	Vicky Holt
10:30am (SMO)	**Volunteer**

Ushers

4:00pm (SMO)	**2 Volunteers**
8:30am (SMW)	Peggy Benjamin, Mike Miller Deb Woelfel, **Volunteer**
10:30am (SMO)	Mona Freund, **Volunteer**

Sacristans

4:00pm (SMO)	Ken Bressers
8:30am (SMW)	Monica Lapin
10:30am (SMO)	Margaret Potratz

Communion Ministers

8:30am (SMW)	Vicky Holt, Monica Lapin

Greeters

4:00pm (SMO)	Dave & Noreen Zouski
8:30am (SMW)	Jan, Broc & Wade Berglund
10:30am (SMO)	Mike Freund, **Volunteer**

Intercessory Prayers

8:30am (SMW)	Molly Johnson, **Volunteer**

Musicians

4:00pm (SMO)	Chrissy Volpe, Gail Breu
8:30am (SMW)	Joanne Loy, Paige Woelfel
10:30am (SMO)	Joanne Loy, Mary Gallenberg

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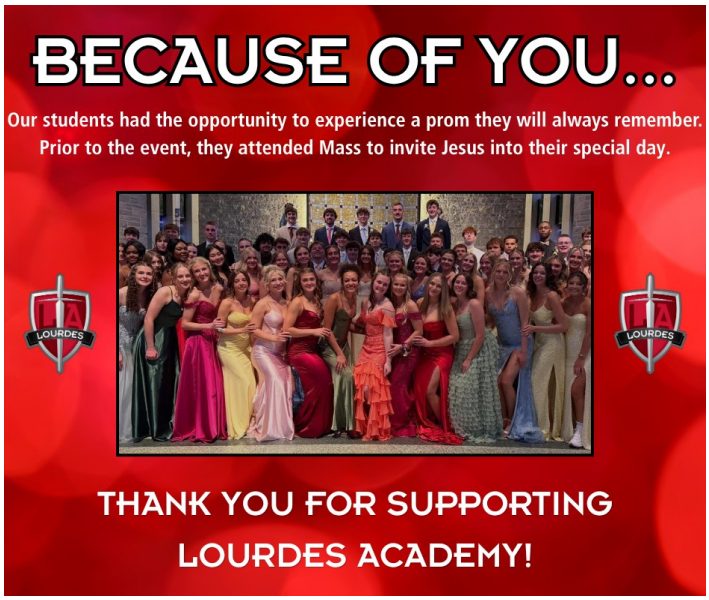

Deadline for the Bulletin
NOON on Tuesday
E-mail bulletin announcements to:
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Children's Liturgy of the Word

CHILDREN'S Liturgy of the Word

Winneconne
May 17, 8:30am Mass
Omro
May 10 & 24, 10:30am Mass

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