

# 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.**

#### Sunday:

**St. Joseph—Atkinson—9:00 a.m.**

**St. Patrick—O'Neill—10:30 a.m.**

**St. Joseph—Amelia—11:15 a.m.**

### Sacred Heart of Boyd County

#### Saturday:

**Week 1: Spencer—7:00 p.m.**

**Week 2: Spencer—7:00 p.m.**

**Week 3: Spencer—7:00 p.m.**

**Week 4: Butte—7:00 p.m.**

**Week 5: Spencer—7:00 p.m.**

#### Sunday:

**Butte—8:00 a.m.**

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**Spencer—8:00 a.m.**

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**"Mary said, 'Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord.  
May it be done to me according to your word.'"**

**~ Luke 1:38**

**December 23—24, 2023**

***Fourth Sunday of Advent***

## Mass Times and Intentions

Monday—Dec 25—9:00 a.m.—Atkinson

Tuesday—Dec 26—NO MASS

Wednesday—Dec 27—NO MASS

Thursday—Dec 28—NO MASS

Friday—Dec 29—NO MASS

Saturday—Dec 30—5:00 p.m.

+ JOHN HLADKY

Sunday—Dec 31—9:00 a.m.—Atkinson

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**Solemnity of Mary Mass Schedule:**

Sunday—Dec 31—5:00 p.m.

+ NEIL HELENBOLT

Monday—Jan 1—9:00 a.m.—Atkinson

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

## Collection: Dec. 16—17—2023

Regular Envelopes (25)	\$1885.00
Loose	\$103.00
Special Collections:	
Immaculate Conception	\$105.00
Retirement Fund for Religious	\$205.00
Children's Collection	\$15.00
Christmas	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2313.00</b>



EUCCHARISTIC  
ADORATION



**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:**

6:00—8:00 p.m.

(3rd—4th—5th Mondays of Each Month)

**January**

15th ~ 22nd ~ 29th

## Christian Mothers

Rosary—Monday & Tuesday @ 5:10 p.m.

Saturday @ 4:40 p.m.

Next function/funeral—Group 1

Next Meeting—Feb. 12 @ 6:00 p.m.

Church Basement



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## Events & Meetings

Sun—Dec 24—Christmas Eve

Mon—Dec 25—Christmas Day

Wed—Dec 27—NO Youth  
Choir or CCD Classes



Sun—Mon—Dec 31 & Jan 1—Solemnity of Mary Masses  
(Not a Holy Day of Obligation this year)

Wed—Jan 3—NO Youth Choir or CCD Classes

Sat/Sun—Jan 6/7—Special Collection—Seminary

Mon—Jan 8—4th Degree KC Meeting—7:30 p.m.—O'Neill

Wed—Jan 10—Youth Choir Practice @ 6:00 p.m.  
CCD Classes Meet @ 6:30 p.m.



## Please Pray for . . .

Kirstine Chvala + Garrett Scholz

Kate Steinhauser + Lois Schaaf + Coralie Thomas

Adalynn & Remy Bouska + Donna Walton

Our sympathies extended to the  
families of . . .  
*Mary McCarthy*

SHBC—St. Mary's—Spencer

*Irene Sojka*

St. Patrick's—O'Neill

*Clint Hebbert*

(Father of Joe (Makala) Hebbert)

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon them.*

Religious Ed Class  
Schedule:

Dec. 27—No Class

Jan. 3—No Class

Jan. 10—Class

Jan. 17—Class

Ladies Guild—January 25 @ 2:00 p.m.

## Knights of Columbus

Feb 5—KC Meeting @ 7:30 p.m.

## 4th Degree Knights of Columbus

Jan 8—4th Degree Mtg @ 7:30 p.m.—O'Neill





*"Love God, Serve God; everything is in that." St. Clare of Assisi - Upcoming Liturgical Duties*

Saturday—December 30		Saturday—January 6	
	5:00 p.m.		5:00 p.m.
LECTOR:	Darby Paxton		Dawn Timmerman
EMHC:	Sara Paxton		Sandra Kramer
SERVERS:	Alex Paxton Drew Paxton		Annie Ludwig Rylan Krysl
USHERS:	Bob Kunz—AJ Timmerman Kelly Murphy—Lloyd Hipke		Don Schmaderer—Dan Malone Robert Hanzlik—Mike Stracke
GREETERS/GIFTS:	Ralph & Ann Olberding		Dave & Patty Batenhorst
MONEY COUNTERS:	AJ & Dawn Timmerman		Dan & Donna Malone

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

**EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS—JULY 18-22, 2024**—Join Deacon Filips and Ann on a pilgrimage to the Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis July 18-22. A bus leaves from Hartington and Omaha. When it is full, it is full. Come grow your faith and have fun! Contact Deacon Filips at [rfilips@archomaha.org](mailto:rfilips@archomaha.org)

**ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL—2023-2024**—The overall goal for this year's Archbishop's Annual Appeal is \$5 million. Our contributions to date:

	AAA 2023-24 Goal		Participation Goal
St. Joseph – Atkinson	\$8260	of \$12,084.74	29%
St. Boniface – Stuart	\$7125	of \$8,604.44	39%

Thank you in advance for your generosity!



