

# St. Boniface Catholic Church

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## MASS SCHEDULE:

Weekend Mass—Saturday—5:00 p.m.

Weekday Mass—Monday & Tuesday—5:30 p.m.

CATHOLIC PARISHES OF WESTERN HOLT AND BOYD COUNTIES

## Weekend Mass Schedules:

### Saturday:

St. Boniface—Stuart

5:00 p.m.

St. Patrick—O'Neill

5:00 p.m.



SHBC—Saturday—7:00 p.m.

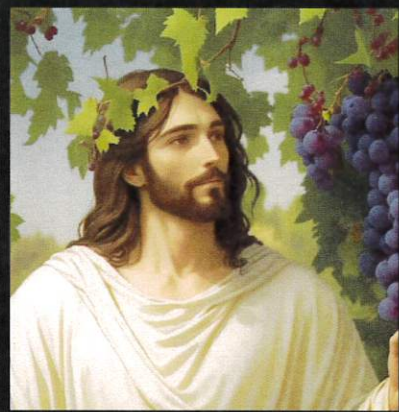
Week 1: Spencer

Week 2: Spencer

Week 3: Spencer

Week 4: Butte

Week 5: Spencer



### Sunday:

St. Joseph—Atkinson

9:00 a.m.

St. Patrick—O'Neill

10:30 a.m.

St. Joseph—Amelia

11:15 a.m.

SHBC—Sunday—8:00 a.m.

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“... ‘I am the vine, you are the branches.

Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing.’”

~ John 15:5

**April 27—28, 2024**

***Fifth Sunday of Easter***

## Mass Times and Intentions

Monday—Apr 29—5:30 p.m.

+ **DONNA (GOEBEL) WALTON**

Tuesday—Apr 30—5:30 p.m.

+ **RAY KRYSL**

Wednesday—May 1—NO MASS

Thursday—May 2—NO MASS

Friday—May 3—Parkside Manor @ 2:00 p.m.

+ **BUD & MARY JANE MEUSCH**

Saturday—May 4—5:00 p.m.

+ **NITA HYTREK**

Sunday—May 5—9:00 a.m.—Atkinson



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

## Collection: April 20—21—2024

Regular Envelopes	\$1470.00
Loose	\$109.00
Special Collections:	
Insurance	\$351.00
Children's Collection	\$7.00
April On-line Donations	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1937.00</b>



EUCCHARISTIC  
ADORATION



**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:**

**6:00—8:00 p.m.**

(3rd—4th—5th Mondays of Each Month)

**April**

**29th**

## Christian Mothers

Rosary—Monday & Tuesday @ 5:10 p.m.

Saturday @ 4:40 p.m.

Next function/funeral—Group 1

Next Meeting—May 13 @ 6:00 p.m.

Church Basement



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## Events & Meetings

Apr 27 & 28—Home & Foreign Missions (4 in 1) Collection

Mon—Apr 29—Eucharistic Adoration—6-8 p.m.

Wed—May 1—Prayer Partner Revelation @ 7:00 p.m.

Sat—May 4—Senior Recognition @ 5:00 p.m. Mass

Mon—May 6—KC Meeting @ 7:30 p.m.

Tues—May 7—OACCW Spring Meeting @ 9:30 a.m.

Wed—May 8—Ascension of the Lord Mass @ 7:00 p.m.

Mon—May 13—Christian Mothers Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.

Mon—May 13—4th Degree KC Meeting @ 7:30 p.m.

Thurs—May 23—Ladies Guild—2:00 p.m.

Sat—June 8—125th Anniversary/Spring Shindig Celebration

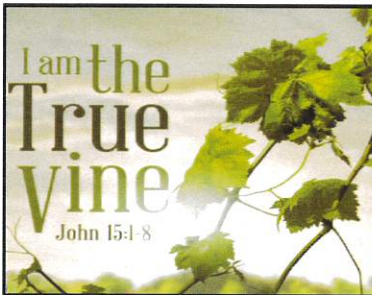


## Please Pray for . . .

Kirstine Chvala + Garrett Scholz

Lois Schaaf + Coralie Thomas

Adalynn & Remy Bouska



I am the  
**True  
vine**  
John 15:1-8

**LITURGY SCHEDULE**  
Ascension of the Lord  
MAY 8, 2024—7:00 p.m.

**Lector:** Lisa Keogh  
**EMHC:** Peggy Dvorak  
**Servers:** Rylan Krysl and  
Ali Wondercheck  
**Greeters/Gifts:**  
B & K Lange Family

Ladies Guild—May 23 @ 2:00 p.m.

## Knights of Columbus

May 6—KC Meeting @ 7:30 p.m.

4th Degree Knights of Columbus

May 13—4th Degree Mtg @ 7:30 p.m.—Stuart



*"Love God, Serve God; everything is in that." St. Clare of Assisi - Upcoming Liturgical Duties*

Saturday—May 4

Saturday—May 11

5:00 p.m.

5:00 p.m.

