



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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Gaudete Sunday:
The Third Sunday in Advent

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December 14, 2025
3rd Sunday of Advent

O God, who see how your people faithfully await the feast of the Lord's Nativity, enable us, we pray, to attain the joys of so great a salvation and to celebrate them always with solemn worship and glad rejoicing. 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.

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.



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

DOOR PRIZES - MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN.

To reserve a ticket

please call or text 402-367-9539.

\$20 free will offering.

April Sygal | Cherie Kocza | Jackie DeVisselare | Jen Hein | Sara Buresh

David City Deanery

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES

SUNDAY, DEC 21, 2025

1:00 PM

St. Peter's, Bellwood Sacred Heart, Shelby
Fr. Graeve & Fr. Sughrue Fr. Stec & Fr. Beardslee

Assumption, Dwight Holy Trinity, Brainard
Fr. Jansen & Fr. Litt Fr. Smiley & Fr. Connor

Presentation with Fr. Zimmer

2:30 PM

Immaculate Conception, St. Francis, Center
Ulysses Fr. Beardslee

Fr. Litt & Fr. Stec

St. Wenceslaus, Bee

St. Anthony, Bruno
Fr. Hile & Fr. Zimmer

4:00 PM

St. Mary's, David City
Fr. Connor, Fr. Hile, Fr. Graeve, Fr. Zimmer, &
Fr. Sughrue

Confession is an act of honesty and courage
- an act of entrusting ourselves, beyond sin,
to the mercy of a loving and forgiving God.

Saint John Paul II



Want a shot at winning some CASH?

20 WINNERS

\$100 A TICKET

\$250

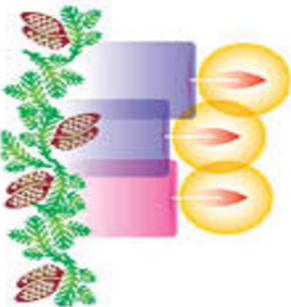
PURCHASE AT AQUINAS OFFICE
OR THROUGH MR. MIMICK

LIMITED NUMBER OF TICKETS AVAILABLE!
1 IN 7 CHANCE TO WIN

FINISH THAT LIST
BUY SCRIP

Download a special Christmas order sheet
online or at the Aquinas MS/HS Office

Elementary Music Concert at MS/HS
Weds. Dec. 17 | 1:30PM AND 6:30PM



Today is the Third Sunday
of Advent, Gaudete
Sunday. At this halfway
point in the season of
Advent, light two violet
candles and the rose
candle on your Advent
wreath and Rejoice!
For the Lord is near!

December 14, 2025 - Gaudete Sunday in Advent - St. Mary Church, David City / Assumption, Appleton

Mass Intentions Third Week in Advent		
Mass Time	Intention	Requested by
Monday, December 15 - Advent Weekday		
6:20 am	Russ Hilger +	Chris Alt Family
8:00 am	Jim Woita +	Anonymous
5:30 pm	Bob Palik +	Nick Hein Family
Tuesday, December 16 - Advent Weekday		
6:20 am	Doug Jones +	Jones Family
8:00 am	Poor Souls +	Richard Hain Family
5:30 pm	Val & CeCe Sypal+	Dan Sypal Family
Wed. December 17 - Advent Weekday (O Sapientia)		
6:20 am	Dorothy Gillespie +	Marilyn Smith
8:00 am	Richard Klein +	Zegers Family
7:00 pm	Ron Steiner	Barb O’Connell
Thursday, December 18 - Advent Weekday (O Adonai)		
6:20 am	Jill Gries	Barb Belsky
8:00 am	Capoun Family	Clarice Capoun
5:30 pm	Martha Ebel +	Sharon Reisdorff
Friday, December 19 - Advent Weekday (O Radix Jesse)		
6:20 am	Emil & Mary Jansen +	Joe Mussino Family
8:00 am	Martha Brabec +	Brabec Family
5:30 pm	Jane Trowbridge +	Belsky Family
Saturday, December 20 - Advent Weekday (O Clavis David)		
8:00 am	Duane Svoboda +	Connie Svoboda
Anticipated Mass for Sunday		
5:00 pm	Matt Winterhalter	Tom Medinger Family
Sunday, December 21 - Fourth Sunday in Advent		
8:00 am	Lee Yindrick +	Betzen Family
9:00 am Assumption	Mary Ann Ratkovec +	Anonymous
10:00 am	Pro Populo +	For the People

