

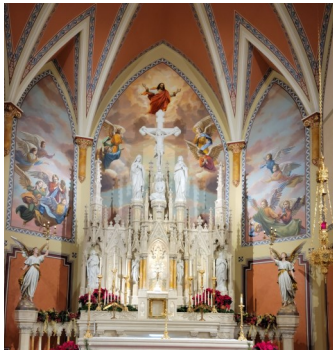
Assumption Church
1821 38th Road
David City, Nebraska 68632



To proclaim the Good News of
Jesus Christ by worshipping God in
Word and Sacrament.

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Saint Mary Catholic Church
580 I Street
David City, Nebraska 68632

Mass Schedule (Horario de Misas)
Saturday: 5:00 PM
Sunday: 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM,
Sunday: (Assumption) 9:00 AM
Daily (M-F) 6:20AM & 5:30PM
Daily School Mass: 8:00AM
Sat. 8:00 AM
Holy Days: See Parish Bulletin

St. Mary Confession (Confesiones) Schedule
Monday -Friday: 6-6:15AM; 5-5:20pm
Sat. 7-7:50AM; 4-4:50PM,
Sun. 7:30 -7:50AM
Assumption Confession Schedule
Sunday: 8:30AM – 8:50AM

Office Manager: Heather Oltmer (367-3579 ext 3)
Evangelization: Sr. Mary, MS (367-3579 ext 4)

St. Mary Parish Council Members
Mike Eller (367-3941) Paul Gahan (430-2855)
Kathy Engel (367-6183) Sharon DeWispelare (367-7991)
Jennifer Hein (360-1108) Andrew Daro (367-2984)

St. Mary Finance Council Members
Jackie DeWispelare (290-7842) Rob Daro (367-5116)
Deb Svec (367-9088)

Assumption Parish Council & Finance Committee
Mike Kadlec Kevin Andel Jerome Andel

Aquinas Catholic Schools
Fr. Michael Ventre: CAO (367-3175)
Mrs. Sarah Zook: (pre-K - 5th Grade) (367-3669)
Mr. Spencer Zysset: (6th - 12th Grade) (367-3175)

Butler County Right to Life: Brenda Eller (367-3405)

Bulletin Information: (Due 2pm Wednesday)
stmarysdavidcity@gmail.com

We are here to help you live the Sacramental Life.
Please contact the parish office to register for Holy
Baptism, First Holy Communion, Confirmation,
Anointing of the Sick, or Marriage.

Assumption Cemetery: Valerian Svoboda (367-3607)
St. Mary Cemetery: Ken Smith (367-3375)
Encounter/ CCD: Sr. Mary, MS (367-3579 x4)
Fun-Raising Committee: Deb Dinkelman (270-1983)
Catholic Daughters: Kathy Engel (367-6183)
Nancy Vrbka (367-8835)
Prayer Circle: Dee Lanspa: dlanspa@windstream.net

Knights of the Altar (altar servers)
Fr. Schukei (367-3579)
Knights of Columbus Council #1717
Grand Knight: Todd Hilfiker (499-4633)
St. Mary Parish Council of Catholic Women (P.C.C.W)
Jenny Polacek (641-0405) Jean Meister (641-3709)
Mindy Schawang (367-8280) Misty Havlovic (367-3726)

Assumption Parish Council of Catholic Women
Michelle Woolsey (539-2060)
Judy Polacek (367-3560)
Laura Cox (367-9588)

Perpetual Adoration Hours
Brenda Eller (367-3405) Bob Palik (367-4151)
RJ & Courtney Hein (270-0732) Dr. Jo Witter (450-6453)

St. Mary Guild (funeral dinners)
Barb O’Connell (367-4042)

Scrap Metal: Kent Longenecker (367-4627)
Tom Reisdorff: (367-7968)

Traveling Chalice (Vocations)
Kathleen Deavers (542-2505)

NEW PARISHIONERS: Please call the Rectory to make
an appointment to register. If you have a change of address,
phone numbers, or household, please notify the parish office.

Estamos para apoyarte a que vivas una vida Sacramental plena. Te
faltan Sacramentos o sabes de alguien que no tiene todos sus
Sacramentos por favor comunicate a la oficina de la Parroquia (en
ingles) O al (402) 527-5648 con nuestra traductora (informes en
español) para mas información.

