

# ST. BONIFACE PARISH

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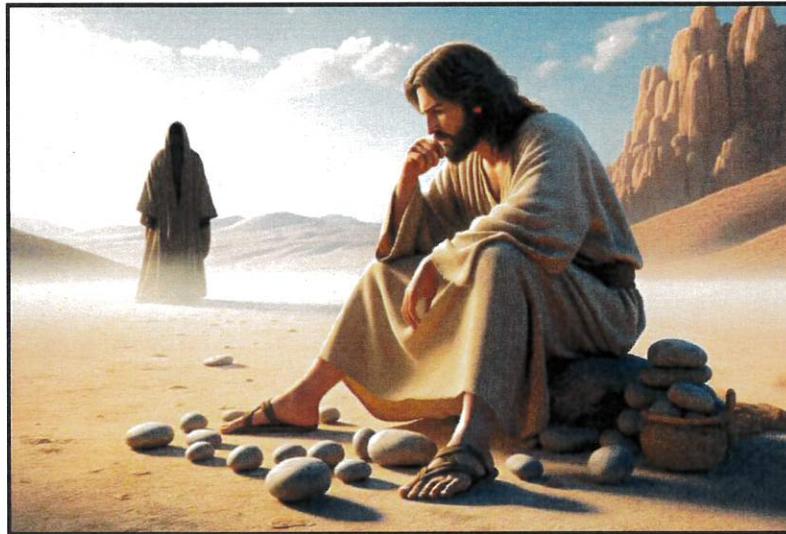
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**WEEKEND MASS: Saturday - 5:00 pm**  
**WEEKDAY MASS: Monday & Tuesday - 5:30 pm**



**FEBRUARY 21-22, 2026**  
**First 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

	FEB 28 5:00 PM	MAR 7 5:00 PM
LECTOR:	Tate Schmaderer	Jay Addison
EMHC:	Tom Dvorak	Jeff Dvorak
SERVERS:	Rylan Krysl Alexis Lange Jack Wondercheck	Truman Addison Alex Paxton Drew Paxton
GREETERS/ GIFTS:	Jeff & Cheri Dvorak	Confirmation Class
USHERS:	Leon Kramer Jeff Wallinger Tom Krysl Gary Stoltenberg	Jared Wolf Dave Batenhorst John Kramer Dana Paxton
MONEY COUNTERS:	Jeff & Kim Wallinger	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 - February 23 - 5:30 p.m. ✠ VIRGINIA WORDEN
Tuesday - February 24 - 5:30 p.m. ✠ DICK KAUP
Wednesday - February 25 - NO MASS
Thursday - February 26 - NO MASS
Friday - February 27 - NO MASS
Saturday - February 28 - 5:00 p.m. ✠ JOHN HLADKY & ALISHA CARR
Sunday - March 1 - 9:00 a.m. - Atkinson

## EVENTS AND MEETINGS

<u>Saturday/Sunday - February 21/22</u> Special Collection Black & Indian Missions
<u>Wednesday - February 25</u> Youth Choir @ 6:00 p.m. CCD Classes @ 6:30 p.m.
<u>Thursday - February 26</u> Ladies Guild 2:00 p.m.
<u>Friday - February 27</u> Stations of the Cross - 4:30 p.m.
<u>Friday - February 27</u> Fish Fry - Atkinson - 5:00 p.m.
<u>Monday - March 2</u> KC Meeting @ 7:30 p.m.
<u>Wednesday - March 4</u> Youth Choir @ 6:00 p.m. CCD Classes @ 6:30 p.m.
<u>Friday - March 6</u> Stations of the Cross @ 4:30 p.m.
<u>Friday - March 6</u> Fish Fry - Stuart - 5:00 p.m.

## STEWARDSHIP:

<u>February 15, 2026</u>	
Regular Envelopes	\$535.00
Loose	\$373.00
Children's Collection	\$13.00
Electronic Donations:	
February 1st	
February 15th	\$755.00
Special Collections:	
TOTAL <span style="float: right;">\$1676.00</span>	

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

“This  
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 time  
 of  
 fulfillment.  
 The  
 kingdom  
 of  
 God  
 is  
 at  
 hand.  
 Repent,  
 and  
 believe  
 in  
 the  
 gospel.”  
 Mark  
 1:15

## NOTEWORTHY

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY FRIDAYS

Stuart - St. Boniface Church Basement - 5 - 7:30 p.m. - March 6, March 20

Atkinson - KC Hall - 5 - 8:00 p.m. - February 27, March 13, March 27



STATIONS OF THE CROSS - 4:30 P.M. - February 27, March 6, March 13, March 20, March 27  
Good Friday - April 3 (this one will be at 7:00 p.m.)

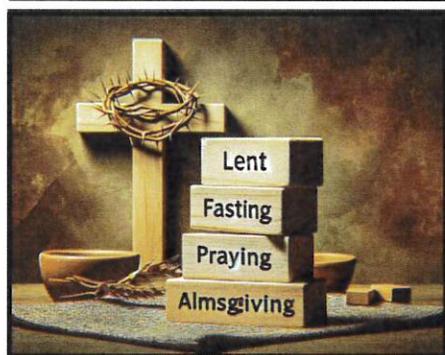
SPECIAL COLLECTION - MARCH 14 & 15, 2026 - There will be a special collection taken up on the weekend of March 14-15 for Catholic Relief Services. Your donation will help feed a hungry child, help a war-torn nation build peace, and/or help a refugee make a new life. Envelopes are in your packet. Please give generously.

