

# **St. Mary Churches-Omro & Winneconne** [www.stmarychurches.org](http://www.stmarychurches.org)

## **29th Sunday in Ordinary Time** **October 19, 2025**

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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.

*Thank you, Bishop Ricken, for a wonderful visit to St. Mary Omro on October 12!*



### **Today is World Mission Sunday!**

Thank you for responding with faith, love, and generosity! As Pope Francis told us, "Each of us is a mission on this earth." Together, we share in that mission by ensuring that no one is excluded from the invitation to encounter Christ.

***Welcome to our parishes.***

# PASTORAL PONDERINGS

Whenever I travel, my first priority is simple: Where will I go to church on Sunday? Once I know the city, I check out every Catholic parish online. I read the bulletin—especially the pastor’s letter. I explore the website to see how they present themselves. And if they livestream Mass, I’ll even watch one ahead of time.

Recently, I was back in Baraboo. My plan was to drive to Madison for Mass at St. Thomas Aquinas, one of my favorite parishes for both hospitality and liturgical engagement. But a scheduling glitch redirected me to a Saturday evening Mass in Baraboo instead.

Their liturgy was more traditional, yet what impressed me most was how “liturgically intelligent” the community was. The General Instruction of the Roman Missal lays out how the liturgy is to be celebrated, and this parish clearly knew it well. The responses were strong, the singing full, and at the Creed, everyone bowed. (Well—everyone except me, because I was peeking around to see if everyone else was bowing!) While their style was different from the communal energy I’m used to, I would gladly pray with them again. (And next time, I promise not to peek during the bowing.)

Later, during retreat days at the Hermitage in Fond du Lac, I attended Mass at Holy Family, a large, newer church on the east side of town. I’ve been there many times, so I thought I knew what to expect. But this visit came shortly after the tragic murders in Minnesota, and as I sat in the pew before Mass, I was startled by an uninvited thought: “Are we safe here?”

What lifted my spirit, though, was the Communion procession. With six stations and a church nearly at capacity, it was what I can only call “organized chaos.” As one line dwindled, another section of the church would rise and move seamlessly into place. I simply followed the person in front of me, trusting I’d eventually find my way back to my pew. Messy, yet effortless—and it made me smile. That’s what I love about visiting other parishes: seeing how each community adapts, in its own way, to be the Body of Christ.

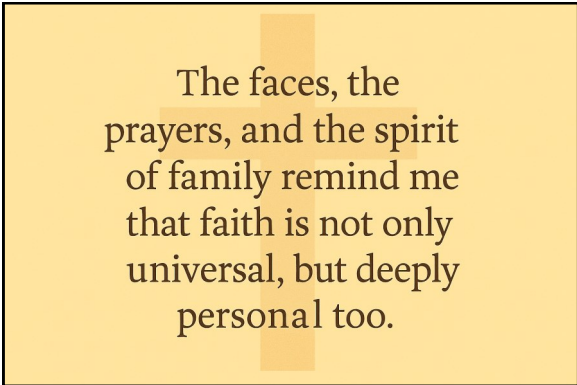
But the moment that impacted me the most came after Mass. The Gospel that day was the story of Lazarus, begging for scraps at the rich man’s table. And there, just outside the church doors, stood a family holding signs asking for rent, food, or gas. It was a sharp pinch to the spiritual gut. Like everyone else, I walked past them. And I’m still wrestling with the question: “Did I do the right thing?”

In the end, that’s why I keep seeking out parishes whenever I travel. Each one is a mirror—sometimes reflecting the beauty of a well-prayed liturgy, sometimes the joyful chaos of a Communion line, and sometimes the uncomfortable challenge of the Gospel lived outside the church doors. I come home reminded that the Mass is both anchor and compass: it grounds me in what is familiar, and it points me toward what still needs to change in me.

And yet, as much as I treasure discovering the Body of Christ in new places, there really is no place like St. Mary in Omro and Winneconne—HOME! Where the faces, the prayers, and the spirit of family remind me that faith is not only universal, but deeply personal too.

