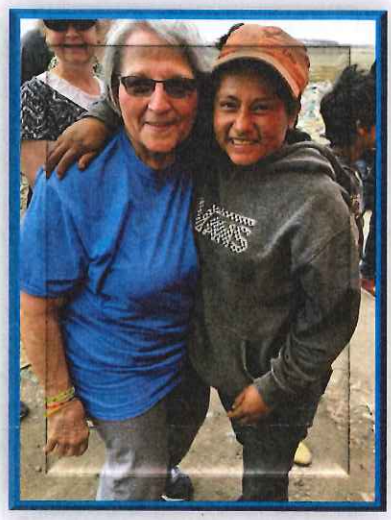
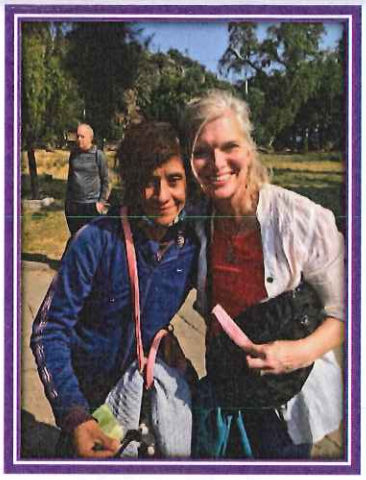
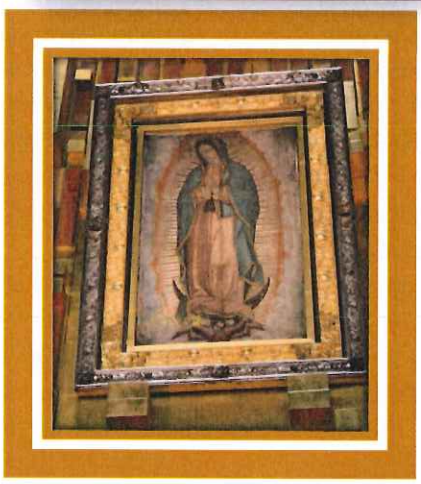
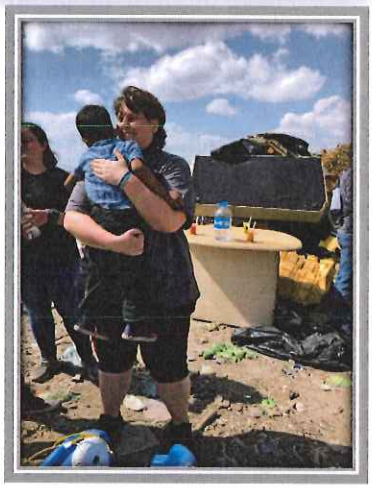
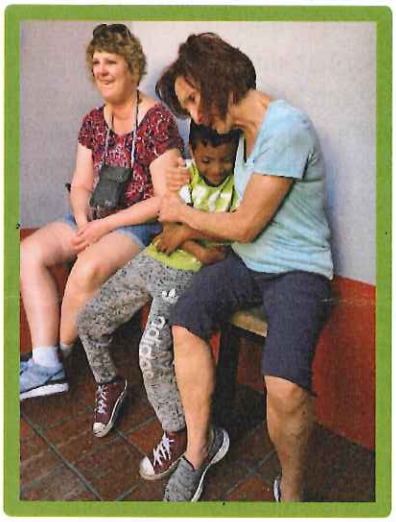




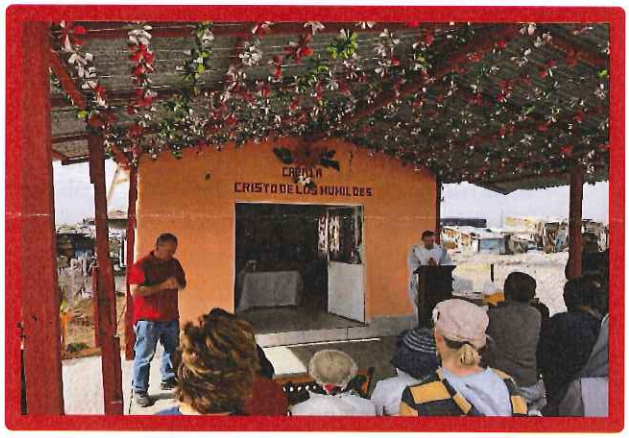






HOPE OF THE POOR

Lives can be changed by ONE Encounter!



