

ST. BONIFACE PARISH

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



FEBRUARY 28-MARCH 1, 2026
Second Sunday of Lent

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

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

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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|  | MAR 7 5:00 PM | MAR 14 5:00 PM |
| LECTOR: | Jay Addison | Ken Kunz |
| EMHC: | Jeff Dvorak | Becky Estill |
| SERVERS: | Truman Addison Alex Paxton Drew Paxton | Karlee Wolf Jase Wolf Emily Karo |
| GREETERS/ GIFTS: | Confirmation Class | Kelly Murphy Terry Murphy |
| USHERS: | Jared Wolf Dave Batenhorst John Kramer Dana Paxton | Jared Wolf Dave Batenhorst John Kramer Dana Paxton |
| MONEY COUNTERS: | John & Sandra Kramer Dave & Patty Batenhorst | John & Sandra Kramer Dave & Patty Batenhorst |

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

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

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| Monday - March 2 - 5:30 p.m. ✠ DICK KAUP |
| Tuesday - March 3 - 5:30 p.m. ✠ JERRY WALLINGER |
| Wednesday - March 4 - NO MASS |
| Thursday - March 5 - NO MASS |
| Friday - March 6 - Parkside @ 2:00 p.m. ✠ JOHN SHALD |
| Saturday - March 7 - 5:00 p.m. ✠ JERRY STEINHAUSER & SHANNON SIS |
| Sunday - March 8 - 9:00 a.m. - Atkinson |

EVENTS AND MEETINGS

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| <p><u>Monday - March 2</u> KC Meeting @ 7:30 p.m.</p> <p><u>Wednesday - March 4</u> Youth Choir @ 6:00 p.m. CCD Classes @ 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><u>Friday - March 6</u> Stations of the Cross @ 4:30 p.m.</p> <p><u>Friday - March 6</u> Fish Fry - Stuart - 5:00 p.m.</p> <p><u>Monday - March 9</u> Christian Mothers Mtg @ 6:00 p.m.</p> <p><u>Monday - March 9</u> 4th Degree KC Mtg @ 7:30 p.m. O'Neill</p> <p><u>Wednesday - March 11</u> Youth Choir @ 6:00 p.m. CCD Classes @ 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><u>Friday - March 13</u> Stations of the Cross @ 4:30 p.m.</p> <p><u>Friday - March 13</u> Fish Fry - Atkinson - 5:00 p.m.</p> |
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STEWARDSHIP:

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| <u>February 22, 2026</u> | |
| Regular Envelopes | \$1030.00 |
| Loose | \$149.00 |
| Children's Collection | \$21.41 |
| Electronic Donations: | |
| March 1st | |
| March 15th | |
| Special Collections: | |
| Black & Indian Missions | \$430.00 |
| Seminary | \$100.00 |
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| TOTAL | \$1730.41 |

Confession Times: Saturdays 4:30-4:50 p.m. or by appointment



“Be
on
your
guard;
stand
firm
in
the
faith;
be
courageous,
be
strong.”

1 Cor
16:13



NOTEWORTHY

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY FRIDAYS

Stuart - St. Boniface Church Basement - 5 - 7:30 p.m. - March 6, March 20

Atkinson - KC Hall - 5 - 8:00 p.m. - March 13, March 27



STATIONS OF THE CROSS - 4:30 P.M. - March 6, March 13, March 20, March 27

Good Friday - April 3 (this one will be at 7:00 p.m.)

SPECIAL COLLECTION - MARCH 14 & 15, 2026 - There will be a special collection taken up on the weekend of March 14-15 for Catholic Relief Services. Your donation will help feed a hungry child, help a war-torn nation build peace, and/or help a refugee make a new life. Envelopes are in your packet. Please give generously.

A STORY OF SACRIFICE IN THE BIBLE TO REFLECT ON THIS LENTEN SEASON - The story of the Passover is described in Exodus. This pivotal event marked the liberation of the Israelites from slavery in Egypt and serves as a powerful symbol of redemption and deliverance.

