

# **St. Mary Churches-Omro & Winneconne**

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## **Fifth Sunday of Easter, May 7, 2023**



### **Annual Mother's Day Rose Sale**

Next weekend, The Knights of Columbus will be selling roses at all Masses. Won't you honor that special person in your life by buying a rose for them?

All proceeds collected will go to the Winnebago Chapter of Wisconsin Right to Life.

### **Fatima Rosary in the Park**

*Look for the Fatima banner!*

**Dates:** May 12 (Friday)  
June 13 (Tuesday)  
July 13 (Thursday)  
August 18 (Friday)  
September 13 (Wednesday)  
October 14 (Saturday)



Bring your own rosary and a lawn chair! Some rosaries will be available on site. **BRING A FRIEND!**

**ALL ARE INVITED!!!**

**Time:** 10:00 am

**Location:** Marble Park

**Inclement Weather Plan:** Shelter in the park

**Contact:** Jolene Johnson 920-252-0800 or Mary McDonald 920-279-2239

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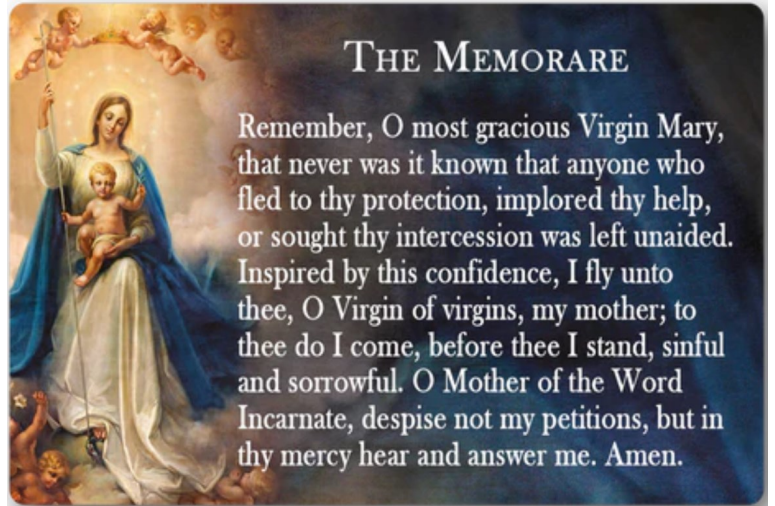
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To arrange for baptisms, weddings or to join call

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# PASTORAL PONDERINGS

The Catholic Church has devoted the entire month of May for centuries to honor Mary the Blessed Mother of God. The custom of honoring this time of year, when nature renews itself, has been practiced for centuries across cultures. For instance, in Ancient Rome, May was dedicated to Flora, the goddess of blossoms. The people would hold a festival of "flora" games and would ask Flora to intercede for all that grows. In ancient Greece, May was dedicated to Artemis, a goddess of fertility.



Many of these pagan practices centered around the transition from winter to spring, the time of new growth and new life. The Catholic Church has always used elements of pagan culture that are not opposed to the Catholic Faith, and refocused them so as to honor the one true God. It makes sense that this long-time practice of honoring new growth and motherhood would lead to honoring Mary, who gave new life to the world when she gave birth to our Savior Jesus Christ.

During the middle ages the tradition of "Tricesimum," or "Thirty-Day Devotion to Mary" arose. The praying of the rosary was the center of this 30 day devotion but the 30 days were celebrated at different times of the year in different places.

The May devotion to Mary that we practice today originated near the end of the 18th century at a Jesuit college in Rome. Father Latomia, of the Roman College of the Society of Jesus, vowed to devote the month of May to Mary in order to bring conversion to the immorality he saw among the students. This practice spread quickly to other Jesuit colleges, and then extended throughout the Church. The Church honors Mary as the Mother of God, looks to her as a model of perfect discipleship, and asks for her prayers to God on our behalf.

There are two traditional ways that Mary is honored during the month of May and our parishes practice both. First: parishes, small groups, families, and individuals pray the rosary during this month. Second: there is a "May Crowning," when the statue of Mary is crowned with flowers. This tradition reenacts Mary's coronation in heaven. The flowers represent Mary's beauty and virtue and the ceremony invites us to imitate Mary's virtue in our lives. The beauty of this month-long devotion is that there is no set way to celebrate. So, be creative and make it fun. Above all, just talk with our heavenly mother this month. Tell Mary everything that is on your heart and ask her to bring you closer to Jesus.

