

# 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.

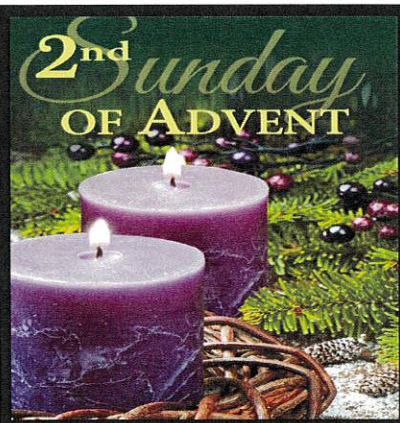
Week 1: Spencer

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

"John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert of Judea and saying,  
'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!'"

~ Matthew 3:1-2

December 6—7, 2025

*Second Sunday of Advent*

## Mass Times and Intentions

Sunday—Dec 7—7:00 p.m.—Immaculate Conception  
+ **ALL SOULS** Vigil Mass

Monday—Dec 8—NO MASS (8:15 a.m.—Atk)

Tuesday—Dec 9—5:30 p.m.  
+ **LARRY & DARRELL PAXTON**

Wednesday—Dec 10—NO MASS

Thursday—Dec 11—NO MASS

Friday—Dec 12—NO MASS

Saturday—Dec 13—5:00 p.m.  
+ **JOAN MURPHY AND SOPHIE & JP MURPHY**

Sunday—Dec 14—9:00—Atkinson



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

## Collection: November 29—30—2025

Regular Envelopes (16)	\$685.00
Loose	\$37.00
Children's Collection	\$6.00
Special Collections:	
Religious Retirement	\$60.00
Thanksgiving	\$157.00
November On Line Donations	\$2335.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3280.00</b>



## 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



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## Events & Meetings

Sat/Sun—Dec 6/7—Religious Retirement Fund Collection

Sun—Dec 7—Vigil of the Immaculate Conception—7 pm

Mon—Dec 8—Immaculate Conception—8:15 am—Atk.

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

Wed—Dec 10—Youth Choir Practice @ 6:00 p.m.  
Religious Ed Classes @ 6:30 p.m.

Wed—Dec 17—Youth Choir Practice @ 6:00 p.m.  
Religious Ed Classes @ 6:30 p.m.

Mon—Dec 22—Confessions 6:00-7:00 p.m.—Stuart

Wed—Dec 24—No Youth Choir or CCD Classes

Wed—Dec 24—Christmas Eve—Mass @ 6:00 p.m.

Fri—Dec 25—MERRY CHRISTMAS!



Please Pray for . . .

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

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

**AGNES KROBOT**

St. Boniface—Stuart

**ALICE MARX**

St. Patrick—O'Neill

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

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION INFO

December 10th

Youth Choir @ 6:00 p.m.  
CCD Classes @ 6:30 p.m.

December 17th

Youth Choir @ 6:00 p.m.  
CCD Classes @ 6:30 p.m.

Ladies Guild—January 22—2:00 p.m.



## Knights of Columbus

Jan 5—KC Meeting @ 7:30 p.m.

## 4th Degree Knights of Columbus

Dec 8—4th Degree Mtg @ 7:30 p.m.—Stuart



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

Serve one another through love. <i>Galatians 5:13</i>		<b>Saturday—December 13</b>	<b>Saturday—December 20</b>	
		5:00 p.m.	5:00 p.m.	
	LECTOR:	Ken Kunz	Kim Estes	
	EMHC:	John Kramer	Kelly Murphy	
	SERVERS:	Karlee Wolf Jase Wolf—Rylan Krysl	John Ludwig Mary Ludwig—Emily Karo	
	USHERS:	Lloyd Hipke—Bob Kunz AJ Timmerman—Volunteer	Lloyd Hipke—Bob Kunz AJ Timmerman—Volunteer	
	GREETERS/GIFTS:	Robert & Patty Hanzlik	Jeff & Cheri Dvorak	
	MONEY COUNTERS:	Mark & Nancy Snover	Mark & Nancy Snover	

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

**PRAYER FOR ADVENT—PEACE**

Come, Lord Jesus!

Bring your peace to our world.  
Inspire reconciliation, heal divisions,  
bind wounds, rewrite scripts.  
You are the Prince of Peace,  
bring that light into every space.  
Amen.

