

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

1st Sunday of Advent **November 30, 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 either parish offices.

Welcome to our parishes.

PASTORAL PONDERINGS

As the holiday season approaches, it's easy to get caught up in shopping, decorations, and busy schedules. But for us, Christmas is first and foremost a celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ, God's greatest gift to the world. Creating meaningful family traditions rooted in faith can help the focus on Christ amid all the noise.

One meaningful way to stay focused is to set up an advent wreath and light a candle each Sunday while reading scripture and praying as a family. This simple ritual builds anticipation and reminds everyone that Christmas is about the coming of our Savior.

Another powerful tradition is reading the nativity story from the Bible as a family on Christmas Eve or Christmas morning. Gather around the nativity scene and read Luke 2:1-20 together. Take time to reflect on the simplicity and holiness of that Christmas night. This helps children and adults alike remember why we celebrate.

Another meaningful activity is setting up a nativity scene at home, but with a twist: leave the manger empty until Christmas Day. As the family prepares spiritually, they can move Mary and Joseph closer to

the stable each day, reminding everyone that we're journeying towards Christ's coming.

Families can also choose a charitable activity to do together. Whether it's baking cookies for a lonely neighbor, donating to a local shelter, or making Christmas cards for the elderly, these acts of service reflect Christ's love and shift the focus from receiving to giving.

Lastly, attend Mass together as a family not only on Christmas Day but throughout the season. Christ's presence in the Eucharist is the heart of Christmas.

By making Christ centered traditions a priority, families can celebrate Christmas with joy, peace, and purpose.

God Bless you and your family.

Deacon Paul



THANK YOU

The shared love of *The Chosen* brought nearly 60 people together this past Monday for two inspiring presentations by Ron Tucker, an extra in Seasons 5 and 6.

A heartfelt thank you to Ron and his wife, Ronda, for sharing your faith, your enthusiasm for the series, and the incredible experiences you had on set. Thank you as well to everyone who attended and shared how this series is touching and transforming your lives.



December Corporal Works of Mercy

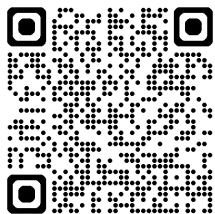
Father Carr's Christmas for Kids

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.

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Week One | Encountering Emmanuel with Heather Khym

In week one, Heather speaks about the first reason for the Incarnation—Jesus saves us. Heather helps us to give our sorrows to Jesus, and open our hearts to the saving power of Christ.

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

SAINT OF THE MONTH OF DECEMBER

St. John of the Cross



Pick up your Saint of the Month calendar in church entrances to learn more about this Saint. Click on the link below to learn the full history and works of St. John of the Cross.

[Adult Faith Formation - ST. MARY CHURCHES](#)

2025-2026 Stewardship of Service St. Mary Church Winneconne/Omro

Please fill out the form and drop it in the collection basket at Church

You should have received a **Stewardship Brochure**. We ask that you take a few moments to fill it out and return it to the Parish Office. Your updated contact information is **very important** to us. Many phone numbers and email addresses on file are no longer current. Also, look it over to see where you can assist in your parish. If you do not have one, extras are at the entrances.

Thank you for your time and commitment to our parish communities.

ElderGrace

Advent &

Christmas Season 2025

The Advent and Christmas Season issue of ElderGrace has been mailed to all who have requested to be on the ElderGrace mailing list.

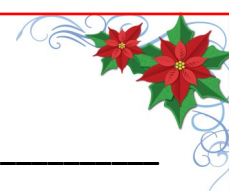
If you expected to receive one and didn't, please call or stop in either parish office for a copy.

