

March 3, 2024 - Third Sunday in Lent - St. Mary Church, David City / Assumption, Appleton

MASS INTENTIONS THIRD WEEK IN LENT		
Mass Time	Intention	Requested By
Monday, March 4 - Lenten Weekday		
6:20 AM	Janice Crook +	Greg Sabata Family
8:00 AM	Margaret Sima +	Sima Family
5:30 PM	Donald J. Hilger +	Dick Stava
Tuesday, March 5 - Lenten Weekday		
6:20 AM	Mary Ann Armstrong +	Lori Hlavac
8:00 AM	Jim Birkel +	Brent Meister Family
5:30 PM	Romain Krings +	Holoubek Family
Wednesday, March 6 - Lenten Weekday		
6:20 AM	Mary Ann Hotovy +	Carm Fiala
8:00 AM	Norm Hilger +	Sharon Hilger
5:30 PM	Rose Bridge +	Kay Adamy
Thursday, March 7- Lenten Weekday		
6:20 AM	Norma Matulka +	Russ Daro Family
8:00 AM	Marv Capoun +	Clarice Capoun
5:30 PM	Rosanne Christensen	Gahan Family
Friday, March 8 - Lenten Weekday		
6:20 AM	Jake Thomas +	Tom Medinger Family
8:00 AM	NO MASS	NO SCHOOL
5:30 PM	Jessica Schmid	Kay Adamy
6:45 PM Assumption	Margaret Sima +	Val Svoboda Family
Saturday, March 9 - Lenten Weekday (First Saturday)		
8:00 AM	Harry & Kay Janky +	Mark Masur Family
Anticipated Mass for Sunday		
5:00 PM	Bunny Vanis +	Geri Shipley
Sunday, March 10– Fourth Sunday in Lent (Laetare Sunday)		
8:00 AM	Irene Chermok +	Jamie Conley
9:00 AM Assumption	Marcel Sr. & Mildred Kovar +	Karl Kovar Family
10:00 AM	Pro Populo	For the People

Knights of Columbus Trivia “Knight” Saturday, March 16 at the Butler County Event Center. Doors open at 5pm Trivia starts at 7pm. Cash Bar available, Chili and Cinnamon Rolls available for purchase. Cash prizes and awards for a “Knight” time of fun. \$120 per table of 8. **Msgr Adrian Herbek** will turn **90 years old** on March 13. If anyone would like to send him a card, his address is: Bonacum House, 3301 Sheridan Blvd, Lincoln, NE 68506.

<i>“Let not your hand be open to receive and clenched when it is time to give.” Matthew: 10:8</i>	
ST. MARY - DAVID CITY - February 25, 2024	
Sunday Collection:	\$20,636.51
Weekly Budget	\$16,923.00
Actual YTD (35 weeks): YTD SHORTAGE:	\$540,171.06 -\$52,133.94
ASSUMPTION - APPLETON	
Sunday Collection:	\$457.00
Weekly Budget	\$1,307.00
Actual YTD (34 weeks): YTD SURPLUS:	\$49,395.58 \$3,650.58

Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat Schedule:
Young Adult Women'sRetreat: April 19-21. Back to the Garden led by Fr. Cole Kennett & Sarina Stokes
Walking with Mary to the Cross: March 15-17: Fr. Waskowiak

