

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

## **30th Sunday in Ordinary Time** **October 26, 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.

# Finding Hope in Suffering

**Thursday, October 30, 6:30 pm**

**St. Mary Omro (in church)**

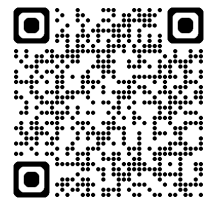
**Presenters: Fr. Tom and Fr. Ben**

*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 welcome!!**

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



**Tuesday, October 28**

**Both Parish offices will be closed. Parish staff will be attending an all-day conference.**

***Welcome to our parishes.***

# PASTORAL PONDERINGS

The sin of presumption is a serious spiritual danger that can quietly take root in the soul. It occurs when someone assumes they will receive God's forgiveness without true repentance or believes they can attain eternal life without striving to live according to God's commandments. Presumption distorts the truth about God's grace and justice, leading the soul into complacency and pride.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church explains that presumption takes two forms: "Either man presumes upon his own capacities...or he presumes upon God's almighty power or his mercy" (CCC 2092). In both cases, it reflects a lack of humility and a false sense of entitlement to salvation.

An analogy could help clarify this sin: imagine a person who constantly ignores traffic laws, driving recklessly day after day. He tells himself, "The police won't catch me" or "If they do, I'll just talk my way out

of it." At first, he may get away with it, but eventually, consequences come. The problem wasn't that the law was unjust, it was that he abused leniency, assuming it would always be there.

In the same way, when we presume upon God's mercy without sincere repentance, we endanger our souls. God's mercy is abundant, but it requires our cooperation through faith, confession, and the genuine desire to turn from sin.

Presumption is not true hope. Hope is trusting in God's mercy while also striving to live according to His will. I invite us not to take God's love for granted but respond to it with humility, repentance, and obedience. Only then can we walk the narrow path that leads to eternal life in heaven.

God bless you and your family.  
Deacon Paul Vidmar

## Special Service of Remembrance Tuesday, November 4, 6:30 pm St. Mary Omro

### 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.

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.*



## FALL CLEAN UP WAS A HUGE SUCCESS!

Blessed with a beautiful day of warmth and sunshine, last Saturday, 24 volunteers from Omro and Winneconne assisted parishioners, our parishes, and the historical society with clean up.

Thank you to all of you who shared your time and talents to be the hands and feet of Jesus!



We received a thank you from the Historical Society. *"Thank the parishioners that came out Saturday and helped with winterizing the garden beds at the Winneconne historical society. The help is so much appreciated. All the historical society members are very grateful for their inclusion in St. Mary community outreach."*

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- Bishop Ricken*



*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*

# WINNECONNE NEWS

## St. Mary, Winneconne Calendar

- Mon. Oct. 27 7:30am LOW\* w/Communion  
6:00pm The Chosen (KH)
- Tues. Oct. 28 **Offices Closed All Day**  
1:30pm Bible Study (LL)  
6:00pm Glorious Mysteries  
(in Church)
- Wed. Oct. 29 7:30am LOW\* w/Communion  
**NO Classes or Confession**
- Thurs. Oct. 30 2:00pm Rosary  
2:30pm Joyful Mysteries  
(in Church)  
6:30pm Finding Hope in  
Suffering in **OMRO**
- Sat. Nov. 1 3:30pm Confession  
4:00pm Mass
- Sun. Nov. 2 9:00am-12:30pm  
FF HS & Confirmation  
10:30am Mass w/Refreshments

### The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)

\*LOW: Liturgy of the Word  
LL: Lower Level of Church  
KH: Kaudy Hall

STEWARDSHIP OF SHARING-Winneconne  
Given Week ending 10/19/2025

Envelopes	\$2,884.00
Loose cash	\$ 545.00
Online & ACH Giving	<u>\$2,077.00</u>
Total	\$5,506.00
WEEKLY GOAL:	\$6,464.00

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



## CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY NOVEMBER 11-12

### Day By Day Warming Shelter

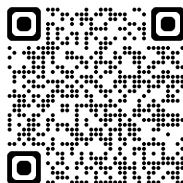
Food donation, meal preparation and meal serving.  
Let's create some holy moments while participating in a fun  
relaxing activity! Mark your calendars and sign up today.

