

Assumption Church
1821 38th Road
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To proclaim the Good News of
Jesus Christ by worshipping God in
Word and Sacrament.

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580 I Street
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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
Daily 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
Sat. 7-7:50AM; 4-4:50PM,
Sun. 7:30 -7:50AM
Assumption Confession Schedule
Sunday: 8:30AM – 8:50AM

Office Manager: Heather Oltmer (367-3579 ext 3)
Evangelization: Sr. Mary, MS (367-3579 ext 4)

St. Mary Parish Council Members
Mike Eller (367-3941) Paul Gahan (430-2855)
Kathy Engel (367-6183) Sharon DeWispelare (367-7991)
Jennifer Hein (360-1108) Andrew Daro (367-2984)

St. Mary Finance Council Members
Jackie DeWispelare (290-7842) Rob Daro (367-5116)
Deb Svec (367-9088)

Assumption Parish Council & Finance Committee
Mike Kadlec Kevin Andel Jerome Andel

Aquinas Catholic Schools
Fr. Michael Ventre: CAO (367-3175)
Mrs. Sarah Zook: (pre-K - 5th Grade) (367-3669)
Mr. Spencer Zysset: (6th - 12th Grade) (367-3175)

Butler County Right to Life: Brenda Eller (367-3405)

Bulletin Information: (Due 2pm Wednesday)
stmarysdavidcity@gmail.com

We are here to help you live the Sacramental Life.
Please contact the parish office to register for Holy
Baptism, First Holy Communion, Confirmation,
Anointing of the Sick, or Marriage.

Assumption Cemetery: Valerian Svoboda (367-3607)

St. Mary Cemetery: Ken Smith (367-3375)

Encounter/ CCD: Sr. Mary, MS (367-3579 x4)

Fun-Raising Committee: Deb Dinkelman (270-1983)

Catholic Daughters: Kathy Engel (367-6183)
Nancy Vrbka (367-8835)

Prayer Circle: Dee Lanspa: dlanspa@windstream.net

Knights of the Altar (altar servers)
Fr. Schukei (367-3579)

Knights of Columbus Council #1717
Grand Knight: Todd Hilfiker (499-4633)

St. Mary Parish Council of Catholic Women (P.C.C.W)
Jenny Polacek (641-0405) Jean Meister (641-3709)
Mindy Schawang (367-8280) Misty Havlovic (367-3726)

Assumption Parish Council of Catholic Women
Michelle Woolsey (539-2060)
Judy Polacek (367-3560)
Laura Cox (367-9588)

Perpetual Adoration Hours
Brenda Eller (367-3405) Bob Palik (367-4151)
RJ & Courtney Hein (270-0732) Dr. Jo Witter (450-6453)

St. Mary Guild (funeral dinners)
Barb O’Connell (367-4042)

Scrap Metal: Kent Longenecker (367-4627)
Tom Reisdorff: (367-7968)

Traveling Chalice (Vocations)
Kathleen Deavers (542-2505)

NEW PARISHIONERS: Please call the Rectory to make
an appointment to register. If you have a change of address,
phone numbers, or household, please notify the parish office.

Estamos para apoyarte a que vivas una vida Sacramental plena. Te
faltan Sacramentos o sabes de alguien que no tiene todos sus
Sacramentos por favor comunicate a la oficina de la Parroquia (en
ingles) O al (402) 527-5648 con nuestra traductora (informes en
español) para mas información.

