

ST. BONIFACE PARISH

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



MARCH 7-8, 2026
Third Sunday of Lent

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 3: Ss. Peter & Paul - Butte
Week 4: St. Mary - Spencer
Week 5: Ss. Peter & Paul - Butte

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

	MAR 14 5:00 PM	MAR 21 5:00 PM
LECTOR:	Ken Kunz	Jennifer Schmaderer
EMHC:	Becky Estill	Kim Estes
SERVERS:	Karlee Wolf Jase Wolf Emily Karo	Rylan Krysl John Ludwig Mary Ludwig
GREETERS/ GIFTS:	Kelly Murphy Terry Murphy	Tammy Heiser Family
USHERS:	Jared Wolf Dave Batenhorst John Kramer Dana Paxton	Jared Wolf Dave Batenhorst John Kramer Dana Paxton
MONEY COUNTERS:	John & Sandra Kramer Dave & Patty Batenhorst	John & Sandra Kramer Dave & Patty Batenhorst

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

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Monday - March 9 - 5:30 p.m.
 † MAX KUNZ

Tuesday - March 10 - NO MASS

Wednesday - March 11 - NO MASS

Thursday - March 12 - NO MASS

Friday - March 13 - NO MASS

Saturday - March 14 - 5:00 p.m.
 † LIVING AND DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE
 VIC AND BERNEICE KAUP FAMILY

Sunday - March 15 - 9:00 a.m. - Atkinson

EVENTS AND MEETINGS

Monday - March 9
 Christian Mothers Mtg @ 6:00 p.m.

Monday - March 9
 4th Degree KC Mtg @ 7:30 p.m.
 O'Neill

Wednesday - March 11
 Youth Choir @ 6:00 p.m.
 CCD Classes @ 6:30 p.m.

Friday - March 13
 Stations of the Cross @ 4:30 p.m.

Friday - March 13
 Fish Fry - Atkinson - 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday - March 17
 Parish Council Mtg @ 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday - March 18
 Youth Choir @ 6:00 p.m.
 CCD Classes @ 6:30 p.m.

Friday - March 20
 Stations of the Cross @ 4:30 p.m.

Friday - March 20
 Fish Fry - Stuart - 5:00 p.m.

“When
 you
 go
 through
 deep
 waters,
 I
 will
 be
 with
 you.”

Isaiah
 43:2

STEWARDSHIP:

February 28, 2026

Regular Envelopes	\$1275.00
Loose	\$226.55
Children's Collection	\$28.00
Electronic Donations:	
March 1st	\$2252.84
March 15th	
Special Collections:	

TOTAL	\$3782.39

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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY FRIDAYS

Stuart - St. Boniface Church Basement - 5 - 7:30 p.m. - March 20
 Atkinson - KC Hall - 5 - 8:00 p.m. - March 13, March 27



MARK YOUR CALENDAR:
 The 3rd Annual
 "SPRING SHINDIG"
 May 23rd
 Looking for donations for the
 basket raffles. Donate a
 basket or let us do the
 shopping for you! Contact Jan
 Kunz for more information.

SPRING SHINDIG - Coming May 23rd! We'll have the Country Store, Basket Raffles, a delicious dinner, a NEW magician - Jeff Quinn and more! Plan to be a part of the fun!

 **STATIONS OF THE CROSS** - 4:30 P.M. - March 13, March 20, March 27
CROSS Good Friday - April 3 (this one will be at 7:00 p.m.)

SPECIAL COLLECTION - MARCH 14 & 15, 2026 - There will be a special collection taken up next weekend March 14-15 for Catholic Relief Services. Your donation will help feed a hungry child, help a war-torn nation build peace, and/or help a refugee make a new life. Envelopes are in your packet. Please give generously.

A STORY OF SACRIFICE IN THE BIBLE TO REFLECT ON THIS LENTEN SEASON - The story of Ruth and Naomi, offers a poignant example of sacrifice, loyalty, and redemption. Found in the Old Testament book of Ruth, this unfolds against hardship and loss, yet it ultimately illustrates the power of love and faithfulness.

