

ST. BONIFACE PARISH

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



October 31-November 1, 2026
ALL SAINTS

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

	NOV 7 5:00 PM	NOV 14 5:00 PM
LECTOR:	Patty Hanzlik	Lisa Keogh
EMHC:	Jonna Kohle	John Kramer
SERVERS:	John Ludwig Mary Ludwig Jack Wondercheck	Rylan Krysl Emily Karo Drew Paxton
GREETERS/ GIFTS:	Bob & Kathy Kunz	Jay & Sarah Addison
USHERS:	Ken Kunz Mark Snover Tate Schmaderer Josiah Wondercheck	Ken Kunz Mark Snover Tate Schmaderer Josiah Wondercheck
MONEY COUNTERS:	Mark & Nancy Snover	Mark & Nancy Snover

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

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Monday - November 2 - 5:30 p.m.
+MARY SHALD

Tuesday - November 3 - 5:30 p.m.
+ALL SOULS

Wednesday - November 4 - NO MASS

Thursday - November 5 - NO MASS

Friday - November 6 - 2:00 p.m. @ Parkside
+FR. LUKE STEFFES

Saturday - November 7 - 5:00 p.m.
OLIVIA CANNON

Sunday - November 8 - 9:00 a.m. - Atkinson

EVENTS AND MEETINGS

Sunday - November 1
Daylight Savings Time Ends
Remember to turn your clocks back!

Sunday - November 1
St. Patrick Parish Auction

Monday - November 2
KC Meeting @ 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday - November 4
Youth Choir @ 6:00 p.m.
Classes @ 6:30 p.m.

Monday - November 9
Christian Mothers Mtg @ 6:00 p.m.

Monday - November 9
4th Degree KC Meeting @ 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday - November 10
OACCW Fall Meeting
9:30 a.m. - Pierce

Wednesday - November 11
Youth Choir @ 6:00 p.m.
Classes @ 6:30 p.m.

Saturday/Sunday - Nov. 14/15
2nd Collection - Catholic Charities

"Be

a

blessing

and

you

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blessed."

Proverbs
11:25

STEWARDSHIP:

October 25, 2026

Regular Envelopes	\$1135.00
Loose	\$138.00
Children's Collection	\$22.77

Electronic Donations:
October 1st
October 15th
Oct End of Month

Special Collections:	
World Mission	\$120.00

TOTAL	\$1415.77
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Confession Times: Saturdays 4:30-4:50 p.m. or by appointment

NOTEWORTHY

SPIRIT CATHOLIC RADIO SPEAKER - NOVEMBER 4, 2026 - Come Hear Joe Heschmeyer on the Eucharist! Spirit Catholic Radio welcomes Catholic Answers apologist and author Joe Heschmeyer to Sacred Heart Parish Center in Norfolk on November 4th at 6:30 PM for an evening of faith and inspiration. Joe will speak on "The Eucharistic Heart of Christianity," exploring the central role of the Eucharist in our Catholic faith. Come experience Joe's engaging blend of reason, faith, and Catholic apologetics. Get your tickets today at <https://spiritcatholicradio.com/joe/>! Catch Catholic Answers Live weekdays at 5 PM CT on Spirit Catholic Radio at 88.3 FM in Norfolk.

OACCW FALL MEETING - NOVEMBER 10, 2026 - All women are invited to attend the Omaha Archdiocese of Council of Catholic Women Fall Meeting on Nov. 10th at St Joseph Catholic Church Parish Hall, 118 W. Willow St., Pierce. \$10 for registration fee and starts at 9:30 a.m.

FROM FR. ROSS - Thank you to everyone that sent cards, food, and wished me a happy birthday. I am truly touched and blessed to be part of this wonderful, caring community. A shout out to the special choir that sang "Happy Birthday" to me following Mass on Monday! It was greatly appreciated. God Bless!

