

COME CELEBRATE SOME OF THE 4TH OF JULY ACTIVITIES IN STUART



FAMILY FUN NIGHT

An entirely FREE event for all ages!

July 3rd

5:30 p.m.—8:30 p.m.

Stuart Auditorium

Inflatables,
carnival games with prizes,
and sno-cones!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS—BINGO!

St. Boniface Church Basement

July 4th

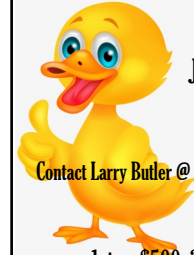
1:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.



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July 4th—Main Street—4:30 p.m.

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Contact Larry Butler @ 402-499-5638 or Jan Kunz @ 402-340-2303

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1st—\$500, 2nd—\$200, 3rd—\$100, 4th-7th—\$50

PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS:

July 3, 2023—8:00 a.m.—Noon

July 4, 2023—CLOSED

Help Wanted

St. Joseph Catholic school is looking for an elementary Paraprofessional.

This position provides support to the teacher to ensure a safe and stimulating educational environment.

High School Diploma or GED required to apply.

Submit resume to:

Andrea Borer

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HELP WANTED



Communicatio Nostrum Nuntium

(Sharing Our News)

July 2023

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

MASS SCHEDULES

Weekend Masses

St. Boniface—Stuart—Saturday @ 5:00 p.m.

St. Joseph—Atkinson—Sunday @ 9:00 a.m.

St. Joseph—Amelia—Sunday @ 11:15 a.m.

St. Patrick—O'Neill—Saturday @ 5:00 p.m. and Sunday @ 10:30 a.m.

Sacred Heart of Boyd County:

Saturday:

Week 1: St. Mary's—Spencer @ 7:00 p.m.

Week 2: St. Mary's—Spencer @ 7:00 p.m.

Week 3: St. Mary's—Spencer @ 7:00 p.m.

Week 4: Ss. Peter & Paul— @ 7:00 p.m.

Week 5: St. Mary's—Spencer @ 7:00 p.m.

Sunday:

Ss. Peter & Paul— Butte @ 8:00 a.m.

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St. Mary's—Spencer @ 8:00 a.m.

Ss. Peter & Paul—Butte @ 8:00 a.m.

Weekday Masses

Monday—5:30 p.m. @ St. Boniface— Stuart

Tuesday—5:15 p.m. @ St. Patrick's—O'Neill

5:30 p.m. @ St. Boniface—Stuart

Wednesday—*School Masses subject to change

*8:10 a.m. @ St. Patrick's—O'Neill

*8:15 a.m. @ St. Joseph's—Atkinson

6:30 p.m. @ SHBC Rotation

Thursday—7:00 a.m. @ St. Patrick's—O'Neill

Friday—7:00 a.m. @ St. Patrick's—O'Neill

WISHING EVERYONE A BLESSED MONTH OF

JULY

May your July be awesome,
blessed, beautiful and filled
with wonderful moments,
because you deserve it.





MINISTRY OF PRAISE—A WORD FROM DEACON FILIPS

Greetings Fellow Prayer Warriors!

We have all heard the grim statistics that 69% of Catholics do not believe that the Eucharist actually is the body and blood of Jesus. Diving a little deeper we also find that 43% of Catholics think that the church teaches that the Eucharist is only symbolic. Another 22% know that the church teaches transubstantiation but rejects it anyway. I don't know which statistic is more depressing.

Fortunately, the US Bishops Conference didn't just get depressed, they got busy. They started a 3 year Eucharistic Revival. The first year was for the bishops and priests to get up to speed with what they wanted to do. June is the beginning of the second year when the renewal comes down to the parish level with Mass, Corpus Christi Processions, Eucharistic Adoration, missions, preaching and movements of the Holy Spirit. Next year will be the big Eucharistic Conference in Indianapolis with 80,000 Catholics attending.

