

ST. BONIFACE PARISH

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



JULY 25-26, 2026
17TH 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

	AUG 1 5:00 PM	AUG 8 5:00 PM
LECTOR:	Drew Schmaderer	Darby Paxton
EMHC:	Kim Estes	Jonna Kohle
SERVERS:	Kennedie Kohle Annabel Kohle Emily Karo	Alexis Lange Drew Paxton Jack Wondercheck
GREETERS/ GIFTS:	Tom & Peggy Dvorak	Dave & Patty Batenhorst
USHERS:	Dale Riha Travis Ludwig Alan Estes Dan Kohle	Dale Riha Travis Ludwig Alan Estes Dan Kohle
MONEY COUNTERS:	Dale & Lorena Riha	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 27 - 5:30 p.m.
✠ ALICE FAHRENHOLZ

Tuesday - July 28 - 5:30 p.m.
✠ ADELIA & RICHARD DAVIS

Wednesday - July 29 - NO MASS

Thursday - July 30 - NO MASS

Friday - July 31 - NO MASS

Saturday - August 1 - 5:00 p.m.
✠ LIVING & DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE
CATHOLIC LADIES GUILD

Sunday - August 2 - 9:00 a.m. - Atkinson

EVENTS AND MEETINGS

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

Monday - July 27
Novena for Rain @ 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday - July 28
Novena for Rain @ 7:00 p.m.

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

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

Saturday - August 15
Assumption of Mary (HDO)

*My
GRACE is
ALL you need.
My power
works BEST
in weakness.*

2 Corinthus 12:9 NLT

STEWARDSHIP:

July 19, 2026

Regular Envelopes	\$935.00
Loose	\$318.00
Children's Collection	\$7.00
Electronic Donations:	
July 1st	
July 15th	\$755.00
July End of Month	
Special Collections:	

TOTAL	\$2015.00

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

“Delight
yourself
in
the
Lord
and
He
will
give
to
you
the
desires
of
your
heart.”

Psalm
37:4

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.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - My wife is a big Dave Ramsey fan. She loves when he tells people that in order to pay down their debt they need to sell so many of their possessions that the kids think that even they can be sold for the right price. He definitely sees earthly possessions as simply tools to be used and not "possessed." This is a tough, countercultural message for sure in the eyes of the average American. Too often, our self-worth is derived from our wealth and the items we own. The size of our house, the brand of our car, and the quantity of our belongings are all gauges of success in our world. For Ramsey, not only can you not truly own anything if you owe money to others, it belongs to God anyway and is only given to us as stewards. Could you sell all you have right now? Could you walk away from all that you have amassed and be truly free? When Jesus speaks of the merchant who sells all he has to obtain a pearl of great price, he calls us to see the pearl as the kingdom of heaven. Nothing on earth can rival the value of the kingdom. If that is true, why is it so hard to surrender everything to God to obtain it? It can be fear that keeps us from stepping out in faith. It can be selfishness that prevents us from letting go. Whatever it is, we must face the fact that we are "possessed" by it. The good news is that God does not expect us to conquer this obstacle on our own. But with God, all things are possible. - Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

St. Joseph
4-PERSON SCRAMBLE
GOLF TOURNAMENT
Sunday, August 16th
ATKINSON-STUART COUNTRY CLUB

Registration begins at 1:00pm
Tee Off at 1:30pm

\$200
per TEAM
(Includes Golfing &
Brisket Dinner)

To register a team call Nicky Cadwallader at 340-2312 or
Clay Cadwallader at 340-7777

Dinner tickets can be purchased at TCB (Stuart or Atkinson) or at the rectory.
Dinner-only tickets are \$25 or \$12.50 for children under 12 -
serving from 5:30-7:30 at the Atkinson-Stuart Country Club

Our sympathies to the
family of:

DAN KRYSL
St. Joseph - Atkinson



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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



July 27

What
Do We
TREASURE

MATTHEW 13:44-52

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**

August 27
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 would make you most happy? Is happiness something to be sought or does it find you?

This weekend's gospel (Matt 13:44-52) offers three short parables about how one attains not only happiness but the even deeper gift of lasting joy. In the first instance, a person unexpectedly finds buried treasure. Perhaps he is digging a well or a hole for a fence post, when suddenly he strikes a hoard of coins left behind by a previous owner who, for some reason, was unable to reclaim it. The digger is likely a poor peasant, a hired day laborer, at the bottom of the social scale. The parable emphasizes how overjoyed he is at this unexpected find that will change his life. With reckless abandon he sells all he has in order to acquire the field with its treasure.

The second parable takes us to the other end of the social spectrum. A merchant in search of fine pearls would have been a rich man, most likely making his money on the backs of the poor divers in his employ. Merchants are generally depicted negatively in the Scriptures (see, for example, Sir 26:29; Isa 23:8; Ezek 27), as greedy and corrupt. The surprise is that even such persons as this could come upon the reign of God and be moved to sell all that they have for this pearl of great price.

If there is discomfort among the hearers of Jesus's parables that both a poor peasant and a rich merchant in the reign of God, a third parable – about a net that pulls in all kinds of fish – asks disciples to suspend judgment about who is wicked and who is righteous, leaving the sorting to God's angels at the end of the age. There are many verbal and thematic similarities here to the parable of weeds and wheat (Matt 13:24-30, 36-43). The parable is also evocative of the call of the first disciples to be fishers of men, for which the abandon all else (Matt 4:18-20).

There is an element of surprise in each parable, whether concerning the manner of finding or who is to be found in God's reign. A further surprise is that the resultant joy leads to giving up all else. It is a paradoxical path to happiness. When it finds you, any instinct to hoard this treasure evaporates, what surfaces instead is the desire to divest oneself of everything.

The metaphors of the treasure and pearl break down, however, when they imply that the reign of God can be bought and owned. The startling message Jesus preaches is that happiness in God's reign cannot be purchased in any way – not by good deeds, nor with any other commodity. Rather, it is the astonishing free gift, attainable by all. While it cannot be bought, it costs everything. The price is not paid out of obligation or guilt but is a totally free self-surrender to irresistible joy. This an old story, not to be kept locked in a storeroom, but meant to be told anew, by each who has been set free by joy.

Ad multos annos!

Fr. Bernard Starman
Pastor