St. Mary Churches-Omro & Winneconne

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28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
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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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To arrange for Baptisms, Weddings or to join the parish please call the office.

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St. Mary, Winneconne QR Code

St. Mary, Omro QR Code

Welcome to our parishes.

CONFIRMATION

Join us for the Celebration of Confirmation for both Omro and Winneconne!
Wednesday, October 14, 6:00 pm with Fr. Girotti at St. Mary, Winneconne.

St. Mary, Omro

Devin Allison
Audrey Geffers
Blake Huth
Parker Kasuboski
Mackenzie Kettlewell
Mazie Miller
Vanessa Poppy
Sierra Potratz
Lillian Schoonover
Abbi Seaman
Kaden Shreve

St. Mary, Winneconne

Carter Blaha
Colin Boehm
Porter Davis
Miraya Dodd
Ethan Duel
Claire Gallenberg
Brooklyn Messerschmidt
Ryan Quigley
Sully Ramthun
Ainsley Tate
Finnley Sullivan
Stella Verich
Julia Youngbauer

Congratulations to **Colten Sprenger**, who completed the Sacraments of Initiation with his Confirmation on Sunday, October 4, 2026, at the Cathedral of the Diocese of Green Bay. May the grace of Baptism, Confirmation, and the Holy Eucharist continue to strengthen Colten as he grows in faith and in his life with Christ. Our parish family rejoices with him and keeps him in prayer.

PASTORAL PONDERINGS

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"The feast is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy to come."

A blessed Sunday to all!

Jesus compares the Kingdom of Heaven to a great wedding feast prepared by a king. The invitation is generous, but many of those invited refuse to come. God continually invites us into a relationship of love, joy, and service. His feast is ready, but we must freely choose to accept His invitation. Here are some qualities we should try to develop:

First, a Catholic believer should always be joyful. Christian joy does not mean that we never experience suffering, disappointment, or sadness. Rather, it means trusting that God is with us in every situation. Because Christ has saved us and promises us eternal life, we have a reason to hope. Our joy should be visible in our words, our attitudes, and the way we treat others. A joyful Christian becomes a living sign of God's goodness.

Second, a Catholic should always be welcoming. The king invited many people to the feast, showing that God's love is offered to everyone. We are called to welcome people in our homes, parishes, schools, and communities, especially those who feel lonely, rejected, or forgotten. A welcoming heart does not judge quickly. It listens, forgives, and creates a place where others can encounter Christ.

Finally, a Catholic should always strive to become trustworthy. Accepting God's invitation means allowing Him to change our lives. We must be faithful to our promises, honest in our actions, responsible in our duties, and compassionate toward others. Trustworthiness is built through small, consistent acts of love and integrity.

God invites us to come to His feast with open hearts. May we live with joy, welcome others generously, and become people whom God and our neighbors can trust. By doing so, we show that we have truly accepted Christ's invitation to His Kingdom.

May 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, Oct. 13, 20, 27, 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.

Register for this series as an opportunity to grow in faith and fellowship and support our parish communities. Feel free to invite a friend to join you!

Stronger Together

St. Mary Churches, Omro and Winneconne
Widow/Widower Fellowship & Support
Thursday, October 15, 11:00 am-1:00 pm
Dining Hall, St. Mary Omro

Join us for a special gathering!
On October 15, we will enjoy a potluck meal and music from the Bagoland Strummers.
If you're able, please bring a dish to share.
And feel free to invite a friend!

Questions and RVSP for October 15:
Lori Meyerhofer-Fisher, 920-744-9954

Men's Group Meeting
Thursday, October 15
St. Mary Omro, 6:00-7:00 pm

All men from St. Mary, Omro and St. Mary, Winneconne are welcome. The October 15 meeting is in Omro. We will review the upcoming Sunday gospel reading and have a discussion. Feel free to just drop in; no RSVP needed.

