

*Lord, as I color in this Nativity scene,
help me remember the true meaning of Christmas. Amen.*



Don't forget to celebrate (go to Mass) January 1st
Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God

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



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

Pastor: Fr. Brian Connor, V.F.
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In Residence: Fr. Michael
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Assumption Church
1821 38th Road
David City, Nebraska 68632



"And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do
it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to
God the Father through him." **Colossians 3:17**

Parish Email: stmarysdavidcity@gmail.com
Facebook: @stmarysdavidcity
Parish App: text stmaryccapp to 833-245-6541
Website: stmarysdavidcity.org

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 (Wed: 6:45 PM)
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) Dawn Jakub (367-8233)
Jennifer Hein (360-1108) John Wehrs (954-8728)

St. Mary Finance Council Members

Jackie DeWispelare (290-7842) Rob Daro (367-5116)
Deb Svec (367-9088) Kasey Kadavy (440-6998)

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

Assumption Cemetery: Valerian Svoboda (367-3607)

St. Mary Cemetery: Ken Smith (367-3375)

CCD: Sr. Mary, M.S. (367-3579 x4)

Fun-Raising Committee: Deb Dinkelman (270-1983)

Catholic Daughters: Kathy Engel (367-6183)
Nancy Vrbka (367-8835)

Prayer Circle: Dee Lanspa: huskerdelores@gmail.com

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)

Carly Eller (402-270-4590) Ashley Witmer (402-367-2323)
Mindy Schawang (367-8280) Misty Havlovic (367-3726)

Assumption Parish Council of Catholic Women

Jill Pokorny (402-367-8842)
Judy Polacek (402-367-3560)
Laura Cox (402-367-9588)

Perpetual Adoration Hours

Brenda Eller (367-3405) Bob Palik (367-4151)
RJ & Cortney 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.

December 29, 2024 - Feast of the Holy Family - St. Mary Church, David City / Assumption, Appleton

MASS INTENTIONS OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS		
Mass Time	Intention	Requested By
Monday, December 30 - Octave Day of Christmas		
6:20 AM	Janet Horacek +	Tony Horacek
8:00 AM	NO MASS	NO SCHOOL
5:30 PM	NO MASS	NO MASS
Tuesday, Dec. 31- Octave Day of Christmas (Pope St. Sylvester)		
6:20 AM	Ryker Haselhorst	Bryan Hein Family
Tuesday	Vigil Mary, Mother of God	December 31
500 PM	Joe Reisdorff +	Sharon Reisdorff
Wed. January 1 - Solemnity - Mary, Mother of God		
8:00 AM	Emil & Rose Kouba +	Tom Medinger Family
9:00 AM Assumption	Poor Souls +	Chris Woolsey Family
10:00 AM	Pro Populo	For the People
Thurs. January 2 - Saints Basil the Great/Gregory Nazianzen		
6:20 AM	Carolyn Klein +	Don Buresh Family
8:00 AM	NO MASS	NO SCHOOL
5:30 PM	NO MASS	NO MASS
First Friday, January 3 - Most Holy Name of Jesus		
6:20 AM	Jim Birkel +	Randy Eickmeier Family
8:00 AM	NO MASS	NO SCHOOL
5:30 PM	NO MASS	NO MASS
First Saturday, January 4 - Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton		
8:00 AM	Joan Kovar +	Kovar Family
Anticipated Mass for Sunday		
5:00 PM	Arne Svoboda +	Dorothy Schultz
Sunday, January 5 - Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord		
8:00 AM	Pro Populo	For the People
9:00 AM Assumption	Assumption PCCW	Assumption PCCW
10:00 AM	Barb Svoboda +	Svoboda Family

Wishing you all a very Blessed Christmas Season and may your New Year be filled with joy, happiness and success. *Fr. Connor, Fr. Schukei and Fr. Ventre, Sister Mary & Heather.*

Traveling Chalice will be in the **Joe Sisco** household from December 29 - January 4. Please call Kathleen Deavers to schedule the traveling chalice for your home.

Assumption Coffee and Rolls will be held on Sunday, January 5 after the 9am Mass. Group 4 will be in charge.

Parish Office will be **closed New Years Day**. Happy New Year!!

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, pray for us!

Most Holy Name of Jesus, Have mercy on us!

