



### 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

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Whoever obeys and teaches these commandments will be called greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

February 15, 2026  
6th 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, Sts. Peter & Paul, Abie, Sacred Heart, Shelby, & St. Wenceslaus, Bee.

### David City Deanery Holy Hour for Peace

Thursday, February 19 at 7pm

hosted by

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

Shelby, NE

Bi-lingual Service

to pray for peace in our Nation

### Men's Lenten Retreat featuring Matt Simmons

Saturday, February 28

8AM Mass, followed by breakfast, two talks, and a holy hour. Concludes by noon. Cost: \$20 (pay day of retreat).

To register, email [saintpetersaintjoseph@gmail.com](mailto:saintpetersaintjoseph@gmail.com)

All men welcome

Current Opening  
Holy Family ELC Director

2025-26  
Openings

MS/HS Art Teacher  
Elementary Teacher  
Varsity VB Coach  
Asst. SB Coach  
MS Coaches

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**PIZZA PUZZLE 12-PACK**

ST. MARY'S PARISH FUNDRAISING PRESENTS

Join us for a fun-filled evening of puzzling, pizza, and a dash for your team of 4 to put together a 500 piece puzzle, eat an entire pizza and finish all your drinks

**Saturday, February 21**

**Door Open at 6 pm**

**Aquinas Grade School Gym**

Call the Parish Office at 402-367-3579 or Deb at 402-270-1983 to register your team by February 13. \$80 for a team of 4 - you provide your own 12-pack (12 oz) drinks.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

March 6-7: 2 Day Retreat with Matt Simmons  
St. Anthony & Sts. Peter & Paul

March 8: Pork Chop & Dumping Dinner  
Brainard Klein Center

### Trivia "Knight" Fundraiser

Join Us For A

**Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup>**  
Butler County Event  
Center



\$120 per Table  
(Max 8 Persons per Table)  
18 yrs. min.

Proceeds to benefit  
Knights of Columbus  
charitable causes

Doors Open @ 5:00 p.m.  
Trivia Starts @ 7:00 p.m.



Serving Chili & Cinnamon Rolls  
Alcohol Served by Butler County Ag Society  
(Cash Bar)

Cash prizes & Awards

Contact Shawn (402) 443-6425 or [davidcityknights@gmail.com](mailto:davidcityknights@gmail.com)  
to reserve a table today!



February 15, 2026 - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - St. Mary Church, David City / Assumption, Appleton

Mass Intentions <i>Sixth Week in Ordinary Time</i>		
Mass Time	Intention	Requested by
Monday, February 16		
6:20 am	Russ Hilger +	Ron Cemper Family
8:00 am	Don Semin +	Ryan Meister Family
5:30 pm	Eugene Divis +	Divis Family
Tuesday, February 17 - Seven Holy Founders of the Servites		
6:20 am	Virginia Rerucha +	Ray Metzner Family
8:00 am	Peter Birkel +	Max Birkel Family
5:30 pm	NO MASS	PRIEST STUDY DAY
Wednesday, February 18 - Ash Wednesday (Fast & Abstain)		
6:20 am	Albin Kouba +	Tom Medinger Family
8:00 am	Poor Souls +	Cathy Wessling
12:00 Noon	Darlene Sloup +	Sloup Family
6:00 pm Assumption	Yvonne Gratz +	Karl Kovar Family
7:00 pm	William & Marcella Eller +	Greg Eller Family
Thursday, February 19 - Thursday after Ash Wednesday		
6:20 am	Frank & Blanche Medinger +	Tom Medinger Family
8:00 am	Elsie Ponec	Capoun/Ponec Family
5:30 pm	NO MASS	
Friday, February 20 - Friday after Ash Wednesday		
6:20 am	Dorothy Gillespie +	Kerkman/Kobza Family
8:00 am	NO MASS	NO SCHOOL
5:30 pm	Val & CeCe Sypal +	Dan Sypal Family
6:45 pm Assumption	Mary Ann Ratkovec +	Kirk Marushak Family
Saturday, February 21 - Saturday after Ash Wednesday		
8:00 am	Delane Dalton +	Dalton Family
Anticipated Mass for Sunday		
5:00 pm	Dan Dineen	Koranda Family
Sunday, February 22 - First Sunday in Lent		
8:00 am	Joe & Lucille Fiala +	Carm Fiala
9:00 am Assumption	Margaret Hunsche +	Jim Svoboda
10:00 am	Missa Pro Populo	For the People

**Assumption Lenten Devotions** each Friday of Lent will begin at 6:00 with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, a priest will be available for confessions, Rosary is said followed by Benediction; 6:45 Mass begins; following Mass there will be Stations of the Cross.