Christmas Masses at Assumption will be: Vigil 12/24 at 10:00 pm; Christmas day 12/25 at 9 am.
Traveling Chalice will be in the Joe Sisco household from December 14 – December 20. Please call Kathleen Deavers to schedule the traveling chalice for your home!

Gaudete Sunday – Rejoice!

St. Mary Parish - Tithe - November 30, 2025	
Sunday Tithe	\$10,856.10
Weekly Budget	\$16,923.00
Assumption Parish - Tithe	
Sunday Tithe	\$1,141.00
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...*
Coffee and Rolls and Bake Sale will be held December 21 after both Masses. FCSLA will be matching up to \$600.
Grace & Glory day Retreat: Need some "Me and Jesus" time? Want to focus on being a more virtuous man or woman? You are invited to make a day retreat on Wednesday, January 21 from 8:30 am to 4 pm, at the St. Benedict Center north of Schuyler. Sr. Mary will give an overview of the day and two talks on a virtue. The cost is \$25/per person and includes lunch. If you would like a private room for the day, the cost is \$45. **RSVP by Monday, January 5** by calling or emailing the parish office.
Unbound Retreat Fr. Bill Holoubek will be giving the Unbound retreat at St. Mary's, Jan 16-18, 2026. It is recommended that the first 6 chapters of the book be read before the retreat - books are available for \$15 at the parish office.
Financial Peace University: St. Mary's Parish is offering Dave Ramsey's 10 week course beginning on Thursday, January 8 at 7:00 p.m. in the Didier Room and continuing through March 5. This class comes highly recommended by parishioners! Thanks to Dr. Robert Daro and Connie Novacek for helping offer the classes. In Financial Peace University, church members will learn to: take control of their money; attack debt with a vengeance and pay it off fast; save for emergencies; choose the right insurance plans; invest wisely and build wealth; give generously. To register, contact the parish office.
Calling all youth with musical ability: There will be a Children's Choir for Christmas - December 24 at 4:00 pm. Please come for practices on the 14th and 21st after the 10 mass! Also welcoming Christmas carol instrument solos before mass!
Garage Sale: St. Mary's Annual Garage and Bake Sale, Saturday, **February 7** from 8am - 3pm and Sunday, **February 8** from 8am until noon at Aquinas Grade School Gym. If you can help price items during the week or help during the sale - Signup sheets are in the back of church starting Jan. 1 or call Heather at the Rectory 367-3579 or Michelle 430-0349. More information to come.
St. Mary Family Fun Night: Bring the family and join us for our January Family Fun Night on Saturday, **January 10th** at 6pm in the Aquinas Elementary Gym. There will be card games, family prayer & more. Food will be provided. RSVP by January 5th on the parish website, using a QR code from the flyers or the link: <https://forms.gle/Yw8cXMV79nGVJ4jc9>

LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENTS: WEEKEND OF DEC. 20/21				
Mass	Acolytes	Lector / Reader	Servers	Rosary
Saturday 5:00 pm	Bob Kobza	Andrew Buresh	Brecken Romshek Turner Hartman, Caelan Olson	Alvaro Otero
Sunday 8:00 am	Joe Sisco	Kathy Jones	Noah Polacek Gregory & Henry Sisco	Carm Fiala
Sunday 10:00 am	Mike Eller John Svec	Deb Svec	Karver Eller Robert &Will Dalton Andrew Oltmer	KC Choir

