

# **St. Mary Churches-Omro & Winneconne** www.stmarychurches.org

## **Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe** **November 23, 2025**

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**Liturgy of the Word**

Mon & Wed 7:30am St. Mary, Winneconne

**Weekend Masses**

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

**Sunday**

8:30am St. Mary, Omro  
10:30am St. Mary, Winneconne

**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.



**Calling All Singers!**

Both parishes will have a Choir at  
Christmas Eve Mass.

**St. Mary Winneconne at 4:00 pm Mass**

**St. Mary Omro at 6:00 pm Mass**

Joint practice will be held on Sunday, December 14 in  
Winneconne after the 10:30am Mass & on Sunday,  
December 21 after the 8:30am Mass in Omro. Ron  
Hayes, will be the accompanist for both Masses. Please  
plan on singing traditional carols before Mass. If  
interested, call the Omro or Winneconne parish offices.



*Happy Thanksgiving from the  
staff at St. Mary Churches.*

*The parish offices will be closed starting at  
noon on Wednesday, November 26 and  
will reopen on Monday, December 1.*

***Welcome to our parishes.***

# PASTORAL PONDERINGS

Advent, which begins next weekend, comes from the Latin *adventus* meaning “coming”. It is the Catholic Church's four-week season of preparation for the celebration of Jesus Christ's birth at Christmas and his second coming at the end of time. More than a countdown to a holiday, Advent is a sacred time of reflection, repentance, and hopeful anticipation.

An analogy often used to understand Advent is that of a mother preparing to give birth. Just as a pregnant mother waits with joyful expectation by nesting, preparing, praying, and imagining the face of her child, so too, are we invited to wait and prepare for the coming of Christ. The season is marked not with indifference but by active waiting: deepening prayer, going to confession, serving others, and making room for Jesus in our lives.

The Advent wreath is a symbol of this journey. Each of its four candles represents a week of preparation and spiritual theme. These themes are hope, peace, joy, and love. These virtues guide us as we prepare not just for a historical

remembrance of Jesus's birth, but His presence in our hearts and His promised return.

Ultimately, Advent is not just a countdown to Christmas, but a time to renew our faith, seek conversion, and embrace the light of Christ. By observing Advent with intentionality, we're reminded of the true meaning of Christmas and are better prepared to welcome Jesus into our lives, not just on December 25th, but every day.

God bless you and your family.  
Deacon Paul Vidmar



## What's it like to be a Background Extra on the “The Chosen”?

**Monday, November 24**

1:00 PM St. Mary, Omro, in Church

6:00 PM St. Mary, Winneconne, in Church

**Walk-ins are welcome!**

Meet **Ron Tucker**, an extra in Seasons 5 and 6 of *The Chosen*. Hear first-hand about his inspiring experience on the set of this powerful and faith-filled series.



Please register using the link below, the QR code, or call either parish office to sign up.

[St Mary Winneconne and Omro: Adult Faith Formation- Fall sessions](#)

# ADVENT OPPORTUNITIES

In this holy season, we pause to remember the true gift we celebrate: the birth of our Lord and Savior. Here are a few opportunities that will help us reflect and rejoice together.

## ADVENT BOOK STUDY

### Hope and Light for Advent

by Father Mark E. Thibodeaux, SJ

He offers gentle guidance and thoughtful insights that will help us experience God's life-giving gifts of hope, love, and light. Study the book on your own and meet two times as a group for discussion and reflection.

### **In person discussions after Mass:**

**St. Mary, Winneconne: Sunday, December 7**

**St. Mary, Omro: Sunday, December 21**

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4, 7PM



\$10 per person

Xavier Fine Arts Theatre

1600 W Prospect Ave., Appleton

Join fellow St. Mary parishioners for music, dance, comedy and more as the Christmas Stars celebrate their 32nd year.

**Seats are limited; sign up now!**

**Use the QR Code below or call either church to sign up for one or both opportunities!**



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### **Who is Jesus Christ? w/ Sr. Bethany Madonna | SEEK23**

Sr. Bethany Madonna from the Sisters of Life dives into the truth about who Jesus Christ is. Discover the love of Jesus for yourself and listen to Sr. Bethany Madonna!

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An offering from the AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE



**THANK YOU FOR LIVING YOUR FAITH AND BEING THE HANDS AND FEET OF JESUS!**

A heartfelt thank you to everyone that donated food, prepared or served the meal at the Day By Day Shelter on 11/12. You all received a round of applause from the guests at the shelter that enjoyed the meal!



