

# ST. BONIFACE PARISH

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

*Blessed*  
ARE THOSE  
WHO HAVE NOT SEEN  
AND YET HAVE  
*Believed*  
JOHN 20:29

**APRIL 11-12, 2026**  
**Second Sunday of Easter - Sunday of Divine Mercy**

## 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

	APR 18 5:00 PM	APR 25 5:00 PM
LECTOR:	Justin Estill	Kim Estes
EMHC:	Kathy Kunz	Tracy Ludwig
SERVERS:	Kennedie Kohle Annabel Kohle Emily Karo	Rylan Krysl John Ludwig Mary Ludwig
GREETERS/ GIFTS:	Travis & Tracy Ludwig Family	First Communion Class
USHERS:	Ben Kaup Scott Kaup Steve Langan Jeff Dvorak	Ben Kaup Scott Kaup Steve Langan Jeff Dvorak
MONEY COUNTERS:	Ben & Claire Kaup Scott Kaup	Ben & Claire Kaup Scott Kaup

## EVENTS AND MEETINGS

<p><u>Saturday/Sunday - April 11/12</u> Second Collection for Insurance</p> <p><u>Monday - April 13</u> Christian Mothers Mtg @ 6:00 p.m.</p> <p><u>Monday - April 13</u> 4<sup>th</sup> Degree KC Mtg @ 7:30 p.m.</p> <p><u>Tuesday - April 14</u> RNW Deanery Mtg - Butte 9:30 a.m.</p> <p><u>Wednesday - April 15</u> Youth Choir @ 6:00 p.m. CCD Classes @ 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><u>Wednesday - April 22</u> Youth Choir @ 6:00 p.m. CCD Classes @ 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><u>Thursday - April 23</u> Ladies Guild @ 2:00 p.m.</p> <p><u>Saturday - April 25</u> First Communion</p> <p><u>Wednesday - April 29</u> Youth Choir @ 6:00 p.m. Last CCD Class @ 6:30 p.m.</p>
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"His  
mercy  
endures  
forever."

Psalm  
136:1

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

## MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

<p>Monday - April 13 - 5:30 p.m. † DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE MERGEN FAMILY</p> <p>Tuesday - April 14 - 5:30 p.m. † MICHAEL KEOGH</p> <p>Wednesday - April 15 - NO MASS</p> <p>Thursday - April 16 - NO MASS</p> <p>Friday - April 17 - NO MASS</p> <p>Saturday - April 18 - 5:00 p.m. † VIRGINIA WORDEN</p> <p>Sunday - April 19 - 9:00 a.m. - Atkinson</p>
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## STEWARDSHIP:

<u>April 5, 2026</u>	
Regular Envelopes	\$850.00
Loose	\$235.00
Children's Collection	\$0.00
Electronic Donations:	
April 1st	\$1930.00
April 15th	
Special Collections:	
Pontifical Good Friday	\$126.00
Easter	\$1955.00
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<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5096.00</b>



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

## NOTEWORTHY

**SPRING SHINDIG** - Coming May 23<sup>rd</sup>! We'll have the Country Store, Raffles, a delicious roast beef dinner, a NEW magician - Jeff Quinn and more! Plan to be a part of the fun! If you would like to donate towards the Shindig, please put cash or write a check (made out to St. Boniface and write Spring Shindig on the memo line) and place in the offertory basket with Shindig on the envelope.

**RNW DEANERY MEETING - APRIL 14, 2026** - The Rural Northwest Deanery Council of Catholic Women will hold its Spring Deanery Meeting on April 14, 2026. at Ss. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Butt. Registration will begin at 9:30 AM with meeting to begin at 10:00 AM. Mass will be celebrated at 11:30 AM followed by lunch.

**EASTER LILIES** - Thanks to everyone that donated Easter flowers for the altar. If you would like to take your flowers home to enjoy them, please just take them off of the altar. Thanks again for helping beautify the church.

