



SHARING OUR NEWS

AUGUST 2024

The Catholic Parishes of Western Holt & Boyd Counties

Assumption BVM ~ Lynch | St. Boniface ~ Stuart | St. Joseph ~ Amelia
St. Joseph ~ Atkinson | St. Mary's ~ Spencer | St. Patrick's ~ O'Neill
Ss. Peter & Paul ~ Butte

Weekend Masses

St. Boniface—Stuart—Saturday @ 5:00 pm

St. Joseph—Atkinson—Sunday @ 9:00 am

St. Joseph—Amelia—Sunday @ 11:15 am

St. Patrick—O'Neill—Saturday @ 5:00 pm and Sunday @ 10:30 am

Sacred Heart of Boyd County:

Saturday:

Week 1: St. Mary's—Spencer @ 7:00 pm

Week 2: St. Mary's—Spencer @ 7:00 pm

Week 3: St. Mary's—Spencer @ 7:00 pm

Week 4: Ss. Peter & Paul— Butte @ 7:00 pm

Week 5: St. Mary's—Spencer @ 7:00 pm

Sunday:

Ss. Peter & Paul— Butte @ 8:00 am

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St. Mary's—Spencer @ 8:00 am

Ss. Peter & Paul—Butte @ 8:00 am

MASS SCHEDULES

Weekday Masses

Monday

5:30 pm—Stuart

Tuesday

5:15 pm—O'Neill

5:30 pm—Stuart

Wednesday

**School Masses subject to change*

*8:10 am—O'Neill

*8:15 am—Atkinson

6:30 pm—SHBC Rotation

Thursday

7:00 am—O'Neill

Friday

7:00 am—O'Neill

8:15 am—Atkinson



Don't shine
so others
can see you.
SHINE
so that
through you
others can see
HIM.
-C.S. Lewis





MINISTRY OF PRAISE—A WORD FROM DEACON FILIPS

Greetings Fellow Prayer Warriors!

July 28 East route

Greetings prayer warriors! I just returned from the Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis, and I want to share some reflections. Have you noticed that our world seems to be on fire, politically, spiritually, morally, and even in our families? Have you thought about why our country seems headed for self-destruction?

There is a famous quote from Andrew Breitbart that politics is downstream from culture. In other words, the reason our politics stink is that they are downstream from the sewer of our culture. I would add a couple more links in this chain of causality; our culture is downstream from our Western Civilization, Western Civilization is downstream from Christianity, (Protestant) Christianity is downstream from the Catholic Church, and the Catholic Church is founded on Jesus.

Jesus is present to his church in two ways, in His word and most powerfully in the Eucharist. Recent studies show that only 1/3 to 2/3 of baptized Catholics believe that Jesus is really present in the Eucharist. Think about it, if there is an unbroken line of causation stretching from our toxic politics back to the foundation of Jesus in the Eucharist, and that foundation is weakened by our lack of faith, we should not be surprised at what is happening in our country today. Fr. Mike Schmidt says that before revival there must be repentance. If you ask me when our politics or our culture will improve, I will say, "I don't know, how is the confession line at church? That will tell you what is coming down the line, will our country get better, or continue to get worse.

If your faith in the Real Presence is weak or non-existent, call me or talk to another clergy member to explain things. You can also do an online search for Eucharistic Miracles. There have been 139 documented cases of the consecrated body and blood of Jesus making Himself known by appearing as human blood and/or heart muscle. Four cases occurred in the last 20 years. Jesus will make himself known if you seek. He will not force Himself on you though.

This month let's pray again for the missionary spreading of the fruits of the Eucharistic Congress and for greater Eucharistic devotion, including among those who do not go to the Congress. Following is the chapter on Protestantism from my book "Pearls of the Universal Church" available from www.spiritualworkspress.com

NOTE TO THE READER: Although this chapter is on Catholic apologetics, we do not unkindly criticize non-Catholics who sincerely seek God and attempt to do His will within other religious traditions. We do, however, stand up for the truth passed down to us from Jesus. Triumphalism is an arrogant attitude that only your belief is correct, so we are to be humble in what we know and what we think we know.

Most religions have two general benefits:

Useful religions help us to know God and what he wants for us so we can be happy with Him in heaven forever. Theology is the study of God.