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.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div>Gaudete Sunday</div> <div>17</div> <div>Light two violet and the rose candles on your Advent wreath and Rejoice! For the Lord is near!</div>	<div>The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me: he has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor, to heal the brokenhearted... to announce a year of favor from the LORD. Isaiah 61:1-2</div> <div>18</div> <div>God descends to earth, it means that, to be like him, we should not put ourselves above others, but place ourselves at the service of others. Pope Francis, 12-18-22</div>	<div>19</div> <div>"Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." Luke 1:38</div>	<div>20</div> <div>Spend a family evening eating cookies and drinking hot chocolate while you read the Christmas cards you have received.</div>	<div>21</div> <div>Bless the nativity scene in your home: https://www.usccb.org/prayers/blessing-christmas-manger-or-nativity-scene</div>	<div>22</div> <div>Reach out to those in your community who may be alone this Christmas and invite them to Mass and to share part of your celebration.</div>	<div>23</div>
<div>Advent Penance Services</div> <div>Sunday, Dec 17, 2023</div> <div>1:00 PM</div> <div>St. Peter's, Bellwood Frs. Graeve and Sughrue</div> <div>Holy Trinity, Brainard Frs. Snitly, Connor and Holoubek</div> <div>Assumption, Dwight Frs. Jansen and Litt</div> <div>Sacred Heart, Shelby Fr. Stec, Fr. Schukei</div> <div>Presentation with Fr. Ventre</div> <div>2:30 PM</div> <div>Immaculate Conception, Ulysses Frs. Jansen and Stec</div> <div>St. Francis, Center Fr. Schukei</div> <div>St. Wenceslaus, Bee Fr. Litt</div> <div>St. Anthony, Bruno Frs. Holoubek, Snitly and Connor</div> <div>4:00 PM</div> <div>St. Mary's, David City Frs. Connor, Schukei, Graeve, Ventre, Holoubek</div>		<div><div><div>PLEASE JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF FOOD, FELLOWSHIP, AND FUN</div><div>ST. PETERS</div><div>PRIME RIB DINNER</div></div><div>SATURDAY, JANUARY 13, 2024</div><div>BUTLER COUNTY EVENT CENTER</div><div>SOCIAL HOUR 6:00 PM</div><div>DINNER 7:00 PM</div><div>ENTERTAINMENT TO FOLLOW</div><div>music by Joe Cockson</div><div>TICKET COST - \$50</div><div>TO PURCHASE TICKETS, CONTACT</div><div>Matt Wellman, Kenny Wellman, John & Fran Pochta, Ken Schmidt, Greta Kronsbeck, Barb Zeygers or email saintpetersinappleton@gmail.com (Church office Pick-Up) Fr. Stephen Graeve or cdolinc.net (Aquinas Pick-Up)</div><div>Sponsored by Marquis Body Shop & John & Fran Pochta</div></div>				
<div><div><div>PREPARE FOR CHRISTMAS</div><div>with Confession</div></div><div><div></div><div>Do not be afraid to go to the Sacrament of Confession, where you will meet Jesus, who forgives you.</div><div>~ Pope Francis</div></div></div>		<div>St. John's School in Weston</div> <div>NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION</div> <div>Prime Rib Dinner & Fun Pianos</div> <div>Starlite Event Center</div> <div>Dinner & Show: \$80 Show only: \$25</div> <div>Tickets: stjohnspia.ticketspice.com/st-johns-new-years-eve-2024</div>				
<div>CURRENT JOB OPENINGS</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">Aquinas Bus Drivers (route)Holy Family Teachers (full & part time)</div> <div>APPLY ONLINE OR CALL FOR MORE INFO</div>						

December 17, 2023 - Gaudete Sunday in Advent - St. Mary Church, David City / Assumption, Appleton

MASS INTENTIONS THIRD WEEK IN ADVENT		
Mass Time	Intention	Requested By
Monday, December 18 - Late Advent Weekday		
6:20 AM	Margaret Klenda +	Eller Family
8:00 AM	Bill Kozisek +	Barb O’Connell
5:30 PM	Martha Ebel +	Sharon Reisdorff
Tuesday, December 19 - Late Advent Weekday		
6:20 AM	Poor Souls +	David Brichacek Family
8:00 AM	Ron Vaca +	Greg Heidrick Family
5:30 PM	Martha Brabec +	Kathy Brabec
Wednesday, December 20 - Late Advent Weekday		
6:20 AM	Jill Gries	Randy Belsky Family
8:00 AM	Don Moravec +	Anonymous
5:30 PM	Donald J Hilger +	Sandy Hilger
Thursday, December 21 - St. Peter Canisius		
6:20 AM	Ernie & Alice Moravec +	Anonymous
8:00 AM	NO 8AM SCHOOL MASS	Until Jan. 4, 2024
5:30 PM	Duane Svoboda +	Connie Svoboda
Friday, December 22 - Late Advent Weekday		
6:20 AM	Gene & Marge Grubaugh +	Grubaugh Family
5:30 PM	Zelie Riha +	Jerod Riha Family
Saturday, December 23 - St. John Cantius		
8:00 AM	Joseph Reisdorff +	Sharon Reisdorff
Anticipated Mass for Sunday		
5:00 PM	Norm Hilger +	Sharon Hilger
Sunday, December 24 - Fourth Sunday in Advent		
8:00 AM	John & Beatrice Chapek +	Clarice Capoun
9:00 AM Assumption	Patrick Pflum +	Ila Gabel
10:00 AM	Pro Populo	For The People
Vigil Mass	Sunday, December 24	Christmas Eve
4:00 PM	James Chermok Sr. +	Chermok Family
Holy Day	Monday, December 25	Christmas Day
Midnight	Eugene & Darlene Divis +	Divis Family
Midnight Assumption	Holy Souls in Purgatory +	Mike Kadlec Family
8:00 AM	LaVerne Kozisek +	Mark Rerucha Family
9:00 AM Assumption	Anton & Barbara Brecka +	Valerian Svoboda Family
10:00 AM	Pro Populo	For The People