**LECTOR:** Will Paxton

**EMHC:** Lacey Paxton

**SERVERS:** Collin Heiser  
Max Alder

**USHERS:** Darrin Paxton—Kelly Murphy  
Lyle Kaup—Ralph Olberding

**GREETERS/GIFTS:** Senior Graduates

**MONEY COUNTERS:** Ralph & Ann Olberding

Justin Estill

Becky Estill

Kole Estill  
Karlee Wolf

Darrin Paxton—Kelly Murphy  
Lyle Kaup—Ralph Olberding

Pat & Brooke Riha Family

Ralph & Ann Olberding

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**MARK YOUR CALENDAR—JUNE 8, 2024**—The 125th Anniversary of St. Boniface Church will be celebrated in conjunction with the Spring Shindig on June 8th. Archbishop Lucas will be here to celebrate the Mass, there will be a parish supper following at the Stuart Auditorium with raffle items, silent auction items, basket raffles and the homemade Country 'Cash & Carry' Store that evening. We will also be having a **MAGIC SHOW** for all ages! Looking for donations for the silent auction and basket raffles or let us do the shopping for you with a monetary donation. Contact Jan Kunz @ 340-2303 for more information. More details to come!

**TUNE IN AND TURN IT UP – 91.5-FM**— Spirit Catholic Radio is excited to announce Catholic radio will begin broadcasting in O'Neill, Nebraska **the week of May 6<sup>th</sup>!** Spirit Catholic Radio **91.5-FM** is an EWTN affiliate and carries programming such as the hugely popular *Catholic Answers Live* call in show, *More 2 Life* with Greg and Lisa Popcak, *The Doctor is In* with Dr. Ray Guarendi, *Called to Communion* with Dr. David Anders, *Kresta in the Afternoon*, and more! Spirit Catholic Radio produces the only local Catholic morning show in Nebraska, called *Spirit Mornings*, hosted by Bruce McGregor and Jen Brown, heard Monday – Friday, 7-9am CT. For more programming details, head to [spiritcatholicradio.com/programs](http://spiritcatholicradio.com/programs).



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**2**

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**ALL**

**donations will be directed to our youth and religious education programs, to be utilized as most needed.**

*Please note: any donations go directly to the parish and/or school you selected, not an overall "pool." You may also make donations directly to your parish or school of choice by check or cash. Thank you for your generous donations!*



# FROM THE DESK OF FATHER STARMAN—

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

In this weekend’s gospel, Jesus speaks of the Father as a vintner who prunes branches that are bearing fruit so that they will produce even more fruit. There is a strong emphasis on bearing fruit; the expression “bear fruit” occurs five times in today’s passage (John 15:1-8). It speaks not only to the fecundity in our relationship with God but also of missionary outreach of interdependence with the other branches of the vine.

The image of God as a vine grower and Israel as the vineyard is a familiar one in the Scriptures (e.g., Isa 5: 1-7; 27: 2-5; Jer 2:21; Ps 80: 8-18). Most often the metaphor is used to express God’s disappointment in the lack of yield from the vine so tenderly planted and nourished. In the Gospel of John, this is not the case. The disciples Jesus is addressing in this Last Supper scene (15:3) are “already pruned” so that they will bear more fruit. Branches that do not bear fruit are taken away.

Pruning is a Johannine metaphor for the passion. It is akin to the image in John 12:34, where Jesus speaks of the seed that must fall to the ground and die in order to bear much fruit. The emphasis is on the life that sprouts from the dying and the pruning. Expert gardeners know that the place to prune is, paradoxically, where the nodes are bursting with life.

From pruning, the stress in the gospel shifts to the importance of the branch remaining united to the vine in order to bear fruit. A branch cannot bear fruit on its own; cut off from the vine, it withers and dies, and then is good only for kindling. That remaining or abiding in Jesus is crucial for disciples is evident in that the verb *menein*, “to abide,” occurs eight times in these eight verses. This mutual indwelling has been spoken of since the opening chapter of the gospel where the first question asked by the initial two disciples is “where are you staying [*pou meneis*]” (1:38). Another important moment is when the Samaritans ask Jesus to stay (*menein*) with them (4:40). In the Bread of Life discourse Jesus tells his followers, “Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains [abides: *menei*] in me and I in him (6:56). True disciples abide in Jesus’s word (8:31) and Jesus’s words remain in disciples (15:7). When Jesus tells his disciples he is going to prepare a dwelling place for them (14:2), it becomes clear that the “abiding place” is not a geographical locale but is Jesus himself (14:6), where also the Father makes his home (14:32), along with the Spirit (14:17).

How can we ensure that we are abiding in Christ, and he is in us? In the second reading 1 John 3:34 gives a simple formula: “Those who keep his commandments remain in him, and he in them, and the way we know that he remains in us is from the Spirit that he gave us.” The writer also spells out what it means to keep the commandments: “we should believe in the name...Jesus Christ and love one another just as he commands us” (1 John 3:23).

**THANK YOU** to Tracy Ludwig and the CCD 6th & 7th grade students & parents for their hard work on replacing the rock with mulch on the east side of the church. It looks fantastic! The west side will be done in the near future. Working together beautifying our parish!:)

Ad multos annos!  
Fr. Bernard Starman

**COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN SPRING MEETING**  
WHO: All Catholic Women in the Omaha Archdiocese  
WHAT: OACCW (Omaha Archdiocese Council of Catholic Women) Spring meeting.  
WHEN & WHERE: Tue., May 7, 2024 at St. Joseph’s Church Hall, 420 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> St., Ponca, NE. Registration starts @ 9:30 a.m.  
RSVP: by May 1 for lunch count to Kim Estes of Stuart, OACCW President via email at [kimberley\\_estes@hotmail.com](mailto:kimberley_estes@hotmail.com) or text to 402-340-2866.

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Sign up to create a **FREE** account as a parishioner with the zip code: 68763 for **FREE** movies, children’s programs, e-books, audio, parish programs and studies.  
(Everyone signs up under St. Patrick’s Parish—O’Neill)

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