

ST. BONIFACE PARISH

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

seventy times seven

Matthew 18:22



SEPTEMBER 12-13, 2026
24th 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

	SEPT 19 5:00 PM	SEPT 26 5:00 PM
LECTOR:	Justin Estill	Patty Hanzlik
EMHC:	Kelly Murphy	Darby Paxton
SERVERS:	Jase Wolf Rylan Krysl Emily Karo	Kennedie Kohle Annabel Kohle Alexis Lange
GREETERS/ GIFTS:	Confirmation Class	Jeff & Cheri Dvorak
USHERS:	John Tubbs Jay Addison Kyle Connot Gary Olberding	John Tubbs Jay Addison Kyle Connot Gary Olberding
MONEY COUNTERS:	Travis & Tracy Ludwig	Travis & Tracy Ludwig

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

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Monday - September 14 - NO MASS
Tuesday - September 15 - NO MASS
Wednesday - September 16 - NO MASS
Thursday - September 17 - NO MASS
Friday - September 18 - NO MASS
Saturday - September 19 - 5:00 p.m. ✠ GARRY LOCKMON, JOE & HELEN SCHMADERER, AND THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE SCHMADERER FAMILY
Sunday - September 20 - 9:00 a.m. - Atkinson

EVENTS AND MEETINGS

<u>Sunday - September 13</u> Safe Environment Training 3:00 p.m. - O'Neill
<u>Sunday - September 13</u> OCIA Classes 4:00 p.m. - O'Neill
<u>Monday - September 14</u> Christian Mothers Mtg @ 6:00 p.m.
<u>Monday - September 14</u> 4 th Degree KC Mtg @ 7:30 p.m. O'Neill
<u>Tuesday - September 15</u> Parish Work Night @ 7:00 p.m.
<u>Wednesday - September 16</u> NO CCD Classes
<u>Monday - September 21</u> OACCW Convention Wayne
<u>Wednesday - September 23</u> Youth Choir @ 6:00 p.m. CCD Classes @ 6:30 p.m.
<u>Thursday - September 24</u> Ladies Guild @ 2:00 p.m.

STEWARDSHIP:

<u>September 6, 2026</u>	
Regular Envelopes	\$1135.00
Loose	\$105.00
Children's Collection	\$7.00
Electronic Donations:	
September 1st	\$1940.00
September 15th	
Sept End of Month	
Special Collections:	
Energy	\$1524.00
Missionary Co-op Appeal	\$50.00

TOTAL	\$4761.00

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



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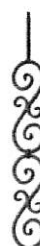
God

forgave

you.

Ephesians

4:32



NOTEWORTHY

OCIC CLASSES - SEPTEMBER 13, 2026 - OCIA is the process through which people may enter the church as an adult. If you know someone who would like to learn more about and/or join the Catholic church, or you yourself would be interested, please contact Deacon MJ Kersenbrock mjkersenbrock@archomaha.org or the Parish Office at 402-336-1602. Classes will begin September 13.

PARISH WORK NIGHT - SEPTEMBER 15, 2026 - All are welcome and encouraged to come help do some clean-up work, tree trimming, fence removal, dusting and cleaning the church pews and other clean-up details on and around the parish grounds at 7:00 p.m. on the 15th. Come lend a hand!

FOOD DRIVE - West Holt Ministries will be conducting a community wide food drive through the month of September. Please drop your non-perishable food items in the box at the entrance of the church.

