



### Assumption Church

1821 38th Road  
David City, Nebraska 68632

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

### Saint Mary Catholic Church

580 I Street  
David City, Nebraska 68632

**Pastor:** Fr. Brian Connor, V.F.

[fr.brian-connor@cdolinc.net](mailto:fr.brian-connor@cdolinc.net)

**In residence:** Fr. Jonathan Haschke

**CAO Aquinas Catholic Schools**

**In residence:** Fr. Christian Schwenka

**Asst. Principal Aquinas Catholic Schools**

### Parish Staff

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

### St. Mary Parish Council Members

|                              |                       |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Mike Eller (367-3941)        | Carm Fiala (367-8188) |
| Kathy Engel (367-6183)       | Dawn Jakub (367-8233) |
| Allan Steinberger (367-7625) | John Wehrs (954-8728) |

### St. Mary Finance Council Members

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

### Assumption Parish Council & Finance Committee

|             |              |               |
|-------------|--------------|---------------|
| Mike Kadlec | Kevin Anadel | Jerome Anadel |
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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 (Wed: 7:00 PM)  
Daily (M-F) School Mass: 8:00AM  
Sat. 8:00 AM  
Holy Days: See Parish Bulletin

### St. Mary Confession (Confesiones) Schedule

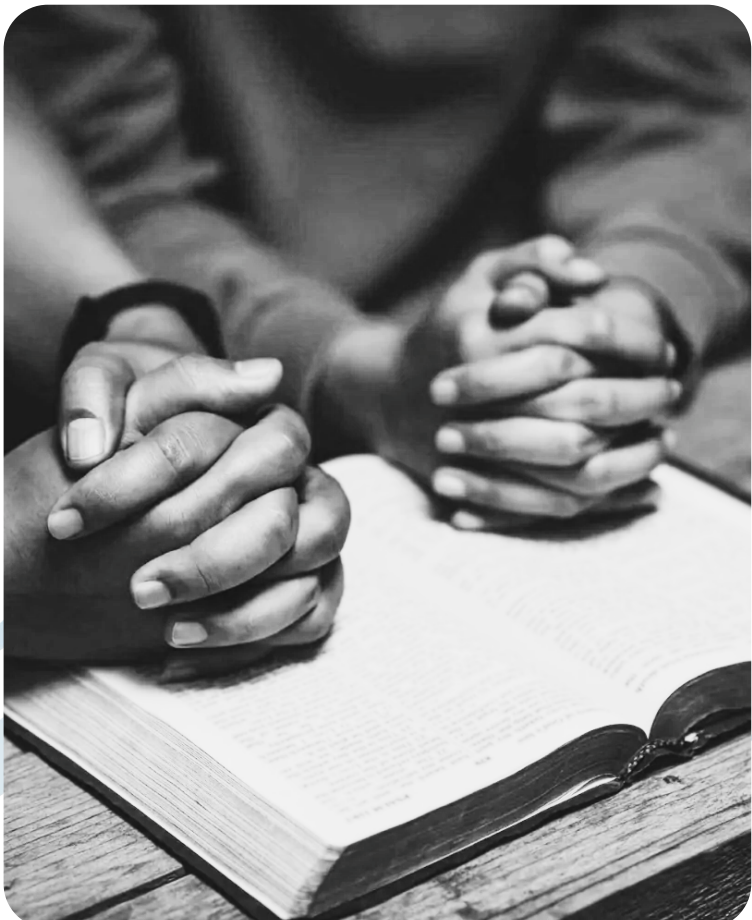
Monday -Friday: 6-6:15AM; 5-5:20pm (Wed: 6:30 pm)  
Sat. 7-7:50AM; 4-4:50PM  
Sun. 7:30 -7:50AM

### Assumption Confession Schedule

Sunday: 8:30AM – 8:50AM

Where two or three  
are gathered  
together in my  
name, there am I  
in the midst of them.

September 6, 2026  
23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

Assumption, Appleton; Assumption, Dwight; Holy Trinity, Brainard; Immaculate Conception, Ulysses; Presentation, Bellwood; St. Anthony, Bruno; St. Francis, David City; St. Joseph, Bellwood; St. Mary's, David City; St. Peter, Bellwood; Sis. Peter & Paul, Abie; Sacred Heart, Shelby; & St. Wendeslaus, Bee.

