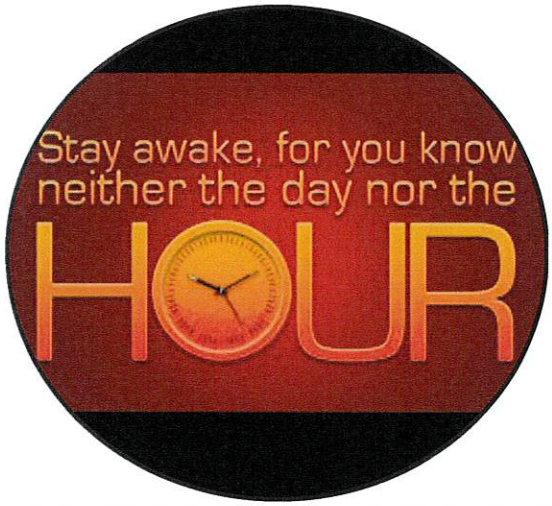
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WEEKEND MASS: Saturday - 5:00 pm
WEEKDAY MASS: Monday & Tuesday - 5:30 pm



November 7-8, 2026
32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

	NOV 14 5:00 PM	NOV 21 5:00 PM
LECTOR:	Lisa Keogh	Jay Addison
EMHC:	John Kramer	Sandra Kramer
SERVERS:	Rylan Krysl Emily Karo Drew Paxton	Alexis Lange Kennedie Kohle Annabel Kohle
GREETERS/ GIFTS:	Jay & Sarah Addison Family	Travis & Tracy Ludwig Family
USHERS:	Ken Kunz Mark Snover Tate Schmaderer Josiah Wondercheck	Ken Kunz Mark Snover Tate Schmaderer Josiah Wondercheck
MONEY COUNTERS:	Mark & Nancy Snover	Mark & Nancy Snover

EVENTS AND MEETINGS

Monday - November 9
Christian Mothers Mtg @ 6:00 p.m.

Monday - November 9
4th Degree KC Meeting @ 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday - November 10
OACCW Fall Meeting
9:30 a.m. - Pierce

Wednesday - November 11
Youth Choir @ 6:00 p.m.
Classes @ 6:30 p.m.

Saturday/Sunday - Nov. 14/15
2nd Collection - Catholic Charities

Wednesday - November 18
Youth Choir @ 6:00 p.m.
Classes @ 6:30 p.m.

Saturday - November 21
Youth Choir sings at 5:00 p.m. Mass

Wednesday - November 25
NO CCD Classes

Wednesday - November 21
Harvest Mass @ 7:00 p.m.

"In all things give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you all." 1 Thess. 5:18

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

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Monday - November 9 - 5:30 p.m.
+JACK TIELKE

Tuesday - November 10 - 5:30 p.m.
+MICHAEL KEOGH

Wednesday - November 11 - NO MASS

Thursday - November 12 - NO MASS

Friday - November 13 - NO MASS

Saturday - November 14 - 5:00 p.m.
+DARRELL & LARRY PAXTON AND A.H. & GERTIE KAUP

Sunday - November 15 - 9:00 a.m. - Atkinson

STEWARDSHIP:

November 1, 2026

Regular Envelopes	$775.00
Loose	$295.00
Children's Collection	$41.00
Electronic Donations:	
October 1st	
October 15th	
Oct End of Month	$50.00
Special Collections:	
All Saints	$210.00
Multiple	$260.00
TOTAL	$1631.00

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

NOTEWORTHY

OACCW FALL MEETING - NOVEMBER 10, 2026 - All women are invited to attend the Omaha Archdiocese of Council of Catholic Women Fall Meeting on Nov. 10th at St Joseph Catholic Church Parish Hall, 118 W. Willow St., Pierce. $10 for registration fee and starts at 9:30 a.m.

IN REMEMBRANCE - The Book of Remembrance will be available on the west altar to enroll your loved ones.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - My first instinct upon waking is to grab my phone and start scrolling. Sometimes I do it for 20 or 30 minutes, and it makes me feel distracted and agitated. I feel guilty, too, for wasting my first moments of the day. So recently, I committed those minutes to reading a book that would focus my mind on Jesus. I enjoy the fact that I am not scattering my attention as much. I feel more peaceful and focused on God.