The story begins with Naomi, an Israelite woman who, along with her husband and two sons, moves to the land of Moab during a famine. Tragically, Naomi's husband dies, followed by her two sons, leaving her destitute and bereft. Naomi encourages her daughters-in-law, Ruth and Orpah, to return to their families, but Ruth refuses, declaring her loyalty to Naomi and her God.

Ruth's commitment to Naomi leads her to make a sacrificial decision to remain with her and accompany her back to Bethlehem, Naomi's homeland. Despite the uncertainty and challenges, Ruth demonstrates unwavering devotion and selflessness, embodying the essence of sacrificial love. Ruth's character catches the eye of Boaz, a man whose fields she gleaned as a widow and poor. Boaz shows kindness and generosity to Ruth, eventually marrying her and redeeming Naomi's family line. Through Ruth's sacrifice and Boaz's redemption, Naomi's loss story is transformed into hope and restoration.

For us, this Lent, the story of Ruth and Naomi, prompts reflection on sacrificial love, faithfulness, and redemption. God works through ordinary people, even broken ones, to bring about his redemptive plan. Let us also be challenged to love others with such faithfulness and self-sacrifice for redemption.



Our sympathies to the families of:

- JUDY OBERMIRE
St. Joseph - Atkinson
- AGNES ENGELHAUPT
St. Mary's - Spencer
- JANENE PETERSON
St. Patrick - O'Neill

Lenten Women's Conference:

'A DESERT JOURNEY OF THE HEART'

March 28, 2026
 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

St. Patrick's Hall - O'Neill

Come fill your cup and feed your soul.

Register today!

Forms available in the entryway.

CCD INFORMATION:

March 11th

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

March 18th

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

Please keep in your prayers our Seminarian of the Month: Caleb Kosch



CHRISTIAN MOTHERS

Next Mtg: March 9
 @ 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:
 March 9 @ 7:30 p.m.
 Location: O'Neill

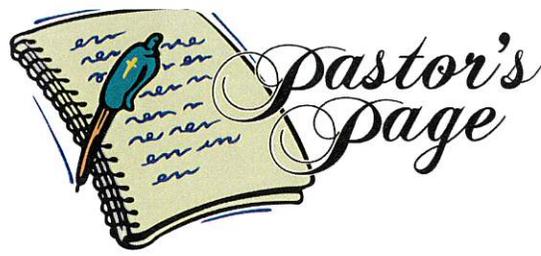
LADIES GUILD GATHERING

March 26
 2:00 p.m.

St. Boniface
 School Building

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Kirstine Chvala
 Lois Schaaf
 Norbert & Jeanette
 Starman



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

This weekend's gospel (John 4:5-42), opens with a tired and thirsty Jesus asking a woman of Samaria for water. Like millions of women who even today spend hours of their day collecting water, the Samaritan woman comes, perhaps for a second time that day, to draw water. Most women would come to the well early in the morning, not at the hottest part of the day.

Most likely the Fourth Evangelist intends the noontime detail to be taken symbolically. In this gospel, light signifies coming to belief, while darkness corresponds to unbelief. In contrast to the preceding story of Nicodemus, who came to Jesus at night, and who is unable to believe, the woman from Samaria comes at the brightest part of the day and will come to full belief. Jesus and the woman enter into a deep theological conversation, laden with symbolism. As often happens in the Fourth Gospel, the two are cast as representative characters for the whole of their people. They begin by speaking of their thirsts, their shared human need, and this enables a conversation by which they can begin to break down the enmity between their two peoples. Elsewhere in the gospel Jesus speaks of his thirst to draw all people to God through himself (12:32) and of his desire for all to be one (17:21).

