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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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Welcome to our parishes.

We Celebrate 100 Years of World Mission Sunday!

This World Mission Sunday marks the 100th anniversary of its establishment by Pope Pius XI in 1926. This centenary is an opportunity to celebrate with renewed missionary zeal. Last year, Pope Leo XIV made an appeal to us in a personal video for World Mission Sunday. His request echoed around the world: “Please help me help missionaries everywhere.”

That’s what World Mission Sunday does: it helps Pope Leo care for the 1,130 missionary dioceses and territories under his supervision through the Dicastery for Evangelization. We are all called to be a part of this missionary work, and we have a singular means to do so: World Mission Sunday.

The second collection we take up today helps extend the Church’s evangelization work to missionary lands where the Gospel is being proclaimed for the first time, as well as to places where the Church barely exists, or is too young, too persecuted, or too poor to sustain herself.

Thank you for responding to Pope Leo’s call to help him help missionaries everywhere!

PASTORAL PONDERINGS

As we move toward the end of the liturgical year, the Church invites us to lift our eyes beyond the concerns of today and remember the goal of our earthly journey: eternal life with God. It is a fitting time to reflect on how quickly life passes. The years seem to move faster with each passing season. Children grow up, loved ones grow older, routines fill our days, and before we know it, another year has come and gone.

These realities encourage us to pause and ask important questions: How am I using the time God has given me? Am I drawing closer to Him, or am I allowing myself to be consumed by distractions, worries, and the pursuit of things that will not last?

In prayer, we come honestly before the Lord and recognize our need for His mercy. Like the words we hear in the liturgy, we humbly admit: "O Lord, we have sinned against You. We have not obeyed Your commandments." We know what this looks like in daily life: the impatient word, the prayer we put off until tomorrow, the opportunity to help someone that we ignored, or the worry that took God's place in our hearts. Yet God does not reveal our weaknesses to discourage us. He reveals them so that He can heal us.

St. Paul reminds us that our hope is not found merely in outward practices or in checking off religious obligations. What truly matters is "faith working through love" (Galatians 5:6). Our faith is shown in the way we treat others, the sacrifices we make, and the trust we place in God even when life is difficult.

Jesus teaches the same lesson when He speaks of the stone rejected by the builders becoming the cornerstone (Matthew 21:42). He also reveals what lies in the hearts of those plotting against Him. God's Kingdom belongs to those who receive Him with humble hearts and bear good fruit in their lives.

The Lord is not looking for extraordinary accomplishments. He asks for faithful hearts that seek to do His will each day—loving generously, serving quietly, forgiving readily, and trusting Him in every circumstance.

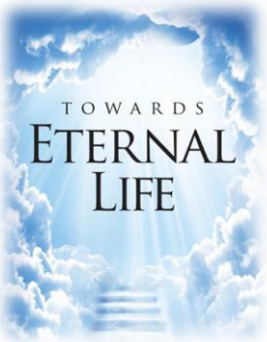
The path to our eternal home is found in countless ordinary choices: forgiving someone who hurt us, being patient with a difficult coworker, caring for an aging parent, encouraging a struggling friend, making time for prayer when we feel busy, or continuing to trust God when life does not go according to our plans. These simple acts, done with love, shape our souls for eternity.

Christ also warns against a faith that demands proof before believing. The people of His day wanted spectacular signs, but the Lord calls us to something greater: a faith that trusts Him before seeing the outcome. As He said, "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed" (John 20:29).

The Lord has done everything necessary for our salvation, but He does not force us to follow Him. He invites us to respond with faith, obedience, and love. He asks us to trust Him, especially in the ordinary moments of life when His presence may seem hidden.

Let us welcome Him now—not someday, but today. Let us trust Him in the small challenges and blessings that fill our days. If we remain faithful, we will come to recognize His hand at work in our lives, and one day, God willing, we will experience eternal life with Him.

Blessings,
Rose Unser
Pastoral Associate



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. 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!

A Heartfelt Thank You!

The parish communities of **St. Mary** extend our sincere gratitude to **Mueller/Konrad Behlman Funeral Home** for their generous donation of $500 toward much-needed sacramental supplies for our parishes. For nearly twenty years, while our communities were without a resident pastor, several essential items used in the **Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick** were not available.

Through their kindness and support, we have been able to purchase an **Anointing Kit**, the **Rite of Anointing and Pastoral Care of the Sick** book, and an **Anointing Register** for both parishes**.**

May God abundantly bless Jay and the staff of **Mueller/Konrad Behlman Funeral Home** and all those they serve. Through their generosity, they have helped strengthen the sacramental life of our parish communities and provided a lasting gift that will benefit many people in times of need.

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

Join the fun!

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

Mon.	Oct. 19	1:00pm OCIA 6:00pm Ladies Night Out **KH**
Tues.	Oct. 20	1:30-3:00pm *The Wild Goose* 5:30-7:00pm *The Wild Goose* Discipleship Small Groups 5:30pm Knights of Columbus Steak Night **SMO**
Wed.	Oct. 21	7:05am Rosary 7:30am Mass 3:05-4:30pm FF Elementary 6:00pm FF MS Social 6:30pm FF MS Classes
Thurs.	Oct. 22	2:00pm Rosary 6:00pm Parish Council
Fri.	Oct. 23	7:05am Rosary 7:30am Mass followed by Confession & Holy Hour
Sat.	Oct. 24	3:30pm Confession 4:00pm Mass
Sun.	Oct. 25	10:30am Mass/ followed by Annual Meeting

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
SMO-St. Mary Omro
KH-Kaudy Hall