Christmas Poinsettias:Bring joy to everyone by purchasing a Christmas poinsettia for \$25. 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.
Penance Service: Will be held at St. Mary's December 21st at 4pm. There will be multiple priests available for confessions.
Christmas Decorating in Church: Will be held immediately following the 10am Mass on December 21st. **Lots of help is NEEDED!** All are welcome to come and 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. Upcoming retreats include: *Great Marian Saints: Dec. 19-21 with Fr. Elias Mary Mills. F.I. Seminarian of the Week:* Caleb Hansen, Theology 3 at Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary, son of Corey & Monica Hansen of Saint Joseph Parish, Lincoln. Please pray for Caleb and all who are studying for the priesthood.
Religious Sister of the Week: **Sister Benedicta**, Jr. Sister with the Marian Sisters. Please keep Sister Benedicta in your prayers and continue to pray for more vocations for our diocese and throughout the world.
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/pilgrimage-to-poland-the-czech-republic-july-19-2026/
Benedictine Retreat House Christmas Events: Christmas Craft Show: Do Christmas shopping at Saint Benedict Center, Schuyler until December 14, M-F 2:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Sat.-Sun. 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. (last Sun. 5:00pm). A very large variety of crafts and gifts made by area artists will be on sale. Book and Gift Store will be open. Christmas mangers also on display.

Pastor's Corner

Dear St Mary’s and Appleton Parishioners,
Just one thing on my mind and it is my nephew Patrick Connor, married to Olivia with a baby boy. I have nineteen nieces and nephews and they are all very special to me and I am sure you feel the same way about your family. Patrick had IGA nephropathy in his junior and senior year of High school. He was on dialysis and hoping

December Assignments

St. Mary Church Cleaners:

St. Rose Circle

St. Mary Cassock Cleaners:

Jenesis Emory

Sarah Holloway

Assumption Cleaners:

Michelle Woolsey

Jill Pokorny

to get a kidney transplant. Fortunately his mother asked me at Thanksgiving in 2008 if I was still willing. I said sure. In the next week I had the blood test and was confirmed as a good match. In the springtime I donated my kidney to him while we were both at Children’s Mercy KCMO (the nurse said I was her oldest patient ever 😊). It was a smooth recovery for me (apart from the bumpy ride home from hospital and my dad finally got the painkillers picked up the next morning) and I was back in the parish for confirmation ten days later (but I had to take a nap). Patrick has been on antirejection meds as required and been taking very good care of his health. However, at Thanksgiving time he was not feeling well. He flew with his wife from NYC to LA to be with her family and has been for one week now at UCLA Hospital. His creatine has spiked from normal 1.2 to 4 and 4.5. I talk to his dad who said there are three possibilities. One, that the IGA Neuropathy is now attacking his new (my) kidney. Or that the kidney function is declining due to time. Or, that some other infection is affecting things (probably the best case). He said that Patrick is not able to speak on the phone for long. His wife is taking care of their son and experiencing all of this for the first time. His mother has flown out and she is good with doctors and getting answers. My brother will go out soon.

I ask you to please lift him up in your prayers. It is hard to know that he is so sick as a young father. This brother Keith lost his first wife in 2001 due to melanoma. Patrick was in sixth grade. Keith had twins who were in kindergarten at the time. Years later, while in college Andrew donated his kidney to Brian because he was a “stuck twin” in utero with twin-to-twin transfusion syndrome. Fortunately, no anti-rejection meds are necessary for Brian. So, my brother has 3/5 children with one kidney, and one bro. Keith was blessed to remarry a Catholic gal from Omaha who has been a great blessing to his family.

On another related subject, I am reading a very good book Younger Next Year by two doctors. I have learned a lot about the importance of exercise, eating right, sleep, and staying mentally and physically active. It is for anyone in their 60s, 70s or 80s or younger who want to get ahead of the curve on a healthy life. Obviously, the spiritual life is central to feeling whole and holy. It was wonderful to see so many people at Mass on Monday, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. I think 99% of our Sunday people were there. How inspiring. God bless you all as we journey to Christmas. **FBC**