A STORY OF SACRIFICE IN THE BIBLE TO REFLECT ON THIS LENTEN SEASON - One of the most famous stories of sacrifice is the account of Abraham's willingness to sacrifice his son, Isaac, in Genesis 22. In this story, God tests Abraham's faith by commanding him to offer Isaac as a burnt offering. Despite the command's immense emotional and moral weight, Abraham faithfully prepares to carry it out. As they journey to the designated place, Isaac, unaware of the true purpose of their journey, asks his father about the sacrifice. Abraham responds with faith, declaring that God will provide the lamb for the offering. At the critical moment, as Abraham raises the knife to slay his son, an angel of the Lord intervenes, staying his hand. In Genesis 22:12, the angel says, "Do not lay a hand on the boy," indicating that Abraham has proven his obedience and faithfulness to God. In place of Isaac, Abraham discovers a ram caught in a thicket, provided by God as a substitute sacrifice.

This story serves as a testament to Abraham's faith and foreshadows Jesus's ultimate sacrifice. Hebrews even states Abraham believed God would raise Isaac from the dead.

This Lent, let us examine our faith and willingness to surrender everything to God. God provides the sacrifice in Christ and whatever else we give him. We should choose to fast from something that matters to us, not something we don't care about. In this, we have hope of God's faithfulness to his promise.

Please keep in your prayers our Seminarian of the Month: Michael Figura



#### PRAYER ON THE *First Sunday of Lent*

Lord God,  
you who breathed  
the spirit of life within me.  
Draw out of me  
the light and life you created.  
Help me to find my way back to you.  
Help me to use my life  
to reflect your glory  
and to serve others  
as your son Jesus did.  
Amen.

#### CCD INFORMATION:

February 25th

Youth Choir @ 6:00 p.m.  
CCD Classes @ 6:30 p.m.

March 4th

Youth Choir @ 6:00 p.m.  
CCD Classes @ 6:30 p.m.

#### CHRISTIAN MOTHERS

Next Mtg: March 9  
@ 6:00 p.m.  
Church Basement

Next Funeral/Function:  
CH 1

#### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

KC Mtg:  
March 2 @ 7:30 p.m.  
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4<sup>th</sup> Degree Mtg:  
March 9 @ 7:30 p.m.  
Location: O'Neill

#### LADIES GUILD GATHERING

February 26  
2:00 p.m.  
St. Boniface  
School Building

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Beckett Block  
Kirstine Chvala  
Lois Schaaf  
Norbert & Jeanette  
Starman



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

It is the subtle way that temptation resembles truth that gets us. For people who have made a fundamental choice to accept God's invitation to orient their lives toward the divine love, those things that are blatantly false do not hold allure. They are easily recognizable as wrong, and it does not take much effort to reject them. The real temptations are the ones that are just close enough to the truth that they appear to be good and beneficial.

In this weekend's gospel (Matt 4:1-11), Jesus has just had a powerful experience at his baptism, being filled with the Spirit and knowing in a profound way that he is God's beloved Son (Matt 3:17). It is this very sense of his identity that the tempter tries to undermine. First, the devil holds out this seductive image: surely the beloved Son is entitled to have all his hungers satisfied. Quoting Deuteronomy 8:3, Jesus focuses instead on his hunger for the word of God. Throughout the gospel we see him feeding God's hungry people with both physical and spiritual food (see Matt 5:1-7:9, 14:13-21, 26:26-30).

Next is the temptation to believe that if Jesus is truly the beloved Son, God would never let any harm come to him. God's angels would swoop down and rescue him before any danger could befall him. Again, Jesus turns to the scriptures, which enable him to recognize the falsity in the claim of the tempter. A third time the devil tries to derail Jesus's centeredness on God as the source of all power and the one deserving of worship. And yet again, Jesus clings to the word of God to overcome the wiles of the tempter.

Finally, the devil departs when Jesus commands, "Get away, Satan!" But not for long. The temptations circle back again and again, as variations on the same theme, throughout Jesus's life and ministry. Midway through the gospel we again hear Jesus say, "Get behind me, Satan!" (16:23), when he is tempted by Peter to reject suffering integral to his identity as beloved Son. Right to the end, as Jesus is dying on the cross, the devil's words are echoed by the passersby: "If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross!" (27:40). The chief priests, scribes, and the elders chant the same: "He trusted in God; let him deliver him now if he wants him. For he said: 'I am the Son of God'" (27:43).

Finally, the bandits who were crucified with Jesus taunt him the same way (27:44). Yet again on the cross, Jesus turns to the Scriptures and prayer to stay solidly grounded in his identity as God's beloved Son. The words of Psalm 22 sustain him through the challenges that try to undermine his expectations of how God would care for him. The final verse of this weekend's gospel assures us that just as God's angels accompanied Jesus in his ordeals, so we are never abandoned in times of trial.

Ad multos annos!

Fr. Bernard Starman  
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