

# **St. Mary Churches-Omro & Winneconne** [www.stmarychurches.org](http://www.stmarychurches.org)

## **Pentecost Sunday** **May 24, 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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**Welcome to our parishes.**



## **Today, we pause to remember.**

On this Memorial Day, we honor the brave men and women who gave their lives in service to our country. Their sacrifice echoes the words of Jesus in John 15:13: "Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends."

We pray for the families who carry the weight of loss, and we thank God for the freedoms we enjoy because of the courage of those who served. May we never take their sacrifice – or our Savior's – lightly.

Let us be people of peace, hope, and gratitude.

**God bless our heroes.  
God bless America.**

# PASTORAL PONDERINGS

Growing up, I heard one rule more than almost any other: “Don’t play with fire.” My parents said it. My teachers said it. Helpful signs said it. And being the wild, gypsy hearted child I was, treated that advice less like a rule and more like a personal challenge. I managed to scorch a few things, learn a few painful lessons, and discover that fire is fascinating precisely because it demands respect.

However, on this feast of Pentecost, the Church seems to say the exact opposite. Tongues of fire come dancing down. The Holy Spirit makes a dramatic entrance. Nervous disciples—professional door lockers and fear enthusiasts—suddenly burst outside, preaching to strangers in languages they never studied. Pentecost is loud, bright, and just a little bit chaotic. In other words, it’s God clearly playing with fire—and inviting us to do the same.

Each of us carries a spark within us: a desire for God, a hunger for meaning, a quiet longing to love and be loved. The Holy Spirit doesn’t come to extinguish that spark; the Spirit comes to fan it into flame. God desires hearts that burn with faith, compassion, and joy—not hearts that smolder with resentment or suffer from “spiritual heartburn.”

## There’s a difference.

A *Burning Heart* gives energy and warmth to others. It draws people in. *Spiritual Heartburn*, on the other hand, is uncomfortable, distracting, and inward focused. It flares up when something isn’t sitting right. When we neglect prayer, ignore forgiveness, or let fear choke out hope, the fire within us can turn sour.

So Pentecost asks us important questions: How are we tending the fire within? Do we pray enough to keep the flame alive? Do we come to God with a sense of awe? Do we nourish it with Scripture and the sacraments? Do we make space for silence so the Spirit can breathe? Or do we let distractions, grudges, and busyness dump cold ashes on what God longs to ignite?

Pentecost invites us to risk being set ablaze with love, courage, and purpose.

So yes, this time, go ahead and play with fire. Just be sure it’s the holy kind—and tend it well.

Lyn Zahorik  
Director for Spiritual  
Engagement



## 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!***

# PASTORAL TRANSITIONS

## Thy Word is a Lamp Unto my Feet

When Deacon Paul retires from his ministry among us, we want to send him forth with not only the light of Christ, but the light of our St. Mary communities. A unique bible has been purchased; it is called a “journaling bible.” There are large blank columns on each page of the bible. You are invited to select a particular page and in the column, write your words of thanks, a prayer, or blessing to Deacon Paul along with your signature. **Please plan ahead!** If there is a particular bible story or scripture passage you like – look it up, so you can write next to that passage in Deacon Paul’s bible. **Ball point pens** will be provided since any type of gel pen will bleed through the pages.

**St. Mary Omro:** the bible will be in Marian Hall from **May 28 through June 9.**

**St. Mary Winneconne:** the bible will be in the gathering space from **June 10 through June 22.**

*Prayerfully consider what words you will leave to be a “lamp unto Deacon Paul’s feet”.*



Starting next weekend, card boxes will be available at both parishes for Fr. Ben and Deacon Paul. Please feel free to drop off a note of appreciation, well wishes, or prayers to share your support and gratitude.