Pray the Rosary

St. Mary, Omro

Mondays in month of October at 6:00 pm

Thursdays at 7:05 am (before 7:30 am Mass)

St. Mary, Winneconne

Wednesdays and Fridays at 7:05 am (before 7:30 am Mass)

Thursdays at 2:00 pm

St. Mary's Catholic Church
Ladies Night Out

When: **Monday, October 19th at 6pm**

What: **1)** ***Get to know Father Erwin***
His childhood, family, path to priesthood, and his homeland the Philippines.
2) Food, drinks and fellowship

Where: **Kaudy Hall**

Cost: **Free; donations appreciated**

Chance to win some great door prizes.

Please sign up with the link below or contact Tanya at 262-441-0674.

St Mary's Ladies Night Out: Getting to know Father Erwin

WINNECONNE NEWS

St. Mary, Winneconne Calendar

Tues.	Oct. 13	9:30am Staff Meeting 1:30-3:00pm *The Wild Goose* 5:30-7:00pm *The Wild Goose* Discipleship Small Groups 6:30pm Knights of Columbus Lower Level of Church
Wed.	Oct. 14	7:05am Rosary 7:30am Mass 3:05-4:30pm FF Elementary 3:45pm Elementary Mass 6:00pm Confirmation
Thurs.	Oct. 15	2:00pm Rosary 11:00am-1:00pm Stronger Together Widow/Widower (**SMO** Dining Hall) 6:00pm Men's Group (**SMO** Triple Room)
Fri.	Oct. 16	7:05am Rosary 7:30am Mass followed by Confession & Holy Hour
Sat.	Oct. 17	3:30pm Confession 4:00pm Mass
Sun.	Oct. 18	10:30am Mass w/CLOW*

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SMO-St. Mary Omro
***CLOW:** Children's Liturgy of the Word
World Mission Sunday

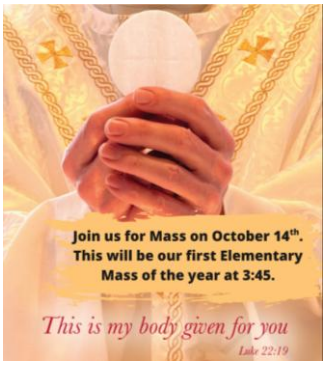
STEWARDSHIP OF SHARING-Winneconne
Given Week ending 10/4/2026

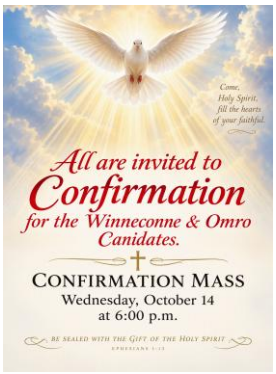
Envelopes	$6,316.00
Loose cash	$ 675.00
Online & ACH Giving	$1,763.00
Total	$8,754.00
WEEKLY GOAL:	$6,475.00

Prayer Chain
If you or someone you know is in need of prayers reach out to Chris Brill chrisgarybrill@gmail.com or call the office 920-582-7712 and we will send it out for prayers. God listens! God answers!

FAITH FORMATION
Week of October 14

Wed. Oct 14 Elementary 3:00-4:30pm





Be sure to join us Wednesday October 14

3:45-4:30pm for the Elementary Mass

And 6:00pm for Confirmation Mass

Larsen-Winchester Lions
Autumn 2026
Pancake Breakfast
All Proceeds go to Local Charities
Sunday October 18th * 8am to Noon
Winchester Elementary School
Adults $8 * Ages 5-12 $6 * Age 4 and under Free
Put your name, address, and phone # on the back of Ticket and Hand-in for CASH PRIZE Drawings!
Meal includes AYCE Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Ham

Go to:
https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1GVaXwiHZndCemw_PfkdlcLQaGfev33BxSYWk6Wq6Pg/edit?usp=sharing
Or Call the parish office 920-582-7712.
We are in desperate need of all ministers!!!

