

January 7, 2024 - Feast of the Epiphany - St. Mary Church, David City / Assumption, Appleton

MASS INTENTIONS FIRST WEEK ON ORDINARY TIME		
Mass Time	Intention	Requested By
Monday, January 8 - Baptism of the Lord		
6:20 AM	Rudolph/Victoria/Baby Buresh +	Don Buresh Family
8:00 AM	Marcie Divis +	Sharon Reisdorff
5:30 PM	Nadine Langan +	Jamie Conley
Tuesday, January 9		
6:20 AM	LaVerne Kozisek +	Mark Rerucha
8:00 AM	Bill & Jeanne Kee Family	Kee Family
5:30 PM	Arnold Kreikemeir +	Dave McMahon Family
Wednesday, January 10		
6:20 AM	Mary Ann Armstrong +	Lori Hlavac
8:00 AM	Janice Crook +	Greg Sabata Family
5:30 PM	Donald J. Hilger +	Pat Kobza
Thursday, January 11		
6:20 AM	Jim Birkel +	Bruce Meysenburg Family
8:00 AM	Jerry & Vi Kopecky +	Dan Sypal Family
5:30 PM	Elizabeth Moulton	Dan Engel Family
Friday, January 12		
6:20 AM	Sr. Edith	Dalton Family
8:00 AM	Gene & Marge Grubaugh +	Grubaugh Family
5:30 PM	Delores Nordmeyer +	Bob Palik Family
Saturday, January 13 - St. Hilary		
8:00 AM	Jim D. Horn +	Pachunka Family
Anticipated Mass for Sunday		
5:00 PM	Dennis Riha +	Aldeen Riha Family
Sunday, January 14 - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time		
8:00 AM	Sally Pleskac +	Greg Pleskac Family
9:00 AM Assumption	James Pokorny +	Pokorny Family
10:00 AM	Pro Populo	For The People

Wise Men
Still Seek
Him!

The
Epiphany
of the
Lord



Epiphany House Blessing and blessed chalk will be available at all church exits. Please pick up a sheet with the blessing formula and a piece of blessed chalk to bless the doorways of your home. This has been a honorable tradition of the Church throughout the years.

<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 - December 31, 2023	
Sunday Collection:	\$23,013.25
Weekly Budget (2023 Budget Numbers)	\$16,923.00
Actual YTD (27 weeks): YTD SHORTAGE:	\$411,814.24 -\$45,106.76
ASSUMPTION - APPLETON	
Sunday Collection:	\$7,413.00
Weekly Budget (2023 Budget Numbers)	\$1,307.00
Actual YTD (27 weeks): YTD SURPLUS:	\$31,567.68 \$3,691.68

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: Join us to view the last episode on January 11, 2024. All are welcome.
Religious Sister of the Week: Sr. Mary Cecilia, Professed, with the Holy Spirit Adoration (Pink) Sisters. Please keep Sister in your prayers and continue to pray for more religious vocations.
Seminarian of the Week: Rev. Mr. Jonah Brox, Theology 4 at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, son of Tim & Melissa Brox of St. Teresa Parish, Lincoln. Please pray for Deacon Brox 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. 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 **the Deb & Gary Dinkelman** household Dec. 31 - Jan. 6 Please continue to pray for vocations.
Be Healed: Come to a study (lead by Sr. Mary) on Dr. Bob Schuchts book, *Be Healed*. Dr. Schuchts spent more than 30 years as a therapist, while also teaching graduate and undergraduate courses in marriage and family relationships, human development, applied psychology, and marriage and family therapy. In 2004, he began the John Paul II Healing Center which offers workshops in Catholic parishes world-wide. Come join us Fridays at 10:00 am, beginning January 12 at the parish office / rectory.

Childrens Envelopes will be available in the back of church beginning the weekend of January 13/14. We will be resuming the practice of children, thru high school age, coming forward to bring up their offering to the priest during the regular offertory collection time. Please make sure your child’s name is on the envelope. Thank you!
Scrap Metal Collections for 2023 totaled \$5,422.92. Thanks to all who donated this past year and keep in mind that metal can be collected ALL year long by contacting Kent Longenecker or Tom Reisdorff. Special thanks to Kent and Tom for volunteering their time and talent.
Undecorate Christmas: We will be gathering on Sunday, January 14 at 1pm to take down and store all Christmas decorations. All are invited! Many hands make less work.
Poinsettias may be taken home after the 10am Mass on Sunday, January 14.

