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The Exaltation of the Holy Cross **September 14, 2025**

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Liturgy of the Word

Mon & Wed 7:30am St. Mary, Winneconne

Weekend Masses

Saturday: St. Mary, Omro

3:30pm Confession

4:00pm Mass

Sunday

8:30am St. Mary, Winneconne

10:30am St. Mary, Omro

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.



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CONGRATULATIONS!

Welcome to our parishes.

PASTORAL PONDERINGS

This past Sunday, beneath a sky that seemed to nod in quiet approval, two memories were made. Our Winneconne parish broke ground for a new addition and Deacon Paul fulfilled a childhood dream of operating one of those big boy “earth moving” machines. Shovels pierced the soil, hands clasped in prayer, and hearts brimmed with hope. It was more than a construction milestone—it was a sacred gesture, echoing the deeper truth that God is always breaking ground in us.

The new addition will offer space for gathering, learning, and growing together. But its foundation is not just concrete and steel—it is faith, vision, and the shared longing to be more fully the Body of Christ. As we expand our physical space, we also make room for new ministries, deeper relationships, and unexpected grace.

Just as the ground was broken in Winneconne, God is constantly breaking ground within each of us. Not with shovels or blueprints, but with grace, truth, and the quiet persistence of love. He doesn't wait for perfect conditions. He begins in the rocky places—where we feel uncertain, resistant, or weary—and gently turns the soil of our hearts.

God's groundbreaking is rarely tidy. It may come as a stirring in prayer, a challenge we didn't expect, or a call to forgive when we'd rather not. It may feel like discomfort, loss, or holy restlessness. But beneath that disruption is divine intention: to make space for something new.

To let God break ground in us is to say yes to being reshaped. It calls us to: Trust the process, even when the soil feels dry or the digging painful. Stay open, allowing God to reach the places we've kept buried. Participate, not just as observers but as co-builders of His kingdom. Let go, releasing what no longer serves love, so something better can take root. It's a call to vulnerability, to courage, and to hope. It's a call to community—to walk with one another as God works in each of us. This is not demolition—it's transformation. And it's deeply personal.

As we begin to watch the new addition at Winneconne rise up, let each brick laid be a reminder that we are living temples, the sacred ground where heaven touches earth. And may we never forget: the most beautiful additions God makes are not to buildings, but to hearts willing to be made new again.

- In moments of change, God tills the soil of our comfort.
- In seasons of sorrow, He digs deep to plant hope.
- In times of joy, He waters the roots of community.

This groundbreaking is not just about what we are building—it's about what God is building in us.

A Community Rooted in Faith.

As the earth was turned, we remembered those who came before us—parishioners who laid the spiritual foundation with prayer, service, and love. We also look ahead, imagining children laughing in new classrooms, elders gathering for reflection, and all of us finding new ways to encounter Christ.

Let this addition be a sign: that we are a parish willing to be reshaped, renewed, and re-rooted in God's love. That we trust the Spirit to break ground in us again and again, making us fertile soil for mercy, justice, and joy.

The Work Begins.

With every shovel of earth lifted, we said yes to the future. Yes to growth. Yes to transformation. Yes to the God who never stops building, never stops planting, never stops loving.

May this new space rise as a testament to our faith—and may we, too, rise with it.

Lyn Zahorik

Director for Spiritual Engagement





September Corporal Works of Mercy was a great success! Thank you to all that attended! Your time, energy, and compassion have made a meaningful impact in our community.

The Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Seven Sorrows of Mary is a traditional Catholic devotion featuring meditations on sorrowful episodes in the life of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Join us in prayer as we celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Sorrows.

Our parish has a Formed subscription. Visit formed.org/signup and select our parish. Scan the QR code to download the Formed app to your phone.

An offering from the AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE

Make sure to check out the **Ministry Fair** at **St. Mary, Winneconne on October 5 after the 10:30am Mass.**

The church lower level is where you will learn more about the awesome ministry opportunities for you to use your many God given spiritual gifts.

There will refreshments and door prizes as well!
HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL THERE!!

Last Mass for St. Thomas, Poygan, this year.

