

ST. BONIFACE PARISH

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



MARCH 14-15, 2026
Fourth Sunday of Lent

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

	MAR 21 5:00 PM	MAR 28 5:00 PM
LECTOR:	Jennifer Schmaderer	Kim Estes Ken Kunz
EMHC:	Kim Estes	Jonna Kohle
SERVERS:	Rylan Krysl John Ludwig Mary Ludwig	Kennedie Kohle Annabel Kohle Alexis Lange
GREETERS/ GIFTS:	Tammy Heiser Family	Volunteers
USHERS:	Jared Wolf Dave Batenhorst John Kramer Dana Paxton	Jared Wolf Dave Batenhorst John Kramer Dana Paxton
MONEY COUNTERS:	John & Sandra Kramer Dave & Patty Batenhorst	John & Sandra Kramer Dave & Patty Batenhorst

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

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Monday - March 16 - 5:30 p.m. † GARRY LOCKMON
Tuesday - March 17 - 5:30 p.m. † MARY SHALD
Wednesday - March 18 - NO MASS
Thursday - March 19 - NO MASS
Friday - March 20 - NO MASS
Saturday - March 21 - 5:00 p.m. † JOHN HLADKY & ALISHA CARR
Sunday - March 22 - 9:00 a.m. - Atkinson

EVENTS AND MEETINGS

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Tuesday - March 17</u> Parish Council Mtg @ 7:00 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Wednesday - March 18</u> Youth Choir @ 6:00 p.m. CCD Classes @ 6:30 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Friday - March 20</u> Stations of the Cross @ 4:30 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Friday - March 20</u> Fish Fry - Stuart - 5:00 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Wednesday - March 25</u> NO Youth Choir NO CCD Classes</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Thursday - March 26</u> Ladies Guild @ 2:00 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Friday - March 27</u> Stations of the Cross @ 4:30 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Friday - March 27</u> Fish Fry - Atkinson - 5:00 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Saturday - March 28</u> Lenten Women's Conference 10:00 a.m. - O'Neill</p>

STEWARDSHIP:

<u>March 8, 2026</u>	
Regular Envelopes	\$1565.00
Loose	\$163.00
Children's Collection	\$34.28
Electronic Donations:	
March 1st	
March 15th	
Special Collections:	
Black & Indian Mission	\$35.00
Seminary	\$100.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$120.00

TOTAL	\$2017.28

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

"The Lord makes firm the steps of the one who delights in him."

Psalm 37:23

NOTEWORTHY

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY FRIDAYS

Stuart - St. Boniface Church Basement - 5 - 7:30 p.m. - March 20
 Atkinson - KC Hall - 5 - 8:00 p.m. - March 27



MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

The 3rd Annual
 "SPRING SHINDIG"
 May 23rd

Looking for donations for the basket raffles and Silent Auction. Donate a basket or let us do the shopping for you! Contact Jan Kunz for more information.

 **STATIONS OF THE CROSS - 4:30 P.M.** - March 20, March 27
 Good Friday - April 3 (this one will be at 7:00 p.m.)

SPRING SHINDIG - Coming May 23rd! We'll have the Country Store, Basket Raffles, a delicious roast beef dinner, a NEW magician - Jeff Quinn and more! Plan to be a part of the fun! If you would like to donate towards the Shindig, please put cash or write a check (made out to St. Boniface and write Spring Shindig on the memo line) and place in the offertory basket with Shindig on the envelope.

EASTER LILIES - If you would like to donate an Easter lily for the altar, please feel free to do so. Place your lily in the west sacristy before April 3rd.

A STORY OF SACRIFICE IN THE BIBLE TO REFLECT ON THIS LENTEN SEASON - Found in 1 Samuel, the story of Hannah and her prayer to God for a child unfolds against a sad backdrop: barrenness and longing, yet it ultimately reveals the power of God's provision and faithfulness.

Hannah, one of two wives of Elkanah, longs for a child but is unable to conceive. Despite her anguish, Hannah fervently prays for a son, vowing that she will dedicate her child to his service if God grants her request. Hannah pours out her heart before the Lord, demonstrating profound faith and trust in his ability to fulfill her desires.

