

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



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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

Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God, the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ with righteous deeds at his coming, so that, gathered at his right hand, they may be worthy to possess the heavenly Kingdom. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

November 30, 2025
1st Sunday of Advent


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, Ulisses, Presentation, Bellwood, St. Anthony, Bruno, St. Francis, David City, St. Joseph, Bellwood, St. Mary's, David City, St. Peter, Bellwood, Sts. Peter & Paul, Abbe, Sacred Heart, Shelby, & St. Wenceslaus, Bee.

Women's Advent Retreat featuring Sarina Stokes

Saturday, December 6
St. Peter Church in Bellwood, NE
8AM - 12PM
"Mary kept all these things in her heart"
Sarina explores how Christian women can embrace Luke 2:51 amidst the holiday bustle.
Register by emailing Heather Glaschoff at saintpetersaintjoseph@gmail.com.
The cost is \$20, payable on the day of the retreat.
All women are warmly invited!

The Catholic Daughters Meeting
Tuesday, December 2 at 7 PM
Aquinas Catholic Elementary School



Lord God, let your blessing come upon us as we light the candles of this wreath. May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation. May he come quickly and not delay. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Christmas Tour of Homes

SPONSORED BY ST. MARY'S FUN-RAISING COMMITTEE
Tour 5 David City homes
beautifully decorated for the holidays.
December 14, 2025 from 1:00-4:00 pm
Meet at Aquinas Elementary: 1026 5th Street
CHEESECAKE AND FLAVORED COFFEES INCLUDED.
THERE WILL BE CHRISTMAS DECOR AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE.
DOOR PRIZES - MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN.
To reserve a ticket please call or text 402-367-9539.
\$20 free will offering.
April Sigal | Cherie Kotcha | Jackie DeWispelare | Jen Hein | Sara Buresh

ADVENT VESPERS AND CAROLS
St. Gregory the Great Seminary | Seward, NE
December 5, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.
in the Immaculate Conception Chapel
Please join us for a special evening of prayer and music.
We begin with Vespers, the Evening Prayer of the Church, led by Most Reverend James Conley, Bishop of Lincoln.
The seminary choir and schola will present musical pieces of the season.

Grateful for RaiseRight (SCRIP)

Purchase physical scrip after Mass, at the Aquinas Office, or at the St. Mary's Rectory
Use the RaiseRight app
Get the enrollment code: info-aquinas@cdolinc.net
Questions about the app? See Laura at the Aquinas MS/HS Office in the mornings

Upcoming Dates
Mon. Dec. 8
Feast of the Immaculate Conception (Holy Day)
Weds. Dec. 10
MS/HS Music Concert at 6PM
Weds. Dec. 17
Elementary Music Concert at MS/HS 1:30PM AND 6:30PM

November 30, 2025 - First Sunday in Advent - St. Mary Church, David City / Assumption, Appleton

Mass Intentions First Week in Advent		
Mass Time	Intention	Requested by
Monday, December 1 - Advent Weekday		
6:20 am	Poor Souls +	Shirley Hilger
8:00 am	Emil & Mary Jansen +	Joe Mussino Family
5:30 pm	Jim Chermok +	Mark Chermok Family
Tuesday, December 2 - Advent Weekday		
6:20 am	Bev Coufal +	John Smith Family
8:00 am	Russ Hilger +	Chris Alt Family
5:30 pm	Don & Mary Lou Codr+	Codr Family
Wednesday, December 3 - Saint Francis Xavier		
6:20 am	Dorothy Gillespie +	Patty Vaca
8:00 am	Loran Schmit +	Sharon Smith
7:00 pm	William Eller +	Max Birkel Family
Thursday, December 4 - Saint John Damascene, Doctor		
6:20 am	Steve Schmid +	Demaris Smith
8:00 am	Bob Palik +	John Smith Family
5:30 pm	Eugene Brecka +	Sharon Brecka
First Friday, December 5 - Advent Weekday		
6:20 am	Doug Jones +	Anonymous
8:00 am	Poor Souls +	Will Eller
5:30 pm	Mary Ann Ratkovec +	Rose Aken
First Saturday, December 6 - Saint Nicholas		
8:00 am	Jerome Klenda +	Max Birkel Family
Anticipated Mass for Sunday		
5:00 pm	Jim Kobza +	Alice Kobza
Sunday, December 7 - Second Sunday in Advent		
8:00 am	Pro Populo	For the People
9:00 am Assumption	Charles & Marie Sabata +	Greg Sabata Family
10:00 am	Barb Svoboda +	Svoboda Family

