

Communicatio Nostri Nuntium

(Sharing Our News)

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

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

Week 4: Ss. Peter & Paul—Butte @ 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—O'Neill

5:30 p.m. @ St. Boniface—Stuart

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—O'Neill

8:15 a.m. @ St. Joseph's—Atkinson

Prayer for September

May You Have:

Enough happiness to keep you sweet,
Enough trials to keep you strong,
Enough sorrow to keep you human,
Enough hope to keep you happy,
Enough failure to keep you humble,
Enough success to keep you eager,
Enough wealth to meet your needs,
Enough enthusiasm to look forward,
Enough friends to give you comfort,
Enough faith to banish depression,
Enough determination to make each
day better than yesterday.

And God to Keep You going..

Bless You & Your Loved Ones

inspire children
and teenagers

Believe
in the
POWER
of
Prayer

MINISTRY OF PRAISE—A WORD FROM DEACON FILIPS



Greetings Fellow Prayer Warriors!

In Matthew 16:13-20 we have very good evidence that Jesus intended to set up a church with a central leader (what we call a pope). Jesus spoke directly to Simon in the presence of the other disciples and made a series of truly remarkable statements about the role that Simon is to play in the Church. This passage is important to us because one of the biggest objections that most Protestants have to the Catholic church is the idea of a pope. They want to replace the pope with the bible alone. The problem is, that as necessary as the bible is to our faith, there are thousands of disagreements about how to understand the bible and that leads to thousands of Protestant denominations. As Catholics we trust the pope in union with his bishops to safeguard the faith and keep it free from error, including how to understand the bible. Notice the six ways in which Jesus presents Simon Peter to the other disciples, and to us.

1. Jesus describes Peter as a prophet. Verse 17: *And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven.*
2. Jesus then describes Peter as the chief patriarch and foundation stone of His new Church. Verse 18: *And I tell you, you are Peter (translated as Rock), and on this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.* In the Old Testament when God gives someone a new name such as changing Abram's name to Abraham or changing Jacob's name to Israel, it is when they are about to do something big in salvation history. Peter is about to lead the new people of God.
3. At the time of Jesus every Jew knew that the Jewish temple had been built on a great natural stone slab, which they referred to as the "foundation stone". Tradition held that this stone blocked the path to the underworld: the gates of Hades. When Jesus speaks these words to Peter, He's identifying the Church as the New Covenant temple of God and saying that Peter is the "Rock" upon which this new temple will be built. He will serve as that foundation stone, holding the powers of hell at bay.
4. Jesus presents Peter as the royal steward of the Kingdom of God, the chief steward in God's house. Verse 19: *I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.* In ancient Israel, the chief steward of the king's household wore the keys to the palace tied to his shoulder. He was in charge. Anyone who wanted to see the king had to go through him. (Isiah 22:19-23) the keys and the authority rest with the chief steward who was like a prime minister in the kingdom of David.
5. Binding and loosing had another meaning as well in Jesus' day. It was used to speak of the authority of the rabbis to render official interpretations of the Jewish law. What Jesus is saying here is that Peter will function as chief rabbi in this new Israel. He will bind and loose and make decisions about theology and the governance of the church.
6. Jesus presents Peter as the chief forgiver of sins. While "binding and loosing" speaks of Peter's authority as teacher, later in Matthew and in John, Jesus uses this exact language to refer to the retaining and forgiving of sins.

Taken together, this is very good evidence that Jesus wanted Peter to be the leader of the church. It does not make sense that he would give us a leader for a few years, then after Peter dies, we are leaderless again. As Catholics, we must stay in union with the church, or we have nothing. This is true when we have good and wise popes, and true when we have bad popes. Once you separate yourself from him, you are on your own. Let us focus our prayers this month on church remaining unified and doing the Holy Spirit's will as the Synod on Synodality begins in Rome.

