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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.

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Colossians 3:15

Sunday: 8:30AM – 8:50AM

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Knights of Columbus Pancake Feed Sunday, December 1st

after both Masses at Aquinas Elementary Gym
serving pancakes & sausage | free will donation



**December
13-15**

Weekend Retreat for Men or Women

During an inbound retreat Jesus rocked my world! I experienced His most powerful love and mercy, receiving tools and a renewed desire to deepen my relationship with Him. Altheia - Willow Hoboubek

Open your heart and respond more fully to Jesus's invitation of abundant life! Based on the book, *Unbound: A Practical Guide to Deliverance* by Neal Lozano, the retreat will help uncover the lies that have kept you from God and from His mercy. Unbound ministry prayer teams will be available on the retreat, to pray with participants. Books are available for purchase (\$18) at the parish office - it is encouraged that participants read the first 9 chapters prior to the retreat weekend.

Given by Fr. Bill Holoubek, at St. Mary's, beginning Friday, December 13 after 5:30 Mass and ending Sunday, December 15 in the afternoon.
Cost: \$25

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Call or Email St. Mary Parish to Register
stmarysdauidcity@gmail.com
402-367-3579

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December 1, 2024 - First Sunday in Advent - St. Mary Church, David City / Assumption, Appleton

MASS INTENTIONS FIRST WEEK IN ADVENT		
Mass Time	Intention	Requested By
Monday, December 2 - Advent Weekday		
6:20 AM	Greg Rezac +	Dan Engel Family
8:00 AM	Clara Meysenburg +	John Dehner Family
5:30 PM	Eugene Divis +	Divis Family
Tuesday, December 3 - Saint Francis Xavier		
6:20 AM	William Eller +	Max Birkel Family
8:00 AM	Jerry Wessling +	Cathy Wessling
5:30 PM	Joan & Doug Matulka 50th Wedding Anniverary	Larry Aldrich Family
Wednesday, December 4 - Saint John Damascene		
6:20 AM	Margaret Pecha +	St. Mary PCCW
8:00 AM	Don & Mary Lou Codr +	Codr Family
6:45 PM	Eugene Brecka +	Sharon Brecka
Thursday, December 5 - Advent Weekday		
6:20 AM	Linda Jakub +	Rose Pflum
8:00 AM	Jerry & Vi + Kopecky	Dan Sypal Family
5:30 PM	Margaret Zima +	St. Mary Guild
First Friday, December 6 - Saint Nicholas		
6:20 AM	Poor Souls +	Jeff Yates
8:00 AM	Mary Jo Ventre +	Fr. Ventre
5:30 PM	Joan Kovar +	Helen & Candi
First Saturday, December 7 - Saint Ambrose		
8:00 AM	Joe Jr. & Delores Havlena+	Tom Kobus Family
Anticipated Mass for Sunday		
5:00 PM	Virginia Stratman +	Stratman Family
Sunday, December 8 - Second Sunday in Advent		
8:00 AM	Virginia Stratman +	Betty Betzen
9:00 AM Assumption	Bob & Bernie Andel +	Andel Family
10:00 AM	Pro Populo	For the People

Advent Desert Day: Come for a day of quiet reflection! All are invited to a day of prayer at Schuyler Retreat House on Tuesday, December 17. It begins at 8:00 am and is finished by 4:00. The cost is \$40/person if you want a day-use private room or \$25 without a room - lunch included. Please call the parish office **before December 2** to reserve a spot.

SCRIP for Christmas flyers are in the back of church. Complete the order form and return to parish office. You will receive the cards before Christmas. A great gift idea for family, friends and co-workers. Several denominations and business options available.

