

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



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Good and upright
is the LORD;
thus he shows
sinners the way.
He guides the humble
to justice,
and teaches the humble
his way.

September 27, 2026
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Assumption, Appleton; Assumption, Dwight; Holy Trinity, Branard; Immaculate Conception, Ulysses; Presentation, Bellwood; St. Anthony, Bruno; St. Francis, David City; St. Joseph, Bellwood; St. Mary's, David City; St. Peter, Bellwood; Sis. Peter & Paul, Abie; Sacred Heart, Shelby; & St. Wendel's, Bee.

MARIETTAVILLE + PRESENTATION PARISH + <i>Saturday,</i> SEPTEMBER 26	BBQ MEAL BAR - Margarita Machine - FREE WILL DONATION + MASS AT 4PM FOOD SERVED 5-7PM FREE WILL DONATION	IMMEDIATE OPENING MS/HS Para Professional Aquinas-Catholic.com/careers	ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH Light of the World PARISH RETREAT OCTOBER 9-12, 2026 Jesus set forth a mission - you are called! Christ has a job for you! Learn how to listen through prayer and do His will!
DINNER Duck & HAM Sunday, October 4 S.S. Peter & Paul Church Able, NE Serving 11AM-2PM (a serving line will be used) Meal includes: Sauerkraut, Dumplings, Corn, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Salads, Pies, Kolaches, Rolls & Drink \$25 Per Meal <i>(No Kids Rate given only)</i> Drive-Thru / Carry Out Dine-In (limited seating) Delivery - 11AM • Holy Trinity-Brianard • St. Mary's-David City • Assumption-Dwight • Presentation-Marietta • St. John's-Prague • St. John's-Weston 3:30 PM Live Auction <i>300 Kids</i> SIGN-UP IN THE BACK OF YOUR CHURCH Quiet Auction Quilt Raffle Games Country Store	ST. GREGORY THE GREAT SEMINARY COME AND SEE October 3-4, 2026 https://www.sggs.edu/come-and-see Questions? Call us or e-mail: 402-643-4052 or sggs@sggs.edu	Retreat will be held at St. Mary in David City, nights back at your own home. More information on the registration page: https://www.stmarysdauidcity.org/event-list QUESTIONS? ☎ (402) 367-3579 x4 - Sister Mary	
LIFE CHAIN Sunday October 4, 2026, at 2-3pm St. Mary's parking lot, meet at 1:45pm to pick up signs. Proceed to Hwy 15, line up along both sides and stand 15-20 feet apart (unless you have small children). Cool drinks to follow.	HOLY FAMILY EARLY LEARNING CENTER 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	Ladies David City Deanery Fall Meeting Monday October 5, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. Aquinas Chapel Room at Aquinas Catholic MS/HS 17th Annual October Pro-Life Diaper Drive sponsored by Lincoln Diocesan Council Catholic Women most size diaper needed is size 6 Camille Dalton is our local contact 402-367-2610	SAVE THE DATES St. John the Baptist (Prague) Duck & Pork Czech Dinner - Sun, Oct. 11 from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. St. Anthony (Bruno) Duck & Pork Dinner - Sun, Oct 18 Aquinas Catholic Elementary Book Fair: Oct. 19-27 St. Mary (David City) Turkey Dinner & Festival - Sun, Nov 8.

September 27, 2026 - 26th Sunday - St. Mary Church, David City / Assumption, Appleton

Mass Intentions 26th Week Ordinary Time		
Mass Time	Intention	Requested by
Monday September 28 - St. Wenceslaus		
6:20 am	Fred Feurstein	Tom and Delores Medinger
8:00 am	No Mass	
5:30 pm	Barbara Fry +	Behrns Family
Tuesday September 29 - Archangels		
6:20 am	Kay Adamy +	Adamy Family
8:00 am	Helen Zavodny +	James Mika Family
5:30 pm	No Mass	
Wednesday September 30 - St. Jerome		
6:20 am	Colletta Eikmeier +	Belsky Family
8:00 am	Poor Souls +	
7:00 pm	Zita Hook +	Jim Birkel Family
Thursday October 1 - St. Therese		
6:20 am	Maxson Colton	Oltmer Family
8:00 am	Poor Souls +	Steve Meysenburg
5:30 pm	No Mass	
Friday, October 2 - Guardian Angels		
6:20 am	Rosa Lee Stara +	Stara Family
8:00 am	Randy Peters +	John Andel Family
5:30 pm	No Mass	
Saturday, October 3 - First Saturday		
8:00 am	Msgr. Herbek +	
Anticipated Mass of Sunday		
5:00 pm	Ron Vaca +	Patty Vaca
Sunday, October 4 - Respect Life Sunday		
8:00 am	Irene Chermok +	Mark Chermok Family
9:00 am Assumption	Herman Kadlec +	Kadlec Family
10:00 am	Pro Populo	
Weekly Bible Studies: Great Adventure Monday 6:10 (Didier Rm); Lectio Divina Monday 7:30 (Didier Rm) & Thursday 10am (Parish Office)		

