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All Saints Day
November 1, 2026

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Weekday Mass
Tues. 5:30pm & Thurs. 7:30am St. Mary, Omro
Wed. & Fri. 7:30am St. Mary, Winneconne

Holy Hour & Confession
Tues. 4:30-5:30pm St. Mary, Omro
Fri. after 7:30am Mass St. Mary, Winneconne

Weekend Mass
Saturday: St. Mary, Winneconne
3:30pm Confession
4:00pm Mass

Sunday
8:00am Confession St. Mary Omro
8:30am St. Mary, Omro
10:30am St. Mary, Winneconne

Sacraments/Membership
To arrange for Baptisms, Weddings or to join the parish please call the office.

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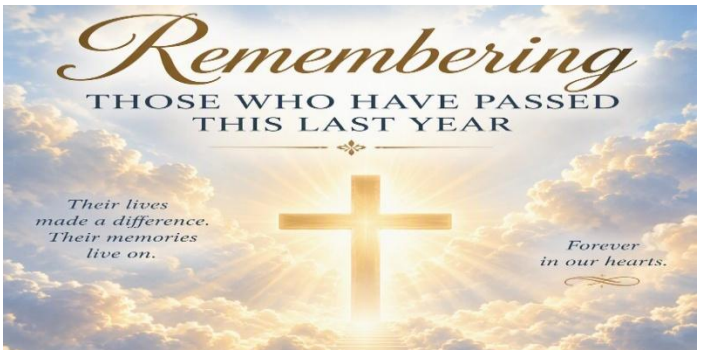

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Parish Schedule Changes While Fr. Erwin Attends National Filipino Priests Conference November 2-6
No Confession, Holy Hour, or Daily Mass at St. Mary, Omro or St. Mary, Winneconne

PASTORAL PONDERINGS

Reflection for the Solemnity of All Saints

Good day everyone.

Beloved, the Word of God reminds us: "We are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is."

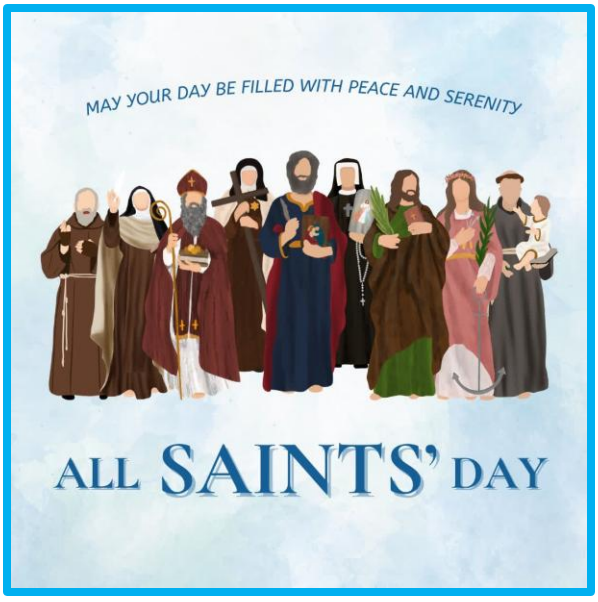
Today, as we celebrate All Saints, we are reminded that our lives are still a work in progress. We are not yet everything God is calling us to be. There are weaknesses we continue to overcome, wounds that still need healing, and virtues that still need to grow. But our present condition does not define our final destiny. God sees what we can become. There is more to life than what we can presently understand or imagine.

Second, life is a vocation to become like Christ. We are not called merely to be successful, comfortable, or admired. We are called to holiness—to love as Jesus loved, to forgive as he forgave, to serve with humility, and to remain faithful even in difficult moments. The saints show us that holiness is possible in every circumstance. They were ordinary people who allowed God's grace to transform their lives.

Finally, our greatest reward is not simply a place or a crown. Our reward is being with God. The saints have reached the fulfillment of their deepest desire: to see God as he is and to remain forever in his presence. This is also the goal for which we were created.

Therefore, let us continue our journey with hope. Let us trust God's grace, follow Christ faithfully, and persevere in love. One day, what is still hidden will be revealed, and we shall become fully like him, because we shall see him as he is.