<i>“Let not your hand be open to receive and clenched when it is time to give.”</i>	
<i>Matthew: 10:8</i>	
ST. MARY TITHE - DAVID CITY - December 15, 2024	
Sunday Collection:	\$14,858.75
Weekly Budget	\$16,923.00
Actual YTD (24 weeks):	\$336981.76
YTD DEFICIT:	-\$69,170.24
ASSUMPTION TITHE - APPLETON	
Sunday Collection:	\$1,010.00
Weekly Budget	\$1,307.00
Actual YTD (24 weeks):	\$39,240.76
YTD SURPLUS:	\$7,872.76

Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House Spring schedule:

<div></div> <div>Spring 2025 Retreat Schedule</div> <div>7303 N 112th St • Waverly NE 68462 • 402-786-2705</div> <div>Visit goodcounselretreat.org for registration and information</div>			<div></div>		
<div>January 10-11</div> <div>LDCCW Winter Symposium</div> <div>Lincoln Diocesan Council of Catholic Women</div> <div>Chosen: "You did not choose me, but I chose you..." - John 15:16</div> <div></div>	<div>January 31- February 2</div> <div>Unbound: Freedom in Christ</div> <div>Fr. William Holoubek</div> <div>Live your baptism and the freedom of deliverance (Prayer teams available)</div> <div></div>	<div>February 6-9</div> <div>Living as an Apostle</div> <div>Women's Spiritual Exercises</div> <div>Fr. Jason Brooks, and Regnum Christi</div> <div>Building the Kingdom of Christ</div> <div></div>			
<div>February 15-16</div> <div>The Joy of Forgiveness</div> <div>Sandy Hoening, 2-day retreat</div> <div>Discover the profound emotional strength of forgiveness</div> <div></div>	<div>March 5</div> <div>Ash Wednesday Reflection</div> <div>Day of Recollection 9:30am - 3pm</div> <div>Begin Lent with a day of prayer and penance</div> <div></div>	<div>March 7-9</div> <div>Flame of Love</div> <div>Immaculate Heart of Mary Movement</div> <div>Be inflamed with the power of Jesus' love</div> <div></div>			
<div>March 14-16</div> <div>Maturing in Prayer</div> <div>Fr. Chris Kubat</div> <div>A Lent retreat applying God's word to your prayer</div> <div></div>	<div>April 4-6</div> <div>Back to the Garden Young Adult Women</div> <div>Sarina Stokes and Fr. Kennett</div> <div>Healing the feminine heart through the Bridegroom, Jesus</div> <div></div>	<div>April 11-13</div> <div>Compassion in the Passion</div> <div>Fr. John Rooney</div> <div>Pray with the Scriptures to enter into Holy Week</div> <div></div>			
<div>April 17-19</div> <div>Holy Week Retreat for Young Women</div> <div>Holy Thursday to Holy Saturday</div> <div>www.mariansisters.org</div> <div></div>	<div>May 9-10</div> <div>The Power of a Praying Mother</div> <div>Natalie Giford and Kristin Schiff</div> <div>Women at the Well apostolate</div> <div>Devotion to Mary and other Saints who were mothers</div> <div></div>	<div>Full Retreat Schedule</div> <div></div> <div>goodcounselretreat.org</div>			

Financial Peace University: We will be offering Dave Ramsey’s 10 week course on debt and money control beginning on Thursday, January 16 at 7 pm for 10 weeks. Childcare offered upon request. Please contact the parish office if interested.

St. Mary Annual Garage and Bake Sale: Saturday, February 8th 8am – 3pm; Sunday, February 9th 8am – 12pm; Aquinas Elemetary School Gym: All proceeds go to the up keep of St. Mary’s Rectory.

Magnificat Booklets are in the back of church. Please make sure you take ONLY the one with your name. Thank you!

Funeral Dinners: If you wish to provide food for a funeral and want more information, please call Barb O'Connell 402-367-4042.

Marriage Encounter: “The second is this: You shall love your neighbor as yourself”. Your spouse is your closest ‘neighbor’. Learn how to love your spouse by attending the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience: Feb. 14-16, 2025, Lincoln, NE; Aug. 8-10, 2025, Littleton, CO. Questions?, Contact Brenda & Gary Granger 402-370-5839 or www.wwme.org. Space is limited, so reserve your weekend early.



Liturgical Assignments: Weekend of January 4/5

Mass	Acolytes	Lector / Reader	Servers	Rosary
Saturday 5:00 pm	RJ Hein	Jim Masek	Case Hein, Ian Svoboda, & Brecken Romshek	Camille Dalton
Sunday 8:00am	Kevin Stara	Kathy Jones	Colby Miller, Zander Holloway, Eli Janak	Monica Lyons
Sunday 10:00am	Mark Holoubek, Mike Eller	Jim Novacek	Gus & Sam Yindrick, Robert & Will Dalton	Kathleen Deavers

Holy Hour Openings: There is **1 open** opportunity for Eucharistic adoration with our Lord, Jesus! **Thursday at 3pm;** *"Are you ready for regular quiet time with Our Lord? Let Him fill you with His love in adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. Consider a family or friends commitment to an hour where one or several can adore."* Please prayerfully consider taking an hour. Contact **Brenda Eller**.

