

ST. BONIFACE PARISH

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



APRIL 4 - 5, 2026
Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

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

Week 1: Ss. Peter & Paul - Butte
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Week 4: St. Mary - Spencer
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MINISTRY SCHEDULE


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|  | APR 11 5:00 PM | APR 18 5:00 PM |
| LECTOR: | Jay Addison | Justin Estill |
| EMHC: | Sandra Kramer | Kathy Kunz |
| SERVERS: | Truman Addison Alex Paxton Drew Paxton | Kennedie Kohle Annabel Kohle Emily Karo |
| GREETERS/ GIFTS: | First Communion Class | Travis & Tracy Ludwig Family |
| 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 |

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

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

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| Monday - April 6 - 5:30 p.m. † ALL SOULS |
| Tuesday - April 7 - 5:30 p.m. † JOHN SHALD |
| Wednesday - April 8 - NO MASS |
| Thursday - April 9 - NO MASS |
| Friday - April 10 - NO MASS |
| Saturday - April 11 - 5:00 p.m. † LIVING & DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE FRANK & ELLA SCHNEIDER FAMILY |
| Sunday - April 12 - 9:00 a.m. - Atkinson |

EVENTS AND MEETINGS

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| <p><u>Sunday - April 5</u></p>  <p><u>Monday - April 6</u> KC Meeting @ 7:30 p.m.</p> <p><u>Wednesday - April 8</u> Blood Drive - Atkinson 9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.</p> <p><u>Wednesday - April 8</u> Youth Choir @ 6:00 p.m. CCD Classes @ 6:30 p.m.</p> <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> 4th Degree KC Mtg @ 7:30 p.m.</p> <p><u>Tuesday - April 14</u> RNW Deanery Mtg - Butte 9:30 a.m.</p> |
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“I
AM
the
Resurrection
and
the
Life.”
John
11:25

STEWARDSHIP:

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| <u>March 29, 2026</u> | |
| Regular Envelopes | \$755.00 |
| Loose | \$459.00 |
| Children's Collection | \$34.00 |
| Electronic Donations: | |
| March 1st | |
| March 15th | |
| Special Collections: | |
| Easter | \$50.00 |
| Catholic Relief Services | \$10.00 |
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| TOTAL | \$1308.00 |

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

NOTEWORTHY

SPRING SHINDIG - Coming May 23rd! 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.

FYI - Before the 125th Anniversary of St. Boniface Parish in 2024, the Parish Council started a discussion about having a new altar & ambo made. It has been decided to put the money from the sale of the Rectory contents towards this project. If you would like to donate to this project, possibly in memory of someone, please contact Jan Kunz.

BLOOD DRIVE - APRIL 8, 2026 - Atkinson Community Center from 9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

SPECIAL COLLECTION - APRIL 11-12, 2026 - There will be a second collection taken up next weekend for Insurance. Please give generously.

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.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - Zander Price was the fastest kid at my grade school. He won every race on Field Day. To me, his swiftness meant he was the greatest. Zander was the best.

It's the same with the speediest Apostle on Easter morning. John tells us he "ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first." (John 20:4) But only after Peter entered did John go in, see the burial cloths, and believe. Here is a symbol of two dimensions of the Church. John, the beloved disciple, represents the contemplative, mystical life: affection, prayer, intimacy. Peter, the rock, represents the Church's institutional life: steady, authoritative, structured...but slower. Of course, John runs faster! Love is the heartbeat of Christian faith, so love will always arrive first. Peter's role is, in a sense, secondary. He arrives later, but is still very much needed. John waits for him. The Church must be built, balanced, protected, and led. Love without structure can vanish; structure without love becomes lifeless.

This dynamic is not just historical — it is personal. In you, there is a John who longs to run to the tomb in love. Let him run! Pray, sing, love Jesus. There is also a Peter, who eventually gets to the tomb and takes charge. The Risen Christ wants both. Remember: if you want to get to the mystery of Jesus' resurrection fast...love him, for love is best. — Father John Muir



Our sympathies to the family of:
JOAN TURNER
St. Patrick - O'Neill



CCD INFORMATION:

April 8th
Youth Choir @ 6:00 p.m.
CCD Classes @ 6:30 p.m.

April 15th
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:
April 6 @ 7:30 p.m.
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4th 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!

A theme in our gospel for Easter Sunday (John 20:1-9) is that of running. Mary of Magdala ran to tell the disciples what she found at the tomb. Peter and the other disciple ran to the empty tomb, finding the burial cloths neatly rolled. It's easy to imagine why each of them was struck with the urgency to run – Mary couldn't wait to share what she had seen, and the men wanted to see the tomb for themselves because it sounded unfathomable. John recounts, "For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead." The extent of what they "saw and believed" was that the Messiah was not there. The disciples did not know what was happening on that first Easter Sunday, but they had seen Jesus's miracles and heard his words, and they therefore ran anxiously to discover the reason for his absence.

We see the mention of running several other places in Scripture, the most notable being the father running to meet his prodigal son who has returned home. The father ran in thanksgiving and overwhelming joy to greet the man who had squandered his money, resorted to eating with swine, and felt unworthy to even be a servant on his land. Luke writes that the father was out watching his son and saw him while he was still far away. As far as we know the father had no way of knowing his son was on his journey back home, and yet he was anxiously waiting and watching for him.

Later, the author of Hebrews writes, "let us rid ourselves of every burden and sin that clings to us and persevere in running the race that lies before us while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, the leader and perfecter of faith" (Heb 12:1-2). The truth of the resurrection is meant to enliven us and give us the strength and hope needed to persevere in living holy and faithful lives. We run not only to encounter the risen Lord, but we also run forth with purpose to spread the good news of the living God.

On Easter Sunday, the church celebrates the empty tomb as a climax of salvation history that had been set in motion from the very moment of the fall of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. We have the blessing of knowing the great mystery and the great joy that the disciples would come to learn – that the Messiah had risen from the dead, defeating the sting of death for all. Whether we approach the empty tomb after a Lenten season that has been fulfilling and spiritually renewing or after one that has been full of struggle, the Father is watching for us just the same, ready to embrace us and celebrate the majesty of his risen Son. May we also run to the empty tomb with the sweet confidence of knowing God is already running to greet each of us.

Happy Easter!

Ad multos annos!

Fr. Bernard Starman
Pastor