Liturgical Assignments: Weekend of January 13/14

Mass	Acolytes	Lector / Reader	Servers	Sacristan
Saturday 5:00pm	Allen Steinberger	Andrew Buresh	Eli Janak Tristan & Trey Davis	Brenda Eller
Sunday 8:00am	Greg Eller	Carm Fiala	Elijah Moulton Gregory & Henry Sisco	Mark Chermok
Sunday 10:00am	Jim Novacek Mark Holoubek	Tony Smith	Gus & Sam Yindrick Simon & Gus Grady	Maggie Gahan

Holy Hour Openings: **All adoration hours have been filled THANK YOU!!** Please consider taking an hour 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 Please return your Hope of the Poor collection box to the parish office. Thank you for your generous support in helping continue the Corporal Works of Mercy for our misfortunate brothers and sisters.
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.
Desert Day Retreat: all are invited to make a desert day retreat on your own or with direction from Sr. Mary. Tuesday January 23; 8:00am to 4:00pm at the St. Benedict Center north of Schuyler. Please **RSVP by January 9** by calling or emailing the parish office. \$40/person if you want a day-use private room or \$20 without a room - lunch included.
Worldwide Marriage Encounter: Let us remember that God’s love for us is reflected in the love for each other in our family. Why not celebrate and encourage that love by giving your spouse a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on: February 9-11, Lincoln, NE For questions, or to find out more about a Virtual Encounter Weekend, feel free to contact: Brenda & Gary Granger: 402-370-5839. Space is limited, so reserve your weekend early. For more information about Worldwide Marriage Encounter, visit www.wwme.org. Follow us on Instagram and Facebook! @wwmeColorado
God Bless America Dinner & Auction at Dwight Assumption - Sunday, January 28, 2024. *Prime Rib or Chicken Breast Dinner - \$30 per person. Meal reservations are needed to attend the event. No reservations will be sold at the door.* Social hour will begin at 5:00 with dinner at 6:00. There will be a live auction following the dinner. Nebraska Wine Grab. The cost to RESERVE a HALF TABLE FOR 6: \$180 for meals + \$50 for half table = \$230 total with names of attendees. *** To RESERVE a FULL TABLE FOR 12: \$360 for meals + \$100 for full table = \$460 total with names of attendees. ** There is also solo seating as well.
Holy Family Early Learning Center is looking for help. Various schedules available. If interested, please contact Holy Family Learning Center at 402-367-3062 or call Fr. Ventre at 402-367-3175.
Pickelball will be held Sunday (Jan. 7) from 2-3:30pm in the elementary school gym. All are welcome!!

January Assignments
St. Mary Church Cleaners:
St. Stephen Circle
St. Mary Cassock Cleaners:
Jean Hovorka &
Barb Coufal
Assumption Cleaners:
Lori Sabata &
Kristy Anandel

Assistant Pastor’s Corner

Dear St. Mary/Assumption Parishioners,
As many of you know, I had to say goodbye to my red pickup as it had done its duty of protecting me by taking upon itself much of the damage in the accident I had on Christmas day. What really bugged me was when I had to say goodbye to the crunched up red pickup, I got a little emotional. I found myself saying “Get yourself together, it is only a hunk of metal.” So, as I was recovering from the accident, I reflected on why I found it difficult to say goodbye to the pickup.
Intellectually I knew that it was simply a vehicle and it could be replaced. But my heart was experiencing something different. I think the reason that it was difficult to say goodbye that day to my good friend “The Tacoma” (that’s what I called my pickup) was because I had so many great experiences that included that vehicle. “The Tacoma” was part of many adventures and trips with friends, not to mention that it was with me in my time of seminary and being in Philadelphia as I finished my theological studies. I realized that vehicle symbolized to me so many good things that I had experienced in life, and that is why it had a great value to me. But that is something I can take with me, with or without “The Tacoma” being physically present in my life.
This weekend as we celebrate Epiphany, I wonder if Mary had a similar experience with the gifts that were received from the Magi. Maybe those gifts sat in Mary and Joseph’s house while Jesus was growing up. Did she see those gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh symbolizing the beautiful time when she finally got to hold the son she had been carrying in her womb for nine months? Did those gifts remind her of the joys of the son she raised and all the love she received from him? Perhaps or perhaps not.
Throughout life we are given many gifts for all kinds of things. Some which are superficial, while others have such a depth of meaning. My encouragement to you is to think of the things that you most value and ask yourself “why?” Why does this or that thing have such value to you? We know that we are not called to be overly concerned with the material things of this world. Therefore, I suspect many of the things that we value in this world are not simply because of the things themselves, but because of the deeper, more noble, thing they represent. Perhaps the thing we value reminds us of a very special person, place, experience, or opportunity. Let us give thanks for the many gifts and blessings we have been given, which we are reminded of in and through the various things of the world...like “The Tacoma.”
In Christ,
Fr. Tony Schukei