Jesus told us and his followers as clearly as possible in John 6:35-51 that unless we eat his body and drink his blood we do not have eternal life. Some people will try to explain this teaching away by saying he was speaking in metaphors and did not mean this teaching literally. We know that he meant what he said and that his followers understood what he meant, because of their reaction. They complained and grumbled and most of them left him because they were as grossed out about eating their teacher and drinking his blood as we would be. (He had not yet revealed that the body and blood would still be under the appearance of bread and wine.) Jesus did not run after them and say wait, wait, I only meant for you to eat my body symbolically! No, he doubles down and challenges his 12 closest disciples to either put up or shut up. He meant what he said and if we are Christians, we need to believe it too.

There are over 100 documented Eucharistic miracles where the host had turned into bloody flesh. These miracles normally appear in times when the faith is weak, even in the priest. Scientific studies of these tissues show them to be human heart tissue with AB blood type. The tissue also does not degrade and shows signs that it was under extreme stress before death occurred. I would encourage you to do your own research. Search for Eucharistic miracles.

Remember that grace builds on nature, and the more you practice your faith with things like adoration, reverent participation at the Mass, good retreats, pilgrimages, and things like parish missions, the more grace and faith God can give you. We are bringing a relic of the True Cross to Boyd and Holt County as part of a parish mission July 30-August 6. Mark your calendars now. A good mission can separate you from the world and its doubts, cynicism, and distractions for a little while, and open a channel for God's grace to penetrate your heart. God can work with our stony hearts if we just let them crack open a little. Let us all pray that our mission reaches new people with God's grace.

Below continues the chapter on spirituality from my book "Pearls of the Universal Church" available from Gloria Deo bookstores or Amazon.

WHY DO BAD THINGS HAPPEN TO GOOD PEOPLE?

"The deepest and most personal evil and suffering comes from within" (Mark 7:15). "The great cosmic struggle between good and evil... begins first in each human heart and is waged there — and true peace depends on the outcome" (Homily by Cardinal Donald Wuerl Sept 11, 2011).

God is in charge of everything, but is it His will that bad things happen, too? (See CCC 311). St. Augustine said everything happens according to God's will. We must understand some distinctions though:

1. God's ordained will — When he sends His Son to save us, or works a miracle for someone, he is actively doing something.
2. God's permissive will — If I choose to jump off a building, he permits His laws of gravity to work. I will fall and get hurt. If I land on someone, that person might ask why God caused me to fall on Him. God though, did not cause this. I did. God gave me free will to make stupid decisions, and he allowed His laws of nature to work. When He directly intervenes, we call that a miracle. All of our bad decisions hurt others as well as ourselves.

ORIGINAL SIN

We must also allow for Original Sin. God planned a perfectly balanced world for us. Adam's sin ruptured this perfection, and we all live with the consequences today (See CCC 403).

God would not permit evil if he did not cause good to come from that evil. For example, the greatest evil in history was the murder of the Son of God by His creatures, but the greatest good in history was God using that death to give us our resurrection and salvation from sin.

Until next month . . . Deacon Roger Filips



In Loving Memory . . .

John Hladky

June 10, 1946—May 30, 2023

St. Boniface—Stuart

Harold Krumwiede

May 20, 1940—May 31, 2023

St. Joseph's—Atkinson

LIKE

SCATTERED

SEEDS,

MEMORIES

BLOOM

FOREVER.



Welcome to the Newly Baptized . . .

Burke Dennis Kopf

Son of Logan & Kacindra Kopf
June 2, 2023—St. Patrick's—O'Neill

Kade Frank Soukup

Son of Anthony & Mattie Soukup
June 3, 2023—St. Patrick's—O'Neill

Josie Leree Haburchak

Daughter of Zachary & Jayde Haburchak
June 4, 2023—St. Patrick's—O'Neill

Wesley Lynn & Drew Elizabeth

Daughters of Trev & Gloria Reiman
June 4, 2023—SHBC

Crew Michael Kelly

Son of Matthew & Sarah Kelly
June 11, 2023—St. Patrick's—O'Neill

Reece Bennett Kaup

Son of Ben & Claire Kaup
June 24, 2023—St. Boniface—Stuart

Jozie Kate McClintic

Daughter of William & Kristine McClintic
June 25, 2023—St. Patrick's—O'Neill

Maverick Edward Sladek

Son of Jonathan & Stefanie Sladek
June 25, 2023—St. Joseph's—Amelia



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



Congratulations to the newly married . . .