**Ash Wednesday:** Ash Wednesday is February 18. It is a day of Fast and Abstinence. To review what that means, see the parish website.

St. Mary Parish - Tithe - February 8, 2026	
Sunday Tithe	<b>\$17,270.10</b>
Weekly Budget	<b>\$16,923.00</b>
Assumption Parish - Tithe	
Sunday Tithe	<b>\$1,372.17</b>
Weekly Budget	<b>\$1,307.00</b>

LOCAL NEWS

**Holy Hour Openings: Saturday 9am** (Available Immediately)

**Lent Book Study:** Each family is welcome to take a book *Witness*. Walk the road to Calvary this Lent with Fr. Patrick Mary Briscoe, OP, Dominican friar and host of the Godsplaining podcast. There are online videos available each week. Pray it on your own or host a study group! There will be **group studies** available Fridays at 10:30 am (Parish Office - Sr. Mary); Thursdays at 6:30 (Parish Office - Fr. Beardslee); Saturdays at 10 am (CeCe Bechtel's - please register with her: 402-367-4744) and Thursdays 7:00 pm (online - hosted by Heather Oltmer - call parish office).

**Traveling Chalice** will be in the **Barb O'Connell** household February 15-21, 2026. Please call Kathleen Deavers to schedule the traveling chalice for your home!

**Trivia “Knight” Fundraiser** will be held Saturday, February 28th at the Butler County Event Center. \$120 per Table (8 persons per team / 18 yrs. min) Please Register in Advance (Limited Tables) Doors Open @ 5:00 p.m. Trivia Starts @ 7:00 p.m. Cash Prizes for 1st and 2nd; Chili & Cinnamon Rolls available for purchase; Cash Bar Served by Butler County Ag Society. Please register soon - proceeds to benefit the charitable causes of the David City KCs. Contact Shawn Koranda (402) 443-6425 or davidcityknights@gmail.com to reserve a table today!

**PIZZA, PUZZLE, 12 PACK** This 3<sup>rd</sup> annual event is set for Saturday, Feb. 21 at the grade school gym. Doors open at 6; event starts at 6:30 sharp. Be the first team of up to 4 members to complete a large pizza, 500 pc puzzle, and a 12 pack of your choice. (BYO 12 pack). Registrations forms available at the Rectory or contact Deb 270-1983. Sabotages available for purchase to slow your competition down.....and other challenges along the way. So much FUN!

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 16!**  
**LIGHT OF THE WORLD RETREAT** will be at St. Mary's March 13-16. Experience community and fellowship as you delve into God's love for us, our spiritual enemies, the person of Jesus Christ, making Jesus the Lord of your life, surrendering your life to the Holy Spirit, and more. Pray about attending. If you cannot come, consider offering child care for a couple with children who would like to attend! Register at https://www.stmarysdavidcity.org/event-list - \$35/person or \$60/couple. **REGISTER SOON!**

**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. For more information about the program contact Gus - 402-770-2272 or Brian - 402-646-5721.

**Grace & Glory:** The next Grace & Glory retreat will be Thursday, March 5, 8:30 am - 4 pm, at the St. Benedict Center north of Schuyler.. Come for a Lenten day of silence and prayer with talks on the virtues of lent. \$25/per person which includes lunch. Private rooms available (\$20 additional). Register by February 18 by calling the parish office.

LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENTS: WEEKEND OF Feb. 21/22				
Mass	Acolytes	Lector / Reader	Servers	Rosary
Saturday 5:00 pm	Andrew Buresh	Karey Adamy	Ian Sobata Isaac Hoelscher, Elijah Moulton	Alvero Otero
Sunday 8:00 am	Spencer Zysset	Barb Belsky	Colby Miller Zander Holloway, Breckan Romshek	Brenda Eller
Sunday 10:00 am	John Svec John Wehrs	Mindy Schawang	Andrew Oltmer Dillon Bohuslavsky, Karver Eller	CeCe Bechtel

**Lent Study:** Fr. Beardslee will be giving a series of talks on Sunday Afternoons at 1:30 in the Didier Room beginning 2/22. Topics coming soon!

**SERMONS A LA CARTE:** Friday, Feb. 20 at St. Luke's UMC, David City, with Pastor Hillary Christensen. Meditation: "Dying to sin, Living in forgiveness". All are invited. Lunch after the service, free will donations accepted.