Christmas Environment/ Decorations Donation

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In Memory Of:

Amount \$ _____ St. Mary Winneconne or Omro



WINNECONNE NEWS

St. Mary, Winneconne Calendar

Mon. Dec. 1 7:30am LOW* w/Communion
 Wed. Dec. 3 7:30am LOW* w/Communion
 3:05pm FF Elementary
 3:45pm Elem. Mass-ALL Welcome
 4:30pm Confession
 6:00pm MS Social
 6:30pm FF Middle School
 Thurs. Dec. 4 2:00pm Rosary
 7:00pm Christmas Stars-Appleton
 Sat. Dec. 6 3:30pm Confession
 4:00pm Mass
 Sun. Dec. 7 9:00am FF HS
 10:30-2pm Confirmation Fr.Carr's
 10:30am Mass w/Refreshments
 11:30am Advent Book Study

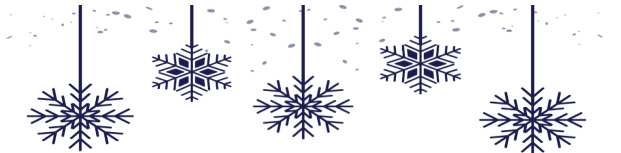
2nd Sunday of Advent
 *LOW: Liturgy of the Word

STEWARDSHIP OF SHARING-Winneconne

Given Week ending 11/23/2025

Envelopes	\$5,207.00
Loose cash	\$ 428.00
Online & ACH Giving	<u>\$2,077.00</u>
Total	\$7,712.00
WEEKLY GOAL:	\$6,464.00

For it is in giving, that we receive
 St. Francis of Assisi



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

**thank
 You**

The Winneconne Open for a Cause was a huge success this year! We raised \$27,640.75 for Loren Pahl and his family! Thank you to all who donated to this year's event! Your generosity is very much appreciated!

Dave



Faith Formation Classes Dec 3

3:05 Elementary Classes
 3:45 Elementary Mass
 6:00pm MS Social
 6:30pm MS Classes

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



**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>



The Giving Tree is up in the Main Entrance!
 If you took a tag or two we ask that you return the gifts **wrapped by Tuesday, Dec. 9.** Thank you for helping to bring a smile to a child this season.

OMRO NEWS

St. Mary, Omro Calendar

Wed. Dec. 3 4:30pm FF Gr. 1-6
6:30pm FF Gr. 7-10
Thurs. Dec. 4 Christmas Stars-Appleton
Sun. Dec. 7 8:30am Mass
8:30am-12:30pm Confirmation Class
11:30am Advent Book Study (SMW)

2nd Sunday of Advent

Omro Area Non-perishable Food Collection
SMW: St. Mary, Winneconne

STEWARDSHIP OF SHARING-Omro

Given Week ending 11/23/2025

Envelopes	\$2,169.00
Loose cash	\$ 191.60
Online & ACH Giving	<u>\$ 950.00</u>
Total	\$3,310.60
WEEKLY GOAL:	\$4,044.00

For it is in giving, that we receive
St. Francis of Assisi

Our Advent Wreath candles are a gift from the family of Phyllis Monahan Davis, in loving memory.

St. Mary Omro Giving Tree

Remember to take a gift tag from our Giving Tree 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 for your generous giving!

St. Mary Omro Wish List

- *Office Desk Chair, Ergonomic Computer Chair \$135
- *Shark AZ2002 Vertex Powered Lift-Away Upright Vacuum \$400

FAITH FORMATION

Wednesday, December 3

Grades 1-6: 4:30 pm
Grades 7-10: 6:30 pm

Wednesday, December 10

An Evening with

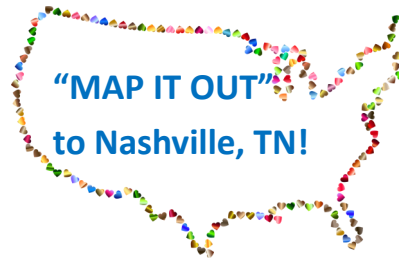


Discovering Holiness in Ordinary People...discover how ordinary people became extraordinary through God's love!

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!

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

Volunteers Needed!

St. Mary Omro Parade Float

Decorating Volunteers: Thursday, December 4, 6pm at 576 Industrial Drive.

