

St. Mary Churches-Omro & Winneconne

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The Ascension of the Lord May 17, 2026

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Liturgy of the Word

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

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.

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St. Mary, Winneconne

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St. Mary, Omro

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Welcome to our parishes.



Congratulations to
St. Mary Omro
Graduating
Seniors

Joann Lopez

Lucas Kasuboski

Ava Koch

Lexi Rilling

Blake Stachura

Ethan Vroman

Oliver White

Lord God,

Thank you for our graduates. We pray they make an impact in the world, as You have given them the platform to do. May they find your path through this life, and always be reminded of your love and mercy. Amen.

PASTORAL PONDERINGS



Every human heart longs for happiness that does not fade. A fulfillment that suffering, success, and even love in this life can only hint at. In Catholic teaching, heaven is the complete and final answer to that longing: perfect union with God. It is not merely a place, but a state of being in which the soul enters the fullness of truth, love, and joy for which it was created.

At the heart of heaven is the Beatific Vision—the direct, face-to-face encounter with God as He truly is. The soul no longer knows God through symbols or shadows, but through immediate presence. Every desire finds its completion, not by being erased, but by being fulfilled beyond measure. Every question finds its answer in the living reality of divine love.

Far from being static or dull, heaven is dynamic and alive. The saints are fully themselves, yet completely transformed—freed from sin, suffering, and limitation.

Joy does not diminish; it deepens. Love does not exhaust itself; it expands. Relationships are not lost but perfected, as love for others is purified and intensified. There is no jealousy, division, or misunderstanding, only perfect communion in God's grace.

Scripture speaks of heaven through images—radiant light, a wedding feast, joyful song, and unending peace. These are not meant to contain heaven, but to point beyond themselves, lifting the imagination toward a reality that surpasses all human understanding. Heaven's true beauty remains beyond comprehension because it is participation in God's own life.

Heaven is also the fulfillment of justice and mercy. Every tear is wiped away, every wound healed, every suffering redeemed. Those who enter do so not by their own merit alone, but by God's gracious gift, received and lived out through faith, hope, and charity.

Ultimately, heaven is home—the destiny for which every human soul was created. It is eternal happiness not as an abstract idea, but as a living relationship with God that never ends and never fades.

May God bless you and your family.
Deacon Paul Vidmar

Rectory Renovations Are Underway!

We are excited to begin renovations to the rectory for our new resident priest! Thank you to everyone who has already donated. The next part of the project is the ***carpeting, flooring, cabinets, and washer/dryer.***

If you would like to contribute toward these costs, donations may be placed in the box marked "**Renovations**" at either parish.

Thank you for your generous support of this important project!

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.

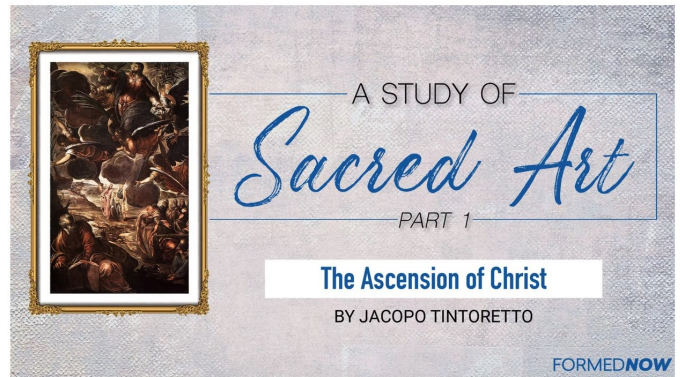
This role includes developing and coordinating adult formation programs, as well as providing catechetical leadership in collaboration with our clergy and volunteers. Ideal candidates will have a strong foundation in the Catholic faith, proven leadership skills, and a passion for evangelization and parish outreach.

For more information, please contact either parish office:

- **St. Mary Omro:** 920-685-2258
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The Ascension | Sacred Art

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp to expand your knowledge of sacred art. In this episode on Formed, they discuss The Ascension of Christ by Jacopo Tintoretto.

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An offering from the AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE

Month of May Rosary

St. Mary, Omro
Monday, May 18, 6:00 pm
Tuesday, May 26, 6:00 pm

St. Mary, Winneconne
Thursdays, 2:00 pm



Congratulations Miranda Rose Peach

Who this day was received into full communion with the Roman Catholic Church after making a solemn Profession of Faith, celebrating the sacrament of Confirmation, and sharing in the Holy Eucharist.

We welcome you to
St. Mary Catholic Church

Stronger Together



**St. Mary Churches, Omro and Winneconne
Widow/Widower Fellowship & Support
Thursday, June 18, 11:00 am—1:00 pm
Kaudy Hall, St. Mary Winneconne**

Join us for a special gathering filled with lively conversation, shared laughter, and the reassurance you're not alone on your journey.

On June 18, we will enjoy a potluck meal, share stories and fellowship, and welcome Lori Meyerhofer-Fisher, our new **Stronger Together** ministry leader.

If you're able, please bring a dish to share.
And feel free to invite a friend!

