

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



Saint Mary Catholic 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

Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ your Son was made known by the message of an Angel, may by his Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of his Resurrection. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.



December 21, 2025  
4th Sunday of Advent

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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, 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.

### UNBOUND *January* RETREAT 16-18

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

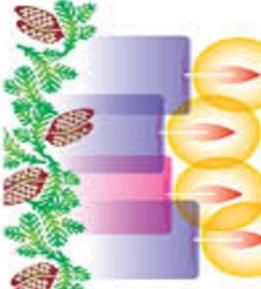
Open your heart and respond more fully to Jesus's invitation of abundant life! Based on the book, Unbound: A Practical Guide to Deliverance by Neal Lozano, the retreat will help uncover the ties that have kept you from God and from His mercy. Unbound ministry prayer teams will be available on the retreat to pray with participants. Books are available for purchase (\$15) at the parish office - it is encouraged that participants read the first 9 chapters prior to the retreat weekend.

Given by Fr. Bill Holoubek, at St. Mary's, Friday, Jon 16 evening, ending Sunday, Jon 16 in the afternoon.

Cost: \$25

**call or Email St. Mary Parish to Register**  
[stmarysdavidcity@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysdavidcity@gmail.com)  
402-367-3579

On this Fourth Sunday of Advent, light all three violet candles and the rose candle on your Advent wreath and pray that the light of Christ will enter your heart so that you may share the warmth of God's love with those you meet.



### FINISH THAT LIST BUY SCRIP

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

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

Purchase **physical scrip** after Mass, at the Aquinas Office, or at the St. Mary's Rectory

# December 21, 2025 - 4th Sunday in Advent - St. Mary Church, David City / Assumption, Appleton

Mass Intentions Fourth Week in Advent		
Mass Time	Intention	Requested by
<b>Monday, December 22 - Late Advent Weekday (O Rex Gentium)</b>		
6:20 am	Olivia Birkel +	Max Birkel Family
8:00 am	NO MASS	NO SCHOOL
5:30 pm	Zelie Riha +	Jerod Riha Family
<b>Tuesday, December 23 - Late Advent Weekday (O Emmanuel)</b>		
6:20 am	Loran Schmit +	Doug Matulka Family
8:00 am	NO MASS	NO SCHOOL
5:30 pm	Joseph Reisdorff +	Sharon Reisdorff
<b>Wednesday, December 24 - Late Advent Weekday</b>		
6:20 am	John & Isabel Tomek +	Dan DeMuth Family
8:00 am	NO MASS	NO SCHOOL
4:00 pm St. Mary Vigil Mass of Christmas	Eugene Divis +	Divis Family
10:00 pm Assumption Vigil Mass of Christmas	Anton & Barbara Brecka +	Val Svoboda Family
<b>Thursday, December 25 - Christmas Day</b>		
12:00am Midnight	Shanna Rurup +	Murphy Family
8:00 am	James Chermok Sr. +	Chermok Family
9:00 am Assumption	Poor Souls +	Vic Pokorny Family
10:00am	Pro Populo	For the People
<b>Friday, December 26 - Saint Stephen the Martyr</b>		
6:20 am	NO MASS	NO MASS
8:00 am	Barbara Brecka +	Sharon Brecka +
5:30 pm	Tim Langan +	Jamie Conley
<b>Saturday, December 27 - Saint John the Apostle</b>		
8:00 am	Dorothy Gillespie +	Ray Kobza Family
<b>Anticipated Mass for Sunday</b>		
5:00 pm	St. Mary PCCW +	St. Mary PCCW
<b>Sunday, December 28 - Feast of the Holy Family</b>		
8:00 am	Christopher, Ashleigh, Nicholas Hein	Nick Hein Family
9:00 am Assumption	Virginia Rerucha +	Greg Sabata Family
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.

St. Mary Parish - Tithe - November 30, 2025	
Sunday Tithe	<b>\$11,056.95</b>
Weekly Budget	<b>\$16,923.00</b>
Assumption Parish - Tithe	
Sunday Tithe	<b>\$1,051.00</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.

**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>

**Traveling Chalice** will be in the **Karen Smaus** household from December 21 - December 28. Please call Kathleen Deavers to schedule the traveling chalice for your home!

