Communicatio Nostri Nuntium

(Sharing Our News) February 2023

The Catholic Parishes of Western Holt & Boyd Counties

Assumption BVM ~ Lynch | St. Boniface ~ Stuart | St. Joseph ~ Amelia

St. Joseph ~ Atkinson | St Mary's ~ Spencer | St. Patrick's ~ O'Neill | Ss. Peter & Paul ~ Butte

MASS SCHEDULES

Weekend Masses

St. Boniface—Stuart—Saturday @ 5:00 p.m.

St. Joseph—Atkinson—Sunday @ 9:00 a.m.

St. Joseph—Amelia—Sunday @ 11:15 a.m.

St. Patrick—O'Neill—Saturday @ 5:00 p.m. and Sunday @ 10:30 a.m.

Sacred Heart of Boyd County:

Saturday:

Week 1: St. Mary's—Spencer @ 7:00 p.m.

Week 2: Assumption BVM—Lynch @ 7:00 p.m.

Week 3: St. Mary's-Spencer @ 7:00 p.m.

Week 4: Assumption BVM—Lynch @ 7:00 p.m.

Week 5: St. Mary's—Spencer @ 7:00 p.m.

Sunday:

Ss. Peter & Paul—Butte @ 8:00 a.m.

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St. Mary's—Spencer @ 8:00 a.m.

Ss. Peter & Paul-Butte @ 8:00 a.m.

Weekday Masses

Monday-5:30 p.m. @ St. Boniface-Stuart

Tuesday-5:15 p.m. @ St. Patrick's-0'Neill

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Wednesday — *School Masses subject to change

*8:10 a.m. @ St. Patrick's - O'Neill

*8:15 a.m. @ St. Joseph's—Atkinson

6:30 p.m. @ SHBC Rotation

Thursday—7:00 a.m. @ St. Patrick's—O'Neill

Friday-7:00 a.m. @ St. Patrick's-0'Neill

8:15 a.m. @ St. Joseph's—Atkinson

POPE BENEDICT'S PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest, You offered Yourself to the

Father on the altar of the Cross

and through the outpouring

of the Holy Spirit gave Your priestly people a share in Your redeeming sacrifice.

Hear our prayer for the sanctification of our priests.

Grant that all who are ordained

to the ministerial priesthood

may be ever more conformed to You,

the Divine Master.

May they preach the

Gospel with pure heart

and clear conscience.

Let them be shepherds according

to Your own Heart, single-minded in service to You and to the Church

and shining examples of a holy,

simple and joyful life. Through the prayers

of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Your Mother and ours, draw all priests and the flocks entrusted to their care to the fullness of eternal life

where You live and reign

with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.



WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE CELEBRATED

February 2, 2023

and in parishes over the weekend of February 4-5, 2023.

Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life, and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.

MINISTRY OF PRAISE—A WORD FROM DEACON FILIPS

February 2023

The Necessity of Work and Leisure

Greetings fellow Prayer Warriors!

My recent retirement has caused me to think about the role of work and leisure in God's plan for us. The first thing to know is that God is a worker. In the Bible we read how He created the universe and holds it in existence by His force of will. St. Paul (Philippians 2;13) says that God continues to work in our lives to shape and mold us into what He wants us to be. He did not just create the universe, wind it up, and let things play out randomly. He is an ongoing presence in our lives, slowly influencing and shaping us to become more holy so we can come live with Him forever in Heaven.

Because we are made in the image and likeness of God, we are also called to be workers. Adam, and we, are called to till and keep the earth. Notice that God told Adam to till and keep the earth when he was first placed in the Garden of Eden before the fall. Work was God's way of letting Adam share in His work of creation as a partner of God, it was not a punishment for Adam's fall. After the fall, however, is the first mention of toil and sweat, thorns and thistles, which is often how we experience our work now, but work is still honorable and good and makes us more like God and more ready to be with Him in heaven. There is more honor in being a good burger flipper than in being the world champion video game player!

So, what to make of leisure? God also rested after his labors. "So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all His work which he had done in creation." (Gen 2;3) You see, God works, man works, but beasts of burden also work. It is our sabbath day of rest that makes us different from a mule or horse. Man needs to work but he also needs a time for rest, leisure, and spending time with his creator. This is what makes us most fully human and most fully God-like (ready for heaven).