Seminarian of the Week: Mr. Thomas Haberman, College 4 at St. Gregory the Great Seminary, son of Travis & Carolyn Haberman, St. Wenceslaus Parish, Wahoo. Please pray for Thomas and all who are studying for the priesthood.
Pickleball this Sunday, March 3 from 2:30 - 4pm
Traveling Chalice will be in the **Greg Eller** household from March 3- March 9. This Lent, lets keep vocations as a priority. Please call Kathleen Deavers to schedule the traveling chalice for your home
Lenten Book: There are still copies of the Lenten book / Journal available—please take one if you will use it. There are weekly videos to accompany it — please make use of these aides and have a spiritually fruitful lent!
Variety and Dinner Show -This year’s show theme will be the FAB 50’s. Oh my, we have so many fun and creative ideas already that is sure to rock your socks off! If you have a great idea to share, contact Deb 270-1983. The show is **April 13** so get working on your costume if you want to attend in the spirit of the 50’s! Fun-Raising Committee
Easter Monday Pilgrimage: Join Fr. Coulter for an **Easter Monday Pilgrimage** to Gower, MO Benedictines of Mary and incorrupt Sr Wilhelmina on **Monday, April 1st.** Begin at St. Michael in Lincoln with 7:00 AM Mass, and stop at Cathedral of St Joseph, MO. Prayers throughout the day, return by 6:15 PM. \$70 includes charter bus, snacks and lunch. Make your reservations early at frcoulter.com/EasterMonday or call Good Counsel Retreat House at 402-786-2705

LDCCW Biennial Convention will be held on April 26 & 27 at St. John XXIII Center in Lincoln. Our local DCCW are selling raffle tickets for \$1 each with proceeds to benefit “I’ve Got a Name” organization to combat human trafficking in Nebraska. Contact Barb Kadlec, Denise Carter or Diane Kovar if interested.
Men’s Conference: St. Mary Parish in Denton, NE is offering a Men's Conference, March 16 beginning with Holy Mass at **8am** and ending with Exposition at 4pm. Talks will be given by Bart Schuchts (brother of Dr. Bob Schuchts) -- this is an excellent opportunity to grow in your Catholic faith.
St. Mary Guild will meet on Wednesday, March 6, at 1:30pm in the Didier Room.
CCD & Confirmation: Will meet March 20, and will be attending the Parish Mission. Families are encouraged to attend together. If parents are not able to accompany students for the Mission, plan to pick them up at **8:00.**
Church cleaning set for **March 23rd** after 8am Mass. Need men with ladders to help with cobwebs etc. All are invited to help.

Liturgical Assignments: Weekend of March 9/10

Mass	Acolytes	Lector / Reader	Servers	Sacristan
Saturday 5:00pm	Allan Steinberger	Sharon DeWispelare	Landon Pohl, Tristan & Trey Davis	Alli Sisco
Sunday 8:00am	Spencer Zysset	Patty Vaca	Luke Hovorka Gregory & Henry Sisco	Barb Belsky
Sunday 10:00am	Paul Gahan Dale Yates	Jim Novacek	Carter Emory, Brecken Krivanek Lydon DeWispelare, Ryder Carlson	Shawn Koranda

Holy Hour Openings: Friday, 1am. Please consider taking an hour as a family or group. A group, like the Knights of Columbus or Catholic Daughters, bible study group, Moms group, Teens for Life, etc. Come spend an hour with Our Lord in our beautiful St. Joseph Adoration Chapel. Please contact **Brenda Eller.**
Assumption Fridays: Appleton Lenten devotions will be held on Fridays: 6:00 Exposition, Rosary; 6:20 Stations; 6:45 Mass.
Strategic Plan Open Forum Meeting: Aquinas Catholic Schools will be hosting an Open Forum Meeting on **March 20th at 7pm** (NOTE DATE CHA NGE) at Aquinas for parents, parishioners and supporters. There are 59 members of the Strategic Planning team that have been meeting over the past few weeks to create a draft of the plan and we’d like to get your input. Please plan to attend the meeting to help build the future of Catholic education in Butler County. For further information, contact our Strategic Plan consultant, Eva Fujan, at efujan@yahoo.com.
SERMONS A LA CARTE: Friday, **March 8** at 12:05pm. The series theme this year is “Guided to the Cross”. United Methodist Church, Bellwood, will host this weeks session.
Mary’s Way of the Cross: Every Wednesday during Lent at 12:05pm at St. Mary Church. All are invited.
Stations of the Cross: Every Friday evening during Lent after the 5:30pm Mass. (Approx. 6pm) All are invited and encouraged to attend.
Save the Dates: March 19, 20 & 21 - St. Mary Parish Mission! Each evening there will be a supper at 6:00 (free will donation), Music by Danny Leger (Hope of the Poor) and a talk by a guest priest. **March 31**-Easter; **April 8:** Feast of the Annunciation (transferred from March 25 as it falls during Holy Week); **June 15-21** - Totus Tuus
Surviving Divorce, Support for Divorced Catholics: beginning March 12th from 6:30—8:00pm at St. Mary Rectory. Suggested donation \$50 for the cost of the program. Small classes. Register by contacting the Family Life Office at 402-473-0620.
Mass Intentions Reminders: Please make checks out to St. Mary or Assumption Church. We will do our best to schedule when requested or as close to the date as possible. Since we are only allowed to keep Mass intentions on the books for **one year**, it is possible that some Masses will be handed on to other priests/parishes to be offered. Thank you for understanding.

