

St. Mary Churches-Omro & Winneconne

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Fifth Sunday of Easter May 3, 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.

Month of May,
Month of Mary -
Praying the Rosary

St. Mary, Omro

Starting Monday, May 4, 6:00 pm

St. Mary, Winneconne

Thursdays, 2:00 pm

Fatima Rosary in the Park
Wednesday, May 13 at Noon
At St. Thomas Chapel**
5753 Church Road, Poygan

Bring your own chair and Rosary.
The Rosary guide will be provided.

****NOTE: This replaces Rosary in the Park.**

* **CONGRATULATIONS** to **Patty Volp** *
* on her retirement as the Adult Faith *
* Formation Coordinator at St. Mary, *
* Omro and St. Mary, Winneconne. *
* *
* **Gracious God,** *
* We give thanks for Patty's years of faithful *
* work, dedication, and service. *
* Bless this new season with rest, purpose, *
* and joy. *
* May each day ahead be filled with peace, *
* good health, and meaningful moments. *
* Guide her steps, deepen her gratitude, and *
* surround her with love. *
* **Amen.** *

Welcome to our parishes.

PASTORAL PONDERINGS

Seven Weeks of Resurrection (or: Why the Egg Is Still in My Yard)

I am officially That Person in my neighborhood, the one with Easter decorations still proudly displayed indoors and out. This is not forgetfulness (though I am capable of that, which may explain why a lone snowman is still holding court among the Easter rabbits). No, this is intentional. I am stubbornly practicing resurrection joy.

Here's the thing the retail calendar doesn't know—but the Church deeply understands: the joy of the Resurrection is too large to fit into one glorious Sunday. Lent gave us forty days to practice repentance. Easter gives us fifty days to practice living like people who believe death does not have the final word. Easter joy, unlike marshmallow Peeps, was never meant to be consumed quickly and gone.

We are in the Easter Season. Not the Sundays after Easter, but the Sundays of Easter. That distinction matters. Easter is not a memory; it is a reorientation of reality. Once Christ rises, everything is different—and it takes time, seven weeks apparently, for that truth to sink in. The liturgy knows this about us. It is patient, unfolding resurrection joy slowly, carrying us through doubt, surprise, fear, and finally sending us forth at Pentecost not overwhelmed with joy, but entrusted with it.

That's comforting, because Easter-season joy is quieter than Easter Sunday. Deeper. Sturdier. It shows up when enthusiasm fades, when life resumes its ordinary demands, and when burdens we didn't expect still remain. It is the joy of people who keep showing up. Who pray even when words are hard to find. Who sing Alleluia softly on weeks when their hearts feel tender or tired.

If this season finds you a little worn, you are not failing Easter—you are living it. The risen Lord keeps appearing not to crowds, but to individuals: confused disciples, grieving friends, ordinary people just trying to recognize hope again.

So if the world has moved on, that's all right. We haven't. Let us keep singing—and living—the Alleluia. With gusto. Or at least with conviction. For seven weeks. Because resurrection isn't seasonal. And joy, properly practiced, doesn't shout its way through life—it walks faithfully, even when celebration feels lonely.

We are called not only to sing Alleluia, but to be one—again and again and again.

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

St. Mary's Catholic Church Ladies Night Out



When: Monday, May 4th at 6pm

- What:** 1) Father Ben Pribbenow and his mother, Mary, will discuss their "Family of Faith" *Women Celebrate* presentation
2) Food, drinks and fellowship
Please bring a snack or dessert to share.

Where: Kaudy Hall

Cost: Free; donations appreciated

Chance to win some great door prizes.

Please sign up with the link below or contact Tanya at 262-441-0674.

Describe your item to share under "Comments" when you sign up.



St Mary's Ladies Night Out:
Family of Faith



Miranda Rose Peach
will complete her initiation 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!

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

WINNECONNE NEWS

St. Mary, Winneconne Calendar

Mon. May 4 7:30am LOW* w/Communion
6:00pm Ladies Night Out (KH)
Wed. May 6 7:30am LOW* w/Communion
4:30pm Adoration & Confession
Thurs. May 7 2:00pm Rosary
Fri. May 8 4:30pm Wedding Rehearsal
Sat. May 9 1:00pm Hannah Bauer &
Matt Sidor Wedding
Sun. May 10 8:30am Mass with Crowning
of Mary

Sixth Sunday of Easter

*LOW: Liturgy of the Word
Mother's Day
KC Rose Sale

Fr. Carr's Non-Perishable Food Collection

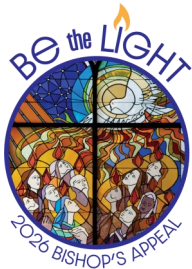
STEWARDSHIP OF SHARING-Winneconne

Given Week ending 4/26/2026
Envelopes \$2,723.00
Loose cash \$ 187.00
Online & ACH Giving \$2,040.00
Total \$4,950.00
WEEKLY GOAL: \$6,464.00



Adoration & Confession

Wednesday, May 6
4:30-5:30pm
All are welcome.



Our Bishop's Appeal goal this year is \$45,651. We have collected \$31,163.61 (68.2%), towards our goal. Pray how you can give back to the Lord. **Thank you to those who have donated!**

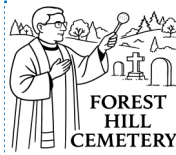
Masses at St. Thomas Chapel (Church)

Saturday's at 6:00pm on the following:

May 16, June 6, July 11, August 15, September 19
Masses are held at 6:00pm at St. Thomas Chapel
5753 Church Road, Poygan WI

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 ble^ss 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.