Debra Liewer & Colin Zuhlke

June 17, 2023

Ss. Peter & Paul—Butte

Paige Mitchell & Bo Jensen

June 24, 2023

St. Joseph's—Atkinson

Hailey Paxton & Jon Doolittle

June 24, 2023

St. Boniface—Stuart

JULY—THE MONTH DEVOTED TO THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF JESUS

Did you know that each month has a traditional Catholic devotion? This is a great way to grow in our faith and traditions by focusing on one single devotion for an entire month. Make yourself notes, write it on your calendar, and pray a specific prayer each day of the month to remember. You could use a prayer already associated with the devotion or pray a personal one.

One thing we need to work on is that we should not use irreverent phrases such as “we’re serving wine at Mass.” After consecration, the wine is no longer wine—it is the Precious Blood of Jesus, to which the month of July is devoted.

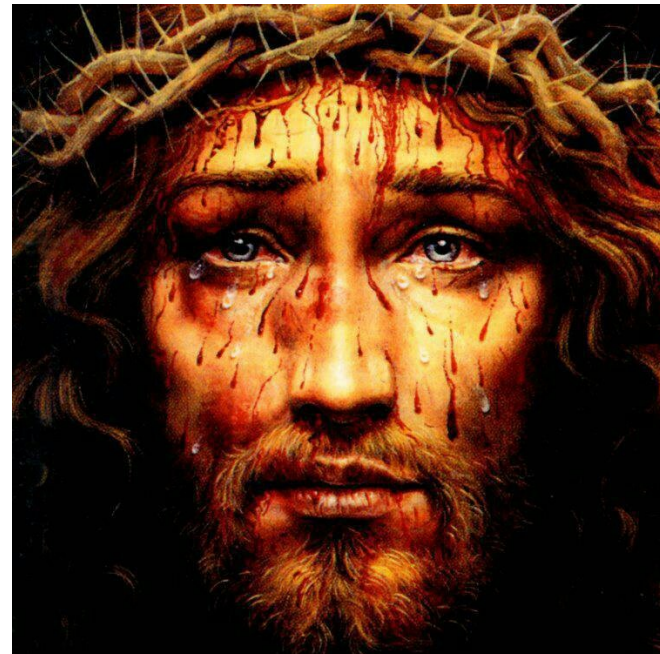
Holy Communion is not always the simplest thing to explain, though with a lively faith it can be easy to be enthusiastic about it! People may be even be put off because we’re “exclusive” about who receives. Other people not understanding or not believing shouldn’t hold you back, though! How much do you understand? Do you need to pray “Lord, I believe. Help my unbelief!”?

This month being dedicated to the Precious Blood of Jesus, spilled on the cross for us, is your opportunity to focus directly on this topic. Read about it. Pray about it. Frequent the sacraments, including confession so you can receive Him with a clean soul!

Reflect on how you can succinctly respond to others’ questions about your faith, your Savior, and receiving the Precious Blood. The Anima Christi prayer may help you to delve into this devotional focus.

The Anima Christi

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.
Body of Christ, save me.
Blood of Christ, inebriate me.
Water from the side of Christ, wash me.
Passion of Christ, strengthen me.
O Good Jesus, hear me.
Within Your wounds hide me.
Suffer me not to be separated from you.
From the evil one defend me.
In the hour of my death, call me.
And bid me come to You,
That with all Your saints,
I may praise You forever and ever.
Amen.



