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The Most Holy Trinity May 31, 2026

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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

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Welcome to our parishes.



Congratulations to St. Mary Winneconne Graduating Seniors

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Emma Cegielski

Lani Clerkin

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Jada Kaiser

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Audra Schaffer

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Trey Zemke



PASTORAL PONDERINGS

The Holy Trinity Mystery of Mysteries

There is a particular moment almost every Catholic encounters sooner or later. Someone asks—usually with sincerity, curiosity, or mild frustration—“But what does the Trinity actually mean?” And equally inevitably, the answer arrives: “It’s a mystery.”

We are not very comfortable with mystery. We like things explained, defined, and preferably summarized in bullet points. We want diagrams. But the mysteries that matter most in life don’t work that way. We already live with mystery every day, whether we notice it or not. We trust things we can’t fully explain. The mysteries that matter most in life do not disappear once they are named. Love does not become smaller once we experience it. Beauty does not lose its power once we recognize it. Even the people closest to us remain deeper than our knowing. Mystery, far from being an obstacle, is often where life feels most real.

The Trinity lives in that sacred space and reveals something quietly astonishing: Mystery is not God keeping secrets—it’s God inviting intimacy. At the heart of all things is relationship. God is not solitary. God is communion—an eternal movement of love, self-gift, and delight. Love is not something God does occasionally; love is who God is forever.

This is why every attempt to shrink the Trinity into an analogy falls just a bit short. Triangles, shamrocks, the Celtic knot—all helpful, all insufficient. God is not interested in being reduced to something manageable. A manageable God could be useful, but a manageable God would also be

small. And a small God would not be worthy of our wonder. Our faith is not built on having everything figured out, but on choosing to dwell where understanding gives way to wonder. And wonder changes us.

A wonderfully mysterious God invites us to grow. To trust. To be stretched beyond our desire for control. The Trinity quietly reminds us that faith is not about having all the answers but about staying in the conversation. It says: God is bigger than our explanations, deeper than our language, and closer than we expect. It says love itself is at the heart of reality. In a world obsessed with certainty, the Trinity teaches us how to dwell in mystery without fear.

Mystery keeps faith from becoming rigid or small. It keeps us humble. It reminds us that God is not an object to be analyzed, but a presence to be encountered. The Trinity gently pushes against our need to control and invites us instead to trust—to step into love before we comprehend it. The Trinity reveals God’s very nature is relationship—an eternal exchange of love, giving and receiving, never static, never isolated.

So when we say the Trinity is a mystery, we are not admitting ignorance, we are confessing joy! God is an eternal movement of love, self-gift, and delight. A God who is deeper than our questions, closer than our answers, and loving enough to remain wonderfully, endlessly more.

And really, what could be more of a blessing than that?

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”.

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

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

Starting this 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.



Forest Hill Cemetery Dedication

May 19, 2026



Fr. John Girotti,
Vicar
General
and
Moderator
of the
Curia and
Deacon
Paul



WINNECONNE NEWS

St. Mary, Winneconne Calendar

Mon. June 1 7:30am LOW* w/Communion
 Tues. June 2 8:30am-Offices Closed
 Wed. June 3 7:30am LOW* w/Communion
 4:30-5:30pm Confession
 Thurs. June 4 2:00pm Rosary **CANCELLED**
 2-4:00pm Funeral Visitation
 5:00pm Funeral Mass
 Sat. June 6 6:00pm Mass at St. Thomas
 Chapel
 Sun. June 7 8:30am Mass

The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

*LOW: Liturgy of the Word

2nd Collection: Home Missions-Our Own Needs

STEWARDSHIP OF SHARING- Winneconne

Given Week ending 5/24/2026
 Envelopes \$6,939.00
 Loose cash \$ 415.00
 Online & ACH Giving \$2,040.00
 Total \$9,394.00
 WEEKLY GOAL: \$6,464.00



Mass at St. Thomas Chapel
Saturday, June 6, 6:00 pm
5753 Church Road, Poygan WI
All are invited.

Rosary Cancelled June 4 at 2:00pm

The rosary for Thursday, June 4 at 2:00pm will be cancelled due to a funeral at that time. We will see you again Thursday, June 11.

Graduating Sunday and Breakfast

Congratulations to the Class of 2026! This morning we celebrate our graduates during Mass, and a breakfast to follow in **Kaudy Hall** provided by the **Knights of Columbus**. All parishioners are invited to attend, enjoy a great meal, and congratulate the graduates.