**Questions and RVSP for June 18:
Lori Meyerhofer-Fisher, 920-744-9954**

WINNECONNE NEWS

St. Mary, Winneconne Calendar

Mon.	May 18	7:30am LOW* w/Communion 5:30pm Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Meeting 6:00pm Finance Council Mtg
Tues.	May 19	4:00pm Forest Hill Cemetery Blessing with Fr. Girotti
Wed.	May 20	7:30am LOW* w/Communion 10:30am LOW at Highlands 4:30-5:30pm Confession
Thurs.	May 21	2:00pm Rosary 6:00pm Entrust Wrap-up (Kaudy Hall)
Sat.	May 23	Funeral
Sun.	May 24	8:30am Mass
Pentecost Sunday— Wear Red *LOW: Liturgy of the Word		

STEWARDSHIP OF SHARING-Winneconne
Given Week ending 5/10/2026

Envelopes	\$4,138.00
Loose cash	\$ 298.00
Online & ACH Giving	\$2,040.00
Total	\$6,476.00
WEEKLY GOAL:	\$6,464.00

Mark Your Calendar:



Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

for Our New Parish Center & Gathering Space!!
Saturday, June 13 right after the Outdoor tent Mass at 6:00pm.
All are invited



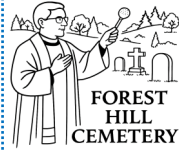
Our Bishop's Appeal goal this year is **\$45,651**. We have collected **\$32,293.61 (70.7%)**, towards our goal. Pray how you can give back to the Lord. **Thank you to those who have donated!**

For the family and friends of
Jackie Theabo

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



Everyone is invited! Check out the blessing of a cemetery to make a Catholic Cemetery!!



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.



Tickets: \$10.00 each

Packets of raffle tickets for our parish picnic on **June 14** are available at the church entrances. Each packet contains 10 tickets at **\$10 per ticket**.

As a thank you, for every 10 tickets you sell, your name will be entered into a special **\$100 prize drawing!**

Each packet is in a pre-addressed envelope for your convenience. Simply return the envelope with your payment and ticket stubs—or any unsold tickets—by mail or place it in the collection basket.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish!

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.



OMRO NEWS

St. Mary, Omro Calendar

Mon. May 18 6:00pm Rosary
 Tues. May 19 4:00pm Forest Hill Cemetery
 Blessing with Fr. Girotti
 5:00pm Finance Council Meeting
 Thurs. May 21 6:00pm Entrust Wrap-up (SMW-
 Kaudy Hall)
 Sat. May 23 3:30pm Confession
 4:00pm Mass
 Sun. May 24 10:30am Mass with CLOW

Pentecost Sunday-Wear Red

CLOW: Children's Liturgy of the Word
 SMW-St. Mary Winneconne

STEWARDSHIP OF SHARING-Omro

Given Week ending 5/10/2026

Envelopes	\$2,289.00
Loose cash	\$ 283.00
Online & ACH Giving	<u>\$ 910.00</u>
Total	\$3,482.00
WEEKLY GOAL:	\$4,044.00

Bishop's Appeal 2026

Our 2026 Bishop's Appeal Goal is \$19,395. To date, we have collected \$11,886 (61.3%), 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!



Congratulations to this year's St. Mary Omro Scholarship Recipients!

Ava Koch
 Lexi Rilling
 Blake Stachura



Calling all Students!

We need your help to make this year's Parish Picnic on Sunday, August 9, 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.

If you're interested, please sign up in Marian Hall or contact Heidi Seaman

Heidi.seaman@stmarychurches.org



St. Mary Omro Parish Picnic Sunday, August 9 11:30am-4:00pm

Theme: Hometown Heroes

Band: Fork in the Road
 (Classic & Southern Rock)

Band sponsored by Omro Pharmacy

Basket Raffle & Silent Auction

We're looking for new items to include! Your donations can be combined with others to create baskets or featured as silent auction items. Both large and small contributions are greatly appreciated.

Bring to parish office by July 13.

The Homestead Country Store

Do you have any of these items you'd like to donate this year?

Bring to parish office by August 3.

- Cookie cutters
 - Christmas ornaments
 - Cookbooks
 - Gardening or craft books
 - Unused craft supplies, yarn, and fabric
 - Jigsaw puzzles
 - Garden décor (under 24")
 - Homemade items: tote bags, aprons, wood or metal work, jewelry, quilted, knitted, crocheted, and sewn items
 - Home-canned goods (fruits, jelly, jam, vegetables, salsa)
- Fresh produce, plants, flowers, baked goods (cookies, cake, bars, candy, bread, etc.) may be brought the day of the picnic.

We're looking for all kinds of red, white, and blue decorations—stickers, small flags, ribbon, fabric, and more! If you can help, please contact the parish office.

Readings for the Week of May 18

Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/Jn 17:1-11a
Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Jn 17:11b-19
Thursday: Acts 22:30, 23:6-11/Jn 17:20-26
Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Jn 21:15-19
Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Jn 21:20-25
Sunday: Acts 2:1-11/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/
 Jn 20:19-23

Pentecost Sunday



Father Carr's Place 2B
Life Enrichment Center

SATURDAY, MAY 30

10 am - 4 pm

This is a free, fun and safe open house event for the entire community.

