

# ST. BONIFACE PARISH

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WEEKEND MASS: Saturday - 5:00 pm

WEEKDAY MASS: Monday & Tuesday - 5:30 pm

DO NOT THINK THAT I  
CAME TO DESTROY THE  
LAW OR THE PROPHETS.  
I DID NOT COME TO  
DESTROY BUT TO  
FULFILL.

MATTHEW 5:17

FEBRUARY 14 - 15, 2026

Sixth 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

	FEB 21 5:00 PM	FEB 28 5:00 PM
LECTOR:	Kevin Murphy	Tate Schmaderer
EMHC:	Sarah Addison	Tom Dvorak
SERVERS:	Truman Addison Kennedie Kohle Annabel Kohle	Rylan Krysl Alexis Lange Jack Wondercheck
GREETERS/ GIFTS:	Brock & Kristen Lange Family	Jeff & Cheri Dvorak
USHERS:	Leon Kramer Jeff Wallinger Tom Krysl Gary Stoltenberg	Leon Kramer Jeff Wallinger Tom Krysl Gary Stoltenberg
MONEY COUNTERS:	Jeff & Kim Wallingher	Jeff & Kim Wallingher

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

## MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

- Monday - February 16 - 5:30 p.m.  
† JOE, LUCILLE, JERRY, DENNY & TERRA WALLINGER
- Tuesday - February 17 - 5:30 p.m.  
† PAUL & NOREEN KRAMER
- Wednesday - February 18 - 5:00 p.m.  
† MARY SHALD
- Thursday - February 19 - NO MASS
- Friday - February 20 - NO MASS
- Saturday - February 21 - 5:00 p.m.  
† JERRY STEINHAUSER
- Sunday - February 22 - 9:00 a.m. - Atkinson

## EVENTS AND MEETINGS

### Wednesday - February 18

ASH WEDNESDAY  
Youth Choir Sings  
Mass @ 5:00 p.m.

### Wednesday - February 18

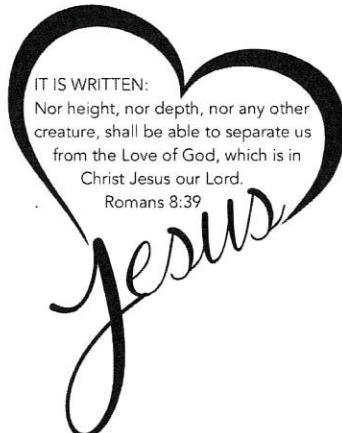
NO Youth Choir  
NO CCD Classes

### Friday - February 20

Stations of the Cross @ 4:30 p.m.  
KC Fish Fry - Stuart @ 5:00 p.m.

### Saturday/Sunday - February 21/22

Special Collection  
Black & Indian Missions



## STEWARDSHIP:

### February 8, 2026

Regular Envelopes	\$1950.00
Loose	\$122.00
Children's Collection	\$20.00

### Electronic Donations:

- February 1st
- February 15th

### Special Collections:

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2092.00</b>
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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."

Psalm  
36:5

## NOTEWORTHY

### ASH WEDNESDAY - FEBRUARY 18, 2026 - SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND SERVICES

8:10 a.m. - Mass - St. Patrick - O'Neill  
8:15 a.m. - Mass - St. Joseph - Atkinson  
12:15 p.m. - Blessing & Distribution of Ashes - St. Patrick - O'Neill  
5:00 p.m. - Mass - St. Boniface - Stuart  
6:30 p.m. - Mass - Ss. Peter & Paul - Butte  
7:00 p.m. - Mass - St. Joseph - Amelia  
7:00 p.m. - Blessing & Distribution of Ashes - St. Patrick - O'Neill



### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY FRIDAYS

Stuart - St. Boniface Church Basement - 5 - 7:30 p.m. - February 20, March 6, March 20  
Atkinson - KC Hall - 5 - 8:00 p.m. - February 27, March 13, March 27

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS - FEBRUARY 20, 2026 - Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday at 4:30 p.m.