**November 11, 8AM-4PM:** Food donations accepted at both  
churches

**November 12, 2:30-4:30PM:** Meal prep  
will be in Winneconne

**November 12, 5:30-7:30PM:** Meal serving  
at Day By Day

[St Mary Winneconne and Omro: Day By Day Meal  
Prep/Serve & Donations](#)



**Classes Wednesday, October 29**  
NO CLASSES on 5th Wed. of the Month



**Wednesday, November 5**

Elementary Mass at 3:45pm

Everyone is invited to join the students at Mass.

**Classes Wednesday Nov. 5**

Elementary 3:05-4:30pm

Elementary Mass 3:45-4:30pm

Middle School Social 6:00-6:30pm

Middle School Class 6:30-8:00pm



## All Souls Day Weekend Celebration

Join us for All Souls Day during the weekend Masses on  
Sunday, November 1 & 2. We will honor and remember our  
faithful departed from this past year.

Following the 10:30am Mass, please stay for refreshments  
sponsored by our Knights of Columbus Council #8810.

**All are Welcome!**

*Ladies Night Out...enjoyed by  
all who attended and listened  
to the Oshkosh Ukelele Club!*



# OMRO NEWS

## St. Mary, Omro Calendar

Mon. Oct. 27	12:30-2:00pm The Chosen, Season 5 (Triple Room) 6:00pm Rosary (in Church) 6:00pm Parish Council Mtg (Triple Room)
Tues. Oct. 28	<b>Church &amp; Office Closed</b>
Wed. Oct. 29	No FF Classes
Thurs. Oct. 30	6:30pm Finding Hope in Suffering (in Church)
Fri. Oct. 31	4:00pm Trick & Treat with Deacon Paul
Sun. Nov. 2	8:30am Mass with Knights of Columbus Memorial Mass & Ministers Ministry Fair w/Refreshments after Mass (Marian Hall) 8:30am-12:30pm Confirm. Class

**The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)**  
Omro Area Food Pantry Collection

### STEWARDSHIP OF SHARING-Omro

Given Week ending 10/19/2025	
Envelopes	\$1,160.00
Loose cash	\$ 225.00
Online & ACH Giving	\$ 950.00
Total	\$2,335.00
WEEKLY GOAL:	\$4,044.00

**Thank you** to the anonymous donor for the roll of postage stamps placed in the collection basket!



**Kids & Parents! Stop by St. Mary Omro on Halloween, starting at 4pm to get a treat from Deacon Paul!**

### Picnic Gratitude & Giving Update

Thank you again to everyone who helped make the St. Mary Omro August 10 picnic a wonderful success! We are pleased to report that after all expenses, the event raised a total profit of \$17,205. The Picnic Committee approved a 10% tithe to benefit the **Omro Rushford Fire Department First Responders**. **Mark your calendar for next year's picnic on August 9!**

## FAITH FORMATION

**No classes on Wednesday, October 29**

**Are you ready for an unforgettable faith and service experience?**

Join us to learn more about our upcoming Teen Mission Trip, where we'll serve others, grow in faith, and make lasting friendships!

### Meeting Details

**Date:** Sunday, November 9

**Time:** Following 8:30 am Mass

**Location:** St. Mary Omro Dining Hall

**Who Should Attend:** All interested students entering grades 11 & 12 (in Fall of 2026) and their parents or guardians are encouraged to attend.

At our meeting, we'll discuss:

- Destination and mission focus
- Trip schedule and daily activities
- Costs, fundraising, and deadlines
- Safety, supervision, and expectations
- How this experience deepens your Confirmation journey and discipleship

### Why Join the Mission?

This trip is more than travel — it's a chance to live your faith, serve others, and encounter Christ in a powerful way.

If you would like more information or have questions, please contact Heidi Seaman.