STEWARDSHIP OF SHARING-Winneconne

Given Week ending 10/11/2026	
Envelopes	$3,180.00
Loose cash	$ 693.00
Online & ACH Giving	$1,763.00
Total	$5,636.00
WEEKLY GOAL:	$6,475.00

FAITH FORMATION

Week of October 21

Wed. Oct 21 Elementary 3:00-4:30pm
Middle School Social 6:00pm
Middle School FF 6:30pm

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

Click on the link below:
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. 19 6:00pm Pray the Rosary in church
Tues. Oct. 20 **NO Confession, Holy Hour, or Daily Mass**
5:30pm Knights of Columbus Mtg (Steak Night **SMO** Dining Hall)
6:30pm *The Wild Goose* Discipleship Small Groups (Triple Room)
Wed. Oct. 21 4:30-5:45pm FF Gr. 1-5
5:00pm Youth Mass
6:30-8:00pm FF Grades 6-8 & 9-10
Thurs. Oct. 22 7:05am Rosary
7:30am Mass
Sun. Oct. 25 8:00am Confession
8:30am Mass

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

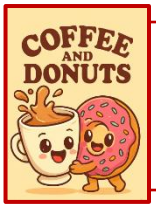
Classes for Wednesday, October 21
Grades 1-5: 4:30-5:45 pm
Grades 6-10: 6:30-8:00 pm

Families are invited to attend **Youth Mass** with their children on **Wednesday, October 21st at 5:00pm!** It's a wonderful opportunity to come together as a parish family, celebrate the Eucharist, and help our young people grow in their relationship with Jesus. We look forward to worshiping with you!

STEWARDSHIP OF SHARING-Omro

Given Week ending 10/11/2026	
Envelopes	$2,110.00
Loose cash	$ 181.00
Online & ACH Giving	$ 858.00
Total	$3,149.00
WEEKLY GOAL:	$4,050.00

Drop off items in Marian Hall by Nov. 9.



Join us for refreshments! This Sunday, October 18 after 8:30 am Mass in Marian Hall.

Parish Schedule Changes While Fr. Erwin Attends Shepherd School

Tuesday, October 20
No Confession, Holy Hour, or Daily Mass at St. Mary, Omro.

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. 19

Monday: Eph 2:1-10/Lk 12:13-21
Sts. John de Brèbeuf & Isaac Jogues
Priests & Companions, Martyrs
Tuesday: Eph 2:12-22/Lk 12:35-38
Wednesday: Eph 3:2-12/Lk 12:39-48
Thursday: Eph 3:14-21/Lk 12:49-53
Friday: Eph 4:1-6/Lk 12:54-59
Saturday: Eph 4:7-16/Lk 13:1-9
Sunday: Ex 22:20-26/1 Thes 1:5c-10
Mt 22:34-40

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Reformation Day

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Lourdes Academy Update

Last week, as part of our homecoming week festivities, Lourdes Academy celebrated several alumni whose faithfulness, achievements, and lives of service stand out as excellent examples of what Lourdes holds most dear. Tom and JoAnne Dolata won the Dr. Stanley J. Spanbauer in Education and Leadership award. Paul Schneider ('88) won the Outstanding Alumni award and Renee Husman earned the Distinguished Stewardship award. Finally, Nora (Keller) Grant ('15) and Lucas Weber ('16) were inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame. All in attendance enjoyed a beautiful evening celebrating God working through these incredible examples.

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An offering from the Augustine Institute

WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY:	**October 24**
4:00pm (SMW)	Our Deceased Parishioners
SUNDAY:	**October 25**
8:30am (SMO)	Alex Albright
10:30am (SMW)	Ralph Giessen

Altar Servers

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

Lectors

4:00pm (SMW)	**Volunteer**
8:30am (SMO)	Sue Martin
10:30am (SMW)	**Volunteer**

Ushers

4:00pm (SMW)	**4 Volunteers**
8:30am (SMO)	**2 Volunteers**
10:30am (SMW)	Peggy Benjamin, **3 Volunteers**

Sacristans

4:00pm (SMW)	**Volunteer**
8:30am (SMO)	Jen Wellhoefer
10:30am (SMW)	Sherrie Johnson

Communion Ministers

4:00pm (SMW)	**3 Volunteers**
8:30am (SMO)	Janet Wegner
10:30am (SMW)	Molly Johnson, Sherrie Johnson, **Volunteer**

Greeters

4:00pm (SMW)	**4 Volunteers**
8:30am (SMO)	Dave & Noreen Zouski
10:30am (SMW)	**4 Volunteers**

Intercessory Prayers

10:30am (SMW)	Rose Unser, Mike Jordan

Musicians

4:00pm (SMW)	Chrissy Volpe, Paul Kamikawa
8:30am (SMO)	Ted Kruezer
10:30am (SMW)	Joanne Loy, Julie Mueller

WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS

TUESDAY:	**Oct 20**
NO HOLY HOUR, CONFESSION, OR MASS	
WEDNESDAY:	**Oct 21**
7:30am (SMW)	Our Deceased Parishioners
THURSDAY:	**Oct 22**
7:30am (SMO)	Roseanne Heller
FRIDAY:	**Oct 23**
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. 20, 21, 22, 23

Altar Server

Tues.	5:30pm (SMO)	**NO MASS**
Wed.	7:30am (SMW)	Mike Jordan
Thurs.	7:30am (SMO)	**Volunteer**
Fri.	7:30am (SMW)	**Volunteer**

Lector

Tues.	5:30pm (SMO)	**NO MASS**
Wed.	7:30am (SMW)	Paige Woelfel
Thurs.	7:30am (SMO)	**Volunteer**
Fri.	7:30am (SMW)	Paige Woelfel

Sacristan

Tues.	5:30pm (SMO)	**NO MASS**
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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