Next, we continue the chapter on spirituality from my book "Pearls of the Universal Church" available through www.SpiritualWorksPress.com

"THE GROWTH PATTERN OF SPIRITUALITY" by Rabbi Abraham Twerski

- Spiritual growth is somewhat similar to physical growth in that there are periods of rapid growth spurts and periods of apparent stagnation. There are periods of latency in spiritual growth just as in physical growth, where the groundwork is being laid for another rapid growth phase.
- Spiritual growth differs from physical growth in two ways: (1) It never comes to completion; and (2) there are periods when one feels he has regressed rather than progressed. The latter can be very frustrating and disappointing unless it is correctly understood. We have all had times when we feel we have prayed well with a great deal of concentration or studied a page of the Bible with a profound sensation of being in contact with the Divine wisdom. When we try to duplicate these feelings the next day, however, we find that they are not retrievable. (To be continued next month.)

Until next month . . . Deacon Roger Filips



In Loving Memory . . .

Blanche Ziska

February 19, 1935—July 24, 2023

St. Joseph—Atkinson

Darrel "Darrie" Carr

March 12, 1937—August 1, 2023

St. Joseph—Amelia

Dorothy Summers

May 6, 1936—August 1, 2023

St. Patrick's—O'Neill

Donald O'Connell

November 13, 1933—August 11, 2023

St. Joseph—Atkinson

Edward "Ed" Boyle

June 15, 1930—August 12, 2023

St. Patrick's—O'Neill

Welcome to the Newly Baptized . . .

London Lee Dexter

Daughter of Mason & Jade Dexter

August 19, 2023

St. Boniface—Stuart

Brooklyn Elizabeth Novak

Daughter of Tony & Anna Novak

August 20, 2023

St. Patrick's—O'Neill

Alexander Job Soto Santillan and

Allison Ariadna Soto Santillan

Son and Daughter of Franco Soto and Leidy Santillan

August 20, 2023

St. Patrick's—O'Neill

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

Think Positive—Feel Positive—Live Positive

Bailey Kraus &

Bryce Kerkman

August 5, 2023

St. Joseph—Atkinson



Congratulations to the newly married . . .

Kelley Bode &

Kyle Carr

August 5, 2023

St. Patrick's—O'Neill

Aurora Gutshall &

Cooper Grabenstein

August 12, 2023

St. Patrick's—O'Neill

Rachel Schmitz &

Ben Vrba

August 19, 2023

St. Patrick's—O'Neill

Brianna Parks &

Drew Loberg

August 26, 2023

St. Patrick's—O'Neill

Christine Torshynski &

Andrew Pryor

August 26, 2023

St. Joseph—Atkinson



SEPTEMBER—THE MONTH DEVOTED TO OUR LADY OF SORROWS

The Seven Sorrows of Mary are important for us to know and pray. They are all based on scripture and help us recall Mary's role in salvation history.

Though the practice of praying the Seven Sorrows of Mary dates back to the thirteenth century, there has been a resurgence of this devotion due to the apparition of Our Lady of Kibeho that took place in the 1980's in Rwanda. It was there that Our Lady urged people to pray the Seven Sorrows.

It is said that Mary revealed to St. Bridget of Sweden seven promises to those who will pray these sorrows. After reading the promises, you will surely want to implement this devotion in your own prayer life.

What are the Seven Sorrows of Mary?

1. *The Prophecy of Simeon*

And Simeon blessed them, and said to Mary his mother: Behold this child is set for the fall, and for the resurrection of many in Israel, and for a sign which shall be contradicted; And thy own soul a sword shall pierce, that, out of many hearts, thoughts may be revealed.—*Luke 2:34-35*

2. *The Flight into Egypt*

And after they were departed, behold an angel of the Lord appeared in sleep to Joseph, saying: Arise, and take the child and his mother, and fly into Egypt: and be there until I shall tell thee. For it will come to pass that Herod will seek the child to destroy him. Who arose, and took the child and his mother by night, and retired into Egypt: and he was there until the death of Herod: That it might be fulfilled which the Lord spoke by the prophet, saying: Out of Egypt have I called my son. Then Herod perceiving that he was deluded by the wise men, was exceeding angry; and sending killed all the men children that were in Bethlehem, and in all the borders thereof, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had diligently inquired of the wise men. Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremias the prophet, saying: A voice in Rama was heard, lamentation and great mourning; Rachel bewailing her children, and would not be comforted, because they are not. But when Herod was dead, behold an angel of the Lord appeared in sleep to Joseph in Egypt, Saying: Arise, and take the child and his mother, and go into the land of Israel. For they are dead that sought the life of the child. Who arose, and took the child and his mother, and came into the land of Israel.—*Matthew 2:13-21*

