

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

"When the magi had departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Rise, take the child and his mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I tell you. Herod is going to search for the child to destroy him.'" ~ Matthew 2:13

December 27—28, 2025

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Mass Times and Intentions

Monday—Dec 29—5:30 p.m.
†HADEN KAUP

Tuesday—Dec 30—5:30 p.m.
†ALICE FAHRENHOLZ

Wednesday—Dec 31—7:00 p.m.
†JOHN HLADKY & ALISHA CARR

Thursday—Jan 1—NO MASS

Friday—Jan 2—2:00 p.m. @ Parkside
†ROLLIE KUNZ

Saturday—Jan 3—5:00 p.m.
†RICHARD & LOIS DVORAK

Sunday—Jan 4—9:00—Atkinson



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

Collection: December 20—21—2025

Regular Envelopes	\$1145.00
Loose	\$437.00
Children's Collection	\$11.00
Special Collections:	
Christmas	\$50.00
TOTAL	\$1643.00



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

Watch the bulletin for details.

Christian Mothers

Rosary—Monday & Tuesday @ 5:10 p.m.
Saturday @ 4:40 p.m.

Next function/funeral—CH 3

Next Meeting—January 12 @ 6:00 p.m.
Church Basement



Bulletin Editor: Jan Kunz—jankunz9@gmail.com—402-340-2303

Events & Meetings

Wed—Dec 31—No Youth Choir or CCD Classes

Wed—Dec 31—Solemnity of Mary Vigil Mass @ 7:00 pm

Thurs—Jan 1—HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Thurs—Jan 1—Solemnity of Mary Mass @ 9:00 am—Atk

Sat/Sun—Jan 3/4—Special Collection: Seminary

Mon—Jan 5—KC Meeting @ 7:30 p.m.

Wed—Jan 7—Youth Choir @ 6:00 p.m.
CCD Classes @ 6:30 p.m.

Mon—Jan 12—Christian Mothers Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.

Mon—Jan 12—4th Degree KC Meeting @ 7:30 p.m.

Wed—Jan 14—Youth Choir @ 6:00 p.m.
CCD Classes @ 6:30 p.m.



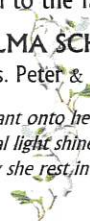
Please Pray for . . .

Luke Olberding, Beckett Block,
Lois Schaaf, Kirstine Chvala,
Norbert & Jeanette Starman

Our deepest sympathies are
extended to the family of ...

THELMA SCHMITZ
SHBC—Ss. Peter & Paul—Butte

*Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord, and let
perpetual light shine upon her.
May she rest in peace.*



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION INFO

December 24th

NO Youth Choir
NO CCD Classes

December 31st

NO Youth Choir
NO CCD Classes

Ladies Guild—January 22—2:00 p.m.



Knights of Columbus

Jan 5—KC Meeting @ 7:30 p.m.

4th Degree Knights of Columbus

Jan 12—4th Degree Mtg @ 7:30 p.m.—O'Neill

“Love God, Serve God; everything is in that.” St. Clare of Assisi - Ministry Schedule

Serve one another through love. *Galatians 5:13*

Saturday—January 3

Saturday—January 10

5:00 p.m.

5:00 p.m.

LECTOR: Ben Paxton

EMHC: Sandra Kramer

SERVERS: John Ludwig
Mary Ludwig—Emily Karo

USHERS: Dan Malone—Robert Hanzlik
Mike Stracke—Don Schmaderer

GREETERS/GIFTS: Tom & Peggy Dvorak

MONEY COUNTERS: Dan & Donna Malone

Patty Hanzlik

Kathy Kunz

Karlee Wolf
Jase Wolf—Rylan Krysl

Dan Malone—Robert Hanzlik
Mike Stracke—Don Schmaderer

Reconciliation Class

Dan & Donna Malone

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

SOLEMNITY OF MARY MINISTRY SCHEDULE—Dec. 31st—7:00 p.m.

Lector: Justin Estill **EMHC:** Sharon Paxton
Servers: Alex Paxton, Drew Paxton, Jack Wondercheck
Greeters/Gifts: Dan & Karen Myers

**KC FREE THROW
CONTEST**



January 18, 2026

SPS Gym

Doors open at 12:30 p.m.
Shoot starts at 1:00 p.m.