**RNW DEANERY SCHOLARSHIP**—The RNW Deanery is again offering a \$500 scholarship to a senior Catholic girl. The winner of the Deanery Scholarship will be sent on to compete for the \$750 scholarship offered by the OACCW. Application forms have been sent to the guidance counselors of the high schools within the RNW Deanery. All senior girls are encouraged to apply for this scholarship. Applications are due January 15th and can be sent to: Karen Funk, RNW Deanery President, 85627 508 Avenue, Ewing, NE 68735.

**SOLEMNITY OF MARY MASS SCHEDULES—**

December 31, 2023

5:00 p.m.—St. Boniface—Stuart

6:30 p.m.—St. Mary's—Spencer

January 1, 2024

9:00 a.m.—St. Patrick—O'Neill

9:00 a.m.—St. Joseph—Atkinson

11:15 a.m.—St. Joseph—Amelia

**LITURGY SCHEDULE—**

12/31/2023 @ 5:00 p.m.

Lector—Jay Addison

EMHC—Sarah Addison

Servers—N & T Addison

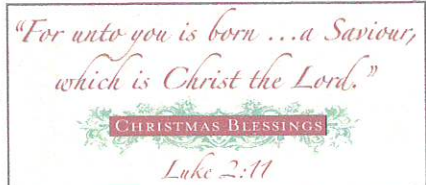
Greeters/Gifts—Volunteer

**SPECIAL COLLECTION—SEMINARY—JANUARY 6—7, 2024**—The date on your Seminary envelope says January 14th; however the collection will be taken up on January 6th & 7th.

**ATTENTION**—If you attend Mass elsewhere, please circle your church name at the bottom of the envelope so certain envelopes look alike for all of the parishes. Thanks!

**2023 YEAR-END DONATIONS**—Anyone wishing to donate to St. Boniface for 2023 must have it postmarked by December 31st. Drop off donations at the Parish office or in any of the collections until then. Any donations received after that will go towards your 2024 donation total.

**ATKINSON/STUART BLOOD DRIVE—JANUARY 10, 2024**—Stuart Auditorium from 10:35 a.m. to 2:40 p.m. Text: LIFESERVE to 999-777; Call: 800-287-4903; Visit: [lifeservebloodcenter.org](http://lifeservebloodcenter.org).





## FROM THE DESK OF FATHER STARMAN—

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

In this weekend's gospel reading for the Fourth Sunday of Advent (Luke 1: 26-38), Gabriel's message to Mary is that God now takes up residence in human flesh. While there is a place for magnificent temples and churches where we can gather as a people to glorify God, the Holy One would have us first recognize that divinity walks around in our midst in human flesh.

The scene of the annunciation to Mary is the subject of much Christian art. Oftentimes Mary is portrayed as serenely praying, surrounded by light and joy. But in the Lukan annunciation story there is an undercurrent of distress, Henry Ossawa Tanner captures this sense in his painting, *The Annunciation* in which Mary sits on the edge of her disheveled bed with a look of puzzlement and concern, while gazing toward a golden beam of light in the form of a cross. Megan Marlatt's fresco, *The Annunciation* in St. Michaels Chapel at Rutgers University likewise depicts the topsy-turvy aspect of the event, as the angel appears upside down, uttering the word "Blessed" backward. Mary's life as she thought it would be is entirely upended, and this is greatly troubling.

What God is asking is incomprehensible. Mary questions how it can be. In addition, in her tiny village, where everyone knows everyone else and many people are related to one another, everyone knows that she and the man who's already her legal husband have not yet begun to live together. And all of them can count to nine. What will they say about her, what kinds of nasty looks will they cast her way when her precious child is born too soon?

While not spelling out how, Gabriel reassures Mary that in the midst of the messy situation, God will bring forth blessing, holiness, and salvation for all. Twice God's messenger assures her that she is grace-filled and is favored in God's sight, even if others will question this. He also reassures her that she is not alone. Her relative, Elizabeth, will help mentor and support her. Without knowing how God will accomplish all this, Mary opens a space for God to dwell within her, enabling the divine to make a new home with all humankind.

Mary makes a physical home for the Holy One in her womb; hers was a unique role. But we too are asked by God to make a dwelling place within ourselves and within our world for the Christ. The circumstances are always messy. It is not in glorious buildings adorned but in the humblest of persons, in the most difficult circumstances, that God takes up residence. The irony is that in trying times we may feel abandoned by God, or question why it is that God is punishing us or why we have lost God's favor. It is precisely in such times that God dwells most intimately with us, assuring us that we are of grace and favor, asking us to trust that God can and will bring forth blessing, even if we cannot see how.

Wishing all of you a very Merry Christmas!  
May you find peace, joy and happiness in  
these Christmas Days!

Ad multos annos!

Fr. Bernard Starman, Pastor



### **"BEAUTIFUL EUCHARIST" BOOK**

All parishioners are invited to pick up your gift of the book *"Beautiful Eucharist"* by Matthew Kelly in the entrance of church.

**Merry Christmas from St. Boniface Parish!**