

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



Saint Mary Catholic Church
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Assumption Church
1821 38th Road
David City, Nebraska 68632

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

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Just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so, through the obedience of the one, the many will be made righteous.

February 22, 2026
1st Sunday of Lent

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

Assumption, Appleton, Assumption, Dwight, Holy Trinity, Brainerd, 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.

Men's Lenten Retreat
featuring Matt Simmons
Saturday, February 28
St. Peter Church, Bellwood
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

Mary's Way of the Cross:
Every Wednesday during Lent
at 12:05pm at St. Mary's Catholic Church

Aquinas Catholic Schools
MARCH 10 @ 6PM
KINDERGARTEN ROUND UP
MARCH 19 @ 7PM
MS/HS OPEN HOUSE
APRIL 9 @ 6PM
PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE



Aquinas-catholic.com/admissions

Join Us For A
Trivia "Knight" Fundraiser
Saturday, February 28th
Butler County Event Center
\$120 per Table
(Max 8 Persons per Table)
18 yrs. min.
Doors Open @ 5:00 p.m.
Trivia Starts @ 7:00 p.m.
Proceeds to benefit Knights of Columbus charitable causes



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 to reserve a table today!



UPCOMING
March 4: Catholics at the Capital
March 6-7: 2 Day Retreat with Matt Simmons
St. Anthony & Sts. Peter & Paul
March 8: Pork Chop & Dumpling Dinner
Brainerd Klein Center
March 22: Prime Rib Dinner
Butler County Event Center



St. Anthony & Sts. Peter and Paul Churches invite you to join us for a 2 part retreat given by Matt Simmons- former tattoo artist turned FOCUS missionary- now a husband, father, and full time spiritual director. Matt has over 20 years experience leading individuals to know their identity as beloved children of the Father!
The Details:
Friday, March 6, 7-8:30pm: Meet in Bruno for a talk and holy half hour
Saturday, March 7, 8am-12pm: Meet in Abie for Mass, followed by breakfast, two inspiring talks, and a holy hour
This retreat is a free all day event

JOIN US
MARCH 6 & 7!

Make an investment
in your children's spiritual and academic future.
Scholarship applications are OPEN for incoming K-12 grade students. Applications are due before MARCH 31
Questions? Contact Laura at 402-367-3175 or laura-adair@cdolinc.net



Apply Now
online
Aquinas-Catholic.com/careers
2026-27 Openings
MS/HS Math Teacher
MS/HS Art Teacher
Elementary Teacher
Varsity VB Coach
Asst. SB Coach
MS Coaches
Current Opening
Holy Family ELC Director

February 22, 2026 - First Sunday in Lent - St. Mary Church, David City / Assumption, Appleton

Mass Intentions First Week in Lent		
Mass Time	Intention	Requested by
Monday, February 23 - Monday in the First Week of Lent		
6:20 am	Lynette Remington	Mark Chermok Family
8:00 am	Poor Souls +	Clarice Capoun
5:30 pm	NO MASS	NO MASS
Tuesday, February 24 - Tuesday in the First Week of Lent		
6:20 am	Emil & Rose Kouba +	Tom Medinger Family
8:00 am	Gene & Marge Grubaugh +	Grubaugh Family
5:30 pm	NO MASS	NO MASS
Wed. February 25 - Wednesday in the First Week of Lent		
6:20 am	Dorothy Gillespie +	Kerkman/Kobza Families
8:00 am	Increase of vocations to the Religious Life	Vivian Harris
7:00 pm	Marland Novacek +	Jim Novacek Family
Thursday, February 26 - Thursday in the First Week of Lent		
6:20 am	Poor Souls +	Patrick Kozisek Family
8:00 am	Kelly & Mark Baser	Dee Lanspa
5:30 pm	NO MASS	NO MASS
Friday, February 27 - Friday in the First Week of Lent		
6:20 am	Virginia Rerucha +	Bob Moravec Family
8:00 am	Russ Hilger +	Pat Regan Family
5:30 pm	NO MASS	NO MASS
6:45 pm Assumption	NO MASS	See Below
Saturday, February 28 - Saturday in the First Week of Lent		
8:00 am	Joseph Reisdorff +	Sharon Reisdorff
Anticipated Mass for Sunday		
5:00 pm	Kathy Slusarski	Bob Staroscik Family
Sunday, March 1 - Second Sunday in Lent		
8:00 am	Missa Pro Populo	For the People
9:00 am Assumption	Betty Meysenburg +	Casper Family
10:00 am	George Pfeifer +	Julie Maguire

Assumption Lenten Devotions for February 27th are as follows: 6:30pm Rosary; 6:45pm Exposition, Benediction followed by Stations of the Cross. There will be NO MASS. **Holy Hour Openings:** Are currently filled. Thank you! **Mary's Way of the Cross:** Every Wednesday at 12:05pm in the church. All are invited to come pray the stations. **Stations of the Cross:** Friday at 6:00 pm (Please note even with no Mass on 2-27 there will still be stations at 6pm).

St. Mary Parish - Tithe - February 15, 2026	
Sunday Tithe	\$11,831.00
Weekly Budget	\$16,923.00
Assumption Parish - Tithe	
Sunday Tithe	\$1,443.00
Weekly Budget	\$1,307.00

LOCAL NEWS

Lent Study: You are 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). **Sr. Mary will have the study on 2/27**

Traveling Chalice will be in the Victor Pokorny household February 22-28, 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!

