

# St. Boniface Catholic Church

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## MASS SCHEDULE:

Weekend Mass—Saturday—5:00 p.m.

Weekday Mass—Monday & Tuesday—5:30 p.m.

## CATHOLIC PARISHES OF WESTERN HOLT AND BOYD COUNTIES

### Weekend Mass Schedules:

#### Saturday:

St. Boniface—Stuart  
5:00 p.m.

St. Patrick—O'Neill  
5:00 p.m.



SHBC—Saturday—7:00 p.m.

Week 1: Spencer  
Week 2: Spencer  
Week 3: Spencer  
Week 4: Butte  
Week 5: Spencer

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*Hope*



#### Sunday:

St. Joseph—Atkinson  
9:00 a.m.

St. Patrick—O'Neill  
10:30 a.m.

St. Joseph—Amelia  
11:15 a.m.

SHBC—Sunday—8:00 a.m.

Week 1: Butte  
Week 2: Butte  
Week 3: Butte  
Week 4: Spencer  
Week 5: Butte

“So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect,  
the Son of Man will come.”

~ Matthew 24:44

November 29—30, 2025

*First Sunday of Advent*

## Mass Times and Intentions

Monday—Dec 1—5:30 p.m.

†**MAX KUNZ**

Tuesday—Dec 2—5:30 p.m.

†**FRANK & EDITH MURPHY**

Wednesday—Dec 3—NO MASS

Thursday—Dec 4—NO MASS

Friday—Dec 5—2:00 p.m. @ Parkside

†**ROLLIE KUNZ**

Saturday—Dec 6—5:00 p.m.

†**HENRY MURPHY**

Sunday—Dec 7—9:00—Atkinson



Confession Time:  
Saturdays—4:30—4:50 p.m.  
or by appointment

## Collection: November 22—23—2025

Regular Envelopes (14)	\$890.00
Loose	\$212.13
Children's Collection	\$13.00
Special Collections:	
Catholic Charities	\$25.00
Thanksgiving	\$25.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1165.13</b>



EUCCHARISTIC  
ADORATION



## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

Watch the bulletin for details.

## Christian Mothers

Rosary—Monday & Tuesday @ 5:10 p.m.

Saturday @ 4:40 p.m.

Next function/funeral—CH 2

Next Meeting—January 12 @ 6:00 p.m.

Church Basement



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## Events & Meetings

Mon—Dec 1—KC Meeting @ 7:30 p.m.

Wed—Dec 3—Jubilee of Hope Pilgrimage Stop—Lynch

Wed—Dec 3—Youth Choir Practice @ 6:00 p.m.  
Religious Ed Classes @ 6:30 p.m.

Thurs—Dec 4—Ladies Guild—2:00 p.m.

Sat/Sun—Dec 6/7—Religious Retirement Fund Collection

Sun—Dec 7—Vigil of the Immaculate Conception—7 pm

Mon—Dec 8—Immaculate Conception—8:15 am—Atk.

Mon—Dec 8—4th Degree KC Meeting—7:30 p.m.

Wed—Dec 10—Youth Choir Practice @ 6:00 p.m.  
Religious Ed Classes @ 6:30 p.m.



Please Pray for . . .

Luke Olberding, Beckett Block,  
Lois Schaaf, Kirstine Chvala,  
Norbert & Jeanette Starman

1st Sunday of Advent  
**The Candle of Hope**  
Heavenly Father, as we light the first candle of Advent, we welcome the hope of Your promise. May this light remind us of Your presence in our lives and ignite a steadfast trust in Your love. Guide us in this season of waiting, filling our hearts with anticipation and peace, as we look toward the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION INFO

December 3rd

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

December 10th

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

Ladies Guild—December 4—2:00 p.m.



## Knights of Columbus

Dec 1—KC Meeting @ 7:30 p.m.

## 4th Degree Knights of Columbus

Dec 8—4th Degree Mtg @ 7:30 p.m.—Stuart



**“Love God, Serve God; everything is in that.” St. Clare of Assisi - Ministry Schedule**

Serve one another through love. <i>Galatians 5:13</i>		<b>Saturday—December 6</b>	<b>Saturday—December 13</b>	
		5:00 p.m.	5:00 p.m.	
	LECTOR:	Terry Murphy	Ken Kunz	
	EMHC:	Theresa Fahrenholz	John Kramer	
	SERVERS:	Alex Paxton Drew Paxton—Jack Wondercheck	Karlee Wolf Jase Wolf—Rylan Krysl	
	USHERS:	Lloyd Hipke—Bob Kunz AJ Timmerman—Volunteer	Lloyd Hipke—Bob Kunz AJ Timmerman—Volunteer	
	GREETERS/GIFTS:	Confirmation Class	Robert & Patty Hanzlik	
	MONEY COUNTERS:	Mark & Nancy Snover	Mark & Nancy Snover	
	<b><u>N*O*T*E*W*O*R*T*H*Y</u></b>			

**DISH CLOTH FUNDRAISER**—Help support West Holt / Boyd County Evangelization with their DISH CLOTH FUNDRAISER. The Rural Women’s Conference will be selling dish cloths for \$2 each and will be available in the DOM Office or contact Jan Kunz @ 402.340.2303. Great gift idea!

