

ST. BONIFACE PARISH

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



AUGUST 22-23, 2026
21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

	AUG 29 5:00 PM	SEPT 5 5:00 PM
LECTOR:	Jay Addison	Kim Estes
EMHC:	Sandra Kramer	Kathy Kunz
SERVERS:	Rylan Krysl Emily Karo Alexis Lange	Kennedie Kohle Annabel Kohle Drew Paxton
GREETERS/ GIFTS:	Mark & Nancy Snover	Robert & Patty Hanzlik
USHERS:	Dale Riha Travis Ludwig Alan Estes Dan Kohle	John Tubbs Jay Addison Kyle Connot Gary Olberding
MONEY COUNTERS:	Dale & Lorena Riha	Travis & Tracy Ludwig

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

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Monday - August 24 - 5:30 p.m. ✠ ALL SOULS
Tuesday - August 25 - NO MASS
Wednesday - August 26 - NO MASS
Thursday - August 27 - NO MASS
Friday - August 28 - NO MASS
Saturday - August 29 - 5:00 p.m. ✠ LARRY & DARRELL PAXTON AND A.H. & GERTIE KAUP
Sunday - August 30 - 9:00 a.m. - Atkinson

EVENTS AND MEETINGS

Monday - August 24 Eucharistic Adoration 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday - August 26 Confirmation Parent/Student Mtg Church Basement @ 7:00 p.m.
Thursday - August 27 Ladies Guild @ 2:00 p.m.
Monday - August 31 Eucharistic Adoration 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Saturday/Sunday - September 5/6 Special Collection for Energy Needs
Wednesday - September 9 CCD Classes Start @ 6:30 p.m.
Monday - September 14 Christian Mothers Mtg @ 6:00 p.m.
Monday - September 14 4 th Degree KC Mtg @ 7:30 p.m. O'Neill
Wednesday - September 16 NO CCD Classes

STEWARDSHIP:

August 16, 2026	
Regular Envelopes	\$1250.00
Loose	\$367.00
Children's Collection	\$12.00
Electronic Donations:	
August 1st	
August 15th	\$755.00
August End of Month	
Special Collections:	
Assumption	\$1120.00
TOTAL	\$3504.00

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

"I
am
the
vine
and
you
are
the
branches.
He
who
dwells
in
me,
as
I
in
him,
bears
much
fruit."

John
15:5

NOTEWORTHY

SPECIAL COLLECTION - SEPTEMBER 5 & 6, 2026 - There will be a second collection for Energy Needs on the weekend of September 5th and 6th. Please give generously to this collection. Envelopes are in your packets.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION TEACHERS NEEDED - We are in need of some CCD teachers for the 2026-27 school year. The only qualifications needed are a love of God and a willingness to share that with kids. There is a curriculum to follow, and we'll help get you all set up. It's a rewarding job and you'll learn right along with the kids. We need a 2nd grade teacher (1st Reconciliation) and an 11th/12th grade teacher(s). If you'd like more information about one of these classes or are interested in signing up to help, please call Jan Kunz @ 402.340.2303. Classes start September 9th. If no one steps up to teach, these classes will not meet until someone does.

PRAYER PARTNERS - Looking for people to be Prayer Partners for the upcoming Senior class at Stuart High School. There are 4 students this year: Bryer Almgren, Rylee Fuelbeerth, Kaige Krieger, and Trey Wallliger. If you'd like to be a Prayer Partner for a senior, contact Jan Kunz for the student's information.

SEVEN SISTERS APOSTOLATE - Any women that are interested in praying for our priests as one of seven sisters in the Seven Sisters Apostolate needs to contact Jan Kunz by September 1st to get on the list. We're hoping to start the apostolate on Tuesday, September 8th in our family of parishes. You take one day out of the week and pray for one of the priests for one hour. That one hour can be done throughout the day and not all at one time if you'd like. We're looking for women to commit to one hour, one day a week, for one year. Call Jan Kunz @ 402.340.2303 to sign up or for more information.

OACCW CONVENTION - SEPTEMBER 21, 2026 - The 102nd Convention of the Omaha Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women (OACCW) will be held on Monday, September 21, 2026, at the Wayne City Auditorium, 222 N Pearl St., Wayne, NE. Theme: "Blaze Boldly in the Darkness". Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. with a light breakfast. Rosary at 8:00. Opening session begins at 9:00 a.m. Mass with Archbishop Michael McGovern at 11:00. Noon Lunch. Afternoon Session starts at 1:00 p.m. Please pre-register by Sept. 1st Registration forms available in the entrance of church or call/txt Leonarda Arens, 402-253-5120 or Colleen Elsasser, 402-380-6443. Registration form and \$35 registration fee are mailed to: Colleen Elsasser, 1962 19th Rd. Bancroft, NE 68004. Checks make payable to: RNE Deanery.

