

# ST. BONIFACE PARISH

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



**MARCH 21-22, 2026**  
**Fifth 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

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## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

## EVENTS AND MEETINGS

	MAR 28 5:00 PM	APR 4 8:30 PM
LECTOR:	Kim Estes Ken Kunz	John Madsen Darby Paxton
EMHC:	Jonna Kohle	Drew Schmaderer
SERVERS:	Kennedie Kohle Annabel Kohle Alexis Lange	Rylan Krysl Kennedie Kohle Annabel Kohle
GREETERS/ GIFTS:	Volunteers	Tom & Bonnie Krysl
USHERS:	Jared Wolf Dave Batenhorst John Kramer Dana Paxton	Ben Kaup Scott Kaup Steve Langan Jeff Dvorak
MONEY COUNTERS:	John & Sandra Kramer Dave & Patty Batenhorst	Ben & Claire Kaup Scott Kaup

Wednesday - March 25  
NO Youth Choir  
NO CCD Classes

Thursday - March 26  
Ladies Guild @ 2:00 p.m.

Friday - March 27  
Stations of the Cross @ 4:30 p.m.

Friday - March 27  
Fish Fry - Atkinson - 5:00 p.m.

Saturday - March 28  
Lenten Women's Conference  
10:00 a.m. - O'Neill

Wednesday - April 1  
Youth Choir @ 6:00 p.m.  
CCD Classes @ 6:30 p.m.

Thursday - April 2  
Holy Thursday Mass @ 7:00 p.m.

Friday - April 3  
The Passion of Our Lord @ 3:00 p.m.

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Stations of the Cross @ 7:00 p.m.

"He  
gives  
power  
to  
the  
weak  
and  
strength  
to  
the  
powerless."

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

## MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

## STEWARDSHIP:

Monday - March 23 - 5:30 p.m.  
✠ ALL SOULS

Tuesday - March 24 - 5:30 p.m.  
✠ FRANK & EDITH MURPHY

Wednesday - March 25 - NO MASS

Thursday - March 26 - NO MASS

Friday - March 27 - NO MASS

Saturday - March 28 - 5:00 p.m.  
✠ DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE SCHOLZ FAMILY

Sunday - March 29 - 9:00 a.m. - Atkinson

March 15, 2026

Regular Envelopes	\$1760.00
Loose	\$268.00
Children's Collection	\$6.00
Electronic Donations:	
March 1st	
March 15th	\$755.00
Special Collections:	
Catholic Relief Services	\$814.00
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TOTAL	\$3603.00

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

Isaiah  
40:29

**NOTEWORTHY**

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

SPRING SHINDIG - Coming May 23<sup>rd</sup>! We'll have the Country Store, Basket 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.

EASTER LILIES - If you would like to donate an Easter lily for the altar, please feel free to do so. Place your lily in the west sacristy before April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

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

A STORY OF SACRIFICE IN THE BIBLE TO REFLECT ON THIS LENTEN SEASON - While the story might be more obscure for some people, the narrative of the widow of Zarephath and Elijah provides a fascinating story of sacrifice. Found in 1 Kings 17, this account unfolds amidst a severe drought and famine in Israel. The Lord directs Elijah, a prophet of God, to seek refuge with a widow in the town of Zarephath. When Elijah arrives, he encounters the widow gathering sticks to prepare a final meal for herself and her son, anticipating their imminent death due to famine and hunger. Despite her dire circumstances, the widow demonstrates remarkable hospitality and selflessness, offering to share her last meal with Elijah. In response to Elijah's request, the widow's sacrificial generosity is met with a miraculous provision. 1 Kings 17:14-16: "For this is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: 'The jar of flour will not be used up and the jug of oil will not run dry until the day the Lord sends rain on the land.' She went away and did as Elijah had told her. So, there was food every day for Elijah and for the woman and her family." When God asks us to sacrifice this Lent, we may feel we have nothing to give, but God is faithful to provide and answer our sacrificial giving and generosity. We must learn to trust God in our giving, knowing he is faithful in his promise to care for us.