**June 20-21** is Fr. Ben’s last weekend at St. Mary Churches. Join us for a reception after all Masses.

**June 27-28** is Deacon Paul’s last weekend at St. Mary Churches. Join us for a reception after all Masses.



## 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



# WINNECONNE NEWS

## St. Mary, Winneconne Calendar

Mon. May 25 **NO LOW\*** w/Communion  
**Office Closed Memorial Day**  
 Wed. May 27 7:30am LOW\* w/Communion  
 Thurs. May 28 **Office Closes at Noon**  
 2:00pm Rosary  
 Sun. May 31 8:30am Mass w/  
 Graduation Blessing  
 Graduation Breakfast sponsored  
 by Knights of Columbus Council  
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### The Most Holy Trinity

\*LOW: Liturgy of the Word

## STEWARDSHIP OF SHARING- Winneconne

Given Week ending 5/17/2026	
Envelopes	\$2,080.00
Loose cash	\$ 261.00
Online & ACH Giving	<u>\$2,040.00</u>
Total	\$4,381.00
WEEKLY GOAL:	\$6,464.00



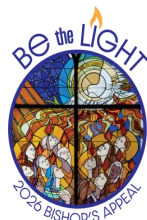
### Kaudy Hall Outside Plants

Anyone who would like to take home any of the plants outside of Kaudy are welcome to them.

We just ask you safely take them out and remove them by May 31. There are Hosta's and Iris's and other plants available. They will be doing landscaping with the Parish Center in that area.

## Graduating Seniors Mass with Breakfast

**All are invited** to join us next **Sunday, May 31 at the 8:30 a.m. Mass** as we honor our seniors. Afterward, please come to Kaudy Hall for a breakfast hosted by the Knights of Columbus.



Our Bishop's Appeal goal this year is \$45,651. We have collected \$33,463.61 (73.3%), towards our goal. Pray how you can give back to the Lord. **Thank you to those who have donated!**

## 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.

Food will be catered by  
Fin 'n Feather sponsored  
by Miron's



**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 25 **Office Closed Memorial Day**  
Tues. May 26 6:00pm Rosary  
Wed. May 27 4:30–5:30pm Confession  
Sat. May 30 3:30pm Confession  
4:00pm Mass  
Sun. May 31 10:30am Mass

## The Most Holy Trinity

### STEWARDSHIP OF SHARING-Omro

Given Week ending 5/17/2026  
Envelopes \$1,339.00  
Loose cash \$ 341.00  
Online & ACH Giving \$ 910.00  
Total \$2,590.00  
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 to those who have donated!

## Month of May Rosary

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



**Confession at St. Mary Omro**  
Wednesday, May 27, 4:30-5:30 pm

### 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](mailto: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 25

**Monday:** Gn 3:9-15,20/Jn 19:25-34  
The Blessed Virgin, Mother of the Church

**Tuesday:** 1 Pt 1:10-16/Mk 10:28-31  
Saint Philip Neri, Priest

**Wednesday:** 1 Pt 1:18-25/Mk 10:32-45

**Thursday:** 1 Pt 2:2-5,9-12/Mk 10:46-52

**Friday:** 1 Pt 4:7-13/Mk 11:11-26

**Saturday:** Jude 17,-20b-25/Mk 11:27-33

**Sunday:** Ex 34:4b-6,8-9/2 Cor 13:11-13/  
Jn 3:16-18

### The Most Holy Trinity

## Adult Faith Formation Coordinator Position Open

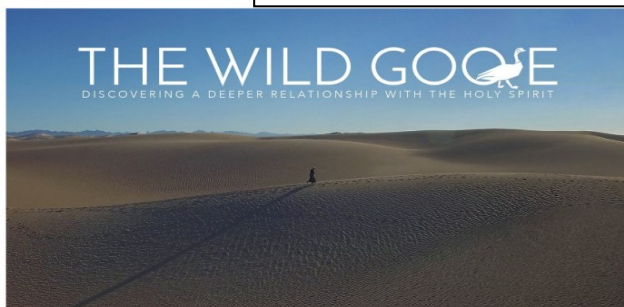
St. Mary Omro and St. Mary Winneconne are seeking a dedicated and faith-filled **Adult Faith Formation Coordinator** to join our team. This is a paid employment position.