P.S. After Bishop Ricken’s parish visit this past Sunday to Omro, I think he was astounded and surprised by the hidden gems of vitality, faith, prayer and hospitality that lie in the people of our two parishes. My heart is so warmed by each of you and the time, talent and grace you bring to build up the body of Christ. You are my Cana...Jesus saved the best wine for last.

*Lyn Zahorik*  
*Director for Spiritual Engagement*



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Looking for quiet time with God? Join us for Extended Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday, October 22  
1:30 pm-5:30 pm  
St. Mary, Omro

As John Paul II has stated

*"In the Mass and in Eucharistic Adoration we meet the merciful love of God that passes through the Heart of Jesus Christ!"*

Please join us for this beautiful time in prayer as we pray not only for our own personal intentions but for those in our community and in our world.

Come and spend any amount of time you can in prayer with our Lord and Savior, whether 5 minutes or 55 minutes. In an effort to keep at least 2 adorers in our Lord's presence at all times, please call either church office or use the links below to sign up.

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[St Mary Winneconne and Omro: Extended](#)

[Eucharistic Adoration- St. Mary, Omro- 10-22-25, 1:30-5:30PM](#)



# Finding Hope in Suffering

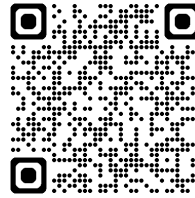
Thursday, October 30, 6:30 pm

St. Mary Omro (in church)

Presenters: Fr. Tom and Fr. Ben

Did you ever wonder why God allows suffering in our lives? Would you like to find some possible answers? Join us for "Finding Hope in Suffering". Our guest speakers will be Fr. Tom & Fr. Ben.

Light refreshments will be served. Use the links or call either church office to let us know you are coming! **Walk-ins are always welcome!!**



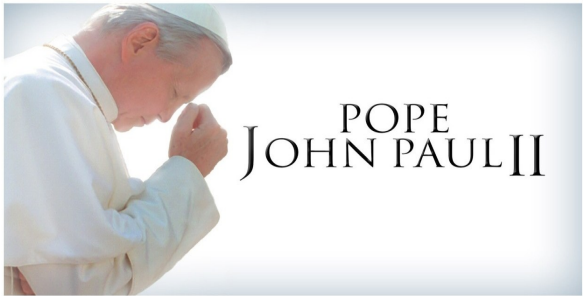
[St Mary Winneconne and Omro: Adult Faith Formation- Fall sessions](#)



*St. Mary, Omro  
Mondays at 6:00 pm in church*

*St. Mary, Winneconne  
Mondays & Wednesdays  
after LOW~7:50 am  
Thursdays at 2:00 pm*

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# WINNECONNE NEWS

## St. Mary, Winneconne Calendar

Mon. Oct. 20 7:30am LOW\* w/Communion  
6:00pm The Chosen (KH)  
Tues. Oct. 21 1:30pm Bible Study (LL)  
6:00pm Glorious Mysteries  
(in Church)  
6:00pm Parish Council Mtg  
Wed. Oct. 22 7:30am LOW\* w/Communion  
3:05pm FF Elementary  
Thurs. Oct. 23 2:00pm Rosary  
2:30pm Joyful Mysteries  
(in Church)  
Sat. Oct. 25 3:30pm Confession  
4:00pm Mass  
Sun. Oct. 26 10:30am Mass  
11:30am Annual Mtg after  
Mass (LL)

### 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

\*LOW: Liturgy of the Word

LL: Lower Level of Church

KH: Kaudy Hall



## Classes Wednesday, October 22

Elementary Classes 3:05 pm-4:30 pm

## Wednesday, October 29

No classes. We do not hold classes on the 5th Wednesday.