Top Left: (2022) Maggie and Abby Gahan spend time with one of the many children who live at the dump with their family. Top Middle: (2022) Jack Timoney (with Fr. Kain's brother Wyatt looking on) holds Jenny, a 5 year old with Down's Syndrome who stole everyone's heart. There are no publicly funded services for special needs children in Mexico, so Jenny and her parents (who live at the dump) are on their own. Abortion is more often seen as the solution in these cases. Top right: (2019) Betty Betzen (with Joan Matulka looking on) receives a thank you hug from one of the families from the dump who received one of our "care packages". Center left: (2022) Melissa Yindrick poses with one of the people she ministered to on the street. Center: Juan Diego's tilma with the actual image of our Lady of Guadalupe as displayed at the Basilica. Center right (2020) Jessica Miller comforts Derek when he was frightened by a ride that was "demasiado rapido" (i.e. too fast). Lower left (2019) Vickie Kerkman (with Connie Novacek) hugging the little boy whose name we thought was "Caballo", only to find out that "caballo" is Spanish for "horse" and he was telling her that he wanted her to give him a horsie back ride! Bottom right (2022) Fr. Kain gives the homily at Mass said at the chapel at one of the dump communities while Craig translates for the Spanish speaking.

I have participated in three parish missions with Hope of the Poor to Mexico City. These mission trips have been fairly brief—five to six days. During these experiences, our groups have encountered many people who have suffered and are suffering cruel injustices that are very painful to see and hear about, much less actually endure. I'm afraid that I could go on for quite a few paragraphs describing evils that prior to my mission experiences, sheltered within the secure confines of Butler County, Nebraska, I wasn't even sure really existed. One may ask (and I asked myself initially), "Can we possibly do any good for suffering people in such a short period of time as five or six days? Is it possible to change another person's life in ONE encounter?"

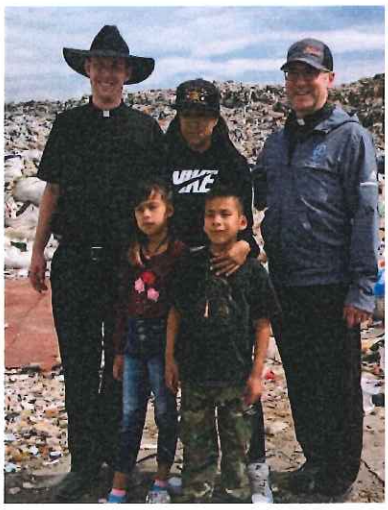
Sandra is one of the people from Mexico City whose life has been saved through Hope of the Poor. We have come to know her well through our mission trips. She has spoken to our group each time we've been on mission. I have heard her tell the story of her life three times; I have cried each time I have heard it. In her early life she endured being orphaned, being abused by relatives, being human trafficked, living on the streets, bearing children as a homeless teenager and trying to keep those children safe on the streets. Sandra eventually encountered Craig Johring and Hope of the Poor. Because of this meeting, she now lives in a secure apartment, takes in orphaned children, knows the love of Jesus, and helps Hope of the Poor to minister to street people and people who live in the dump. Every time she talks to our groups she emphasizes this message: "Just your being here is proof to us that God exists and that God loves us. If you did not carry the real love of God in your hearts, you would never think to come and spend time here with us. You being here gives everyone here hope."

I have thought about Sandra's words every single day since the first time that I heard them. How humbling those words are! My mere presence may be enough to give hope to someone who has suffered more than one can imagine! My mere presence may be proof to someone that God loves them!....Not the food I might bring or the money I might give or even the words I might speak—MY PRESENCE can bring hope and knowledge of God's love! How many times have I underestimated the impact of my being truly present to another person? How many times have I not considered the change that one encounter with someone could bring about for them? That realization has changed my life—not only my life when I am working with Hope of the Poor, but my life every day. There is no way that we can know how lives might be changed through one encounter with another person; we are missionaries every day.

During our last mission trip, our group spent a lot of time with another incredible young lady, Joselyn, and her two children Camila and Julio as they helped us serve the street people and the people at the dump. Previously, Joselyn and her children lived with Camila and Julio's father who was abusive to her. Joselyn endured the abuse this man doled out to her, but when he began to abuse their children, she had to leave to protect them. Because she had no support of family or friends, she found herself and her kids on the streets. This is where they lived for over 18 months. I would have to describe Joselyn as having the heart of a true mother; even though they were living on the streets, her first concern was for her kids' wellbeing. She never succumbed to pressure to use drugs; she knew how much more vulnerable this would make her and her kids. Because she knew predators would eventually prey upon them if they stayed in one spot, she made sure they were constantly on the move. One day she encountered Craig and Hope of the Poor. Craig was able to use last year's Lenten Hope of the Poor donations from St. Mary's to get Joselyn, Camila and Julio off of the streets and into the safety of an apartment. Joselyn told her story to us through tears and expressed gratitude for our donations.

