



ST. MARY CHURCH OMRO & WINNECONNE



Mission Statement

We, the parish of St. Mary Omro, proudly proclaim the message of Jesus Christ through word and action. We joyfully celebrate the Eucharist, reach out to all with generosity & hospitality, and continue to grow as a community of love, compassion and faith.

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We, the caring community of St. Mary's Parish, inspired by the Holy Spirit, welcome everyone to celebrate the Eucharist, share our Catholic faith through education and example, and reach out to others with a generous spirit.

CHRISTMAS DAY December 25, 2011



“And the angel said unto them, 'Fear not: for behold, I bring unto you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the City of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.’”

Parish Director: Sr. Pamela Biehl — directorstmary@sbcglobal.net
Sacramental Ministers: Fr. Doug LeCaptain & Fr. Luke Ferris

Parish Director's Ponderings.....

LIGHT permeates Christmas Time. Christmas is a celebration of the birth of **divine light** into the world. We pray in the Creed that Jesus is "**light from light**, true God from true God." We hear the prophet Isaiah tell us that for "for those who have dwelt in the land of gloom, a **light** has shone." The Gospel acclamation for Christmas Day proclaims, "Today a great **light** has come upon the earth." Over and over again we are reminded that the Light which has come into the world does not diminish or fade away but abides with us and will remain with us forever.

By our very Baptism we are called to be the bearers of light to the world. During these days of Christmas may we bring the light of Christ to others through our love and kindness as we gather with family and friends. May we help others to know that Christ is truly born today in our world and in our hearts.

*All of the staff here at St. Mary Church
wish you a wonderful Christmas!*

*May the light of Christ shine brightly in your hearts and homes
as we celebrate God-with-us!*

Sr. Pam

**ATTENTION PARISHIONERS
2011 OFFERINGS &
DONATIONS CUT-OFF**

**Collections received on Sunday
January 1, 2012 will not qualify as a
charitable contribution deduction in
2011, even if the check was actually
written in 2011 or was back-dated to
2011. The IRS requires donations to be
received by the charity on or before
December 31, 2011 to qualify as a
deduction for 2011. Contributions
received on Saturday,
December 31, 2011 will be counted,
deposited and recorded in the
2011 tax year.**

Readings for the Week of Dec. 25

- Monday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59
Mt 10:17-22
- Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
- Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:5-2:2/Mt 2:13-18
- Thursday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35
- Friday: Sir 3:2-7, 12-14/Lk 2:22-40
- Saturday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18
- Next Sun.: Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2;16-21



**The Parish Offices will be closed
on Monday, December 26, and
Monday, January 2, at both
churches—Omro & Winneconne.**

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY: December 31

4:00PM DH McDonald Family

SUNDAY: January 1

10:30AM Bob & Ken Meulemans



**ST. Mary Parish, 210 Pleasant Dr.
P.O. Box 487, Winneconne, WI 54986**

Parish Office: 920-582-7712/582-4601

Fax: 920-582-0181

After hours personal/family emergencies, call the Parish Director at 920-379-1674.

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday

8:00AM-Noon 12:30- 5:00PM

Fridays-Closed

Pastoral Associate: Sharon Baker
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Coordinator of Faith Formation 1-12: Andy Krueger
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Bookkeeper/Adult Choir Director: Joni Volkert
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Administrative Assistant: Sue Kuhn
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Custodian: Marilyn Bradley

Deadline for bulletin: Noon on Tuesday

E-mail bulletin announcements to:
kochmary@charter.net

Website: www.stmarywinneconne.org

Liturgy of the Word with Communion:

Monday & Wednesday: 7:30AM

**LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE
SATURDAY & SUNDAY December 31 &
January 1**

ALTAR SERVERS:

4:00PM 2 Volunteers

10:30AM 2 Volunteers

LECTORS:

4:00PM Tom Snider

10:30AM Vicki Holt

USHERS:

4:00PM Jerry Reetz, Dave Weisgerber,
Marisue & Jack Quigley

10:30AM Paul Baker, 3 Volunteers

COMMUNION MINISTERS:

4:00PM Chris Abhold, Tom & Paula Snider
Judy Reetz, Gretchyn Weisgerber

10:30AM Michelle LaMarche, Mike & Kathy Lynch
Sharon Baker, 1 Volunteer

GREETERS:

4:00PM Sam & Jacob Aerts, Kathy Meinen

10:30AM Mark, Tyler & Alex Holt,

MUSICIANS:

4:00PM Bonnie Plummer

10:30AM Bonnie Plummer



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SATURDAY: December 31

6:00PM For Our Parishioners

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8:30AM For Our Parishioners



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SATURDAY & SUNDAY December 31 January 1

ALTAR SERVERS:

6:00PM 1 Volunteer

8:30AM 2 Volunteers

LECTORS:

6:00PM Gwenn Jessen

8:30AM Janet Wegner

COMMUNION MINISTERS:

6:00PM Jim & Deb Wellens

8:30AM Bob Hinderman, Kathy Hayes

Fran Gilbride, Alice Dwyer

USHERS:

6:00PM Gwenn Jessen, 1 Volunteer

8:30AM Kay Biebl, 3 Volunteers

GREETERS:

6:00PM 1 Volunteer

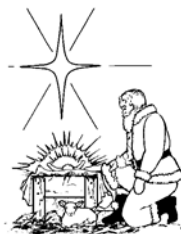
8:30AM 2 Volunteers

MUSICIANS:

6:00PM Marshall Potter w/Joni Volkert

8:30AM Ron Hayes

VIDEO: Mary Jo Hinderman



Liturgy of the Word with Communion:

1st & 3rd Tuesday: 8:00AM at St. Mary, Omro

2nd & 4th Wednesday: 10:30AM at Omro Care Center

**ST. Mary Parish, 730 Madison Ave.
Omro, WI 54963**

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Fax: 920-685-7343

After hours personal/family emergencies, call the Parish Director at 920-379-1674.

