

ST. BONIFACE PARISH

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WEEKEND MASS: Saturday - 5:00 pm
WEEKDAY MASS: Monday & Tuesday - 5:30 pm

the stone the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone

OCTOBER 3-4, 2026
27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Catholic Parishes of Western Holt & Boyd Counties

SATURDAY

St. Boniface - Stuart - 5:00 pm
St. Patrick - O'Neill - 5:00 pm

SHBC - SATURDAY - 7:00 pm

Week 1: St. Mary - Spencer
Week 2: St. Mary - Spencer
Week 3: St. Mary - Spencer
Week 4: Ss. Peter & Paul - Butte
Week 5: St. Mary - Spencer

Mass Schedules:



SUNDAY

St. Joseph - Atkinson - 9:00 am
St. Patrick - O'Neill - 10:30 am
St. Joseph - Amelia - 11:15 am

SHBC - SUNDAY - 8:00 am

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MINISTRY SCHEDULE

	OCT 10 5:00 PM	OCT 17 5:00 PM
LECTOR:	Ken Kunz	Tate Schmaderer
EMHC:	Jennifer Schmaderer	Becky Estill
SERVERS:	John Ludwig Mary Ludwig Rylan Krysl	Emily Karo Kennedie Kohle Annabel Kohle
GREETERS/ GIFTS:	Communion Class	Dan & Karen Myers
USHERS:	Rick Shearer Brock Lange Roger Scholz Jon Schmaderer	Rick Shearer Brock Lange Roger Scholz Jon Schmaderer
MONEY COUNTERS:	Rick & Terri Shearer	Rick & Terri Shearer

Our time, talents, and treasure are on loan from God. Give them away with unlimited generosity.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Monday - October 5 - 5:30 p.m.
+RAY KEOGH

Tuesday - October 6 - NO MASS

Wednesday - October 7 - NO MASS

Thursday - October 8 - NO MASS

Friday - October 9 - NO MASS

Saturday - October 10 - 5:00 p.m.
+MEL STRACKE

Sunday - October 11 - 9:00 a.m. - Atkinson

EVENTS AND MEETINGS

Sunday - October 4
Life Chain in O'Neill - 1:30 p.m.

Monday - October 5
KC Mtg @ 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday - October 7
Youth Choir @ 6:00 p.m.
RE Classes @ 6:30 p.m.

Monday - October 12
4th Degree KC Meeting
@ 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday - October 14
Youth Choir @ 6:00 p.m.
RE Classes @ 6:30 p.m.

Saturday - October 17
Youth Choir Sings at Mass

Saturday/Sunday - October 17/18
World Mission Sunday Collection

Wednesday - October 21
Youth Choir @ 6:00 p.m.
RE Classes @ 6:30 p.m.

Thursday - October 22
Ladies Guild @ 2:00 p.m.

STEWARDSHIP:

September 27, 2026

Regular Envelopes	\$780.00
Loose	\$167.91
Children's Collection	\$2.00

Electronic Donations:
September 1st
September 15th
Sept End of Month

Special Collections:	
Energy	\$150.00

TOTAL	\$1099.91
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Confession Times: Saturdays 4:30-4:50 p.m. or by appointment

"Your
love,
Lord,
reaches
to
the
heavens;
your
faithfulness
reaches
to
the
skies."

Psalms
36:5

NOTEWORTHY

WOMEN'S RETREAT OPPORTUNITIES - "AS YOU ARE" A Women's Acts Retreat - October 10, 2026 from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at St. Boniface Church in Elgin, NE. \$25 registration fee. To register call 402-843-0573 or email ckdempster@archomaha.org.

Women's Retreat - October 11, 2026 from 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. at St. Ludger Church & Social Hall (904 Lake St. in Creighton). RSVP by October 9th (helpful, but not required) to 402-360-5544. Flyers for both retreats are in the entrance of church.

SPECIAL COLLECTION - OCTOBER 17 & 18, 2026 - There will be a second collection taken up on the weekend of Oct. 17-18 for World Mission Sunday. The offerings collected are destined for a common fund of solidarity distributed in the Pope's name, by the Society for the Propagation of the Faith among the missions and missionaries of the world. Envelopes are in your packet.