**SPECIAL COLLECTION—DECEMBER 6th & 7th, 2025**—A special collection will be taken up for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Envelopes are in your packet. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

**GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE**—A few years ago, my house was broken into on Super Bowl Sunday. Turns out, it’s a great day for burglars. If the TV isn’t on, people are probably watching the game somewhere else, so ... easy pickins’. I’ll never forget walking into my bedroom and realizing someone had been there. My stuff was thrown all over the floor. The closet was torn apart. It was disorienting and disturbing — someone had invaded the space I thought was secure. After that, I bought an alarm system. And every Super Bowl Sunday since, I’m extra careful to lock the doors and keep the lights on. That experience made me more alert. Not scared. Just attentive. That’s much like the spiritual place Jesus wants us to be on this first Sunday of Advent. He doesn’t start the season with soft candlelight and cozy manger scenes. He starts with two brutal images: a flood and a thief. In other words, chaos and violation. Why? Because life will flood us. Chaos will come. And in the midst of it, Christ will come like a thief — not to steal from us, but to steal us back. He is the intruder we should want. The one who breaks in, not to ransack, but to rescue. Christ presents himself as the thief but also the new Noah. He builds the ark of the Church to carry us through the flood. And he invites us to join him. How? By participating fully in our parishes. By making our homes places of prayer. By guarding our hearts with truth. By refusing to let spiritual complacency leave us exposed. By repentance. This Advent, don’t just stay vaguely “awake.” Prepare. Build. Watch. The flood will come. But so will he. — Father John Muir

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION VIGIL MASS—MINISTRY SCHEDULE  
DECEMBER 7TH—7:00 p.m.**

Lector—John Madsen  
EMHC—Ralph Olberding  
Servers—Rylan Krysl, Alexis Lange, Truman Addison  
Greeters/Gifts—Kelly Murphy and Terry Murphy

**ARCHBISHOP’S ANNUAL APPEAL GOAL UPDATE**

	<u>Received as of 11/25/25:</u>	<u>Fund Goal:</u>
St. Boniface—Stuart	\$4435.00	\$8,776.53



**JUBILEE OF HOPE**

+ Pilgrimage Stop +  
ABVM—Lynch

Schedule:

Reconciliation—5:30—6:15 p.m.

Mass—6:30 p.m.

Adoration after Mass—8:00 p.m.

Date: Dec 3



## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK . . .

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

In the years after the attacks of September 11, 2001, there were nonstop warnings to be alert to possible terrorist attacks. In US airports repeated public announcements from Homeland Security advised whether the level of alert was yellow, orange, or red. People were asked to be aware and wary.

This weekend's second and third readings want us to move to red alert. Paul (Rom 13: 11-14) says it's time to wake from sleep. The gospel (Matt 24:37-44) warns us to stay awake and not be caught unaware. The image of what happens to those who are unprepared sounds frightening: a thief in the night breaks in; one man in a field is taken and the other one left; one woman grinding at the mill is taken and the other one left. "Be prepared," Jesus warns.

As we enter Advent once again, we are not preparing for the coming of the Christ Child; that already happened more than two thousand years ago. Rather, in Advent, we break our normal routine and move into heightened alert to perceive more intensely the ways in which Emmanuel, God-with-us, is moving us toward that vision of peace and unity that Isaiah so eloquently describes in the first reading (Isa 2: 1-5). The prophet dreams of how all people stream toward the city of peace, all dwell in unity, swords are beaten into plowshares, spears into pruning hooks, and there is no more training for war again.

In the second reading Paul gives concrete advice on how we might do this intense preparation for the coming fullness of the peaceable kingdom. Paul exhorts Christians to "throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light." He recognizes that the peace of which Isaiah dreamed, and which the coming of Christ brought about in a new way, does not come without a struggle. It takes more than just wishing and longing to make it a reality. He imagines Christians going into battle, metaphorically speaking.

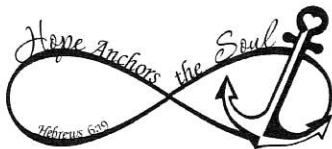
To prepare for the struggle, Paul would have us polish up our body armor of virtues. He speaks of the kind of training one must undergo to be able to be the bearer of light. He warns against excesses and indulgences that make one sated and sluggish. Instead, traditional practices of prayer and fasting can hollow out inner space to tend the light we are asked to bear.

The readings for this weekend urge us to go beyond defensive preparations. Readyng ourselves for the full expression of the peaceable kingdom also entails initiating nonviolent action to dismantle weapons of war and transform whatever there may be in our hearts that is not yet able to wage peace.

The gospel this weekend impresses upon us the urgency of engaging in the struggles for peace. The images of the unprepared ones whose homes are broken into or who are left behind are not meant to frighten us. But they remind us that there will be an end-time when all of our preparations, all our attempts to be alert, and all our efforts to disarm our hearts and wage peace will, in a critical moment, reach fruition. And we will be ready.

Ad multos annos!

Fr. Bernard Starman  
Pastor



As St. Patrick parishioners return to their newly restored/renovated church this weekend. I want to publicly thank Atkinson St. Joseph parishioners for their warm welcome during our months of displacement. Your hospitality was incredible!

### REQUESTS

\*\*\*To ensure all goes smoothly with sponsor requests for Baptisms, Confirmations, etc., it's important to request the forms *at least three weeks in advance* due to possible mail delays.

\*\*\*Baptism requests must be made at *least 30 days prior* to the requested dates.

Forms can be found online at:

[stbonifacestuart.com](http://stbonifacestuart.com) OR [holtboydcatholic.org](http://holtboydcatholic.org)

Any mail for St. Patrick's Office or Fr. Starman needs to be sent to:  
313 E Hwy 20, O'Neill 68763