What about retirement? Does this mean our lives no longer have meaning? Are we no longer partners of God in His creation? Does this halt our progress toward salvation? No. "To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under the heaven:" (Eccles 3;1) There is a time to grow and learn, a time to work and till the earth, and a time to rest from those labors in retirement. The timing of retirement is individual, depending on finances, health, family situation, enjoyment of work etc., but we shouldn't feel guilty about retiring.

If we are able-bodied retirement does not mean sitting on the couch all day. This is the ideal time to take care of those things that we neglected when working. We can strengthen family bonds, take up a new spiritual discipline, and serve our communities. We also need to use this time to grow in our relationship with God because what comes next is decline, death, and judgement, and then it is too late to do anything to improve our chances of going to heaven.

Let's all pray that workers earn a just wage, and rest and worship God on Sundays, and all retirees find meaning and purpose in their retirement. Below continues my chapter on spirituality in "Pearls of the Universal Church" available through www.spiritualworkspress.com

WHAT DOES THE VOICE OF GOD SOUND LIKE?

1. It can be difficult to tell if that voice in your head is from God or Satan or just your own imagination. This guide will help to sort out Satan's voice from God's voice. First notice the characteristics:

God's voice	Satan's voice
Stills you	Rushes you
Leads you	Pushes you
Reassures you.	Frightens you
Enlightens you.	Confuses you
Encourages you.	Discourages you
Comforts you.	Worries you
Calms you.	Obsesses you
Convicts you.	Condemns you
Causes gratitude	Causes fear

- 2. Next, sort out your own thoughts and imagination by slowing down and taking time. Our imagination and obsessions move on to other things after time. If God is trying to get through to you, He will persist. Your father might have told you to never make a big decision without sleeping on it. I recommend sleeping and praying on it for weeks. Always give God time to answer. He answers in His own time, not ours.
- 3. Never ask God a multiple-choice question, only True or False. We can only understand simple answers from God. Instead of asking if you should become firemen, policeman, cowboy, or a Priest, focus on one of these, and ask God if you should become a fireman, yes or no. If the answer is yes or true, you will feel peace, reassurance, comfort, calm. If the answer is no or false you will feel worried, fearful, restless etc.
- 4. Find a place of peace and quiet so you can hear God over all the noise of the world. An hour of adoration with a yearly 3-day silent retreat works great.
- 5. Ask an advisor or friend experienced in the ways of God. Outside advice can help to clarify a confused mind. A good alternative is to join a small prayer/bible study group so you can run your thoughts and ideas past someone else.

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10 Guidelines

From: God

To: All His Children

Effective Immediately:

Please be aware that there are changes you need to make in your life. These changes need to be completed in order that I may fulfill my promises to you to grant you peace, joy and happiness in this life. I apologize for any inconvenience, but after all that I am doing, this seems very little to ask of you. I know, I already gave you 10 Commandments. Keep them, but follow these guidelines as well.

Life has dealt you a blow and all you do is sit and worry. Have you forgotten that I am here to take all your burdens and carry them for you? Or do you just enjoy fretting over every little thing that comes your way?

2. PUT IT ON THE LIST

Something needs done or taken care of. Put it on the list. No, not YOUR list. Put it on MY to-do-list. Let ME be the one to take care of the problem. I can't help you until you turn it over to me. And, although my to-do-list is long, I am, after all, God. I can take care of anything you put into my hands. In fact, if the truth were ever really known, I take care of a lot of things for you that you never even realize.

3. TRUST ME

Once you've given your burdens to me, quit trying to take them back. Trust in me. Have the faith that I will take care of all your needs, your problems and your trials. Problems with the kids? Put them on my list. Problem with finances? Put it on my list. Problems with your emotional roller coaster? For my sake, put it on my list. I want to help you. All you have to do is ask.

4. LEAVE IT ALONE

Don't wake up one morning and say, "Well, I'm feeling much stronger now, I think I can handle it from here." Why do you think you are feeling stronger now? It's simple. You gave me your burdens, and I'm taking care of them. I also renew your strength and cover you in my peace. Don't you know that if I give you these problems back, you will be right back where you started? Leave them with me and forget about them. Just let me do my job.

5. TALK TO ME

I want you to forget a lot of things. Forget what was making you crazy. Forget the worry and the fretting because you know I'm in control. But there's one thing I want you to never forget. Please don't forget to talk to me - OFTEN! I love you. I want to hear your voice. I want you to include me in the things going on in your life. I want to hear you talk about your friends and family. Prayer is simply you having a conversation with me. I want to be your dearest friend.