Saturday, September 20
Mass will be held at 6:00pm
at St. Thomas Chapel,
5753 Church Road, Poygan WI

Come and check out the new paint job!
Completed by Dowling Construction. All are invited!

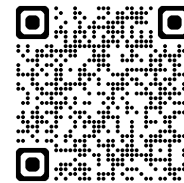
Through the Corporal Works of Mercy, many parishioners have been blessed with the opportunity to take part in the meaningful volunteer experience at the Feeding America Food Bank in Appleton.

Feeding America is also seeking more regular volunteers on the last two Mondays of the month, during the morning shift, 8:30-11:30AM. If you are interested, please reach out to Patty to learn more about the awesome opportunity.

Patty. volp@stmarychurches.org



[Adult Faith Formation - ST. MARY CHURCHES](#)



Upcoming Adult Faith Formation Activities

There is still time to sign up. Walk ins welcome!

WHAT	TIME	DATE	WHERE
Chosen, Season 5	12:30-2:00pm	Sept. 15-Nov. 3	SMO-Triple Room
Chosen, Season 5	6:00-7:30pm	Sept. 22-Nov. 10	SMW-Kaudy Hall
Luke: The Story of Salvation	1:30-3:00pm	Sept. 16-Nov. 4	SMW-Church Lower Level
The Glorious Mysteries	6:00-7:00pm	Sept. 16-Oct. 28	SMW-in Church
The Joyful Mysteries	2:30-3:30pm	Sept. 18-Oct. 30	SMW-in Church

“We are missionary disciples striving to lead all people to the Kingdom of God.”

Sign up today!

WINNECONNE NEWS

St. Mary, Winneconne Calendar

Mon. Sept. 15	7:30am LOW* w/Communion 6:00pm Finance Council Mtg
Tues. Sept. 16	1:30pm Bible Study (LL) 6:00pm Parish Council 6:00pm Glorious Mysteries (in Church)
Wed. Sept. 17	7:30am LOW* w/Communion 10:30pm LOW Highlands 4:30-5:30pm Adoration & Confession 7:00pm Confirmation with Bishop Ricken
Thurs. Sept. 18	11:00-1:00pm Widow/ Widower Lunch (SMO) 2:00pm Rosary 2:30pm Joyful Mysteries (in Church)
Sat. Sept. 20	7:00am Men's Group (SMW) 6:00pm St. Thomas Mass, Poygan
Sun. Sept. 21	8:30am Mass w/CLOW**

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*LOW: Liturgy of the Word

**CLOW: Children's Liturgy of the Word

SMO: St. Mary, Omro

LL: Lower Level of Church

SMW: St. Mary, Winneconne
Catechetical Sunday

STEWARDSHIP OF SHARING-Winneconne

Given Week ending 9/7/2025

Envelopes	\$2,828.00
Loose cash	\$ 326.00
Online & ACH Giving	<u>\$2,038.00</u>
Total	\$5,192.00
WEEKLY GOAL:	\$6,464.00

*Giving is not just about making a donation,
It is about making a difference.*



All are welcome to join us for Adoration on Wednesday, Sept. 17 from 4:30-5:30pm at St. Mary, Winneconne. Confession will be available during this time.

Confirmation will be at 7:00pm



Faith Formation Registration

It's time to register for Faith Formation classes at St. Mary, Winneconne!



Classes will begin on Wednesday, October 1
Elementary 3:05-4:30pm
3:45pm Elementary Mass (Everyone Invited)
Middle School 6:30-8:00pm

Classes for High School & Confirmation Class will begin on Sunday October 5, 9:00am-Noon

CONFIRMATION INFORMATION

Wednesday, September 17, 7:00pm

Confirmation Mass for Omro, Winneconne, and Hortonville scheduled at St. Mary Winneconne. Join us for this Mass with Bishop Ricken!



Children's Liturgy of Word will be held on the 3rd Sunday of every month. It will start next Sunday, Sept. 21 during the 8:30am Mass here at SMW.

Parish Center Construction Updates

Stay informed about the latest changes during our building process by checking your email blasts, bulletin, Facebook page, and listening to announcements.