Butler County Right to Life Meeting  
Tuesday September 8th at 7pm  
St. Marys Didier Room  
All are welcome!

IMMACULATE  
CONCEPTION CHURCH

### Chicken Dinner & Auction

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

MASS 10:00AM

SERVING DINNER FROM 10:30-2:00PM

\*\*\$20 PER PLATE - SELF SERVE\*\*

Serving:

Broasted Chicken, Ham, Mashed Potatoes,  
Gray, Corn, Coleslaw, Pies and Dessert

\*\*\*Convenient Drive Through Take-Out\*\*\*

\*\*\*Outdoor Tent with Seating\*\*\*

\*LIVE POLKA MUSIC  
JAKE VYHIDAL TRIO  
11:30-2:30PM

LIVE AUCTION  
2:30PM

\*RAFFLES, CAKE WALK,  
CHUCK-A-LUCK,  
KIDS GAMES

Features Items: First Angus Calf or Red Angus Bred Heifer, Cua Cadet 46", Ultima Riding Lawnmower, Treager Pro 700 Wood Pellet Grill/smoker, Firetrms, Flat Iron Steaks, Sthl! Coolsow, Craft Items, Tools, Livestock Equipment, Toys and much more!



### Shelby Sacred Heart

Dinner & Auction

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH

Shelby Legion

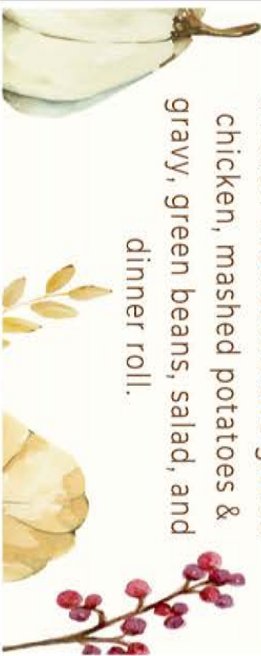
4:00 SOCIAL & SILENT AUCTION

5:00 DINNER & LIVE AUCTION

\$30 PER PERSON

\$55 PER COUPLE

Menu: Two meat dinner of  
chicken fried steak and grilled  
chicken, mashed potatoes &  
gravy, green beans, salad, and  
dinner roll.



### SAVE THE DATES

Abie Duck & Ham Dinner: Sunday, October 4  
Light of the World Retreat: October 9-12



### IMMEDIATE OPENING

MS/HS Para Professional

[Aquinas-Catholic.com/careers](http://Aquinas-Catholic.com/careers)

### HOW IT WORKS

Buy physical gift cards, eGift cards, and reloadable gift cards at face value on [RaiseRight.com](http://RaiseRight.com) or on the RaiseRight app. Easily pay online and earn a rebate between 2% and 16% that immediately goes toward funding for Aquinas Catholic Schools. Use your gift cards for everyday shopping or give as gifts.