Parade Volunteers: Ride/walk and hand out candy during the Omro Holiday Parade on Saturday, December 6 starting at approximately 3:45 pm. Please contact Heidi Seaman if you can help. and for more information.

Omro Food Pantry Collection Sunday, December 7

Needed items this month are: shampoo, body wash, feminine products, toilet paper, Kleenex, cleaning products and cleaning supplies. Basic food items are also always welcome.

Items can be dropped in the basket located by the parking lot door at the Marian Hall entrance or in the parish office.

Thank you!!

Readings for the Week of December 1

Monday: Is 4:2-6/Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Mt 15:29-37
 St. Francis Xavier, Priest
Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21,24-27
Friday: Is 29:17-24/Mt 9:27-31
Saturday: Is 30:19-21,23-26/
 Mt 9:35—10:1,5a,6-8
Sunday: Is 11:1-10/Rom 15:4-9/
 Mt 3:1-12

Second Sunday of Advent



Check our Giving Levels!!

How long has it been since you have adjusted your giving levels to the parish and other charities? Now may be a good time to pray about levels of generosity. Giving the same level over a period of years results in giving less.

Ex. \$20 in 2015 is NOW worth \$15 in 2025.

If you are able to increase your level of generosity to the parish and other charities who help the poor, it would be greatly appreciated.

You can scan the **QR code to take you to our individual parish page.** It is all set to go to Sunday collection or use the drop box to put it where you desire.

St. Mary, Winneconne



QR Code

St. Mary, Omro



QR Code

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.

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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.

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- Collaborating with faculty
- Instructing the musical theater choir on voice development and performance preparation
- Managing administrative tasks
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For more information, please contact Director of Business Services Lois Reischl at (920) 426-3626 ext. 531 or lreischl@lourdes.today.

Breakfast with Santa

DECEMBER 6, 2025
 8:00AM, 9:00AM & 10:00AM
 OMRO AREA COMMUNITY CENTER
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OMRO AREA COMMUNITY CENTER
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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY: December 6
4:00pm (SMW) Joan Weber

SUNDAY: December 7
8:30am (SMO) Virginia & Bert Formiller
10:30am (SMW) Jim & Arlette Lee & Aaron Clark

Altar Servers

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

Lectors

4:00pm (SMW) Dave Voss, Jill Verich
8:30am (SMO) Mazie Miller
10:30am (SMW) Vicky Holt, Tracey Losse

Ushers

4:00pm (SMW) Kaye Rogers, **3 Volunteers**
8:30am (SMO) Abbi Seaman, Vanessa Poppy
10:30am (SMW) Peggy Benjamin, **3 Volunteers**

Sacristans

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

Communion Ministers

4:00pm (SMW) Jill Verich, **Volunteer**
10:30am (SMW) Vicky Holt, Tracey Losse

Greeters

4:00pm (SMW) Donna Stratton, **2 Volunteers**
8:30am (SMO) Sierra Potratz, Mackenzie Kettlewell
10:30am (SMW) Wade & Jann Berglund, Conf. Student

Intercessory Prayers

10:30am (SMW) Chris Brill, **Volunteer**

God Bless You!

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Mass Intentions

Monday, Dec 8 Immaculate Conception

7:30am (SMW) Richard Ruedinger,
George Kuhn

6:00pm (SMO) For Our Parishioners

7:30am (SMW)

Sacristan: Rose Unser
Lector: Kelly Diker
Comm: Patty Volp, Pat Samolinski
Greeters: Tanya Michalski, Donna Stratton

6:00pm (SMO)

Sacristan: **Volunteer**
Lector: **Volunteer**
Usher: **Volunteer**
Greeter: **Volunteer**



Deadline for the Bulletin

NOON on Tuesday

E-mail bulletin announcements to:

Sue Kuhn: sue.kuhn@stmarychurches.org
Cammy Miller: 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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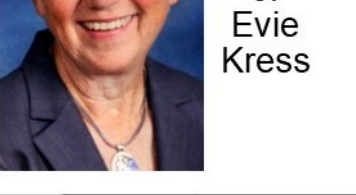
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