**St. Mary Parish Office** will be closed on Thursday, Dec. 25 and Friday, Dec. 26 in observance of the Christmas Feast.

**Early Bulletin Deadline:** All information for next weeks bulletin MUST be in by Tuesday, **December 23 at noon**. Due to the Christmas Solemnity, we will be printing earlier so bulletins will be available for the Wednesday night/Thursday Morning Christmas Masses. Thank you for your understanding.

*St. Stephen the Martyr, pray for us,  
St. John the Apostle, pray for us*

LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENTS: WEEKEND OF DEC. 27/28				
Mass	Acolytes	Lector / Reader	Servers	Rosary
Saturday 5:00 pm	Bryan Hein	Karey Adamy	Blake Hein, Ian Sobota, Eli Janak	Jean Hicks
Sunday 8:00 am	Spencer Zysset	Carm Fiala	Issac Hoelscher Gregory & Henry Sisco	Ed Meysenburg
Sunday 10:00 am	John Wehrs Mark Holoubek	Mike Moravec	Andrew Oltmer Gus & Sam Yindrick Andrew Oltmer	Jim Novacek Family

December Assignments	
<b>St. Mary Church Cleaners:</b>	St. Rose Circle
<b>St. Mary Cassock Cleaners:</b>	Jenesis Emory Sarah Holloway
<b>Assumption Cleaners:</b>	Michelle Woolsey Jill Pokorny

Dear St Mary's and Assumption parishioners. We are now in the octave of O antiphons before Christmas. Each one give us an Old Testament messianic title for Christ that is sung or recited at Evening prayer. We know Christmas is coming soon. Please come and help decorate the Church after the 10 a.m. Mass this week. It is a festive and exciting time.

At **4 p.m. on Sunday** is an excellent time to bring the whole family and attend the communal penance service. We will have five priests here for confessions, so you can take your pick. Everyone needs to go to confession to be a practicing Catholic and Advent or Lent are the main penitential seasons. There are also several other confession times available.

With Christmas programs and various others end of the year things at schools, it has been a busy couple of weeks. I am also noticing more things that I can get involved with. But, I now have just one more day with teachers and students around, so I am getting old time excited for the Christmas break, which is two full weeks. This will be a chance to return to singular focus on the parishes.

We have had many people in the parish who are sick and in need of prayers. I won't list them but ask you to pray for them. My nephew Patrick is still in the hospital at UCLA but apparently doing better. He has a virus that can be treated with steroids and antibiotics, but they have to be careful with his anti-rejection kidney meds. His kidney function has improved but he is not out of the woods. Thanks for your prayers.

I was so happy with our two social events last weekend. The Marian Immaculate Conception / Guadalupe celebration was very well attended and a fun night. Thanks for coming out. Then on Sunday, Connie Novacek did an outstanding job organizing about 125 people for the five homes decorated so beautifully for Christmas. It was fun to see these lovely homes. Thanks to all the host families.

Afterwards, was a double downer with the Chiefs and Huskers losing. But, we hosted the Fun-raising committee for dinner and they helped me forget the sports. We had some nice grilled flat iron steaks (box of 24 for \$90) from Buresh Meats. Country Garden potatoes and loads of broccoli. They ate it all including six hamburgers. It was fun. They just paid for a newly refurbished copier for the rectory for \$6,500. The other one was used and Heather was unable to get parts. Thanks to Fun-raising.

We look forward to the celebration of Christmas this week at the Vigils and midnight and on Christmas Day. I read to the Kindergarteners "A Wish to be a Christmas Tree" and "Mr. Willowbee's Christmas Tree" which always put me in the spirit of Christmas. We have been enjoying lots of Christmas treats and sharing some with Aquinas faculty so as to not eat them all. We finished delicious kolache and have a houska bread to start on now. If that's not enough, on my day off tomorrow, I will pick up a tray of chocolate goodies. I will probably make my mother's Christmas coffee cake. Fr. Beardslee is cooking authentic Ramen for all the priests on Sunday (that's healthy 😊).

God bless you all as we make final spiritual preparations for Christmas.

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## 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:** Daniel Stara, Propaedeutic Stage at Saint Gregory the Great Seminary, son of Kevin & Betsy Stara of Saint Mary Parish, David City. Please pray for Daniel and all who are studying for the priesthood.

**Religious Sister of the Week:** Sister Joy Le, Jr. Sister with the Marian Sisters. Please keep Sister Joy 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/)