

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

Assumption Church
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David City, Nebraska 68632



Pastor: Fr. Brian Connor, V.F.
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Asst. Principal Aquinas Catholic Schools

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

Parish Staff

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

St. Mary Parish Council Members
Jean Meister (641-3709)
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Assumption Parish Council/Finance & PCCW Officers
Mike Kadlec
Tricia Andel -Treas.
Lucas Cox
Lori Focher - Pres
Rick Carter
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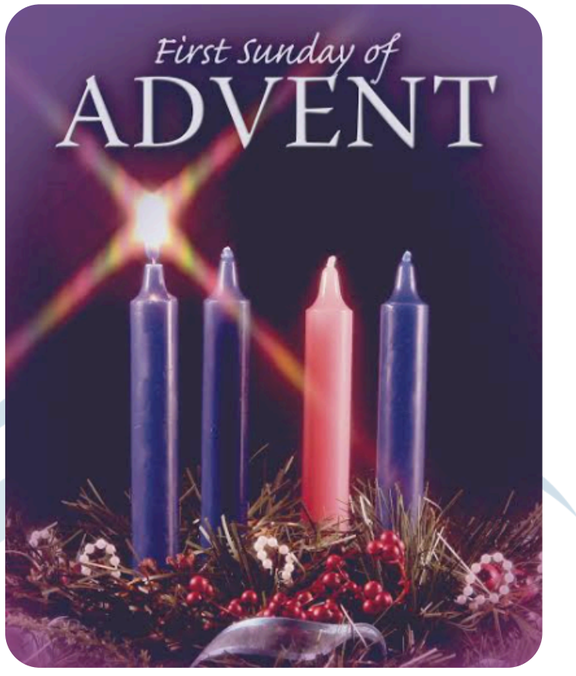
What I say to you,
I say to all:
'Watch!'

November 29 2026
1st Sunday of Advent



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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.

Grace & Glory
Tuesday, December 15, 2026
Mary Retreat

All are welcome!
Invite a friend!

RSVP due Monday, November 30

SCHUYLER RETREAT CENTER - 8:30 - 3:45

Come for a day with Jesus! Sister Mary will offer an overview of generosity; suggest scripture passages, and provide two talks.

Email or call the parish office to register
402-367-3579
stmarysdavidcity@gmail.com

$25.00 / person (lunch included)
Private day use rooms available ($25 additional)

8:30 - Overview
10:30 - Talk
Noon - Lunch
1:30 - Talk
3:15 - Sharing of Graces





Join St. Peter Church in Bellwood for an Advent Retreat

WOMEN'S RETREAT



RETREAT MASTER
Grace Raun
Mother, teacher, and author of the Lenten prayer series *I Thirst*

Saturday, December 5, 2026 • 8-Noon
Mass • Breakfast • Two Talks • Holy Hour

Cost is $20, payable on the Retreat Day.

Register by emailing Heather at SaintPeterSaintJoseph@gmail.com

All women are warmly invited!

211 Esplanade Street • Bellwood, Nebraska

Christmas Tour of Homes

SPONSORED BY ST. MARY'S FUN-RAISING COMMITTEE

Tour 5 David City homes
beautifully decorated for the holidays.
December 13, 2026 from 1:00-3:00 pm
Meet at Aquinas Elementary: 1026 5th Street

COOKIES AND COFFEE INCLUDED.
CDA WASH CLOTHS WILL BE FOR SALE.
DOOR PRIZES - MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN.

Limited reserve tickets
only $20 donation per ticket.
Please call or text 402-367-9539 to reserve yours!





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.

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DIRECTOR

Seeking a dedicated and faith-filled Early Learning Center Director to help lead our program serving infants through grade school, including before and after school care.

View the entire description and way to apply at Aquinas-Catholic.com/careers

ADVENT VESPERS & CAROLS
FRI DEC 4, 2026 AT 7PM
St. Gregory the Great Seminary
Fletcher Rd, Seward, NE

Corrected Date/Time

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

November 29, 2026 - 1st Sunday of Advent - St. Mary Church, David City / Assumption, Appleton

