

ST. BONIFACE PARISH

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



JANUARY 3 - 4. 2026
The Epiphany of the Lord

Catholic Parishes of Western Holt & Boyd Counties

SATURDAY

St. Boniface - Stuart - 5:00 pm
St. Patrick - O'Neill - 5:00 pm

SHBC - SATURDAY

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

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

	JAN 10 5:00 PM	JAN 17 5:00 PM
LECTOR:	Patty Hanzlik	Lisa Keogh
EMHC:	Kathy Kunz	Tracy Ludwig
SERVERS:	Karlee Wolf Jase Wolf Rylan Krysl	John Ludwig Mary Ludwig Truman Addison
GREETERS/ GIFTS:	Reconciliation Class	Dave & Patty Batenhorst
USHERS:	Dan Malone Robert Hanzlik Mike Stracke Don Schmaderer	Dan Malone Robert Hanzlik Mike Stracke Don Schmaderer
MONEY COUNTERS:	Dan & Donna Malone	Dan & Donna Malone

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

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Monday - January 5 - 5:30 p.m. ✠ DICK KAUP
Tuesday - January 6 - 5:30 p.m. ✠ JOHN HLADKY AND ALISHA CARR
Wednesday - January 7 - NO MASS
Thursday - January 8 - NO MASS
Friday - January 9 - NO MASS
Saturday - January 10 - 5:00 p.m. ✠ DON BOUSKA
Sunday - January 11 - 9:00 a.m. - Atkinson

EVENTS AND MEETINGS

<u>Monday - January 5</u> KC Meeting @ 7:30 p.m.
<u>Wednesday - January 7</u> Youth Choir @ 6:00 p.m. CCD Classes @ 6:30 p.m.
<u>Monday - January 12</u> Christian Mothers Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.
<u>Monday - January 12</u> 4 th Degree KC Meeting 7:30 p.m. O'Neill
<u>Wednesday - January 14</u> Youth Choir @ 6:00 p.m. CCD Classes @ 6:30 p.m.
<u>Sunday - January 18</u> KC Free Throw Contest 12:30 p.m.
<u>Wednesday - January 21</u> Youth Choir @ 6:00 p.m. CCD Classes @ 6:30 p.m.

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STEWARDSHIP:

December 28, 2025	
Regular Envelopes	\$1870.00
Loose	\$285.00
Children's Collection	\$0.00
Electronic Donations:	
December	\$2335.00
Special Collections:	
Christmas Envelopes	\$6205.00
Christmas Loose	\$873.50
Religious Retirement	\$100.00
Solemnity of Mary:	\$60.00

TOTAL	\$11,728.50

Psalm
119:
105

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

NOTEWORTHY

KC FREE THROW CONTEST - JANUARY 18, 2026 - The KC Free Throw contest will be on January 18th at the SPS gymnasium. Doors open at 12:30 p.m. and the shoot starts at 1:00 p.m.

DISHCLOTH FUNDRAISER - Dishcloths are available in the Director of Ministries office if you're in need of some new ones or need a gift idea. Money raised from the dishcloth sales will go towards the WHBC Evangelization Women's Conference set for March 26th in O'Neill.

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS - THE STARS WE FOLLOW

Everyone follows a star. It is human nature to seek. If we are rich, we want to be richer. If we are smart, we want to be smarter. If we are powerful, we want to be more powerful. We cannot stay in one place, so to speak — to say, "I am what I am, I have what I have, and it is enough." Even the very act of maintaining a status quo, be it health or wealth or spiritual goodness, requires action. It requires effort. It requires movement. This is human nature. There is nothing wrong with it. When we stop seeking, we die. But what are we looking for? Where are we going? I often wonder if the Magi knew what they were seeking — really, truly knew. They were seeking "the newborn king of the Jews," yes, but did they understand who he was? What he was? I don't see how they could have. They were wise men, but they were not prophets. They simply knew this was an endeavor they had to undertake. They knew it in their souls. There really is very little that we know for certain about the Magi. We don't know how many of them there were. We don't know their religion. We don't know where they came from. All we know for certain is that they listened to a voice they heard deep within themselves. And, heeding that voice, they went forth. And what did they find? They found what we all seek, even if, foolishly, we seek it in riches or power. They found the face of the Child. So tell me this. Of all the stars you could follow, which one does the voice — that one deep within you— tell you to chase? Point to it. And go forth.