North Tower Update: We have received a total of \$17,118.87 in donations for the North Tower project. Recent donations received were \$50.00, \$200, \$500, and \$10,500. Thanks to everyone who has supported this necessary repair work to keep our beautiful church looking good. **Pilgrimage:** Father Hile, pastor of Bruno & Abie, will be leading a pilgrimage to Poland and the Czech Republic from July 19-30 in 2026. More info at below website. https://www.tektonministries.org/pilgrimage_pages/pilgrim-age-to-poland-the-czech-republic-july-19-2026/

St. Mary Parish - Tithe - November 23, 2025	
Sunday Tithe	\$10,599.55
Weekly Budget	\$16,923.00
Assumption Parish - Tithe	
Sunday Tithe	\$1,001.00
Weekly Budget	\$1,307.00

LOCAL NEWS

Holy Hour Openings: Sunday, 1am is available. Please consider an hour with our Lord. What Eucharistic adoration IS: **your personal appointment with Jesus *your time for silence with Jesus* an opportunity to grow in your relationship with Jesus* prayer time that Jesus makes possible with trust in Him. The perfect Healer is at the door and knocks...* **Traveling Chalice** will be in the Adam Oltmer household from November 30 – December 6. Please call Kathleen Deavers to schedule the traveling chalice for your home! **Parish Feast Day Celebration:** St Mary's and Assumption, Friday, December 12 6 p.m. Our Day of Guadalupe Celebration at Event Center! We will have lots of food (some catered taco meat and 100 tamales) and pot luck brought in via the Sign up Genius. Fr. Beardslee is organizing many games, we have pinatas for the children and some music. We are coming together to celebrate Our Lady, the Blessed Virgin Mary during the week of our patron Immaculate Conception (Dec 8th) on the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe (Dec 12). Fr. Carson Kain will give a talk about the tilma of Our Lady that was a miraculous gift to Juan Diego for the Church in 1531. Nearly 10 Million natives converted to the Catholic Faith within 10 years of the Guadalupe event. Come and share food, drinks (alcohol provided by Event Center), fellowship, prayer and a good time. Sign up for sides at <https://tinyurl.com/SMC-DC> or call the parish office – Please sign up by December 9.

Parade of Christmas Homes: On Sunday, December 14, the Parade of Christmas Homes will take place starting at 1:00 in the school gym where tour info will be given. We are grateful to the those who are opening up their homes for tours: Josh & April Sypal, Ray & Cherie Kobza, Eric & Jackie DeWispelare, Bryan & Jen Hein, and Andrew & Sara Buresh! Following the tours, cheesecakes and flavored coffees will be served in the gym along with door prizes. A limited number of tickets will be sold for a suggested donation of \$20. Contact Connie Novacek 367-9539 or Deb Dinkelman 270-1983 for tickets. Spons. by FunRaising Committee. **Book Study:** There will be a book study of *Be Healed* by Dr. Bob Schuchts. Dr. Bob provides a trusted process for finding inner peace and healing, helping people recognize their brokenness and find hope in the risen Christ. There will be two studies offered in the Didier Room. Fr. Beardslee will lead Thursday evenings 6:30pm - 8:00pm (Dec. 4, 11, 18 & Jan 8, 15, 22). Sr. Mary will lead Friday mornings 9:30am - 11:00am (Dec. 5, 12, 19 & Jan 9, 16, & 30). Books are available (\$10 suggested).

KNIGHTS Pancake Breakfast: December 7th after both Masses. Come enjoy some warm pancakes and visit with fellow parishioners.

LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENTS: WEEKEND OF DEC. 6/7				
Mass	Acolytes	Lector / Reader	Servers	Rosary
Saturday 5:00 pm	Allan Steinberger	Karey Adamy	Case Hein Tristan & Trey Davis	Sharon Smith
Sunday 8:00 am	Andrew Daro	Patty Vaca	Caelan Olson Noah Polacek	Monica Lyons
Sunday 10:00 am	Jim Novacek Mike Eller	Mike Moravec	Andrew Oltmer, Nathaniel Hain Austin Pracheil	Jim Redler

SCRIP: Remember that Aquinas / St. Mary's sell SCRIP cards, which are great stocking-stuffers! Dozens of local businesses provide gift cards for you and a pay-back percentage for Aquinas.

