

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.

(in Atkinson until Nov 30th)

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.

(in Atkinson until Nov 30th)

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

**"Jesus said to his disciples: 'I have come to set the earth on fire,
and how I wish it were already blazing!'"**

Luke 12:49

August 16—17, 2025

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Times and Intentions

Monday—Aug 18—NO MASS

Tuesday—Aug 19—NO MASS

Wednesday—Aug 20—NO MASS

Thursday—Aug 21—NO MASS

Friday—Aug 22—NO MASS

Saturday—Aug 23—5:00 p.m.

†RICHARD DVORAK

Saturday—Aug 23—5:00 p.m.—Atkinson

Sunday—Aug 24—9:00 & 10:30 a.m.—Atkinson



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

Collection: August 9—10—2025

Regular Envelopes (14)	\$720.00
Loose	\$515.00
Children's Collection	\$3.00
Special Collections:	
Missionary CoOp Appeal	\$90.00



TOTAL \$1328.00

EUCCHARISTIC
ADORATION



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

6:00—8:00 p.m.

September 22nd & 29th

Please call Jan at 340.2303 to sign up. We need at least 2 people for each hour.

Christian Mothers

Rosary—Monday & Tuesday @ 5:10 p.m.

Saturday @ 4:40 p.m.

Next function/funeral—Group 4

Next Meeting—October 13 @ 6:00 p.m.

Church Basement



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

Events & Meetings

Mon—Aug 18—Religious Education Teacher Mtg
6:30 p.m.—Church Basement

Sun—Aug 24—Confirmation Sponsor/Student Retreat
1-4 p.m.—Church Basement

Thurs—Aug 28—Ladies Guild—2:00 p.m.

Wed—Sept 3—Religious Ed Starts—6:30 p.m.
No Choir Practice

Wed—Sept 3—Jubilee of Hope Pilgrimage Stop—Lynch

Sat/Sun—Sept 6-7—Special Collection—ENERGY

Mon—Sept 8—4th Degree KC Meeting—7:30 p.m.

Wed—Sept 10—Religious Ed Classes—6:30 p.m.
No Choir Practice



Please Pray for . . .

Jim Kunz + Beckett Block
Lois Schaaf + Kirstine Chvala
Norbert & Jeanette Starman



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION INFO

September 3rd

Classes Meet

No Choir Practice

September 10th

Classes Meet

No Choir Practice

Ladies Guild—August 28 @ 2:00 p.m.



Knights of Columbus

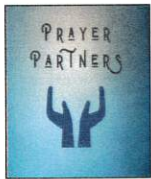
Oct 6—KC Meeting @ 7:30 p.m.

4th Degree Knights of Columbus

Sept 8—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. <i>Galatians 5:13</i>		<u>Saturday—August 23</u>		<u>Saturday—August 30</u>		
		5:00 p.m.		5:00 p.m.		
		LECTOR:	Darby Paxton		John Madsen	
		EMHC:	Tom Dvorak		Ralph Olberding	
		SERVERS:	Alex Paxton Drew Paxton—Kole Estill		Karlee Wolf Jase Wolf—Annabel Kohle	
		USHERS:	Dale Riha—Travis Ludwig Alan Estes—Volunteer		Dale Riha—Travis Ludwig Alan Estes—Volunteer	
		MONEY COUNTERS:	Dale & Lorena Riha		Dale & Lorena Riha	
	<p style="text-align: center;">N•O•T•E•W•O•R•T•H•Y</p>					
<p style="text-align: right;">Please direct any questions regarding the ministry schedule to Deb Kramer in the parish office @ 924 — 3262.</p>						



PRAYER PARTNER TIME—With the beginning of the school year just around the corner, it is time once again to get our Prayer Partners lined up for the senior class. If you'd like to secretly pray for, send small gifts to, and generally keep in your thoughts for the coming year, we'd love to have you be a part of the program. Call Jan at 402.340.2303 with any questions or to sign up. The seniors this year are: Cecelia Addison, Maddux Alder, Atwood Albrecht, Jasmine Davis, Stetson Dodds, Zane Doe, Cameron Kaup, Owen Littau, Morgan Menke, Kayde Ramm, Drew Schmaderer, and Matthew Yemma. The seniors will find out who their Prayer Partners are in May of 2026.



