

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

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time **September 21, 2025**

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M-Th 8-4pm

Fridays Closed

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Office Hours

M-Th 8-5pm;

Fridays Closed

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

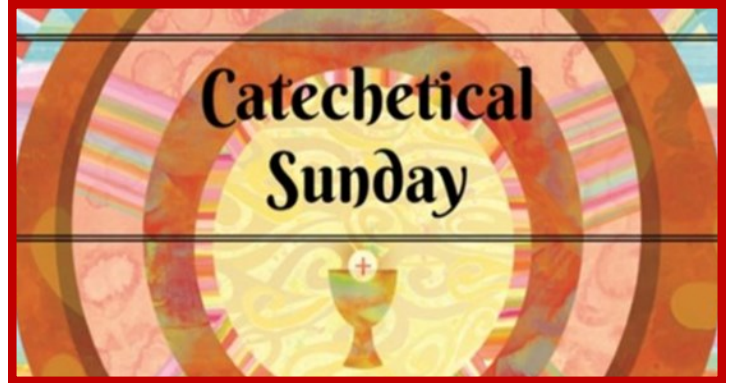
St. Mary, Winneconne

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.



PRAYER FOR CATECHISTS

Loving God, Creator of all things,
you call us to be in relationship with you and others.
Thank you for calling me to be a catechist,
for the opportunity to share with others
what you have given to me.
May all those with whom I share the gift of faith
discover how you are present in all things.

May they come to know you, the one true God,
and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.
May the grace of the Holy Spirit guide my heart and lips,
so that I may remain constant in loving and praising you.

May I be a witness to the Gospel and a minister of your
truth.

May all my words and actions reflect your love.
Amen.



Welcome to our parishes.

PASTORAL PONDERINGS

**“GOD IS OUR REFUGE
AND STRENGTH,
AN EVER-PRESENT
HELP IN TROUBLE.”**

- PSALM 46:1

One of the most difficult questions we face in life is: Why does a loving God allow suffering? From natural disasters to personal pain, suffering can shake our faith. Yet, the Catholic Church teaches that while God does not will suffering, he permits it for a greater purpose.

Suffering entered the world through sin, not necessarily personal sin, but through the brokenness of the human condition. Yet even in this, God does not abandon us. He sent His Son, Jesus Christ, not to eliminate suffering but to redeem it. On the Cross, Christ entered fully into the human pain and transformed it into a path to salvation.

When we unite our suffering to Christ's, it gains eternal value. St. Paul wrote “Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ on behalf of his body, which is the church,” (Colossians 1:24).

Through suffering, we can grow in compassion, patience, and holiness. It reminds us that this world is not our final home, and draws us closer to God, who alone gives lasting peace.

God also brings good out of suffering. Many saints found their deepest faith in their darkest trials. Suffering becomes a place where love can be proven and not just felt. Often it leads us to serve others who are in pain.

We may not always understand why we suffer, but we can trust God walks with us in it. In the mystery of suffering, God is not distant. He is closest to all.

God bless you and your family.
Deacon Paul Vidmar



REMINDER: Mass Times Change Starting in October

Beginning **Saturday, October 4**, 4:00pm Mass will be at St. Mary, Winneconne

Beginning **Sunday, October 5**, Mass times will be:
8:30am St. Mary, Omro
10:30am St. Mary, Winneconne

LOVE IN ACTION INITIATIVE

Ministries Unite to Better Serve Our Parish Communities

The Love in Action Initiative is a newly formed ministry which includes the following two ministries:

- Fellowship Ministry (formerly Parish Mission Planning)
- Christian Kindness Crew (formerly Christian Action Ministry and Stewardship Committees)

These ministries continue to offer many life-giving services, including monthly meals for Father Carr's, Fellowship Sundays, Ladies Night Out, Easter baskets and Christmas stockings for the homebound, Extended Adoration, Prayer Shawls, and more! Our hope is to expand these offerings by making these available in both parishes as well as providing additional support for families experiencing bereavement or prolonged illness. There are many different ways to participate!