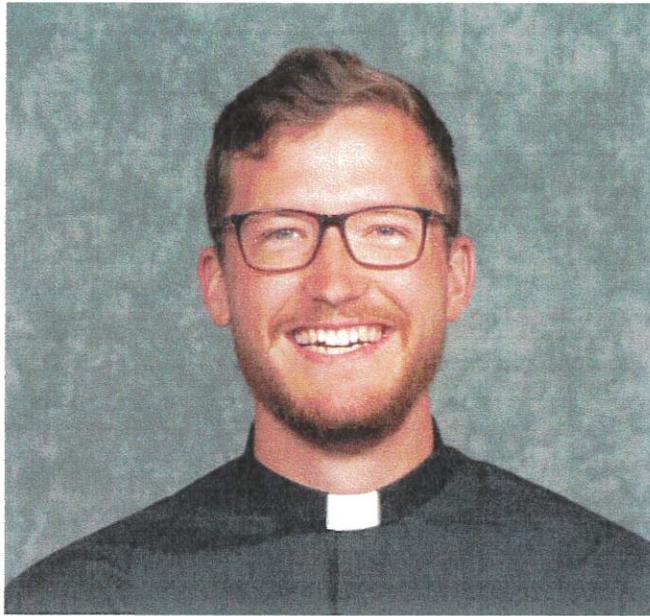
Step by step Jesus and woman reveal themselves more deeply to each other. They speak of some of their deepest thirsts: for worship, salvation, and the search for truth. They listen intently and allow their perceptions of the others to shift, just as we may need to change our former impressions of the Samaritan woman. The focus of the dialogue is not on her marital history nor is she said to be a sinner. Jesus does not tell her to go and sin no more, as he does to the man at the pool of Bethesda, who had been paralyzed (John 5:14) or the woman caught in adultery (John 8:111).

The woman's understanding of Jesus progresses from the simple observation that he is a Jew to pondering whether he is greater than Jacob. Another step of her recognition of him as a prophet when he uses the marital metaphor favored by Hosea to speak of the peoples' relationship with God. Finally, she arrives at the conclusion that Jesus is the Messiah, which she shares with her townspeople in question form, so that they too can enter the process of discovery that will culminate in faith.

This encounter illustrates a process by which enmity can be transformed into friendship. The two start by focusing on common thirsts that spring from their shared humanity. They had to let go of their ingrained stereotypes of the other. They had to be willing to stay in the conversation and not give up when they stumbled over their differences. They had to be willing to overcome the objections of some of their own people. As the waters of understanding wash away ignorance and fear, the gift of living water wells up within them, making each one a spring from which others who thirst may drink.

Ad multos annos!

Fr. Bernard Starman
Pastor



Pray for our March Seminararian of the month.

Hello, my name is Caleb Kosch! I grew up in Columbus, Nebraska, and my home parish is Saint Anthony's. I am the son of Mike and Cindy Kosch, and I am the fourth of five kids. Some of my hobbies include running, biking, hanging out with friends, reading, and surfing the web.

I first felt the calling of becoming a priest in elementary school where I was then constantly prodded with the thought of becoming a priest as I went into high school. After entering high school, I went on multiple life changing retreats, and I decided to deeply discern what God might be calling me to. I decided to try and make it to Mass more often and increase in prayer as my high school career continued. All the while, asking God for some sort of sign if this was what I was supposed to be doing. My junior year rolled around, and I went with Father Capadano and Father Roza, Vocations Director at the time, to visit a seminary with a few guys. It was after this trip that I was inspired again to pursue God's will for my life and to apply to be a seminararian for the archdiocese.

I am currently at Saint John Vianney Seminary in Minnesota. While I am here, I hope to learn more about the Lord, grow stronger in my faith, and further discern God's will.

For all those who are discerning the priesthood, the best piece of advice I can give is to trust in God. God has an amazing plan for all of us; it's a better plan than we could think of for ourselves. If you feel a calling, then pray daily, talk to your parish priest, and try to go to confession consistently. It is amazing how clearly we can hear God's voice when we are open to and pursuing his grace.