3. *The Loss of Jesus for Three Days*

And his parents went every year to Jerusalem, at the solemn day of the pasch, And when he was twelve years old, they going up into Jerusalem, according to the custom of the feast, And having fulfilled the days, when they returned, the child Jesus remained in Jerusalem; and his parents knew it not. And thinking that he was in the company, they came a day's journey, and sought him among their kins-folks and acquaintance. And not finding him, they returned into Jerusalem, seeking him. And it came to pass, that, after three days, they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, hearing them, and asking them questions. And all that heard him were astonished at his wisdom and his answers. And seeing him, they wondered. And his mother said to him: Son, why hast thou done so to us? behold thy father and I have sought thee sorrowing. And he said to them: How is it that you sought me? did you not know, that I must be about my father's business? And they understood not the word that he spoke unto them.—*Luke 2:41-50*

4. *The Carrying of the Cross*

And bearing his own cross, he went forth to that place which is called Calvary, but in Hebrew Golgotha.—*John 19:17*

5. *The Crucifixion of Jesus*

Where they crucified him, and with him two others, one on each side, and Jesus in the midst. And Pilate wrote a title also, and he put it upon the cross. And the writing was: JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS. This title therefore many of the Jews did read: because the place where Jesus was crucified was nigh to the city: and it was written in Hebrew, in Greek, and in Latin. Then the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate: Write not, The King of the Jews; but that he said, I am the King of the Jews. Pilate answered: What I have written, I have written. The soldiers therefore, when they had crucified him, took his garments, (and they made four parts, to every soldier a part,) and also his coat. Now the coat was without seam, woven from the top throughout. They said then one to another: Let us not cut it, but let us cast lots for it, whose it shall be; that the scripture might be fulfilled, saying: They have parted my garments among them, and upon my vesture they have cast lots. And the soldiers indeed did these things. Now there stood by the cross of Jesus, his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary of Cleophas, and Mary Magdalen. When Jesus therefore had seen his mother and the disciple standing whom he loved, he saith to his mother: Woman, behold thy son. After that, he saith to the disciple: Behold thy mother. And from that hour, the disciple took her to his own. Afterwards, Jesus knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the scripture might be fulfilled, said: I thirst. Now there was a vessel set there full of vinegar. And they, putting a sponge full of vinegar and hyssop, put it to his mouth. Jesus therefore, when he had taken the vinegar, said: It is consummated. And bowing his head, he gave up the ghost.—*John 19:18-30*

6. *Jesus Taken Down from the Cross*

And Nicodemus also came, (he who at the first came to Jesus by night,) bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about an hundred pound weight. They took therefore the body of Jesus, and bound it in linen cloths, with the spices, as the manner of the Jews is to bury—*John 19:39-40*

7. *Jesus Laid in the Tomb*

And Nicodemus also came, (he who t the first came to Jesus by night,) bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about an hundred pound weight. They took therefore the body of Jesus, and bound it in linen cloths, with the spices, as the manner of the Jews is to bury. Now there was in the place where he was crucified, a garden; and in the garden a new sepulchre, wherein no man yet had been laid. There, therefore, because of the parasceve of the Jews, they laid Jesus, because the sepulchre was nigh at hand.—*John 19:39-42*

**The 7 Promises to Those Who
Pray the 7 Sorrows**

1. I will grant peace to their families.
2. They will be enlightened about the divine mysteries.
3. I will console them in their pains and I will accompany them in their work.
4. I will give them as much as they ask for as long as it does not oppose the adorable will of my divine Son or the sanctification of their souls.
5. I will defend them in their spiritual battles with the infernal enemy and I will protect them at every instant of their lives.
6. I will visibly help them at the moment of their death, they will see the face of their Mother.
7. I have obtained from my divine Son, that those who propagate this devotion to my tears and dolors, will be taken directly from this earthly life to eternal happiness since all their sins will be forgiven and my Son and I will be their eternal consolation and joy.



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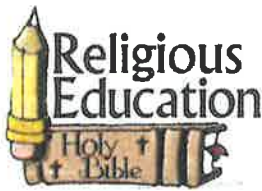
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CCD CLASSES STARTING

St. Joseph's—Amelia

September 6th

St. Patrick's—O'Neill

September 6th

St. Mary's—Spencer

September 13th

Ss. Peter & Paul—Butte

September 13th

St. Boniface—Stuart

September 20th

St. Joseph's—Atkinson

September 20th

ST. PATRICK'S CONFIRMATION

September 30th and October 1st

Confirmant meeting:

Wednesday September 13th at 7 pm.



