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32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 8, 2026

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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

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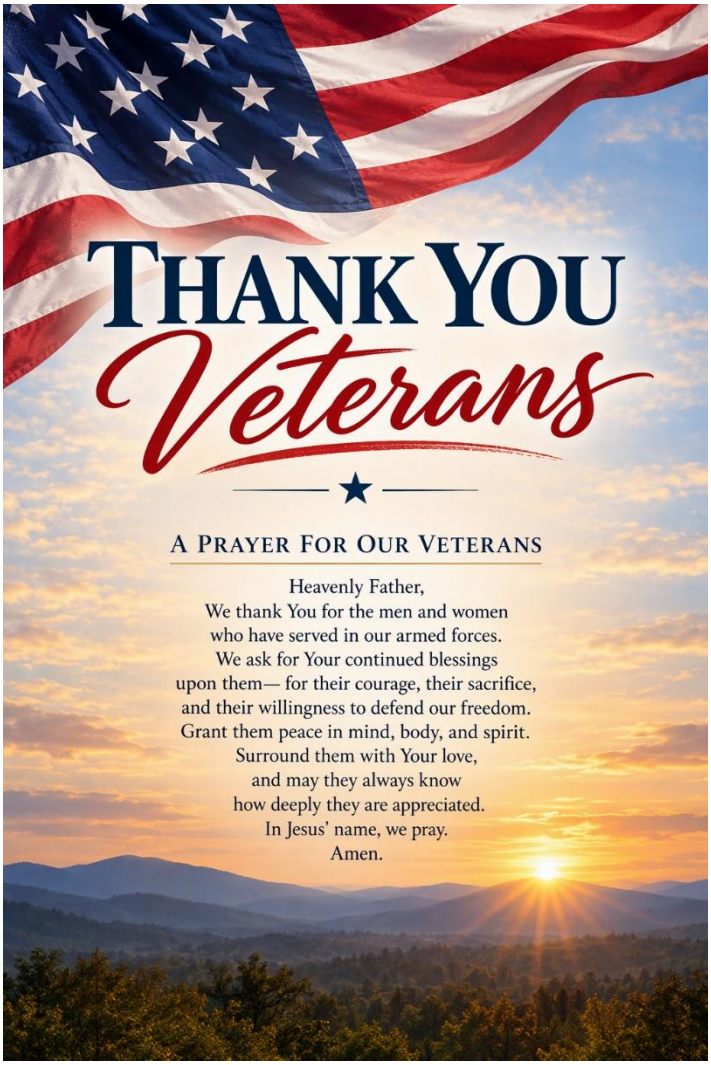

Honoring Our Veterans!
Sunday, November 8 at 10:30am
Mass at St. Mary Winneconne

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.

PASTORAL PONDERINGS

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
"Stay Awake"

"Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

This passage reminds us that life is uncertain. We do not know what tomorrow will bring, so we are called to live with awareness, purpose, and faith—not with fear. Staying awake means being spiritually and morally prepared for the important moments that may come.

First, identifying our true goals. Many times, we become busy pursuing success, money, recognition, or comfort. But we should ask ourselves: Are these truly my goals, or are they only the expectations of other people? Our real goal should be to become the person God calls us to be—to live with love, integrity, compassion, and faith. When we know our purpose, our choices become clearer.

Second, preparing what is needed. Preparation is an important part of staying awake. We need to prepare not only materially, but also emotionally and spiritually. We must repair broken relationships, ask for forgiveness, fulfill our responsibilities, and strengthen our relationship with God. We should not wait until a crisis comes before we begin preparing our hearts.

Finally, protecting what we hold dear. Our faith, family, values, time, and relationships are precious gifts. However, they can easily be neglected because of distractions, busyness, or unhealthy choices. To protect them, we must intentionally give them time and attention. What we truly value should be reflected in how we live each day.

A real-life challenge for us is this: before the day ends, take a few quiet minutes and ask yourself three questions: What is my real goal? What do I still need to make right or prepare for? And what important gift in my life have I been neglecting? Then, choose one concrete action—pray, apologize, call a loved one, or set aside time for what truly matters.

In conclusion, staying awake is not simply about waiting for the future. It means living responsibly and faithfully today. Since we do not know the day or the hour, let us make every moment count—knowing our purpose, preparing what is needed, and protecting the blessings entrusted to us.

God bless us all!
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. 10 and 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

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The Afterlife | Eternal Rest | Episode 2

What happens after the moment of our death? Once the soul has been separated from the body, then what? What is heaven, hell, and purgatory? This session looks at the truth about what awaits the human person on the other side of death.

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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 at St. Mary Winneconne 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.

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.

Men's Group Meeting
Thursday, November 19
St. Mary Winneconne, 6:00-7:00 pm

All men from St. Mary, Omro and St. Mary, Winneconne are welcome. The November 19 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.