Also this month, we remember and celebrate notable followers of Christ, who being saints truly lived their lives dedicated to Christ, Who shed His Blood for us.

Taken from: https://catholic-link.org/july-is-devoted-to-the-precious-blood-of-jesus-mark-your-calendar/?gclid=Cj0KCQjwnMwBhDLARIsAHBOftq0i2YiVNYZ0daHzn7m87rQth3yUmmmGlnf9AuvIF9_wvZgLRkaAtotEALw_wcB

Prayer to the Precious Blood

Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Precious Blood of Jesus Christ, the merits, love and sufferings of His Sacred Heart. The tears and sorrows of Our Immaculate Mother, as the price of the favor I wish to obtain, if it is for Thy glory and my salvation. Amen.



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HAPPY 80TH BIRTHDAY FR. LUKE!



July 2, 2023

CELEBRATE FR. LUKE’S BIRTHDAY WITH BREAKFAST



St. Joseph’s in Atkinson will be celebrating Fr. Luke’s Birthday in conjunction with a Pancake & Sausage Breakfast from 8:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m. @ the KC Hall on **JULY 9, 2023**

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
ST. JOSEPH’S—ATKINSON**



Are you **WILD** about Jesus?
At St. Joseph Catholic Church, children ages preschool-third grade went on an adventure where they discovered how special we are to God. They learned how wild it is that we can share our story, use our gifts, spend time with God and with others through various games, crafts, & activities.

TOTUS TUUS HELD AT SHBC—ST. MARY’S—SPENCER

Facts and Fun from the week:

- ◆ daily counts were 20 to 23 elementary youth and 20 to 22 for the Jr/Sr High program ALL week.
- ◆ the numbers may not be huge...but they are a great reflection of about 95% to 97% attendance of the RE programs for Sacred Heart Parish.
- ◆ The team of Emily, Emma, Thomas and Andrew (who was here 4 years ago) were awesome! The youth learned so much from them!
- ◆ We had 110 for Potluck after Mass.

A quote from Landri Witt " Did you have fun at Totus Tuus this week? YES!! 2 thumbs up x's 2000!!"

Whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God!

~ 1 Corinthians 13:1



CHOICES

I **CHOOSE** to **TRUST** in God and leave it in His hands.

I **CHOOSE** to **LOVE** my neighbor and treat them with respect.

I **CHOOSE** to **RESPOND** like Jesus when anger starts to rise.

I **CHOOSE** to **FORGIVE** others because Christ first forgave me.

I **CHOOSE** to **Live** in God's peace when I give Him my concerns.

I **CHOOSE** to **BE LED** by God's Spirit and walk in His power each day.

I **CHOOSE** to **BECOME** more like Jesus and walk in His victory.

I **CHOOSE** to **OFFER** praise to God when my soul is overwhelmed.

I **CHOOSE** to **SET** my mind on Christ, not on worldly distractions.

I **CHOOSE** to **BE OBEDIENT** to God even when I don't understand.

BECAUSE...

I **CHOOSE** to **LIVE** a surrendered life to the one who does understand.

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AM I A FIREMAN YET?

In Phoenix, Arizona, a 26-year-old mother stared down at her 6 year old son, who was dying of terminal leukemia. Although her heart was filled with sadness, she also had a strong feeling of determination. Like any parent, she wanted her son to grow up & fulfill all his dreams.

Now that was no longer possible. The leukemia would see to that. But she still wanted her son's dream to come true.

She took her son's hand and asked, "Billy, did you ever think about what you wanted to be once you grew up?"

Did you ever dream and wish what you would do with your life?"

Mommy, "I always wanted to be a fireman when I grew up."

Mom smiled back and said, "Let's see if we can make your wish come true."

Later that day she went to her local fire department in Phoenix, Arizona, where she met Fireman Bob, who had a heart as big as Phoenix.

She explained her son's final wish and asked if it might be possible to give her 6 year old son a ride around the block on a fire engine.