We regret to inform you that the blue books will not be available for Advent. However, we will have the black books available for Lent.

# WINNECONNE NEWS

## St. Mary, Winneconne Calendar

Mon.	Nov. 24	7:30am LOW* w/Communion 6:00pm The Chosen Speaker
Wed.	Nov. 26	7:30am LOW* w/Communion Noon— Office Closed 3:05pm NO FF
Thurs.	Nov. 27	<b>HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!!</b>
Sat.	Nov. 29	CKC Vol. Winn Thrift & Gift 3:30pm Confession 4:00pm Mass
Sun.	Nov. 30	10:30am Mass Advent Adventures <b>1st Sunday of Advent</b> *LOW: Liturgy of the Word

### STEWARDSHIP OF SHARING-Winneconne

Given Week ending 11/16/2025

Envelopes	\$2,046.00
Loose cash	\$ 521.00
Online & ACH Giving	<u>\$2,077.00</u>
Total	\$4,644.00
WEEKLY GOAL:	\$6,464.00

***Those who are generous will be blessed***

*Proverbs 22:9*



### CHRISTIAN KINDNESS CREW (Formerly CAM)

#### THANKSGIVING TURKEY COLLECTION

Christian Kindness Crew (CKC) is supporting the efforts of the Winneconne Area Assistance Center (WAAC) by helping feed the hungry in our community.

This weekend CKC is collecting money to help pay for Thanksgiving turkeys for families in need. Boxes are at the entrances. Thank you!!

Shop the Winn Thrift & Gift

Saturday Nov 29

Members of our parish will be volunteering there.

The proceeds will come back to our Christian Kindness Crew Committee!!

See you December 3 for Mass. Our 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders will be assisting with Mass ministries this month.

**Elementary Mass**

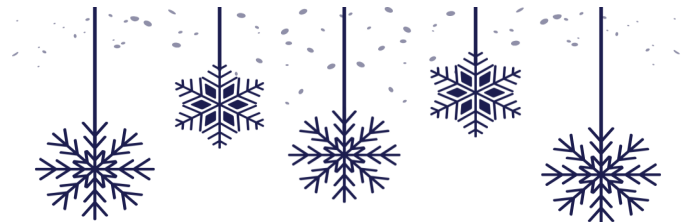
DECEMBER 3 @ 3:45  
ALL ARE INVITED!

SPECIAL GUEST!  
St. Nick (available for photos following Mass)

St. Mary Church, Winneconne



## No Faith Formation Classes Nov 26



# ADVENT SOCIAL

30 November, 2025

Stollen | Coffee Cake | Coffee | Hot Cocoa

*Items available for your journey through Advent:*  
Devotionals | Advent Wreaths | Crafts

Following 10:30 Mass  
Lower Level of the Church  
St. Mary Church, Winneconne

Check this out on Youtube—What children are thankful for

<https://youtu.be/cx7ZXL01LAW>

Check out this on Formed for children and families:

Brother Francis - Daily Advent Reflection

Brother Francis leads us on a daily journey in this special seasonal celebration of the coming of the Lord! Featuring meditations, prayers, and suggested activities to keep our focus on Christ this Christmas.

<https://app.formed.org/app/videos/648724>

# OMRO NEWS

## St. Mary, Omro Calendar

Mon. Nov. 24	1:00pm	The Chosen Speaker (in Church)
Tues. Nov. 25	9:00am	Change out Missalettes
	Noon:	Greeter Training
	12:30pm:	Usher Training
Wed. Nov. 26		<b>No Faith Formation Classes No Confession</b>
Thurs. Nov. 27		<b>HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!!</b>
Sun. Nov. 30	8:30am	Mass
		<b>1st Sunday of Advent</b>

### STEWARDSHIP OF SHARING-Omro

Given Week ending 11/16/2025

Envelopes \$2,208.00

Loose cash \$ 202.00

Online & ACH Giving \$ 950.00

Total \$3,360.00

WEEKLY GOAL: \$4,044.00

*Those who are generous will be blessed*

*Proverbs 22:9*

## 2025 Bishop's Appeal Update

### St. Mary Omro

Target: \$19,605

Collected: \$17,177 (87.6%)

Short: \$ 2,428

Thank you to everyone who donated!

# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**Volunteers needed to help decorate the St. Mary Omro parade float and be part of the Omro Holiday Parade!**

Decorating help is needed the following dates:

\***Wednesday, November 26, 11:30 am** in the Dining Hall

\***Friday, November 28, 11:30 am** in the Dining Hall

\***Thursday, December 4, 5:30 pm** at a location to be determined.

We will also need 5 people to ride/walk and hand out candy during the Omro Holiday Parade on Saturday, December 6 starting at approximately 3:45 pm. This is a fun way to share our creativity with the community!

Please contact Heidi Seaman if you can help and for more information.

## FAITH FORMATION

**Wednesday, November 26**

**No Classes**

**Wednesday, December 10**

*An Evening with*

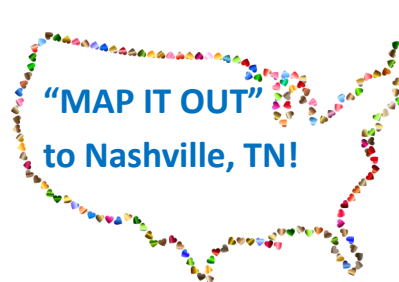


*Discovering Holiness in Ordinary People...discover how ordinary people became extraordinary through God's love!*

**Families in grades 1-6** join us for an evening of fun and faith!

**Dinner @ 5:30**

**\*\*To help us plan for this event, please RSVP to Heidi Seaman by December 3\*\***



**"MAP IT OUT"  
to Nashville, TN!**

**Be sure to stop by the table in Marian Hall to get more information on our "Be The Light" mission trip fundraiser!**

### Usher and Greeter Training with Rose Unser in Omro

Tuesday, November 25

Noon: Greeter Training & 12:30pm: Usher Training  
Open to anyone new or needing a refresher!

**All from SMO & SMW are welcome.**



Starting this weekend, the Giving Tree will be in Marian Hall! This year, your gifts will help 7 families at H.B. Patch School and Omro Elementary School. Please wrap your gift and attach the tag. Please place your wrapped gifts under the tree or bring to the parish office by **Monday, December 15. Thank you!**

## Readings for the Week of November 24

**Monday:** Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Lk 21:1-4  
Saint Andrew Dũng-Lac, Priest, and  
Companions, Martyrs

**Tuesday:** Dn 2:31-45/Lk 21:5-11

**Wednesday:** Dn 5:1-6,13-14,16-17,23-28/  
Lk 21:12-19

**Thursday:** Dn 6:12-28/Lk 21:20-28

**Friday:** Dn 7:2-14/Lk 21:29-33

**Saturday:** Dn 7:15-27/Lk 21:34-36

**Sunday:** Is 2:1-5/Rom 13:11-14/  
Mt 24:37-44

### First Sunday of Advent

## St. Mary's Catholic Church Ladies Night Out Group



**Join the fun!**



**When:** Thursday, December 11, 2025 at 6:00pm

- What:**
- 1) Fill Christmas stockings for homebound parishioners, Winneconne Area Assistance Center, and Father Carr's
    - > We will provide the Christmas stockings to be filled with goodies
    - > If your last name starts with:
      - A-L please bring bag of snack sized candy bars, candy canes, or other treats or snacks for children
      - M-Z please bring items for homebound: snack cups of pudding or fruit, handi-snacks of cheese and crackers, word search or crossword books
  - 2) Gift exchange (\$10 value)
  - 3) Sing carols, food, drinks and fellowship



**Where:** Kaudy Hall

Please sign up using the link or QR code. Any questions? Call Tanya at 262-441-0674. [St Mary's Ladies Night Out: Christmas Cheer](#)



If you would like to donate items for the Christmas stockings but are unable to attend the Ladies Night Out event, please drop off items at the parish offices in Winneconne or Omro by December 9. Thank you.

## LOURDES ACADEMY JOIN OUR TEAM! OPEN POSITION MUSICAL DIRECTOR

Lourdes Academy is on the lookout for a High School Musical Director for the 2025-2026 academic year. This role involves leading the musical production scheduled for March 2026 at the Grand Opera House.

### KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

- Auditioning performers
- Collaborating with faculty
- Instructing the musical theater choir on voice development and performance preparation
- Managing administrative tasks
- Fostering a positive environment that encourages teamwork and a passion for music

For more information, please contact Director of Business Services Lois Reischl at (920) 426-3626 ext. 531 or [Ireischl@lourdes.today](mailto:Ireischl@lourdes.today)

## December Corporal Works of Mercy

### Father Carr's Christmas for Kids

Partake in this life giving experience as you celebrate this beautiful season with children in our communities.

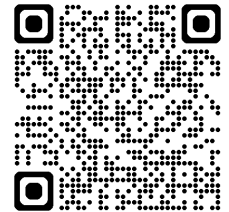
**November 29 and December 6  
12:00PM-4:00PM party preparation**

Father Carr's Medical Clinic  
1000 N. Koeller St, Oshkosh

Call or text Peggy Wilms, 920-410-1065 with questions and to sign up for the party preparation.

**Christmas Party! Saturday,  
December 13 8:00AM-12:30PM**

Mother Theresa Center  
1062 N Koeller St., Oshkosh  
Use the QR code to sign up.



Knights of Columbus 3rd degree Exemplification ceremony. The new Members from left to right are John Devroy, Joe Stilen, and Ken Bressers, and Gary Scheidegger as Grand Knight. The ceremony is held for men of our parish to officially become Knights, and observe, and recognize the principles of charity, unity, and fraternity. During the ceremony, they receive a Holy Rosary, and a lapel pin to pray and identify themselves as Knights.



"Dear St. Mary,

On behalf of Vida, we would like to extend our deepest gratitude for hosting a donation drive to support our mission. Your generosity and commitment to helping expectant mothers and families in need means the world to us.

Your support makes a significant difference in the lives of those we serve. We are truly blessed to have partners like you in this important work.

Thank you for making a lasting impact!"

With warmest thanks,  
Vida Staff

## **MASS INTENTIONS**

**SATURDAY: November 29**  
4:00pm (SMW) Rita Tyman

**SUNDAY: November 30**  
8:30am (SMO) Frank Fisher  
10:30am (SMW) Joan & Allan Bleser

### **Altar Servers**

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

### **Lectors**

4:00pm (SMW) Jill Verich, Tracey Losse  
8:30am (SMO) Lori Meyerhofer-Fisher  
10:30am (SMW) Gary Scheidegger

### **Ushers**

4:00pm (SMW) **4 Volunteers**  
8:30am (SMO) Jill Pernaski, Blake Huth  
10:30am (SMW) Peggy Benjamin, JoAnn Winnekens  
**2 Volunteers**

### **Sacristans**

4:00pm (SMW) Rose Unser  
8:30am (SMO) Margaret Potratz  
10:30am (SMW) Darlene Scheidegger

### **Communion Ministers**

4:00pm (SMW) Jill Verich, Mike Losse  
10:30am (SMW) **2 Volunteers**

### **Greeters**

4:00pm (SMW) Donna Stratton, **2 Volunteers**  
8:30am (SMO) Ron & Lawanda Jungwirth  
10:30am (SMW) JoAnn Winnekens, **2 Volunteers**

### **Intercessory Prayers**

10:30am (SMW) **2 Volunteers**

### **Musicians:**

4:00pm (SMW) Ted Kreuzer, Paul Kamikawa  
8:30am (SMO) Ron Hayes, Rose Luebke  
10:30am (SMW) Ted Kreuzer

*Thank you*

## **St. Mary, Omro**

**Parish Office:** 920-685-2258

**Office Hours:** Monday-Thursday  
8:00am-4:00pm

**Fridays:** Closed

Office Manager: Cammy Miller  
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Custodian: Janet Wegner  
Faith Formation Coordinator: Heidi Seaman  
Adult Faith Formation Coordinator: Patty Volp  
Adult Faith Formation Assistant: Jolene Johnson  
Pastoral Associate: Rose Unser  
Director for Spiritual Engagement: Lyn Zahorik

## **St. Mary, Winneconne**

**Parish Office:** 920-582-7712

**Office Hours:** Monday-Thursday  
8:00am--5:00pm

**Fridays:** Closed

Office Manager: Sue Kuhn  
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**Deadline for the Bulletin**  
**NOON on Tuesday**

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Cammy Miller: [cammy.miller@stmarychurches.org](mailto:cammy.miller@stmarychurches.org)

### **Children's Liturgy of the Word**

#### **Winneconne**

December 21, 10:30 am Mass

#### **Omro**

CLOW will return in April 2026



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