Blessings on All Saints' Day!
Fr. Erwin Obias



ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Do you desire to feel God's love?
Does God seem distant?
Would you like to discover a deeper relationship with the Holy Spirit?
The Wild Goose will lead you on an adventure greater than you can imagine! It will help you experience a deeper relationship with the Holy Spirit and lead you to a place of mercy, healing and peace. Please join us on this journey as we open our hearts to God's love, which has been poured into our hearts by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Evening will include dinner, video presentation, and small group discussion. **Still time to join!**

WILD GOOSE SESSIONS:
Tuesdays, Nov. 3, 10, 17
Omro: 6:30-8:00 PM (dinner provided)
Winneconne: 1:30-3:00 PM (snacks provided) OR
5:30-7:00 PM (dinner provided)

Please use the QR code or call either church office to register.

The Kerygma Experience:
An Encounter with Christ

ALL ARE WELCOME!

St. Mary Church - Winneconne
6:00-7:30pm
Tuesday, November 10, 2026

COME JOIN THOSE IN OCIA FOR AN EVENING OF EXPERIENCING THE CORE MESSAGE OF THE GOSPEL WHICH IS CALLED THE KERYGMA.

Holy Smoke!
The Ancient Tradition of Incense

For centuries, incense has been used in Catholic worship as a sign of reverence, symbolizing our prayers rising to God and continuing a tradition rooted in Scripture and ancient worship.

At Mass, incense may be used to honor the altar, the Gospel, the gifts of bread and wine, the priest and people, and especially the Eucharist. It engages our sense of smell and reminds us that worship involves our whole person.

On the first Sunday of each month, St. Mary, Winneconne will be using incense. We recognize that incense may affect those with asthma or respiratory sensitivities, and we encourage anyone impacted to take appropriate precautions.

Incense is more than a fragrance. It is a visible symbol of our prayers, worship, and reverence rising before God.

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Counting Down to Christmas – Celebrating ADVENT as a Catholic | Ep. 1

Advent is only a few weeks away. Can you believe it? Join us over the next few weeks as we prepare for this season with "How to Advent."

Our parish has a free Formed subscription for you! Simply scan the QR code or visit formed.org/signup to create your account and select our parish to get free access to this content and much more!

An offering from the Augustine Institute

Honoring Our Veterans!
Sunday, November 8 at 10:30am Mass at St. Mary Winneconne

When: Sunday, November 8th at 10:30am Mass
Veterans will have reserved seating, Father will bless all Veterans, and they will receive a gift as a token of our appreciation.

Refreshments will be served after Mass.

WINNECONNE NEWS

St. Mary, Winneconne Calendar

Mon.	Nov. 2	All Souls' Day (No Mass)
Tues.	Nov. 3	1:30-3:00pm *The Wild Goose*
		5:30-7:00pm *The Wild Goose* Discipleship Small Groups
Wed.	Nov. 4	**No** Mass
		3:05-4:30pm FF Elementary
		6:00pm MS Social
		6:30pm FF MS Classes
Thurs.	Nov. 5	2:00pm Rosary
Fri.	Nov. 6	**No** Mass
Sat.	Nov. 7	1:30-5:00pm 1st Reconciliation Retreat
		3:30pm Confession
		4:00pm Mass
Sun.	Nov. 8	10:30am Mass/Honor Veterans

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Fr. Carr's Non-Perishable Food Collection

STEWARDSHIP OF SHARING-Winneconne

Given Week ending 10/25/2026	
Envelopes	$3,798.00
Loose cash	$ 403.00
Online & ACH Giving	$1,763.00
Total	$5,964.00
WEEKLY GOAL:	**$6,475.00**

Christian Kindness Crew (CKC) is supporting the efforts of the Winneconne Area Assistance Center (WAAC) by helping feed the hungry in our community. This year we are collecting money to help purchase Thanksgiving turkeys for families in need. **We are asking parishioners to donate to this important cause on the weekends of November 7 & 8 or November 14 & 15 to help fund this project. There will be collection boxes with informational posters set up at each church entrance on these weekends.** This year WAAC estimates needing 50 turkeys. The monies collected will be given to WAAC to enable WAAC to purchase the turkeys to give to the families for Thanksgiving. Please assist CKC in helping WAAC feed our brothers and sisters this Thanksgiving. As we give thanks for God's many blessings in our lives, let us help those in need by feeding the hungry in our community. Those who give receive much in return.