IN REMEMBRANCE - The Book of Remembrance will be available on the west altar to enroll your loved ones.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - At the end of her short life, my hero, St. Thérèse of Lisieux, found herself in a curious position. Audaciously, she was convinced that she would become a great saint and would be loved by many after her death. At the same time, she insisted that she was weak, impatient, and ordinary. She became arguably the greatest saint in modern times. How is it possible that an ordinary and imperfect person can also be a great saint? On this All Saints' Day, Jesus overturns our assumptions about holiness. He says, "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 5:3). The blessed are not the impressive or the self-sufficient, but the poor in spirit, the meek, the merciful, and the persecuted. These are not heroic traits by normal standards. They are signs of a heart that has learned to rely on God rather than itself. That's what St. Thérèse, and all the saints, are all about. All Saints' Day is not a celebration of spiritual elites. Rather, it announces what grace can do in our ordinary lives. The saints are not those who avoid weakness or suffering, but those who allow these things to deepen their trust. What good news for us! The smaller and weaker we are, the more qualified we are to be great saints. — Father John Muir

WORLD'S BEST DISH CLOTHS

For Sale - \$2.00 Each
Available in the Parish Office
Profits go towards the
3rd Annual Women's
Conference which will be
held in Atkinson on
February 27th.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

November 4
Youth Choir @ 6:00 p.m.
Classes @ 6:30 p.m.

November 11
Youth Choir @ 6:00 p.m.
Classes @ 6:30 p.m.

ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Goal:
\$9,654.00

Committed as of
October 27th:
\$4,605.00

Please keep in your
prayers our
Seminarian of the
Month:
Thomas LaSala



CHRISTIAN MOTHERS

Next Mtg: November 9
@ 6:00 p.m.
St. Boniface School

Next Funeral/Function:
CH 3

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

KC Mtg:
November 2 @ 7:30 p.m.
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4th Degree KC Mtg:
November 9 @ 7:30 p.m.
Location: O'Neill

LADIES GUILD GATHERING

December 3
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,

In this weekend's gospel (Matt 5:1-12a), Jesus proclaims what we now call the teaching of the Beatitudes. In other translations, the word we read as "blessed" is translated instead to mean "happy." When we look at the specific situations that Jesus proclaims as happy, or blessed, we may be confused. Where is happiness in the midst of great grief? In a time in which being known and recognized is the ideal, how are the meek proclaimed as blessed? In the end, this passage can leave us asking questions, but it can also leave us with great hope.

Our true joy is not dependent on what we possess, accomplish, or simply luck into. Instead happiness is found in knowing Christ and living in a way that proclaims his love and mercy. The blessing of the Lord and the success of the world are not synonymous – instead they are often found in opposition to one another. Still, it can be challenging to resist wallowing in the struggles of this world, even when we know it is in the midst of pain that Christ draws near to us. And so today we honor the lives of those saints who have the truth of the Beatitudes to find eternal blessedness in Christ, and we are reminded of our call to live in a way that reflects Jesus's own life.

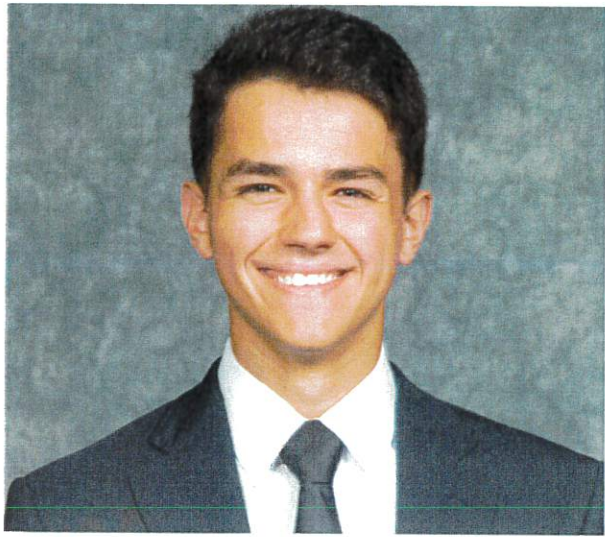
We know of many great saints who endured immense suffering through illness, persecution or unanswered longings. Saint Damien of Molokai knowingly put himself in a situation where he was likely to contract leprosy because he believed so fervently that those who were sick and contagious deserve the dignity of living in community and being ministered to by a priest.