Major religions also train us to be good citizens and human beings, teaching habits and behaviors that benefit society and help us all to get along together. Examples include: do not kill, do not steal, turn the other cheek, blessed are the meek, help the poor, etc. The alternative is a savage society. Most major religions, even non-Christian ones, advocate these sorts of social teachings for society's benefit. This is why they are major religions and why they last.

Non-Catholic Christians also know at least some of the truth about God, His will, and how Jesus died to pay for our sins. However, Protestants (from the expression "to protest") have all denied and rejected some of the deposit of faith that Jesus left to the Catholic Church (see CCC 1400). Catholics do not criticize their Protestant brothers in Christ because the Protestant faith can lead people part way toward God. We all have to start that journey from where we are, and anything that gets us closer to the truth of God is a good thing.

Until next month . . . Deacon Roger Filips

In Loving Memory . . .

WILLIAM "BILL" JOSEPH KOLLMAN

January 22, 1937—January 17, 2024

St. Joseph—Atkinson

PHILLIP JOHN FRITZ

March 27, 1956—July 7, 2024

St. Joseph—Atkinson

EVELYN OBERMIRE

March 1, 1930—July 11, 2024

SHBC—Ss. Peter & Paul—Butte

LEA JANE BREWSTER

March 26, 1938—July 22, 2024

SHBC—Ss. Peter & Paul—Butte

*Day by day we will let go of this loss,
but we will never let go of our love.*

Welcome to the Newly Baptized...

MICHAEL BENNETT SKRDLA

Son of Adam & Sheena Skrdla

July 4, 2024

St. Joseph—Atkinson

KADENCE ELAINE RUNDELL

Daughter of Joseph & McKenzie Rundell

July 14, 2024

St. Patrick—O'Neill

KANNON JOSEPH FIX

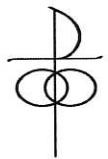
Son of Blaine & Keyanna Fix

July 14, 2024

St. Joseph—Atkinson

*"You are a child of God. You are
wonderfully made. Dearly loved and
precious in His sight." ~ Psalm 139*

Congratulations to the newly married . . .



KORTNI ECKSTROM & JOSHUA DOORLAG

July 6, 2024

St. Patrick—O'Neill

DANI LAIBLE & COLBY DESEIVE

July 13, 2024

St. Joseph—Atkinson

PAOLA PARRA & CODY WATSON

July 13, 2024

St. Patrick—O'Neill



2024-25 St. Patrick's Religious Education

REGISTRATION NIGHT

Wednesday, August 21st

Stop by anytime between 6:30 and 7:30pm

Forms will be available that night or can be picked up at the Parish Center

****Volunteers and teachers still needed, contact Whitney at 402-340-9304 if interested****

St. Patrick's Confirmation Mandatory

Parent/Student Meeting

(Excludes St. Mary's Kids —
that meeting date is TBD)

August 21st

7:00 p.m.

Parish Hall

Grades 7—8—9 and any
others who need to be
Confirmed.

Contact:

Jenny Troester @ 402-340-4523 or

Lori Liable @ 402-340-6570

with any questions.

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St. Joseph—Atkinson
68713

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(for information from ALL parishes)

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holtboydcatholic.flocknote.com

OACCW SUMMER MEETING

AUGUST 6, 2024 — All Catholic Women are invited to the OACCW (Omaha Archdiocese Council of Catholic Women) meeting on August 6th at St. Edward Church, 805 Washington St., St. Edward, NE. ITINERARY: 9:30 a.m. Registration of \$10. 10:00 a.m. Meeting; 11:30 a.m. Mass with Fr. Matt Gutowski of St. Edward; Lunch; Speaker: Paul Yates of "I've Got a Name" whose mission is to end sex trafficking in Nebraska and help survivors. RSVP encouraged by Aug 1 for lunch count to Kim Estes, OACCW President via email at kimberley_estes@hotmail.com or text to 402-340-2866.



ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Congratulations! The St. Patrick and St. Mary's *On the Shoulders of Giants* campaign has raised \$3,381,064 and will be able to fund:

- the Lavigne Family Fund Grant match
- the preservation of St. Patrick Church
- an HVAC system for St. Mary's Grade School
- the first stage of restoring St. Patrick's interior to match the initial appearance of the early 1900s

Most of you know that construction projects rarely go as planned. Extra money we raise will be set aside for additional expenses incurred during any of our projects. Any money above and beyond that will go toward our next big project on the long-term list: the HVAC system for the high school.

If you would still like to donate, please visit StPatOneill.org/Capital-Campaign or scan the QR code.



For more information on the capital campaign, visit:

StPatOneill.org/Capital-Campaign

Questions? Call Jennifer Wallwey at 402-336-1602.

PAUL HARVEY'S LETTER TO HIS GRANDCHILDREN

We tried so hard to make things better for our kids that we made them worse. For my grandchildren, I'd like better.

I'd really like for them to know about hand-me-down clothes and homemade ice cream and leftover meatloaf sandwiches...I really would.

I hope you learn humility by being humiliated, and that you learn honesty by being cheated.

I hope you learn to make your own bed and mow the lawn and wash the car.

And I really hope nobody gives you a brand new car when you are sixteen.

It will be good if at least one time you can see puppies born and your old dog put to sleep.

I hope you get a black eye fighting for something you believe in.

I hope you have to share a bedroom with your younger brother/sister. And it's alright if you have to draw a line down the middle of the room, but when he wants to crawl under the covers with you because he's scared, I hope you let him.

When you want to see a movie and your little brother/sister wants to tag along, I hope you'll let him/her.

I hope you have to walk uphill to school with your friends and that you live in a town where you can do it safely.

On rainy days when you have to catch a ride, I hope you don't ask your driver to drop you two blocks away so you won't be seen riding with someone as uncool as your Mom.

If you want a slingshot, I hope your Dad teaches you how to make one instead of buying one.

I hope you learn to dig in the dirt and read books.

When you learn to use computers, I hope you also learn to add and subtract in your head.

I hope you get teased by your friends when you have your first crush on a boy / girl, and when you talk back to your mother that you learn what ivory soap tastes like.

May you skin your knee climbing a mountain, burn your hand on a stove and stick your tongue on a frozen flagpole.

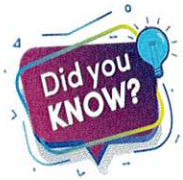
I don't care if you try a beer once, but I hope you don't like it... And if a friend offers you dope or a joint, I hope you realize he/she is not your friend.

I sure hope you make time to sit on a porch with your Grandma/Grandpa and go fishing with your Uncle.

May you feel sorrow at a funeral and joy during the holidays.

I hope your mother punishes you when you throw a baseball through your neighbor's window and that she hugs you and kisses you at Christmas time when you give her a plaster mold of your hand.

These things I wish for you - tough times and disappointment, hard work and happiness. To me, it's the only way to appreciate life.



Facts Most Catholics Don't Know (But Should!)

Every time I hear someone claim to be an "ex-Catholic", a sense of sadness comes over me. In just about every case, people leave the Catholic Faith due to a lack of understanding. After all, if Catholics truly believed that they were members of the one, true Church founded by Christ (and necessary for their salvation), nobody would ever leave! In an effort to help clarify what the Catholic Church teaches, I have compiled a list of 10 important facts that every Catholic should know. More than simply Catholic trivia, these are important concepts that can help us to better understand and defend our beliefs. In no particular order, these items have been compiled based upon my work at Following The Truth and my own study of the Catholic Faith.

1. Women Will Never Be Priests – Often incorrectly lumped in with the subject of married priests, this is a doctrine that has been infallibly decided and will not change. In 1994, Pope John Paul II issued an Apostolic Letter, *Ordinatio Sacerdotalis*, in which he declared once and for all that "the Church has no authority whatsoever to confer priestly ordination on women and that this judgment is to be definitively held by all the Church's faithful." Unlike the issue of married priests (which could possibly change), women's ordination is an impossibility that will not happen. It is not a "glass ceiling" or the Church's attempt to hold back women. Instead, it is an infallible recognition that men and women have different roles and that Christ instituted a male priesthood.