Moral Decision Making: The Diocese has partnered with the National Catholic Bioethics Center - see the website for more information: <https://www.stmarysdavidcity.org/links>
Parent Presentation: *The Holy Spirit: The Breath of God* will be presented by Sr. Mary, March 13, 7:00 - 8:00, in the Music Room. Parents (especially of CCD and Confirmation students) are encouraged to attend
Bubble Wrap Needed: contact Deb Dinkelman 270-1983.
Mature your relationship with God! Do you desire a deeper prayer life? Request spiritual direction! Call the parish office (Sr. Mary—X4) or email if you’re interested in growing your spiritual life through Spiritual Direction.

Pastor’s Corner

Dear Parishioners,
The parish council approved a plan for a feasibility study to consider a major campaign for St. Mary’s parish this year. The study will begin right after Easter. The campaign would raise funds to pay off our debt to Aquinas and the Diocese of Lincoln (\$270K +\$80K) that total \$350K. We also would like to grow the Endowment because we have only added about \$5K in the past six years. We have been utilizing major requests to operate and pay our bills for the past six years. On the average, we have ended about \$30K in the red each year for the past ten years. I figure if we could raise at least \$1M, then we could hopefully operate in the black, IF everything else was stabilized and we meet budget in all our various line items (Sunday collection, Endowment Income, CSA, Harvest festival, BVA...). Some members of Finance Committee thought we are too aggressive with the amount we are drawing from our Endowment at 5% annually. They suggested we drop that back to 4%. The other concern is the declining number of parishioners and continual need for re-evangelization. A successful campaign could give us some more breathing room.
I am just back from a nice vacation to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico with four of my siblings, their spouses and lots of children. We got daily exercise (tennis, PB and walking) and enjoyed meals and games together. I visited the Church daily, had Mass, prayers and got an average 15k steps per day and played a lot of chess. I am glad the weather is warmer now in Nebraska.
My older brother had a health issue his first full day there. He overdid the exercise by running 3 miles, playing tennis and pickleball. He did eat much during the day or hydrate properly (just finished his second margarita). The main contributing factor was that he is on a new medication for high blood pressure. At the end of dinner, he suddenly went blank and seemed to be having a stroke or heart attack. We couldn’t get a pulse, he was sweaty and non-responsive. After a long two minutes of panic, he growled and came back as we lowered him to the floor. He said, “I am OK, let’s go home.” We said, you are going in the ambulance to the hospital to get checked out. After persuading him by telling him we thought he was going to die, right there, he finally cooperated. His blood pressure was low at 110 over 45. His blood work was good and the cardiologist said his heart looked fine on ultrasound. Radiologist said the carotid arteries were OK. They kept him overnight and released him the next day with a Holter monitor to record the heart for 24 hours. He was told to take it easy, like a vacation. The next day his activity was to attend the WTA tennis tournament with me two blocks away. I hope he learned a lesson about medication, hydration and not overdoing it at the age of 65. We were grateful for the medical team that gave good care and that it was not more serious. We had plenty of fun the following days and he followed the doctors restrictions.
Lent is a good time to evaluate and take care of your spiritual and physical health through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. I must say is easier to focus on Lent while back in the parish. I hope you have an amazing Lent in 2024. Sincerely in Christ, FBC