

ST. BONIFACE PARISH

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

*The last
shall be first.
And the first
shall be Last!*

Matthew 20:16

SEPTEMBER 19-20, 2026
25th 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

	SEPT 26 5:00 PM	OCT 3 5:00 PM
LECTOR:	Patty Hanzlik	Lisa Keogh
EMHC:	Darby Paxton	Sarah Addison
SERVERS:	Kennedie Kohle Annabel Kohle Alexis Lange	Drew Paxton Jase Wolf Jack Wondercheck
GREETERS/ GIFTS:	Jeff & Cheri Dvorak	Tammy Heiser Family
USHERS:	John Tubbs Jay Addison Kyle Connot Gary Olberding	Rick Shearer Brock Lange Roger Scholz Jon Schmaderer
MONEY COUNTERS:	Travis & Tracy Ludwig	Rick & Terri Shearer

EVENTS AND MEETINGS

Monday - September 21

OACCW Convention
Wayne

Wednesday - September 23

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

Thursday - September 24

Ladies Guild @ 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday - September 30

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

Sunday - October 4

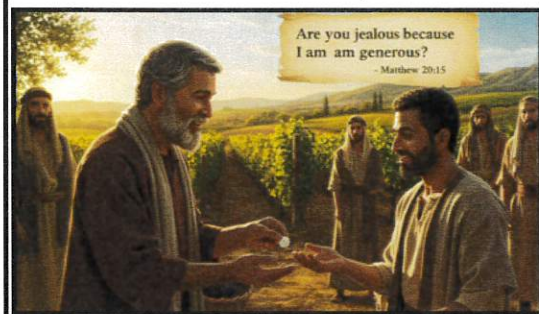
Life Chain in O'Neill @ 1:30 p.m.

Monday - October 5

KC Mtg @ 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday - October 7

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



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

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Monday - September 21 - NO MASS

Tuesday - September 22 - 5:30 p.m.

✠ ALL SOULS

Wednesday - September 23 - NO MASS

Thursday - September 24 - NO MASS

Friday - September 25 - NO MASS

Saturday - September 26 - 5:00 p.m.

✠ JOHN HLADKY & ALISHA CARR

Sunday - September 27 - 9:00 a.m. - Atkinson

STEWARDSHIP:

September 13, 2026

Regular Envelopes	\$1685.00
Loose	\$141.00
Children's Collection	\$6.00

Electronic Donations:

September 1st
September 15th
Sept End of Month

Special Collections:

Energy	\$150.00
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TOTAL	\$1982.00
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Confession Times: Saturdays 4:30-4:50 p.m. or by appointment

"Great
peace
have
they
which
love
thy
law;
and
nothing
shall
offend
them."

Psalms
119:165

NOTEWORTHY

TEACHER NEEDED - We are still in need of a teacher for the 11th and 12th grade classes. Please don't let fear tell you you're not good enough - you are! There's curriculum you can use. The kids need you to step up, show up, and be an example of faith. Contact Jan Kunz @ 402.340.2303 for more information.

OACCW SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY - Attention High School Senior Catholic Girls! Omaha Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women (OACCW) is accepting applications for their \$750 SCHOLARSHIP. Get the 2027 Scholarship Packet from your school Guidance Counselor today! The completed scholarship application, transcript, essay, and evaluation form from your priest, school/parish staff or faculty person must be postmarked or received by your parish's Deanery President by January 15, 2027. Applications are accepted in the Deanery where you attend church, not where you attend school.

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS - The Why - Sometimes, the Gospel takes everything you think you know about Jesus, throws it in a box, shakes it violently, dumps it on the floor, looks you in the eye and says: "Clean it up." And there you are, picking up the pieces, wondering how, after 2,000 years, someone can still keep you guessing. Today is one of those Gospels. We know Jesus as a champion of the poor. We envision him as a social justice warrior. And now he's advocating for time theft in the workplace? Make it make sense. Well, at its heart, today's Gospel is a story about who gets what. A story about comparison, which we are told is the thief of joy — but without comparison, nothing would ever get done. In this world, wages are set, court cases are settled, international borders are drawn, all by comparing one entity to another and evaluating that comparison to make a judgment. What this Gospel doesn't tell us is the "why." The workers who labored longest in the vineyard feel cheated because those who showed up later earn the same wage. This would be egregious — unless we consider that the only criteria used in the comparison is the length of the workday's duration. Quality and efficiency of work is never even mentioned. For all we know, those all-day workers could have been standing around fanning themselves and should feel lucky to get what they did. "Why" is a question we ask a lot in this life. Why did my dad die? Why did I get cancer? Why did my husband lose his job? As we pick up the pieces of today's Gospel, we should ask ourselves this: when we know what we know about Who decides who gets what, do we have to know the "why?"

- Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY IS SEPTEMBER 27, 2026 - Remember Fr. Starman & Fr. Ross and thank them for their continued dedication to this important vocation. May God bless them & watch over them.

Our sympathies to the families of: BERNADETTE JELINEK and ALICE POSPISAL St. Joseph - Atkinson 	<u>RELIGIOUS EDUCATION</u> <u>September 23</u> Youth Choir @ 6:00 p.m. Classes @ 6:30 p.m. <u>September 30</u> Youth Choir @ 6:00 p.m. Classes @ 6:30 p.m.	<u>THANK YOU</u> to everyone that helped with the Parish Work night on Sept. 15. Your hard work and time are deeply appreciated.	Please keep in your prayers our Seminarian of the Month: Ethan Menning 
<u>CHRISTIAN MOTHERS</u> Next Mtg: November 9 @ 6:00 p.m. St. Boniface School Next Funeral/Function: CH 3	<u>KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS</u> KC Mtg: October 5 @ 7:30 p.m. +++++ 4th Degree KC Mtg: October 12 @ 7:30 p.m. Location: Stuart	<u>LADIES GUILD GATHERING</u> September 24 2:00 p.m. St. Boniface School Building	<u>PLEASE PRAY FOR:</u> Emerson Batenhorst Olivia Cannon Kirstine Chvala Lois Schaaf



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

The parable in this weekend's gospel (Matt 20:1-16a) seems so unfair. Don't people who work longer and harder deserve more pay? How can it be just that the vineyard owner pays all the laborers the same when they haven't worked the same amount of time? These troublesome questions arise when we stand in the place of those who were hired first and who worked the whole long day in the sun.

However, the comments of a woman at a recent bible study workshop at an American parish might help us reflect on and understand the parable from a whole new angle. She was a single mother, raising three children alone after her husband deserted them. She had little education and few marketable skills. Day after day she stood in line at the unemployment office hoping against hope for a job.

As she read the parable, she remarked that the ones standing idle all day long in the marketplace were not lazy. They would gladly have worked for anyone willing to hire them. But they were always left behind, perhaps because they were old, infirm and unskilled, unable to work as hard as the more robust prospective workers around them. They were like her and many of the people who thronged too the unemployment lines these days, she said.

As she reflected on the ending of the parable, she observed that if the landowner had given the laborers who were hired last anything other than one day's wage, what good would that do? How would they feed their children? Sure, she admitted, the first hired had worked all day in the hot sun, but they also had the satisfaction that at the end of the day they would be able to feed their families.

Justice, in God's reign, she proposed, is about everybody being able to eat at the end of the day, no matter what each one's capacity to work. God's justice, she advanced cannot be earned and does not depend on how much you work.

This explanation is much closer to what Jesus's original audience of people struggling to survive would have understood. The assertion of the vineyard owner that he is doing no injustice to the earlier hired workers challenges those in privileged positions to examine their sense of entitlement. Does it take anything away from the first hired if the last hired receive the same wage?

The vineyard owner's question in verse 15 points out the destructiveness of evil-eye envy in a community. The owner asks, "are you envious because I am generous?" In the original greed of the gospel, the sentence is literally, "Is your eye evil because I am good?" The question is about God's goodness, which is extended equally to all, and how difficult it is for us not to look enviously on goodness poured out on others, even as it has been lavished upon ourselves. Is it not, however, a great relief that God's justice does not mean that people get what they deserve?

Ad multos annos!

Fr. Bernard Starman
Pastor