"A mi me lo hiciste." That is the mantra of Hope of the Poor. It literally (with Spanish syntax) means "To me you did it," referencing Matthew 25:40: "Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did it for me." Through our experiences with Hope of the Poor, I have come to more tangibly realize that not only can a single encounter change a life; a single encounter can and does change TWO lives—the life of the person that I am encountering AND my life.

(Photo on left): Camila, Joselyn, Julio, and Craig. (Center photo): Fr. Kain, Camila, Joselyn, Julio, and Fr. Holdren. (Photo on right): Sandra, Melissa and Joselyn.



Parish Finances

St. Mary's Parish Tithe for Week ending Feb. 27, 2022…$17,647.63

Total St. Mary's Expenses for week ending **Feb. 27:** $71,009.65

Total Parish Debt ending Fourth quarter……$597,191.52

Assumption Parish Tithe for week ending Feb. 27, 2022….$565.00

Total Assumption Expenses for week ending **Feb. 27:** $5,827.18

**More financial detail will be in a semi-annual bulletin insert **

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Pray for our seminarians: *Mr. Augustine Reimers, the son of Jeff & Patricia Reimers of St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Seward.* He is in *College 4* at St. Gregory the Great Seminary. Please keep Augustine in your prayers.

Desert Day Retreat: A desert retreat day will be offered to our parishioners on **Monday, March 14**, from 8am to 5pm, at the Benedictine Retreat Center north of Schuyler, NE. The day will include a couple of brief talks on the spiritual life, direction on prayer, and time in silence. Lunch is included. Contact the parish office for more information. Cost is $40 (includes meal and private room) or $20 (without room) payable to St. Mary's.

The Mercy of Lent: Are you desiring to have a more meaningful life and Lent? Come join other women helping others this season-you don't have to do it alone! There will be opportunities to deepen your faith, friendships, and put the corporal and spiritual works of mercy into action. We will meet every Thursday during Lent at 7pm. Contact Angie Krivanek 641-0170 or Heather Oltmer 641-1542 for more information.

NOW AVAILABLE IN THE DAVID CITY AREA: *Support for Divorced Catholics* ***Divorced? Come find comfort, counsel, hope and healing consistent with Catholic Church teachings. The twelve-week series & facilitator led Surviving Divorce program begins on March 31st, 2022, from 6:30-8:00pm, at St. Mary's Rectory in David City. A suggested donation of $50 covers the cost of the program and includes the Surviving Divorce personal guide and all materials. Classes are kept small and may be registered for by contacting the Family Life Office at 402-473-0620 or catholicflo@cdolinc.net If you would like to attend but would require an on-line option (Zoom), please state this when registering***

Welcome to our new Parishioners: Tyler & Isabel Schmid

We welcome Cohen Lee and Carson Ray Chadwick, twin sons of Zackary & Morgan Chadwick to the Catholic Church through the waters of Holy Baptism.

Prayer Partners: We will once again be participating in Prayer Partners for Lent. Baskets with paper and pencil are available at the entrances, Take a name from the basket and leave your name for someone to take. Pray for that person during Lent. Send an Easter card or note to your partner to let them know that you remembered them during the Lenten season.

THANK YOU, DAVID CITY DEANERY PARISHES for your prayers and generous support of Aquinas Catholic Schools

Assumption, Appleton; Assumption, Dwight; Holy Trinity, Bradard; 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.

Join Us For A

Trivia "Knight" Fundraiser

Saturday, March 12th
Butler County Event Center
$125 per table
(Max 8 persons per table)
18 years min age
Doors Open at 6PM
Trivia Starts @ 7PM

Serving Chili & Cinnamon Rolls
Alcohol Served by Butler County Ag Society (Cash Bar)
Cash prizes for 1st and 2nd Place

Proceeds to benefit Knights of Columbus charitable causes

David City Tiben Council 1717

Knights of Columbus Pancake Feed

Sunday, March 20, 2022
Aquinas Elementary Gym Serving from 8am-12pm
All you can eat! Free will donation.