2. Fridays Are Still Days Of Penance – Ask almost anyone and they will tell you that Catholics are no longer required to abstain from meat on Fridays throughout the year. However, the current Code of Canon Law (CIC) states that, with the exception of solemnities, "All Fridays through the year and the time of Lent are penitential days and times throughout the entire Church." (CIC 1250) Furthermore, "Abstinence from eating meat or another food according to the prescriptions of the conference of bishops is to be observed on Fridays throughout the year unless they are solemnities." (CIC 1251) In the United States, the bishops have declared that it is permissible to substitute some other form of penance, but we are still urged to fast from "something" in remembrance of the Lord's death on the cross.

3. The Bible Is A Catholic Book – Did you ever wonder how the Bible came into being? A little known, but easily documented fact is that the books of the Bible were compiled by the Catholic Church. For many years after Christ ascended into Heaven, there was debate about which scriptural writings were inspired by God. The canon of Scripture (the books of the Bible) was first formally decided at the Synod of Rome in 382. This decision was upheld at the Councils of Hippo (393) and Carthage (397). At these Catholic Church councils, the same 46 Old Testament and 27 New Testament books that appear in today's Catholic Bibles were declared to be inspired by God. Approximately 1200 years after this decision was made, Martin Luther and the Protestant reformers removed 7 books from the Old Testament. As a result, most Protestant Bibles are still missing these 7 books.

4. The Mass Is The Same Sacrifice As Calvary – The biggest mistake that many Catholics make is treating the Holy Mass as "just another church service", similar to those held by other religions. In the Mass, Christ's Sacrifice on the Cross is made present, its memory is celebrated and its saving power is applied. The Council of Trent teaches that Christ left a visible sacrifice to His Church "in which that bloody sacrifice which was once offered on the Cross should be made present, its memory preserved to the end of the world, and its salvation-bringing power applied to the forgiveness of the sins which are daily committed by us." When we attend Mass, we are mystically transported to Calvary, where we can unite ourselves with the Lord's Sacrifice to the Father!

5. Annulments Are Not Catholic Divorces – Unlike the legal process known as "divorce" (in which a marriage is terminated), a declaration of nullity (annulment) states that a valid marriage never existed. This decision is based upon the finding that on the day that marriage vows were exchanged, some essential elements were lacking. This process is completely in conformity with the Catholic teaching regarding the indissolubility of marriage. Incidentally, the granting of an annulment does not render children illegitimate.

By Gary Zimak

Source: <https://catholicexchange.com/ten-facts-most-catholics-don%E2%80%99t-know-but-should/>



CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

- 1st—Safe Environment Training—6:30 p.m.—Chambers
 2nd—Mass @ Parkside—2:00 p.m.—Stuart
 4th—Divine Mercy Chaplet/Rosary—3:00 p.m.—O'Neill
 4th—COR Men's Group—7:00 p.m.—O'Neill
 5th—KC Meeting—7:30 p.m.—Stuart
 6th—Catholic Daughters Meeting—7:00 p.m.—Evergreen /O'Neill
 7th—Advisory Board Meeting—5:30 p.m.—O'Neill
 7th—All Parishes DRE Meeting—7:30 p.m.—O'Neill
 8th—Altar Society Meeting—6:30 p.m.—SMC/O'Neill
 11th—St. Joseph-St. Boniface Annual Golf Tourney—Atkinson
 11th—Divine Mercy Chaplet/Rosary—3:00 p.m.—O'Neill
 12th—4th Degree KC Meeting—7:30 p.m.—Stuart
 13th—Mass @ Good Sam—10:00 a.m.—Atkinson
 13th—Safe Environment Training—5:30—RM 208 SMH/O'Neill
 14th—Assumption Vigil Mass—HDO
 (Check times/places elsewhere in the newsletter)
 14th—KC Meeting—8:00 p.m.—O'Neill
 15th—Assumption Mass—HDO
 (Check times/places elsewhere in the newsletter)
 18th—Divine Mercy Chaplet/Rosary—3:00 p.m.—O'Neill
 18th—COR Men's Group—7:00 p.m.—O'Neill
 21st—Mass @ Butte Senior Living Center—3:15 p.m.—Butte
 21st—Pastoral Council Meeting—7:00 p.m.—O'Neill
 21st—KC Meeting—8:00 p.m.—Spencer
 22nd—Ladies Guild—2:00 p.m.—Stuart
 25th—Divine Mercy Chaplet/Rosary—3:00 p.m.—O'Neill
 26th—St. Mary's Altar Society Meeting—7:30 p.m.—Spencer
 28th—Rosary—2:25 p.m.—O'Neill
 28th—Altar Server Training—6:30 p.m.—Stuart



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- ♦ a detailed calendar of Masses and events
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Psalms 113:3
 From the rising of the
 sun unto the going
 down of the same the
 LORD'S name is
 to be praised.

NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

The newsletter will be available on the last weekend of each month in the entryway of each parish. It will also be available on-line. If you or someone you know would like the newsletter mailed please contact Jan Kunz @ 402-340-2303 or call the Parish Office. If you have any parish news that you would like in the newsletter, please email Jan Kunz @ jkunz@holtboydcatholic.org or jankunz9@gmail.com.

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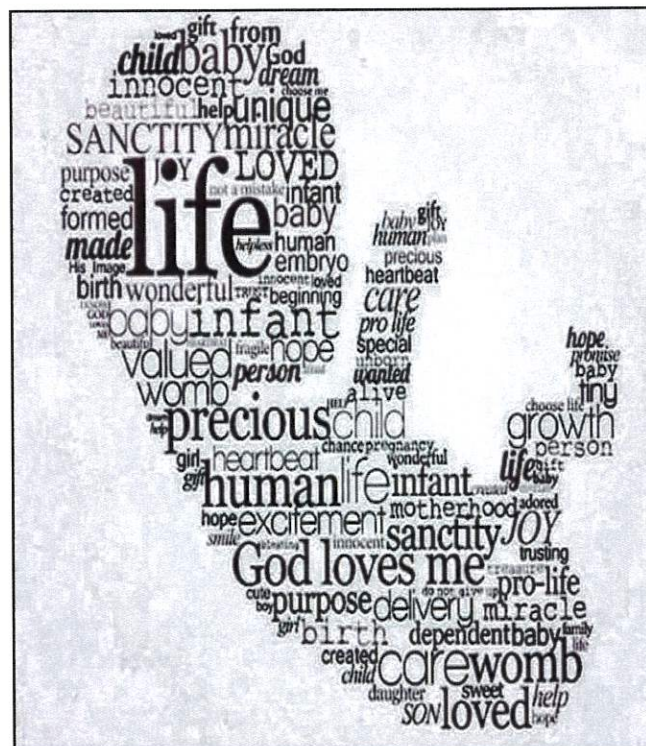
Pro-Life Song

by

Rachel Holt

"I Was
Gonna Be"

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v=q2D9tDubpF0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q2D9tDubpF0)



St. Joseph 4-PERSON SCRAMBLE GOLF TOURNAMENT

Sunday, August 11th

ATKINSON-STUART COUNTRY CLUB

Registration begins at 1:00pm

Tee Off at 1:30pm



**To register a team call Nicky Cadwallader at 340-2312 or
Clay Cadwallader at 340-7777**

Tickets can be purchased at the Tri-County Bank in Stuart or Atkinson or at the rectory.

**Dinner-only tickets are \$25 or \$12.50 for children under 12 -
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November 7-10, 2024**



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Our time will be spent seeking the grace to recognize, savor and yoke ourselves to the gentle and nurturing love of God. Lori will present reflections and offer a variety of ways to sink into a deeper conversation with God through Ignatian Contemplation, nature, poetry, and other forms of prayer. This 3-day silent retreat offers abundant time for enjoying the rhythms of quiet reflection and prayer, wandering in nature, journaling, and other creative expressions.

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Lori Stevens, holds a MA in Christian Spirituality & is a Certified Spiritual Director. She is a lifelong learner and retreat leader, who delights in accompanying others on their journey to God. Lori is actively involved with the Ignatian Spirituality Center of Kansas City teaching Ignatian Spirituality, guiding individuals through the Spiritual Exercises and offering group retreats.

The retreat cost is based on single occupancy and includes meals—\$425

Check-in Thursday between 4:00–5:00 p.m.

