

ST. BONIFACE PARISH

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

The Greatest Commandments:

Love the Lord your God with
all your heart, all your soul,
and with all your mind and
love thy neighbor as thyself.

Matthew 22 37:38

OCTOBER 24-25, 2026
30th 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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Week 4: St. Mary - Spencer
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MINISTRY SCHEDULE

	OCT 31 5:00 PM	NOV 7 5:00 PM
LECTOR:	Justin Estill	Patty Hanzlik
EMHC:	Kim Estes	Jonna Kohle
SERVERS:	Kennedie Kohle Annabel Kohle Savannah Kohle	John Ludwig Mary Ludwig Jack Wondercheck
GREETERS/ GIFTS:	First Reconciliation Class	Bob & Kathy Kunz
USHERS:	Rick Shearer Brock Lange Roger Scholz Jon Schmaderer	Ken Kunz Mark Snover Tate Schmaderer Josiah Wondercheck
MONEY COUNTERS:	Rick & Terri Shearer	Mark & Nancy Snover

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

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Monday - October 26 - 5:30 p.m.
+FRANK, GRACE, AND DENTON WEICHMAN

Tuesday - October 27 - 5:30 p.m.
+MARGE AND VINCE ROTHERHAM

Wednesday - October 28 - NO MASS

Thursday - October 29 - NO MASS

Friday - October 30 - NO MASS

Saturday - October 31 - 5:00 p.m.
+JOHN HLADKY AND ALISHA CARR

Sunday - November 1 - 9:00 a.m. - Atkinson

EVENTS AND MEETINGS

Sunday - October 25
St. Joseph's Parish Auction and
Fr. Luke Steffes Estate Sale

Wednesday - October 28
Youth Choir @ 6:00 p.m.
RE Classes @ 6:30 p.m.

Saturday - October 31
Holy Land Art Here

Saturday - October 31
KC Tootsie Roll Drive

Sunday - November 1
St. Patrick Parish Auction

Monday - November 2
KC Meeting @ 7:30 p.m.

PRAYER FOR POPE LEO

O God, shepherd and ruler of all the faithful, look favorably on your servant Leo, whom you have set at the head of your Church as her shepherd; grant, we pray, that by word and example he may be of service to those over whom he presides so that, together with the flock entrusted to his care, he may come to everlasting life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

STEWARDSHIP:

October 18, 2026

Regular Envelopes	\$395.00
Loose	\$96.00
Children's Collection	\$31.77

Electronic Donations:

October 1 st	
October 15th	\$755.00
Oct End of Month	

Special Collections:

World Mission	\$320.00
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TOTAL	\$1597.77
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Confession Times: Saturdays 4:30-4:50 p.m. or by appointment

"There
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none
holy
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Lord;
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none
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thee;
neither
is
there
any
rock
like
our
God."
1Samuel
2:2

NOTEWORTHY

HOLY LAND ART - OCTOBER 31, 2026 - Holy Land Art will be here on Oct. 31st to sell their beautiful art pieces after Mass. They will be in Atkinson on Nov. 1st and in O'Neill and Amelia the following weekend.

KC TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE - OCTOBER 31, 2026 - The Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive is a beloved annual fundraiser supporting people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Through community outreach, local businesses, and volunteer efforts, we collect donations to help fund essential programs and services. In exchange for your generous contribution, you'll receive a Tootsie Roll — a small token for a cause that makes a big difference. Join us in making a positive impact in your community.

SPIRIT CATHOLIC RADIO SPEAKER - NOVEMBER 4, 2026 - Come Hear Joe Heschmeyer on the Eucharist! Spirit Catholic Radio welcomes Catholic Answers apologist and author Joe Heschmeyer to Sacred Heart Parish Center in Norfolk on November 4th at 6:30 PM for an evening of faith and inspiration. Joe will speak on "The Eucharistic Heart of Christianity," exploring the central role of the Eucharist in our Catholic faith. Come experience Joe's engaging blend of reason, faith, and Catholic apologetics. Get your tickets today at <https://spiritcatholicradio.com/joe/>! Catch Catholic Answers Live weekdays at 5 PM CT on Spirit Catholic Radio at 88.3 FM in Norfolk.

