

ST. BONIFACE PARISH

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

Give Caesar what
belongs to Caesar



Give to God what
belongs to God

OCTOBER 17-18, 2026
29th 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

	OCT 24 5:00 PM	OCT 31 5:00 PM
LECTOR:	Darby Paxton	Justin Estill
EMHC:	Tom Dvorak	Kim Estes
SERVERS:	Alexis Lange Drew Paxton Jase Wolf	Kennedie Kohle Annabel Kohle Savannah Kohle
GREETERS/ GIFTS:	Tom & Bonnie Krysl	First Reconciliation Class
USHERS:	Rick Shearer Brock Lange Roger Scholz Jon Schmaderer	Rick Shearer Brock Lange Roger Scholz Jon Schmaderer
MONEY COUNTERS:	Rick & Terri Shearer	Rick & Terri Shearer

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

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Monday - October 19 - 5:30 p.m.
+VIRGINIA WORDEN

Tuesday - October 20 - 5:30 p.m.
OLIVIA CANNON

Wednesday - October 21 - NO MASS

Thursday - October 22 - NO MASS

Friday - October 23 - NO MASS

Saturday - October 24 - 5:00 p.m.
+DARRELL & LARRY PAXTON AND A.H. & GERTIE KAUP

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

EVENTS AND MEETINGS

Wednesday - October 21

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

Thursday - October 22

Ladies Guild @ 2:00 p.m.

Sunday - October 25

St. Joseph's Parish Auction
Atkinson

Wednesday - October 28

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

Saturday - October 31

Holy Land Art Here

PRAYER FOR POPE LEO

O God, shepherd and ruler of all the faithful, look favorably on your servant Leo, whom you have set at the head of your Church as her shepherd; grant, we pray, that by word and example he may be of service to those over whom he presides so that, together with the flock entrusted to his care, he may come to everlasting life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

STEWARDSHIP:

October 11, 2026

Regular Envelopes	\$1045.00
Loose	\$83.00
Children's Collection	\$7.00

Electronic Donations:

October 1st
October 15th
Oct End of Month

Special Collections:

Energy	\$50.00
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TOTAL	\$1185.00
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"In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."
Matthew: 5:16

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

MARRIAGE ROCKS! INFORMATION NEEDED -We are wanting to update parish records and gather information on wedding anniversaries for our upcoming "Celebrating Milestones" Celebration in February. Please fill out a card in the pew and drop it in the box in the entrance of the church, fill out the form online at: <https://forms.gle/TbvNTk57cj8eUMv5>, or scan the QR code. Thank you so much to those who have already turned in their information. It is appreciated. Please have information in by October 26th.



HOLY LAND ART - OCTOBER 31, 2026 - Holy Land Art will be here on Oct. 31st to sell their beautiful art pieces after Mass. They will be in Atkinson on Nov. 1st and in O'Neill and Amelia the following weekend.

SPIRIT CATHOLIC RADIO SPEAKER - NOVEMBER 4, 2026 - Come Hear Joe Heschmeyer on the Eucharist! Spirit Catholic Radio welcomes Catholic Answers apologist and author Joe Heschmeyer to Sacred Heart Parish Center in Norfolk on November 4th at 6:30 PM for an evening of faith and inspiration. Joe will speak on "The Eucharistic Heart of Christianity," exploring the central role of the Eucharist in our Catholic faith. Come experience Joe's engaging blend of reason, faith, and Catholic apologetics. Get your tickets today at <https://spiritcatholicradio.com/joe/>! Catch Catholic Answers Live weekdays at 5 PM CT on Spirit Catholic Radio at 88.3 FM in Norfolk.

OACCW FALL MEETING - NOVEMBER 10, 2026 - All women are invited to attend the Omaha Archdiocese of Council of Catholic Women Fall Meeting on Nov. 10th at St Joseph Catholic Church Parish Hall, 118 W. Willow St., Pierce. \$10 for registration fee and starts at 9:30 a.m. Fee includes coffee/rolls and lunch. Hosted by RC Deanery ladies.