The retreat concludes Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

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at registration. Register by scanning the code or on-line at <https://www.creighton.edu/retreatcenter/scheduleofretreats>



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THE THINGS KIDS SAY

There was a four year old child whose next door neighbor was an elderly gentleman who had recently lost his wife. Upon seeing the man cry, the little boy went into the old gentleman's yard, climbed onto his lap, and just sat there. When his mother asked him what he had said to the neighbor, the little boy said, "Nothing, I just helped him cry."

Teacher Debbie Moon's first graders were discussing a picture of a family. One little boy in the picture had a different color hair than the other family members. One child suggested that he was adopted. A little girl said, "I know all about adoptions because I was adopted." "What does it mean to be adopted?" asked another child. "It means," said the girl, "that you grew in your mommy's heart instead of her tummy."

A four year old was at the pediatrician for a check up. As the doctor looked down her ears with an otoscope, he asked, "Do you think I'll find Big Bird in here?" The little girl stayed silent. Next, the doctor took a tongue depressor and looked down her throat. He asked, "Do you think I'll find the Cookie Monster down there?" Again, the little girl was silent. Then the doctor put a stethoscope to her chest. As he listened to her heart beat, he asked, "Do you think I'll hear Barney in there?" "Oh, no!" the little girl replied. "Jesus is in my heart. Barney's on my underpants."

As I was driving home from work one day, I stopped to watch a local Little League baseball game that was being played in a park near my home. As I sat down behind the bench on the first-base line, I asked one of the boys what the score was. "We're behind 14 to nothing," he answered with a smile. "Really," I said. "I have to say you don't look very discouraged." "Discouraged?" the boy asked with a puzzled look on his face. "Why should we be discouraged? We haven't been up to bat yet."

Whenever I'm disappointed with my spot in life, I stop and think about little Jamie Scott. Jamie was trying out for a part in a school play. His mother told me that he'd set his heart on being in it, though she feared he would not be chosen. On the day the parts were awarded, I went with her to collect him after school. Jamie rushed up to her, eyes shining with pride and excitement. "Guess what Mom," he shouted, and then said those words that will remain a lesson to me: "I've been chosen to clap and cheer."



An Eye Witness Account from New York City on a cold day in December some years ago: A little boy of about 10 years old was standing before a shoe store on the roadway, barefooted, peering through the window and shivering with cold. A lady approached the boy and said, "My little fellow, why are you looking so earnestly in that window?" "I was asking God to give me a pair of shoes," was the boy's reply. The lady took him by the hand and went into the store and asked the clerk to get half a dozen pairs of socks for the boy. She then asked if he could give her a basin of water and a towel. He quickly brought them to her. She took the little fellow to the back part of the store and, removing her gloves, knelt down, washed his little feet, and dried them with a towel. By this time, the clerk had returned with the socks. Placing a pair upon the boy's feet, she purchased him a pair of shoes. She tied up the remaining pairs of socks and gave them to him. She patted him on the head and said, "No doubt, my little fellow, you feel more comfortable now?" As she turned to go, the astonished lad caught her by the hand and looking up in her face, with tears in his eyes, answered the question with these words: "Are you God's Wife?"

A parent's back to school Prayer

Dear Lord

Help them find where they need to go
and go only where Your will leads.
To lead boldly, even where few will follow,
and follow only the path You reveal.
Reveal kindness to those who yearn,
yearn for excellence in all they accomplish.
Accomplish in themselves the promise of all you've given.
Give them a desire for truth and passion for real learning.
Have them learn to give, to love, to forgive and encourage.

Stay by their sides and light up their souls.
Fill them, guide them, protect them and enliven them.

And by all this,
have them become the masterful creations
You formed and longed for them to be, even in their mother's womb.

"For I know the plans I have for you,"
declares the Lord,
"plans to prosper you and not to harm you,
plans to give you hope and a future."

Jeremiah 29:11

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9 INSPIRATIONAL

BACK-TO-SCHOOL

QUOTES

- 1 "If you knew there was no tomorrow, how hard would you play today?"
- 2 "Don't let yourself down."
- 3 "It matters not what someone is born but what they grow to be." (Albus Dumbledore)
- 4 "Life is full of choices...choose wisely!"
- 5 "Give a man a fish, feed him for a day. Teach a man to fish, feed him for a lifetime." (Maimonides)
- 6 "It's a brand new year to become the best 'you' that you can be."
- 7 "We can do hard things."
- 8 "A new school year means new beginnings, new adventures, new friendships & new challenges."
- 9 "You can't expect to succeed if you only put in work on the days you feel like it."

