

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



*Saint Mary Catholic Church*  
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*Assumption Church*  
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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

O God, who on this day revealed your Only Begotten Son to the nations by the guidance of a star, grant in your mercy that we, who know you already by faith, may be brought to behold the beauty of your sublime glory.

**January 4, 2026**  
**Epiphany of the Lord**

### Parish Staff

Office Manager: Heather Oltmer (367-3579 ext 3)  
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### St. Mary Parish Council Members

Mike Eller (367-3941) Carm Fiala (367-8188)  
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### St. Mary Finance Council Members

Jackie DeWispelare (290-7842) Deb Svec (367-9088)  
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### Assumption Parish Council & Finance Committee

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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, St. Peter & Paul, Abie, Sacred Heart, Shelby, & St. Wendelans, Bee.

One tradition on Epiphany includes blessing of chalk and doorways with the year and initials of the traditional names of the Three Kings:  
Caspar (C), Melchior (M), Balthasar (B)  
The practice invokes a blessing on those who live in the house, and - in remembrance of the Magi - all visitors to the home.

# EPIPHANY



20 + C + M + B + 26

Catholic Daughters Education Contest

Grades 4 - 12

Art | Poem | Essay | Computer Art | Music | Photography

Theme: The Least of These, Matthew 25:40

The Least of These: Lifting Others Up

Learn all the details and find the entry forms online

Aquinas-Catholic.com/ catholic-daughters-education-contest/



## UNBOUND January RETREAT 16-18

Weekend Retreat for Men or Women at St. Mary Parish, David City

Given by Fr. Bill Holmbeck, at St. Mary's, Friday, Jan 16 evening, ending Sunday, Jan 18 in the afternoon.

Cost: \$25

Call or Email St. Mary Parish to Register  
stmarysdavidcity@gmail.com  
402-367-3579

## Grace & Glory

Day Retreat

Wednesday, Jan 21, 2026

RSVPs due 2 weeks before the day  
Email or call the parish office to register  
402-367-3579

**SCHUYLER RETREAT CENTER**

**8:30 - 4:15**

\$25.00 / person (lunch included)  
Private day use rooms available (\$20 additional)



Detailed Epiphany Blessing:  
<https://www.usccb.org/prayers/blessing-home-and-household-epiphany>





January 4, 2026 - Feast of the Epiphany - St. Mary Church, David City / Assumption, Appleton

Mass Intentions Epiphany/Christmas Season		
Mass Time	Intention	Requested by
Monday, January 5 - Saint John Neumann		
6:20 am	Wieseman Family Members, living and deceased	Steve Bartek Family
8:00 am	NO MASS	NO SCHOOL
5:30 pm	Poor Souls +	Julie Plasek
Tuesday, January 6 - Saint Andre Besette		
6:20 am	Dorothy Gillespie +	Kerkman/Kobza Families
8:00 am	Virginia Rerucha +	Bob Moravec Family
5:30 pm	Emil & Mary Jansen +	Joe Mussino Family
Wednesday, January 7 - Saint Raymond of Penyafort		
6:20 am	Loran Schmit +	Steve Schmit Family
8:00 am	Jolene Eller Family	Anonymous
7:00 pm	Raymond Havlovic +	Havlovic Family
Thursday, January 8 - Christmas Weekday		
6:20 am	Poor Souls +	Will Eller
8:00 am	Dorothy Gillespie +	Grace Kerkman
10:00am	Virginia Rerucha +	Ray Metzner Family
Friday, January 9 - Christmas Weekday		
6:20 am	Bob Palik +	Greg Eller Family
8:00 am	Gene & Marge Grubaugh+	NO SCHOOL
5:30 pm	John Rademacker +	Steve Bartek Family
Saturday, January 10 - Christmas Weekday		
8:00 am	Russ Hilger +	Jim Schmid Family
Anticipated Mass for Sunday		
5:00 pm	Poor Souls +	Steve Meysenburg
Sunday, January 11 - Baptism of the Lord		
8:00 am	Pro Populo	For the People
9:00 am Assumption	FE & Adella Jedlicka +	Karl Kovar Family
10:00 am	St. Mary PCCW +	St. Mary PCCW

**St. Mary Guild** will meet on Wednesday, January 7 at 1:30pm in the Didier Room. All Guild ladies are invited to attend.  
**Funeral Dinners:** If you wish to provide food for a funeral dinner, Please call Barb O'Connell 402-367-4042.