THANK YOU, DAVID CITY DEANERY PARISHES for your prayers and generous support of Aquinas Catholic Schools
Assumption, Appleton, Assumption, Dwight, Holy Trinity, Brannard, Immaculate Conception, Ulysses, Presentation, Bellwood, St. Anthony, Bruno, St. Francis, David City,
St. Joseph, Bellwood, St. Mary’s, David City, St. Peter, Bellwood, Sts. Peter & Paul, Abie, Sacred Heart, Shelby, & St. Wenceslaus, Bee.

Celebrate Christmastide (40 days of Christmas)

Do not become overwhelmed, perhaps do one or two things and no more.

1. **Don't take your decorations down.**
Keep your nativity scenes on display. Don't take down your tree. Keep your Christmas lights on each day as the day ends and the sky darkens. Light candles near your manger scene, perhaps while the family eats dinner.

2. **Pray the Litany to the Child Jesus.**
Pray the Litany to the Child Jesus during the Octave, or even throughout the entire season.

3. **Celebrate the saints of the Christmas season.**
Take note of the various saints' feast days that are celebrated during the Christmas season. Ask them for their intercession. The saints are eager to offer petitions on our behalf!

4. **Host a Christmas party after Christmas day.**
Consider hosting Christmas parties AFTER Christmas day. Much of the rush and anxiety is over, people are no longer attending office/family/ friends' parties, and there is more down time.

5. **Host an Epiphany party.**

6. **Go to Mass or Adoration this Christmastide.**
If you have some days off from work, you could go to daily Mass or to Adoration.

Instead of being constantly busy, consider graciously declining a social event, and take time to rest in the peace of Christ instead.

In our world of constant distractions, this might take some will power; we might have to force ourselves to sit and be still. And yet keeping company with the Christ Child in our hearts is the gift that He desires from us.

The feast of the Holy Family is a beautiful way to continue the celebration of Christmas, focusing on how our own families can emulate the beauty and joy found in the Holy Family.



PLEASE JOIN US FOR A
NIGHT OF FOOD,
FELLOWSHIP, AND FUN
**ST. PETERS
PRIME RIB DINNER**
SATURDAY, JANUARY 13, 2024
BUTLER COUNTY EVENT CENTER
SOCIAL HOUR 6:00 PM
DINNER 7:00 PM
ENTERTAINMENT TO FOLLOW
music by Joe Cockson
TICKET COST - \$50

TO PURCHASE TICKETS, CONTACT
Moll Wellman, Kenny Wellman, John & Fran Pachio, Ken Schmidt,
Carol Ronsheck, Bob Zyzers or email:
saintpeterscatholic@gmail.com Church office Pick-Up
Fr. Stephen Groves cdolinc.net / Aquinas Pick-Up
Sponsored by Marquis Body Shop & John & Fran Pachio

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD, JAN. 1

Why do Catholics honor Mary as Mother of God?

Simple: Jesus is the son of Mary. Jesus is God. Therefore, Mary is the Mother of God.

On this holy feast day, we take a moment as we start our new year to honor our Blessed Mother, who in her "yes" to God brought our Savior into the world to redeem us.

Lost & Found Tip: Jesus says on the cross, "Behold your Mother." As we all jump into the frenzy of the new year and start attempting to bring our resolutions to fruition, let us call on the aid of our Mother Mary to give us the strength to draw closer to her Son every day this year.

CatholicsComeHome.org

NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION
St. John's School in Weston
Prime Rib Dinner & Fun Pianos
Starlite Event Center
Dinner & Show: \$80 | Show only: \$25
stjohnspa.ticketprice.com/st-johns-new-years-eve-2024

CURRENT JOB OPENINGS

- Aquinas Bus Drivers (route)
- Holy Family Teachers (full & part time)

APPLY ONLINE OR CALL FOR MORE INFO

December 31, 2023 - Feast of the Holy Family - St. Mary Church, David City / Assumption, Appleton