Fireman Bob said, "Look, we can do better than that. If you'll have your son ready at seven o'clock Wednesday morning, we'll make him an honorary fireman for the whole day.

He can come down to the fire station, eat with us, go out on all the fire calls, the whole nine yards! And if you'll give us his sizes, we'll get a real fire uniform for him, with a real fire hat - not a toy -- one with the emblem of the Phoenix Fire Department on it, a yellow slicker like we wear and rubber boots.

They're all manufactured right here in Phoenix, so we can get them fast."

Three days later Fireman Bob picked up Billy, dressed him in his uniform and escorted him from his hospital bed to the waiting hook and ladder truck.

Billy got to sit on the back of the truck and help steer it back to the fire station.

He was in heaven.

There were three fire calls in Phoenix that day and Billy got to go out on all three calls. He rode in three different fire engines, the paramedic's van, and even the fire chief's car.

He was also videotaped for the local news program.

Having his dream come true, with all the Love and attention that was lavished upon him, so deeply touched Billy, that he lived three months longer than any doctor thought possible.

One night all of his vital signs began to drop dramatically and the head nurse, who believed in the hospice concept - that no one should die alone, began to call the family members to the hospital.

Then she remembered the day Billy had spent as a fireman, so she called the Fire Chief and asked if it would be possible to send a fireman in uniform to the hospital to be with Billy as he made his transition.

The chief replied, "We can do better than that.

We'll be there in five minutes. Will you please do me a favour? When you hear the sirens screaming and see the lights flashing, will you announce over the PA system, that there is not a fire?

It's the department coming to see one of its finest members one more time.

And will you open the window to his room?

About five minutes later a hook and ladder truck arrived at the hospital and extended its ladder up to Billy's third floor open window - 16 fire-fighters climbed up the ladder into Billy's room.

With his mother's permission, they hugged him and held him and told him how much they LOVED him.

With his dying breath, Billy looked up at the fire chief and said, "Chief, am I really a fireman now?"

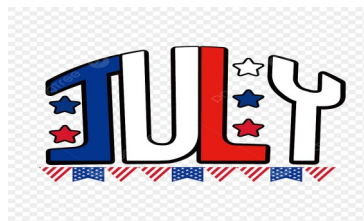
"Billy, you are, and the Head Chief, Jesus, is holding your hand," the chief said.

With those words, Billy smiled and said, "I know, He's been holding my hand all day, and the angels have been singing."

He closed his eyes one last time.

- Author Unknown

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:



3rd—Parish Center closes at Noon
4th—Independence Day
4th—Parish Center closed
4th—Mass at St. Boniface @ 8:30 a.m.
5th—Catholic Daughters Meeting—St. Patrick's @ Evergreen—7:00 p.m.
7th—Mass @ Parkside—Stuart—2:00 p.m.
10th—4th Degree KC Meeting—O'Neill—7:30 p.m.
11th—Mass @ Good Sam—Atkinson—10:00 a.m.
11th—Parish Council Meeting—St. Joseph's—Atkinson—7:00 p.m.
12th—KC Meeting—O'Neill—8:00 p.m.
13th—Altar Society Meeting—St. Patrick's @ SMC—7:00 p.m.
18th—Parish Council Meeting—St. Boniface—Stuart—7:00 p.m.
19th—Mass @ Butte Living Center—Butte—3:15 p.m.
19th—KC Meeting—Butte—5:30 p.m.
18th—Totus Tuus—St. Mary's—Spencer
24th—St. Mary's Altar Society Meeting—Spencer—7:30 p.m.
25th—\$10,000 Raffle Drawing
26th—Finance Council Meeting—St. Patrick's—7:00 p.m.
July 30—August 6—CPWHBC Hosts the Relic of the True Cross

*Calendar of events subject to change.



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- ◆ websites for individual parishes
- ◆ a detailed calendar of Masses and events
- ◆ live stream of the Mass
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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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