FAITH FORMATION

Week of November 4

Elementary Classes - 3:15-4:30pm
MS Social 6:00-6:30pm
MS FF Class 6:30-8pm

Elementary Mass Update: Calendar Change & A Special Guest!

****Please note that the Elementary Mass scheduled for **November 4th is canceled** due to a scheduling conflict.

November 18th Advent Family Night

Ready, Set, Advent!

Before the holiday rush begins, take an evening to slow down, connect, and celebrate! Join your parish family for a fantastic night of food, faith, and fellowship.
We will kick things off with a community meal, discover creative ways to bring Advent alive in our homes, and wrap up the night with a powerful, peaceful prayer experience.
Don't miss out on an evening of great food and even better company. RSVP now to save your family's spot!
We can't wait to see you there!
Primarily geared toward elementary students. Middle school and high school students looking for service opportunity, please contact Andy.
Family Night **RSVP**-For planning purposes please let us know you will be joining us by **November 11th**.
RSVP Here

Sincerely
Andy

Fr. Carr's Place 2B Food Collection Items needed:

hamb/tuna helper	jelly/jam	coffee
canned meat/tuna	Syrup	applesauce
chunky/progresso soup		canned fruit
spaghetti/sauce	peanut butter	
chicken & beef broth	flavored oatmeal	
breakfast cereal	crackers all types	
Chef Boyardee	granola/snack bars	
rice-white & brown	cleaning supplies	
feminine hygiene products		
baby/toddler diapers, all sizes		

THANK YOU!!!

St. Mary, Winneconne Office Hours
October 28-November 5
8:00am-4:00pm
Volunteers will be taking care of the office during this time.

OMRO NEWS

St. Mary, Omro Calendar

Mon. Nov. 2 All Souls' Day (No Mass)
Tues. Nov. 3 **NO MASS, HOLY HOUR, OR CONFESSION**
6:30-8:00pm *The Wild Goose* Discipleship Small Groups (Triple Room)
Wed. Nov. 4 4:30-5:45pm FF Gr. 1-5
6:30-8:00pm FF Gr. 6-8 & 9-10
Thurs. Nov. 5 **NO MASS**
Sat. Nov. 7 1:30-5pm 1st Reconciliation Retreat at **SMW**
Sun. Nov. 8 8:00am Confession
8:30am Mass w/Baptism

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
SMW: St. Mary, Winneconne

STEWARDSHIP OF SHARING-Omro

Given Week ending 10/25/2026	
Envelopes	$3,250.00
Loose cash	$ 208.00
Online & ACH Giving	$ 858.00
Total	$4,316.00
WEEKLY GOAL:	**$4,050.00**

Congratulations!
Caleb Kelly Kettlewell
Son of Troy Kettlewell &
Breanna Barribeau
Welcome to the Family of God!

Wednesday, November 4
Grades 1-5: 4:30-5:45 pm
Grades 6-8 & 9-10: 6:30-8:00 pm

2nd Grade Sacramental Prep
First Reconciliation Retreat
Saturday, November 7, 1:30 pm at St. Mary, Winneconne
Please have at least one parent accompany their child to this retreat.

Contact Heidi Seaman or Rose Unser or call the parish office for altar server training.

Drop off items in Marian Hall by Nov. 9

BLESSING BAGS! Rooted in Christ, Growing Together

As the weather gets cooler and the needs of our neighbors become even more important, our high school students are putting their faith into action through the annual **Blessing Bag Outreach**! As missionary disciples, they are learning that following Jesus means not only knowing our faith but living it and sharing His love with others. **Suggested items are listed below.**

Applesauce/fruit cups	Comb/brush	Hand warmers
Plastic spoons	Socks, knit gloves	Hand sanitizer
Toothbrush/Toothpaste	Fruit snacks	Tuna/crackers
Band-aids	Soap, Washcloths	Feminine products
Deodorant	Chapstick	Wipes
Shampoo	Trail Mix	Water bottle (empty)

Readings for the Week of Nov. 2

Monday: Eph 4:32—5:8/Lk 13:10-17
All Souls' Day
Tuesday: Phil 2:5-11/Lk 14:15-24
Wednesday: Phil 2:12-18/Lk 14:25-33
Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop
Thursday: Phil 3:3-8a/Lk 15:1-10
Friday: Phil 3:17---4:1/Lk 16:1-8
Saturday: Phil 4:10-19/Lk 16:9-15
Sunday: Wis 6:12-16/1 Thes 4:13-14
Mt 25:1-13

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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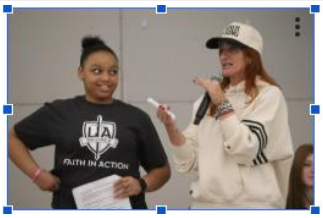
Reminder…to keep seeing posts from St. Mary Churches on social media, be sure to LIKE, SHARE, or COMMENT on our posts!