Please bring your community service hours sheet and baptismal forms, if you have not yet done so.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION—ST. PATRICK'S—O'NEILL

Wednesdays from 2:00—6:00 p.m.

September 6th, 2023 through April 24, 2024

Call the Parish Office at 336-1602 if you are interested in being a guardian for an hour slot or if you'd like to be on the substitute list.

EVERYONE is welcome and encouraged to attend Adoration at any time from 2-6 p.m. for whatever amount of time you would like.

ST. PATRICK'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/YOUTH GROUP INFORMATION

Registration Night—will be on Wednesday, August 30th at the St. Mary's Grade School. Parent and students are welcome to drop by anytime between 6:30 and 7:30 p.m. Forms are available at the parish office or online at www.stpatoneill.org/youth. You can also get a calendar for the year when you pick up the registration or online. If you have any questions, please contact Whitney at 402-340-9304 or whitneymbenson@gmail.com

Teachers Needed—for Religious Education. We are looking for a couple of teachers. Volunteers would be co-teaching a grade and have the support of some awesome "veteran" teachers! If you are interested, please call or text 402-340-9304

First Night of Classes—Religious Education and Youth Group will have their first classes on September 6th. Rel. Ed for K-6th will meet at St. Mary's Grade School from 6:30-7:30 p.m. for a Kick-Off Party and the Youth Group for grades 7-12 will meet at 7:00 p.m. in the youth room in the basement of the St. Mary's Grade School. Regular classes will meet on Sept. 13, 20, and 27th for Religious Education.

PRAYER FOR CATECHISTS

God of Wisdom, You have called me to proclaim your holy Word. I want to respond generously, but I feel so inadequate, so unsure of myself. I don't have all the answers. Teach me to rely on your wisdom, to believe that you are there in every class I teach. Help me to understand that you can and do touch the minds and hearts of your children—through me. Above all, make me wise enough to trust that the seeds of faith I have sown—with your help—will someday blossom and grow in your children. ~ Amen.

CHECKING IN

A minister passing through his church
In the middle of the day
Decided to pause by the altar
And see who had come to pray.
Just then the back door opened,
A man came down the aisle,
The minister frowned as he saw
The man hadn't shaved in a while.
His shirt was shabby, old,
And his coat was worn and frayed.
The man knelt, he bowed his head
Then rose and walked away.
In the days that followed,
Each noon time came this chap.
Each time he knelt just for a moment,
A lunch pail in his lap.
Well, the minister's suspicions grew,
With robbery a main fear.
He decided to stop the man and ask him,
"What are you doing here?"
The old man said he worked down the
road.
Lunch was half an hour.
Lunchtime was his prayer time
For finding strength and power.
"I stay only moments, see,
Because the factory is so far away.
As I kneel here talking to the Lord,
This is what I say:
**I JUST CAME AGAIN TO TELL YOU,
LORD,
HOW HAPPY I'VE BEEN
SINCE WE FOUND EACH OTHER'S
FRIENDSHIP,
AND YOU TOOK AWAY MY SIN.
I DON'T KNOW MUCH OF HOW TO PRAY,
BUT I THINK ABOUT YOU EVERYDAY.
SO, JESUS, THIS IS JIM,
CHECKING IN TODAY."**



The minister, feeling foolish,
Told Jim, that was fine.
He told the man he was welcome
To come and pray just anytime.
Time to go, Jim smiled, and said
"Thanks."
He sped to the door.
The minister knelt at the altar,
He'd never done it before.
His cold heart melted, warmed with love,
And met with Jesus there.
As the tears flowed, in his heart,
He repeated old Jim's prayer:
**HOW HAPPY I'VE BEEN,
SINCE WE FOUND EACH OTHER'S
FRIENDSHIP,
AND YOU TOOK AWAY MY SIN.
I DON'T KNOW MUCH OF HOW TO PRAY,
BUT I THINK ABOUT YOU EVERY DAY.
SO, JESUS, THIS IS ME,
CHECKING IN TODAY."**