Next weekend, as we recognize and honor moms, grandmothers, stepmoms, mothers-to-be and all women who encompass the qualities of motherhood, let us intentionally honor our Blessed Mother Mary throughout May. Let us all pray to Mary because she is our mother. She cares for us as only a mother can and she intercedes for us. By practicing this month-long devotion to Mary, the core values of the faith will become more alive within you and Mary's love through you will help bring others to Jesus.

*Rose Unser*

Pastoral Associate

# ADULT FAITH FORMATION

From **Only Love Today** by Rachel Mary Stafford:

I have today. Yesterday is gone. All the mistakes, failures, poor choices, all the things I wish I could do over, they are gone.

Today stands before me with arms wide open.

This hopeful truth is yours too.

You are never too far gone to come back.

You are never too tarnished to be made new.

You are never too broken to be made whole.

It's never too late to make changes.

It's never too late to begin again.

It's never too late to choose love.

By the grace of God, today stands before us with arms wide open.

All we have to do is grasp it.



Mass at St. Thomas Church  
5753 Church Rd., Poygan  
Masses Scheduled

\* May 20 \* June 17 \* July 15

\* August 19 \* September 9

All at 6:00pm

Are you or a family member going to the hospital, having a procedure done or are in the hospital now? Call Deacon Paul, 920-379-8068 to set up a visit/anointing of the Sick.

OUR FINAL SPEAKER FOR THE 16TH  
SEASON OF CELEBRATION  
WOMEN'S MINISTRY -

Kirstin Magnuson

**Don't Be Afraid to Jump!**

We want our life in  
Jesus to be ever deepening.

There will  
be pruning seasons,  
growing seasons, dry  
seasons, and fruitful  
seasons. Through it all,  
we want to remain  
open to be uprooted  
and replanted for the  
glory of God and the  
good of others.

Date: Saturday, May 20th  
Time: 9:00-11:00 am  
Location: Rushford Town  
Hall, 3413 N. County Road K,  
Omro  
We hope to see you there !



**All New**

**Widows/Widowers**

**You are invited:**

**Come to Share-Eat-Laugh-Pray!**

**Thursday, May 18, 2023**

*(3rd Thursday—odd months)*

**11:00am**

**Kaudy Hall, Winneconne**

**Potluck: Bring dish to share.**

**Celebrate our loved ones!**

**Feel free to BRING A FRIEND.**

**RSVP: Kathy 920-582-7147**

*Sometimes the support  
we need most comes  
from someone walking  
the same path.*

# WINNECONNE NEWS

## St. Mary, Winneconne Calendar

Mon. May 8 7:00am LOW\* w/Communion  
6:00pm CAM Meeting  
6:30pm Auspice Maria Craft-Kaudy Hall  
Tues. May 9 10am Staff Mtg & Lunch-Omro  
5:00pm Stewardship Mtg-Kaudy Hall  
7:00pm KC Mtg—Omro  
Wed. May 10 7:00am LOW\* w/Communion  
Thurs. May 11 2:00pm Rosary  
6:30pm St. Thomas Cemetery Mtg.  
Sun. May 14 8:30am Mass w/Mary Crowning

## 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

\*LOW: Liturgy of the Word  
Fr. Carr's Non-perishable Food Collection  
Mother's Day  
KC Rose Sale

## STEWARDSHIP OF SHARING-Winneconne

Given Week ending 4/30/2023 = \$4,184

WEEKLY GOAL: \$6,307



St. Mary, Winn. Parish Picnic Reunion,  
May 20 & 21.

**Saturday, May 20 5:15pm** Mass under the tent  
**6:30-8pm** with worship by Green Bay Bridge  
Point Church Christian Band. Pizza/beverages  
are available for sale after Mass.