Our campus is alcohol and smoke free.

**Carnival Rides | Food and Drink
Kids Games and Challenges
Raffle Prizes and More!**

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Eucharistic Processions through Oshkosh

Sunday, June 7

Feast of Corpus Christi

Please join us for a prayerful Eucharistic Procession from each parish to Lourdes Academy.

Leaving from:

St. Raphael at 2:00 pm
 St. Peter (MBS) at 2:15 pm
 Sacred Heart (St Jude) at 2:40 pm

for 3 pm Benediction at Lourdes Academy followed by a reception thanking our departing school and parish leaders.

There will be a bus to return to St. Peter and St. Raphael.

WE ARE HIRING!

Full-time! APPLY NOW!

Administrative Assisant

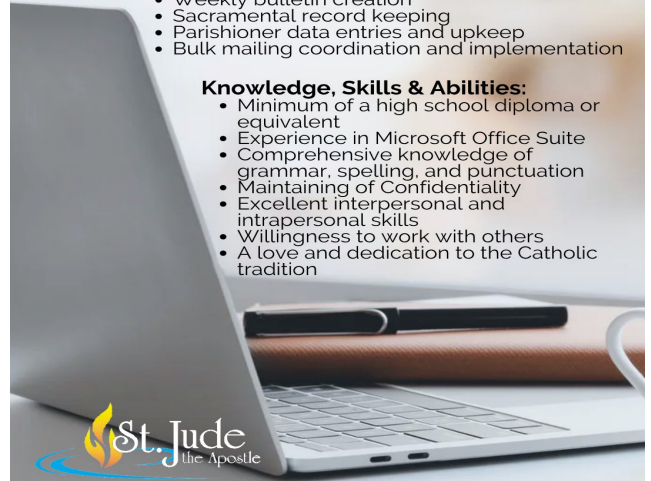
St. Jude the Apostle Parish is a vibrant and growing Catholic Community that is seeking a dynamic person to fill this position! The ideal candidate is a faith-filled and energetic person who will be in a pivotal role in the success of the day to day operations of the office and instrumental in the service to ministry staff.

Some responsibilities include:

- Administrative duties such as greeting visitors, answering phones, and directing to appropriate staff
- Weekly bulletin creation
- Sacramental record keeping
- Parishioner data entries and upkeep
- Bulk mailing coordination and implementation

Knowledge, Skills & Abilities:

- Minimum of a high school diploma or equivalent
- Experience in Microsoft Office Suite
- Comprehensive knowledge of grammar, spelling, and punctuation
- Maintaining of Confidentiality
- Excellent interpersonal and intrapersonal skills
- Willingness to work with others
- A love and dedication to the Catholic tradition



Please submit your cover letter and resume to:

Deacon Brad
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 OR
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Their generosity helps make it possible to share parish news each week.

Thank you for supporting those who support our parish!

Did you attend the last Ladies Night Out?

Did you forget your blue fish platter?

If you are looking for it we have it in the Winneconne Office for you to pick up.

Road Detour to St. Mary, Omro

If you are traveling to Omro for Mass, please allow extra time and plan to detour through Eureka.

Due to road restrictions, traffic over the bridge is **one-way only**:

⇒ **Going to Omro:** You must take the detour through Eureka.

⇒ **Returning to Winneconne:** You may use the bridge.

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY: **May 23**
4:00pm (SMO) For Our New Priest

SUNDAY: **May 24**
8:30am (SMW) Don Natrop
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) Ken Bressers
8:30am (SMW) Dave Voss
10:30am (SMO) **Volunteer**

Ushers
4:00pm (SMO) **2 Volunteers**
8:30am (SMW) Peggy Benjamin, Deb Woelfel,
2 Volunteers
10:30am (SMO) **2 Volunteers**

Sacristans
4:00pm (SMO) Margaret Potratz
8:30am (SMW) Brenda McCarty-Kubasta
10:30am (SMO) Jen Wellhoefer

Communion Ministers
4:00pm (SMO) Bob Breu, **Volunteer**
8:30am (SMW) Vicky Holt, **Volunteer**
10:30am (SMO) **2 Volunteers**

Greeters
4:00pm (SMO) **2 Volunteers**
8:30am (SMW) **3 Volunteers**
10:30am (SMO) **2 Volunteers**

Intercessory Prayers
8:30am (SMW) **2 Volunteers**

Musicians
4:00pm (SMO) Chrissy Volpe, Angie Goska
8:30am (SMW) Annemarie Birschbach,
Paige Woelfel
10:30am (SMO) Joanne Loy, Rose Luebke

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



Deadline for the Bulletin
NOON on Tuesday

E-mail bulletin announcements to:

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Cammy Miller: cammy.miller@stmarychurches.org

Children's Liturgy of the Word



Winneconne

May 17, 8:30am Mass

Omro

May 24, 10:30am Mass

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