**GOSPEL MEDITATION - SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY** - "Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe.'" (John 20:27). In my early 20s, I volunteered at a parish youth group. I witnessed teens encountering Jesus with a fresh, romantic wonder that reminded me of my own teenage conversion. But something had changed in me. I was quietly jaded and cynical. When teens shared stories of encountering Christ, I'd want to sarcastically murmur, "Well, good for you." I had grown suspicious of the zeal I once knew. Then we brought the group on a pilgrimage. I was standing in an old church in France, ignoring a long-winded tour guide. I found myself before a crucifix. In that moment, I heard something, not audibly, but unmistakably in my heart: "I came to be your friend... and you wish to be my enemy? Why do you stand far from me? I suffer gladly for you. I was pierced for you. Why do you run from me?" My heart opened. I saw how cold and cynical I had become. But Jesus had not given up on me. He had returned, and his mercy broke through. So, I can relate to the scoffing — and transformation — of Thomas when the Risen Jesus presents his wounds for inspection. Thomas is not simply doubting; he is guarded, suspicious, even cynical. But Jesus comes to him. No lecture. Just understanding and mercy. He invites Thomas to touch his wounds. This burns away his cynicism like the morning mist.  
 Divine Mercy Challenge: This week, rejoice with someone who is newly alive in faith. If your own heart has grown skeptical or tired, ask Jesus to help you. He will. — Father John Muir



Our sympathies to the family of:  
**DORIS BRACHLE**  
 St. Patrick - O'Neill

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

May - August  
 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Mondays  
 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

#### MAY 18th

We need two guardians for each hour. If you would like to be a guardian, please contact Jan Kunz.

### CCD INFORMATION:

April 15th  
 Youth Choir @ 6:00 p.m.  
 CCD Classes @ 6:30 p.m.

April 22nd  
 Youth Choir @ 6:00 p.m.  
 CCD Classes @ 6:30 p.m.

Please keep in your prayers our Seminarian of the Month:  
 Thomas Matya



### CHRISTIAN MOTHERS

Next Mtg: April 13  
 @ 6:00 p.m.  
 Church Basement  
 Next Funeral/Function:  
 CH 1

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

KC Mtg:  
 May 4 @ 7:30 p.m.  
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 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Mtg:  
 April 13 @ 7:30 p.m.  
 Location: Stuart

### LADIES GUILD GATHERING

April 23  
 2:00 p.m.  
 St. Boniface  
 School Building

### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Olivia Cannon  
 Kirstine Chvala  
 Lois Schaaf  
 Norbert & Jeanette  
 Starman



Dear Parishioners and Friends of the Catholic Parishes of Western Holt and Boyd Counties,  
Happy Easter! Jesus Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

An ancient way to determine when a person had died was to hold a glass mirror under the persons nostrils to detect any trace of moist air indicating that there was still some breath of life. Before modern methods of cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), a person who had stopped breathing was simply allowed to slip away. In this weekend's gospel (John 20: 19-31), the risen Christ reinfuses the breath of life into constricted lungs of the believing community, releasing them from the fear that choked their ability to breathe together and to live fully for his mission.

The frightened disciples are gathered behind locked doors "for fear of the Jews." In the aftermath of Jesus's execution, their fear is understandable – will they be next? In the Fourth Gospel, "the Jews" is code language for anyone who does not believe in or opposes Jesus, even though Jesus himself and all his first disciples are Jews. Into the midst of this fearful space Jesus enters, inviting his disciples to accept the peace he desires for them. It is not a peace that ignores the brutality inflicted on him, as he shows them the still visible wounds. It is a peace that recognizes full well the horror of what has occurred and results from the willingness to enter into processes of healing, forgiveness and reconciliation, rather than retaliatory violence. An ability to see the wounds differently, not as something that needed to be avenged but as something Christ was already able to heal with his peace and his spirit, enables the disciples to let their fear give way to joy.

What results is a rebirth of the community. Jesus as the Creator brings to life the first human being by breathing into its nostrils (Gen 2:7), so the risen Christ brings back to life frightened community of his followers.

For some this rebirth takes place on the first day of the week after the resurrection. But not all are present and not all are moving at the same rhythm. The next week there are still some locked in their fear and who set up impossible conditions before they will come to believe. Thomas voices their doubts. They need to see with their own eyes and touch with their own hands. It is not so much a stubborn resistance to believe what others have experienced that Thomas expresses, as it is the necessity of each one to come to faith through a direct, personal encounter with Christ.

There can be no secondhand faith. The testimony of the other believers leads one to Jesus, but it does not substitute for the tangible experience of Christ needed by each one. The gospel also allows that there are different ways that people come to faith: some through seeing, some without. Both are blessed. No matter how one comes to believe, it is with a "conspiratorial" faith community – people who "breathe together" through the Spirit, who dissolves fear by the use of peace, forgiveness, and reconciliation.

Ad multos annos!

Fr. Bernard Starman  
Pastor