“Let not your hand be open to receive and clenched when it is time to give.” Matthew: 10:8	
ST. MARY - DAVID CITY - December 10, 2023	
Sunday Collection: Weekly Budget (2023 Budget Numbers)	\$13,158.80 \$16,923.00
Actual YTD (24 weeks): YTD SHORTAGE:	\$347,900.57 -\$58,251.43
ASSUMPTION - APPLETON	
Sunday Collection: Weekly Budget (2023 Budget Numbers)	\$1,888.00 \$1,307.00
Actual YTD (24 weeks): YTD SHORTAGE:	\$25,290.37 -\$6,077.63

Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat Schedule:
Women’s Spiritual Exercises: Jan. 18-21: Regnum Christi
Unbound: Freedom in Christ: Feb. 2-4: Fr. Wm. Holoubek

Watch The Chosen: Come join us this Thursday in the Didier Room at 7pm to watch “The Chosen”. We will take a break over the Christmas Holidays and resume on Jan. 4th. The last episode will be on January 11, 2024. All are welcome.
Religious Sister of the Week: Sr. Maria Joseph, Jr. Professed Sister, with the Sisters of Mary, Queen of Mercy. Please keep Sister in your prayers and continue to pray for more religious vocations.
Seminarian of the Week: Mr. Issac Wahlmeier, Theology 3 at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, son of Patrick & Debra Wahl of St. Michael Parish, Hastings. Please pray for Issac and all who are studying for the priesthood.

Financial Peace University: We will be offering Dave Ramsey’s 10 week course on debt and money control beginning on Thursday, January 18 at 6:30pm for 10 weeks. This will be a free course led by Dr. Robert Daro and Connie Novacek. Childcare offered upon request. Please contact the parish office if interested.

Confirmation Preparation Class: will begin with a parent meeting on Jan. 10 at 6pm in the Didier Room. All **5th & 6th graders** that are eligible will meet on January 17. If you have not registered, please contact the parish office.
Traveling Chalice will be in **Karen Smaus** household Dec. 17 - Dec. 23. Please continue to pray for vocations.
Christmas Eve Mass at St. Mary will be at **4pm** in an effort to provide more time and accommodate for family gatherings on that evening.

Christmas Decorating will be held on Gaudete Sunday, Dec. 17 at 6pm in the church. All are welcome to come help beatify our church for the Birth of Christ.
Christmas Flowers: Bring joy to everyone by purchasing a Christmas poinsettia. Use the envelope from your packet or mark an envelope and drop it into the collection basket or bring it to the parish office. Please include your name, and note the name(s) of whom it is in honor (or memory). Deadline for names and money is Dec. 22.
Parish Wish List: Items are still available on the wish list. Check our parish website or our Facebook page for available items and please consider being generous during this most joyful time of the year.
October Pro-life Diaper Drive: THANK YOU for your fantastic response. The David City Deanery donated over 8000 diapers to the drive with a total of 159,000 diapers donated from the entire diocese. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Liturgical Assignments: Weekend of December 23/24

Mass	Acolytes	Lector / Reader	Servers	Sacristan
Saturday 5:00pm	Andrew Buresh	Julie Smith	Jonathan, Robert & Kolbe Pytlik	Mark Chermok
Sunday 8:00am	Greg Eller	CeCe Bechtel	Brecken Romshek Gregory & Henry Sisco	Alli Sisco
Sunday 10:00am	Ed Meysenburg Mike Moravec	Deb Svec	Tim Duke Simon & Gus Grady	Shawn Koranda