- **Parking Lot Access:** The first two rows of the parking lot will be available.
- **Kaudy Hall Entrance:** Entry will be through the front doors only—there is *no* access from the parking lot side.
- **Church Access:** The east side of the church is not accessible from either the parking lot or the street side. Please use the west side or the two front entrances.
- **Fenced Areas:** Your safety is our Number One concern—Do not enter the fenced in area for any reason.
- **Bible Study & Meetings:** Be sure to check where your gatherings will be held and which entrances will be available for access.

Let's stay focused and excited as we look forward to Spring 2026, when our beautiful new Parish Center will be ready to welcome everyone!

OMRO NEWS

St. Mary, Omro Calendar

- Mon. Sept. 15 12:30-2:00pm The Chosen, Season 5 (Triple Room)
- Tues. Sept. 16 4:30pm Finance Council Mtg
6:00pm Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Training (in church)
- Wed. Sept. 17 7:00pm Confirmation with Bishop Ricken (SMW)
- Thurs. Sept. 18 11:00am-1:00pm Widow/Widower Lunch (Dining Hall)
- Sat. Sept. 20 3:15pm 1st Reconciliation Parent Meeting (Triple Rm)
3:30pm Confession
4:00pm Mass w/1st Reconciliation Enrollment/
Craig & Pat Samolinski 50th Anniversary Blessing
6:00pm St. Thomas Mass, Poygan
- Sun. Sept. 21 10:30am Mass w/Baptism

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Catechetical Sunday

SMW: St. Mary Winneconne

STEWARDSHIP OF SHARING-Omro

Given Week ending 9/7/2025

Envelopes	\$2,797.00
Loose cash	\$ 300.00
Online & ACH Giving	<u>\$ 841.00</u>
Total	\$3,938.00
WEEKLY GOAL:	\$4,044.00

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Sunday, October 12, 8:30 am

As part of his pastoral visit, **Bishop Ricken** will be presiding at the 8:30 am Mass at St. Mary Omro with a reception following Mass. More information to come.

FAITH FORMATION

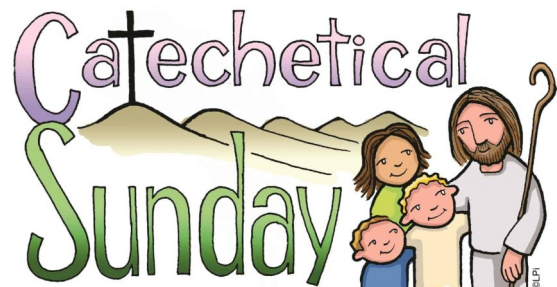
Registration is now open for the 2025-2026 Faith Formation Year. More information can also be found on our website:

[Faith Formation - ST. MARY CHURCHES](#)

**Registration closes
Wednesday, September 24.
Classes start Wednesday,
October 1!**



Contact Heidi Seaman with any questions
Heidi.seaman@stmarychurches.org



This year, we will celebrate **Catechetical Sunday** on **September 21 at the 10:30 am Mass**. On this special day, the Church recognizes the important role of those who hand on the faith both in the parish and in the home. We invite all parents and all catechists to please join us as we pray together and ask God's grace upon all who share the gift of faith with the next generation.



FAITH FORMATION FALL KICK-OFF ON OCTOBER 1 AT 6:30PM. ALL STUDENTS IN GRADES 7-11

We're excited to begin another year of growing in faith together! This gathering will include prayer, food, fun activities, and an introduction to what's ahead for the year.

Please RSVP by September 24

Heidi.seaman@stmarychurches.org

Readings for the Week of September 15

Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8/Jn 19:25-27
Our Ladies of Sorrow

Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13/Lk 7:11-17
Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop & Martyrs

Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16/Lk 7:31-35

Thursday: 1 Tm 4:12-16/Lk 7:36-50

Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16/Lk 8:4-15
Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gön, Priest & Paul Chöng Ha-sang, & Companions, Martyrs

Sunday: Am 8:4-7/1Tm 2:1-8
Lk 16:1-13
Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saturday, September 20

St. Mary Winneconne, 7:00-8:00 am

All men from St. Mary, Omro and Winneconne are welcome. The September 20 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.