KC THANK YOU AND DONATIONS - The following is a list of donations given back to the community by the Knights of Columbus Council #5881: St. Boniface utilities - \$2000; Stuart Community Church utilities - \$500; Wrangler - \$500; Fire Department - \$500; and Brain Builders - \$850. Thank you to everyone who purchased Duck Race tickets this year.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - A Roman coin bears Caesar's image, so it belongs to Caesar. Therefore, he has a legitimate claim to it. Fair enough. But what belongs to God? What bears His image? Every human being. God has imprinted Himself on every person. Which means everyone — including Caesar — belongs entirely to Him. Jesus, who is God's perfect image, has come to draw everyone back to God.

LOOK TO THE LORD AND HIS STRENGTH; SEEK HIS FACE ALWAYS.	RELIGIOUS EDUCATION <u>October 21</u> Youth Choir @ 6:00 p.m. Classes @ 6:30 p.m. <u>October 28</u> Youth Choir @ 6:00 p.m. Classes @ 6:30 p.m.	ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL Goal: \$9,654.00 Committed as of October 13th: \$3,855.00	Please keep in your prayers our Seminarian of the Month: Casey LaMotte 
CHRISTIAN MOTHERS Next Mtg: November 9 @ 6:00 p.m. St. Boniface School Next Funeral/Function: CH 3	KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS KC Mtg: November 2 @ 7:30 p.m. +++++ 4th Degree KC Mtg: November 9 @ 7:30 p.m. Location: O'Neill	LADIES GUILD GATHERING October 22 2:00 p.m. St. Boniface School Building	PLEASE PRAY FOR: Emerson Batenhorst Olivia Cannon Kirstine Chvala Lois Schaaf



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

In this weekend's gospel (Matt: 15-21), the Pharisees and Herodians, who pose the question to Jesus about paying tax to Ceaser, are not seeking guidance about a difficult moral decision. They're trying to trap Jesus with a sticky question, that has no easy solution. Since the Roman occupation of Palestine in 63 BCE, Jews were obliged to a census tax, or head tax, on each man, woman, and slave. The amount was one denarius (one day's pay) per year and was to be paid with Roman coins. Which in Jesus's day bore the image the emperor Tiberius, who reigned from 14 to 37 CE.

The attitude of Jesus's fellow Jews toward the Romans varied as did their strategies for resistance to the occupiers. Some resigned themselves to paying their taxes in order to live in peace. Some paid the tax because they regarded the Romans as representing God's authority. Some "kissed up" to the powerful Romans by openly advocating paying the tax. Some would have said they should pay nothing to Ceaser because everything belongs to God (Lev 25:23). Some would have opposed any collusion with Rome. There were those who harbored strong nationalist sentiments and fomented armed revolts against the occupying powers. The ancient historian Josephus tells of several first-century leaders who led unsuccessful tax revolts.

In asking Jesus to take a stand on this thorny question, the Pharisees hope to discredit him. If he supports paying the tax, then he would be seen as cooperating with the enemy, and his credibility as a prophet who preaches God's ways as opposed to Ceaser's Imperial ways is compromised. If he replies that they ought not to be paid, then he places himself at risk by way of the Romans.

Jesus finds a clever way through these two opposite choices: one should give the coins back to Ceaser, since they belong to him. He then turns the focus "to what belongs to God," which, for believers, is everything. Thus, Jesus relativizes the authority of the emperor by emphasizing God's ultimate sovereignty over all. This clever answer leaves Jesus's opponents astounded. They have no response and they depart to await another opportunity to ensnare him.

In the gospel, Jesus's interlocutors are not asking a sincere question; they are intent on undoing him. Nonetheless, the text can be an aid for contemporary Christians who genuinely seek to discern how they will relate to a government that takes actions or enacts laws they oppose on moral grounds.

Should one withhold paying taxes, for example, such as some Christians, like Raymond Hunthausen (former archbishop of Seattle, 1975-91), have done to express their opposition to the stockpiling of nuclear weapons? Should one refuse to pay federal income tax as a way to protest war, as Dorothy Day did? Or should one pay taxes, but diligently lobby, vote, and participate in nonviolent protests as ways to communicate an oppositional stance?

Jesus's single-mindedness about the reign of God and his cleverness in turning a verbal dual into an invitation to become more deeply centered on the Holy One can help us discern our responses in our day.

Ad multos annos!

Fr. Bernard Starman
Pastor