

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



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O God, who were pleased to give us the shining example of the Holy Family, graciously grant that we may imitate them in practicing the virtues of family life and in the bonds of charity, and so, in the joy of your house, delight one day in eternal rewards. 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.

December 28, 2025
Feast of the Holy Family

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. Wendelinus, Bee.

Celebrate Christmastide

On the traditional liturgical calendar, the Christmas season (also known as Christmastide) lasts 40 days. It begins with the Vigil Mass said on Christmas Eve, and ends on February 2nd, Candlemas, which is the day on which we celebrate the feast of Jesus' presentation in the temple.

1. Keep your nativity scenes on display. Don't take down your tree. Keep your Christmas lights on each day as the day ends and the sky darkens. Light candles near your manger scene, perhaps while the family eats dinner.
2. Pray the Litany to the Child Jesus. This keeps fresh in our minds and hearts the joy of the Christ Child.
3. Take note of the various saints' feast days that are celebrated during the Christmas season. Ask them for their intercession. The saints are eager to offer petitions on our behalf!
4. Consider hosting Christmas parties AFTER Christmas day. Much of the rush and anxiety is over; people are no longer attending office/family/friends' parties, and there is more down time. This opens spots on people's calendars (and reminds us that Christmas is not over!)
5. Host an Epiphany Party. The Feast of Epiphany celebrates the visit of the Magi and their gifts to the Christ Child. This party can feature candlelight, wonderful food, singing Christmas carols and hymns together, and quality time with people who are a blessing in our lives. F
6. If you have some days off from work, you could go to daily Mass or to Adoration. If you have the chance to do something active, social, or busy, you might consider graciously declining once or twice, and take time to rest in the peace of Christ instead.

Mary Mother of God
January 1st - Holy Day

SAVE THE DATES

21st Annual

"God Bless America" Dinner and Auction
Sunday, January 25, 2026
Assumption Parish, Dwight

Grace and Glory Retreat
Wednesday, January 27, 2026
Schuyler Retreat Center
Catholic Schools Week
January 31 - February
St. Mary's Garage Sale
February 7-8

UNBOUND RETREAT
January
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 Neil Lozano, the retreat will help uncover the lies 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 Holmbeck, at St. Mary's,
Friday, Jan 16 evening, ending Sunday, Jan 16
in the afternoon.
Cost: \$25



Call or Email St. Mary Parish to Register
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402-367-3579

Merry Christmas

December 28, 2025 - Feast of the Holy Family- St. Mary Church, David City / Assumption, Appleton

Mass Intentions Octave of Christmas/Epiphany		
Mass Time	Intention	Requested by
Monday, December 29 - Octave Day of Christmas		
6:20 am	Russ Hilger +	Ron Cemper Family
8:00 am	NO MASS	NO SCHOOL
5:30 pm	NO MASS	NO MASS
Tuesday, December 30 - Octave Day of Christmas		
6:20 am	Virginia Rerucha +	Ray Metzner Family
8:00 am	NO MASS	NO SCHOOL
5:30 pm	Bill & Betty Kozisek +	Kozisek Family
Wednesday, December 31 - Octave Day of Christmas		
6:20 am	Richard Klein +	Zegers Family
8:00 am	NO MASS	NO SCHOOL
5:00 pm St. Mary Vigil Mass Solemnity Mary, Mother of God	Dorothy Gillespie +	Gary Dinkelman Family
Thursday, January 1 - Solemnity Mary, Mother of God		
8:00 am	Emil & Rose Kouba +	Tom Medinger Family
9:00 am Assumption	Pro Populo	For the People
10:00am	Bob Palik +	Holoubek Family
First Friday, January 2 - Saint Basil the Great & St. Gregory Nazianzen, Doctors		
6:20 am	Emil & Mary Jansen +	Joe Mussino Family
8:00 am	NO MASS	NO SCHOOL
5:30 pm	Jane Trowbridge +	Barb O’Connell
First Saturday, January 3 - Most Holy Name of Jesus		
8:00 am	Poor Souls +	Max Birkel Family
Anticipated Mass for Sunday		
5:00 pm	Loran Schmit +	Joe Proskovec Family
Sunday, January 4 - Feast of the Epiphany		
8:00 am	Pro Populo	For the People
9:00 am Assumption	Russ Hilger +	Sharon Hilger
10:00 am	George Pfeifer +	Julie Maguire

Scrap Metal: Special thanks to Tom Pohl, Chuck Oborny & Jim Svoboda for their generous donations. Reminder that you can contact Kent Longenecker or Tom Reisdorff anytime throughout the year if you have scrap metal to donate. **Funeral Dinners:** If you wish to provide food for a funeral and don't know where to drop it off. Please call Barb O'Connell 402-367-4042