OMRO NEWS

St. Mary, Omro Calendar

Mon. Oct. 12 6:00m Rosary

Tues. Oct. 13 9:00-Noon Staff Meeting at **SMW**
OFFICE CLOSED
4:30-5:30pm Confession & Holy Hour
5:30pm Mass
6:30pm *The Wild Goose* Discipleship Small Groups (Triple Room)
6:30pm Knights of Columbus Mtg (Lower Level of **SMW**)

Wed. Oct. 14 4:30-5:45pm FF Gr. 1-5
6:00pm Confirmation **SMW**

Thurs. Oct. 15 7:05am Rosary
7:30am Mass
11:00am-1:00pm Stronger Together Widow/Widower (Dining Hall)
6:00pm Men's Group (Triple Room)

Sun. Oct. 18 8:00am Confession
8:30am Mass w/Refreshments

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SMW-St. Mary, Winneconne
World Mission Sunday

Classes for Wednesday, October 14
Grades 1-5: 4:30-5:45 pm

Come Holy Spirit!

Please join us on October 14 at 6:00 pm at St. Mary, Winneconne as we celebrate our young people who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. This is a beautiful milestone in their faith journey, and we invite our parish family to come, pray, and celebrate with them as they receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit. **All are welcome!** Please keep our Confirmation candidates in your prayers as they prepare for this special day.

Drop off items in Marian Hall by Nov. 9.

STEWARDSHIP OF SHARING-Omro
Given Week ending 10/4/2026

Envelopes	$1,855.00
Loose cash	$ 245.00
Online & ACH Giving	$ 858.00
Total	$2,958.00
WEEKLY GOAL:	$4,050.00

Welcome New Member

St. Mary Omro welcomes **Faye Grover** to our parish family!

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. Through this outreach, our students are growing in kindness, generosity, compassion, and service, showing that when we are rooted in Christ, we can make a difference in the lives of others. **Suggested items are listed below.**

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

Readings for the Week of Oct. 12

Monday: Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31--5:1
Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday: Gal 5:1-6/Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday: Gal 5:18-25/Lk 11:42-26
Thursday: Eph 1:1-10/Lk 11:47-54
Saint Teresa of Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church
Friday: Eph 1:11-14/Lk 12:1-7
Saturday: Eph 1:15-23/Lk 12:8-12
Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr
Sunday: Is 45:1,4-6/1 Thes 1:1-5b
Mt 22:15-21

