

ST. BONIFACE PARISH

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

IF YOU
Love
me,
Keep
•MY•
COMMANDMENTS
- John 14:15

MAY 9 - 10, 2026
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

	MAY 16 5:00 PM	MAY 23 5:00 PM
LECTOR:	Ken Kunz	John Madsen
EMHC:	Jennifer Schmaderer	Kim Estes
SERVERS:	Kennedie Kohle Annabel Kohle Rylan Krysl	John Ludwig Mary Ludwig Alexis Lange
GREETERS/ GIFTS:	John & Erica Tubbs Family	Bob & Kathy Kunz
USHERS:	Lyle Kaup Kelly Murphy Ralph Olberding Terry Murphy	Lyle Kaup Kelly Murphy Ralph Olberding Terry Murphy
MONEY COUNTERS:	Ralph and Ann Olberding	Ralph and Ann Olberding

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

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Monday - May 11 - 5:30 p.m. ✠ GARRY LOCKMON
Tuesday - May 12 - 5:30 p.m. ✠ JERRY WALLINGER
Wednesday - May 13 - 7:00 p.m. - Ascension ✠ HADEN KAUP
Thursday - May 14 - NO MASS
Friday - May 15 - NO MASS
Saturday - May 16 - 5:00 p.m. ✠ JOHN HLADKY AND ALISHA CARR
Sunday - May 17 - 9:00 a.m. - Atkinson

EVENTS AND MEETINGS

<u>Saturday - May 9</u> Seniors Recognition at Mass
<u>Monday - May 11</u> 4 th Degree KC Mtg @ 7:30 p.m.
<u>Tuesday - May 12</u> OACCW Mtg @ 9:30 a.m.
<u>Wednesday - May 13</u> Ascension Vigil Mass @ 7:00 p.m.
<u>Saturday - May 16</u> Special Collection Catholic Communication Campaign
<u>Saturday - May 16</u> SHS Graduation
<u>Monday - May 18</u> Eucharistic Adoration - 6-8 p.m.
<u>Tuesday - May 19</u> Parish Council Mtg @ 7:00 p.m.
<u>Thursday - May 21</u> Ladies Guild @ 2:00 p.m.
<u>Saturday - May 23</u> Spring Shindig Stuart Auditorium @ 6:00 p.m.



"I
can
do
all
things
through
Christ
who
strengthens
me.

STEWARDSHIP:

<u>May 3, 2026</u>	
Regular Envelopes	\$1060.00
Loose	\$103.00
Children's Collection	\$14.00
Electronic Donations:	
May 1st	\$1930.00
May 15th	
End of Month - April	\$50.00
Special Collections:	
Insurance	\$20.00

TOTAL	\$3177.00

Philippians
4:13



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

NOTEWORTHY

OACCW SPRING MEETING - MAY 12, 2026 - The OACCW (Omaha Archdiocese Council of Catholic Women) Spring Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 12 at St. Edward Catholic Church, 805 Washington St., St. Edward, NE. 9:30 a.m. Registration of \$10 includes coffee/rolls and lunch. 10:00 a.m. OACCW Meeting at St. Ed Parish Hall, St. Edward, NE (hosted by RSW Deanery ladies). 11:30 a.m. Mass with lunch to follow. RSVP encouraged by May 1st for lunch count to Leonarda Arens, OACCW President, via email at arensljrepair@hotmail.com or text to 402-253-5120.

SPRING SHINDIG - May 23, 2026 - Mark your calendar for the 4th Annual Spring Shindig! We'll have the Country Store, Raffles, a delicious roast beef dinner, a NEW magician - Jeff Quinn and a Silent Auction! 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. Ladies who are asked or who would like to donate towards the Christian Mothers meal may put their donation in the offering basket and mark the envelope Christian Mothers Shindig Meal. The raffle this year is an electric scooter and a hanging egg chair. Contact Jan Kunz for tickets or get them following Mass the next few weekends. If you'd like to donate towards the Silent Auction, please contact Jan with what you're bringing or drop off at the office. Call Jan Kunz (402.340.2303) with questions or for more information.

SENIOR RECOGNITION - Congratulations to our 2026 graduates who will be getting their diplomas next weekend on May 16th. Best of luck to Cecelia Addison, Cameron Kaup, Kayde Ramm, Drew Schmaderer, and Matthew Yemma. We wish you all the best as you start your next chapter of life.

"THE CHRIST YOU SEE" - "What if you are the only version of Christ someone sees today?" a friend once asked me. My blood ran cold. Jeez, I thought. That would be...really unfortunate. I am not Christ. I am nowhere close. But I am fortunate enough to be a member of his Body. We all fail, of course. Every apostle, every saint, every bishop, every priest, every man and woman in the pews: we are all broken. We are all in need of redemption. When we accept that redemption, however, we also accept responsibility. Because now, we become what the world sees of Christ. Am I ready to be the only version of Christ someone sees today? - Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

ASCENSION VIGIL MASS MINISTRY SCHEDULE - MAY 13, 2026 - 7:00 P.M.