**GARAGE / BAKE SALE** Did you know St Marys Garage sale has been going strong for 22 years. With combined volunteer hours for the week of over 300. 80% of the trash is recycled thanks to Michelle and Kent Longnecker. Did you know the cost of the dumpster is always donated we only pay the dump fee. Did you know with this years leftovers we were able to help out bridging our community, Blue Valley and Helping Hands of David City. Did you know 20 volunteers show up to help us clean the gym and we are done by 1pm. Did you know this year we couldnt have done it without your help!

DIOCESEAN NEWS

**Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House schedule:** Visit: goodcounselretreat.org to register or for more information about any of our retreats! Come spend some time with the Lord. Use the code SMDCHALF when registering and the parish will pay half.

**Seminarian of the Week:** **Trent Moudry**, College 1 at St. Gregory the Great Seminary. Son of Kris Moudry of Sts. Mary & Joseph Parish, Valparaiso. Please pray for Trent and all who are studying for the priesthood.

**Pilgrimage:** Father Hile, pastor of Bruno & Abie, will be leading a pilgrimage to Poland and the Czech Republic from July 19–30 in 2026. The **registration deadline is March 24th!** https://www.tektonministries.org/pilgrimage\_pages/pilgrimage-to-poland-the-czech-republic-july-19-2026/  
**"In The Upper Room"** ~ A Holy Hour to pray for our Diocesan Priests ~ Thursday, February 19, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Chapel at John XXIII Diocesan Center ~ sponsored by MAGNIFICAT of Lincoln and Seven Sisters Apostolate. Please join us to pray for our Priests before Jesus in His Most Blessed Sacrament in Exposition and Adoration. All are invited to attend.

PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear St Mary’s and Appleton Parishioners,

As millions in our country follow the sad kidnapping story of Nancy Gutrie, the 84-year-old grandma, who loved her Lord and family, we pray that she will be alive and returned to her family. How heart wrenching the ordeal must be for her children and family and all who knew her.

Tonight, I think of my mother’s final illness. She was 85 and went with family to LC’s BBQ where she was not impressed with the cleanliness of the place and she came down with influenza. I was able to go to KC to see her after Masses on Sunday despite accumulating snow especially in the KC area.

February 2026 Assignments

**St. Mary Church Cleaners:**

St. Rose Circle

**St. Mary Cassock Cleaners:**

Cris Hoelscher

Lori Wessling

**Assumption Cleaners:**

Lori Sabata

Kristy Anel

The trip was a bit longer due to the weather and she called me when I was just getting near to St Luke’s Hospital where she was being treated. She left me the most precious voicemail (still have it) about how she was looking forward to seeing me, she could see the heavy snow and was worried about me, and that she loved me. We had a lovely visit, and I said I would come back the next day, and we could have Mass in her room. She asked me to bring a couple things from home for her.

The next day, we had Mass in her hospital room, I anointed her, we visited and she knew I had to get back to the parish and school. She hadn’t eaten much and her only request was for a popsicle which I was able to get in the cafeteria. When I left, I thought she would rebound and get back home. However, she went to a nursing home the next day, for three days and then to hospice center. She had chronic asthma and got pneumonia. The next Sunday, while after Masses I wanted to go to KC to see her, I needed to drive to Chicago to my mother’s sister Mary Rose Shaughnessy’s funeral at St Thomas the Apostle on the southside. In driving across Iowa, I spoke to several brothers and Malachy said, you need to come to KC, mom is dying. I said, I must go have Aunt Rose’s funeral. He said, “Can’t you get someone from Chicago to do that?” I said I don’t know priests in Chicago. I can’t be in two places and mom would want me to be there for it. In talking to two other brothers who were already in Chicago and were coming back, I told Keith to tell her I love her and would be with Rose. Rose had died January 22 and my mother had predicted she would die before Rose’s funeral (as if it is taking so long to arrange).

I arrived in Chicago, went to Rose’s condo, celebrated dinner with a brother, sister and cousins and friends, and I went to bed at the hotel. In the middle of the night, I checked my phone to see many messages to learn she had died at 12:10a.m.

I cried because I really loved my mother and she was the best. Kevin and his family had made it back and had a good visit. Keith got back before midnight. Some say she waited and rallied for Keith (oldest) and he proceeded to tell her all about the buildup for Rose’s funeral, when she went home to her Maker. My parents lived in 1210 W. 61<sup>st</sup> for over 50 years. She often said she wanted to leave that house feet first and she did after collapsing from the weakness of flu and being taken out by paramedics on stretcher.

Sometimes I second guess not going to KC. The reading this weekend focus on the choices we make in life. As a priest, we must leave behind family (even mother and father) and follow Jesus and serve the Lord. We are given the hundred-fold reward in this life and the life to come. God bless you all my brother and sisters in Christ, FBC