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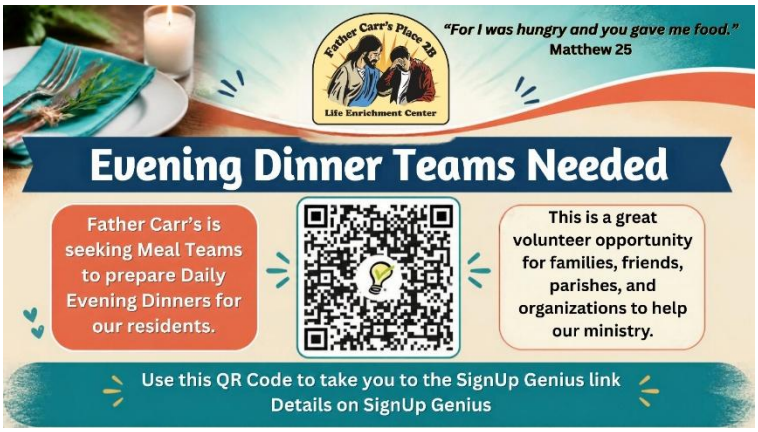
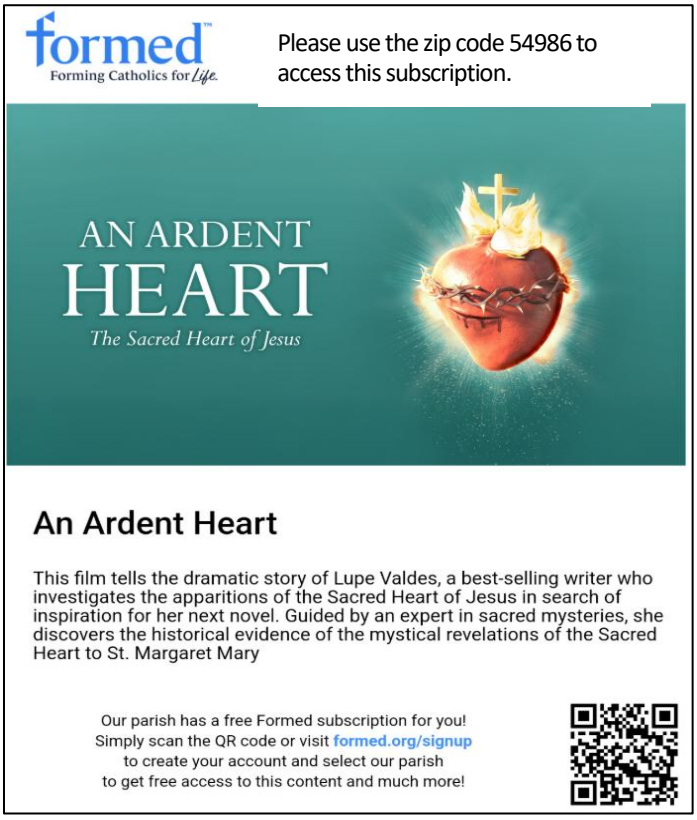
Hearing Loop

Lourdes Academy Update

The Central Business Office staff has been moving this week into the renovated building, and we are excited to welcome the Early Learning Center staff and children next week! Our office space is wonderfully conducive to collaboration, and we will soon be able to host board and committee meetings as well. The staff from both the ELC and the CBO have been putting in some sweat equity with demolition, unpacking, organizing, and more. It has been a uniquely graced time of transition, and we are so glad to be here in this new space. Now, all together in the same office space, we are enjoying our new capacity to collaborate and move our mission forward! We are looking forward to blessing the building and hosting a grand opening as well. More great things ahead!





WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY:	**October 17**
4:00pm (SMW)	Rita Lemke
SUNDAY:	**October 18**
8:30am (SMO)	Richard Janz
10:30am (SMW)	Jean Kolb & Parents

Altar Servers

4:00pm (SMW)	**2 Volunteers**
8:30am (SMO)	Mike Jordan, Hank Albright
10:30am (SMW)	**2 Volunteers**

Lectors

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

Ushers

4:00pm (SMW)	**4 Volunteers**
8:30am (SMO)	Jill Pernaski, **Volunteer**
10:30am (SMW)	Peggy Benjamin, **3 Volunteers**

Sacristans

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

Communion Ministers

4:00pm (SMW)	Mike & Tracey Losse
	Volunteer
8:30am (SMO)	Janet Wegner
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)	Mike & Tracey Losse

Musicians

4:00pm (SMW)	Chrissy Volpe, John Verich
8:30am (SMO)	Ron Hayes, Amy Karn
10:30am (SMW)	Joanne Loy, Paige Woelfel

WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS

TUESDAY:	**Oct 13**
5:30pm (SMO)	Our Deceased Parishioners
WEDNESDAY:	**Oct 14**
7:30am (SMW)	Our Deceased Parishioners
THURSDAY:	**Oct 15**
7:30am (SMO)	Fr. Erwin's Father
FRIDAY:	**Oct 16**
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: Oct. 13, 14, 15, 16

Altar Server

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

Lector

Tues.	5:30pm (SMO)	Mary Ann Wagner
Wed.	7:30am (SMW)	**Volunteer**
Thurs.	7:30am (SMO)	**Volunteer**
Fri.	7:30am (SMW)	**Volunteer**

Sacristan

Tues.	5:30pm (SMO)	**Volunteer**
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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