<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 - November 24, 2024	
Sunday Collection: Weekly Budget	\$23,381.27 \$16,923.00
Actual YTD (20 weeks): YTD DEFICIT:	\$286,553.97 -\$51,906.03
ASSUMPTION TITHE - APPLETON	
Sunday Collection: Weekly Budget	\$5,305.04 \$1,307.00
Actual YTD (20 weeks): YTD SURPLUS:	\$35,002.76 \$8862.76

Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House Fall & Winter schedule: go to goodcounselretreat.org. or call 402-786-2705

Upcoming Retreats: *Dec. 6-8: There’s always more with God* - presented by the Marian Sisters (Sr. Mary is on the team). *Dec. 12-15: Regnum Christi Men’s Spiritual Exercises* - Fr. Daniel Wilson; *Dec. 15-22: Ignatian Retreat* - 4 day or 8 day - Fr. Barak, Fr. Coulter; *Dec. 20-21: O Holy Night*, Fr. Gary Coulter

Thank you for your support of vocations: 31 CLUB. Thank you to those who signed up to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. There are two days open—sign up on the calendar on the back of church, or call Sr. Mary at 402-367-3579 x4.

Unbound Retreat: St. Mary Parish is offering a retreat, *Unbound, December 13-15.* The retreat, given by Fr. Bill Holoubek, will teach 5 keys that will help you heal from past wounds and other spiritual burdens. It is encouraged that the first 9 chapters of the book be read before the weekend. Even if you have attended this retreat before, more growth and healing is possible! Books available for purchase (\$17) at the parish office. Registration open now - Cost is \$25.00—**call or email the parish office ASAP to register!**

Help needed—please volunteer to provide food or help for the Unbound retreat: <https://tinyurl.com/stmarysdc>

MASS with Prayers for Healing, December 8, 2024 John XXIII Diocesan Center, 37th & Sheridan Blvd., Lincoln, NE. Please join together to pray for healing for yourself, your family, friends, for our Church, our nation and for peace in the world. Salt and Water will be blessed before Mass begins and will be offered to all as you leave. You may bring your own and other items to be blessed at that time. **Sacrament of Reconciliation:** beginning at 1:15pm; **Chaplet of Divine Mercy:** 1:30pm, **Praise and Worship:** 1:40pm, **Blessing of salt/water/religious articles** immediately before Mass. **Holy Mass** begins at 2pm and **Eucharistic Exposition and Healing Prayers** after Mass.

Traveling Chalice will be in the **Bryan Hein** household from December 1 - December 7. Please call Kathleen Deavers to schedule the traveling chalice for your home.

St. Mary Guild will meet on Wednesday, Dec. 4 at 1:30pm in the Didier Room.

Christmas Eve Mass at St. Mary’s will be at **4pm** in an effort to provide more time and accommodate for family gatherings on that evening.

Christmas Flowers: Bring joy to everyone by purchasing a Christmas poinsettia. Use the envelope from your packet or mark an envelope and drop it into the collection basket or bring it to the parish office. Please include your name, and note the name(s) of whom it is in honor (or memory). Deadline for names and money is Dec. 23.

Liturgical Assignments: Weekend of December 7/8

Mass	Acolytes	Lector / Reader	Servers	Rosary
Saturday 5:00 pm	Bob Kobza	Mindy Schwang	Kyle Coufal Noah Polacek & Turner Hartman	Jean Hicks
Sunday 8:00am	Rob Daro	Patty Vaca	Luke Hovorka Gregory & Henry Sisco	Andrew & Sara Buresh
Sunday 10:00am	Ed Meysenburg Mike Eller	Jim Novacek	Gus & Sam Yindrick Brenda Adair & Brecken Romshek	Jim & Connie Novacek

Holy Hour Openings: There are **4 open** opportunities for Eucharistic adoration with our Lord, Jesus! **Thursday at 3pm; Saturday at Noon, 3pm & 5pm.** *"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: **Issac VanSkiver**, Propaedeutic Stage at Saint Gregory the Great Seminary, son of Greg & Roxanne VanSkiver of St. Michael Parish, Hastings. Please pray for Issac and all who are studying for the priesthood.

Mission Trip: Fr. Carson Kain and Hope of the Poor will be leading a Mission Trip to Mexico City January 23-28, 2025. There will be an informational meeting on Sunday, November 24 at 5pm at the rectory in Prague. 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 recently paid for the patio and cement work at the rectory, purchased an office chair for Sr. Mary, and are making plans to replace the St. Mary sign outside of church. Thanks for your support of the FunRaising activities!

