

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.

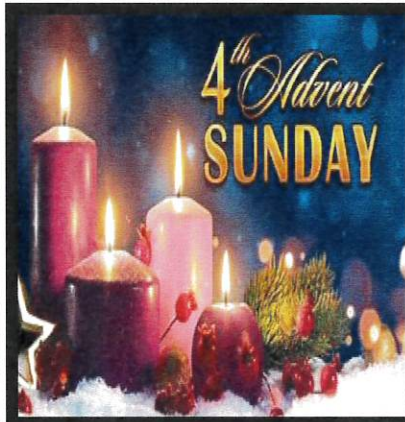
Week 1: Spencer

Week 2: Spencer

Week 3: Spencer

Week 4: Butte

Week 5: Spencer



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

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Week 3: Butte

Week 4: Spencer

Week 5: Butte

"She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus,
because he will save his people from their sins."

~ Matthew 1:21

December 20—21, 2025

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Mass Times and Intentions

Monday—Dec 22—5:30 p.m.

+GARRY LOCKMON, JOE HELEN SCHMADERER AND THE
DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE SCHMADERER FAMILY

Tuesday—Dec 23—5:30 p.m.

+DON BOUSKA

Wednesday—Dec 24—6:00 p.m.

+LARRY & DARRELL PAXTON AND
AH & GERTIE KAUP

Thursday—Dec 25—NO MASS

Friday—Dec 26—NO MASS

Saturday—Dec 27—5:00 p.m.

+JERRY WALLINGER

Sunday—Dec 28—9:00—Atkinson



Confession Time:

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

Collection: December 13—14—2025

Regular Envelopes	\$1320.00
Loose	\$357.00
Children's Collection	\$7.00
Special Collections:	
Religious Retirement	\$445.00
Immaculate Conception	\$385.00
TOTAL	\$2514.00



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 3

Next Meeting—January 12 @ 6:00 p.m.

Church Basement



Bulletin Editor: Jan Kunz—jankunz9@gmail.com—402-340-2303

Events & Meetings

Mon—Dec 22—Confessions 6:00-7:00 p.m.—Stuart

Tues—Dec 23—Confessions 6:30-7:30 p.m.—Atkinson

Wed—Dec 24—No Youth Choir or CCD Classes

Wed—Dec 24—Christmas Eve—Mass @ 6:00 p.m.

Thurs—Dec 25—MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Wed—Dec 31—No Youth Choir or CCD Classes

Wed—Dec 31—Solemnity of Mary Vigil Mass @ 7:00 pm

Thurs—Jan 1—HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Thurs—Jan 1—Solemnity of Mary Mass @ 9:00 am—Atk

Mon—Jan 5—KC Meeting @ 7:30 p.m.

Wed—Jan 7—Youth Choir @ 6:00 p.m.
CCD Classes @ 6:30 p.m.



Please Pray for . . .

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



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION INFO

December 24th

NO Youth Choir
NO CCD Classes

December 31st

NO Youth Choir
NO CCD Classes

Ladies Guild—January 22—2:00 p.m.



Knights of Columbus

Jan 5—KC Meeting @ 7:30 p.m.

4th Degree Knights of Columbus

Jan 12—4th Degree Mtg @ 7:30 p.m.—O'Neill

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

Serve one another through love. <i>Galatians 5:13</i>		<u>Saturday—December 27</u>	<u>Saturday—January 3</u>	
		5:00 p.m.	5:00 p.m.	
	LECTOR:	Jay Addison	Ben Paxton	
	EMHC:	Jonna Kohle	Sandra Kramer	
	SERVERS:	Kennedie Kohle Annabel Kohle—Alexis Lange	John Ludwig Mary Ludwig—Emily Karo	
	USHERS:	Lloyd Hipke—Bob Kunz AJ Timmerman—Volunteer	Lloyd Hipke—Bob Kunz AJ Timmerman—Volunteer	
	MONEY COUNTERS:	Mark & Nancy Snover	Dan & Donna Malone	

N*O*T*E*W*O*R*T*H*Y

CHRISTMAS EVE MINISTRY SCHEDULE—Dec. 24th—6:00 p.m.