In Exodus 12, God instructs Moses and Aaron to prepare for the final plague that will strike Egypt—the death of the firstborn. To protect their households from this judgment, the Israelites are commanded to sacrifice a lamb without blemish and apply its blood to the doorposts of their homes. This act of obedience demonstrates their faith in God’s promise of deliverance and serves as a symbol of their trust in his protection.

The Passover lamb serves as a powerful foreshadowing of the sacrificial death of Jesus Christ, who would become the ultimate Passover lamb, offering his life for the redemption of humanity. Just as the blood of the lamb protected the Israelites from the judgment of death, so too does the blood of Jesus provide salvation and deliverance from sin and death for all who believe.

During Lent, reflecting on Passover invites us to contemplate the depth of God’s love and the sacrificial nature of redemption. It also reminds us of the importance of obedience and faith in God’s promises, even in the face of uncertainty and adversity.

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



Our sympathies to the family of:

ALAN WAYNE STRAKA
St. Joseph - Atkinson



**SECOND
SUNDAY
OF LENT**

CCD INFORMATION:

March 4th

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

March 11th

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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4th Degree Mtg:
March 9 @ 7:30 p.m.
Location: O’Neill

**LADIES GUILD
GATHERING**

March 26
2:00 p.m.

St. Boniface
School Building

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Beckett Block
Kirstine Chvala
Lois Schaaf
Norbert & Jeanette
Starman



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

What really happened at the transfiguration? Each of the evangelists tells the story slightly differently, with his own theological emphasis. Was it a miraculous glimpse of Jesus's heavenly glory? A temporary unveiling of his divine nature to give hope to his disciples? Or was it a recasting of the resurrection appearance story placed in the middle of the gospel? These and other theories have long been entertained by biblical scholars.

Matthew highlights the radiance of Jesus's face and clothing and the brightness of the clouds that overshadows the disciples. Coming on the heels of Jesus's teaching that he must suffer and die before being raised up (16:21), the brilliance underscores that Jesus, although executed as a criminal is righteous. As Jesus had told his disciples, at the end of the age "the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of the Father" (13:43). The voice from the cloud likewise reaffirms Jesus's identity as God's beloved Son, upon whom divine favor rests. The admonition "listen to him" echoes Deuteronomy 18:15 and emphasizes that Jesus is the authentic interpreter of Mosaic Law and the prophets.

The presence of Moses and Elijah recalls their powerful mountaintop experiences of God. On Mount Sinai God spoke to Moses face-to-face, entrusting to him the commandments that would guide his people to live in faithfulness through the desert days ahead. The glory of God is reflected on Moses's own face as he returns to the difficult task of leadership (Exod 34:29). Elijah flees to the same mountain, when trying to escape the murderous intents of Jezebel. There God speaks to in a "light silent sound," giving him the courage to go forth and anoint the new king and Elisha as his successor (Kings 19). Likewise, Jesus is at a turning point in his mission. There are those who seek his life, as well as those who try to live faithfully God's law that he teaches. On the mountaintop he is able to see with God's own vision the way forward in faithfulness.

Jesus's transforming experience also resonates with that of Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., who on the night before he was assassinated declared he had been to the mountaintop and seen the Promised Land. He set aside all fear and assured that even if he were killed, as a people they would get to the Promised Land. God's transformative love radiates through a face determined to love no matter what the other's response. As Jesus had taught his disciples from a mountaintop about transforming enmity through love, so King so reminded his followers to disarm prejudice through loving, non-violent confrontation and to answer fire hoses with "a certain kind of fire that no water could put out."

King urged his followers to continue to struggle for justice here and now, not only to wait for the "long white robes over yonder." So, too, for Jesus, nothing would have been more tragic than to stop with teaching, preaching, and healing in Galilee. To bring transfigured life to completion for all, he continues on toward Jerusalem.

Ad multos annos!

Fr. Bernard Starman
Pastor