6. HAVE FAITH

I see a lot of things from up here that you can't see from where you are. Have faith in me that I know what I'm doing. Trust me, you wouldn't want the view from my eyes. I will continue to care for you, watch over you, and meet your needs. You only have to trust me. Although I have a much bigger task than you, it seems as if you have so much trouble just doing your simple part. How hard can trust be?

You were taught to share when you were only two years old. When did you forget? That rule still applies. Share with those who are less fortunate than you. Share your joy with those who need encouragement. Share your laughter with those who haven't heard any in such a long time. Share your tears with those who are mourning. Share your faith with those who have none.

8. BE PATIENT

I managed to fix it so in just one lifetime you could have so many diverse experiences. You grow from a child to an adult, have children, change jobs many times, learn many trades, travel to so many places, meet thousands of people, and experience so much. How can you be so impatient then when it takes me a little longer than you expect to handle something on my to-do-list? Trust in my timing, for my timing is perfect. Just because I created the entire universe in only six days, everyone thinks I should always rush, rush, rush.

Be kind to others, for I love them just as much as I love you. They may not dress like you, or talk like you, or live the same way you do, but I still love you all. Please try to get along, for my sake. I created each of you different in some way. It would be too boring if you were all identical. Please know I love each of your differences.

10. LOVE YOURSELF

As much as I love you, how can you not love yourself? You were created by me to be loved, and to love in return, I am a God of Love, Love me, Love your neighbors, But also love yourself. It makes my heart ache when I see you so angry with yourself when things go wrong. You are very precious to me. Don't ever forget that!

With all my heart, I love you,

GOD

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ASH WEDNESDAY, February 22, 2023

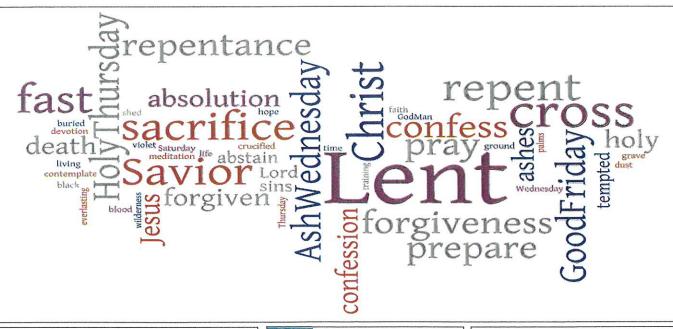


8:10 a.m. Mass—O'Neill 8:15 a.m. Mass—Atkinson

12:15 p.m. Blessing and Distribution of Ashes— O'Neill

5 p.m. Mass—Stuart 6 p.m. Mass—SHBC (Spencer) 7 p.m. Mass—Amelia

7 p.m. Blessing and Distribution of Ashes—O'Neill





KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRIES

O'Neill—The first fish fry of the year will be the week before Ash Wednesday, Friday, Feb. 17th.

We will have fish fries each Friday through March 31 at the O'Neill KC Hall from 5 p.m.-7 p.m. Dine-In, Carry Out, and Drive Through available. On the menu: fried fish, baked fish, French fries, potatoes, coleslaw, rolls, mac & cheese and dessert bars.

Feb. 24th—Atkinson—KC Hall—5 p.m.—8 p.m.

EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES
A VATICAN INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION

Featuring 39 beautiful panels that highlight some of the most powerful Eucharistic miracles (where the bread & wine take on biological qualities of human flesh or blood, or both). The display was researched and designed by Carlo Acutis, a young computer geek with a deep devotion to Jesus' real presence in the Eucharist. He started at age 11, and finished it just prior to his death at age 15. Carlo was beatified in 2020.

EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES OF THE WORLD Is showing Jan 30—Feb 4 at St. Mary's in Spencer. It features 39 beautiful panels of miracles dating as

far back as 750 AD. Please make time to explore these documented miracles that manifest Jesus' true presence in the Eucharist. The exhibition will be open for viewing from 10 am to 8 pm Monday through Friday, and 10 am until after 7 pm Mass on Feb 4. Finger food and coffee will be served following 7:00 pm Mass on Saturday Feb 4th.

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CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK - 2023

January 29th—February 4th Celebrating our Catholic Schools St. Mary's (O'Neill) and St. Joseph's (Atkinson) and the important education they offer our youth.