Paul Kamikawa, a parishioner of St. Mary, Winneconne is participating in the Great Cycle Challenge for Children's Cancer for the month of September. This is the 5th year Paul has been a part of this noble cause. This year it is personal. Theresa's (his wife) cousins 2 year old grandson, Max, stopped walking last year. He was diagnosed with brain cancer. Since then he has gone through multiple operations and treatments. He is hanging in there.

Paul's challenge this year is to ride 300 miles in September and raise \$2,500 in donations. The Challenge started September 1, donations can be made now at his website. He thanks for all the donations in the past and consider donating this year for a personal cause. Prayers are donations too. You can follow his progress and donate at his website.

<https://greatcyclechallenge.com/Riders/PaulKamikawa>



St. Mary's Catholic Church Ladies Night Out Group



Join the fun!



When: Thursday, October 16, 2025 at 6:30pm

- What:**
- 1) Enjoy the great music of the Oshkosh Ukulele Club featuring the oldies, patriotic songs, etc.
 - 2) Autumn games for prizes
 - 3) Food, drinks and fellowship
- Chance to win door prizes.*

Where: St Mary Winneconne Church basement

Cost: Free; donations appreciated for the Oshkosh Ukulele Club
No need to register. Just come join in the fun!
Questions? Call Tanya at 262-441-0674.



Kaudy Hall Changes

Adult Faith Formation 1:30pm, Tuesday Bible Study

Will be held in the Lower Level of the Church

Widow/Widower Lunch 11:00am, Thursday

Will be held in the dining hall in OMRO

The Chosen will remain in Kaudy Hall on Mondays

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY: September 20
4:00pm (SMO) Elmer & Sarah Thums
6:00pm St. Thomas, Poygan
Michalski Family

SUNDAY: September 21
8:30am (SMW) All Married Couples
10:30am (SMO) For Our Parishioners

Altar Servers

4:00pm (SMO) Bob Breu, **Volunteer**
8:30am (SMW) **2 Volunteers**
10:30am (SMO) Hailey Karn, **Volunteer**

Lectors

4:00pm (SMO) Ken Bressers
8:30am (SMW) Gary Scheidegger
10:30am (SMO) Sue Martin

Ushers

4:00pm (SMO) **2 Volunteers**
8:30am (SMW) Paul & Pauline Jandrin
Jeff Jandrin, Peggy Benjamin
10:30am (SMO) Mona Freund, **Volunteer**

Sacristans

4:00pm (SMO) Ken Bressers
8:30am (SMW) Darlene Scheidegger
10:30am (SMO) Margaret Potratz

Communion Ministers

8:30am (SMW) Mike & Tracey Losse

Greeters

4:00pm (SMO) **2 Volunteers**
8:30am (SMW) **4 Volunteers**
10:30am (SMO) Mike Freund, Rylee Karn

Intercessory Prayers

8:30am (SMW) Rose Unser, **Volunteer**

Musicians:

4:00pm (SMO) Chrissy Volpe, Gail Breu
8:30am (SMW) Ron Hayes, Paige Woelfel
10:30am (SMO) Annemarie Birschbach, Amy Karn

thank you

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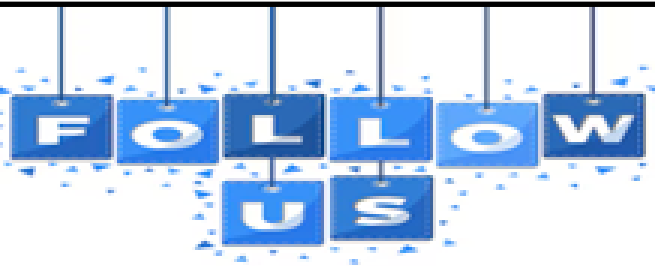
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Deadline for the Bulletin

NOON on Tuesday

E-mail bulletin announcements to:

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Children's Liturgy of the Word

Winneconne

Sept. 21, 8:30 am Mass



Omro

September 28, 10:30 am Mass

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