Open For A Cause

David Reetz is having a fund raiser this year to help support the family of Ezra Demler. He is 7 months old and his family is from the area. Ezra spent the **first 119 days of his life in the hospital after being diagnosed with laryngomalacia, vocal cord paralysis**, having to undergo a tracheostomy and fighting other medical setbacks. He's now home but still requiring around-the-clock medical care. His parents are facing significant ongoing medical expenses. All proceeds go directly to Ezra and his family. If you'd like to help Ezra and his family **attend the event on Saturday, Nov. 14 at 2:30pm** at Channel Tap & Lanes (Marble Park Lanes) in Winneconne. Monetary donations, please make the check out to Jake Demler.



As I type this note, I have just returned from Faith in Action in the middle school. We celebrated this along with Growth with Grace in the high school and Kindness Connection in the elementary. At the latter, our kindergarteners presented in front of the entire K-4 school about friendship! Kindergarteners! This is the kind of concrete skill that students at Lourdes Academy develop that sets them apart from so many students across the country. The special piece of this, though, is the virtues that the students are promoting and celebrating from ELC through 12th grade. Our staff are constantly and increasingly on the lookout for ways to bring faith into all aspects of our education. This is what we mean when we refer to Lourdes Academy as a "Jesus immersion experience"!

Hearing Loop Available: Wearing a hearing aid? Turn on your T-coil setting to receive clear audio through our hearing loop.

WEEKEND MASS INTENTION

SATURDAY:	**November 7**
4:00pm (SMW)	Jim Lenz
SUNDAY:	**November 8**
8:30am (SMO)	Edward & Ann Mossak
10:30am (SMW)	Leo Kinney

Altar Servers

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

Lectors

4:00pm (SMW)	Mike Jordan
8:30am (SMO)	Kathy Hayes
10:30am (SMW)	Gary Scheidegger

Ushers

4:00pm (SMW)	**4 Volunteers**
8:30am (SMO)	Matt & Weston Morse
10:30am (SMW)	Peggy Benjamin, **3 Volunteers**

Sacristans

4:00pm (SMW)	**Volunteer**
8:30am (SMO)	Janet Wegner
10:30am (SMW)	Darlene Scheidegger

Communion Ministers

4:00pm (SMW)	Mike Jordan, **2 Volunteers**
8:30am (SMO)	Sue Martin
10:30am (SMW)	**3 Volunteers**

Greeters

4:00pm (SMW)	**4 Volunteers**
8:30am (SMO)	Cindy & Macy Morse
10:30am (SMW)	**4 Volunteers**

Intercessory Prayers

10:30am (SMW)	Tracey Losse, Molly Johnson

Musicians

4:00pm (SMW)	Ted Kreuzer
8:30am (SMO)	Ron Hayes
10:30am (SMW)	Ted Kreuzer

WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS
NO MASSES NOV. 2-6

Sign up to Volunteer in the binder in Marian Hall (SMO) or the Hallway between Church & the Gathering Space (SMW)
Weekday: NO MASSES NOV. 2-6

Reporting Sexual Abuse

If you know of an incident of sexual abuse of a person who is **now under the age of 18** by a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer, **PLEASE IMMEDIATELY CALL THE CIVIL AUTHORITIES AND THEN THE DIOCESE.**

If the person was abused as a minor but is now an adult,
please contact:
Office of Safe Environment
Diocese of Green Bay
920-272-8174
or 1-877-270-8174 (toll free)

We always encourage you to report the incident to civil authorities.

YOU MATTER TO US – THERE IS HOPE!

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Deadline for the Bulletin
NOON on Tuesday
E-mail bulletin announcements to:
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God Bless You!

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