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS - MERCY YOU CAN FEEL - "You qualify for forgiveness," I heard the woman on the other end of the phone tell me, and I surprised myself by starting to weep. I had called the hospital system's financial services department to set up a payment plan on a balance I owed after having some unexpected scans and tests. I was hoping to minimize the dent our family's savings took — transform one devastating wallop into a series of more easily absorbed blows, so to speak. Imagine my surprise when I realized the hospital was pulling its punch. If you have ever had a financial debt forgiven, you know the relief that came over me in that moment. It wasn't until a little later that the guilt set in. I know so many people who have medical debt. Why was I able to get out of paying, and they were not? But the cold, hard truth is that I didn't "get out" of anything. My insurance, for which I pay, had given the hospital enough money to cover the true cost of the procedures. That balance would merely have increased the hospital's profit. Make no mistake: capitalism does not forgive. If you describe the Sacrament of Reconciliation to someone unfamiliar with theology, chances are they'll think God is a chump. "You get to go in, say you're sorry, and leave — and everything's just fine?" someone once asked me in disbelief. Well, yeah. That's forgiveness. Real mercy cannot be budgeted. It must be given recklessly, extravagantly, against all reason. It must cost the giver. It must scandalize any accountant worth his salt. And no one "qualifies." If I can't wrap my head around the idea, it might mean I'm stuck in a for-profit paradigm of justice. It might just mean that I need to engage more in real mercy. Mercy I can feel. - Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman (LPi)

"The Lord is good to all, and His tender mercies are over all His works." - Psalm 145:9

FORGIVE
as you've been
FORGIVEN

Matthew 18:21-35

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

September 16
NO CCD Classes
NO Youth Choir

September 23
Classes @ 6:30 p.m.
Youth Choir @ 6:30 p.m.

For you
Lord
are
Good
and ready to
FORGIVE
abundant in
Loving Kindness
to all those who
Call on You.
PSALM 86:5

Please keep in your
prayers our
Seminarian of the
Month:

Ethan Menning



CHRISTIAN MOTHERS

Next Mtg: September 14
@ 6:00 p.m.

Church Basement

Next Funeral/Function:
CH 3

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

KC Mtg:

October 5 @ 7:30 p.m.

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4th Degree KC Mtg:

September 14 @ 7:30 p.m.

Location: O'Neill

LADIES GUILD GATHERING

September 24
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,

People who are familiar with domestic violence will tell us there is a dangerous side to Jesus's teaching to forgive endless numbers of times. What happens when we are not able to forgive? What happens when the offer of forgiveness is not met with repentance and restitution on the part of the offender? There are times, as in cases of domestic violence, when endless forgiveness fuels the cycle of abuse and does not bring peace and reconciliation. Processes of forgiveness and reconciliation are complex and cannot be reduced to simple formulas.

This weekend's gospel (Matt 18:21-35) is a continuation of last weeks, where Jesus outlines a process for initiating reconciliation when there are ruptures within the Christian community. He speaks about moving from one-on-one confrontation to mediation to involvement of the whole community. It is in response to this that Peter asks how often one must forgive. He rightly recognizes the difficulties and complications that accompany such processes. Jesus's response is that there is no limit to the number of times one must try to forgive. There are endless hurts that require endless offers of forgiveness and endless acts of repentance. One must always be ready to do the difficult work of repairing and reconciling.

In the ensuing parable about the servant who is forgiven a great debt, Jesus shifts the emphasis away from the burden and the difficulty of the work of reconciliation, as he calls attention to the utter gratuity of the gift of forgiveness. The only way to respond adequately to such a gift is to pay it forward. The servant can never repay the king, but he can act in the same forgiving manner to those indebted to him. But, as the second act of the parable unfolds, we find him doing the exact opposite. Then, in a disturbing turn of events, the king retracts his forgiveness. Most troubling is that this is likened to God's reneging on forgiveness if we do not forgive from the heart. This verse recalls the ending of the prayer that Jesus teaches his disciples: "Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors" (Matt 6:12), with the added admonition that our ability to offer forgiveness is intimately related to our ability to receive it (6:14-15).

The point is not that God is fickle about forgiveness, taking it back if we do not do likewise, nor that God is vindictive if we fail to follow the divine lead. Rather, the parable is a stark warning of the consequences of letting our hearts become solidified in unforgiveness. A heart hardened in revenge sets in motion an endless cycle of violence. The parable exposed the way that our choice to forgive (or not) rebounds upon us. If we try to forgive and pray for the ability to forgive even when we are not yet able to, we open ourselves all the more to experience God's tender mercy towards us, enabling us to extend that mercy and compassion towards others. Nothing we do can take divine forgiveness away from us, but we can do things that hinder its powerful effect on us.

Ad multos annos!

Fr. Bernard Starman
Pastor