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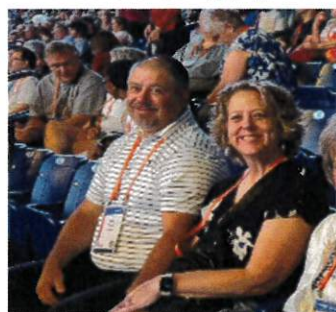
Western Holt and Boyd County Catholics say they were fed and inspired at National Catholic Eucharistic Revival!



Fr. Korte blessing pilgrims



50 Pilgrims from Omaha Archdiocese traveled on the bus.



Ross and Kelli -O'Neill



Kathie, Jeanie, Ann, Roger, John - Spencer



Fr. Korte in a Mass Recessional



Adoration was held each night



Estimates of 50-70,000 Catholics came to closing Mass at the National Eucharistic Congress. St. Mary's Altar Society purchased digital rights to the talks, and will be sharing them. Or check on-line for more info and how to watch.



Benjamin Cortez, son of Spencer native Kari (Magwire) Cortez, plays keyboard. As a youth, Matt Maher was his favorite musician. Sat. night he accompanied him on stage!!



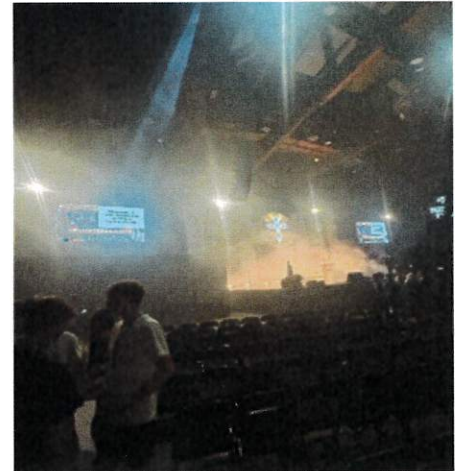
Saturday afternoon, pilgrims from across the nation spilled into the streets for the Eucharistic Procession through downtown Indianapolis.



Tens of thousands knelt for the Adoration that concluded the Eucharistic Procession. The altar and Monstrance were high on the steps of the WWII memorial.

Sacred Heart's facebook page has more pictures & videos.

The Eucharistic was front and center at Steubenville Youth Conference at Rochester MN last month.



Lucas traveled with the Gregory County Catholic youth group. Thanks to St. Mary's CYO, Altar Society, Knights of Columbus, and his family for helping him get to go to the conference.



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& CHILDREN**

YES



NO



**PROTECT THE RIGHT
TO ABORTION**



ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

AUGUST
15



PRAY FOR US MOST
HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY VIGIL MASS

AUGUST 14

7:00 p.m. – ABVM–Lynch

7:00 p.m. – St. Boniface – Stuart

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY MASS

AUGUST 15

8:10 a.m. – St. Patrick – O'Neill

8:15 a.m. – St. Joseph – Atkinson

7:00 p.m. – St. Patrick – O'Neill

7:00 p.m. – St. Joseph – Amelia

PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY ASSUMED INTO HEAVEN

by Pope Pius XII

O, Immaculate Virgin Mother of God and Mother of Men, we believe with all the fervor of our faith in thy triumphant Assumption, body and soul, into Heaven, where thou are acclaimed as Queen by all the Choirs of Angels and by all the Legions of Saints. We unite with them to praise and bless the Lord who hails exalted thee above all other pure creatures and to offer to thee the fervor of our devotion and our love.

**On November 1, 1950, Pope Pius XII declared the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, which the Church celebrates every year on August 15th. Simply put, the dogma of the Assumption states that at the end of her life, the Blessed Virgin Mary was taken, body and soul, into Heaven.*

**COME AND
JOIN US!**

Assumption BVM Altar Society of
Lynch will be serving cake and ice
cream following
The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin
Mary Vigil Mass on August 14th.