BLEST ART COMING SOON—AUGUST 30—31, 2025—Blest art will be at each of the churches on the weekend of Aug. 30-31. They will have their beautiful olive wood and mother-of-pearl art from the Holy Land available for sale, and you can support them. Your support for these craftsmen and hard-working Christian artists helps to ensure a viable Christian presence in the land where the gospel was first preached.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE—During my baseball career, my best coach often said, “You shouldn’t be worried if I yell at you. Be worried if I don’t. If I stop pushing you, it means I don’t think you have any more potential.” He demanded a lot, and I knew it meant he saw that I could be something special on the baseball field. Jesus says some demanding words to us this week. “Do you think I have come to establish peace on the earth?” he asks, “No, tell you, but rather division” (Luke 12:51). He wants you and me—in fact, all the earth—to participate in the luminous glory of God. That’s why he speaks of himself as a divine arsonist. Divine fire is like a good coach: it demands the removal of all that obstructs the achievement of the lofty goal. How is your life demanding right now? That inconvenient family situation, the unfair boss at work, the kids who reject their parents’ wishes, the nagging health issue? Maybe things would be more peaceful devoid of these seemingly arbitrary difficulties. But for us who believe in the one who comes to set the earth of fire, we should be much more worried if he stops demanding so much from us. In fact, let’s thank him for it. He sees how glorious we can become. — Father John Muir

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JUBILEE OF HOPE

+ Pilgrimage Stop +
ABVM—Lynch

Schedule:
Reconciliation: 5:30 – 6:15 p.m.

UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTION—
SEPTEMBER 6—7, 2025—There will be a special
collection on September 6 & 7 for our Energy
needs. Envelopes are in your packet.

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Sign up to create a **FREE** account as a parishioner with the zip code: 68763 for **FREE** movies, children's programs, e-books, audio, parish programs and studies.

(Everyone signs up under St. Patrick's Parish—O'Neill.)

TUBILEE OF HOPE

+ Pilgrimage Stop +

ABVM—Lynch

Schedule:

Reconciliation—5:30—6:15 p.m.

Mass—6:30 p.m.

Adoration after Mass—8:00 p.m.

Dates: Sept 3, Oct 1, Oct 29,
Nov 5 and Dec 3



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK . . .

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

There's something in us that resists hearing messages of doom. There's no such thing as global warming, some say. The Holocaust is a hoax, some insist. If we accepted what those attune to Eather are telling us, it would demand that we make difficult changes in our patterns of consumption of the Earth's resources. If we learn how racism can lead to genocide, it would ask us to confront racist attitudes in ourselves and in our nation and would demand that we embrace new patterns of relating. But no one likes hearing prophets who speak the truth about dire consequences that will befall us unless we change.

One way to shut out the voice of an unwanted prophet is to do away with her or him. In this weekend's first reading (Jer 38:4-6, 8-10), the officials are able to convince the king that Jeremiah is not seeking the good of the people but its harm. He is "demoralizing the soldiers" and needlessly worrying the people with his warnings about the impending fall of Jerusalem. The officials are able to persuade King Zedekiah to give Jeremiah into their hands. They throw him into a cistern, where they leave him to die, until a eunuch in the king's house persuades the king to order his rescue.

We see a kind of tug of war in the first reading. Some heed the prophet's words and welcome his warning, while others resist the threat to their power, privilege and status that Jeremiah's message poses. Jesus speaks of the same kind of divided reaction that his ministry provokes. As he ignites in his followers a vision of justice, peace and well-being, for all that could blaze forth, some readily welcome it. Others resist it mightily. The resisters are not eager for the burning away of their comforts and privileges as Jesus's way of transformation demands. The divisions over Jesus's message reach even into the inner recesses of the home, pitting family members against one another, as they struggle with what the gospel demands of them and how to heed it. Like King Zedekiah, who listens first to one set of officials and then to a servant with a different perspective. Christians are confronted with differing interpretations of what the gospel demands. It is easy to reject the version of the prophet that insists on transformative change. Better to get rid of such an unwelcome messenger and continue on undisturbed.

Jesus warns his followers not to be taken by surprise if his message provokes conflict and division. The way toward genuine peace is not a gentle, easy road. It is a path that entails struggle. Injustice does not die without heavy resistance. Those who embark on Jesus's way, however, are empowered by their baptism. Baptism brings about both refreshment and joy from being washed of sin, as well as an induction into a difficult, lifelong burning away of anything within that stands opposed to the gospel. Inflamed with the power of the Spirit, those baptized in Christ, are empowered to continue his mission of healing divisions, as diverse hearts and minds are fused into one in the furnace of Christ's love.

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