

ST. BONIFACE PARISH

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

Great is thy
faithfulness

AUGUST 15-16, 2026
20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

	AUG 22 5:00 PM	AUG 29 5:00 PM
LECTOR:	Tate Schmaderer	Jay Addison
EMHC:	Jeff Dvorak	Sandra Kramer
SERVERS:	Confirmation Class	Rylan Krysl Emily Karo Alexis Lange
GREETERS/ GIFTS:	Confirmation Class	Mark & Nancy Snover
USHERS:	Dale Riha Travis Ludwig Alan Estes Dan Kohle	Dale Riha Travis Ludwig Alan Estes Dan Kohle
MONEY COUNTERS:	Dale & Lorena Riha	Dale & Lorena Riha

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

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Monday - August 17 - 5:30 p.m.
✠ JOAN MURPHY AND SOPHIE & JP MURPHY

Tuesday - August 18 - 5:30 p.m.
✠ RICHARD, LOIS, AND CINDY DVORAK

Wednesday - August 19 - NO MASS

Thursday - August 20 - NO MASS

Friday - August 21 - NO MASS

Saturday - August 22 - 5:00 p.m.
✠ JERRY STEINHAUSER AND SHANNON SIS

Sunday - August 23 - 9:00 a.m. - Atkinson

EVENTS AND MEETINGS

Sunday - August 16
St. Joseph Golf Tournament
1:00 p.m.

Monday - August 17
Eucharistic Adoration
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Monday - August 24
Eucharistic Adoration
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday - August 26
NOTE CHANGE OF DATE!
Confirmation Parent/Student Mtg
following Mass in the church
basement @ 7:00 p.m.

Thursday - August 27
Ladies Guild @ 2:00 p.m.

Monday - August 31
Eucharistic Adoration
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Saturday/Sunday - September 5/6
Special Collection for Energy Needs

Wednesday - September 9
CCD Classes Start @ 6:30 p.m.

STEWARDSHIP:

August 9, 2026

Regular Envelopes	\$970.00
Loose	\$199.00
Children's Collection	\$20.00
Electronic Donations:	
August 1st	\$1930.00
August 15th	
August End of Month	
Special Collections:	

TOTAL	\$3119.00

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

"My
grace
is
all
you
need.
My
power
works
best
in

weakness."

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12:9

NOTEWORTHY

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION TEACHERS NEEDED - We are in need of some CCD teachers for the 2026-27 school year. The only qualifications needed are a love of God and a willingness to share that with kids. There is a curriculum to follow, and we'll help get you all set up. It's a rewarding job and you'll learn right along with the kids. We need a 2nd grade teacher (1st Reconciliation) and an 11th/12th grade teacher(s). If you'd like more information about one of these classes or are interested in signing up to help, please call Jan Kunz @ 402.340.2303. Classes start September 9th. If no one steps up to teach, these classes will not meet until someone does.

PRAYER PARTNERS - Looking for people to be Prayer Partners for the upcoming Senior class at Stuart High School. There are 4 students this year: Bryer Almgren, Rylee Fuelbeerth, Kaige Krieger, and Trey Walllinger. If you'd like to be a Prayer Partner for a senior, contact Jan Kunz for the student's information.

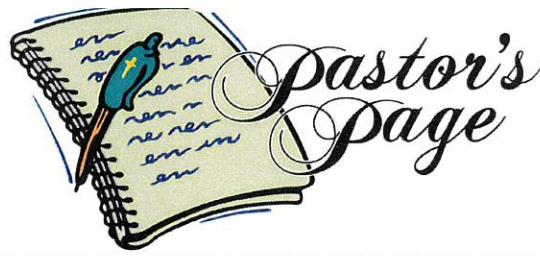
SEVEN SISTERS APOSTOLATE - Any women that are interested in praying for our priests as one of seven sisters in the Seven Sisters Apostolate needs to contact Jan Kunz by September 1st to get on the list. We're hoping to start the apostolate on Tuesday, September 8th in our family of parishes. You take one day out of the week and pray for one of the priests for one hour. That one hour can be done throughout the day and not all at one time if you'd like. We're looking for women to commit to one hour, one day a week, for one year. Call Jan Kunz @ 402.340.2303 to sign up or for more information.

