

ST. BONIFACE PARISH

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

Take up your

Cross

and follow me...



AUGUST 29-30, 2026
22ND 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

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

	SEPT 5 5:00 PM	SEPT 12 5:00 PM
LECTOR:	Kim Estes	Jennifer Schmaderer
EMHC:	Kathy Kunz	Tracy Ludwig
SERVERS:	Kennedie Kohle Annabel Kohle Drew Paxton	John Ludwig Mary Ludwig Jack Wondercheck
GREETERS/ GIFTS:	Robert & Patty Hanzlik	Brock & Kristen Lange Family
USHERS:	John Tubbs Jay Addison Kyle Connot Gary Olberding	John Tubbs Jay Addison Kyle Connot Gary Olberding
MONEY COUNTERS:	Travis & Tracy Ludwig	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 31 - 5:30 p.m.
✠ WAYNE SHEARER

Tuesday - September 1 - 5:30 p.m.
✠ FR LUKE STEFFES

Wednesday - September 2 - NO MASS

Thursday - September 3 - NO MASS

Friday - September 4 - 2:00 p.m. - Parkside
✠ LIVING & DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE
CATHOLIC LADIES GUILD

Saturday - September 5 - 5:00 p.m.
✠ HADEN KAUP

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

EVENTS AND MEETINGS

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.

Sunday - September 13
Safe Environment Training
3:00 p.m. - O'Neill

Sunday - September 13
OCIA Classes
4:00 p.m. - O'Neill

Monday - September 14
Christian Mothers Mtg @ 6:00 p.m.

Monday - September 14
4th Degree KC Mtg @ 7:30 p.m.
O'Neill

Wednesday - September 16
NO CCD Classes

Monday - September 21
OACCW Convention
Wayne

"Be
still
and
know
that
I
am
God."

Psalm
46:10

STEWARDSHIP:

August 23, 2026

Regular Envelopes	\$960.00
Loose	\$241.00
Children's Collection	\$16.00

Electronic Donations:

August 1st
August 15th
August End of Month

Special Collections:

Assumption	\$35.00
Missionary Co-op Appeal	\$563.00

TOTAL	\$1815.00

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

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 TEACHER NEEDED - We are in need of a CCD teacher(s) 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 an 11th/12th grade teacher(s). If you'd like more information about this class, please call Jan Kunz @ 402.340.2303. Classes start September 9th. This class will not meet until we get a teacher.

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 Fuelberth, Kaige Krieger, and Trey Walllanger. If you'd like to be a Prayer Partner for a senior, contact Jan Kunz for the student's information.

OCIC CLASSES - SEPTEMBER 13, 2026 - OCIA is the process through which people may enter the church as an adult. If you know someone who would like to learn more about and/or join the Catholic church, or you yourself would be interested, please contact Deacon MJ Kersenbrock mjkersenbrock@archomaha.org or the Parish Office at 402-336-1602. Classes will begin September 13.

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.

FOOD DRIVE - West Holt Ministries will be conducting a community wide food drive through the month of September. Please drop your non-perishable food items in the box at the entrance of the church.

Our sympathies to the family of:

DIANE MORGAN
St. Joseph - Atkinson



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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



August 31
(Last one until next spring)

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

September 9
Classes @ 6:30 p.m.
NO Youth Choir

September 16
NO CCD Classes
NO Youth Choir

Please keep in your prayers our Seminarian of the Month:
Ethan Menning



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

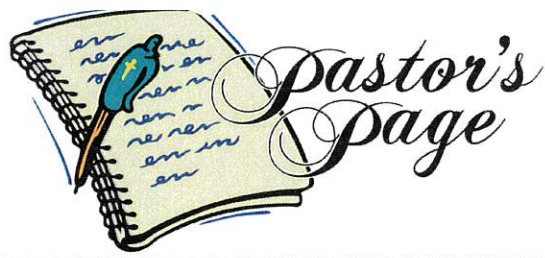
LADIES GUILD GATHERING

September 24
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,

Some years ago a group of indigenous women in La Paz, Bolivia, reflected on this weekend's gospel (Matt 16:21-27) this way: "We women identify strongly with the crucified Christ and his sufferings. There is a strong sense of submission in our Aymara and Quechua cultures. Women submit to abuse from their fathers, uncles and husbands, with a strong sense of resignation, thinking that whatever suffering they endure, they do silently and heroically, as there way of carrying their cross with Jesus" (quoted in Barbara E. Reid, *Taking up the Cross: New Testament Interpretations Through Latina Eyes.*).

This particular group had come through a process of learning to interpret the gospel differently, so that their consciousness of their dignity and preciousness in God's eyes had been heightened; thereafter they questioned the wisdom they had received for generations about how submitting to abuse and injustice was the way to identify with the crucified Christ. Gradually, as they claimed their dignity, they tested out new ways of relating and brought about change for themselves and their daughters.

What these women came to discover was the way a misreading of this weekend's gospel had obliterated their sense of self and had kept them cowering in abusive relationships. How, they reasoned, could Jesus, who was so intent on lifting up those who are bowed down and on healing all who suffered, have meant it otherwise for them?

One does not have to go to Bolivia to find abuse justified by such interpretations of the cross. Whether immediately visible or not, such situations can be found in almost every community. A closer look at the context of Jesus's saying reveals that he is speaking about a particular kind of suffering that his disciples must be willing to embrace: that which comes as a direct result of following his manner of life and mission. Suffering that comes from abuse and injustice is to be resisted and eradicated to the extent possible, as Jesus did throughout his ministry.

Moreover, the saying about denial of self is not referring to giving up certain pleasures, like foregoing chocolate during Lent. Rather, it refers to a disciple's choice to lose oneself entirely to Christ – to take on Christ's way of life and mission and his very identity as one's own. This identity does not center on suffering, but on the love of God, expressed through loving service to one another, intent on bringing forth life to the full for all. But not all will welcome such a manner of living and loving that undermines systems of domination and submission. The repercussions one is willing to risk for the sake of living and proclaiming the gospel – that is the cross. For these women of La Paz, a newfound understanding of the gospel was born in meetings in which they were able to join in solidarity to share their experiences and to reflect together with new eyes on the Scriptures. From this grew their sense of being empowered, beloved by God, and able to choose to band together to confront and end the suffering they and others they loved were experiencing.

Ad multos annos!

Fr. Bernard Starman
Pastor