OACCW FALL MEETING - NOVEMBER 10, 2026 - All women are invited to attend the Omaha Archdiocese of Council of Catholic Women Fall Meeting on Nov. 10th at St Joseph Catholic Church Parish Hall, 118 W. Willow St., Pierce. \$10 for registration fee and starts at 9:30 a.m. Fee includes coffee/rolls and lunch. Hosted by RC Deanery ladies.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - In today's Gospel reading, Jesus says, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart" (Matthew 22:37). He is not issuing a burden or a moral goal for high achievers. He is naming the deepest orientation of the human heart. We were made for love so great that it gathers every other love into itself. Jesus does not ask us to love less the persons or things that attract us. Rather, he wants our love for God to be so total and intense that we love everything and everyone else because we love him so much.

Do we believe that such a love is possible for us? Because of the gifts of the Holy Spirit, it is! It is readily available to us. Let's repent of our half-hearted love for God and ask Him to fill our hearts to the brim with divine love. — Father John Muir

<u>WORLD'S BEST DISH CLOTHS</u> For Sale - \$2.00 Each Available in the Parish Office Profits go towards the 3rd Annual Women's Conference which will be held in Atkinson on February 27th.	<u>RELIGIOUS EDUCATION</u> <u>October 28</u> Youth Choir @ 6:00 p.m. Classes @ 6:30 p.m. <u>November 4</u> Youth Choir @ 6:00 p.m. Classes @ 6:30 p.m.	<u>ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL</u> Goal: \$9,654.00 Committed as of October 20th: \$4,005.00	Please keep in your prayers our Seminarian of the Month: Casey LaMotte 
<u>CHRISTIAN MOTHERS</u> Next Mtg: November 9 @ 6:00 p.m. St. Boniface School Next Funeral/Function: CH 3	<u>KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS</u> KC Mtg: November 2 @ 7:30 p.m. +++++ 4th Degree KC Mtg: November 9 @ 7:30 p.m. Location: O'Neill	<u>LADIES GUILD GATHERING</u> December 3 2:00 p.m. St. Boniface School Building	<u>PLEASE PRAY FOR:</u> Emerson Batenhorst Olivia Cannon Kirstine Chvala Lois Schaaf



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

Teachers of homiletics – those who prepare seminarians and others to be good preachers – will often ask students preparing a homily if they can summarize their point in one sentence. If they can't, they still have work to do to clarify what it is they want people to take away from their preaching.

In this weekend's gospel (Matt 22:34-40), the Pharisees ask Jesus which commandment in the law is the greatest. This episode is the third in a string of four controversy stories in Matthew 22, in which the religious leaders are trying to trap Jesus.

In Matthews account, the Pharisees' questions test Jesus in two ways. First, all the commandments are important and all must be kept. If Jesus were to say that some could be disregarded, they would have caught him. More likely, the Pharisee's were trying to see if Jesus could match other famous teachers of the time who could summarize the law.

Rabbi Hillel, for example, summed up the commandments thus: "What is hateful to you do not do to your neighbor" (b. Sabb. 31a). In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus made a similar statement: "Do unto others whatever you would have them do unto you. This is the law and the prophets" (Matt 7:12). Now Jesus elaborates on that statement to bring into view the other side of the same coin, love of God.

The commandment to love God with one's whole heart, soul and strength is found in Deuteronomy 6:4-9, the Shema, recited twice a day by Jews. The whole self is involved: the heart, considered the seat of emotions, and the soul, the center of vitality, and consciousness and strength or power. The command to love the neighbor is from the Holiness Code (Lev 19:18), which asserts the love of God is manifest in love towards one's neighbor. These are not really two separate commandments, then, but rather two faces of the same love.

What is not explicit in this text, but appears in many other places in Scripture, is that God's love is preeminent. Before one is able to demonstrate love of God and love of neighbor, God has taken the initiative in loving. When one has become open to God's free, unmerited, unbounded love, and has let the love sink deeply into one's being, that one then has the capacity to love in return.

When divine love overwhelms us, we are prone to ask with the psalmist, "How can I repay the Lord for all the great good done for me?" (Ps 116:12). The response is one simple word: love. It has two objects, which are inseparable: God and neighbor.

Today, with our rise in eco-justice consciousness, we would include all creation within our notion of "neighbor" to be loved. We would also include love of self, though this notion would have been foreign to people of the biblical world. They did not understand themselves in individualistic terms, but rather as enmeshed in a particular family, clan, and religious group, and dependent on others for their sense of self-identity.

Ad multos annos!

Fr. Bernard Starman
Pastor