**SAT. SEPTEMBER 26, 2026**

SERVING BBQ FROM 5-7PM

Drinks include water, seltzers, beer, and margaritas

FREE WILL OFFERING

LIVE MUSIC - LIVE AUCTION - FUN FOR ALL

Presentation Parish 1291 41 Rd, Bellwood, NE

| Mass Intentions<br>23rd Week Ordinary Time              |                              |                            |
|---------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Mass Time                                               | Intention                    | Requested by               |
| Monday September 7 - Labor Day                          |                              |                            |
| 6:20 am                                                 | Patrick & Margaret Kenealy + | Margaret Kenealy           |
| 8:00 am                                                 | Virginia Brockevelt          |                            |
| 5:30pm                                                  | NO MASS                      |                            |
| Tuesday September 8-Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary |                              |                            |
| 6:20 am                                                 | Marcella McHale +            | J. Smith Family            |
| 8:00 am                                                 | Helen Zavodny +              | John Dehner Family         |
| 5:30pm                                                  | NO MASS                      |                            |
| Wednesday September 9 - St. Peter Claver                |                              |                            |
| 6:20 am                                                 | Tony and Lucille Rerucha +   | Don and Florence Buresh    |
| 8:00 am                                                 | Marion Meister +             | Marv and Lori Pelan        |
| 7:00 pm                                                 | Francis Steiner +            | Barb O’Connell             |
| Thursday September 10                                   |                              |                            |
| 6:20 am                                                 | Carolyn and Ross Klein +     | Don and Florence Buresh    |
| 8:00 am                                                 | Paul R. Peters +             |                            |
| 5:30 pm                                                 | NO MASS                      |                            |
| Friday September 11                                     |                              |                            |
| 6:20 am                                                 | Mary Smith +                 | J. Smith Family            |
| 8:00 am                                                 | Russ Hilger +                | Aldeen Riha                |
| 5:30pm                                                  | Leslie Duke Sr. +            | Duke Family                |
| Saturday September 12 - The Most Holy Name of Mary      |                              |                            |
| 8:00 am                                                 | Kay Adamy +                  | Barb O’Connell             |
| Anticipated Mass of Sunday                              |                              |                            |
| 5:00 pm                                                 | Dee Svoboda +                | Lee Stara Family           |
| Sunday September 13- 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time       |                              |                            |
| 8:00 am                                                 | Pro Populo                   | St. Mary/Assumption Parish |
| 9:00 am Assumption                                      | Herman Kadlec +              | Kadlec Family              |
| 10:00 am                                                | Madison Vandenberg           | St. Mary/Assumption Parish |

**Harvest Festival** is on the calendar for Sunday, November 8, 2026 at Aquinas! Last year's festival generated over \$70,000 profit for our parish! Plan now to be a part of it! The Harvest Festival steering committee needs ideas to make the live auction a success. Two questions to please consider: IS THERE AN ITEM/EVENT/SERVICE THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE OFFERED ON THE LIVE AUCTION? DO YOU HAVE ANY TIME/TALENT/TREASURE THAT YOU COULD OFFER AS A LIVE AUCTION ITEM? Example: Do you bake cinnamon rolls that are always a hit at your family gatherings? Consider donating this talent as something like "one dozen cinnamon rolls per month delivered to your door to the highest bidder." Items like this often bring hundreds of dollars at a live auction. Any ideas for the live auction...call: Bob Kobza 402-641-1314, Laura Kobza 402-641-6472, Mike or Deb Richter 402-325-1066 or Pam Siroky 402-641-7537.

**Religious Sister of the Week:** Sr. Rita Marie of Our Lady of the Holy Trinity, Sisters of the Carmel of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. Please keep Sister in your prayers and continue to pray for more vocations for our diocese and throughout the world.

**Butler County Right to Life** will have a meeting Tuesday September 8th at 7pm at the St.Mary's Didier Room. All are welcome!

| St. Mary Parish - Tithe - August 30, 2026 |                    |
|-------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Sunday Tithe                              | <b>\$13,259.94</b> |
| Weekly Budget                             | <b>\$16,923.00</b> |
| Assumption Parish - Tithe                 |                    |
| Sunday Tithe                              | <b>\$757.00</b>    |
| Weekly Budget                             | <b>\$1307.00</b>   |

LOCAL NEWS

**Holy Hour Openings:** “Can you not spend one hour with me?” (Mt 26:40) Jesus invites us to abide with Him in the quiet of Eucharistic adoration. Come experience His peace. All hours have been filled.

**Traveling Chalice** will be in the Harriet Jakub household Sept 6-12, 2026. Please call Kathleen Deavers to sign up for the traveling chalice for your home!

**Parish offices** will be closed Labor day

**2026 Bible Studies**



**\*Note: All Monday evening groups will meet in the Didier Room)\***

- The Bible Timeline for men or women: Mondays 6:10 pm - 7:15 pm (**Didier Room**); Videos by Jeff Cavins (**NEW**) - this is a 2025 release! The videos include Fr. Michael Schmitz, Dr. Mary Healy and many others. **Begins September 14**
- Lectio Divina** (Group study of the Sunday Gospel) for women: Mondays at 7:30 pm (begins 9/14 in the Didier Room); Thursdays at 10:00 am (begins 9/10 in the Rectory)
- Video & Prayer Series (10 weeks) - Walking Toward Eternity: Engaging the Struggles of your heart; Friday 10:00 am (Didier Room); **Begins September 18**

**Come Learn!** Adult Christian Formation (OCIA). Sundays 12:30pm - 2pm - Begins September 20th.

**Upcoming dates** to put on your calendars: Christmas Parade of Homes, on December 13; New Year’s Eve Music Bingo / meal / games on Dec. 31; Pizza- Puzzles -12 Pack on January 23; Garage Sale on Feb. 20-21. Be watching for the final details to be installed on the new St. Mary’s outdoor sign! Sponsored by FunRaising Committee!

