

# St. Boniface Catholic Church

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## MASS SCHEDULE:

Weekend Mass—Saturday—5:00 p.m.

Weekday Mass—Monday & Tuesday—5:30 p.m.

## CATHOLIC PARISHES OF WESTERN HOLT AND BOYD COUNTIES Weekend Mass Schedules:

### Saturday:

St. Boniface—Stuart  
5:00 p.m.

St. Patrick—O'Neill  
5:00 p.m.



SHBC—Saturday—7:00 p.m.

Week 1: Spencer

Week 2: Spencer

Week 3: Spencer

Week 4: Butte

Week 5: Spencer



### Sunday:

St. Joseph—Atkinson  
9:00 a.m.

St. Patrick—O'Neill  
10:30 a.m.

St. Joseph—Amelia  
11:15 a.m.

SHBC—Sunday—8:00 a.m.

Week 1: Butte

Week 2: Butte

Week 3: Butte

Week 4: Spencer

Week 5: Butte

“Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours. Blessed are you who are now hungry, for you will be satisfied. Blessed are you who are now weeping, for you will laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude and insult you, and denounce your name as evil on account of the Son of Man.” ~ Luke 6:20-23

February 15—16, 2025

*Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

## Mass Times and Intentions

Monday—Feb 17—5:30 p.m.

+VIC & BERNEICE KAUP AND CONNIE VANNESS

Tuesday—Feb 18—5:30 p.m.

+PAUL & NOREEN KRAMER

Wednesday—Feb 19—NO MASS

Thursday—Feb 20—NO MASS

Friday—Feb 21—NO MASS

Saturday—Feb 22—5:00 p.m.

+ROLLIE KUNZ

Sunday—Feb 23—9:00 a.m.—Atkinson



Confession Time:  
Saturdays—4:30—4:50 p.m.  
or by appointment

## Collection: February 8—9—2025

Regular (17)	\$875.00
Loose	\$592.00
Special Collections:	
Insurance	\$125.00
Children's Collection	\$57.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1649.00</b>



EUCCHARISTIC  
ADORATION

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

6:00—8:00 p.m.

February

17th—24th



## Christian Mothers

Rosary—Monday & Tuesday @ 5:10 p.m.

Saturday @ 4:40 p.m.

Next function/funeral—Group 2

Next Meeting—April 14 @ 6:00 p.m.

Church Basement



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## Events & Meetings

Sat/Sun—Feb 15/16—Special Insurance Collection

Sat—Feb 15—Youth Choir Sings at 5:00 p.m. Mass

Mon—Feb 17—Eucharistic Adoration—6-8 p.m.

Mon—Feb 17—PRESIDENT'S DAY

Wed—Feb 19—Youth Choir @ 6:00 p.m.  
CCD Classes @ 6:30 p.m.

Mon—Feb 24—Eucharistic Adoration—6-8 p.m.

Wed—Feb 26—Youth Choir @ 6:00 p.m.  
CCD Classes @ 6:30 p.m.

Thurs—Feb 27—Ladies Guild—2:00 p.m.

Fri/Sat—Feb 28/Mar 1—Healthy Couple Weekend

Mon—Mar 3—KC Meeting—7:30 p.m.



## Please Pray for . . .

Jim Kunz + Beckett Block  
Lois Schaaf + Kirstine Chvala  
Norbert & Jeanette Starman



Our deepest sympathies are  
extended to the families of . . .  
Joan El-Khatib, Mary Lou Clark  
and

Steven Binkerd  
St. Patrick—O'Neill  
*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon them.  
May they rest in peace.*

## CCD News & Notes

### Feb 19

Youth Choir @ 6:00 pm  
CCD Classes @ 6:30 pm

### Feb 26

Youth Choir @ 6:00 pm  
CCD Classes @ 6:30 pm

Ladies Guild—February 27 @ 2:00 p.m.



## Knights of Columbus

March 3—KC Meeting @ 7:30 p.m.

## 4th Degree Knights of Columbus

March 10—4th Degree Mtg @ 7:30 p.m.—O'Neill

**Saturday—February 22**

**Saturday—March 1**

5:00 p.m.

5:00 p.m.

**LECTOR:** Darby Paxton

**EMHC:** Kathy Kunz

**SERVERS:** Alex Paxton  
Drew Paxton

**USHERS:** Leon Kramer—Gary Stoltenberg  
Tom Krysl—Jeff Wallinger

**GREETERS/GIFTS:** Jeff & Cheri Dvorak

**MONEY COUNTERS:** Jeff & Kim Wallinger  
Everett Vogel

Jay Addison

Sarah Addison

Rylan Krysl  
Emily Karo

Jared Wolf—Steve Wallinger  
John Kramer—Dave Batenhorst

Reconciliation Class

Dave & Patty Batenhorst  
John & Sandra Kramer

**N\*O\*T\*E\*W\*O\*R\*T\*H\*Y**

**THE HEALTHY COUPLE WEEKEND—FEBRUARY 28 & MARCH 1, 2025**—Join us for a transformative weekend marriage retreat designed to strengthen your relationship and deepen your connection with your spouse. Friday, February 28th from 6-9 p.m. and Saturday, March 1st from 9 a.m.—2 p.m. at Faith Wesleyan in Atkinson, NE. See flyer in the entrance of church for more information.

