

Assumption Church
1821 38th Road
David City, Nebraska 68632



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

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Saint Mary Catholic Church
580 I Street
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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, Branhart, 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.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 Begin your Advent journey by blessing your Advent wreath. Light the first violet candle and sing, "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel."	4 What can you do this Advent to prepare your heart and life for the coming of Christ?	5 "Advent ... invites us to go to the encounter with the Lord who comes through prayer, penitence and works of charity." Pope Francis, 11-30-22	6 In honor of Saint Nicholas consider ways that you can share your time, treasure, and talent to assist those who are in need.	7 On this Memorial of Saint Ambrose, a bishop and great teacher of the faith, pray for all clergy and others charged with forming others in the faith of the Church.	8 HOLY DAY Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Offer your Mass intention today for the needs of the nation.	9 Make plans to receive the gift of God's mercy in the Sacrament of Penance during this Advent season.

David City Then Council 1717
Knights of Columbus
Pancake & Sausage Breakfast



ALL YOU CAN EAT FREE WILL DONATION
December 3, 2023
Aquinas Elementary Gym
after both Masses

CURRENT JOB OPENINGS

- Aquinas Bus Drivers (route)
 - Holy Family Teachers (full & part time)
- APPLY ONLINE**
OR CALL FOR MORE INFO



NEW to SCRIP
VISA GIFT CARDS
\$25 | \$50 | \$100
NO ACTIVATION FEE
Purchase physical scrip after Mass, at the Aquinas Office, or at the St. Mary's Rectory

St. Peter Prime Rib Dinner
Sat, Jan. 13, 2024
Butler County Event Center
Social Hour 6PM | Dinner 7PM | Ticket \$50
Main Sponsors Marquis Body Shop & John & Fran Pachta | Music by Joe Cockson
Email saintpetersaintjoseph@gmail.com or
Fr.Stephen-Graeve@cdolinc.net to order tickets

We need your unique perspective and expertise to help shape the future of our school. We value diversity and encourage parishioners, parents, alumni, and community members to be part of this important process.



AQUINAS CATHOLIC SCHOOL INVITES YOU TO JOIN US IN UPDATING OUR STRATEGIC PLAN
Applications are due by December 15, 2023
Applications are available online or at the office. All applications will be reviewed and teams will be selected and formed by the administration and the Board of Advisors.

Weds. Dec. 6: Feast of St. Nicholas
Fri. Dec. 8: NO SCHOOL Immaculate Conception
Weds. Dec. 13: MS/HS Music Concert
Weds. Dec. 20: Elementary Concert at MS/HS
Matinee at 1:30PM & Concert at 6:30PM

AQUINAS CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

www.aquinas-catholic.com

MS & HS 367-3175

Elementary 367-3669

Holy Family ELC 367-3062

December 3, 2023 - First Sunday in Advent - St. Mary Church, David City / Assumption, Appleton

MASS INTENTIONS FIRST WEEK IN ADVENT		
Mass Time	Intention	Requested By
Monday, December 4 - St. John Damascene		
6:20 AM	Bernard Buresh +	Buresh Family
8:00 AM	Charlie Medinger	Delores Medinger
5:30 PM	Eugene Brecka +	Sharon Brecka
Tuesday, December 5 - Advent Weekday		
6:20 AM	Jim Kobza +	Alice Kobza
8:00 AM	Norma Matulka +	Russ Daro Family
5:30 PM	Patrick & Margaret Kenealy +	Kenealy Family
Wednesday, December 6 - St. Nicholas		
6:20 AM	Steve Schmid +	Demaris Smith
8:00 AM	William Eller +	Max Birkel Family
5:30 PM	Mary Snow +	John Dehner Family
6:40 PM	Don Howe +	Howe Family
Thursday, December 7 - St. Ambrose		
6:20 AM	Margaret Klenda +	Greg Eller Family
8:00 AM	NO MASS	NO SCHOOL
Vigil Mass	Immaculate Conception	Holy Day
5:30 PM	Virginia Stratmann +	Judy Hansen
7:00 PM Assumption	Cy Svoboda +	Val Svoboda Family
Friday, December 8 - Feast of Immaculate Conception		
6:20 AM	Pro Populo	For the People
8:00 AM	NO MASS	NO SCHOOL
12:00 PM	P. Michael Birkel +	Jim Birkel Family
5:30 PM	Jerry Saker	Dan Engel Family
Saturday, December 9 - St. Juan Diego		
8:00 AM	Don Semin +	Dave Schmit Family
Anticipated Mass for Sunday		
5:00 PM	Joe Jr & Delores Havlena +	Tom Kobus Family
Sunday, December 10 - Second Sunday in Advent		
8:00 AM	Pro Populo	For the People
9:00 AM Assumption	PCCW Members	Assumption PCCW
10:00 AM	Donald J. Hilger +	Joe Birkel Family

Thank you to Chermok Funeral Home and Egr, Birkel & Wollmer, PC, for their sponsorship of our beautiful 2024 calendars. Please be sure to take a calendar as you leave church (one per family, please).