Lector: Jennifer Schmaderer
EMHC: Becky Estill
Servers: Collin Heiser, Kole Estill, Kemberlyn Kohle
Greeter/Gifts: Tammy Heiser Family



SOLEMNITY OF MARY MINISTRY SCHEDULE—Dec. 31st—7:00 p.m.

Lector: Justin Estill EMHC: Sharon Paxton
Servers: Alex Paxton, Drew Paxton, Jack Wondercheck
Greeter/Gifts: Dan & Karen Myers

CHRISTMAS CHOIR

Anyone that would like to sing for Christmas Eve (youth and adults) is invited to be in the choir loft by 5:30 p.m. on December 24th.



ADVENT CONFESSION TIMES:

Monday—December 22—6:00-8:00 p.m.—Stuart
Tuesday—December 23—6:30-7:30 p.m.—Atkinson



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!

ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL GOAL UPDATE

St. Boniface—Stuart	<u>Received as of 12/16/25:</u> \$7385.00	<u>Fund Goal:</u> \$8,776.53
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CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULES:

Christmas Eve—December 24
4:00 p.m.—St. Joseph—Atkinson
4:00 p.m.—St. Mary's—Spencer
4:00 p.m.—St. Patrick—O'Neill
6:00 p.m.—St. Boniface—Stuart



Christmas Day—December 25
12:00 a.m.—Midnight Mass
St. Patrick—O'Neill
9:00 a.m.—St. Joseph—Atkinson
10:00 a.m.—Ss. Peter & Paul—Butte
10:30 a.m.—St. Patrick—O'Neill
11:15 a.m.—St. Joseph—Amelia

JUST A LITTLE
Reminder

All end of the year donations
should be postmarked or made by
December 31st.
Thank you!



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK . . .

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

Today's young people are significantly more tolerant than their elders, according to a recent study. Young people think nothing of dating people of other races. On the other hand, studies of college students show that they are about 40 percent lower in empathy than in the previous two or three decades. Schools find that they need to create activities designed to enhance understanding and empathy, which go far beyond tolerance.

This weekend's gospel (Matt 1:18-24) brings to the fore the situation of Joseph, whose culture had little tolerance for a formally betrothed woman who was found to be with child by someone other than her intended. Joseph is a righteous man, faithful to all the demands of the Jewish law. The strictest interpretation of the law would call for the death of the apparently adulterous Mary (Deut 22: 23-27). But Joseph is unwilling to denounce her publicly and searches for a way out. There cannot be a secret divorce, two witnesses are needed, and Mary's pregnancy cannot be hidden for long.

Joseph's first solution is to avoid a public trial and divorce Mary quietly, without declaring the reasons (see Deut 24:1). This solution would preserve Joseph's reputation, but Mary would still be exposed to public shame. The only way to preserve Mary's honor would be for Joseph to complete his marriage to her and adopt the child as his own. In order for Joseph to make this choice, he has to shift his focus away from concern about his own righteousness and reputation and turn empathetically toward Mary. Only when he can make her the center of attention, allowing himself to feel her distress, can he make the divinely directed choice that will uphold her honor at the price of his own.

In so doing, Joseph mirrors the divine action of empathy with humankind manifested in the incarnation. Just as the Holy One rectifies the broken relationship with humanity by becoming one with us, so Joseph rescues a dishonorable Mary. Joseph exemplifies what their son Jesus will later teach his followers: one must go far beyond what the law requires in order to truly fulfill it.

This is what Saint Paul calls "the obedience of faith" in his letter to the Romans. For Paul, obedience is not blindly following commands, but comes from hearing, "and what is heard comes through the word of Christ" (Rom 10:17). In fact the Greek word for obedience comes from the same root as does the verb "to hear." In the gospel, Joseph's ability to hear with his heart the cries of his beloved Mary as well as the voice of our empathetic God leads to his faithful obedience. As Christmas approaches, it can be difficult for us to hear God's voice above the din of so many demands. When we pause each day to listen attentively, our faithful obedience, like that of Joseph, can have world-changing power as it creates the space for the Holy One to be ever birthed anew in our midst as God-with-us.

Wishing all of you a blessed, happy and holy Christmas!

Ad multos annos!

Fr. Bernard Starman
Pastor



O Come Let Us Adore Him

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 OR holtboydcatholic.org

Any mail for St. Patrick's Office or Fr. Starman needs to be sent to:

313 E Hwy 20, O'Neill 68763