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



November 28-29, 2026
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Catholic Parishes of Western Holt & Boyd Counties

Mass Schedules:

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

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
Week 1: Ss. Peter & Paul - Butte
Week 2: Ss. Peter & Paul - Butte
Week 3: Ss. Peter & Paul - Butte
Week 4: St. Mary - Spencer
Week 5: Ss. Peter & Paul - Butte

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

	DEC 5 5:00 PM	DEC 12 5:00 PM
LECTOR:	Ken Kunz	Kim Estes
EMHC:	Tracy Ludwig	Kelly Murphy
SERVERS:	Rylan Krysl Emily Karo Jack Wondercheck	Drew Paxton Kennedie Kohle Annabel Kohle
GREETERS/ GIFTS:	Dale & Lorena Riha	Reconciliation Class
USHERS:	John Krysl Lloyd Hipke Bob Kunz AJ Timmerman	John Krysl Lloyd Hipke Bob Kunz AJ Timmerman
MONEY COUNTERS:	John & Mary Krysl	John & Mary Krysl

EVENTS AND MEETINGS

<u>Wednesday - December 2</u>
Youth Choir @ 6:00 p.m.
CCD Classes @ 6:30 p.m.

<u>Thursday - December 3</u>
Ladies Guild @ 2:00 p.m.

<u>Monday - December 7</u>
Immaculate Conception Vigil Mass
(Holy Day of Obligation)
7:00 p.m.

<u>Monday - December 7</u>
KC Mtg @ 7:30 p.m.

<u>Wednesday - December 9</u>
Youth Choir @ 6:00 p.m.
CCD Clases @ 6:30 p.m.

<u>Saturday/Sunday -December 12/13</u>
Special Collection
Retirement Fund for Religious

<u>Monday - December 14</u>
4th Degree KC Meeting @ 7:30 p.m.

<u>Wednesday - December 16</u>
Youth Choir @ 6:00 p.m.
CCD Clases @ 6:30 p.m.

HOPE

"But now Lord, what do I look for? My hope is in you."

Psalm 39:7

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

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Monday - November 30 - 5:30 p.m.
+ROY CADWALLADER

Tuesday - December 1 - 5:30 p.m.
+JERRY & HELEN SCHMADERER

Wednesday - December 2 - NO MASS

Thursday - December 3 - NO MASS

Friday - December 4 - 2:00 p.m. - Parkside
+MEL STRACKE

Saturday - December 5 - 5:00 p.m.
+JOHN HLADKY & ALISHA CARR

Sunday - December 6 - 9:00 a.m. - Atkinson

STEWARDSHIP:

<u>November 22, 2026</u>

Regular Envelopes	$728.00
Loose	$100.00
Children's Collection	$18.06

Electronic Donations:
November 1st
November 15th
Nov End of Month

Special Collections:

Catholic Charities	$10.00
TOTAL	$856.06

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

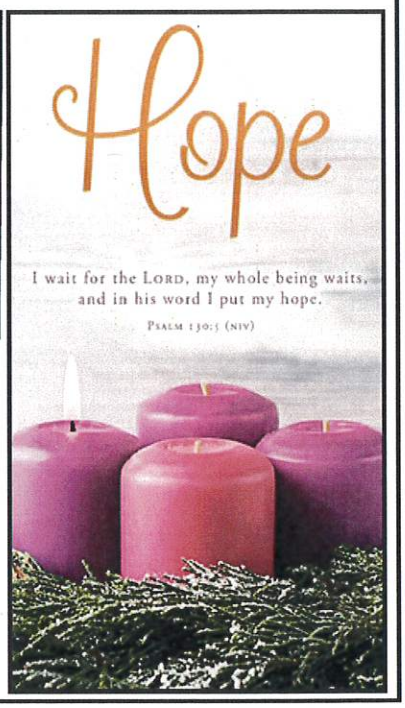
NOTEWORTHY

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE - A friend once told me, "When I was young, I was so broke, I couldn't even pay attention." It's a clever line. Even when your pockets are empty, you can still be attentive. And yet, we often find creative ways to spend our attention on anything but what matters most. We begin the season of Advent with Jesus' words about how we maintain our attention. He says, "What I say to you, I say to all: 'Watch!'" (Mark 13:37). He describes servants waiting for their master's return. Their task is simple: stay alert. Be ready to open the door, welcome him, and serve. That is why they're there. Advent reminds us that this is the purpose of our lives, too. God is coming to us. The question is whether we are awake and ready to receive him. How do we train our attention for God? One powerful way is the age-old Christian practice of vigils. Praying in the quiet stillness of night — free from all distraction — focuses the heart and awakens a deeper awareness of God's presence. This Advent, watch for the coming of the Lord by the practice of vigils. Not in theory, but concretely. The Lord is coming. The awake, attentive heart will recognize Him. — Father John Muir

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT









FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
VIGIL MASS - 7:00 PM - DECEMBER 7, 2026
MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Lector - Tate Schmaderer
EMHC - Jonna Kohle
Servers - Kennedie Kohle, Annabel Kohle, Savannah Kohle
Greeters/Gifts - Volunteers

Our sympathies to the families of:



LORRAINE (PAT) NOVAK
St. Patrick - O'Neill
and
MIKE LANGAN
St. Patrick - O'Neill

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

December 2
Youth Choir @ 6:00 p.m.
Classes @ 6:30 p.m.

December 9
Youth Choir @ 6:00 p.m.
Classes @ 6:30 p.m.

ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Goal:
$9,654.00

Committed as of November 24th:

$5,555.00

Please keep in your prayers our Seminarian of the Month:
Thomas LaSala



CHRISTIAN MOTHERS

Next Mtg: February 9
@ 6:00 p.m.
St. Boniface School

Next Funeral/Function:
CH 1

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

KC Mtg:
December 7 @ 7:30 p.m.
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4th Degree KC Mtg:
December 14 @ 7:30 p.m.
Location: Stuart

LADIES GUILD GATHERING

December 3
2:00 p.m.

St. Boniface
School Building

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Olivia Cannon
Kirstine Chvala
Lois Schaaf



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

Advent is perhaps the most difficult season for the liturgy to feel like it meshes well with everything else going on in life. Lent coincides with the darkest coldest days of winter. Easter aligns with warming days and the earth itself springing back to life. In Advent, though, no matter how well the liturgy and music are crafted and executed, it can feel that these efforts, while working against the pervasive, secular "Christmas spirit" that imbues almost everything outside the church doors at this time are nearly meaningless.

The mismatch is more than this dichotomy, however. Perhaps you've heard in a variety of ways the expression, "Participate, don't anticipate." Or perhaps while anxiously waiting for a hospital test result, you've realized that not knowing is the worst part of waiting. The human condition is one of always wanting what it wants right away; of always wanting to know what is happening right now and what will be happening next; of always wanting power and influence over all these things and more. So indeed, Advent can be a time of fruitful opposition to quite a lot of human existence – if we let be so. And we should!

The gospel that begins our new liturgical year (Mark 13:33-37), admonishes us, the faithful, to watch and be alert. Why? Because, simply, we do not know. In this pericope what is unknown is "when the lord of the house is coming." But for each of us today, this gospel calls us to embrace the unknown, as another expression goes, and to participate, actively, in our lives of faith instead of anticipating. So in fact, the gospel is calling us, really, to not know – and to be okay with not knowing.

We don't need all the things we want; our faith teaches us. We don't need to know – we can't even understand - the mind of God, and everything that is happening now or what is coming next. We don't need power and influence; Jesus taught us by washing feet and by dying on the cross. We need only God, God who is love, hope, joy, life and salvation. Advent teaches us if we let, and hat all the faithful truly need is to keep faithful watch.

Advent as a season stands in opposition to some natural human tendencies. In broad strokes: we dislike waiting, we dislike not knowing, we dislike having no power. Further, Advent calls us to replace these desires with joyful hope and eager anticipation.

Ad multos annos!

Fr. Bernard Starman
Pastor

After months of conversation, our parish staffs have decided to move toward one bulletin for all the churches beginning on or about January 10, 2027. The most significant change for most beyond having information about what's happening all our parishes and schools will likely be the need for items that need to be included in the next weeks bulletin to be submitted to the bulletin editors at an earlier date and time each week More info to come...