According to tradition, eleven of the twelve apostles suffered violent deaths as a result of their testimony that Jesus is the Son of God. Saint Therese of Lisieux knew the pain of losing her mother as a young girl. Saint Andre Bessette longed to join the Congregation of the Holy Cross but was initially denied because of his poor health; instead, he took on the role of the doorkeeper for the Notre Dame College in Montreal. We can list the names of countless others who we lift up and name as the "cloud of witnesses" (Heb 12:1) who have experienced the joy and satisfaction of living in Christ, despite the pain and suffering they encountered.

These saints did not live easy lives or lives devoid of suffering; instead, in the midst of their pain, they placed their trust and reliance in God. Even more so many of them came to see their earthly pain as a blessing that drew them closer to Christ in his own suffering. Christ seeks to redeem the pain of our lives and rejoice in the gentle workings of the Spirit that allow one to be meek, merciful, and cultivators of peace. The saints were not lifted high because they were supernatural in their ability to imitate Christ – they are recognized and venerated because of their ordinary human circumstances, they habitually drew closer to Christ and allowed Christ to work in and through them.

Ad multos annos!

Fr. Bernard Starman
Pastor



Pray for our November Seminarian of the Month – Thomas LaSala

Growing up, my parents were in the Air Force, so I lived in many parts of America. In 2013, we settled in Omaha, where I started attending St. Gerald's in third grade. I loved playing games outside, watching movies, and being outdoors. St. Gerald's school and church provided a great foundation for me to start building my faith.

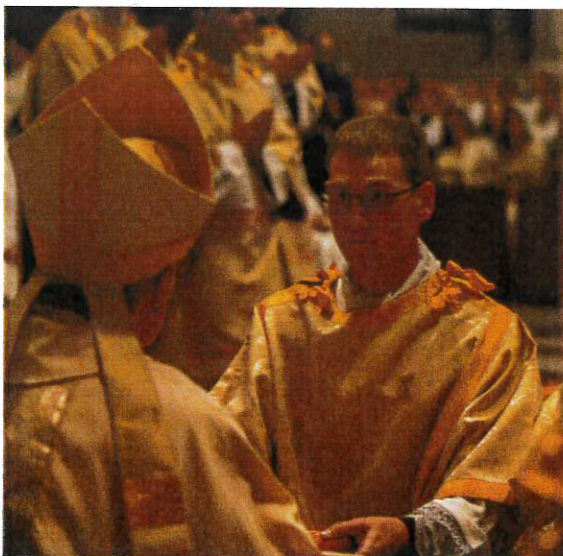
In 7th grade, I experienced several very powerful spiritual encounters, which led me to begin to discern the possibility of priesthood. At the time, I was unsure about what my future would hold. For High school, I went to Skutt Catholic High School, which was incredible for my growth. I was on the cross country and track team and played drums for show choir and marching band. One of the best parts of high school was the opportunity to be in Guardians, the male prayer group at Skutt. This group helped me hold on to my faith in high school and grow in it.

Throughout high school, I wrestled with God's call for me and tried to convince myself that I, not God, knew what was best for me. But no matter how far I strayed, Jesus, the Good Shepherd, never gave up on His pursuit of my heart. I finally accepted that God, my creator, knows best about what will make me happy.

As I am formed at seminary, I hope to be able to let God light my heart ablaze with the love of Jesus and to be able to show everyone I meet this love. I am currently majoring in Philosophy and Catholic Studies at St. John Vianney College Seminary.

My advice to anyone discerning their vocation is to commit daily to growing into the best version of yourself and not be afraid to surrender to God's will. He made our hearts, and He knows what will make us the happiest.

Fun Facts: I am an Eagle Scout, have been to the Vatican three times, and have run a 5-minute mile.



Thomas Matya ordained a transitional deacon at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome

Archdiocese of Omaha seminarian Thomas Matya was one of 18 seminarians from across the United States ordained transitional deacons at St. Peter's Basilica last month in Rome. **Deacon Matya was our April Seminarian of the month.** He is studying at the Pontifical North American College in Rome.

The ordination marks the final phase of Deacon Matya's seminary formation. He's on track to be ordained a priest next summer at St. Cecilia Cathedral in Omaha.

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