THE CARPENTER AND THE LAW - My husband and I couldn't believe our luck: our new house had a deck. It was more than a couple of broke millennials had ever dared to dream. Lounging in our patio furniture drinking coffee and watching the cars drive past, we felt like Kennedys at Hyannis Port. We had arrived. Well, until it started falling apart. To be fair, my husband knew this was going to happen all along, because he's a person who uses words like "joist" and "weight-bearing" correctly. He took one look at the deck at the open house and knew it wasn't up to code. "We're going to have to reinforce this at some point," he told me. "Whatever!" I replied, daydreaming about twinkle lights and porch parties. Sure enough, our second summer in the house, he had to rip the rotting surface boards off. The biggest issue was that the joists were too far apart; when we stepped on the boards, they bowed and almost cracked, lacking adequate support beneath. But we weren't going to redo the whole deck — we're not actually Kennedys. We (okay, he) simply ripped the surface boards off, added the necessary joists, and replaced the decking with newer, better, stronger wood. Simply put, my husband did not come to abolish the deck, but to fulfill it. The law of Moses was like a good deck, admirably built. You could say "Raqa," your heart filled with anger, and the law didn't break. But that anger treads heavily on boards not adequately supported. Over time, the anger becomes too much to bear. And that board — that law, that heart — it'll break. Just you wait. And when it does, you'll see why: there wasn't anything beneath, holding it up. So, God sent a Carpenter to reinforce the law. The Carpenter crafted joists from prudence, fortitude, justice and temperance — strong virtues that can withstand a lifetime of battery, if properly maintained.

And the law still holds. - Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman (LPI)

Please keep in your prayers our Seminarian of the Month: Michael Figura



Our sympathies to the family of:

SHIRLEY REIMAN  
Ss. Peter & Paul - Butte

### ASH WEDNESDAY - FEB. 18 MINISTRY SCHEDULE

5:00 p.m.

Lector: Kim Estes  
EMHC: Darby Paxton  
Servers: Confirmation Students  
Greeters/Gifts: Confirmation Students

### CCD INFORMATION:

February 18th

NO Youth Choir  
NO CCD Classes

February 25th

Youth Choir @ 6:00 p.m.  
CCD Classes @ 6:30 p.m.

### CHRISTIAN MOTHERS

Next Mtg: March 9  
@ 6:00 p.m.  
Church Basement

Next Funeral/Function:  
CH 1

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

KC Mtg:  
March 2 @ 7:30 p.m.  
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4<sup>th</sup> Degree Mtg:  
March 9 @ 7:30 p.m.  
Location: O'Neill

### LADIES GUILD GATHERING

February 26  
2:00 p.m.  
St. Boniface  
School Building

### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Beckett Block  
Luke Olberding  
Kirstine Chvala  
Lois Schaaf  
Norbert & Jeanette  
Starman



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

It begins with the tiniest gesture: an interested glance, the brush of a hand. Lifelong love builds from little expressions of care before it becomes total self-surrender to the beloved. At the opposite end of the spectrum, egregious acts of murder, betrayal, rejection and deception begin with little sparks of anger, white lies, lustful looks. In this weekend's gospel (Matt 5:17-37), Jesus instructs his disciples to watch out for the little things that undermine their love relationships.

The gospel belies any notion that Jesus overturns the Mosaic law or that the God of the Old Testament is a harsh God who issues strict commandments, while the God of the New Testament is a God of love and mercy. It is the one and the same God of bountiful mercy who gave the law, to whom Jesus is devoted. Jesus insists on the enduring value of the law and his intent is to fulfill the tiniest part of it.

What is new is his interpretation of the law, which at times was at odds with that of other religious leaders of his day. His is not a lax interpretation, but one that is even more demanding than theirs. To truly keep the law, one must go beyond it. Jesus speaks to his disciples about the little things that can erode their relationship with God and others and escalate into major offenses.

The formula "You have heard that it was said" introduces each of four commandments, this is followed by Jesus's invitation to go deeper: "But I say to you . . ." First, he speaks of steps to diffuse anger, before it reaches a murderous stage. He gives three concrete examples. Primary is to avoid insulting one another. Then, if there has been a rupture in a relationship, a ritual action alone will not mend it. A face-to-face reconciliation must be sought. Finally, conflicts should not be allowed to escalate to the point of litigation.

The final section centers on honesty in relationships. If Leviticus 19:12 admonished, "You shall not swear falsely by my name, thus profaning the name of your God," Jesus says that relations among Christians should be so transparent that there is no need to take oaths at all.

By instructing his disciples to watch out for the little transgressions, he did not intend to frighten them into obeying a God who was lying in wait to punish them for every peccadillo. Rather, he alerts his followers that little slights left unchecked, can lead to major offences, with dire consequences. By the same token, great love and greatness in God's reign begin with little acts of love toward the least brother or sister. One saint who epitomizes this teaching is Saint Theresa of Lisieux. Through her "little way," she resolved to love all those she encountered in all the routine and ordinary interchanges of everyday life. Her greatness was recognized by her canonization only twenty-eight years after her death and the bestowal of the title of Doctor of the Church a century later.

Ad multos annos!

Fr. Bernard Starman  
Pastor