“Let not your hand be open to receive and clenched when it is time to give.” Matthew: 10:8	
ST. MARY - DAVID CITY - November 26, 2023	
Sunday Collection: Weekly Budget (2023 Budget Numbers)	\$20,436.87 \$16,923.00
Actual YTD (22 weeks): YTD SHORTAGE:	\$321,562.28 -\$50,743.72
ASSUMPTION - APPLETON	
Sunday Collection: Weekly Budget (2023 Budget Numbers)	\$2385.90 \$1,307.00
Actual YTD (22 weeks): YTD SHORTAGE:	\$22,176.37 -\$4,191.73

Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat Schedule:
Men's Spiritual Exercises: Dec. 7-10: Fr. Shawn Aaron, L.C.
Masses & Tears: Dec. 15-17: Fr. Jay Buhman
Women's Spiritual Exercises: Jan. 18-21: Regnum Christi

Watch The Chosen: Come join us on Thursdays in the Didier Room at 7pm to watch the first season of “The Chosen” over the next couple months. The Chosen is a great way to further bring the Gospels to life in a new way.
Religious Sister of the Week: Sr. Maria Teresa, Jr. Professed Sister, 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: Trent Mines, College 2 at St. Gregory the Great Seminary, son of William & Mary Mines of **Cathedral Parish, Lincoln**. Please pray for Trent 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 Jan. 18 at 6:30pm for 10 weeks. This will be a free course led by Dr. Robert Daro and Connie Novacek. 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 **George Smith** household Dec. 3 - Dec. 9. Please continue to pray for vocations.
Friday, December 8 is a Holy Day of Obligation. All are invited to attend a Solemn Mass at 5:30pm. Please call the parish office or RSVP at <https://shorturl.at/jFIR3> and choose what side dish or desert you'd like to bring - the meat is provided, Invite a friend or two to join you on our parish feast day.



St. Mary PCCW will be hosting coffee and rolls as well as the annual **Advent Bake Sale** on Sunday, Dec. 10 after both Masses. ALL ladies are asked to donate to the bake sale. **St. Lucille Circle and St. Josephine Circles** are in charge.

Christmas Eve Mass at St. Mary will be at **4pm** in an effort to provide more time and accommodate for family gatherings on that evening.
Harvest Festival Report: We served 1027 meals this year which is an increase of about 300 from last year. The live/Silent auction had a record year, bringing in \$27,790.56 and the total net profit this year was **\$ 72,166.29**. We are so grateful to the entire committee for their hard work in organizing this event. We also thank Buresh Catering for their help with the food, Moravec Auction for auctioneering the event and a special thanks to all our parishioners who worked, donated, attended the festival and prayed for our success. We are truly blessed!

Liturgical Assignments: Weekend of December 9/10

Mass	Acolytes	Lector / Reader	Servers	Sacristan
Saturday 5:00pm	RJ Hein	Ann Heermann	Kyle Coufal Ryan & Case Hein	Mark Chermok
Sunday 8:00am	Cork DeWispelare	Barb Belsky	Landon Pohl Colby & Wesley Miller	Barb Belsky
Sunday 10:00am	Jim Novacek Dale Yates	Mike Moravec	Lydon DeWispelare Mason & Brecken Krivanek	Shawn Koranda

Liturgy of the Hours: Come pray the Liturgy of the Hours (Evening Prayer) with Fr. Schukei on December 3, 10, & 17 at 5pm in the church. All are welcome to come and join in this beautiful and brief (20 minute) devotion.
Holy Hour Openings: **Sunday, 2pm.** Consider taking this 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: Feb. 10/11 - 20th Annual Garage & Bake Sale; **April 13** - Variety and Dinner Show; Card party TBD
Hope of the Poor St. Mary parish has supported Hope of the Poor for several years now. Bishop Conley is asking the parishes of the Diocese to encourage and facilitate support of Hope of the Poor, especially during Advent. 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.
Vespers Sunday December 3rd St. Gregory the Great Seminary will be hosting their Annual Vespers & Carols. Join them for a beautiful evening of song and prayer as they celebrate the First Sunday of Advent. Starts at 7pm in the Immaculate Conception Chapel at the Seminary.
Ladies - do you need an Advent spiritual life boost? Come to Bible Study! Monday 7:30 pm; Wednesday 9:15 am; Thursday 10:00 am. Bring a friend
St. Luke Czech Shrine in Loma: will offer Mass on Sunday, December 17, at 2:00. The Ostry family will provide the music and sing Christmas hymns before Mass.
Attn St. Mary Youth: K-12, who would like to help sing in a youth Choir during the 4:00pm Christmas Eve Mass or if you are a youth pianist, elementary through high school, and have a sacred Christmas carol practiced and would like to play before Mass, please email Cheryl Kozišek at ckozi@msn.com. We will have a couple of practices before Dec. 24.
St. Mary Guild will meet on Wednesday, Dec. 6 at 1:30pm in the Didier Room.
Advent with Spirit Catholic Radio: How are you celebrating Advent this year? This year, Spirit Catholic Radio is focusing on a theme for every week of Advent: Hope, Joyful Expectation, Prayer, and Peace. Follow us on social media, subscribe to our e-newsletter, The Halo, and visit <https://spiritcatholicradio.com/advent/> as we share with you ideas for bringing these themes to life in your own special way either with your family, coworkers, or community. You can also tune in to Spirit Catholic Radio on weekday mornings 7-9AM, during our Spirit Mornings show, to hear inspirational guests discuss what Advent can mean in our lives. More info at <https://spiritcatholicradio.com/>