In today's Gospel, Jesus speaks about attention. He contrasts wise and foolish virgins, and then sums up the teaching by saying, "Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour" (Matthew 25:13). The basic currency of the human heart is attention. The foolish bridesmaids are not immoral or malicious; they are unfocused, distracted, and unprepared. They assume that borrowed oil will suffice, that someone else's readiness can make up for their own lack. But the attention which is love cannot be outsourced. A relationship with God requires personal attentiveness cultivated over time.

This Gospel leaves us with an honest question. What am I giving my attention to each day, and am I forming a heart that is awake, watchful, and ready to meet the Lord when He comes? How can I use key moments of my day to focus my attention where I need it to be?

— Father John Muir



HARVEST MASS @ 7:00 P.M - NOVEMBER 25, 2026
MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Lector - Terry Murphy
EMHC - Tom Dvorak
Servers - Drew Paxton, Rylan Krysl, and Jase Wolf
Greeters/Gifts - Rick & Terri Shearer



WORLD'S BEST DISH CLOTHS

For Sale - $2.00 Each
Available in the Parish Office

Profits go towards the 3rd Annual Women's Conference which will be held in Atkinson on February 27th.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

November 11
Youth Choir @ 6:00 p.m.
Classes @ 6:30 p.m.

November 18
Youth Choir @ 6:00 p.m.
Classes @ 6:30 p.m.

ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Goal:
$9,654.00

Committed as of November 3rd:

$5,105.00

Please keep in your prayers our Seminarian of the Month:

Thomas LaSala



CHRISTIAN MOTHERS

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

Next Funeral/Function:
CH 3

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

KC Mtg:
December 7 @ 7:30 p.m.
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4th Degree KC Mtg:
November 9 @ 7:30 p.m.
Location: O'Neill

LADIES GUILD GATHERING

December 3
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,

It's good to be prepared. But there is something disturbing as this weekend's gospel parable (Matt 25:1-13) plays out. The women who come prepared for the long vigil won't share their oil with their needy sisters. Instead, they send them off on a foolhardy mission to go buy their own. How can such seemingly selfish hoarding be laudable?

Many biblical commentators would explain that parables are meant to make only one point, and selfishness versus sharing is not the point of this one. It is a parable about the end time, which speaks about how each person needs to be accountable for his or her good deeds or lack of them. Just as in the Sermon on the Mount, where Jesus says, "Your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds, and glorify your heavenly Father" (Matt 5:16), so in this weekend's gospel, the oil that fuels the light is also to be understood as good deeds, and no one can share theirs with someone who has none.

Nonetheless, there is still a disturbing dynamic set up by the parable. It constructs a dichotomous world in which some are wise, and some are foolish, some are completely prepared and some not at all; some are welcomed into the feast, and some are locked out. Matthew has a penchant for binary oppositions like this: weeds and wheat, sheep and goats, house built on rock and one built on sand, the wise and the foolish. But real life seems to be always somewhere in between: each of us is a little bit foolish in our growth toward wisdom, all of us somewhat prepared, but never completely.

When placed in the context of the whole gospel, instead of inducing fear, the parable instead gives assurance that when we are responding all along to the lifelong courtship of the Bridegroom, we will be ready for the moment of consummation. We prepare for the critical moment of meeting the Beloved face-to-face with all our daily choices for living justly. Every time we resist hoarding oil for ourselves, not stockpiling so that others are left wanting, we allow Christ's light to fill us and spread to others.

It is as Isaac of Nineveh, a seventh century Nestorian bishop, describes: "There is love, like a small lamp, fed by oil, that goes out when the oil is ended; or like the rain fed stream which goes dry when rain no longer feeds it. But there is a love, like a spring gushing from the earth, never to be exhausted" (Early Fathers from the Philokalia). Wise ones become one with the inexhaustible river of Christ's love; their oil is continuously replenished as it is consumed.

Being wise also means knowing that, as the first reading (Wis 6:12-16) describes, it is not our efforts alone that make for the light: Wisdom herself, who is unfading resplendence, seeks us out, Moreover, a closed door is never the final act. Just as God's power burst through the stone door of the tomb, Holy Wisdom can daily open the door of our hearts, transforming our lack of oil into an inexhaustible river of light and love.

Ad multos annos!

Fr. Bernard Starman
Pastor