Liturgy of the Hours: Come pray the Liturgy of the Hours (Evening Prayer) with Fr. Schukei on December 10th at 5pm and December 17th at **5:15pm** in the church. All are welcome to come and join in this beautiful and brief (20 minute) devotion.
Holy Hour Openings: Wednesday, 3pm and Friday, 7am. Consider taking these hours as a family or group. For example a family that has older children who can get themselves to the chapel as well as adults. Or 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**.
Save the dates: April 13 - Variety and Dinner Show; **TBD**-The Sunday Evening Card Party in the Didier Room.
Hope of the Poor St. Mary parish has supported Hope of the Poor for several years now. Bishop Conley is asking the parishes of the Diocese to encourage and facilitate support of Hope of the Poor, especially during Advent. The donation boxes (normally out during Lent) can be taken home and returned to the parish office before January 15 so the donations can be collected before the Parish Mission Trip, January 25. There will be a new mission appeal held during Lent! Thank you for your generous support in helping continue the Corporal Works of Mercy for our misfortunate brothers and sisters.
St. Luke Czech Shrine in Loma: will offer Mass on Sunday, December 17, at 2:00. The Ostry family will provide the music and sing Christmas hymns before Mass.
St. Mary Garage Sale: The Funraising annual garage sale will be held on Feb 10 and 11. **NEW** this year we **will not** be sorting clothes at school, this way it gives more space in the Didier room. When your getting your stuff ready to donate if you can put all clothes in a separate bag it will help in the sorting process. Again this year we will not accept appliances, tvs, computers or exercise equipment.

Aquinas News/Events: Aquinas One Act received Runner-Ups at State and the honor of earning the Sportsmanship Award.
Upcoming: Elementary Christmas Program: Grandparent Matinee on Wed. Dec. 20 at 1:30pm at Aquinas MS/HS. Evening performance at 6:30pm at the MS/HS. BB Holiday Tourney at David City on Dec. 29-30.

Youth Choir Practice: K-12, who would like to help sing in a youth Choir during the 4:00pm Christmas Eve Mass or if you are a youth pianist, elementary through high school, and have a sacred Christmas carol practiced and would like to play before Mass, please email Cheryl Kozisek at ckozi@msn.com. **Practices will be held on Tuesday December 19th at 7-8pm and Saturday December 23rd from 9-10:30am.**

Parish office will be closed on Monday, December 25, Friday December 29th and Monday, January 1.

Congratulations to Michael Pino & Veronica Hotovy who were united in Marriage at St. Mary Church this past weekend. May they be blessed with a long and happy life.

December Assignments

St. Mary Church Cleaners:
St. Rose Circle
St. Mary Cassock Cleaners:
Jenesis Emory & Patty Pytlik
Assumption Cleaners:
Michelle Andel & Nicole Sylvester

Pastor’s Corner

Dear St. Mary/Assumption Parishioners,

As we get ready to celebrate Gaudete Sunday, and **Rejoice** at the nearness of Christmas, I think about why we are Rejoicing. The Blessed Virgin Mary said “yes” to the Angel and the will of God, so became the mother of Jesus Christ. The only Son of God’s birth will soon be celebrated. In fact, on Sunday it will be just over 7 days away, because the 4th Week of Avent is less than 24 hours this year. So, NEARNESS is very real. We will soon be bringing up the trees, lights, garland, nativity set and decorating the Church with poinsettias (already here). We have our Advent Communal penance Service Sunday at 4 p.m., as a chance to receive the forgiveness of Christ in the Sacrament. Seeing family, friends, parishioners brings JOY to all of us. I **rejoice** because we had a nice crowd (about 180) at our Immaculate Conception Dinner and Dance last week. In the Gospel today (Friday, Matthew 11:17) Jesus is disgusted with the crowds and says “We played the flute for you, but you did not dance...”. The crowds got everything including Jesus and John the Baptist wrong. So, at our celebration, we got it right, and people danced in honor of Mary and her big day, our Patronal Feast Day. Thanks to the Emswilers and Wahoo Locker for the good BBQ pork and spicy Chicken. Thanks to all the parishioners who brought a side dish. Thanks to all who came and danced!
I **rejoice** because I think we made some progress in the parish in the 2023 year. We had a beautiful Easter Vigil with ten joining the Church. We had two well attended and successful re-treats with the *Life in the Spirit* and *Unbound*. We had a nice turn out for the Corpus Christi procession in adoration of the Eucharistic Lord and dinner to follow. I thank God we are paying our bills and have paid off some of our debt in 2023. Our Endowment (Catholic Foundation of Southern NE) had excellent growth in the month of November as you will soon see. We have a new Stewardship Committee and have 170 people return their Stewardship commitment brochure so far. We also have made about a dozen development calls on parishioners to ask about putting the parish of St. Mary’s (Assumption) in the will and estate.
All of this is only possible because many of you have said “Yes” to do something for God and the parish. As pastor, I say thank you. It is worth giving your life to God and the parish. In the end, we all want to live Eternally, and our good works go with us. May God continue to help us prepare for Christmas this last week, FBC