December Assignments

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

Pastor’s Corner

Dear St. Mary/Assumption Parishioners,
As we continue to escape the bonds of Covid that isolated people, kept them away from Church, separated family and friends and damaged the social aspect of life, I thank God for the past days and the many welcomes I have received.
We are coming off the Thanksgiving Holiday and hopefully grateful to God for every new day. I was able to spend time in KC with my family. On Thanksgiving Day, I went to Cure of Ars where my brother’s family are parishioners. They welcomed me, as always, to concelebrate with a nice congregation of three hundred attending. The main celebrant was from Ghana, the deacon who gave the homily was from Vietnam, and the senior priest in residence, Fr. Tony Lickteig, who was ordained in 1954 (soon 70 years a priest) is from Kansas. It was truly a Catholic, universal sanctuary. The only instruction they gave me was not to take Fr. Tony’s chair that has armrests on it.
On Friday night, I attended (crashed) the 50th reunion of Visitation’s 8th grade football season. I only went to Visitation Catholic School K-2nd grade but explained I have been in Catholic School for 42 years since, so they welcomed me. Coach Fitzgerald was the honored guest, who coached the team for many decades. They had a DVD of the 8th grade football season playing throughout on the big screen. It was fun to see so many classmates on this happy occasion (I went to Rockhurst HS with most of the guys).
Saturday morning, I accepted an invite to attend a Catholic coffee house men’s group at Aixois (French Bistro in Brookside neighborhood). It was good to share faith with some family friends. Back in David City, I attended a men’s group that welcomed me. I have wanted to attend for the past year, but the day did not work, until they recently moved to another day. What a blessing to begin the day with brothers in prayer.
Please pray for those attending and helping to give the Unbound Retreat this weekend at St Mary. It is a powerful retreat for healing and God’s mercy. We are blessed to have this retreat as another sign of new life, post Covid.
The Advent book, **This is My Body**, by Bishop Robert Barron is available at the doors at both parishes. I am over halfway through it and enjoying it very much. It is not an easy read but certainly worthwhile to take a few pages at a time or read along with someone else or a group. I will offer a review and discussion of the book after the 9 a.m. Mass on December 17th at Appleton and on Tuesday, the 19th at 6:00 p.m. in the Didier Room.
This Friday, Dec 8th is the parish Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. As I hope you are aware, after the 5:30 p.m. Mass, we are having a catered dinner for 200 in the gym followed by a dance. We only have 24 RSVPs so far. No matter what Mass you attend, you are most welcome to come to the dinner. Please RSVP or just come that night.
Have a blessed Advent Season as we prepare to welcome the Birth of our Savior. **FBC**

CHRISTMAS WISH LIST



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GENEROSITY!
PARTIAL OR WHOLE
DONATIONS GRATEFULLY
ACCEPTED!

Contact the parish
office for more
information or to
donate

1. Word Among Us booklet annual subscription 100 copies/month (\$425 per quarter / \$1700 year)
2. Formed.org parish subscription: \$2000
3. Portable Air Conditioner for the Choir loft: \$400
4. Repair for the Pipe Organ: \$500
5. Liturgical Supplies: \$2000 (Incense, candles, hosts, etc.)

THANK YOU TO THE PCCW FOR PURCHASING A NEW COMPUTER FOR HEATHER AND A BENEFACTOR FOR PURCHASING A NEW COMPUTER FOR SR. MARY!

Advent Mission Appeal



St. Mary's parish supports Hope of the Poor who work in Omaha and Mexico City with drug-addicted street kids, homeless families, and people who live at the Mexico City dump. They bring hope to the rejected, the lonely, and the unloved. To encourage and remind you that no donation is too small, there are boxes available at St. Mary's.



<https://hopeofthepoor.org/>