MASS INTENTIONS CHRISTMAS OCTAVE DAY/MARY, MOTHER OF GOD		
Mass Time	Intention	Requested By
Monday, January 1, 2024 - Mary, Mother of God		
8:00 AM	Emil & Rose Kouba +	Tom Medinger Family
9:00 AM Assumption	Poor Souls +	Vic Pokorny Family
10:00 AM	Pro Populo	For The People
Tuesday, January 2 - St. Basil the Great/St. Gregory Nazianzen		
6:20 AM	Poor Souls +	David Brichacek Family
8:00 AM	NO MASS	NO SCHOOL
5:30 PM	Jason Svoboda +	Jim Redler Family
Wednesday, January 3 - Most Holy Name of Jesus		
6:20 AM	Bunny Vanis +	Geri Shipley
8:00 AM	NO MASS	NO SCHOOL
5:30 PM	Larry Rezac +	Mary Ann Svoboda
Thursday, January 4– St., Elizabeth Ann Seton		
6:20 AM	Ryker Haselhorst	Bryan Hein
8:00 AM	Steve Plasek +	Margaret Kloke
5:30 PM	Marv Capoun +	Clarice Capoun
Friday, January 5 - St. John Neumann/First Friday		
6:20 AM	Patrick Pflum +	Pflum Family
8:00 AM	Ron Vaca +	Dee Lanspa
5:30 PM	Jim Kobza +	Alice Kobza
Saturday, January 6 - St. Andre Bessette/First Saturday		
8:00 AM	Daniel Ehlers	Dalton Family
Anticipated Mass for Sunday		
5:00 PM	Poor Souls +	Sharon Reisdorff
Sunday, January 7 - Epiphany of the Lord		
8:00 AM	Pro Populo	For The People
9:00 AM Assumption	Assumption PCCW Members	Assumption PCCW
10:00 AM	Leonard Adamy +	Kay Adamy



<i>“Let not your hand be open to receive and clenched when it is time to give.” Matthew: 10:8</i>	
ST. MARY - DAVID CITY - December 24, 2023	
Sunday Collection:	\$21,614.75
Weekly Budget (2023 Budget Numbers)	\$16,923.00
Actual YTD (26 weeks): YTD SHORTAGE:	\$387,540.88 -\$52,457.12
ASSUMPTION - APPLETON	
Sunday Collection:	\$2501.31
Weekly Budget (2023 Budget Numbers)	\$1,307.00
Actual YTD (26 weeks): YTD SHORTAGE:	\$31,567.68 -\$2,414.32

Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat Schedule:
Women’s Spiritual Exercises: Jan. 18-21: Regnum Christi
Unbound: Freedom in Christ: Feb. 2-4: Fr. Wm. Holoubek

Watch The Chosen: We will take a break over the Christmas Holidays and resume on Jan. 4th. The last episode will be on January 11, 2024. All are welcome.
Religious Sister of the Week: Sr. Xuan Sang, Postulant, with the Sisters of Mary, Queen of Mercy. Please keep Sister in your prayers and continue to pray for more religious vocations.
Seminarian of the Week: Mr. Dominic Jasti, Pre-Theology 2 at St. Gregory the Great Seminary, Seward, son of Jasti Vinodh & Mary Roja Manikat of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, Lincoln. Please pray for Dominic and all who are studying for the priesthood.



Financial Peace University: We will be offering Dave Ramsey’s 10 week course on debt and money control beginning on Thursday, January 18 at 6:30pm for 10 weeks. Childcare offered upon request. Please contact the parish office if interested.

Confirmation Preparation Class: will begin with a parent meeting on Jan. 10 at 6pm in the Didier Room. All **5th & 6th graders** that are eligible will meet on January 17. If you have not registered, please contact the parish office.
Traveling Chalice will be in **Joe Sisco** household Dec. 31 - Jan. 6 Please continue to pray for vocations.

Parish Wish List: Items are still available on the wish list. Check our parish website or our Facebook page for available items.

Be Healed: Come to a study (lead by Sr. Mary) on Dr. Bob Schuchts book, *Be Healed*. Dr. Schuchts spent more than 30 years as a therapist, while also teaching graduate and undergraduate courses in marriage and family relationships, human development, applied psychology, and marriage and family therapy. In 2004, he began the John Paul II Healing Center which offers workshops in Catholic parishes world-wide. Come join us Fridays at 10:00 am, beginning January 12 at the parish office / rectory.

Magnificat Booklets are in the back of church. Please make sure you take ONLY the one with your name on the book. These booklets are for those who have a paid subscription. Thank you.

Funeral Mass for Clara Meysenburg will be held on Wednesday, January 3 at 10am in St. Mary Church. Catholic Daughters Rosary will be held on Tuesday at 7pm in the church.