HOLY TRINITY KLEIN CENTER IN BRAINARD

PORK CHOP & PORK LOIN DUMPLING DINNER

MARCH 13, 2022 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM
FREE WILL DONATION - BUFFET STYLE

Serving Buffet Style: Pork Loin, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Dumplings, Sauerkraut, Vegetable, Bread/Rolls, Dessert

DRIVE THRU ORDERS AVAILABLE west side of Klein Center

BAKE SALE SPONSORED BY:
First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association FCSLA
FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE HOLY TRINITY PCCW

Mary's Way of the Cross:
Every Wednesday during Lent
at 12:05pm at St. Mary's Catholic Church.

3 SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE *for the 2022-2023 school year*

- **The Good Shepherd Scholarship**
  $1,600 for grades K-8 + $410 Diocesan Tech Fee
  $1,900 for grades 9-12 + $410 Diocesan Tech Fee
  Available to all families, any religion, within the 225% poverty level
- **The Guardian Angel Scholarship**
  Aquinas Catholic Schools guarantees that a family will not pay more than 7% of their Adjusted Gross Income
- **The Family Tuition Cap**
  Families of all income levels only pay tuition for three students. The rest are not charged tuition.
  With completed scholarship application.

ONLY ONE APPLICATION
due before March 31, 2022
Apply at www.goodshepherdscholarship.com

Questions? Call Laura at 367-3175

AQUINAS CATHOLIC
Career Openings for the 2022-23 School Year
Elementary Teacher with coaching options
Head Volleyball Coach
HS Dance Moderator
MS HS Librarian
Bus Drivers. Call at 367-3175 for more information.
Apply today at www.aquinas-catholic.com/careers

St. Francis, Center on Sunday at Noon
SUNG HIGH TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS

BE READY. BE BOLD. STAND FIRM.
AQUINAS CATHOLIC SCHOOLS
www.aquinas-catholic.com
MS & HS 367-3175 | Elementary 367-3669
Holy Family ELC 367-3062

BE ON YOUR GUARD, STAND FIRM IN THE FAITH, BE COURAGEOUS, BE STRONG. 1 COR. 16.13

March 6, 2022– First Sunday in Lent

PASTOR: REV. JAY BUHMAN V.F.
ASSISTANT PASTOR: REV. CARSON KAIN

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MASS INTENTIONS

Mass Time	Intention	Requested By
Monday, March 7— Lenten Weekday (St. Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs)		
6:20AM	Corey Ostdiek +	John & Marilyn Smith
8:00 AM	Kroy Vandenberg +	Rosary Group
5:30 PM	Rose Bridge	Kay Adamy
Tuesday, March 8- Lenten Weekday (St. John of God, Religious)		
6:20 AM	Jake Thomas +	Tom & Delores Medinger
8:00 AM	Andrew Oltmer	Adam & Heather Oltmer
5:30 PM	Grace Steiner +	Barb O'Connell
Wednesday, March 9—Lenten Weekday (St. Frances of Rome, Religious)		
6:20 AM	Amy Palik +	Bruce & Lea Ann Alt
8:00 AM	Mary Ann Armstrong +	The Armstrong Family
5:30 PM	Delores Kucera +	Yvonne Wendt
Thursday, March 10 - Lenten Weekday		
6:20 AM	Marv Capoun +	Art Spenner
8:00AM	Milo & Dennis Sypal +	Dan & Jan Sypal
5:30 PM	Earl Reisdorff +	Sharon Reisdorff
Friday, March 11 - Lenten Weekday		
6:20 AM	Margaret Klenda +	Greg & Brenda Eller
8:00 AM	NO MASS	
5:30 PM	Francis Adamy +	Kay Adamy
Saturday, March 12- Lenten Weekday		
8:00 AM	Marian Sisters	Sr. Mary M.S.
Sunday Anticipated Mass		
5:00 PM	Darlene Divis +	Mike & Karen Guy
Sunday, March 13—Second Sunday in Lent		
7:30AM	Pro Populo	
9:00AM (Assumption)	Robert Andel +	Karl & Sharon Kovar
10:30 AM	Frank/Mark/Bea Miriovsky +	Nancy Schendt

This Week at St. Mary's & Assumption Parishes

Mary's Way of the Cross: will be held every Wednesday during Lent at 12:05pm in St. Mary's Church. Please come and pray with us!