Come & See at St Gregory the Great Seminary: October 3-4 we will be having our first Come and See weekend, and we would greatly appreciate your help promoting it. We would ask that you would please print the attached flyer and post it around your parish. Please also make personal invitations to any men that you think may have a vocation to the priesthood. This Come and See is for juniors in high school and older. **Life Chain:** We will meet at St. Mary's parking lot in David City to pick up signs at 1:45 on Sunday, Oct. 4th and proceed to Hwy 15 and peacefully pray from 2-3pm Cool drinks to follow. LIFE CHAIN is a peaceful, prayerful public witness of pro-life individuals standing in remembrance of at least 65 million lives lost to abortion, praying for our nation, for people in crisis situations and for a permanent end to abortion. It is a visual statement of solidarity by the Christian community that abortion kills children, hurts women and men, and that the Church supports the sanctity of human life from the moment of conception to natural death. **Pro-life Hour:** Every Saturday from 7-8am in the church. Come Pray with us for the unborn! **Rosary Rally** will be held Saturday, October 10, at 12 Noon, on the west side of the court house, corner of 4th & D. Please come and pray the rosary with us as we celebrate the 109th anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima.

St. Mary Parish - Tithe - September 20, 2026	
Sunday Tithe	\$10,645.00
Weekly Budget	\$16,923.00
Assumption Parish - Tithe	
Sunday Tithe	\$1121.00
Weekly Budget	\$1307.00

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. All hours have been filled. **Traveling Chalice** will be in the Steve Maguire household Sept 27-Oct 3, 2026. Please call Kathleen Deavers to sign up for the traveling chalice for your home! **Religious Vocations of the Week:** Sr. Maria Luce of School Sisters of Christ the King and Daniel Stara St. Gregory the Great Seminary. Please keep them in your prayers and continue to pray for more vocations for our diocese and throughout the world. **The Chosen Season 6 preview:** The parish has been given one-time access to the first episode of Season Six of *The Chosen*. It will be offered Friday, October 23, 2026 at 6:30 in the Didier Room. The evening will include prayer, the preview and opportunity to discuss the show. **Come Learn!** Adult Christian Formation (OCIA). Sundays 12:30pm - 2pm - in the Didier Room. **Upcoming dates** to put on your calendars: Christmas Parade of Homes, on December 13; 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 FunRaising Committee! **Volunteers Needed** to bring food and/or set up for LOTW weekend: <https://tinyurl.com/Oct26LOTW> **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. **PCCW Dues** can be paid online using QR code/link on the letter or placing envelope in collection. PCCW booklets will be completed at a later date. **Assumption Coffee & Rolls:** Sunday October 4th. Group 1 is in charge. **Magnifikid:** This is a monthly publication similar to Magnificat but for children 6 to 12. Parents or Grandparents who would like to join our bulk group subscription – please email stmarysdavidcity@gmail.com or call the parish office **by October 8th** . The annual subscription rate is \$18 (which is over ½ off the regular price). You will receive 12 months from January to December 2026 (52 issues). Subscribers receive the issues on a monthly basis. In each month's packet, children will find a booklet of sixteen color pages for each Sunday, and also special issues for the major feast days (Christmas, Ash Wednesday, Holy Week, Ascension, Assumption, All Saints Day). **Bishop’s Appeal HELP Needed!** -Here is the sign up link for the next 2 weekends Bishop Appeal. Any help is appreciated! <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E49A8AF2AA6FFC16-65917405-bishops>

LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENTS: WEEKEND OF October 3rd and 4th				
Mass	Acolytes	Lector / Reader	Servers	Rosary
Saturday 5:00pm	RJ Hein	Jim Masek	Case Hein, Aloysius Daro, Ian Sobota	Camille Dalton
Sunday 8:00 am	Kevin Stara	CeCe Bechtel	Gregory & Henry Sisco, Cesar Venegas	Carm Fiala
Sunday 10:00 am	John Svec & Mike Eller	Deb Svec	Vincent& Max Oliver, Damon DeWispelare, Isaac Hoelscher	Jim & Connie Novacek