KC THANK YOU - A big "Thank You" to everyone that bought KC Duck Race tickets this year and a special shout out to Southside Mini Mart for selling over half of the books, to the KC members and other parish members that sold the remainder of the books. The proceeds of the ticket sales will be donated back into the community in the near future. Thanks again. - Stuart Knights of Columbus Council #5581

OACCW CONVENTION - SEPTEMBER 21, 2026 - The 102nd Convention of the Omaha Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women (OACCW) will be held on Monday, September 21, 2026, at the Wayne City Auditorium, 222 N Pearl St., Wayne, NE. Theme: "Blaze Boldly in the Darkness". Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. with a light breakfast. Rosary at 8:00. Opening session begins at 9:00 a.m. Mass with Archbishop Michael McGovern at 11:00. Noon Lunch. Afternoon Session starts at 1:00 p.m. Please pre-register by Sept. 1st Registration forms available in the entrance of church or call/txt Leonarda Arens, 402-253-5120 or Colleen Elsasser, 402-380-6443. Registration form and \$35 registration fee are mailed to: Colleen Elsasser, 1962 19th Rd. Bancroft, NE 68004. Checks make payable to: RNE Deanery.

	<u>EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION</u> 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  August 17 August 24 August 31 (Last one until next spring)	<u>RELIGIOUS EDUCATION</u> <u>August 26</u> Confirmation Parent/Student Mtg @ 7:00 p.m. <u>September 9</u> Classes @ 6:30 p.m. NO Youth Choir	Please keep in your prayers our Seminarian of the Month: Andrew Nigro 
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<u>CHRISTIAN MOTHERS</u> Next Mtg: September 14 @ 6:00 p.m. Church Basement Next Funeral/Function: CH 3	<u>KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS</u> KC Mtg: October 5 @ 7:30 p.m. ++++++ 4 th Degree KC Mtg: September 14 @ 7:30 p.m. Location: O'Neill	<u>LADIES GUILD GATHERING</u> August 27 2:00 p.m. St. Boniface School Building	<u>PLEASE PRAY FOR:</u> Emerson Batenhorst Olivia Cannon Kirstine Chvala Lois Schaaf
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Dear Parishioners and Friends of the Catholic Parishes of Western Holt and Boyd Counties,

They called themselves the “Brain Tumor Moms.” Three mothers in Massachusetts banded together after receiving the heartbreaking news that their young daughters have brain cancer. Bent on advancing progress beyond outdated pediatric brain research, in 2009 alone they raised \$250,000.00 for the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute by walking, pleading, and repeated asking, despite frequent rebuffs.

In this weekend’s gospel (Matt 15: 21-28), there is an equally determined mother who pleads with Jesus to heal her daughter. By labeling the woman with the outmoded term “Canaanite,” Matthew makes her the archetypal enemy, one of those whom Israel struggled for possession of the land. Oddly, this so-called enemy knows the right Jewish prayer formulas and the proper messianic title for Jesus. Her impassioned plea, “Have pity on me, Lord,” echoes Psalm 109:26 as well as the plea of the blind men (Matt 9:27; 20:30, 31) and the father of the boy with epilepsy (Matt 17:15). In those instances, Jesus quickly heals. To the woman he makes no response at all. Never before has Jesus ignored someone who pleaded with him for compassion. The disciples also urge him to send her away. When he finally speaks to her, he insists that he has nothing for her and that his mission is only to his own people.

If the woman had been seeking healing for herself, she might have given up, but there is nothing that fuels a mother’s nerve more than her child’s well-being. She kneels before Jesus, a gesture of homage, but in doing so she also blocks his way, insisting that he act on her behalf.

This time Jesus’s response is terribly insulting: “It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs.” Some biblical scholars try to tone down the insult, understanding it as an endearing address to a pet. Others think Jesus is reciting a common saying of his day that reflected the animosity of Galileans toward the people on the coast, to whom their wheat would be exported, even in times of shortage, (see 1Kings 5:11; Acts 12:20). Whatever the genesis of Jesus’s comment, calling a woman a dog is a gross insult.

Rather than turn away or return insult for insult, the mother redirects her rage, finding clever words, and remaining respectful toward Jesus: “Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters.” With that, something shifts in Jesus. The woman stretches him to see her not as “other,” or as “enemy,” but as one of his own, one with whom he shares a common humanity, a common faith in God, a common desire for the well-being of children. He recognizes her great faith, having often his disciples for their “little faith” (Matt 6:30; 8:26; 14:31; 17:20). Beyond securing the healing of her daughter, the narrative depicts this woman sparking in Jesus the idea that his mission is for all people, a notion that will be fanned into flame by those who carry on his mission after his death (Matt 28:19).

Ad multos annos!

Fr. Bernard Starman
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