## Wednesday, November 5

Elementary Mass at 3:45pm

### STEWARDSHIP OF SHARING: Winneconne

Given Week ending 10/12/2025

Envelopes \$2,318.00

Loose cash \$ 296.00

Online & ACH Giving \$2,077.00

Total \$4,691.00

WEEKLY GOAL: \$6,464.00

*Honor the Lord with your wealth,  
with the firstfruits of all your crops.*

Proverbs 3:9



## October Collection

A service opportunity supporting Vida  
(formerly Bella Medical)

Vida recently opened a clothing boutique at their new facility in Oshkosh and are in need of a few things (gently used or new):

- long sleeve tops for boys and girls in 3T, 4T, and 5T for winter
- long pants for boys and girls in the sizes 3T, 4T, and 5T for winter
- Baby wipes
- Size 6 and 7 diapers

Please drop off any of the above items in the bin located in the entrances at both churches during the month of October! Thank you for your continued support of this life giving ministry!

Vida is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization founded in 1983. Vida has grown to now provide free, confidential, and compassionate medical care, parent support services, material support, and maternity housing, for men, women, and families across the Fox Valley and beyond.

Everyone is Invited!  
Come hear what's happening!!!

# ANNUAL MEETING

Next Sunday, October 26  
After the 10:30am Mass  
Lower Level of Church

# OMRO NEWS

## St. Mary, Omro Calendar

Mon.	Oct. 20	12:30-2:00pm The Chosen, Season 5 (Triple Room) 6:00pm Rosary (in church)
Tues.	Oct. 21	4:30pm Finance Council Mtg
Wed.	Oct. 22	1:30-5:30pm Extended Eucharistic Adoration (in church) 4:30-5:30pm Confession 4:30pm FF Gr. 1-6 6:30pm FF Gr. 7-8
Sun.	Oct. 26	8:30am Mass

### 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### STEWARDSHIP OF SHARING-Omro

Given Week ending 10/12/2025	
Envelopes	\$3,743.00
Loose cash	\$ 394.00
Online & ACH Giving	\$ 950.00
Total	\$5,087.00
WEEKLY GOAL:	\$4,044.00

*Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops. Proverbs 3:9*

## THE SAINTS and BELOVED of GOD

You are invited to remember your deceased loved ones, with hearts full of love and reverence. We invite you to join us for a special service of remembrance honoring all those who have gone before us. Whether they left quietly or with a chorus of goodbyes, whether remembered daily or missed in quiet moments, this gathering is for them. And for us.

**Date: Tuesday November 4**

**Time: 6:30 pm**

**Location: St. Mary Omro**



Remembrance medallions cut from the 50-year-old Oak Tree at St. Mary Winneconne that was cut down for the building project will be offered as part of the service, a reminder that God makes all things new. Together, we will reflect and remember,

share silence, and offer prayers. All are welcome—come as you are. Leave with comfort, connection, and hope.

## FAITH FORMATION

### Classes for Wednesday, October 22

Grades 1-6: 4:30 pm  
Grades 7-8: 6:30 pm

### Blessing Bag Outreach

As part of our parish mission to share God's love through service, the St. Mary Omro Faith Formation students are collecting items for Blessing Bags to help those in need. These simple care packages provide comfort, hope, and dignity to people experiencing homelessness or hardship. Every bag will include a handwritten prayer or note of encouragement from our students. A small reminder that God's love is always near. Together, we are the hands and feet of Christ to those who need HOPE the MOST. If you have any questions, please contact Heidi Seaman.

**Suggested items are listed below. Please place your donations in the basket located in Marian Hall by Wednesday, November 19.**

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

*Thank you for your generosity and faith in action!*



### Ministry Fair at St. Mary, Omro

**Sunday, November 2 after 8:30 am Mass**

Marian Hall is where you will learn more about the awesome ministry opportunities for you to use your many God-given spiritual gifts. There will be refreshments and door prizes as well!

**HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL THERE!**

## Readings for the Week of October 20

**Monday:** Rom 4:20-25/Lk 12:13-21  
**Tuesday:** Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21/  
Lk 12:35-38  
**Wednesday:** Rom 6:12-18/Lk 12:39-48  
**Thursday:** Rom 6:19-23/Lk 12:49-53  
**Friday:** Rom 7:18-25a/Lk 12:54-59  
**Saturday:** Rom 8:1-11/Lk 13:1-9  
**Sunday:** Sir 35:12-14, 16-18/  
2 Tim 4:6-8, 16-18/Lk 18:9-14  
**30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Reformation Day**



A Catholic tradition exists where parishioners bring medals, small crosses or bits of broken rosaries into the foundation of a new parish building as a symbolic act of consecration and devotion. It's a way of embedding the faith of each family—literally—into the structure, asking for divine protection and blessing over the building and all who will gather there. It's a quiet but powerful gesture that unites us as individuals into a family that says: this place is holy ground, built not just with stone, but with prayer.

You are invited to take part in this ritual by bringing a **small religious artifact** to either parish office by **Thursday, October 30**. Or place your item(s) in the baskets available in the entrance at St. Mary Winneconne and in Marian Hall, St. Mary Omro. There will be a blessing upon all artifacts. (This is a good time to repurpose all those medals you receive in the mail.) Miron Construction will place the artifacts into the ground and back fill the basement.

### INSIDE THE FENCE Video 3:

<https://share.icloud.com/photos/01cbvOuG2JQf7LZNXI16xqvDg>

Click on the link and see the happenings behind the fence for Winneconne's New Parish Center!!

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*"When you ask Our Blessed Mother for something, she always answers."  
— Bishop Ricken*



Thanks to a very generous parishioner, St. Mary Omro is honored to sponsor national speaker, Kevin Szawala, "Mr. Peace". On October 22, he will present at the Omro Middle School and also in Winneconne Schools to grades 4-8.

Mr. Peace will talk to students about the need to treat everyone like you treat your best friend and recognize them for their heart is crucial. This concept, along with realizing how one word or action (positive or negative) can change a life forever, is highlighted in his presentation.

**Catholic Financial Life**  
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**Chapter 54**  
— Catholic parishes of Oshkosh, Omro, Winneconne —  
**MEMBERS' MEETING**  
**Sunday October 26, 2025**  
**1:00-3:00 PM**  
**Father Carr's Place 2B**  
**1062 N. Koeller St., Oshkosh**  
This will be the first Members' meeting for our chapter in ten years – come and catch up!  
• 25-, 50-, & 75-Year Recognitions  
• Light refreshments  
• Officer elections  
Contact Karla Stark, 920-292-0830

## MASS INTENTIONS

**SATURDAY:** **October 25**  
4:00pm (SMW) Jerry Reetz

**SUNDAY:** **October 26**  
8:30am (SMO) Alice Wieseke  
10:30am (SMW) Stan Wiza

### Altar Servers

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

### Lectors

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

### Ushers

4:00pm (SMW) Frank & Kaye Rogers, **2 Volunteers**  
8:30am (SMO) Mona Freund, **Volunteer**  
10:30am (SMW) JoAnn Winnekens; **3 Volunteers**

### Sacristans

4:00pm (SMW) Mike & Tracey Losse  
8:30am (SMO) Janet Wegner  
10:30am (SMW) Rose Unser &  
Brenda McCarty-Kubasta

### Communion Ministers

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

### Greeters

4:00pm (SMW) Kathy Meinen, **2 Volunteers**  
8:30am (SMO) Ron & Lawanda Jungwirth  
10:30am (SMW) Jann, Broc & Wade Berglund

### Intercessory Prayers

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

### Musicians:

4:00pm (SMW) Ted Kreuzer  
8:30am (SMO) Ted Kreuzer  
10:30am (SMW) Joanne Loy, Rose Luebke

*Thank you*

## **St. Mary, Omro**

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### Children's Liturgy of the Word

#### **Winneconne**

October 19, 10:30 am Mass

#### **Omro**

CLOW will return in April 2026



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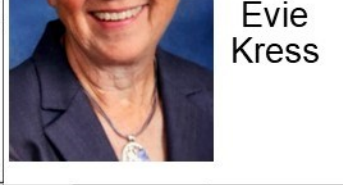
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