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

Tues. June 2 8am-2pm Staff Meeting at SMW
CHURCH & OFFICE CLOSED
Sat. June 6 3:30pm Confession
4:00pm Mass
6:00pm Mass at St. Thomas Chapel
Sun. June 7 10:30am Mass

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

2nd Collection: Home Missions-Our Own Needs
Omro Food Pantry Collection
SMW: St. Mary Winneconne

STEWARDSHIP OF SHARING-Omro

Given Week ending 5/24/2026
Envelopes \$2,539.00
Loose cash \$ 206.00
Online & ACH Giving \$ 910.00
Total \$3,655.00
WEEKLY GOAL: \$4,044.00



Bishop's Appeal 2026

Our 2026 Bishop's Appeal Goal is \$19,395. To date, we have collected \$12,186 (63%), towards our goal. Please pray as to how you can give to the Appeal. Thank you to those who have donated!

Reminder!

The Bible for parishioners to sign and leave messages for Deacon Paul is in Marian Hall until **June 9**. Please stop by to sign it during parish office hours or when attending Mass.



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

**DONATIONS
NEEDED**

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.

**Please 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?

- Hand-crafted items: tote bags, aprons, wood or metal work, jewelry, quilted, knitted, crocheted, and sewn items
- Home-canned goods (fruits, jelly, jam, vegetables, salsa)
- Cookie cutters
- Christmas ornaments
- Cookbooks
- Gardening or craft books
- Unused craft supplies, yarn, and fabric
- Jigsaw puzzles
- Garden décor (under 24")

**Please bring to parish office
by August 3.**

Fresh produce, plants, flowers, baked goods (cookies, cake, bars, candy, bread, etc.) may be brought the day of the picnic.

Readings for the Week of June 1

Monday: 2 Pt 1:2-7/Mk 12:1-12
Saint Justin, Martyr

Tuesday: 2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18/Mk 12:13-17

Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12/Mk 12:18-27
Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs

Thursday: 2 Tm 2:8-15/Mk 12:28-34

Friday: 2 Tm 3:10-17/Mk 12:35-37
Saint Boniface, Bishop and Martyr

Saturday: 2 Tm 4:1-8/Mk 12:38-44

Sunday: Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a/1 Cor 10:16-17/
Jn 6:51-58

The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ



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.



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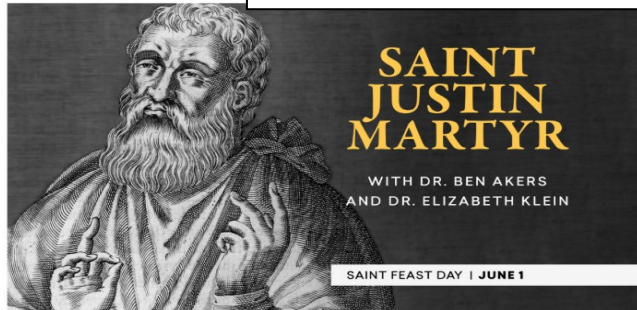
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SAINT FEAST DAY | JUNE 1

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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY: June 6
4:00pm (SMO) Ruth Waters
6:00pm (St. Thomas) Hankie & Janice Lee
SUNDAY: June 7
8:30am (SMW) Pete Kasuboski
10:30am (SMO) Frank & Mary Fisher

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) **Volunteer**
10:30am (SMO) Kathy Hayes

Ushers

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

Sacristans

4:00pm (SMO) Ken Bressers
8:30am (SMW) Sherrie Johnson
10:30am (SMO) **Volunteer**

Communion Ministers

4:00pm (SMO) Ken Bressers, **Volunteer**
8:30am (SMW) **6 Volunteers**
10:30am (SMO) Kathy Hayes, **Volunteer**

Greeters

4:00pm (SMO) **2 Volunteers**
8:30am (SMW) **3 Volunteers**
10:30am (SMO) Ron & Lawanda Jungwirth

Intercessory Prayers

8:30am (SMW) Chris Brill, Ingrid Nonn

Musicians

4:00pm (SMO) Chrissy Volpe
8:30am (SMW) Ron Hayes, Paul Kamikawa
10:30am (SMO) Ron Hayes



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

Deadline for the Bulletin NOON on Tuesday

E-mail bulletin announcements to:
Sue Kuhn: sue.kuhn@stmarychurches.org

Children's Liturgy of the Word Winneconne



We will BE back in September

**Omro 10:30am Mass
June 14 & 28**

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Fridays: Closed

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Adult Faith Formation Assistant: Jolene Johnson
Pastoral Associate: Rose Unser
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