DIOCESEAN NEWS

Loma: There will be Mass at St. Luke's Czech Shrine in Loma on September 27, at 2:00. The Ostry Family Singers will be providing the music. **Abie Duck** - The annual Duck and Ham dinner at SS Peter & Paul in Abie is Sunday, October 4th. Delivery option available- sign up in the back of the church by September 28th. Delivery locations and time are listed on the sign up sheet. **SAVE THE DATE - FALL MAGNIFICAT PRAYER MEAL** - October 17 - 9:30 a.m. to Noon at Sacred Heart Parish Facility in Lincoln with Speaker Sarina Stokes sharing her Magnificat! Be a friend and bring a friend to share the Joy of the Holy Spirit through the Mystery of the Visitation as Our Blessed Mother Mary proclaimed her FIAT with Saint Elizabeth! Please Register by Monday October 12 <https://www.osvhub.com/magnificatmorningstarchapter/for/ms/sarina-stokes-october-17> Contact Coordinator Rhonda Litt by text at 402.525.6396 for further information. **St. John's, Prague** Annual Duck & Pork Dinner and Bazaar, Sunday, October 11th. Serving from 11:00 – 2:00. Dinner includes your choice of duck or pork, and all the sides. Dine-in (self-serve), Carry Out, and Drive Thru available. Number system will be used. Adults \$22 - Pork / \$25 - Duck; Ages 5 to 10 (Pork Only) \$10; Ages 4 & Under (Pork Only) eat Free. St. John's Bazaar is also offering Duck & Pork Dinner Delivery to Wahoo, Weston, Touhy, Valparaiso & North Bend at no charge! Delivery is only available for adult meals. To place your advance order, text or call 402-505-1573 or email stjohnsfallbazaar@gmail.com. Advance orders need to be placed by Friday, October 9th. **Craft Fair** at St. John the Baptist – Prague: Interested vendors please contact McKenzie at praguecraftfair@hotmail.com or call [402-443-7692](tel:402-443-7692) to reserve your tables at the 2026 Craft Fair on Sunday, November 22nd. **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, including catechesis, youth festivals and ceremonies with the Pope. 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.

Pastor’s Corner

Dear St Mary's and Appleton parishioners, The Bishop's appeal for vocations kicks off this weekend Daniel Stara will speak at the Masses. Cody Hein, is going to be ordained a deacon on December 19, 2026 and a priest in May. Jon Kadlec, is now at St Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, MD. We are blessed to have these three currently in the seminary. The avg. cost to educate a seminarian is \$60,000 per year. We show our support with our prayers and financial pledges. The goal for St Mary's is \$18,010 and for Appleton it is \$1,350. Thank you in advance for supporting our seminarians.

September 2026 Assignments

St. Mary Church Cleaners:

St. Francis Circle

St. Mary Cassock Cleaners:

Cortney Hein

Melissa Yindrick

Assumption Cleaners:

Sharon Kovar

Lindsey Kovar

This bulletin begins a new column titled “Why I am a Catholic”. It is meant to have our own parishioners share their love for the Catholic faith. Obviously, each person has a unique perspective that also radiates in the lives of others. I hope that it will remind us of the many treasures we enjoy as Catholics and how God works differently in each person. It is very exciting to see the Beatification of Bishop Fulton Sheen come about. I had Fr. Andrew Apostoli, CFR was a teacher in the seminary for a couple years. He was the postulator for his cause and often spoke about him. His television shows predated my life, but I have read A Priest is Not His Own, Life is Worth Living and Life of Christ and listened to many of his tapes, especially while on retreats. Sr. Mary Kansier, MS made the trek with the diocesan group, so we look forward to hearing from her about the pilgrimage to STL. I join the farmers in praying for some good harvest weather and protection from storms. The faith of a farmer must be strong to put so much in the hands of the Good Lord. God willing they can get out and begin harvesting their crops soon.

God bless you and yours, FBC

Why I’m Catholic



My name is Derek Huss, and I am a 23-year-old from Spencer, Iowa. I graduated from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in May 2025. The Newman Center on campus was pivotal to my faith journey; after growing up Catholic, I had a major reversion in college by being introduced to FOCUS and getting involved in a Bible study. After graduation, I got engaged to my fiancée and completed a one-year graduate program at Ohio State University. I am currently working at Deloitte in Omaha and preparing to get married in November at St. Peter in Lincoln.

My fiancée and I frequently attend St. Mary's in David City for Sunday Mass and occasional weekday Mass. We thoroughly enjoy the parish and seeing the thriving community. A few weeks ago, Father Connor asked me if I could write a synopsis on why I love to be Catholic.

After praying about the huge question, the answer is: I love being Catholic, because through the Sacraments, personal encounters with God, and the apostolic lineage of the Church Jesus founded, the faith presents the opportunity to live life fully alive, on fire for Jesus. God desires for us to live life fully for Him with a childlike simplicity. He invites us to surrender our whole lives to Him in order for us to fully come alive. When we are actively surrendering all suffering, joys, and plans to God, we live with a soul fulfilled and content, lacking nothing.

Throughout my experience and coming back to the Church, God fulfilled the ache in my soul the world could never fill. No matter what accomplishments were achieved or the amount of attention the world provided, there was always a deeper longing for more. The longing for more was the gaping hole in my heart that the Lord was pursuing to fill. After surrendering control to Him and giving Him permission to love me in the deepest parts of my soul, that was when I felt as though I was living life to the fullest. As St. Augustine says: “You have made us for Yourself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it rests in You.