Past noon one day, the minister noticed
That old Jim hadn't come.
As more days passed without Jim,
He began to worry some.
At the factory, he asked about him,
Learning he was ill.
The hospital staff was worried,
But he'd given them a thrill.
The week that Jim was with them,
Brought changes in the ward.
His smiles, a joy contagious.
Changed people, were his reward.
The head nurse couldn't understand
Why Jim was so glad
When no flowers, calls or cards came,
Not a visitor he had.
The minister stayed by his bed,
He voiced the nurse's concern:
No friends came to show they cared.
He had nowhere to turn.
Looking surprised, old Jim spoke up
And with a winsome smile;
"The nurse is wrong, she couldn't know,
That in here all the while.
Everyday at noon, He's here,
A dear friend of mine, you see,
He sits right down, takes my hand,
Leans over and says to me:
**'I JUST CAME AGAIN TO TELL YOU, JIM,
HOW HAPPY I HAVE BEEN,
SINCE WE FOUND THIS FRIENDSHIP,
AND I TOOK AWAY YOUR SIN.
I ALWAYS LOVE TO HEAR YOU PRAY,
AND I THINK ABOUT YOU EVERY DAY,
SO JIM, THIS IS JESUS,
CHECKING IN TODAY.'**"

EVERYTHING HAPPENS FOR GOOD

This is an old story of a king in India; who had a very close friend with whom he grew up. The king used to spend his lot of time along with his best friend. His friend had a habit of looking at every situation that ever occurred in his life (positive or negative) with optimism and remarking, "This is good, everything happens for good!" He always tried to look at the things with a different perspective and find positive impacts of whatever happened in life.

One day the king and his friend were out on a hunting expedition. They went in a dense forest and were enjoying the adventure. While hunting, the friend would load and prepare the guns for the king. The king took a gun from his friend and aimed it at the target. When he felt that the aim on the animal was right on target, the king fired the gun. But on this particular instance, something unpredictable happened.

The gun misfired and blew off the thumb of the king. His friend had apparently done something wrong while loading and preparing the gun. Both of them were shocked, and immediately first aid was done. After this, examining the situation the friend remarked, as usual, "This is good, everything happens for good!" The king got angry that his thumb had been blown off, due to his friend's mistake. Still his friend kept saying, "This is good!" The king replied with annoyance, "No, this is NOT good!" and immediately ordered his friend sent to jail.

A couple of months later, the king was hunting in an area that he should have known to avoid. Cannibals captured him and took him to their village. They tied both his hands, collected some wood, set up a stake, and bound him to it. As they came close to set fire to the wood, they noticed that the king was missing a thumb. Being superstitious cannibals, they never ate anyone that was less than whole. So the cannibals untied the king, and sent him on his way.

As the king returned home, he remembered the incident that had blown off his thumb and he immediately felt bad for his treatment of his friend. The king immediately went to the jail to apologize. The king requested his friend to forgive him and said, "You were right !!! It was good that my thumb was blown off on that day during hunting." He proceeded to tell the friend all that had just happened and how the cannibals had freed him due to his missing thumb. The king said, "I am very sorry for sending you to jail after getting annoyed on that day. It was a bad decision on my part. Please forgive me."

"No," his friend replied, "That was good. Everything happens for good!"

The king was surprised with his positivity and asked, "What do you mean? How was that good? How could it be good in any way that I sent my friend to jail for a couple of months?" questioned the king. His friend smiled and replied, "If I had NOT been in jail, I would have been with you. The cannibals would have killed me and made me their food."



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"People are often unreasonable and self-centered.
Forgive them anyway.
If you are kind, people may accuse you of ulterior motives.
Be kind anyway.
If you are honest, people may cheat you.
Be honest anyway.
If you find happiness, people may be jealous.
Be happy anyway.
The good you do today may be forgotten tomorrow.
Do good anyway.
Give the world the best you have and it may never be enough.
Give your best anyway.
For you see, in the end, it is between you and God.
It was never between you and them anyway."
~St. Teresa of Calcutta