St. Mary Guild will meet on Wed. January 3 at 2:30pm in the Didier Room. **NOTE TIME CHANGE.**

Liturgical Assignments: Weekend of January 6/7

Mass	Acolytes	Lector / Reader	Servers	Sacristan
Saturday 5:00pm	R J Hein	Ann Heermann	Brecken Romshek Ryan & Case Hein	Shawn Koranda
Sunday 8:00am	Ron Lyons	Barb Belsky	Jonathan, Robert & Kolbe Pytlik	Alli Sisco
Sunday 10:00am	Ed Meysenburg John Svec	Deb Svec	Andrew & Anthony Oltmer Nathaniel & Tate Hain	Kathy Jones

Holy Hour Openings: **All adoration hours have been filled THANK YOU!!** Please consider taking an hour as a family or group. For example a family that has older children who can get themselves to the chapel as well as adults. Or a group, like the Knights of Columbus or Catholic Daughters, bible study group, Moms group, Teens for Life, etc. Come spend an hour with Our Lord in our beautiful St. Joseph Adoration Chapel. Please contact **Brenda Eller**.

Save the dates: **April 13** - Variety and Dinner Show; **TBD**-The Sunday Evening Card Party in the Didier Room.
Hope of the Poor St. Mary parish has supported Hope of the Poor for several years now. The donation boxes (normally out during Lent) can be taken home and returned to the parish office before **January 15** so the donations can be collected before the Parish Mission Trip, January 25. There will be a new mission appeal held during Lent! Thank you for your generous support in helping continue the Corporal Works of Mercy for our misfortunate brothers and sisters.

St. Mary Garage Sale: The Funraising annual garage sale will be held on Feb 10 and 11. **NEW** this year we **will not** be sorting clothes at school, this way it gives more space in the Didier room. When your getting your stuff ready to donate if you can put all clothes in a separate bag it will help in the sorting process. Again this year we will not accept appliances, tvs, computers or exercise equipment.

Parish office will be closed on Monday, January 1.
Desert Day Retreat: all are invited to make a desert day retreat on your own or with direction from Sr. Mary. Tuesday January 23; 8:00am to 4:00pm at the St. Benedict Center north of Schuyler. Please **RSVP by January 9** by calling or emailing the parish office. \$40/person if you want a day-use private room or \$20 without a room - lunch included.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: As we celebrate Holy Family Sunday, let us remember that God’s love for us is reflected in the love for each other in our family. Why not celebrate and encourage that love by giving your spouse a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on: February 9-11, Lincoln, NE For questions, or to find out more about a Virtual Encounter Weekend, feel free to contact: Brenda & Gary Granger: 402-370-5839. Space is limited, so reserve your weekend early. For more information about Worldwide Marriage Encounter, visit www.wwme.org.

Follow us on Instagram and Facebook! @wwmeColorado
Why is St. Francis in the manger scene? In 1223 (800 years ago), in Greccio, Italy, St. Francis of Assisi wanted to increase devotion to the incarnation of Jesus Christ. With the permission of the Holy Father Pope Honorius III, he prepared a manger with hay, a (live) ox, and a (live) donkey. When the faithful had been gathered, he chanted the Christmas Gospel and gave a beautiful homily about the “Babe of Bethlehem.” Then, onlookers could see a little Child sleeping in the manger. The child appeared to be awakened from sleep when the Francis embraced Him in both arms.

Word Among Us booklets for January/February are available at each entrance. These are complimentary and are in limited supply.
Pickelball: **Sun. Dec. 31 from 2-3:30pm** in the gym. All welcome.

December Assignments

St. Mary Church Cleaners:
St. Rose Circle
St. Mary Cassock Cleaners:
Jenesis Emory & Patty Pytlik
Assumption Cleaners:
Michelle Andel & Nicole Sylvester

Assistant Pastor’s Corner

Dear St. Mary/Assumption Parishioners,
I hope your Christmas celebrations during this Christmas Oc-tave have been joy-filled and spent with family and friends, while also taking time to reflect on the great gift of the Incarnation we celebrate. As we come to the end of this Christmas Octave, we get to enter into the great liturgical celebrations of the Holy Fam-ily and of Mary, the Mother of God. Both are beautiful celebra-tions that reflect on the relationships our Lord had after he entered into humanity. He had a loving family and most especially a lov-ing mother.