We invite our parishioners in Omro and Winneconne to prayerfully consider joining this ministry if you aren't already involved. Volunteering is a rewarding way to live out our call to be the hands and feet of Jesus. For more information, please contact Patty by email or call either parish office: Patty.volp@stmarychurches.org.
St. Mary, Omro, 920-685-2258 or St. Mary, Winneconne, 920-582-7712



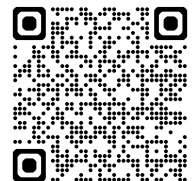
October Corporal Works of Mercy Saturday, October 18, 9:00 am–noon

The leaves are falling!
 Are you looking for help with your Fall Clean up?
 Let us take care it for you! Please call either church office and let us know how we can help you. Fall clean up is scheduled for
Saturday, October 18.
 St. Mary, Omro–920-685-2258
 St. Mary, Winneconne–920-582-7712

We are looking for volunteers to assist with fall cleanup at our parishes and for parishioners in need. This is a meaningful way to enjoy the season, connect with others, and provide service to our parish communities. Please use the links below or email Patty if you can help out! Patty.volp@stmarychurches.org.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS
 SUPPORT OF THIS REWARDING
 MINISTRY!

[St Mary Winneconne and Omro: CWOM- FALL CLEAN UP](#)



Upcoming Adult Faith Formation Offerings

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

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



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

MINISTRY FAIR

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 be refreshments and door prizes as well!

**HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL
 THERE!!**

WINNECONNE NEWS

St. Mary, Winneconne Calendar

Mon. Sept. 22	7:30am LOW* w/Communion 6:00pm Ministers of Holy Comm 6:00pm The Chosen (KH)
Tues. Sept. 23	1:30pm Bible Study (LL) 6:00pm Glorious Mysteries (in Church)
Wed. Sept. 24	7:30am LOW* w/Communion
Thurs. Sept. 25	2:00pm Rosary 2:30pm Joyful Mysteries (in Church)
Sun. Sept. 28	8:30am Mass 9:30am IPM Meeting & Blessing

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*LOW: Liturgy of the Word

LL: Lower Level of Church

SMW: St. Mary, Winneconne

STEWARDSHIP OF SHARING Winneconne

Given Week ending 9/14/2025

Envelopes	\$2,632.00
Loose cash	\$ 376.00
Online & ACH Giving	<u>\$2,038.00</u>
Total	\$5,046.00
WEEKLY GOAL:	\$6,464.00

God loves a cheerful giver
2 Corinthians 9:7



Catholic Charities
of the Diocese of Green Bay

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Green Bay
Family Resource Coordination
Serving families in Northeast Wisconsin

Are you or your family struggling with:

Finances Anxiety/Depression Food
Housing Health Care Employment
Transportation Addiction Recovery
Adoption/Pregnancy Immigration Status

- **We are There.** Our family resource coordinators offer support and services to help families take the next steps toward well being and self sufficiency.
- **Services are free and available to people of all faiths.**
- **Reach out today** 920-272-8234 or catholiccharitiesgb.org



**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



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.
- **10 Commandments & Bench:** To ensure the safety during ongoing construction, they have temporarily relocated. Both items will be relocated once construction is completed.

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!

1975 *Happy 50th Anniversary* 2025

Pat & Craig Samolinski



*May God continue to
bless your marriage
with love, joy
and peace.*

OMRO NEWS

St. Mary, Omro Calendar

Mon. Sept. 22 12:30-2:00pm The Chosen, Season 5 (Triple Room)
6:00pm Parish Council Mtg (Triple Room)

Wed. Sept. 24 4:30-5:30pm Confession

Sat. Sept. 27 3:30pm Confession
4:00pm Mass with Confirmation Enrollment

Sun. Sept. 28 10:30am Mass w/CLOW* & Refreshments

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
***CLOW: Children's Liturgy of the Word**

STEWARDSHIP OF SHARING-Omro

Given Week ending 9/14/2025

Envelopes	\$1,942.00
Loose cash	\$469.00
Online & ACH Giving	\$841.00
Total	\$3,252.00
WEEKLY GOAL:	\$4,044.00

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2 Corinthians 9:7

Mark Your Calendar!

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.

Confession

Wednesday, September 24, 4:30-5:30 pm

IN LOVING MEMORY

For the families and friends of **Keith Coats and Florence Schatz** both called home to our loving Father in Heaven. May Jesus' words console you, strengthen you, and fill you with peace.

FAITH FORMATION



There is still time to register for the 2025-2026 Faith Formation Year.

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



**Don't delay...
classes start Wednesday,
October 1!**

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

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 this year. **Please RSVP by September 24**
Heidi.seaman@stmarychurches.org

Confirmation Students

Entrance Meetings will be held the week of September 22. If you still need to reserve your spot, scan the code.