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday

8:00AM-Noon 12:30- 4:00PM

Fridays-Closed

Faith Formation Coordinator: Janet Abalan
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Bookkeeper/Music Coordinator: Joni Volkert
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Administrative Assistant: Mary Koch
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Hispanic Ministry Coordinator: Marycarmen Fabian

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Special Project Coordinator: Pam Vanden Heuvel

Custodian: Katelyn Hess

Deadline for bulletin: Noon on Tuesday

E-mail bulletin announcements to:
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Website: www.stmaryomro.org

✓ CHECK IT OUT... **ST. MARY, OMRO**

Mon. Dec. 26 **PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**

Wed. Dec. 28 10:30 AM LOW* w/Communion
@ Omro Care Center

Sat. Dec. 31 6:00 PM Mass

Sun. Jan. 1 8:30 AM Mass



*LOW: Liturgy of the Word

*Lifelong Faith Formation
Cruisin' the Creed*

*God the Upper Deck
January 4 & 11, 2012*



Our focus is God the Creator. What does the love of God mean to us?

What is our understanding of the presence of God? All are welcome to learn and deepen their faith with us!

**Gospel Question of the Week
The Birth of the Savior**

Adults: What will you do during this Christmas season to reflect in your heart, as Mary did, on God's gift of the Savior?

Children/Youth: What would you say to Jesus as you stand before the nativity scene in your church?

**THANK YOU
from Lifelong Faith Formation.**

Thank you to the wonderful volunteers: presenters & kitchen workers, musicians & readers. All of you help grow our family faith formation. It wouldn't be possible without your support! Thank you and blessings for a wonderful New Year!

2011 Christmas Wish List

New Server Albs - \$75 each

150 - New Folding Chairs for Dining Hall
\$15.50 each

5 - Round Tables for Triple Room
\$168.45 each

(Purchased 5 with money from Soup Cook-Off)

Processional Cross - **Rec'd Thank You!**

Projector for Laptop Computer - \$800

22 Ft. Ladder System - \$300
(Similar to Little Giant)

Contoured Changing Table Pad—\$25

Small Refrigerator for Children's Room—\$65

3—Safety 1st Booster Seats—\$20 each

Rest in Peace



We would like to express our deepest sympathies to the family and friends of Audrey Janiak. She was called home to our loving Father on Sunday, December 18. Please keep Audrey, her family and friends in your thoughts and prayers.

STEWARDSHIP OF SHARING

Week Ending 12/18/2011

Given: \$4,805.50

YTD (July 1 – Dec. 18, 2011)

Budgeted Offertory Collection : \$91,144.35
(Envelopes & Loose)

Actual Offertory Collection : \$94,252.26
\$ 3,107.91

Bldg. Maint. Fund Balance \$ 1,029.20



**Kwiatkowski
Funeral Home**
425 Jefferson Ave, Omro
685-2207
Parish Member

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Pheasant Farm**
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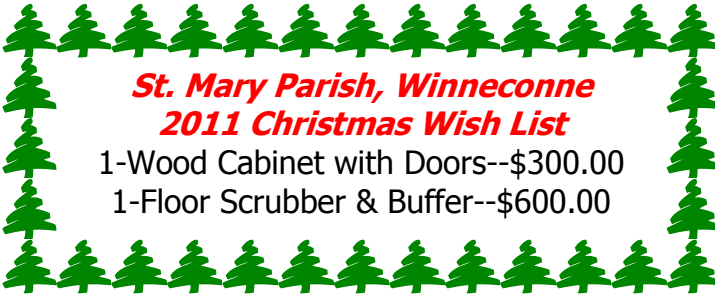
Given: \$7,014.10

YTD (July 1 – Dec. 18, 2011)

Budgeted Offertory Collection : \$124,125.81
(Envelopes & Loose)

Actual Offertory Collection : \$120,042.89
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Bldg. Maint. Fund Balance \$ 3,750.31



St. Mary Parish, Winneconne 2011 Christmas Wish List

- 1-Wood Cabinet with Doors--\$300.00
- 1-Floor Scrubber & Buffer--\$600.00



Like Us on Facebook!

**St. Mary Catholic Church
Winneconne now has a facebook
page now.**

Rest in Peace

We would like to express our deepest sympathies to the family and friends of Jerry Bielak.

Jerry was called home to our loving Father on Sunday, December 18. Please keep Jerry, his family and friends in your thoughts and prayers.



WINNECONNE

LEADERSHIP FORMATION

No classes during the week between Christmas and New Year's.

Classes will resume on **January 4th**.

- Elementary School meets every Wednesday except the 5th Wednesday of the month.
- No classes on the 5th Wednesday; this is reserved for catechist training in-service.
- Middle School meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month.
- High School meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month.
- 1st Wednesday of the month is Middle School Youth Group, 5:15-6:15.
- 2nd Wednesday of the month is High School Youth Group, 5:15-6:15.

Middle School Movie Night



January 13th 6:00-8:30 PM in front of the big screen, lower level of church. All middle school youth are invited to gather together to watch **Soul Surfer**.

Soul Surfer is the inspiring true story of teen surfer Bethany Hamilton, who lost her arm in a shark attack and courageously overcame all odds to become a champion again through her sheer determination and unwavering faith.

We hope you will join us for a fun night of games and a movie planned just for you. Invite your friends to join us too, all are welcome!