God hears Hannah's prayer and blesses her with a son, Samuel, meaning "heard by God." True to her vow, Hannah dedicates Samuel to the Lord's service, presenting him to Eli, the priest. Hannah fulfills her promise through this sacrifice and entrusts Samuel into God's care.

Samuel grows up to become a revered prophet and judge in Israel, playing a pivotal role in the nation's history, a far bigger role than he would have had in Elkanah's household.

For Lent this season, Hannah's prayer encourages us to submit our relationships and people to God's plan. Whether our spouses or children, we can sacrifice our own plans for people and trust in God's ability to lead and guide them to his redemptive purposes. We do this through prayer, knowing he hears our cries and works all things together for his purposes.

Our sympathies to the families of:

JAMIE (BORG) KRUGER



Lenten Women's Conference:

'A DESERT JOURNEY OF THE HEART'

March 28, 2026

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

St. Patrick's Hall - O'Neill

Come fill your cup and feed your soul.

Register today!

Forms available in the entryway.

CCD INFORMATION:

March 18th

Youth Choir @ 6:00 p.m.

CCD Classes @ 6:30 p.m.

March 25th

NO Youth Choir

NO CCD Classes

Please keep in your prayers our Seminarian of the Month:

Caleb Kosch



CHRISTIAN MOTHERS

Next Mtg: April 13
 @ 6:00 p.m.
 Church Basement

Next Funeral/Function:
 CH 1

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

KC Mtg:

April 6 @ 7:30 p.m.

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4th Degree Mtg:

April 13 @ 7:30 p.m.

Location: Stuart

LADIES GUILD GATHERING

March 26
 2:00 p.m.

St. Boniface
 School Building

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Olivia Cannon
 Kirstine Chvala
 Lois Schaaf
 Norbert & Jeanette
 Starman



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

In this weekend's first reading (1 Sam 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a), we hear of an unlikely choice of a leader. It goes against traditional thinking to look to the youngest to lead into the future. The prophet Samuel was sure that Eliab was the one to be anointed, but God instructed him not to judge by appearance and invited him to see as God does: by looking into the heart.

This weekend's gospel (John 9:1-41), is also about seeing with the heart and about the unlikely leadership of a man who had been born blind. By allowing the works of God to be made visible through him, he becomes able to lead others to faith, even if not all accept his testimony. This same thing can be said of Jesus – he is an unconventional leader in the eyes of other leaders, whose objections and denials end with their refusal to see the works of God being made visible through him.

The man who was born blind is open to the simple instructions of Jesus. He allows Jesus to put mud on his eyes, an ancient technique thought to have curative properties, and he obediently goes to the pool of Siloam, and comes back able to see. In the lengthy exchanges that follow, first with his neighbors and then with the Pharisees, the man becomes, more and more able to see with his heart, understanding more and more clearly who Jesus is. He moves from not knowing Jesus (v. 12) to recognizing him as a prophet (v. 17), and then as the Son of Man (v. 38). In the end he worships him as Lord (v. 38).

The other characters in the narrative throw up one obstacle after another, tenaciously refusing to see. The neighbors first debate about the identity of the man, insisting that they do not see what they see. When the healed man settles that issue, they shift to the question of how the cure was done. The Pharisees latch on to another obstacle: Jesus must be a sinner because he did the healing on the Sabbath. When they turn to the healed man for his interpretation, he counters with, "he is a prophet." Unpersuaded, the leaders then revert to questioning whether there had actually been any blindness.

Coming back to the healed man, the leaders have now made up their minds about what they see: that Jesus is a sinner. They circle back to the question the fact of the healing and how it was done. They shore up their certitude about what they know and what they see, claiming their faithfulness to Moses, and finally dismissing the healed man as a sinner too. What Jesus does is unheard of (v. 32). The person he calls to lead others to faith is unconventional. The logical arguments about why it cannot be are so endless. Those who allow themselves to quell their objections and to see with the heart can lead the way into a transformed time.

Ad multos annos!

Fr. Bernard Starman
Pastor

P.S.: Mass at St. Patrick – O'Neill on Saturday, March 21, 2026 will be at 4:00 p.m. Archbishop Michael McGovern will be the celebrant. There will be no confessions that day.