

ST. BONIFACE PARISH

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

Parables of the Kingdom

THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS LIKE...

Wheat

JULY 18-19, 2026
16TH 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

	JULY 25 5:00 PM	AUG 1 5:00 PM
LECTOR:	Ken Kunz	Drew Schmaderer
EMHC:	Tom Dvorak	Kim Estes
SERVERS:	Jase Wolf Rylan Krysl Jack Wondercheck	Kennedie Kohle Annabel Kohle Emily Karo
GREETERS/ GIFTS:	Jeff & Kim Wallinger	Tom & Peggy Dvorak
USHERS:	Darby Paxton Justin Estill Larry Butler Joe Hebbert	Dale Riha Travis Ludwig Alan Estes Dan Kohle
MONEY COUNTERS:	Joe & Makala Hebbert	Dale & Lorena Riha

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

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Monday - July 20 - NO MASS

Tuesday - July 21 - 5:30 p.m.

✠ JERRY WALLINGER

Wednesday - July 22 - NO MASS

Thursday - July 23 - NO MASS

Friday - July 24 - NO MASS

Saturday - July 25 - 5:00 p.m.

✠ LIVING & DECEASED MEMBERS OF JOE & LOUISE WALLINGER FAMILY

Sunday - July 26 - 9:00 a.m. - Atkinson

EVENTS AND MEETINGS

Tuesday - July 21
NO Parish Council Mtg

Thursday - July 23
Ladies Guild @ 2:00 p.m.

Monday - July 27
Eucharistic Adoration
6-8 p.m.

Monday - August 3
KC Mtg @ 7:30 p.m.

Monday - August 10
4th Degree KC Mtg @ 7:30 p.m.
Stuart

**"Let both
grow
together
until the
harvest..."**

Math. 13:30

STEWARDSHIP:

July 11, 2026

Regular Envelopes	\$1110.00
Loose	\$267.00
Children's Collection	\$14.00

Electronic Donations:

July 1st
July 15th
July End of Month

Special Collections:

TOTAL \$1391.00

"Grow

in

the

grace

and

knowledge

of

our

Lord

and

Savior,

Jesus

Christ."

2 Peter
3:18

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

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 3rd grade teacher (1st Communion), 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.

THANK YOU FROM THE COMMISSARIAT OF THE HOLY LAND - "Thank you for your support of the Pontifical Good Friday Collection. Your (St. Boniface) gift of \$126 is helping the Franciscan Friars continue our important work - maintaining the holy places and providing hope to Christians. Your gift is arriving at the exact moment our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land are facing a time of great difficulty. In the face of conflict, there is a great need for hope and solidarity. You are providing all of these for families in the Holy Land. Again, thank you for your generosity. May God bless you, now and always." - Father John Puodziunas, OFM, Commissary of the Holy Land

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS - The Weeds We Need - Driving up my street in late spring, you can see which yard is mine from a whole block away: it's the one covered in dandelions. And I like it that way. I fear neither my husband's shame nor the snarky comments of neighbors: I will never apologize for my dandelion-filled yard. "It's for the pollinators," I say, but it's a total lie. I just think it looks lovely. Who doesn't like a splash of yellow after a long, dreary winter? People call dandelions "weeds," but it's just not true. Weeds are, by definition, any plant growing where it isn't wanted. A rosebush is a weed, if it's in the middle of a cornfield. I want my dandelions. Plants that are commonly considered weeds can even have beneficial properties. They attract pollinators, for instance, and they promote nutrient cycling, whereby soil health is improved. We all have metaphorical "weeds" in the garden of our lives. I certainly do: facets of my personality I loathe, realities of my life I resent, limitations in my abilities I dread— these are my weeds, and their roots run deep, coiling closely around those of the plants I try to cultivate. But if I could rid my garden of any one of these weeds, would it really benefit me? And if I examined them all closely, could I tell them apart — the blessing from the curse, the struggle from the triumph? One day, it will all become clear: what is the wheat, and what is the weed. We will be put to our ultimate purpose, and we will see ourselves for what we are meant to be. Until then, we need the weeds. It's not harvest time yet. - Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Welcome to our newest member:

LEAH ROSE KAUP

Daughter of Ben & Claire Kaup

July 11, 2026

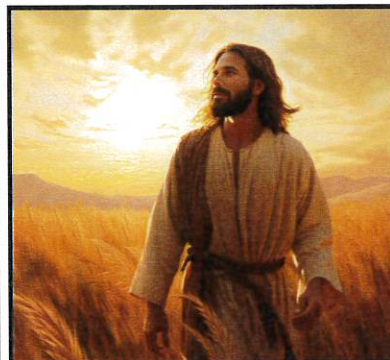


EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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



July 27



Please keep in your prayers our Seminarian of the Month:
Luke Capoun



CHRISTIAN MOTHERS

Next Mtg: September 14
@ 6:00 p.m.

Church Basement

Next Funeral/Function:
CH 3

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

KC Mtg:

August 3 @ 7:30 p.m.

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4th Degree KC Mtg:

August 10 @ 7:30 p.m.

Location: Stuart

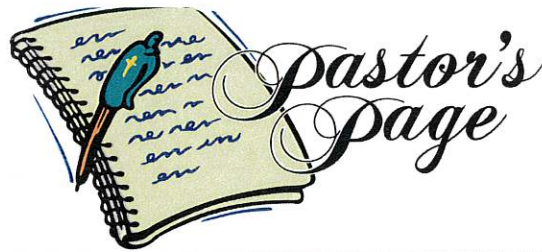
LADIES GUILD GATHERING

July 23
2:00 p.m.

St. Boniface
School Building

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Emerson Batenhorst
Olivia Cannon
Kirstine Chvala
Lois Schaaf



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

What to do when weeds are discovered sprouting among the good grain? Do you pull them out the destructive intruders or let them grow? How did they get there? And who or what were the “weeds” in the minds of early Christians who heard this parable? Were they Gentiles who were infiltrating with their corrosive influences? Were they evildoers in general or persecutors of the followers of Jesus? Why is the evil one still exercising power?

This weekend’s gospel (Matt 13:24-43) opens many questions and gives helpful directions toward finding answers. The householder who sowed the good seed first acknowledges that the weeds are the work of an enemy and takes the onus off the worried slaves who might have been blamed for not tending the field well or for sowing inferior seed. The parable focuses more on what to do than explaining how it happened.

One line of response proposed by the slaves is to pull up all the weeds immediately. The landowner decides against this course of action. Pulling up the weeds might uproot the wheat along with them. The separation can happen later, at the harvest time.

Is this a wise decision? Are the ones who actually work the land thinking that this absentee landlord doesn’t know anything about farming? Will his approach be shown to be unrealistic when his wheat has been choked out by the weeds and when it proves to be impossible to sort out dandelion from wheat by winnowing?

Authoritative voices in the early church agreed with the householder and urged forbearance with toward sinners. Saint Augustine, for example, used this parable to argue that heretics or the lapsed should not be cut off from the church, contrary to the position of the Donatists. Around this same time, Pope Callistus I likewise interpreted “Let the tares grow along with the wheat” as “Let sinners remain in the church.”

If the parable proper (vv. 24-30) reflects struggles of the early Christians to include as participants Gentiles and other “sinners,” the allegorical explanation (vv. 36-43) points outside the Christian community to “the world” (v. 38) as the ground of conflict. In these verses, the patient forbearance of the householder is gone as the end-time reapers throw all the evildoers into a fiery furnace. There is a distinct difference from the situation in verses 24-30. Now is the harvest time, a metaphor for end-time judgment, and the action is carried out by God’s angels, not human beings. There is an implicit warning to us not to impetuously assume the role of the divine judge, who alone sorts good from evil. The nonretaliatory reproach of the householder who has been humiliated by his enemy can seem weak. The brief parable of the yeast, also included in this weekend’s gospel, speaks instead of the womanly strength of God, whose transformative work is hidden in the agitating action of kneading the bread. With the first reading from Wisdom (12:13, 16-19), it points to divine justice and might become manifest in leniency, clemency, and kindness. It is a paradoxical approach to rooting out evil, exemplified in Jesus’s boundless forgiveness, and inclusive table practices, that we are offered.

Ad multos annos!

Fr. Bernard Starman
Pastor