TEC

TEENS ENCOUNTER CHRIST

Second semester Juniors and

Seniors in high school are

invited to the upcoming Teen's Encounter

Christ (TEC) Weekend on March 18-20 at

Glad Tidings, Bloomfield, This

Intergenerational movement helps youth

transition into young adulthood. TEC

draws participants into the heart of the

Catholic faith: Christ's Paschal Mystery

lived out in the Church while also

reflecting on the person of Christ and who

He is in their lives, and experience

meaningful relationships in others. Retreat

fee is just \$75. To register, please pike up

an application form from the entrance of

church. If you have questions, please

contact Becky Kerkman @ 843-6043 or

Terry Reicks @ 402-741-0165.

In Celebration of Catholic Schools Week there will be a



Atkinson-KC Hall Serving from

8:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m.

LIFE RUNNERS

"All In Christ for Pro-Life!" Banquet

is 6pm, Fri, Mar 31st, St. Elizabeth Event Center, Omaha. Keynote Speaker John-Henry Westen, LifeSite News co-founder (Canada), and Invited Guest Speaker Governor Kristi Noem (South Dakota), Emcee is Jen Brown, KVSS Spirit Mornings Show. Benefits LIFE Runners ministry work in 3,367 cities around the world, impacting hearts & minds for saving lives! Limited seating. Details

at liferunners.org/banquet.



TOGETHER

64th ANNUAL ST. MARY'S CYO SPAGHETTI SUPPER

Sunday, Feb. 26 from 5-7 p.m. Free will donation.

LENT LIVE TOGETHER

Live Lent Together 2022 was a huge success across the Archdiocese of Omaha. Because of that, LLT will be offered again this coming Lenten season 2023. We are looking for people to be small group leaders. There will be one-on-one training for anyone that might be interested in being a leader. Also, we have several groups already created if you would like to join a group. For more information, please call Jan Kunz @ 340-2303. Archbishop Lucas asks all Catholics throughout

LIVE northeast Nebraska to LIVE LENT TOGETHER.

Sign up today!



SPIRIT CATHOLIC RADIO

We've made it! Thank you to the O'Neill Knights of

Columbus, as they are covering the remaining expense for the tower and expansion to bring the signal to the O'Neill area. Project schedule is still pending. Thank you to all who donated and spread the word that:

91.5 FM—KONL

is coming soon!



GOK

ATKINSON KCs LIVER FEED

Monday, February 6, 2023 11:30 a.m.—2:00 p.m. @ the KC Hall

Chili & Chicken Noodle Soup will also be available.

JOIN US FOR BRUNCH!

Ss. Peter & Paul Religious Education students are hosting their Annual Brunch following the 8:00 a.m. Mass on February 12th. This is a free will offering event. Everyone is welcome!



SUNDAY BRUNCH

February 19th following 8:00 am Mass at Ss Peter & Paul-Butte. Please join us for Food and Fellowship! **COFFEE & ROLLS**

following Sunday 8:00 am Mass St Mary's—Spencer—February 26th. Everyone is welcome!



ROOTED-MEN'S CONFERENCE

Through prayer, keynotes, fellowship, and challenge, the Rooted Conference aims to help men establish a firm foundation rooted in Christ.

Check out: *ROOTEDNebraska.com* for more information.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:



1st—Eucharistic Adoration @ St. Patrick's—1-9 pm

1st—Religious Education Classes

2nd—CCW Meeting @ Ss Peter & Paul—Butte—7 pm

3rd—Mass at Parkside @ Stuart—2 pm

5th—RCIA @ Parish Center in O'Neill @ 4 pm

6th—KC Meeting @ St. Boniface—Stuart—7:30 pm

7th—Catholic Daughters Meeting—St. Patrick—O'Neill—7:00 pm

8th—Eucharistic Adoration @ St. Patrick's—1-9 pm

8th—Religious Education Classes

8th—St. Mary's School Board Meeting—Parish Center—5:30 pm

8th—KC Meeting—St. Patrick's—O'Neill—8 pm

12th—RCIA @ Parish Center in O'Neill @ 4 pm

13th—4th Degree KC Meeting @ Stuart—7:30 pm

14th—HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

14th—Mass at Good Sam @ Atkinson—10 am

15th—Eucharistic Adoration @ St. Patrick's—1-9 pm

15th—Mass at Butte Senior Living Center—Butte—3:15 pm

15th—Religious Education Classes

15th—Pastoral Council Meeting—St. Patrick's—O'Neill—7 pm

15th—KC Meeting @ Spencer—8 pm

16th—Anniversary of the Academy Fire (1965)—O'Neill

15th—RCIA @ Parish Center in O'Neill—4 pm

17th—KC Fish Fry—KC Hall—O'Neill—5 pm

19th—RCIA @ Parish Center in O'Neill @ 4 pm

22nd—ASH WEDNESDAY

24th— KC Fish Fry—KC Hall—O'Neill—5 pm

27th—St. Mary Altar Society Meeting—Spencer—7:30 pm

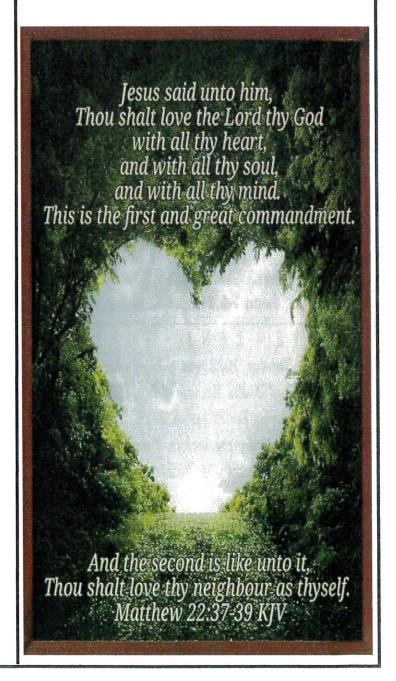


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holtboydcatholic.org

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- websites for individual parishes
- a detailed calendar of Masses and events
 - live stream of the Mass
- St. Mary's & St. Joseph's Catholic Schools information





In Loving Memory . . .

Donald Phillip Chohon

August 22, 1933—December 23, 2022 St. Patrick's—O'Neill

Ralph Reiser

February 15, 1952—December 30, 2022
SHBC—Ss Peter & Paul, Butte

Bernard J. Sterns

October 14, 1927—December 30, 2022 St. Joseph's—Atkinson

Viona Marie Cuddy

June 28, 1938—December 31, 2022 St. Patrick's—O'Neill

Larry Dean Cleary

May 22, 1941—January 7, 20223
St. Patrick's—O'Neill

Larry J. Ries

July 15, 1951—January 9, 2023 St. Joseph's—Atkinson

Margaret "Marge" Peterson

June 12, 1933—January 18, 2023 St. Patrick's—O'Neill

Welcome to the Newly Baptized . . .

Jesus Matteo Lopez Quintero

Son of Ramon Lopez and Jesus Vanessa Quintero St. Patrick's—O'Neill

Mariana Guadalupe Quintero

Daughter of Eduardo Valente Quintero and Alexis Dawn Marie Shaffer St. Patrick's—O'Neill

Isabella Marie Quintero

Daughter of Eduardo Valente Quintero and Alexis Dawn Marie Shaffer St. Patrick's—O'Neill

Lennon Dvorak

Daughter of Mitchell and Megan Dvorak
St. Boniface—Stuart

Kutler James Kelly

Son of Brent and Mallerie Kelly St. Patrick's—O'Neill

Cecelia Jo Podany

Daughter of Ryan and Melinda Podany St. Patrick's—O'Neill



"You are a child of God. You are wonderfully made. Dearly loved and precious in His sight." ~Psalm 139

Happy moments Praise God Difficult moments Seek God Quiet moments Worship God Painful moments Trust God Every moment Thank God

ST PATRICK'S—YOUTH MINISTRY & CONFIRMATION PREP INFORMATION

Confirmation Night is February 8: please bring your information sheets!

Reminder: No Youth Group on Confirmation Nights!

CSW is January 29-February 3

February 8 is the Junior Retreat- special thanks to all who help with our retreats, especially our organizer, Rebecca Gaughenbaugh!

February 22 is Ash Wednesday- no youth group.

Prayer to Saint Valentine

O glorious advocate and protector, St. Valentine,
Look with pity upon our wants, hear our prayers, relieve by your intercession the miseries under which we labor, and obtain for us the divine blessing, that we may be found worthy to join you in praising the Almighty for all eternity: through the merits of

Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Share Catholic

Amen.

FEBRUARY SAINTS

Feb. 3—St. Blaise and St. Ansgar Feb. 6—St. Paul Miki & Companions

Feb. 8—St. Jerome Emiliani and

St. Josephine Bakhita

Feb. 10—St. Scholastica Feb. 11—Our Lady of Lourdes B.V.M.

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Feb. 21—St. Peter Damian

Feb. 23—St. Peter Damian Feb. 23—St. Polycarp

Feb. 27—St. Gregory of Narek

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