Seminarian of the Week: **Trent Moudry**, Propaedeutic Stage , at St. Gregory the Great Seminary, son of Conlin & Kristina Moudry of St. Wenceslaus Parish, Wahoo. Please pray for Trent and all who are studying for the priesthood.

Campaign Update: Honoring Our Past campaign has received 133 pledge forms and has generated over \$796,265 in commitments. **Thanks** to all those who have already responded. Campaign pledges can continually be dropped in the collection basket, delivered to the parish office, or returned in the mail. If another campaign packet is needed, please call the parish office.

Mission Trip: Fr. Carson Kain and Hope of the Poor will be leading a Mission Trip to Mexico City January 23-28. For more information, contact St. Mary parish office for Fr. Kain’s phone number.

Garage sale time will be here before you know it. We want to let you know about a change for the 2025 garage sale: **We will NOT be accepting ADULT/TEEN clothing or coats.** We will still continue to accept baby to kids size 10/12 and all Aquinas clothing. Thank you!

FunRaising Committee updates: Mark your calendars for the Garage Sale on Feb. 8-9 and Variety Show on April 26! Ideas are being discussed for other fun events over the winter months so stay tuned! The group is making plans to replace the St. Mary sign outside of church. Thanks for your support of the FunRaising activities!

Holy Family: Early Learning Center has immediate openings for full -time and part-time children who are 18 months or older. Please contact Kristy at 402-367-3062 or kristy-andel@cdoline.net for more information.

Widow and Widowers: You are invited on Monday, January 6, 2025 at 12 noon in the Didier Room. Fr. Connor is roasting a turkey and others are bringing mashed potatoes, gravy, cranberry salad, etc. as we continue to celebrate Christmas. You are welcome to bring a side dish or not, it’s ok. Please call Marie at 402-367-3504 or Harriet at 402-641-7776 to help us get a count or if you have questions.

Marriage Encounter Experience : "Finding a heart-to-heart exchange" Feb. 14--16, at North American Martyrs Church. For more info or to register call right away. Contact Gary and Brenda 402-370-5839

Ministerial Association will accept donations for the poor and less fortunate. Donations may be dropped of at the Parish office or put in collection.

St. John's Prague is hosting "Polka Night in Prague" Saturday, January 18, at the National Hall! Enjoy dinner from 6–8 PM and live music by the Leo Lonnie Band from 7–10 PM. All are welcome, fun for all ages—FREE admission!

January Assignments
<u>St. Mary Church Cleaners:</u> St. Rose Circle
<u>St. Mary Cassock Cleaners:</u> Jean Hovorka & Barb Coufal
<u>Assumption Cleaners:</u> Lori Sabata & Kristy Anel

Assistant Pastor’s Corner

Dear St Mary & Assumption Parishioners,

Merry Christmas! I love that liturgically the celebration of Christ-mas is much more than what secular society celebrates. By December 26th they have moved on, but for us in the Church, we are just beginning our celebration! This is because we celebrate Christmas for an octave, 8 days concluding with the Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God. It’s as if there is too much to celebrate that we cannot fit into just one day, and not even into one week either!

Octaves for celebrations in the Church developed over time and really did not become a more constant thing until the eighth century, but they did not come from out of thin air. There are many Jewish festivals and events from the Old Testament which took place over eight days highlighting the significance of what they were celebrating. Here we can see how that spirit of celebrating from our Jewish brothers and sisters have informed our celebrating significant celebrations in a big way. May we live in this spirit of celebrating Christmas throughout the whole octave. Who doesn’t love the idea of Christmas eight days in a row?!

Sincerely in Christ,
Fr. Schukei

Epiphany Blessing

It has been a tradition in the Catholic Church to bless chalk at the Masses for Epiphany, and then use the blessed chalk as part of blessing one’s home in the New Year.

- Using the blessed chalk, mark the current year and the initials of the Maji above the outside doorways of your home. Place a cross between each of the letters. It should look something like this: XX+C+M+B+XXV or 20+C+M+B+25
- After completing the above markings, pray the following prayer:
May all who come to our home this year rejoice to find Christ living among us; and may we seek and serve, in everyone we meet, that same Jesus who is Lord of all people, forever and ever. Amen.
- The legendary names of the three Magi are: Casper, Melchior, and Balthasar. The initials C+M+B also stand for the Latin words, "Christus Mansionem Benedicat" which means: "May Christ bless this dwelling."
- The markings over the doors should be left all year round as a sign that yours is a Christian home.