Mass Intentions *1st* Week of Advent		
Mass Time	**Intention**	**Requested by**
Monday, November 30 - St. Andrew-Apostle		
6:20 am	Charlie Medinger	Tom & Delores Medinger
8:00 am	Zita Hook+	Max & Sue Birkel
5:30 pm	Special Intention	Kathleen Deavers
Tuesday, December 1		
6:20 am	Jim Chermok +	Mark Chermok Family
8:00 am	Bode/Ruskamp Families	Donna Bode
5:30 pm	**No Mass**	
Wednesday, December 2		
6:20 am	Helen Zavodny+	Zavodny Family
8:00 am	Dave Foster+	Russ & Loretta Daro
7:00 pm	Mike Schmit+	Steve Schmit Family
Thursday, December 3 - St. Francis Xavier, Priest		
6:20 am	Cody Hein	Oltmer Family
8:00 am	William Eller+	Max & Sue Birkel
5:30 pm	**No Mass**	
Friday, December 4 - St. John Damascene		
6:20 am	Sophie Carpenter	Carpenter Family
8:00 am	Randy Peters+	
5:30 pm	**No Mass**	
Saturday, December 5 - First Saturday		
8:00 am	Kay Adamy+	Adamy Family
Anticipated Mass of Sunday		
5:00 pm	John Peters+	Lee Stara Family
Sunday, December 6 - 2nd Sunday of Advent		
8:00 am	Pro Populo	
9:00 am Assumption	Mary Ann Ratkovec+	Karl Kovar Family
10:00 am	Jim Kobza+	Alice Kobze

Weekly Bible Studies: Great Adventure Monday 6:10 (Didier Rm); Lectio Divina Monday 7:30 (Didier Rm) & Thursday 10:00 am (parish office).

St Mary's Guild will meet on Weds December 2nd in the Didier Room at 1:30 pm

Music Bingo New Years Eve: December 31st the Fun Raising Committee hosts Music Bingo evening! Doors open at 6pm. Taco Bar starts at 6:30pm and Music Bingo kicks off at 7pm! Please RSVP by December 28th to the parish office or Deb 402-270-1983 or Michelle Dailey 945-533-4096. FREE babysitting on site available. It will be held in the Aquinas Elementary Gym. Family Friendly Event (kids are welcome to play bingo). **We are also looking for Middle school and up students to help with child care for the event. They would be eligible for Discipleship hours!

St Mary's PCCW Coffee and Rolls and Bake Sale will be December 20th.

Recorded Homilies: Missed a homily? Most are recorded and available on our youtube page https://www.stmarysdavidcity.org/past-homilies

Our Family Labels: Reminder we accept Our family labels you may drop them off at the parish office.

Catholic Daughters: will meet at 7:00pm December 1st in Didier Room.

St. Mary Parish - Tithe - November 22, 2026	
Sunday Tithe	**$12,961.15**
Weekly Budget	**$16,923.00**
Assumption Parish - Tithe	
Sunday Tithe	**$1,732.00**
Weekly Budget	**$1,307.00**

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. There is an opening at 3 pm on Saturday - please consider taking this hour - you will not regret it!

Traveling Chalice will be in the Andrew Daro household Nov29-Dec 5, 2026. Please call Kathleen Deavers to sign up for the traveling chalice for your home!

Religious Vocations of the Week: Pray for young women to discern a vocation to the Sisterhood in our Diocese of Lincoln Motherhouses. Also Cody Hein, St. Charles Borromeo Seminary. Please keep them in your prayers and continue to pray for more vocations for our diocese and throughout the world.

Assumption Coffee & Rolls will be Dec. 13th (due to Christmas on the Bricks).

Advent is here! Each family may take one copy of The Practice of the Presence of God. There are companion videos available when you sign up for *The Best Advent Ever* AT https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/advent.html.

Upcoming dates to put on your calendars: 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 Fun-Raising Committee!

Stock Up on Scrip for the Holidays! Plan ahead for all your holiday needs! Scrip will be available in the back vestibule of church the weekends of November 21–22, December 5–6, and December 12–13. Whether you're shopping for holiday dinners, filling up with gas for your travels, or purchasing Christmas gifts, don't forget to use Scrip! It's an easy way to support our parish while doing your everyday shopping! Volunteers are also needed! If you are able to help sell Scrip after one of the Masses on any of these weekends, please contact the parish office or Camille Dalton 402-367-2610. Your help is greatly appreciated!

Grace & Glory Day Retreat will be held Tuesday, December 15 at Schuyler Benedictine Retreat Center (the bridge should be open!), 8:30 - 3:45. $25/person (lunch included) - day rooms available for additional cost. Contact the parish office to register by Monday, November 30.

Hope of the Poor Mission Trip to Mexico City with Fr. Carson Kain will be Jan 20-25. For more information: https://hopeofthepoor.regfox.com/father-kain-mission.

Thank you to everyone who donated to the food drive. We were able to take a car load to Blue Valley and Bridging Our Community. We were able stock the shelf at The Columbus City Mission with paper towel and Kleenex. If you'd like to make a donation to the Ministerial Association, please contact the Parish Office - kindly do not leave food in the back of church.

LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENTS: WEEKEND OF DEC 5th & 6th

Mass	Acolytes	Lector / Reader	Servers	Rosary
Saturday 5:00pm	Bob Kobza	Mindy Schawang	Tristan & Trey Davis, Brecken Romshek	Camille Dalton
Sunday 8:00 am	Joe Sisco	Deb Dinkelman	Vincent & Max Oliver, Brantley Plooster	Monica Lyons
Sunday 10:00 am	Mark Holoubek, Mike Moravec	Willow Holoubek	Andrew Oltmer, Sam Yindrick, Austin Pracheil	Kathleen Deavers

Tour of Homes: St. Mary's Fun Committee would like to thank the following parishioners for offering their homes in the Christmas Tour of Homes: Jackie Hazen, Mike and Mary Eller, Roy and Jenesis Emory, Jim and Connie Novacek and Charles and Kristi Emsweiler with their Party Barn. Dec 13, 1:00 - 3:00; meet at Aquinas Elementary; Door prizes: must be present to win. Reserve your ticket ($20) today by calling Connie at 402-367-9539.

DIOCESEAN NEWS

World Youth Day 2027: Young adults ages 16–35 are invited to join the Diocese of Lincoln for a pilgrimage to South Korea from July 28–August 10. The experience will include five days immersed in local parish life and Korean culture, followed by seven days of World Youth Day events in Seoul. Fr. Gary Coulter and Thomas Haberman will help lead the pilgrimage alongside JMJ Pilgrimages. Learn more about the Diocese of Lincoln pilgrimage at lincolndiocese.org/wyd. For more about World Youth Day Seoul 2027, visit https://wydseoul.org/en Questions? Contact Thomas at thomas@olgcretreat.org.

Give Kids Hope...Take the Credit! Starting January 1, 2027, you can direct up to $1700 of your federal income tax liability to support Nebraska kids and families seeking K-12 private school scholarships. Keep your tax dollars in Nebraska, and give hope to local kids...it's a no-brainer! See the Flocknote this week for more information.

Retreats at Good Counsel, Waverly: December 10 - 13 - Men's Spiritual Exercises with Regnum Christi; Dec 14-22 - Ignatian Retreat; Dec 17 - Desert Day "O Antiphons;" Dec 18-19 - Advent and Christmas Hymns retreat; Jan 15-16 - LDCCW Winter Symposium 2027. Use Code "SMDChalf" or "Assmptionhalf" when registering.

PILGRIMAGE: Travel with Fr Brian Connor , of St Mary's Church, David City, NE on our Pilgrimage to Croatia tour. Where: Split • Plitvice • Medjugorje • Dubrovnik • Croatia September 13 to September 24, 2027 Cost: $5,999.00 Airfare and ALL-Included except lunches & travel insurance To register, please contact (855) 842-8001 or (508) 340-9370. You can also register online at www.proximotravel.com.



December 2026 Assignments

St. Mary Church Cleaners:
St. Rose

St. Mary Cassock Cleaners:
Connie Novacek
Camille Dalton

Assumption Cleaners:
Michelle Andel
Nicole Sylvester

Pastor's Corner

Dear St Mary's and Appleton Parishioners,

The new liturgical season of Advent is here. We have four weeks to prepare for the Birthday of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. In the readings we will hear from the prophets, especially Isaiah and coming of our savior. John the Baptist will help us prepare the way for the Lamb of God.

Advent begins our new liturgical year. I liken it to the beginning of baseball (or whatever sport), when every team is just starting out their new season. Nobody has lost a game, hopes are high and optimism is in the air. In Advent, the Church has consolidated all of salvation history, thousands of years of waiting for the new Adam, thru the new Eve, into four weeks. We don't have nine months to prepare for the baby Savior, but just four weeks.

Advent is a season for penance, quiet, reflection and preparing our hearts. While the world beckons us to chase our tails and shop till we drop, the church calls us to gather around the four candles, meditate on Scripture and pray.

Every Advent, we also get to celebrate our Patronal Feast on the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary's Immaculate Conception on December 8 with Mass and then a soup supper. We also get to celebrate Our Lady of Gaudalupe on December 12. Both Marian celebrations can help us enter more deeply into a Marian Advent.

A generous benefactor allowed us to purchase 250 copies of Brother Lawrence of the Resurrection Practice in the Presence of God, via Matthew Kelly's foundation. You can pick up a copy this weekend.

I'd like to invite everyone to sign up for Dynamic Catholic's free series: BEST ADVENT EVER. It's simple and easy. You'll receive a video reflection in your email inbox each day of Advent. Each video is 10 minutes or less, and the entire program is free.

The Practice of the Presence of God by Brother Lawrence. This spiritual classic has transformed millions of lives—including Pope Leo's—and we can't wait to see how it impacts our parish. To learn more and sign up, check this week's bulletin or visit BestAdventEver.com. Together, let's make this the best Advent in the history of our parish.

God bless you, FBC