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

SEPTEMBER

- 1st—Mass @ Parkside—Stuart—2:00 p.m.
4th—LABOR DAY 4th—Parish Office Closed
5th—Catholic Daughters Meeting—St. Patrick's—O'Neill—7:00 p.m.
6th—Adoration—St. Patrick's—O'Neill—2:00-6:00 p.m.
6th—Religious Ed starts—St. Patrick's—O'Neill & St. Joseph—Amelia
7th—CCW Meeting—Ss. Peter & Paul—Butte—7:00 p.m.
9th & 10th—Tony LaMar @ O'Neill Masses
10th—RCIA @ Parish Center in O'Neill—4:00 p.m.
11th—Christian Mothers Meeting—St. Boniface—Stuart—6:00 p.m.
11th—KC 4th Degree Meeting—Atkinson—7:30 p.m.
12th—Parish Council Meeting—St. Joseph—Atkinson—7:00 p.m.
13th—Adoration—St. Patrick's—O'Neill—2:00-6:00 p.m.
13th—Religious Ed starts—SHBC
13th—Confirmation Meeting—St. Patrick's—O'Neill—7:00 p.m.
13th—Parish Council Meeting—St. Patrick's—O'Neill—7:00 p.m.
13th—KC Meeting—O'Neill—8:00 p.m.
14th—Altar Society Meeting—SMC—St. Patrick's—7:00 p.m.
17th—RCIA @ Parish Center in O'Neill—4:00 p.m.
20th—Adoration—St. Patrick's—O'Neill—2:00-6:00 p.m.
20th—Mass @ Butte Living Center—Butte—3:15 p.m.
20th—Religious Ed starts @ Stuart and Atkinson
20th—EC Ministry Event—St. Patrick's Parish Hall—O'Neill—7:00 p.m.
20th—KC Meeting—Butte—8:00 p.m.
23rd & 24th—Olive Wood at SHBC
24th—RCIA @ Parish Center in O'Neill—4:00 p.m.
25th—Altar Society Meeting—St. Mary's—Spencer—7:30 p.m.
27th—Adoration—St. Patrick's—O'Neill—2:00-6:00 p.m.
27th—Religious Ed classes meet
27th—Finance Council Meeting—St. Patrick's—O'Neill—7:00 p.m.
29th—Blue Mass @ St. Patrick's—O'Neill—8:10 a.m.
30th—Marriage Rocks! "Unbe'leaf'able Love" - 6:00 p.m @ Atkinson KC Hall

**UPcoming
EVENTS**

*Calendar of events subject to change.

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

Bereavement books for children are available at the Parish Center in the Director of Evangelization & Catechesis (Jan Kunz) Office. If you would like to buy or borrow a book to help a young child deal with the death of a loved one, please call Jan @ 340-2303 or call Nancy at the Parish Center. We have picture books for younger children and grief journals for tweens and teens. Call for more information or stop to look over the selection.



NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

The newsletter will be available on the last weekend of each month in the entryway of each parish. It will also be available on-line. If you or someone you know would like the newsletter mailed please contact Jan Kunz @ 402-340-2303 or call the Parish Office.

If you have any parish news that you would like in the newsletter, please email Jan Kunz @ jkunz@holtboydcatholic.org or jankunz9@gmail.com.

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SEVEN FAMILY RULES

1. Always be honest.
2. Count your blessings.
3. Forgive and forget.
4. Be supportive of one another.
5. Keep your promises.
6. Comfort and care for one another.
7. And above all, love one another, unconditionally.

TOP TEN LIST FOR A HAPPIER LIFE FROM POPE FRANCIS

1. Live and let live (don't hold grudges & be forgiving).
2. Give yourself to others.
3. Proceed calmly in life.
4. Have a healthy sense of leisure and include your family.
5. Sundays should be holidays.
6. Find ways to create dignified jobs for young people.
7. Respect and care for nature.
8. Stop being negative.
9. Respect others beliefs.
10. Work for peace.

You are invited to attend the
99th OACCW CONVENTION



Hosted by RSW Deanery of
Omaha Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women
Come and enjoy fellowship with other Catholic women for
Mass with Archbishop and fellow priests, lunch, speakers, a little business
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Guest Speaker: *Sue Wozny of Columbus*
"It IS well with my soul"

Monday, September 25, 2023
9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Cardinal Inn & Event Center
2580 State Highway 14
Allison, Nebraska

Fee: \$25 payable to RSW Deanery, deadline Sept. 15th
send to Cindy Pilakowski, 34508 State Hwy 22, Genoa, NE 68640
Room Reservations if needed: Cardinal Inn 402-395-6106
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PRAY FOR AMERICA

Holy Mother, Blessed Mother and Patroness of America, we have prayed to you for generations for the conversion of Russia.