HOLY LAND ART - OCTOBER 31, 2026 - Holy Land Art will be here on Oct. 31st to sell their beautiful art pieces after Mass. They will be in Atkinson on Nov. 1st and in O'Neill and Amelia the following weekend.

FROM ARCHBISHOP MICHAEL McGOVERN - SEPTEMBER 2026:

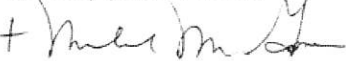
Dear Friends,

I am writing to you asking for your prayers for peace. With the many conflicts around the world and the tensions we may experience in our daily lives, I encourage each of us to pray frequently, even daily, for the Lord to grant us the gift of his peace.

In a particular way we can promote peace by letting go of grudges we may have held for years, or to ask the Lord to free our hearts of feelings of hatred toward others. We can ask the Lord to bless the dialogues between nations that are necessary to open a path to peace. Whether you pray at home or in church, take the time to ask God specifically for the gift of peace.

May God make each of us an instrument of his peace, and where we encounter hatred and division, let us sow love.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Archbishop Michael McGovern



Be a voice for the voiceless!

join Life Chain Sun. Oct 4

rigil to protect life from abortion

from 2-3:00 along

Douglas St. in O'Neill

Registration begins at 1:30 at the corner of 3rd and Douglas St.

Our sympathies to the families of:



JOE HARTE

St. Patrick's - O'Neill
and

MARY BOTT

St. Boniface - Stuart

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

October 7

Youth Choir @ 6:00 p.m.

Classes @ 6:30 p.m.

October 14

Youth Choir @ 6:00 p.m.

Classes @ 6:30 p.m.

ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Goal:

\$9,654.00

Committed as of
September 29th:

\$3,605.00

Please keep in your prayers our Seminarian of the Month:

Casey LaMotte



CHRISTIAN MOTHERS

Next Mtg: November 9
@ 6:00 p.m.

St. Boniface School

Next Funeral/Function:
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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

KC Mtg:

October 5 @ 7:30 p.m.

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4th Degree KC Mtg:

October 12 @ 7:30 p.m.

Location: Stuart

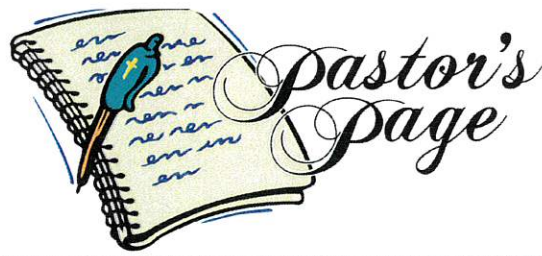
LADIES GUILD GATHERING

October 22
2:00 p.m.

St. Boniface
School Building

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Emerson Batenhorst
Olivia Cannon
Kirstine Chvala
Lois Schaaf



Dear Parishioners and Friends of the Catholic Parishes of Western Holt and Boyd Counties,

The situation described in this weekend's gospel (Matt 21:33-43), can be read as a peasant uprising against an oppressive landowner. Weary of their landlessness and powerlessness, the tenants do away with all the landowner's envoys and even his son, the heir apparent, hoping to gain control of the land themselves. Verse 40 then poses a critical question: What, then, will the owner of the vineyard do? The response is swift and brutal: violence breeds even more violence, and the tenants will be put to a miserable death. One way this parable can be read is a commentary on the futility of violence to accomplish change.

A more traditional reading of this parable is that it is an allegory, in which the vineyard represents Israel, the tenants are Israel's leaders, the vineyard owner is God, the messengers are the prophets, the Son is Jesus. There are also clear allusions to a familiar parable from the prophet Isaiah that we hear in the first reading (Is 5:1-7). But there is a decided difference in the endings of the two parables. In Isaiah, when the vineyard owner is disappointed in the lack of fruit, he destroys the vineyard. In Jesus's parable the vineyard is not destroyed but rather entrusted to new leaders. In both parables, the focal point is the necessity of bearing fruit and the inability of the current leadership to cultivate the desired fruit. The additional twist is that if the parable is an allegory of salvation history, the inheritance that God's people long to claim is a free gift of the son; it need not be taken from the owner. If the vineyard owner is God, would the response even to the death of the son not be forbearance, loving-kindness, and extending one more opportunity for repentance, rather than violent destruction.