Unbound Retreat Fr. Bill Holoubek will be giving the Unbound retreat at St. Mary's, Jan 16-18, 2026. It's recommended that the first 6 chapters of the book be read before the retreat - books are available for \$15 at the parish office.

St. Mary Guild will meet on Wednesday, Dec. 3 at 1:30pm in the Didier Room.

Annual Church Cleaning: Saturday, December 13 from 9am –12am. All are invited to come and help spruce up the church for the Christmas Holidays. Please bring your own ladders, rags, buckets and mops. Both men and welcome to help with this annual event.

Thank you! to everyone that has donated to the food drive. We have taken several loads to Blue Valley and Bridging our Community and they have been very thankful for the donations. The donation baskets will continue to be in the back of church until December 1.

Christmas Poinsettias: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.

The Sacrament of Confession is available every Wednesday from 5:00-5:30pm at Saint Anthony church in Bruno.

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. Upcoming retreats include: *Women's Retreat: Dec. 5-7 with the Marian Sisters* *Men's Retreat: Dec. 12-14 with Regnum Christi*

Seminarian of the Week: Jackson Schaefer, Propaedeutic Stage at Saint Gregory the Great Seminary, son of Michael & Melissa Schaefer of Saint Cecilia Parish, Hastings. Please pray for Jackson and all who are studying for the priesthood.

Religious Sister of the Week: Sister Mary Francis, Jr. Sister with the Marian Sisters. Please keep Sr. Mary Francis in your prayers and continue to pray for more vocations for our diocese and throughout the world.

Scotus Catholic Craft Boutique: Sunday, December 7 from 9am -3pm at Scotus Dowd Activity Center in Columbus. \$5 adults, \$2 school age, 5 & under free. Christmas Cafe, Coffee and Santa will be available.

November

Assignments

St. Mary Church Cleaners:

St. Theresa Circle

St. Mary Cassock Cleaners:

Dawn Bohuslavsky

Jennifer Hein

Assumption Cleaners:

Ila Gabel

Denise Carter

Assistant Pastor's Corner

Advent is here, and that means it is time to prepare!

Advent is a word that very simply means “to come” in the sense of arriving somewhere. Of course we are speaking of the coming of Jesus...but are we talking about the past or the present or the future? All three!

If we are preparing for Christmas, the celebration of Jesus first entering into the world at his birth, then are we celebrating a birthday? We already know that birthdays have a significance to them because of the effect that a person has had on the people around them. We use the occasion to try to express our love for someone who wasn’t always with us, but has hopefully been a light of joy in our lives. This is the most true for celebrating Jesus’ birthday, for no other person born of woman has had more of an impact on culture, society, and individual lives than Jesus. We celebrate the true God and true man who bore our sins and our poverty and destroyed sin and death on the Cross, rising from the dead and giving us a path to follow Him to life that does not end.

But that said, birthdays are past events...we don’t celebrate birthdays of people who have died - not really. This then points us to the truth that not only is Jesus not dead, He is Risen, but also that He is still active in our lives today.

Now, that was His first “advent” - His first coming. But we also celebrate the Advent of Jesus in glory. In other words, We prepare for the day when He will come again to bring to completion His Kingdom “On earth as it is in heaven.” In this sense, Advent is not preparing for a celebration like a birthday, but more for a celebration like a wedding feast or a coronation. The appreciation for Jesus is still being celebrated, but it takes more of a hopeful and forward-looking feeling. When Jesus comes again, the suffering and pain of this pilgrim journey will come to an end, and those who are ready to welcome Him will not only recognize Him, but join Him. But even all of this can feel very “in the future”.

When we prepare during the season of Advent, we need to be aware of how we are opening our hearts to be more like Christ. The best way to be ready to welcome Him is to LOVE like him. This is why we try to spend time with family, why we give gifts to others, and so much more. Making sure that visiting family is not only comfortable but welcomed and loved is important, but so too is extending and stretching that charity to include those that do not have family or the means to support them. Giving to the poor, especially in ways that can truly build them up as people, is one of the greatest ways to turn us away from sin and to be more like Jesus.

So don’t let this time become something that turns you away from Christ! As we celebrate what joy Jesus has given to us, as we anticipate the glory that Jesus longs to give us, we are meant to use the time that He has given to us now to allow our hearts to grow in love. So that we can meet Him when he comes, but also so that others can maybe see the love of Christ for the first time. May you have a blessed Advent, and may Jesus come to you soon! Fr. Beardslee