Lector: Drew Schmaderer

EMHC: John Kramer

Greeters/Gifts: Scott & Lori Kunz

Servers: Truman Addison, Emily Karo, Alexis Lange

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD MASS SCHEDULES

(HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION)

Ascension Vigil Mass - May 13

St. Mary's - Spencer - 6:30 p.m.

St. Boniface - Stuart - 7:00 p.m.

Ascension Mass - May 14

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

St. Joseph - Atkinson - 8:15 a.m.

St. Patrick - O'Neill - 7:00 p.m.

St. Joseph - Amelia - 7:00 p.m.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

May - August

3rd, 4th, and 5th Mondays

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

MAY 18th

We need two guardians for each hour. If you would like to be a guardian, please contact Jan Kunz.

Are you interested in becoming an EMHC or lector or both? The training is all online and can be done at your own pace.

Contact Jan Kunz @ 402.340.2303 for information & links.

Please keep in your prayers our Seminarian of the Month:
Brian Johnson



CHRISTIAN MOTHERS

Next Mtg: June 8
@ 6:00 p.m.

Church Basement

Next Funeral/Function:
CH 1

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

KC Mtg:

June 1 @ 7:30 p.m.

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4th Degree KC Mtg:

May 11 @ 7:30 p.m.

Location: O'Neill

LADIES GUILD GATHERING

May 21
2:00 p.m.

St. Boniface
School Building

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Emerson Batenhorst
Olivia Cannon
Kirstine Chvala
Lois Schaaf
Norbert & Jeanette
Starman



Dear Parishioners and Friends of the Catholic Parishes of Western Holt and Boyd Counties,
Happy Easter! Jesus Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

In this weekend's gospel (John 14:15-21), which is part of Jesus's farewell discourse, he assures his disciples that he will not leave them orphaned. His impending departure was not to leave them bereft of his love. They will not be homeless, and they will need to be cared for by strangers. He promises to send "another Advocate" to be with them always. The Greek word *parakletos*, "paraclete," has a rich array of nuances. It literally means "called to the side" of another. It can have a legal sense, like "advocate" or "defense attorney." More generally, it can refer to a helper, mediator, or intercessor, one who appeals on another's behalf. Another nuance is that of "comforter," as expressed in the sequence for Pentecost, when we pray, "You, of comforters the best," and ask for rest, refreshment and solace.

What is paradoxical in this last aspect is that the kind of consolation provided by the Comforter is not the sort that wraps us in a warm, fuzzy cocoon and allows us to remain there forever. It is more akin to the loving nudge with which a mother bird impels her fledglings to take wing. As theologian Timothy Radcliff, OP, puts it, "this is what the Holy Spirit does, thrusting us out of our ecclesiastical nest into mission" (Why Go to Church? The Drama of the Eucharist). In order to be thrust out, the Consoler also gives us the sure realization that we are never abandoned. We have a home in the One who draws us ever more deeply into mutual indwelling. "You are in me and I in you" (14:20).

The first reading ((Acts 8:5-8, 14-17), gives us a glimpse into what results when disciples make their home in Christ and allow the generosity of the Spirit to be unleashed. Immediately before the passage chosen for today's first reading, the Acts of the Apostles tells us about the martyrdom of Stephen, who had been chosen as a minister from among the Greek-speakers, esteemed as one "filled with faith and the holy Spirit" (Acts 6:5). After Stephen's stoning, other preachers of the word were scattered or kept preaching. Among them is Philip, whom today's reading portrays as fearless enough to go into the region of Samaria and there proclaim Christ. His intrepid venture among a people previously thought to be enemies impels also Peter and John to leave the nest in Jerusalem and to continue Jesus's mission to the lost and forgotten. The Fourth Evangelist depicts the mission in Samaria begun by Jesus himself in an exchange with a woman at a well, who brings her townsfolk to believe in Jesus as savior of the world (John 4:4-42).

Jesus does not leave any orphaned. He is the embodiment of a motherly God who never forgets her children (Isa 49:15) and a fatherly God who protects widows and orphans (Ps 68:5). Just as parental love at its best is unconditional, so too is God's love. Although some translations of John 14:15 and 14:21 seem to imply that God's love and the sending forth of another Advocate are conditioned by human response, the focus is actually on the mutuality of the love. The divine love is made manifest in God's gift of the Son (John 3:16); human love of God is expressed in keeping the commandments.

Ad multos annos!

Fr. Bernard Starman
Pastor

A reminder Thursday, May 14th is a Holy Day of obligation, the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord. See Mass times and locations elsewhere in the bulletin.