Fr. Carr's Needs for Food Pantry

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| Applesauce/fruit cups | Breakfast Cereal |
| Coffee | Pancake Syrup |
| Chicken Broth/Stock | Peanut Butter |
| Beef Broth/Stock | Jam/Jelly |
| Fruit snacks | Chef Boyardee |
| Coffee | Trail Mix/Granola/Snack Bars |
| Men's Body Wash | Tuna/Hamburger Helpers |
| Cleaning Supplies | Spaghetti/Sauce |
| Feminine products | Chunky/Progresso Soups |
| Men's Deodorant | Canned Fish |
| Men's Shampoo | Canned Meats |



Tickets: \$10.00 each

This weekend, we will start handing out packets of raffle tickets for our **parish picnic on June 14**. 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!



Missionary Cooperation Plan

May 2 & May 3, St. Mary Omro & St. Mary Winneconne

Sr. Matilda Sorkpor will speak at all Masses on May 2 & 3. St. Matilda is a Sister of the Handmaids of the Divine Redeemer (HDR) of Accra, Ghana, West Africa. She is currently serving at Fr Carr's at the homeless shelter for women and children. The HDR are a Catholic religious congregation based in Ghana. They focus on spiritual, social, and humanitarian missions, emphasizing the protection and empowerment of vulnerable populations, particularly women and children.

This weekend, a 2nd Collection will be taken for the Missionary Cooperation Plan. Donations for the Visiting Missionary Appeal from all parishes in the Diocese are pooled and divided equally. Thank you.

OMRO NEWS

St. Mary, Omro Calendar

- Mon. May 4 6:00pm Rosary
6:00pm Ladies Night Out (SMW-Kaudy Hall)
- Sat. May 9 3:30pm Confession
4:00pm Mass
- Sun. May 10 10:30am Mass with CLOW and Crowning of Mary

Sixth Sunday of Easter

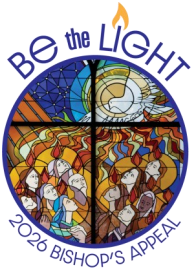
Mother's Day

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

STEWARDSHIP OF SHARING-Omro

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| Given Week ending 4/26/2026 | |
| Envelopes | \$1,870.00 |
| Loose cash | \$ 243.00 |
| Online & ACH Giving | <u>\$ 910.00</u> |
| Total | \$3,023.00 |
| 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. To give to the Appeal, contact the parish office or pick up a pledge card at church.

Thank you for your gift to the Bishop's Appeal and for your support of our parish!

**Join us to pray the Rosary, starting
Monday, May 4, 6:00 pm
St. Mary Omro**

Loving God, we lift up the family and friends of Gail Miller to You.



Surround them with Your peace, comfort their hearts in their grief, and remind them that they are not alone. Amen.

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. We can't do it without you!



**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.

Save the Date

**St. Mary Omro Parish Picnic
Sunday, August 9**

Watch the bulletin for more details to come!

Readings for the Week of May 4

Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Jn 15:1-8
Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Jn 15:9-11
Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Jn 15:12-17
Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Jn 15:18-21
Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/1 Pt 3:15-18/
 Jn 14:15-21

Sixth Sunday of Easter



Carlo Acutis: God's Influencer

"Carlo Acutis: God's Influencer" is a beautifully animated film that brings to life the inspiring story of Carlo Acutis, a modern teenager who used his passion for technology to share the Catholic faith with the world.

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An offering from the AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE

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.

St. Carlo Acutis Exhibit
Eucharistic Miracles Around the World



**Friday May 1- St. Jude Parish
 Sacred Heart Location
 7:30 am - 1:00 pm**

**Sunday, May 3
 Lourdes Academy
 St. Carlo Acutis
 Birthday Celebration
 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm**

Both events open to all Parishes

*The Eucharist is my Highway to Heaven
 -St. Carlo Acutis*



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For more information contact Kathie at (920) 539-6871
 or Dcn. Rick at mbsrhocking@gmail.com, (920) 420-6912



**ADORATION
 FOR THE NATION**




Diocese of Green Bay

WED., MAY 20 | 6 PM
 ST. JUDE (SACRED HEART SITE), OSHKOSH

Join us in prayer leading up to the 250th anniversary of the United States of America!

CHECK OUT THE CURRENT LIST OF ADORATION SITES!



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**Knights of Columbus
 Roses**

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



Happy Mother's Day !

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY: **May 9**
4:00pm (SMO) Frank & Mary Fisher

SUNDAY: **May 10**
8:30am (SMW) Johnson & Reynebeau families
10:30am (SMO) Kathryn Koch & Joan Moon

4:00pm (SMO) **Altar Servers**
8:30am (SMW) **2 Volunteers**
10:30am (SMO) Rob Reynebeau, Volunteer
2 Volunteers

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

4:00pm (SMO) **Ushers**
8:30am (SMW) Casey Koterbski, Steve Koterbski
10:30am (SMO) **4 Volunteers**
Seaman Family

4:00pm (SMO) **Sacristans**
8:30am (SMW) Ken Bressers
10:30am (SMO) **Volunteer**
Jen Wellhoefer

8:30am (SMW) **Communion Ministers**
Vicky Holt, Sherrie Johnson

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

8:30am (SMW) **Intercessory Prayers**
Chris Brill, **Volunteer**

4:00pm (SMO) **Musicians**
8:30am (SMW) Ron Hayes, Mary Gallenberg
10:30am (SMO) Ted Kreuzer, Paige Woelfel
Chrissy Volpe, Angie Goska


**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

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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 3 & 17, 8:30am Mass

Omro

May 10 & 24, 10:30am Mass



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