WINNECONNE NEWS

St. Mary, Winneconne Calendar

Mon.	Nov. 9	4:30pm Christian Kindness Crew
Tues.	Nov. 10	8:30-11:00am Staff Meeting at St. Mary Omro 1:30-3:00pm *The Wild Goose* 5:30-7:00pm *The Wild Goose* Discipleship Small Groups 6:00-7:30pm The Kerygma Experience (church) 6:30pm Knights of Columbus Mtg at St. Mary Omro
Wed.	Nov. 11	7:05am Rosary 7:30am Mass 3:05-4:30pm FF Elementary
Thurs.	Nov. 12	2:00pm Rosary 6:00pm First Reconciliation 6:30pm St. Thomas Cemetery Meeting
Fri.	Nov. 13	7:05am Rosary 7:30am Mass 9:00-11:00am Pat McGinnis Visitation, Funeral 11:00 am
Sat.	Nov. 14	3:30pm Confession 4:00pm Mass
Sun.	Nov. 15	10:30am Mass w/CLOW*

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Corporal Works of Mercy Speaker
*CLOW: Children's Liturgy of the Word

STEWARDSHIP OF SHARING-Winneconne

Given Week ending 11/01/2026	
Envelopes	$2,926.00
Loose cash	$ 394.00
Online & ACH Giving	$1,763.00
Total	$5,083.00
WEEKLY GOAL:	**$6,475.00**

For the family and friends of
Patrick McGinnis
called home to our loving Father in Heaven. May the words of Jesus bring you comfort, strengthen your hearts, and fill you with His peace.

FAITH FORMATION

November 11
Elementary Classes - 3:15-4:30pm
November 12
6:00 pm: First Reconciliation for 2nd Grade
November 18 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

FISH FRY

Behind Every Great Fish Fry is a Great Community!
Are you looking for a fun way to get connected, meet fellow parishioners, and serve our parish family? The Lenten Fish Fry Committee is looking for new members to help plan and coordinate our upcoming season. It's a wonderful way to get involved.
Consider joining us for our first planning meeting on Monday, November 16th at 6pm in Kaudy Hall.

In loving memory of
Kelly Olson
May she rest in the loving embrace of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

OMRO NEWS

St. Mary, Omro Calendar

Mon. Nov. 9 4:30pm Christian Kindness Crew at **SMW**

Tues. Nov. 10 8:30-9:30am Staff Mtg **OFFICE CLOSED**
4:30-5:30pm Holy Hour with Confession
5:30pm Mass
6:00-7:30pm The Kerygma Experience at **SMW**
6:30-8:00pm *The Wild Goose* Discipleship Small Groups (Triple Room)
6:30pm Knights of Columbus Mtg (Dining Hall)

Wed. Nov. 11 4:30-5:45pm FF Gr. 1-5

Thurs. Nov. 12 7:05am Rosary
7:30am Mass
6:00pm First Reconciliation at **SMW**

Sun. Nov. 15 8:00am Confession
8:30am Mass w/Parish Council Liturgical Ministers & Refreshments

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Corporal Works of Mercy Speaker
SMW: St. Mary, Winneconne

Wednesday, November 11
Grades 1-5: 4:30-5:45 pm

Thursday, November 12
2nd Grade Sacramental Prep: First Reconciliation
6:00 pm at St. Mary, Winneconne

Blessing Bags
Last Chance! Please drop off items in Marian Hall by Nov. 9.

Faith Formation students will be assembling the blessing bags soon!
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)

STEWARDSHIP OF SHARING-Omro

Given Week ending 11/01/2026	
Envelopes	$2,490.00
Loose cash	$ 224.00
Online & ACH Giving	$ 858.00
Total	$3,572.00
WEEKLY GOAL:	**$4,050.00**

Sunday, November 15

The St. Mary Omro Parish Council Members will serve in the Liturgical Minister roles at 8:30 am Mass.

Refreshments will be served in Marian Hall after Mass. Stop in and enjoy coffee, a treat, and fellowship!

Congratulations!
Winnie Violet Molder
Daughter of
Mitchell & Ashley Molder
Welcome to the Family of God!

Looking for Volunteers!