**SPECIAL COLLECTION—MARCH 8 & 9, 2025**—There will be a special collection for Black and Indian Missions the weekend of March 9th-10th. Envelopes available in your packet.

**IN THE END, DOES IT MATTER?** By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman  
When I was a teenager, the priest I would go to for confession used to tell me, over and over: "In the end, we all get the same dirty hole in the ground."

What he meant was, it doesn't matter how rich or smart or well-liked we are. We're all heading to the same place. This life comes to an end for every man. All the money he earns, all the stuff, all the worldly esteem, will at some point be of no further use. We all get the same dirty hole in the ground.

It was an important message for me to hear, because at the time, it all seemed so important: my after-school job and my FAFSA application and my grades. The admiration of my friends and teachers. I was so consumed with what I was going to become that I wasn't spending a lot of time thinking about who I was going to become. But the who is the only thing that lasts until the next life. And to be honest, it's all still too important to me. Avoiding sadness and disappointment. Saving money and being liked. Focusing on "the five-year plan" when it comes to career, house plans, and a whole bunch of other things I can't take to my dirty hole in the ground.

Jesus was radical in his teaching that the "stuff" in life wasn't all that important. It was radical for him to say that the worldly signs of success — wealth, popularity, pleasure — did not amount to a whole lot in the grand scheme of things and that suffering could sanctify us. It was radical in the ancient world, and it's radical today. Are we ready to be radical, too?

*May we all join together in prayer for our nation's leaders today and every day.*



**COME CLOSER TO GOD THIS LENT—MARCH 29, 2025**

Rural Lenten Women's Conference

*"Experiencing God's Forgiveness"*

Conference will be held at St. Mary's Parish Hall in Spencer Nebraska.  
\$20 pre-registration by March 20th, \$30 after. Call Jan Kunz @ 402-340-2303 to register.  
Please make checks out to WHBC Evangelization.





## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK . . .

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

About 1.4 billion people in the world live on \$1.25 or less per day. The majority of poor people worldwide are women. Their opportunities for education are fewer, and their earnings still lag far behind their male counterparts. Care of home and children go uncompensated. How can it be that Jesus would pronounce blessed those who struggle against such poverty?

Biblical scholars point out that the Greek word makarios, like the Hebrew word 'ashre', meaning "blessed," does not confer blessing but recognizes an existing state of happiness. This happiness is something inherent in God, and when humans experience blessedness, it flows from relations with God. In biblical tradition, poverty is never an indicator of blessedness; it is always regarded as evil. What can Jesus mean by stating the opposite?

In the Gospel of Luke, references to the poor are very frequent. Scholars estimate that 25 percent of people in Roman Palestine were desperately poor. Two concrete individual characters put faces on this mass of struggling humanity: the ulcer riddled beggar Lazarus, lying at the rich man's gate (16:19-31), and the widow who put "her whole livelihood," two small coins into the temple treasury (2:1-4).

Whenever Jesus speaks about such people, however, he addresses his words to disciples who are not among the destitute. They are the ones who have the means to be agents of divine blessing to those who are needy. His invitation to disciples is to embrace some form of being poor, but not destitution, as an essential aspect of their commitment to Jesus. Luke shows many options of how to respond to this call to embrace poverty. Some of the fishermen and a tax collector leave behind everything to follow Jesus (5:11,28). Others, like Zacchaeus give half their possessions to the poor (19:8). Many of the women put their money at the service of Jesus's mission (8:1-3). Some, like Mary, the mother of John Mark, opened their homes for gatherings of the community (acts 12:12). There was also the practice of pooling everyone's resources and then each taking according to their need (Acts 2:44; 4:32). The only thing that was not an option was to hoard for oneself, like the rich ruler (Luke 18:18-30), or to lie to the community about one's possessions, as the tragic story of Ananias and Sapphira shows (Acts 5: 1-11).


The blessedness that Jesus holds up is the happiness of those who are being liberated from their desperate poverty already in the here and now, a foretaste of the final elimination of all want in the fullness of the reign of God. It is not a wish for a future reward for an abstract, unknown group of "the poor" who suffer in the present, but a concrete possibility when the needs of real people are known and the resources are shared in the community.

This could be a good time to renew our efforts at becoming agents of blessedness through our prayer for those in need, fasting in solidarity with those who are hungry not by choice, and almsgiving for those who are destitute.

I am often humbled and inspired by our family of parishes' generosity in ways that many do not see when it comes to supporting Jesus's mission.

Ad multos annos!

Fr. Bernard Starman  
Pastor

 **NOTICE**  
Parish secretary, Deb Kramer, will be out of the office from February 17th to March 31st due to knee surgery. Please contact Jan Kunz at 402-340-2303 for any office questions.

### ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL UPDATE

\$7,172.44 of \$8,604.44  
committed as of February 11th

Any mail for St. Patrick's Office or Fr. Starman needs to be sent to:  
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