Many of you have heard that on Christmas evening, I rolled my truck on some black ice on my way to celebrate Christmas with my family. After the accident, I was very confused, slipping in and out of consciousness, transported by first responders and ar-riving at the hospital; there was one thing that gave me relief, my family. I was grateful when my family showed up in my hospital room. There is something about a family’s presence that brings much comfort. Allowing others to enter into your life is a beauti-ful way to share the many joys, and help you to put things in per-spective at those low points.

I am grateful for the opportunity to have spent a few days with my family, as they encouraged me to get my rest and tolerated my brain fog which is still a little present from the concussion. Re-flecting on my experience over the last couple of days, it hit me that Jesus would have had a similar support in his family. Christ chose to be born into the loving family of Mary and Joseph. Jesus would have many ups and downs in his mission to bring about our salvation, and Jesus would have shared those things on his heart with Joseph, and especially, Mary through those moments.

As we celebrate the Holy Family we are reminded of the gift of family, and how God desires us to live deeply in that community. It is in the family that the core of Christian life is lived out: the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. If we cannot first come to love (will the good of others) and care for those closest to us, how can we ever do that for other “neighbors” or strangers. God did command us to love both God and neighbor, and our communal life of family teaches us to do so.

But family is bigger than a biological connection. God pre-sents us with many kinds of families: our co-workers who become a family, our friends who become a family, and so on. May we be mindful as we celebrate the Holy Family that we too are called to live a life of love like Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. May God contin-ue to bless you in this Octave of Christmas, in whatever family you find yourself.

In Christ,
Fr. Tony Schukei



**THE CHRISTMAS FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE DONATED IN MEMORY/HONOR OF LOVED ONES BY
FAMILY AND FRIENDS.**

St. Mary's Parish

Julie Plasek – Joseph & Emily Plasek, Steve Plasek

John & Barb Dehner- Mary Dehner Snow

Ron & Monica Lyons – Clare Schnase, Ed Kacirek

Orletha Havlovic - Ray Havlovic

Helen Zavodny- Michael Dehner, Helen Dehner, Leonard Zavodny, John Klement, Michael Zavodny

Betty Betzen- Lee & Gladys Yindrick, Eric Betzen

Dale & Vickie Kerkman – Robert & Dorothy Gillespie, Able Mooberry, Tony & Clara Kerkman; Tom, Ann, Judy Kerkman, Pat Montag, Dorothy Gillespie

Greg & Brenda Eller- William & Marcella Eller, Margaret Klenda

Marylou Hilger - Don Hilger, Louis & Mary Vanis

Sharon Reisdorff - Joesph Reisdorff, Earl & Agnes Reisdorff, Henry & Martha Ebel, Leon Ebel, Herman & Clara Dvorak

Dan & Jan Sypal- Jerry & Vi Kopecky, Val & Cece Sypal, Milo Sypal, Dennis Sypal

Russ & Loretta Daro- Raymond & Celestine Vanis, Eveliene Daro, Walter Daro

George & Mary Lou Smith- Catherine & Nick Hein Leona Kozisek

Yvonne Wendt & Don Saalfeld - Steve Wendt, Delores Kucera, Louis & Ludmilla Kucera, Jason Saalfeld

Robert & Reyne Viergutz- Eugene & Darlene Divis

Daniel & Sherrill Smith- Deceased Family Members

Gene & Pat Supancheck- Evert & Edith Supancheck, Leonard & Mary Ann Pernicek

Patty Vaca- Ron Vaca

Ryan & Jean Meister – Don & Joan Semin

Cork & Sharon DeWispelare - Tad DeWispelare, Anita Svoboda, Erin Schmit

Dorothy Gillespie-Robert Gillespie, Frank & Anna Fozzard

John & Maureen Coufal-Delbert Egger; Emma Egger; John & Darlene Coufal

James M Egr – Egr Family, relatives & friends; Lankas Family, relatives & friends

Sharon Brecka – Eugene Brecka; Shirley Marintzer

John & Deb Svec – Svec Deceased family members

Regina Skala- Steve Riha

Harriet Jakub-Rudy Jakub

Robert & Nancy Moravec- Robert Rerucha, Richard Rerucha

Assumption Parish

Greg & Lori Sabata- Charles & Marie Sabata, Joe & Leonarda Meysenburg

Karl & Sharon Kovar – Elmer Novacek, F.E. & Adela Jedlicka

Daniel Palik- Palik Family

Ken & Judy Polacek – Jerry & Josephine Polacek, Jerome Polacek, Kathy Larabee, Marylyn Hascal & Mary Spikelmier