Hallow Prayer App: Want to try the Hallow Prayer App or continue at a big discount? Call the parish office only \$20/year. You have to be right at your renewal OR a new subscriber to take part in this great discount.

Lost Something? There is a lost and found box under the pew in the vestibule.

Christmas Decorating will be held on **Sunday, Dec. 22** after the 10am Mass, approx. 11am. All are welcome to come help beautify our church for the birth of Christ.



Coffee and Rolls with a PCCW Bake Sale will be held after both Sunday Masses on **December 15** in the school gym. All are welcome! PCCW Members please remember to pay your dues. Thank you!

Assumption Parish Council will meet on Monday, Dec. 2 at 6:30pm at Assumption Church.

Farewell to Nate & Ali Prochaska, who are moving to Crete later this month. Come say goodbye at the Parish party on Dec. 8.

Youth Choir: will be again be offered at the Christmas Eve 4pm Mass by Nancy & Cheryl Kozisek. They are asking for anyone ages 6 thru high school to join up and to contact them by text: Cheryl: 402-954-0049 or Nancy: 402-480-4304. Practices will be scheduled in the near future.

December Assignments

St. Mary Church Cleaners:
St. Mary Circle

St. Mary Cassock Cleaners:
Jenesis Emory & Angie Vandenburg

Assumption Cleaners:
Michelle Andel & Nicole Sylvester

Assistant Pastor’s Corner

Dear St Mary’s & Assumption Parishioners,

Happy Thanksgiving weekend. I hope and pray that you are incredibly grateful for God’s many blessings. I recently read an article in the *WSJ* about “Thanksgiving shaming” and that some people may not be thankful at this time of the year and that they really cannot enter the holiday with genuine spirit of thankfulness. Moreover, the article said that doing so would hurt their genuine feelings and emotions. It would be extremely hard to be in such a situation that genuine gratitude to God is hard to muster.

On the other hand, I read in *Magnificat* today (Wednesday, Nov 27) about a 19-year-old German boy imprisoned during the holocaust due to his Nazi resistance, who was writing to his mother as he faced death in the coming days. He was thankful for his youthful life, hoping to preserve it, but resigned to accept his fate. In this final letter to his dear Mama, he expressed his love for her and gratitude for all her support, prayers and sacrifices for him throughout his life. It was very touching, courageous, and inspiring.

We can add to our prayers of gratitude the ceasefire between Isreal and Hezbollah after 14 months of war, death, and destruction in the Middle East. God willing it will continue.

I am grateful that Aquinas sent about fifteen students on Tuesday to help work at St Mary’s for the morning. Fr. Schukei was chief organizer. He arranged for about five of them to clean the church under the direction of Barb Belsky. Meanwhile, he worked with six outdoors cleaning up the beds and preparing everything for winter. Inside, in the warmth of the basement, I worked with four young ladies painting the hallways and laundry room. FTS and I had it prepared so they could tape, roll, and brush on the paint. I had combined several leftover paint cans into a new color suitable for the laundry room (much better than the original green from 1952). I put the more experienced painters in the hallway, and I did the higher areas. I noticed that when I was painting above the steps, they got a lot chattier. They were a big help and later that day, I finished the touch up and clean up. One more little project checked off the list.

Advent begins this Sunday on December 1st. We can all be grateful for the sacrifices our mothers made to bring us into the world. They carried us in utero for nine months and bore the pain of childbirth. They abstained from drugs and alcohol and made many preparations for our entering the world. There was a room or crib prepared for us with blankets and diapers.

As we prepare over the next four weeks for the Birth of our Savior and his coming again at the end of time, let us ask ourselves what sacrifices and penance should we impose to help us spiritually, physically, emotionally for His coming. “I will raise up for David a just shoot, he shall do what is right and just in the land” (first reading from Jeremiah this Sunday). In this city of David, God willing we will truly prepare for his birth.

Have a blessed Advent. God bless you and yours, FBC.

PS We will have our morning of recollection on **THIS** Sunday December 1st at Appleton. We will have our first Sunday coffee and rolls, then Eucharistic Holy Hour with a talk by both FTS and me. We will then have Benediction before noon.