St. Mary Parish - Tithe - December 28, 2025	
Sunday Tithe	<b>\$42,406.82</b>
Weekly Budget	<b>\$16,923.00</b>
Assumption Parish - Tithe	
Sunday Tithe	<b>\$1,463.00</b>
Weekly Budget	<b>\$1,307.00</b>

LOCAL NEWS

**Holy Hour Openings:** **All hours are filled!** *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...*  
**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.  
**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.  
**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>  
**Traveling Chalice** will be in the **Andrew Daro** household from January 4 – January 10. Please call Kathleen Deavers to schedule the traveling chalice for your home!  
**Epiphany Blessing:** There is a nice blessing for the home available online: <https://www.usccb.org/prayers/blessing-home-and-household-epiphany>

LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENTS: WEEKEND OF JAN 10/11				
Mass	Acolytes	Lector / Reader	Servers	Rosary
Saturday 5:00 pm	Bryan Hein	Ray Kobza	Ian Sobata, Blake Hein, Aloysius Daro	Alvaro Otero
Sunday 8:00 am	Ron Lyons	Carm Fiala	Colby Miller, Zander Holloway, Elijah Moulton	Brenda Eller
Sunday 10:00 am	Jim Novacek Ed Meysenburg	Mike Moravec	Simon & Gus Grady Robert & Will Dalton	Jim Redler

**2026 Calendars** have arrived! Thanks to Moravec-Johnson Funeral Home for providing these for our parish.  
**Bible Studies:** will resume this week starting on Jan. 5  
**Confirmation:** Information about Confirmation Classes will be coming out in January. Students not yet confirmed in grades 5-8 are eligible. **Dates to know:** Confirmation is **Monday, April 27**. Parent meeting will be **March 4** at 6:00 pm. There will be three required student classes and one required practice - dates TBA.



DIOCESEAN NEWS

**Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House schedule:** Visit: [goodcounselretreat.org](http://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:** **Jacob Knutson**, Theology 3 at Mount Saint Mary Seminary. Son of Thomas & Patricia Knutson of North American Martyrs Parish, Lincoln. Please pray for Jacob and all who are studying for the priesthood.  
**Religious Sister of the Week:** **Sister Kateri**, Jr. Sister with the Marian Sisters. Please keep Sister Kateri 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/](https://www.tektonministries.org/pilgrimage_pages/pilgrimage-to-poland-the-czech-republic-july-19-2026/)  
**2026 Nebraska Walk for Life** on January 31 begins at the State Capitol at 10:00 a.m. The Walk is preceded by the Mass across from the Capitol at St. Mary's Catholic Church, at 9:00 a.m. For questions, contact Nebraska Right to Life, 402-438-4802, [nebraskartl@gmail.com](mailto:nebraskartl@gmail.com)  
**Bruno/Abie Parishes:** Fr. Hile is looking for an administrative assistant. This position would be part-time approximately 12-18 hours a week. Call his parish office if you or anyone you know is interested 402-543-2233.  
**Camp Kateri Registrations OPEN:** Camp Kateri offers various programs for different ages. The schedule includes one family camp, two Catholic Adventure Camps for children in grades 3-4, SKY Camp – Summer Camp for Youth – for grades 4-6 and SKY Games for grades 7-8. A new program, SKY High – will be available for grades 9-12. Visit [campkateri.org](http://campkateri.org) to register or for more information.

January 2026 Assignments

**St. Mary Church Cleaners:**  
St. Mary Circle  
**St. Mary Cassock Cleaners:**  
Jean Hovorka  
Jennifer Hein  
**Assumption Cleaners:**  
Michelle Andel  
Nicole Sylvester

Dear St Mary's and Assumption Parishioners,  
Merry Christmas (still)! God so loved the world that he sent his only Son, into the world, that the world might be saved through him. God became flesh and made his dwelling amongst us. He was born into poverty as there was no room in the inn.  
This weekend, we celebrate that the Christ child was manifest and revealed to the nations. The three wise men came from afar, following a star, to see the newborn child, born of the virgin. They came to adore him and brought him gifts symbolic of who he was and what he would do. The gifts were very proper: gold, frankincense and myrrh, representing Christ's kingship, divinity and mortality.  
I would like to officially thank you for your gifts to the Church, to Christ our King and Lord. We come to adore him and bring our offerings, our tithes, our sacrificial gifts of money to help operate the parish and support Catholic education. I am very grateful for the generosity, love, sacrifices, thought and prayer that goes into your sacrificial gifts. I know that giving to God means having less in other areas, and I trust that God sees, knows and rewards you. That has certainly been my experience and others tell me the same.  
As you can see, Christmas (and Sunday combined) was good and so with the \$42K we are now at \$417,976 which is \$22,022 short of where we need to be through Dec 31 with budgeted amount of \$439,998. On our campaign, we collected \$773,751 on pledges of \$1,1584,115 from 240 families/ people. With that we have paid off our debt to the Bishop for \$130,0000, \$90K out of \$270K to Aquinas and we have put \$300,000 in the St Mary's Endowment and our St Mary's Parish Fund (liquidity) has grown to \$103,028. We have used \$135,000 in cash flow shortages in the past fiscal year and current. We will send statements soon.  
As you know, we sold our farm for \$8,850 per acre and received the check after 2025 taxes and closing costs for \$570,895.04. That will be added to our St Mary's Endowment, and we will receive 5% annually. We received an estate gift from Msgr. Adrian Herbek's will of \$22,993 (15%). Appleton received a 10% distribution. Thank you and God bless you Msgr. Herbek. We will use the money to help with our budget this year because you know the struggle.  
God bless you all in the Christ- child, FBC