Our sympathies to the family of:

KATHLEEN A. RAASCH
SHBC - Ss. Peter & Paul
Butte



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.



August 24
August 31

(Last one until next spring)

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

August 26

Confirmation

Parent/Student Mtg @
7:00 p.m.

September 9

Classes @ 6:30 p.m.

NO Youth Choir

Please keep in your prayers our Seminarian of the Month:
Andrew Nigro



CHRISTIAN MOTHERS

Next Mtg: September 14
@ 6:00 p.m.

Church Basement

Next Funeral/Function:
CH 3

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

KC Mtg:

October 5 @ 7:30 p.m.

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4th Degree KC Mtg:

September 14 @ 7:30 p.m.

Location: O'Neill

LADIES GUILD GATHERING

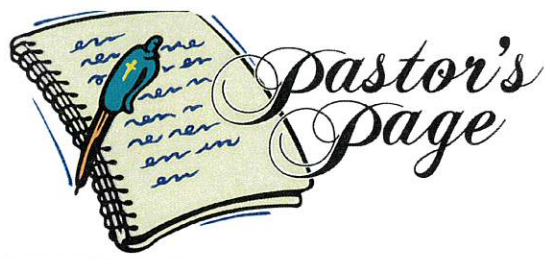
August 27

2:00 p.m.

St. Boniface
School Building

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Emerson Batenhorst
Olivia Cannon
Kirstine Chvala
Lois Schaaf



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

The question Jesus poses in this weekend's gospel (Matt 16:13-20) is not a pop quiz for the disciples. Since it comes halfway through Matthew's Gospel, at a critical turning point, we might be tempted to think Jesus giving a kind of midterm exam to see how well the disciples are understanding him and to test to see whether they have what it takes to the rest of the journey with him. But the scene may also reflect Jesus's personal development in understanding his identity and mission.

In contrast to modern Western cultures in which an individual expends energy trying to find a unique identity as a person distinct from other persons, in Jesus's culture, characterized by dyadic personality, a person understood himself or herself only in relationship to the groups in which she or he was embedded: family, clan, nation and religion. Paul, for example, identifies himself to be "of the race of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrew parentage, in observance of the law a Pharisee" (Phil 3:5).

In this weekend's gospel, Jesus seeks out others' perceptions as he solidifies his understanding of himself. The disciples first report that people align Jesus with revered prophetic figures: John the Baptist, Elijah, Jeremiah. While there are many parallels between Jesus and these prophets, Matthew clearly distinguishes Jesus from them. He is the "mightier" one "coming after" John (Matt 3:11). And it John who embodies the returned Elijah (see Matt 11:14; 17:12).

As Jesus presses the disciples for their own response, Peter the spokesperson for the group, rightly declares, "You are the Christ [christos]" (Matt 16:16). The Greek christos means "Messiah" or "anointed," a term used in the Old Testament for one who is set apart by God for particular service, such as kings (Ps 2:2, 89:20), priests (Lev 4:3, 5), and prophets (1 Kings 19:16). That Jesus is christos is not a new revelation in Matthew's Gospel (see 1:1, 17,18; 11:2). But the nature of Jesus's messiahship as entailing suffering and death is articulated for the first time in the ensuing verses (16:21-27), the gospel for next weekend.

As Jesus's identity emerges and solidifies, so too does that of Peter. Verses 17 to 19 are unique to Matthew, with a wordplay on the name Petros, "rock," in Greek. Jesus exalts the emerging rocklike faith and of the whole community of disciples whose identity is tied up in that of Jesus. Yet in the very next verses, the "rock" will falter when confronted with the stumbling block (scandalon, 18:6,7) of Jesus's passion. Nonetheless, as the gospel progresses, Jesus continues to call him "Peter," enabling him to become what he is named. Just as the disciples' naming Jesus as "Messiah" and partnering with him in his messianic mission enabled him to embrace all that being the "anointed" one entailed, so too Jesus's identification of the believing community as being "rock solid" brought forth that quality in them. Likewise we are invited to let Jesus and our faith community call forth our deepest identity as followers of the anointed whose solidity is sure.

Ad multos annos!

Fr. Bernard Starman
Pastor