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



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### The Wild Goose | Trailer

The Wild Goose. "Wild Goose" was a term that the ancient Celts had for the Holy Spirit. It is a 14 part series featuring Fr. Dave Pivonka and various interviews. Shot in various locations from Niagara Falls to the California desert, The Wild Goose invites viewers to an encounter, or a renewed encounter, with the Holy Spirit.

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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.



## 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.

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## WE ARE HIRING! *Full-time!* APPLY NOW! Administrative Assisant

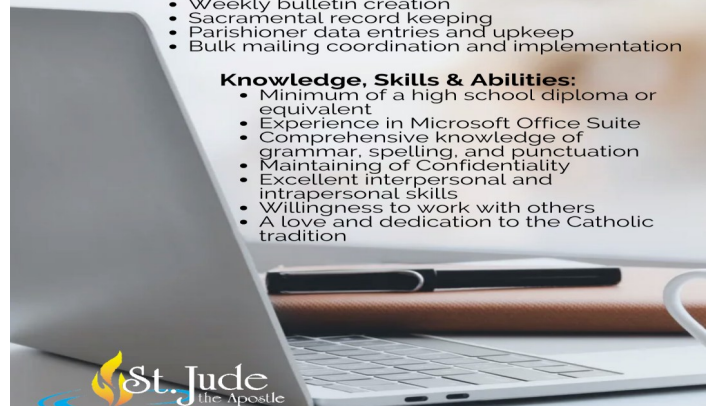
St. Jude the Apostle Parish is a vibrant and growing Catholic Community that is seeking a dynamic person to fill this position! The ideal candidate is a faith-filled and energetic person who will be in a pivotal role in the success of the day to day operations of the office and instrumental in the service 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  
[bgallenberg@stjudeoskosh.org](mailto:bgallenberg@stjudeoskosh.org)

OR  
1025 W. 5th Ave. Oshkosh, 54902

## MASS INTENTIONS

**SATURDAY:** May 30  
4:00pm (SMO) Rita Lemke

**SUNDAY:** May 31  
8:30am (SMW) Leo Kinney  
10:30am (SMO) For Our Parishioners

### Altar Servers

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

### Lectors

4:00pm (SMO) Ken Bressers  
8:30am (SMW) Gary Scheidegger  
10:30am (SMO) Janet Wegner

### Ushers

4:00pm (SMO) Casey Koterbski,  
Mary Jo Hinderman  
8:30am (SMW) Peggy Benjamin, Tami Noffke,  
Jerry & Addi Cegielski  
10:30am (SMO) **2 Volunteers**

### Sacristans

4:00pm (SMO) Ken Bressers  
8:30am (SMW) Rose Unser  
10:30am (SMO) Janet Wegner

### Communion Ministers

4:00pm (SMO) Bob Breu, Ken Bressers  
8:30am (SMW) Vicky Holt, Pat Samolinski,  
Monica Lapin, Chelsy Cegielski,  
Mike & Tracy Losse  
10:30am (SMO) Janet Wegner, **Volunteer**

### Greeters

4:00pm (SMO) Mary Jo Hinderman, **Volunteer**  
8:30am (SMW) Chelsy Cegielski, Sherrie Johnson,  
**Volunteer**  
10:30am (SMO) Holly & Jenna Huth

### Intercessory Prayers

8:30am (SMW) Darlene Scheidegger,  
Chelsy Cegielski

### Musicians

4:00pm (SMO) Joanne Loy, Amy Karn  
8:30am (SMW) Ron Hayes, John Verich  
10:30am (SMO) Ron Hayes

## **St. Mary, Omro**

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Pastoral Associate: Rose Unser  
Director for Spiritual Engagement: Lyn Zahorik



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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!

*God Bless You.*

### **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**

We will BE back in September

**Omro 10:30am Mass**  
May 24, June 14 & 28



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