Dinner / Variety Show: You won't want to miss this event on April 18! Our Winter Olympics theme will undoubtedly be different than what you have been watching on TV recently! We are seeking prizes in the \$10 range for the Mystery Raffle so if you can donate a new item, or will be willing to provide a baked item for the raffle, drop it off at Union Bank or contact Deb 402-270-1983. BTW, has anyone seen the Torch Bearer? He's been missing for several days! :) Sponsored by The FunRaising Committee

SERMONS A LA CARTE: Friday, Feb. 27 at Redeemer Lutheran Church, David City, with Pastor David Palomaki. Meditation: *"Dying to Pride, Living for Others"*. All are invited. Lunch after the service, free will donations accepted.

Assumption Coffee and Rolls will be served next Sunday after the 9am Mass. Group 3 will be in charge.

Lent Study: Fr. Beardslee will be giving a series of talks on Sunday Afternoons at 1:30 in the Didier Room. Topic on 2/22: **You think you know about Noah?**

Bible Study time change: The Monday evening Lectio Divina for Women & Moms will begin at **6:15 pm** (instead of 7:30).

Vatican News Feed: There is a new Vatican news feed that has been added to the parish website - get updated news in real time! <https://www.stmarysdavidcity.org/vaticannews>

LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENTS: WEEKEND OF Feb. 28/March 1				
Mass	Acolytes	Lector / Reader	Servers	Rosary
Saturday 5:00 pm	Bob Kobza	Andrew Buresh	Turner Hartman Caelan Olson	Jean Hicks
Sunday 8:00 am	Rob Daro	Carm Fiala	Cesar Venegas Noah Polacek, Kyle Coufal	Ed Meysenburg
Sunday 10:00 am	Mike Eller Mark Holoubek	Willow Holoubek	Gus & Sam Yindrick Simon & Gus Grady	Kathleen Deavers

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!

Volunteers Needed to bring food and/or serve for the Light of the World Retreat. Go to <https://tinyurl.com/3f7bdj6s> or call the parish office if you're willing to bring food or help serve food.



GARAGE/BAKE SALE Thanks to everyone who donated, worked, and purchased treasures at the 22nd Annual Garage Sale! Nearly \$9000 was raised with a few items to be sold online yet. This is a big task and we are so grateful to everyone involved! We purchased a new copier for the rectory recently and will use the remainder of the funds for the kitchen upgrade project. The FunRaising Committee

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: **Jaden Wilsey**, Propaedeutic Stage at St. Gregory the Great Seminary. Son of James & Kristin Wilsey of Saint Mary Parish, Ashland. Please pray for Jaden 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/

"SAVE THE DATE" - SPRING MAGNIFICAT PRAYER MEAL - MARCH 21 9:30 a.m. to Noon in the new Sacred Heart Parish Center 3127 T Street with ROSEMARY CLEMENTS sharing her Testimony, her Magnificat!

Bruno/Abie Parish Lenten Retreat: The retreat will be a Friday evening from 7-830pm in Bruno with a talk and a holy half-hour. Then, Saturday morning in Abie, 8am-12pm, Mass, followed by breakfast, two inspiring talks, and a holy hour. The retreat will be given by Matt Simmons. Matt has a conversion story as a former tattoo artist turned FOCUS missionary, and has lead many individuals to know their identity as beloved children of the Father. All are welcome to attend both of the events, or only one of the events as your schedule allows. The retreat is a free-will donation event.

February 2026 Assignments

St. Mary Church Cleaners:
St. Rose Circle
St. Mary Cassock Cleaners:
Cris Hoelscher
Lori Wessling
Assumption Cleaners:
Lori Sabata
Kristy Anandel

PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear St Mary's and Assumption parishioners,
We had a good priest study day this past Tuesday with a lady from NY named Jackie Mulligan, a nutritionist who founded Reformed Wellness (reformedwellness.co) She brought her nice looking dog Labrador poodle named Lucy. Jackie got her theology degree at the seminary Archdiocesan Catechetical Institute for lay people where I attended major seminary. She is of Irish decent and is a big tennis player. I was listening intently even before she mentioned that.
The main point was to put Christ at the center of your life and take yourself (for money, work, sin or whatever) out of the center. We need to go from being self-reliant **to** God Reliant. From clinging to control, **to** letting go in self-surrender. From living my own will **to** entrusting myself to God's will. From the attitude that this won't get done unless I handle it **to** I can't do with but you can. To go from I have to take care of this **to** I trust you to take care of this.

I had just got a similar message from the Gospel when Jesus (Tuesday) said "how many loaves did I have when I fed the five thousand? And how many baskets were left over?" God can provide miracles and I need to just trust him with our budget at Aquinas (St Mary's too, but it is nowhere as bad off). The past month has been a time of deeper investigation into the Aquinas budget. We are currently \$565,000 (7/12 months into the fiscal year) in the red and that is with some good funds received to help pay for our new roof needed at the MS/HS. I do not know how the budget got so out of whack, but it really bothers me. I think it is like a big ship off course, that if you don't catch the little items, then they pile up and with enough things going in the wrong direction, the numbers get way out of line. Plus the fact that Health insurance has gone up 29% this year, property seems to have gone up 59%, new hires were not accounted for, loss of some students...

Jackie had lots of good, common-sense advice. Sit down and enjoy meals with others; taking your time and chewing slowly. Eat fruits, veggies, healthy fats. We are not designed to live at a fast pace and eat fast food. Avoid ultra processed foods and eat real food.

Regarding sleep she said unplug screens at least 1 hour before bed. Aim to sleep 7.5- 9 hours a night. Prioritize morning sun exposure. Limit caffeine consumption (breakfast only). Her booklet has a "Health Bank Account". You can make deposits (for your good choices) and withdrawals (for bad choices). A deposit may be a healthy meal, 30 min walk, drinking water, or morning prayer. A withdrawal may be low exercise, too much sugar/ carbs or too much time on phone or social media.

Lent is a good time to **Reform** our lives and get feeling better about our spiritual and physical lives. You can find a lot about her work online.

God bless you during your Lenten Journey, **FBC**