Confirmation Enrollment

Saturday, September 27 during 4:00pm Mass
Classes start Sunday, October 5

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)

For children ages 4 to 4th grade

September 28, 10:30am Mass

The **Children's Liturgy of the Word** is a special part of the Catholic Mass designed for children. During this time, children leave the main congregation to celebrate and reflect on the Sunday Gospel reading in a way that is **age-appropriate**.



Congratulations!
Lane Russell Koch
Son of
Josh & Amanda Koch

You are a child of God, you are wonderfully made, dearly loved and precious in his sight. -Psalm 139

Readings for the Week of September 22

Monday: Ezr 1:1-6/Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Lk 8:19-21
 Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest
Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9/Lk 9:1-6
Thursday: Hg 1:1-8/Lk 9:7-9
Friday: Hg 2:1-9/Lk 9:18-22
Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Lk 9:43b-45
 Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest
Sunday: Am 6:1a, 4-7/1 Tm 6:11-16
 Lk 16:19-31
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

LOURDES ACADEMY JOIN OUR TEAM!

OPEN POSITION
PART-TIME FOOD SERVICE

The Lourdes Academy Food Service Department has an opening to prep, serve and cashier in our school lunch program. This position works the school year, August through May, helping make and serve delicious lunch meals for the students at Lourdes Academy.

For this position the applicant must have basic cooking skills, the ability to operate a double stack oven, steamer, batch cooking, portioning items, measuring, counting, computer skills and be a team player. This is a fast paced and rewarding position.



Hours
8 a.m.-1 p.m. Tuesdays & Thursdays
10 hours/week



For more information, please contact food service director Cathy Steinert at 920-235-5671 or csteinert@lourdes.today.

WALK for Life Saturday, October 4, 2025

We are thrilled to invite you to join Deacon Paul and Kelly Vidmar for our annual **Walk for Life** on **Saturday, October 4, 2025**, as **Vida** proudly continues the beloved tradition previously hosted by Bella! This inspiring event celebrates the life-changing services you help make possible. Whether you join us for the walk or support from afar, your contribution multiplies the impact of our dedicated staff and volunteers, offering hope and practical resources to those facing unplanned pregnancies and mentoring parents in crisis. Learn more and register at www.friendsofvida.org/walk-for-life.

If you would like to support this worthy cause, donations will be accepted after Mass on September 27 and 28 or online.

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Padre Pio: Miracle Man

This movie captures the Capuchin friar's intense faith, devotion, and deep spiritual concern for others, as well as his great compassion for the sick and suffering. It reveals the amazing details and events in Padre Pio's life as a boy and throughout his fifty years as a friar, dramatizing the frequent attacks from the devil, as well as the persecution he suffered at the hands of people, including those in the Church.

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An offering from the AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE

Use the zip code 54986 to access the St. Mary subscription

Partner Food Bank of **FEEDING AMERICA** 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

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.



MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY: September 27
4:00pm (SMO) For Our Parishioners

SUNDAY: September 28
8:30am (SMW) Leo Kinney
10:30am (SMO) Wally Wucki

Altar Servers

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

Lectors

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

Ushers

4:00pm (SMO) Casey Koterbski, Steve Koterbski
8:30am (SMW) JoAnn Winnekens, **3 Volunteers**
10:30am (SMO) Jeff Huth, Mason Huth

Sacristans

4:00pm (SMO) Ken Bressers
8:30am (SMW) Rose Unser
10:30am (SMO) Jen Wellhoefer

Communion Ministers

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

Greeters

4:00pm (SMO) Lori Meyerhofer-Fisher, **Volunteer**
8:30am (SMW) JoAnn Winnekens, **2 Volunteers**
10:30am (SMO) Blake Stachura, Vienn Stachura

Intercessory Prayers

8:30am (SMW) **2 Volunteers**

Musicians:

4:00pm (SMO) Ted Kreuzer, Paul Kamikawa
8:30am (SMW) Annemarie Birschbach,
Mary Gallenberg
10:30am (SMO) Ted Kreuzer

Thank you

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Deadline for the Bulletin

NOON on Tuesday

E-mail bulletin announcements to:

Sue Kuhn: sue.kuhn@stmarychurches.org

Cammy Miller: cammy.miller@stmarychurches.org

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Winneconne

September 21, 8:30 am Mass



Omro

September 28, 10:30 am Mass

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