**Sunday, May 21 11:00-3:00pm (Picnic style lunch)**  
Serving up brats, hotdogs & hamburgers on the  
grill; with root beer floats. The afternoon will  
offer up: Silent Auction items, raffle baskets,  
kids' games and more. **Plan on attending the  
Parish Reunion!**

\*\*Please bring your raffle baskets and silent  
auction donations to the Winneconne office by  
Thursday, May 11 so that our team can display them.



## May 21 Graduation Mass & Breakfast

Everyone is invited to join us  
following the 8:30am Mass on May 21st for a  
breakfast in Kaudy Hall provided by our  
Knights of Columbus.

Thank you Knights for providing this great way  
to gather and honor our graduates!



## St. Mary Church



## Rock the Village May 20th

### 8am-Noon

We are looking for volunteers to assist us in spring  
cleaning at St Mary's church, Winneconne, the  
historical society, St Thomas church and at  
parishioner's homes. **If you are able to assist us,  
please email or call/text Patty Volp. If you have  
any needs that we can assist you with, please reach  
out to Patty as well.**

**920-376-1157, patricia.volp@sbcglobal.net.**

Give a Shout if you need help!!! Join us if you would  
like to help!!

Mary McDonald and Jolene Johnson are our  
Adult Faith Formation Leaders. They received  
their year long training at the Mission  
Leadership Institute with the majority of the  
training paid for by the diocese and the  
Bishop's Appeal. Thank you, Bishop's Appeal.  
Please support the Bishop's Appeal  
with a donation and if you have  
already done this, thank you!



# OMRO NEWS

## Calendar

### St. Mary, Omro

Mon. May 8 6:00pm Rosary  
 Tues. May 9 10am Staff Mtg & Lunch  
 7:00pm KC Mtg-Dining Hall  
 Wed. May 10 4:30pm Reconciliation  
 Sat. May 13 3:30pm Confession  
 4:00pm Mass w/ Mary Crowning  
 Sun. May 14 10:30am Mass w/ Mary Crowning

### 6th Sunday of Easter

Mother's Day  
 KC Rose Sale



## Faith Formation

# VOLUNTEER



### Have you ever thought about volunteering in Our Faith Formation Program?

- ◇ If you love to work with children
- ◇ If you love to teach and share about our Faith
- ◇ If you want to learn more about your own Faith
- ◇ If you are looking for a way to be a part of the Church
- ◇ If you love to feel satisfied and fulfilled

### Then getting involved might be right for you!

**St. Mary's Faith Formation program is in need of catechists, aides, and substitutes for the 2023-2024 school year.** No teaching background is required. If you have any interest, questions, or want to be involved, please take time to pray about it and then call or email! I am more than happy to answer your questions!

Contact: *Heidi Seaman*

[heidi.seaman@stmarychurches.org](mailto:heidi.seaman@stmarychurches.org)

(920) 685-2258



Confession will be held here at St. Mary, Omro this Wednesday, May 10 from 4:30-5:30pm with Fr. Bill Hower.

## St. Mary Church

*Featuring The DelRay's*  
**PICNIC**  
**August 13th**

# Omro

### CALLING CREATIVE PEOPLE OR SHOPPERS

Picnic preparations are taking place, but we need your help. Are you creative or just love to shop? We are looking for themed baskets or items which can be used as filler for other baskets to make them stand out. Some ideas are:

**Baby Basket** with blanket, bottles, toys, teethingers

**Pampered Basket** with candles, lotions, soaps, gift certificate for nail salon or night out

**Camping Basket** with fire pit supplies and s' more ingredients

**Game Night** with board games and snacks

Use your imagination. Think of new things that you would like to win and donate them; bottles of wine, fancy chocolate, movie tickets, toys are a good start.

We also need silent auction items, including big ticket items and gift certificates. All donations can be dropped off at the office Mon-Thurs between 8am and 4pm.