### **Ministry Fair, St. Mary, Omro**

**Sunday, November 2 after 8:30am Mass**  
Stop in Marian Hall and discover all the ways you and your family can use your spiritual gifts to serve our Parish—whether it's parents and kids volunteering side by side or grandparents joining in too, there's a place for everyone to grow and serve together!

**Refreshments & Door Prizes!!**

**Readings for the Week of October 27**

**Monday:** Rom 8:12-17/Lk 13:10-17

**Tuesday:** Eph 2:19-22/Lk 6:12-16  
Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles

**Wednesday:** Rom 8:26-30/Lk 13:22-30

**Thursday:** Rom 8:31b-39/Lk 13:31-35

**Friday:** Rom 9:1-5/Lk 14:1-6

**Saturday:** Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/1 Jn 3:1-3  
Mt 5:1-12a

All Saints

**Sunday:** Wis 3:1-9/Rom 8:14-23  
Lk 7:11-17

**The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' 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.

**Blessing Bag Outreach at St. Mary Omro**

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 hardship or homelessness. 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.**

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|-----------------------|---------------|
| 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!*

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/01cbvOuG2JQf7LZNXL16xqvDg>

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





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## MASS INTENTIONS

**SATURDAY:** **November 1**  
4:00pm (SMW) Our Parishioners

**SUNDAY:** **November 2**  
8:30am (SMO) Deceased Members of the  
Knights of Columbus  
10:30am (SMW) Leo Kinney

### Altar Servers

4:00pm (SMW) **2 Volunteers**  
8:30am (SMO) John Michalski, Ken Kranski  
10:30am (SMW) **2 Volunteers**

### Lectors

4:00pm (SMW) **Volunteer**  
8:30am (SMO) Mike Jordan  
10:30am (SMW) Connie Kostichka

### Ushers

4:00pm (SMW) **4 Volunteers**  
8:30am (SMO) Casey Koterbski, Steve Koterbski  
10:30am (SMW) Peggy Benjamin; **3 Volunteers**

### Sacristans

4:00pm (SMW) Rose Unser & Brenda McCarty-Kubasta  
8:30am (SMO) Ken Bressers  
10:30am (SMW) **Volunteer**

### Communion Ministers

4:00pm (SMW) **2 Volunteers**  
10:30am (SMW) Mike & Tracey Losse

### Greeters

4:00pm (SMW) **3 Volunteers**  
8:30am (SMO) Mike Heller, Andy Meyers & Family  
10:30am (SMW) Confirmation Students

### Intercessory Prayers

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

### Musicians:

4:00pm (SMW) Chrissy Volpe, Katie Karweik  
8:30am (SMO) Annemarie Birschbach, Gail Breu  
10:30am (SMW) Joanne Loy, Paige Woelfel

*God Bless You!*

### **St. Mary, Omro**

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**Fridays:** Closed

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Faith Formation Coordinator: Heidi Seaman  
Adult Faith Formation Coordinator: Patty Volp  
Adult Faith Formation Assistant: Jolene Johnson  
Pastoral Associate: Rose Unser  
Director for Spiritual Engagement: Lyn Zahorik

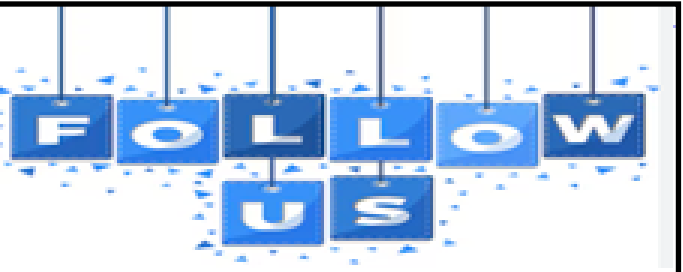
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**Parish Office:** 920-582-7712

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8:00am-Noon 12:30-5:00pm

**Fridays:** Closed

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**Deadline for the Bulletin**  
**NOON on Tuesday**

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### Children's Liturgy of the Word

**Winneconne**

November 16, 10:30 am Mass

**Omro**

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