DISH CLOTH FUNDRAISER—Help support West Holt / Boyd County Evangelization with their DISH CLOTH FUNDRAISER. The Rural Women's Conference will be selling dish cloths for \$2 each and will be available in the DOM Office or contact Jan Kunz @ 402.340.2303.

UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTION—JANUARY 3-4, 2026—There will be a special collection taken up next weekend for the Seminary. Envelopes are in your packet. Please give generously to this worthy collection.

MINI—REFLECTION:

If any four-word sentence encapsulates what we can expect from the Christian life, it is this:

God had other plans.



**VIGIL OF THE SOLEMNITY
OF MARY**

December 31st

6:30 p.m.— ABVM—Lynch
7:00 p.m.— St. Boniface—Stuart

SOLEMNITY OF MARY MASS
January 1st

9:00 a.m.— St. Joseph—Atkinson
9:00 a.m.— St. Patrick—O'Neill
11:15 a.m.— St. Joseph—Amelia

ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL GOAL UPDATE

St. Boniface—Stuart	<u>Received as of 12/23/25:</u> \$9385.00	GOAL EXCEEDED!	<u>Fund Goal:</u> \$8,776.53
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All end of the year donations should be postmarked or made by December 31st.

JUST A LITTLE
A Prayer



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK . . .

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

Several years ago, Fermina Lopez, a native of Guatemala, found herself divorced, homeless and jobless, with three children to raise. She felt she had no choice but to flee her beloved homeland and make the perilous journey north in search of work. She was one of the lucky ones who survived the five-day trek across the desert and found employment in Phoenix, Arizona. When she was able to save enough money for smugglers fees, she sent for her children one by one, whom she had left in the care of her neighbors. The first two made it, but her youngest, who got as far as the US-Mexican border is feared dead. The Lopez family is one small unit among the 214 million international migrants in the world today.

This weekend's gospel (Matt 2:13-15, 19-23), tells of Joseph's dream in which a divine messenger relays Herod's intent to kill the infant Jesus. The angel instructs Joseph to flee with Mary and the child to Egypt, a traditional place of refuge for Israelites (e.g., Gen 42:48; 1 Kgs 11:40; Jer 26:21). They too faced a treacherous desert crossing, though the gospel tells none of those details. We can only imagine Mary and Joseph's fear as they stole away under the cover of darkness and all the hardships they endured. Matthew says nothing about what happened when they arrived in a strange place, having to navigate in an unfamiliar language and culture. Who helped them along the way? How did Joseph find work? What did Mary think about Joseph's dreams? The evangelist skips ahead to the Holy Family's departure from Egypt, quoting Hosea 11:1, "*Out of Egypt I called my son.*" As he is wont to do, Matthew interprets all that happens in the life of Jesus as fulfillment of Scripture. By identifying Jesus with Moses and the exodus, he introduces the theme that Jesus is the new authoritative teacher of the law.

Just as Moses received a divine command to return home after the death of those who sought his life (Exod 4:19), so Joseph follows the angel's command to return home after the death of Herod the Great. Herod's sons, however, still pose a threat. Archelaus, the eldest, was no less cruel than his father, so Joseph is fearful of returning to Judea. Once again he is directed by an angel in a dream, and settles his family in the more peaceful Galilee. Again, Matthew interprets this move as fulfillment of Scripture. Matthew's meaning is puzzling, however, since there is no text in the scriptures that says, "He shall be called a Nazorean." It is likely that he intends an allusion to Isaiah 11:1, which speaks of a shoot (*netzer*) that will sprout from the stump of Jesse, thus highlighting Jesus's royal Davidic lineage.

The experience of the Holy Family having to flee for their lives into a foreign land gives strength and courage to millions of today's migrants. Those living in their countries of destination are challenged by the gospel to consider what kind of welcome they would want to offer newcomers if they were none other than Jesus's own family.

Happy New Year one and all!

Ad multos annos!

Fr. Bernard Starman
Pastor



REQUESTS

***To ensure all goes smoothly with sponsor requests for Baptisms, Confirmations, etc., it's important to request the forms *at least three weeks in advance* due to possible mail delays.

***Baptism requests must be made at *least 30 days prior* to the requested dates.

Forms can be found online at:

stbonifacestuart.com OR holtboydcatholic.org

Any mail for St. Patrick's Office or Fr. Starman needs to be sent to:
313 E Hwy 20, O'Neill 68763