**HOLY WEEK MINISTRY SCHEDULE:**

Holy Thursday - April 2 - 7:00 p.m.  
 Lector: Drew Schmaderer  
 EMHC: John Kramer  
 Servers: Alex Paxton, Drew Paxton  
 Truman Addison  
 Greeters/Gifts: Dan & Karen Myers

Good Friday - April 3 - 3:00 p.m.  
 Lector: Terry Murphy & Jennifer Schmaderer  
 EMHC: Jan Kunz  
 Servers: Karlee Wolf, Jase Wolf  
 Jack Wondercheck  
 Greeters/Gifts: None



**LENTEN CONFESSION TIMES:**

March 31 - Stuart  
 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.  
 April 1 - Lynch  
 5:30 - 6:15 p.m.  
 April 3 - Atkinson  
 11:30 - 1:00 p.m.

  
 Our sympathies to the families of:  
**LEO O'MALLEY and COLETTE CLARK**  
 St. Patrick - O'Neill

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Welcome to our newest member:  
**JACK FRANCIS MATHIS**  
 Son of Grant & Makala Mathis  
 March 14, 2026



**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 25th**  
 NO Youth Choir  
 NO CCD Classes

**April 1st**  
 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: 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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4<sup>th</sup> Degree Mtg:  
 April 13 @ 7:30 p.m.  
 Location: Stuart

**LADIES GUILD GATHERING**

March 26  
 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,

One thing you want to be able to depend on is that your loved ones will be with you in time of need. So the most puzzling part of today's gospel (John 11:1-45), is that Jesus does not go right away to be with his dear friend Lazarus and his sisters after he receives word of Lazarus's illness. Why does he delay? Martha says to him forthrightly, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died" (v. 21), and soon afterward her sister Mary confronts him with the very same complaint (v. 32). Later the onlookers ask, "Could not the one who opened the eyes of the blind man have done something so that this might not have died?" (v. 37). The troubling question, voiced three times is: Where is Jesus when you need him?

It adds to the puzzlement that at other times in the Gospel of John, Jesus does come to the aid of people in need of healing: the royal official's son in Capernaum (4:46-54), a man who was paralyzed at the pool of Bethesda (5:1-18), and a man born blind near the pool of Siloam (9:1-41). Why would Jesus extend himself to these people and not to his close friends?

The two days Jesus delayed in going to Bethany may have been time that he needed to discern whether it was "the hour" for him to take this fatal step. It is clear that to go to Judea would put Jesus at great risk. His disciples twice try to dissuade him from going there (11:7-8, 12). Thomas's wry remark, "Let us go to die with him" (11:16), proves to be exactly true, the chapter ends with the Sanhedrin planning to put Jesus to death (11:53).

As Jesus's followers try to build communities of equal disciples, it is a challenge to embrace as friends those who are not kin, and those to whom they are not naturally drawn. It is even more difficult to be willing to lay down one's life for any of those befriended, as Jesus does. In the Fourth Gospel Jesus's mission is to bring life to the full for all (10:10) by offering friendship to all people and bringing them to himself (12:32). Jesus loves Martha, Mary, and Lazarus (vv. 3, 5, 35). But he also loves all other people – to the death. There are no favorites or best friends. The anonymous Beloved Disciple stands for each person who allows himself or herself to be loved by Jesus and to love him in return. All of us beloved of Jesus can put ourselves in the place of the one who rests on Jesus's bosom (13:23).

When one chooses to abide in Jesus, then he is always present, even if not in the same physical, earthly way the first beloved disciples wanted him to be. As Martha professes her belief in the risen One, she affirms that he is always truly present and all that die believing in him are likewise living and present still. Such belief does not take away from the dear departed but fills our mourning into hope-filled joy.

Ad multos annos!

Fr. Bernard Starman  
Pastor