In the context of Matthew's Gospel, the parable is aimed at the religious leaders who oppose Jesus, and it points toward the necessity of new leadership. Some interpret the "others" to whom the vineyard is entrusted as the Gentile Church, that "replaces" Israel. This interpretation should be firmly rejected. In the gospel narrative, the change envisioned is from Jewish leaders who oppose Jesus to Jews who follow him. By Matthew's time Jesus's disciples, predominantly Jewish Christians, understood themselves as the "new tenants," even as they struggled to define themselves in relationship with Pharisaic Judaism.

The parable poses a searing regarding leadership of any organization, institution, or nation. If the leaders are not cultivating the fruitfulness of all members, then the leadership must be entrusted to others who will do so. Within the literary context of the gospel, hope is held out that current leaders could repent and become fruit-bearers and cultivators of fruitfulness in others. But the parable also notes that vintage time is near – code language for the eschatological time – the moment when time to change runs out and the decisions made all along have a finality. The gospel invites us to insist on having leaders who can cultivate fruitful abundance for all and to pursue nonviolent means of bring about change in leadership when that is needed.

Ad multos annos!

Fr. Bernard Starman
Pastor

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September 30th, 2026

Heartfelt Gratitude for Your Mission Appeal Support

Dear Pastors, Parishioners, and Friends in Christ,

On behalf of the Bishop, Priests, Religious, and Faithful people of the Diocese of Minna, Nigeria, I extend our sincere and prayerful gratitude to you for welcoming us so warmly during our recent Mission Appeal visits.

Your hospitality, attentiveness, prayers, and generous support are a powerful expression of the communion we share as one Catholic family. Through your kindness, you are helping the Diocese of Minna continue its mission of evangelization, pastoral care, education, support for the poor, and service to communities in need.

Please know that your parish community will be remembered with gratitude in our prayers and at the celebration of the Holy Eucharist. May the Lord reward your generosity abundantly, bless your families, strengthen your parish, and fill your hearts with His peace.

Thank you for standing with the people of the Diocese of Minna and for sharing in the mission of the Church.

With prayerful gratitude,

Fr. Michael Gadache

Director for Mission

Diocese of Minna, Nigeria

Mission Office in the USA



Pray for our Oct.

Seminarian of the Month –

Casey LaMotte

Hello! My name is Casey LaMotte, and I'm blessed to call Saint Robert Bellarmine my home parish. I am the oldest of two children, and I've lived in the same house in Omaha my whole life.

I attended Mary Our Queen grade school, then went to Skutt Catholic High School. At Skutt, I was active in Choir, Band, and Guardians, an all-male prayer group. Through all three of these activities, the Lord surrounded me with amazing people when I didn't even realize it. When He made his presence and love known to me, I had a perfect group around me to help cultivate my new fire for the faith, and that fire illuminated a desire for something more, and I felt a call to the Priesthood.

I discerned that I needed more time to allow the Lord to define the call he was giving to me, so I attend the University of Nebraska Lincoln, joined Phi Kappa Theta, an amazing Catholic fraternity there, and was active at the Newman Center. I loved the community and spent time altar serving, adoring Christ in the Eucharist, or even just having conversations in the lobby, I even became a Janitor there! Through my Fraternity, I was shown authentic Catholic masculinity and had such an amazing group of men who were all walking toward God together, supporting each other along the way.

The priests and students at the Newman Center helped me learn how I am viewed by God, as His beloved son, and that he created me the way I am with a perfect plan in mind for me. Toward the end of my year, God made his plan for me clear, that I was ready to discern a priestly vocation in Seminary.

I'm really excited to live in community with my brother seminarians and to discern God's plan for our lives together.

To any man discerning the priesthood, focus less on yourself and more on God. There is a common saying: "God doesn't call the qualified, he qualifies the called", and it is absolutely true. Do not focus too heavily on your weaknesses, open those areas of your heart up to Him, and He will flood you with His grace! He sees and loves you as you are, but also knows exactly how to lead you to the person he created you to be, and in that journey, He may call you to discern a religious vocation. Trust Him and enter into it!

Thank you all for your prayers for all Seminarians, I know that I have benefitted from them, and I'm so thankful for all the ways that the Lord is present in the Archdiocese of Omaha!