Save the Date - St. Mary's/Assumption Liturgical Summit: St. Mary's and Assumption will hold a liturgical summit on **Saturday, March 19th**. Coffee and rolls will be served after morning Mass until 9:00 am. The summit will begin at 9:00 am and conclude no later than 10:30 am. **The summit is required for all liturgical ministers** at St. Mary's and Assumption parishes including acolytes, readers, altar boys, singers, and musicians. A vision for the Sunday Mass Experience will be presented and then groups will break away for individual training. Please save the date and plan to attend!

Serving the homeless for Lent: St. Mary's parish will be making meals for the homeless and serving them at the Rescue mission in Columbus, NE. The dates are 15th & 29th during Lent. We have enough worker volunteers signed up. If interested making a meal to send to the Mission, please contact the rectory to sign up. Thank you!!

A KNIGHT TO REMEMBER – Hear ye, hear ye! The 5th Annual Variety / Dinner Show will be presented on April 9 at Aquinas HS. Mark your calendar **today** for this fun-filled event. Stay tuned for details! We are seeking items for the Mystery Raffle (~$10 value)…bring items to the Rectory. New this year: a grand auction which will include an Olga Lehr quilt! Spons. By FunRaising Comm.

Southern NE Register (Catholic Press) Collection: All are invited to contribute to the collection for the diocesan newspaper. This paper goes out to all parishioners, paid for by the parish. It is full of wonderful local and national stories and commentaries that help us grow in faith and hope. Your donation helps to defer the cost incurred by the parish. A donation of $15 is suggested. There are envelopes appropriately marked in your packet or give on Pushpay or by using the QR code found on the pews in church. Thank you for your generosity

THANK YOU! To all our generous supporters of the Butler County Right of Life Organization. Last year they were able to give $1000 to Nebraska Right to Life, $500 to Birthright and $1000 to the Women's Care Center (located directly across from Planned Parenthood in Lincoln.) Every dollar helps, please continue to be generous.

St. Joseph Feast Day on Saturday, March 19. Come join us in celebration with some karaoke and a pot luck after the 5:00 Mass. More details to come!!

Think Spring Thoughts! Remember, think warm thoughts by purchasing flowers and bulbs and more for your home and garden at stmarysdavidcity.fpfundraising.com and support St. Mary's Parish in the process! Items are 100% guaranteed to grow and will be delivered to your door around May 1st. Half of your purchase amount will come back to support St. Mary's Parish

March 2022 Assignments

St. Mary's Church Cleaners: St. Catherine Circle
St. Mary's Cassock Cleaners: Dawn Jakub & Laura Moravec
Assumption Church/Cassock Cleaners: Michelle Andel & Nicole Sylvester

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This Week

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH — ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

SUNDAY Mar 6	MONDAY Mar 7	TUESDAY Mar 8	WEDNESDAY Mar 9	THURSDAY Mar 10	FRIDAY Mar 11	SATURDAY Mar 12
	Perpetua & Felicity	John of God	Francis of Rome			
7 am Confessions (SM) 7:30 Mass 8:30 Confessions (Assumption) 9:00 Mass (Assumption) Coffee & Rolls 10:30 Mass	6 am Confessions 6:20 Mass 7:00 Holy Hour 8:00 (school) Mass< 5:00 – 5:20 Confessions 5:30 pm Mass 6:30 pm Women's Bible Study 7:30 Knights of Columbus 7:30pm Mom's Bible Study	6 am Confessions 6:20 Mass 7:00 Holy Hour 8:00 (school) Mass 5:00 – 5:20 Confessions 5:30 pm Mass 6:00 Couple's Bible Study 7:30 Great Adventure Bible Studies	6 am Confessions 6:20 Mass 7:00 Holy Hour 8:00 (school) Mass 10:00 am MOMs Bible Study 11:00 am Women's Bible Study 5:00 – 5:20 Confessions 5:30 pm Mass 6:00 Encounter 6:00 Adoration with Confessions 7:30 Adult Education / RCIA (Virtue/Vice/ Natural law)	6 am Confessions 6:20 Mass 7:00 Holy Hour 8:00 (school) Mass 12:05 Sermons a-la-carte (First Lutheran Church, Rising City) 5:00 – 5:20 Confessions 4:30 Praise & Worship Holy Hour 5:30 pm Mass 6:30 Men's Bible Study	6 am Confessions 6:20 Mass 7:00 Holy Hour NO 8:00 Mass 5:00 – 5:20 Confessions 5:30 Stations (Assumption) 5:30 pm Mass 6:00 Stations	7 am Pro-life Holy Hour (with confessions) 8:00 am Mass 4:00 Confessions 5:00 pm Mass of Anticipation 6:00 pm KOC Trivia Night