St. Mary Parish - Tithe - December 21, 2025	
Sunday Tithe	\$14,200.00
Weekly Budget	\$16,923.00
Assumption Parish - Tithe	
Sunday Tithe	\$1,505.00
Weekly Budget	\$1,307.00

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 **Dan Smith** household from December 28 – January 3. Please call Kathleen Deavers to schedule the traveling chalice for your home!
Early Bulletin Deadline: All information for next weeks bulletin MUST be in by Wednesday, **December 31 at noon**. Thank you for your help in this matter.
St. Mary Parish Office will be closed on Thursday, January 1

LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENTS: WEEKEND OF JAN 3/4				
Mass	Acolytes	Lector / Reader	Servers	Rosary
Saturday 5:00 pm	RJ Hein	Jim Masek	Case Hein, Tristan & Trey Davis	Jean Hicks
Sunday 8:00 am	Greg Eller	Barb Belsky	Gregory & Henry Sisco	Andrew & Sara Buresh
Sunday 10:00 am	John Svec, Mike Moravec	Lisa Bales	Austin Pracheil, Brendan Adair, Carter Eller & Jude Koranda	Jim & Connie Novacek

2026 Calendars have arrived! Thanks to Moravec-Johnson Funeral Home for providing these for our parish.
Bible Studies: There will be no bible studies this week - they will resume the week of January 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.
Assumption Coffee and Rolls will be served after the 9am Mass on January 4. Group 1 will be in charge.



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: **Dominic Jasti**, Theology 2 at Mount Saint Mary Seminary. Son of Jasti Vinodh & Mary Roja Manikat of Saint Thomas Aquinas Parish, Lincoln. Please pray for Dominic and all who are studying for the priesthood.
Religious Sister of the Week: **Sister Gabriel**, Jr. Sister with the Marian Sisters. Please keep Sister Gabriel 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/
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
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 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 Season to all. As busy as we were preparing for Christmas, I hope you find peace and rest in the season as we contemplate the mystery, the miracle of our Christmas gift, that changed everything. May you feel the love of family, especially the Holy Family.
Our parish is grateful for all those who helped to decorate the Church last Sunday and those who put on the final additions to make it even more beautiful. We are blessed to hear lots of young and experienced voices and musicians practicing for the Christmas liturgies. We were blessed with good numbers for confessions at the many times they were offered. Thanks to Fr. Beardslee for prepping and serving the delicious ramen dinner (first ever) for the priests following communal penance service. Thanks to those who brought us baked Christmas goodies, in the form of breads (I savored toasted Czech Houska with butter for at least 7 days straight), cookies, kolaches (did not last that long), drinks (keep that private) and cards with nice notes, gift cards... we feel the love (and the need to exercise more). I was blessed to have help sending Christmas cards to family and friends. I was able to make my mother’s Christmas coffee cake (trying not to eat it).
I am enjoying a book by Amy Coney Barrett (Supreme Court Justice) called Listening to the Law. She is an amazing mother of seven (one with downs syndrome). She and her husband had a comfortable life in South Bend, IND where she taught law at Notre Dame. When asked to consider working on the highest court in the USA, she wondered about giving up a familiar life for more pressure, unknowns, demands upon her and her family and moving to Washington, DC. She accepted the sacrifices that she would embrace for the sake of serving her country. The book helps me appreciate those in our country who make similar sacrifices daily for the good of others. I am learning more about how the Supreme court and lower courts work. She is a graduate of a Catholic HS and ranked first in class at ND.
As we celebrate the Holy Family this weekend, we look to our Immaculate Mother Mary, foster Father Joseph and the Child Jesus and how they through their obedience and humility, brought true joy to the world. Their presence continues as Emmanuel, God is with us, in our prayers, our sacraments, in others where we see the presence of Christ and the Holy Spirit and other ways. May God bless you and your family, and our Parish family, as we pray and rest in His presence. A Blessed and Happy New Year!
In the Christ child, FBC
PS Thanks for your prayers for my nephew Patrick. An Update: Happy Christmas Eve everyone. First thanks for reaching out and checking in on me. Been a journey. My creatinine is back to 3.2 as of labs last evening. They just pulled blood this morning for new labs, so I am waiting for those results and to speak with doctors. The good news is that my weight has decreased 41 pounds since last Thursday. I feel much better and my hope is that my creatinine continues to lower with my weight loss. They decreased my tacro (med)intake from 3 mg twice a day to 2 mg twice a day which will also affect my creatinine all other numbers look stable. Today's bloodwork results should also show the levels of CMV in my blood, which will decide a reevaluation for ATG and kidney biopsy. More to come. Drink your water. Much love.