

# ST. BONIFACE PARISH

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**WEEKEND MASS: Saturday - 5:00 pm**

**WEEKDAY MASS: Monday & Tuesday - 5:30 pm**



**JANUARY 17-18, 2026**

**Second 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

	JAN 24 5:00 PM	JAN 31 5:00 PM
LECTOR:	Ken Kunz	John Madsen
EMHC:	Kelly Murphy	Darby Paxton
SERVERS:	Kennedie Kohle Annabel Kohle Alexis Lange	Alex Paxton Drew Paxton Jack Wondercheck
GREETERS/ GIFTS:	Volunteers	Mark & Nancy Snover
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 19 - 5:30 p.m.  
**† JACK TIELKE**

Tuesday - January 20 - 5:30 p.m.  
**† JERRY STEINHAUSER & SHANNON SIS**

Wednesday - January 21 - NO MASS

Thursday - January 22 - NO MASS

Friday - January 23 - NO MASS

Saturday - January 24 - 5:00 p.m.  
**† HADEN KAUP**

Sunday - January 25 - 9:00 a.m. - Atkinson

## EVENTS AND MEETINGS

<u>Sunday - January 18</u> KC Free Throw Contest 12:30 p.m.	God is faithful and He will not let you be tested beyond your strength.
<u>Tuesday - January 20</u> Joint Parish Council and Finance Committee Meeting 7:00 p.m.	
<u>Wednesday - January 21</u> Youth Choir @ 6:00 p.m. CCD Classes @ 6:30 p.m.	
<u>Thursday - January 22</u> Ladies Guild 2:00 p.m.	
<u>Saturday/Sunday - January 24/25</u> One Rose-One Life Special Collection	
<u>Wednesday - January 28</u> Youth Choir @ 6:00 p.m. CCD Classes @ 6:30 p.m.	
<u>Monday - February 2</u> KC Meeting 7:30 p.m.	

## NOTEWORTHY

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

ONE ROSE, ONE LIFE COLLECTION - JANUARY 24-25, 2026 - One Rose, One Life is an annual fund-raising campaign conducted by the Nebraska Knights of Columbus, for the Knights of Columbus Culture of Life Foundation of Nebraska. Over 96% of funds raised by the Foundation are used to support various pro-life causes, events & organizations. A special collection will be taken up on the weekend of January 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>. Please give generously to this worthy project.

OACCW WINTER MEETING - FEBRUARY 10, 2026 - All women are invited to attend the OACCW (Archdiocese Council of Catholic Women) meeting on Tuesday, February 10, 2026 at the KC Hall in Atkinson. ITINERARY: 9:30 a.m. Registration of \$10 includes coffee/rolls and lunch. 10:00 a.m. meeting hosted by RNW Deanery ladies. 11:30 Mass, Lunch, Afternoon-Commission Reports. RSVP encouraged by February 1st for lunch count to Leonarda Arens OACCW President via email at [arensljrepair@hotmail.com](mailto:arensljrepair@hotmail.com) or text to 402-253-5120.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - It's common to hear belief in Jesus and the Church mocked as blind faith and credulity. But in reality, it is deeply human and rational. Think about it: we rely on the testimony of others constantly. I trust chemists who certify the safety of toothpaste and cleaning products. I trust engineers when I use a microwave or drive over a bridge. Why? Because they have studied and seen what I have not, and their testimony proves itself in daily life. That kind of trust is not irrational; it is how human knowledge works. In today's Gospel, John the Baptist declares: "Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God" (John 1:34). That is the language of an eyewitness. It invites us into a very human act: trusting someone who has directly encountered something — or Someone — we have not yet fully seen ourselves. The Church's faith is built on this kind of reliable sight-based testimony. The Apostles did not make abstract claims. They saw, followed, suffered for, and proclaimed Jesus Christ. Over centuries, their witness — carried in Scripture, in the lives of the saints, and in the sacramental life of the Church — has proven dependable. We come to know its truth by assenting to it, by living and studying it, praying with it, trusting it.

Faith in Christ is not a childish leap into the dark. It is a step into the light of testimony that proves itself over time. — Father John Muir



Our sympathies to the family of:

CHRIS ANDERSEN  
St. Joseph - Atkinson



### CCD INFORMATION:

January 21st

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

January 28th

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

### CHRISTIAN MOTHERS

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

Next Funeral/Function:  
CH 1

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

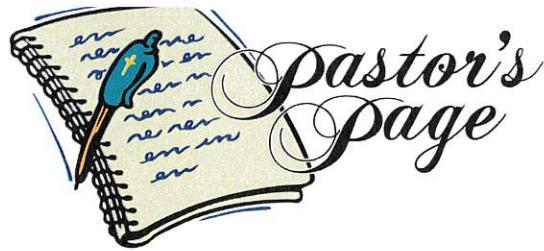
KC Mtg:  
February 2 @ 7:30 p.m.  
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4<sup>th</sup> Degree Mtg:  
February 9 @ 7:30 p.m.  
Location: Stuart

### 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,

As we enter into Ordinary Time, in this weekend's gospel reading (John 1:29-34), John the Baptist sets the stage for the first disciples to recognize and follow Jesus. His proclamation of Jesus as Lamb of God has caused debate among scholars. For some, this title invokes the servant in Isaiah, spoken of in this weekend's first reading (Isa 49:3,5-6), subsequent chapters of Isaiah emphasize the suffering servant, who is oppressed and afflicted, "and did not open his mouth; Like a lamb led to slaughter" (Isa 53:7). Others think of the lambs sacrificed in the temple as sin offerings (Lev 4:32-35). Still others think it's a reference to the Passover lamb, whose blood was smeared on the doorposts of the Israelites the night before beginning their exodus from Egypt (Exod 12:1-13).

One difficulty with the first interpretation is that it fits the Synoptic Gospels better than the Gospel of John. In the synoptic tradition, Jesus doesn't answer back throughout his trial; he stands before his accusers in silence. In John, however, Jesus is depicted as fully aware of and even in control of the events in the passion narrative. He doesn't remain silent but answers back in a confrontational manner when he is struck (18:23). In the book of Revelation, the victorious Lamb completes the picture begun in the Gospel of John.

The symbol of the sacrificial Lamb isn't a good fit for the Gospel of John. Jesus stops the sacrificial process in the temple, driving out the sheep and the cattle (2:13-22). Moreover, in this gospel, he speaks of himself not as an unwitting victim but as a shepherd who willingly lays down his life for his sheep (10:7-18).

Most likely it is the symbolism of the Passover lamb that the author of this gospel has in mind. Just as in the exodus, the lamb's blood protects the people as they begin the arduous journey toward new life. At the death of Jesus, this evangelist brings the symbolism to the fore again, by interpreting the decisions not to break Jesus's legs, as they did to the other two crucified with him, as fulfillment of the Scriptures that refer to the Passover lamb: "Not a bone of it will be broken" (John: 19:36; cf. Exod 12:46). As the new Passover lamb, Jesus protects his disciples (17:11-15) and opens the way for the new liberation of his people.

It is not an expiatory sacrificial lamb that Jesus takes away the sins of the world, but as one who embodies a way of life that frees people from all sinfulness that holds them bound. He shares with his disciples the power to live this manner of life when he appears to them after the resurrection, breathing the Spirit upon them and commissioning them: "Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them: (20:23). Just as John predicts in this weekend's gospel, Jesus bathes his followers in the Holy Spirit, enabling us to live as he did, forgiving everyone we can. Living in this way extends John's testimony to the Lamb of God in our day and continues Christ's action of taking away the sins of the whole world.

Ad multos annos!

Fr. Bernard Starman  
Pastor