On **Tuesday, November 24** starting at 9:00 am, I am looking for volunteers to help with changing out the Breaking Bread missalettes in the church pews. Please let me know if you can help. Thank you!
Cammy: 920-685-2258 (Parish Office)
cammy.miller@stmarychurches.org

Readings for the Week of Nov. 9

Monday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22
The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Tuesday: Ti 2:1-8, 11-14/Lk 17:7-10
Saint Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

Wednesday: Ti 3:1-7/Lk 17:11-19
Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop

Thursday: Phlm 7-20/Lk 17:20-25
Saint Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr

Friday: 2 Jn 4-9/Lk 17:26-37
Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin

Saturday: 3 Jn 5-8/Lk 18-1-8

Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/ 1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-15, 19-21

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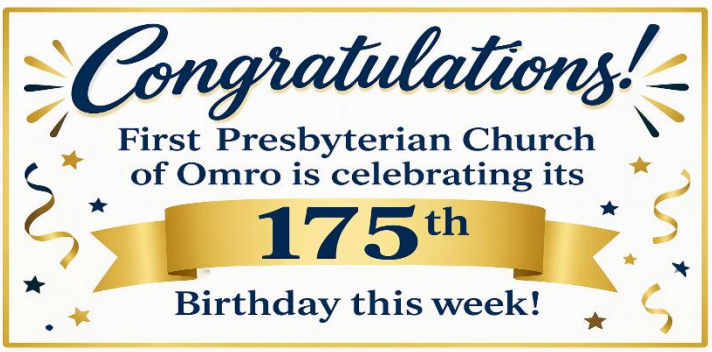

The gala is coming! Tickets are still available to our most impactful fundraiser of the year. This event includes dinner with choice of main course, drinks, music, games, silent auction, live auction and NEW THIS YEAR the "Super Silent Auction". Reserve a table with friends or buy just a ticket or two, so you can come make new friends at the 2026 Lourdes Academy gala! More information at jruark@lourdes.today or 426-3626. See you there!

Open for a Cause

My name is David Reetz. I am a member of St. Mary Winneconne. Each year, I organize a fundraiser to help a family in need. This year, we are supporting the family of Ezra Demler. Ezra 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. This is the 17th year of the Winneconne Open for a Cause. It will be held on **Saturday, November 14 at 2:30 pm at Channel Tap & Lanes (Marble Park Lanes) in Winneconne.** If you would like to make a monetary donation, you can mail a check, made out to Jake Demler, to me at 910 Elm Street, Winneconne WI 54986 or send it via Venmo to @reetzd. All proceeds go directly to Ezra and his family. Thank you for your consideration and support!

WEEKEND MASS INTENTION

SATURDAY:	**November 14**
4:00pm (SMW)	Nancy Stanke
SUNDAY:	**November 15**
8:30am (SMO)	Jackie Janz
10:30am (SMW)	Don Natrop

Altar Servers

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

Lectors

4:00pm (SMW)	**Volunteer**
8:30am (SMO)	Lori Meyerhofer-Fisher
10:30am (SMW)	Phil Johnson

Ushers

4:00pm (SMW)	**4 Volunteers**
8:30am (SMO)	Mary Wolff, John Egan
10:30am (SMW)	Peggy Benjamin, Deb Woelfel, **2 Volunteers**

Sacristans

4:00pm (SMW)	Mike & Tracey Losse
8:30am (SMO)	Jill Pernaski
10:30am (SMW)	**Volunteer**

Communion Ministers

4:00pm (SMW)	Mike & Tracey Losse, **Volunteer**
8:30am (SMO)	Lori Meyerhofer-Fisher
10:30am (SMW)	Molly Johnson, **2 Volunteers**

Greeters

4:00pm (SMW)	**4 Volunteers**
8:30am (SMO)	Bethany Schoonover, Carol Thums
10:30am (SMW)	**4 Volunteers**

Intercessory Prayers

10:30am (SMW)	Chris Brill, Pauline Jandrin

Musicians

4:00pm (SMW)	Kristin Day, John Verich
8:30am (SMO)	Chrissy Volpe, Amy Karn
10:30am (SMW)	Kristin Day, Paige Woelfel

WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS

TUESDAY:	**Nov 10**
5:30pm (SMO)	Our Deceased Parishioners
WEDNESDAY:	**Nov 11**
7:30am (SMW)	Our Deceased Parishioners
THURSDAY:	**Nov 12**
7:30am (SMO)	Our Deceased Parishioners
FRIDAY:	**Nov 13**
7:30am (SMW)	Our Deceased Parishioners

Sign up to Volunteer in the binder in Marian Hall (SMO) or the Hallway between Church & the Gathering Space (SMW)

Weekday: Nov. 10, 11, 12, 13

Altar Server

Tues.	5:30pm (SMO)	**Volunteer**
Wed.	7:30am (SMW)	Dennis Bahrke
Thurs.	7:30am (SMO)	**Volunteer**
Fri.	7:30am (SMW)	**Volunteer**

Lector

Tues.	5:30pm (SMO)	Heidi Seaman
Wed.	7:30am (SMW)	**Volunteer**
Thurs.	7:30am (SMO)	**Volunteer**
Fri.	7:30am (SMW)	**Volunteer**

Sacristan

Tues.	5:30pm (SMO)	Margaret Potratz
Wed.	7:30am (SMW)	**Volunteer**
Thurs.	7:30am (SMO)	**Volunteer**
Fri.	7:30am (SMW)	**Volunteer**

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NOON on Tuesday
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