THE SECOND PURPLE CANDLE IS THE

*“Candle of Peace.”*

DURING THIS SECOND WEEK OF  
ADVENT, WE REFLECT ON OUR LIVES  
AND ORIENT OURSELVES TOWARD  
CHRIST’S COMING, PREPARING OUR  
HEARTS TO RECEIVE HIM ANEW.

**CHRISTMAS MASS  
SCHEDULES:**

**Christmas Eve—December 24**

4:00 p.m.—St. Joseph—Atkinson  
4:00 p.m.—St. Mary’s—Spencer  
4:00 p.m.—St. Patrick—O’Neill  
6:00 p.m.—St. Boniface—Stuart



**Christmas Day—December 25**

12:00 a.m.—Midnight Mass  
St. Patrick—O’Neill  
9:00 a.m.—St. Joseph—Atkinson  
10:00 a.m.—Ss. Peter & Paul—Butte  
10:30 a.m.—St. Patrick—O’Neill  
11:15 a.m.—St. Joseph—Amelia



**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. Great gift idea!



**ADVENT CONFESSION TIMES:**

Monday—December 22—6:00-8:00 p.m.—Stuart  
Tuesday—December 23—6:30-7:30 p.m.—Atkinson

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION VIGIL MASS—MINISTRY SCHEDULE  
DECEMBER 7TH—7:00 p.m.**

Lector—John Madsen  
EMHC—Ralph Olberding  
Servers—Rylan Krysl, Alexis Lange, Truman Addison  
Greeters/Gifts—Kelly Murphy and Terry Murphy

**ARCHBISHOP’S ANNUAL APPEAL GOAL UPDATE**

St. Boniface—Stuart	<u>Received as of 12/2/25:</u> \$4535.00	<u>Fund Goal:</u> \$8,776.53
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**St. Boniface Office Hours**  
(now located in the school building)

Monday—10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

Tuesday—CLOSED

Wednesday—10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

Thursday—10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

Friday—CLOSED

Contact Jan Kunz @ 402.340.2303 for help  
or questions after office hours.



## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK . . .

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

"You can attract more flies with a teaspoon of sugar, than with a barrel of vinegar," says a popular maxim. Yet in this weekend's gospel (Matt 3:1-12), John the Baptist takes a very harsh approach. He is confrontational and uncompromising. There is nothing gentle or alluring about him. He demands repentance – urgently! And people flocked to him: "Jerusalem, all Judea, and the whole region around the Jordan were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins." What did they find so attractive about John and his message?

One thing that could have had appeal was the desert locale where John was baptizing. There is a mysterious beauty to the desert where inner noise can be calmed and the senses are heightened, making one better able to discern priorities in the stark presence of the Holy One.

Another attractive characteristic of John is his wholehearted commitment to God's reign and the Coming One who would usher it in. When a person lives so completely and authentically what he or she proclaims, that witness is very compelling. Others are drawn not just to admire just such a one, but to examine their own lives and to follow suit in whatever way possible. Although John's message at first seems off-putting, its effectiveness rested on the fact that it was not anger that fueled him but a profound love of God and a passion to help everyone be ready for the imminent arrival of the One who is to come.

John had no patience, however, for those who were not sincere in their quest. It is startling that at the very first appearance of the Pharisees and scribes, John slings insults at them, calling them a "brood of vipers." As the gospel progresses, we find that Pharisees and scribes are cast by Matthew as hypocrites who lie in wait to trap Jesus, like snakes coiled to spring at any false move. John exposes their poisonous intent. If they were authentic seekers, that would be visible in their "good fruit."

What "good fruit" looks like is described by Isaiah in this weekend's first reading (Isa 11:1-10), all creatures and the whole of creation in peaceful harmony. There is justice for all, especially for those most afflicted. Vulnerable little ones have no fear.

There are serious and immediate consequences if the call to repentance is not heeded. John declares that any tree that does not produce fruit is cut down at the root and thrown into the fire. Such strong language is meant to get our attention. Like a mother who suddenly shouts to keep her child from burning himself on a hot stove, a fiery prophet speaks in shocking ways to startle us into action. This weekend's readings invite us to find a desert spot where we can sink our roots deeply in contemplative oneness with the One who comes, extend our branches in welcome to those with whom we have been at odds, and let the Spirit pollinate us for an abundant harvest of fruitful goodness.

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](http://stbonifacestuart.com) OR [holtboydcatholic.org](http://holtboydcatholic.org)

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