Thanks to you and our Heavenly Father, this is becoming a reality.

But dear Mother we can't help but think we have overlooked the need to pray for the conversion of America.

You and your Son must look down upon us with a sad and heavy heart when you see all the family breakups,
the misuse of life, sex, political corruption and all the other evils in America today.

So, dear Mother, with this in mind we ask you to present our prayers to your Son.

Ask Him to grant the turning around of our ways, and the conversion of those who are already
not walking in the way of the Lord.

Amen.



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THIS IS A KICK-START TO A GREATER MOVEMENT
OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN YOUR LIFE AND IN OUR
COMMUNITY

NIGHT #1 OF 3



ST. PATRICK'S PARISH HALL
O'NEILL, NEBRASKA



REACH MORE™

SEPTEMBER 20, 2023
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

MORE INFO:
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Tickets:
\$50/Couple

Mass ~ Dinner ~ Speaker

Please join us for an evening
to celebrate the day you said "I do".

Weekend Masses with a Marriage Blessing
Social Hour @ 6:00 p.m.
Dinner, Drinks and Table Talk (Just the two of you) @ 6:30 p.m.
Speaker @ 7:30 p.m.
Bar available during the evening.

3 Opportunities:
Sept 30 - Atkinson
KC Hall
TBD - Spencer
Parish Hall
Oct 21 - O'Neill
KC Hall

Please contact Jan Kunz @ 402-340-2303 or jankunz9@gmail.com or jkunz@holthoydcatholic.org
to purchase tickets or for more information.

Please drop your wedding photo off at the parish office or text an email picture to Jan Kunz so we can make a copy for the evening! We will
also need your wedding date. This event is open to anyone that believes in the Sacrament of Marriage.



ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH AUCTION

Sunday, October 29th

8:00 AM—Coffee, Rolls & Juice

11:00 AM—Lunch

11:00 AM—Bidding Begins

Contact: Chris & Erin Jelinek
(402-340-1934) or Ben & Cheleigh Sholes
(402-340-1929) with questions.



ST. PATRICK'S PARISH AUCTION

Sunday, November 5th

Start thinking now about what you might
like to donate for this annual event that
serves as our biggest fundraiser all year!

Give God your weakness and He'll give you His strength.

CONFIRMATIONS CELEBRATED

Congratulations to the following young people on receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation in their respective churches.

St. Boniface—Stuart—August 5, 2023: Nigel Addison, Max Alder, Austin Connot, Seth Connot, Hayden Dvorak, Alyssa Karo, Kaige Krieger, Annie Ludwig, Thomas Paxton, Klaire Ramm, Kyra Tubbs, Brook Wallinger, and Trey Wallinger. Thanks to teacher Tracy Ludwig.

St. Joseph's—Atkinson—August 13, 2023: Valeria Austria-Nava, Ansley Cadwallader, Berkleigh Dvorak, Charlie Flannery, Max Flannery, Megan Fritz, Madisyn Hilkemeier, Carleigh Jackson, Shae Jackson, Kearsten Keogh, Brinley Kerkman, Felycia Kerkman, Daleni Knust, Ashton Kuchar, Keagan Mathis, Calla Mitchell, Daphne Mitchell, Emersyn Mlady, Gabriel Monasterio, Jocelyn Monasterio, Kayle Monasterio, Allie Oligumueller, Leah Pistulka, Juan Sanchez, Taylor Schaaf, Paityn Sheffield, Ezra Sholes, and Mason Troidl. Thanks to teachers/helpers: Erin Jelinek, Jordan Moser, Megan Mitchell & Brian Mlady.

Confirmation

Dueling Pianos

FEATURING:
Colorado Keys

Saturday, September 9, 2023
Atkinson Farmer's Market

Social Hour starting @ 5:30 P.M. | Dinner: 6:00 P.M. | Show: 7-10 P.M.

Tickets: \$75 | Reserved Table of 8: \$650

Ticket includes: Dinner and Show | must be 21+ to attend

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