**Assumption Parish** Coffee/rolls September 6 - Group 3

**Grace & Glory Day Retreat:** Come Spend some time with Jesus Tuesday, September 29, 8:30 - 3:45. Sr. Mary will give three short talks. Lunch is part of the day - \$25 / person. Day rooms are available for an additional \$25. Register by **Monday, September 14** by contacting the parish office.

**Daily Mass** on Wednesday will be moving to 7:00 pm starting September 9. ALWAYS check the bulletin to double check the mass is on the schedule.

**CCD:** CCD for grades 1-8 will begin **September 9**. Re-registration for previous students is available at <https://stmarycatholicchurch22.flocknote.com/signup/269208>; Registration forms for new students are available in the back of church or on the parish website

**SPECIAL INVITATION**

**Sr. Mary personally invites YOU to attend the parish Light of the World Retreat! It will be October 9-12 at St. Mary’s. The Holy Spirit is calling YOU to pray about attending. I promise you will NOT regret it! For more information or to register: contact the parish office or go to [www.stmarysdavidcity.org/event-list](http://www.stmarysdavidcity.org/event-list)**

| LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENTS: WEEKEND OF September 12 - 13 |                         |                 |                                                        |              |
|------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Mass                                                 | Acolytes                | Lector / Reader | Servers                                                | Rosary       |
| Saturday 5:00pm                                      | Bob Kobza               | Jim Masek       | Ian Sobota, Elijah Moulton, Isaac Hoelscher            | Alvero Otero |
| Sunday 8:00 am                                       | Spencer Zysset          | Deb Dinkelman   | Cesar Venegas, Brecken Romshek, Turner Hartman         | Monica Lyons |
| Sunday 10:00 am                                      | John Svec<br>John Wehrs | Deb Svec        | Karver Eller, Carter and Camden Emory, Austin Pracheil | CeCe Bechtel |

**Mission Priest:** This weekend, Fr. Jojibabu Betala MF is celebrating the Masses at St. Mary’s. He is from India, and new to the US. He is currently working for the diocese of Oakland, CA. The appeal will be to benefit the formation of seminarians, especially those from the Union of Myanmar affected by the ongoing civil war. The community that the priests serving in Myanmar spread out in the forest due to military take-over of the city they live in. Please be generous to the Mission Appeal. There is an envelope in the regular package.

**Parish Library:** The books in the parish library in the vestibule have been inventoried. **Nearly 300 books are missing!!!** If you have borrowed and not yet returned a book, please put it in the box marked “Return books here” so it can be re-entered into the online catalogue.

**Garden of Eatin’:** is in the back of church. Have extra garden produce? Bring it to the church for others to enjoy. All items are available for a free-will donation. Fresh produce only, please. All other items will be removed.

**Family Fun Night:** Bring the family and join us for our Sept. Family Fun Night on Saturday, Sept. 12th at 6pm in the Aquinas Elementary Gym. It’ll be Husker football themed with family prayer & more. Food will be provided. RSVP by Sept. 8th on the parish website

**Volunteers Needed** to bring food and/or set up for LOTW weekend: <https://tinyurl.com/Oct26LOTW>

**Addiction meeting:** For those who struggle with addiction to pornography or other similar things, there is a weekly SA meeting in David City. You can see the schedule at [sanebraska.org](http://sanebraska.org). For more information about the program contact Gus - 402-770-2272 or Brian - 402-646-5721.

**DIOCESEAN NEWS**

**Ulysses chicken dinner & bazaar:** Sunday, Sept. 13. Serving a delicious chicken & ham buffet dinner from 10:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Games. Raffle. Country store. Polka music. Live auction at 2:30 p.m. More info on the other side.