+ O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Our sympathies to the families of:



EDWARD "ED" REIMAN
SHBC - Ss. Peter & Paul - Butte
and
JOHN SHALD
St. Boniface - Stuart

Welcome to:



LUX WILLIAM DEXTER
Son of Mason & Jade Dexter
Baptized on Dec. 20, 2025

CCD INFORMATION:

January 7th
Youth Choir @ 6:00 p.m.
CCD Classes Meet @ 6:30 p.m.

January 14th
Youth Choir @ 6:00 p.m.
CCD Classes Meet @ 6:30 p.m.

CHRISTIAN MOTHERS

Next Mtg: January 12
@ 6:00 p.m.
Church Basement
Next Funeral/Function:
CH 1

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

KC Mtg:
January 5 @ 7:30 p.m.
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4th Degree Mtg:
January 12 @ 7:30 p.m.
Location: O'Neill

LADIES GUILD GATHERING

January 22
2:00 p.m.
St. Boniface
School Building

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Watch
for
details.



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

Several years ago, Fermina Lopez, a native of Guatemala, found herself divorced, homeless and jobless, with three children to raise. She felt she had no choice but to flee her beloved homeland and make the perilous journey north in search of work. She was one of the lucky ones who survived the five-day trek across the desert and found employment in Phoenix, Arizona. When she was able to save enough money for smugglers fees, she sent for her children one by one, whom she had left in the care of her neighbors. The first two made it, but her youngest, who got as far as the US-Mexican border is feared dead. The Lopez family is one small unit among the 214 million international migrants in the world today.

This weekend's gospel (Matt 2:13-15, 19-23), tells of Joseph's dream in which a divine messenger relays Herod's intent to kill the infant Jesus. The angel instructs Joseph to flee with Mary and the child to Egypt, a traditional place of refuge for Israelites (e.g., Gen 42-48; 1 Kgs 11:40; Jer 26:21). They too faced a treacherous desert crossing, though the gospel tells none of those details. We can only imagine Mary and Joseph's fear as they stole away under the cover of darkness and all the hardships they endured. Matthew says nothing about what happened when they arrived in a strange place, having to navigate in an unfamiliar language and culture. Who helped them along the way? How did Joseph find work? What did Mary think about Joseph's dreams? The evangelist skips ahead to the Holy Family's departure from Egypt, quoting Hosea 11:1, "Out of Egypt I called my son." As he is wont to do, Matthew interprets all that happens in the life of Jesus as fulfillment of Scripture. By identifying Jesus with Moses and the exodus, he introduces the theme that Jesus in the new authoritative teacher of the law.

Just as Moses received a divine command to return home after the death of those who sought his life (Exod 4:19), so Joseph follows the angel's command to return home after the death of Herod the Great. Herod's sons, however, still pose a threat. Archelaus, the eldest, was no less cruel than his father, so Joseph is fearful of returning to Judea. Once again he is directed by an angel in a dream, and settles his family in the more peaceful Galilee. Again, Matthew interprets this move as fulfillment of Scripture. Matthew's meaning is puzzling, however, since there is no text in the scriptures that says, "He shall be called a Nazorean." It is likely that he intends an allusion to Isaiah 11:1, which speaks of a shoot (netzer) that will sprout from the stump of Jesse, thus highlighting Jesus's royal Davidic lineage.

The experience of the Holy Family having to flee for their lives into a foreign land gives strength and courage to millions of today's migrants. Those living in their countries of destination are challenged by the gospel to consider what kind of welcome they would want to offer newcomers if they were none other than Jesus's own family.

Happy New Year one and all!

Ad multos annos!

Fr. Bernard Starman
Pastor