### STEWARDSHIP OF SHARING- Omro

Given week ending 4/30/2023 = \$ 2,924

### Fiscal Year to Date through date above

Actual Offertory Collection: \$187,127

Budgeted Offertory Collection: \$190,840

\$ 3,713 Short

# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Readings for the Week of May 8

**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 8:5-8,14-17/1Pt 3:15-18/  
Jn 14:15-21

Sixth Sunday of Easter



### Barb Kimme Memorial Traveling

**Rosary for Vocations:** The Green Bay Diocesan Council of Catholic Women is helping to raise an awareness of our Diocesan Priestly Vocation Shortage. Our best course of action

is prayer to our Lord. Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month from March – November we will gather for prayer and inspiration at nine different churches throughout the diocese. The agenda includes Intro, rosary for vocations, speaker, and reception. All are welcome. **Our next date and location is May 10 from 1:00-2:30pm at St. Maximilian Kolbe Church, 6051 Noble Street, Sobieski.** For more info call 920-856-6251.



## K of C Annual Tootsie Roll Drive

The Knights of Columbus are accepting donations at all Masses **this weekend** for their annual Tootsie Roll Drive. Proceeds are shared with Omro and Winneconne school districts for their special education needs.

## OPEN AUDITIONS

by appointment

Sunday afternoon, **May 21** & Thursday evening, **May 25**



Do you love to sing and dance?

Fill out a cast application and schedule an audition to be considered for the 2023 cast.

Go to [www.christmasstars.org](http://www.christmasstars.org) and click or tap the Join Our Cast button.

Fill out an online cast application and get a link to schedule an audition.

Students entering Kindergarten through 12th grade in 2023-2024 and adults of any age are invited to audition for the cast.

Auditions, rehearsals and performances at the Xavier Fine Arts Theatre.  
2023 show dates: Nov. 30-Dec. 3 & Dec. 7-10

If you would like to volunteer to help with this special family event, please contact Peggy Wilms at the Omro office 920-685-2258 or email [peggy.wilms@stmarychurches.org](mailto:peggy.wilms@stmarychurches.org). Volunteer time can be counted toward service hours.



## SATURDAY, JUNE 3

10:00 am - 4:00 pm

**CARNIVAL RIDES**

**LIVE MUSIC**

**KIDS GAMES & CHALLENGES**

**FOOD & DRINK**

**RAFFLE PRIZES & MORE!**

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



**Deadline for the Bulletin  
NOON on Tuesday**

**E-mail bulletin announcements to:**

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Peggy Wilms: peggy.wilms@stmarychurches.org

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

**SATURDAY: May 13**  
4:00pm (SMO) Monica Koterbski  
**SUNDAY: May 14**  
8:30am (SMW) Rich Gagnon  
10:30am (SMO) Donald Natrop

**STEWARDSHIP OF SERVING-LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

**Saturday & Sunday May 13 & 14**

SMO– St. Mary, Omro

SMW– St. Mary, Winneconne

**Altar Servers:**

4:00pm (SMO) Reese Wickham, **Volunteer**  
8:30am (SMW) John Michalski, **Volunteer**  
10:30am (SMO) **2 Volunteers**

**Lectors:**

4:00pm (SMO) Tina Wickham  
8:30am (SMW) Mike Jordan  
10:30am (SMO) Sue Martin

**Ushers:**

4:00pm (SMO) Mary Jo Hinderman, Abbi Seaman  
8:30am (SMW) Mike Miller, Jack Woelfel,  
**2 Volunteers**

10:30am (SMO) Mike Glodowski, Jill Pernaski

**Communion Ministers:**

4:00pm (SMO) Bob Breu, **Volunteer**  
8:30am (SMW) Jeff Baldwin, Mike Jordan  
10:30am (SMO) Sue Martin, Holly Huth

**Greeters:**

4:00pm (SMO) Seaman Family  
8:30am (SMW) **4 Volunteers**  
10:30am (SMO) Huth Family

**Sacristans:**

4:00pm (SMO) Tina Wickham  
8:30am (SMW) Jeff Baldwin  
10:30am (SMO) Jodi Hess

**Intercessory Prayer Ministers:**

4:00pm (SMO) **Volunteer**  
8:30am (SMW) Connie Kostichka, Julie Servais



Mass Attendance	Winneconne	Omro
Sat. April 22	N/A	103
Sun. April 23	294	191
Sat. April 29	N/A	118
Sun. April 30	189	112

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

**St. Mary, Winneconne**

210 Pleasant Dr. P.O. Box 487

**Parish Office:** 205 Pleasant Dr. Winn  
Winneconne, WI 54986-0487

**stmarywinn@stmarychurches.org**

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