**Chicken & Ham Dinner** at St. John Nepomucene (Weston) Church Annual—Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, from 11:00am-2:00pm in the school gym. Kids’ Games, Raffle, Bake Stand. Mark Vyhldal Polka Band. Beer Garden. Serving Pan Fried Chicken, Ham, Dumplings, Kraut, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Gravy, fresh vegetables, fresh baking! Adults: \$20; Children 5-12: \$10; under 5: Free.

**Sidewalk Advocates** (Pro-Life) is training, September 19 or November 7 in Lincoln - 11:00 AM-5:00 PM. \$15 fee to cover the cost of the workbook and training expenses. Please register in advance: Contact Lisa Mcinerney at [lisapal24@aol.com](mailto:lisapal24@aol.com) or 402.525.9360

**Join us at Pro-Life & Pie with Rebekah Allick** Rebekah will share her story of faith, perseverance, and the experiences that have shaped her life both on and off the court. Rebekah will speak Sunday, September 13, 2026 at Lochland Country Club, 601 W Lochland Road, in Hastings. Doors open at 1:30 PM; program begins at 2:00 PM. Registration deadline is September 3. Purchase Tickets Online or call/text 785-643-5289. You can also email: [info@SCNRTL.org](mailto:info@SCNRTL.org), or mail payment to: SCNRTL, PO Box 391, Hastings, NE 68902.

Assignments

**St. Mary Church Cleaners:**  
St. Francis Circle  
**St. Mary Cassock Cleaners:**  
Cortney Hein  
Melissa Yindrick  
**Assumption Cleaners:**  
Sharon Kovar  
Lindsey Kovar

Relationship, Mass & Prayer

Dear good people of St. Mary’s and Assumption,  
(With Fr. Connor gone and no Assistant Pastor, he asked me to fill this space, this week. It fits under “other duties as assigned,” which is on every job description!)

After praying about what to write, this week’s Gospel gave me the subject: Prayer. It’s a massive, unwieldy topic - which means it can be taken many directions. It’s one of the four pillars in the Catechism of the Catholic Church - which means it’s really important. When His disciples asked Jesus to teach them to pray, he gave them the “Our Father” which could be used daily for meditation! Jesus also taught, “Your Father knows what you need before you ask him.” (Matt 6:8).

So, what is prayer? There are dozens of definitions, but the simplest could be: *communication in relationship with God*. *Communication:* dialogue, discussion, talking and listening; *relationship:* rapport, bond, connection. **Prayer is talking and listening to God, who loves me and I love in return.**

There are dozens of aspects to prayer: personal, liturgical, formal, vocal, meditative, contemplative, intercessory, according to a certain tradition (Benedictine, Ignatian, Franciscan, Carmelite...) - the ways to dissect the topic of prayer are never-ending. But space (and time) are limited. So, let’s focus on what brings you to church every week: Mass.

The very essence of the Mass is relational. In the Mass, we hear the Word of God; we offer our needs and intentions to God; we share in Jesus giving Himself to the Father, then receive Jesus Himself. It’s (sadly) true a person can be at Mass and never once raise their heart and mind to God - attending Mass (check that box!) but never praying. So, what can we do to help Mass be meaningful?

- Always open your heart to God before Mass begins. Sincerely tell Him of your love, your gratitude, your needs.
- Read the Gospel ahead of time. Take even five minutes to consider how it applies to you.
- Do your human best to listen for what God is saying to *you*, especially during the readings. Yes, distractions (internal and external) are real - but when you find yourself mentally elsewhere, just bring yourself back.
- Always have an intention for the Mass. The offertory is more than financial contribution - lay on the altar some need for yourself or someone you love. Unite it to Jesus, and He takes it to the Father so it can be transformed with the bread and wine.
- Remember that physical postures matter! Even in a secular court we’re instructed to “all stand!” Think of what your posture(s) are saying. It’s true that God sees the heart, but a stance of respect and attention both convey our heart and help us pay attention. (Please, fold your hands when approaching communion and returning to your pew.)
- Look at the crucifix as you approach communion. It’s Jesus’ body, blood, soul and divinity being received. Consider that He died for you.
- Kneel after Mass in sincere, deep gratitude for salvation, grace, the Church, the Sacraments, and all the blessings given by God

Prayer is important - the Mass is prayer at it’s best. Don’t just come to Mass - **PRAY the Mass!**  
Sr. Mary, Director of Evangelization