

ST. BONIFACE PARISH

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



SEPTEMBER 26-27, 2026
26th 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

Week 1: Ss. Peter & Paul - Butte
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Week 3: Ss. Peter & Paul - Butte
Week 4: St. Mary - Spencer
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MINISTRY SCHEDULE

	OCT 3 5:00 PM	OCT 10 5:00 PM
LECTOR:	Lisa Keogh	Ken Kunz
EMHC:	Sarah Addison	Jennifer Schmaderer
SERVERS:	Drew Paxton Jase Wolf Jack Wondercheck	John Ludwig Mary Ludwig Rylan Krysl
GREETERS/ GIFTS:	Tammy Heiser Family	Communion Class
USHERS:	Rick Shearer Brock Lange Roger Scholz Jon Schmaderer	Rick Shearer Brock Lange Roger Scholz Jon Schmaderer
MONEY COUNTERS:	Rick & Terri Shearer	Rick & Terri Shearer

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

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

- Monday - September 28 - 5:30 p.m.
✠ JERRY STEINHAUSER & SHANNON SIS
- Tuesday - September 29 - 5:30 p.m.
✠ DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE SCHMADERER & DEERMER FAMILIES
- Wednesday - September 30 - NO MASS
- Thursday - October 1 - NO MASS
- Friday - October 2 - Parkside @ 2:00 p.m.
✠ CHRISTI KAUP
- Saturday - October 3 - 5:00 p.m.
✠ FR. LUKE STEFFES
- Sunday - October 4 - 9:00 a.m. - Atkinson

EVENTS AND MEETINGS

Sunday - September 27

Priesthood Sunday

Wednesday - September 30

Youth Choir @ 6:00 p.m.

Classes @ 6:30 p.m.

Sunday - October 4

Life Chain in O'Neill @ 1:30 p.m.

Monday - October 5

KC Mtg @ 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday - October 7

Youth Choir @ 6:00 p.m.

Classes @ 6:30 p.m.

Monday - October 12

4th Degree KC Meeting

@ 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday - October 14

Youth Choir @ 6:00 p.m.

Classes @ 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday - October 21

Youth Choir @ 6:00 p.m.

Classes @ 6:30 p.m.

STEWARDSHIP:

September 20, 2026

Regular Envelopes	\$705.00
Loose	\$216.64
Children's Collection	\$18.00

Electronic Donations:

September 1st	
September 15th	\$755.00
Sept End of Month	

Special Collections:

TOTAL \$1694.64

"God
is
my
salvation
I
will
trust,
and
will
not
be
afraid;
for
the
Lord
God
is
my
strength
and
my
song."
Isaiah
12:2

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

NOTEWORTHY

OACCW SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY - Attention High School Senior Catholic Girls! Omaha Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women (OACCW) is accepting applications for their \$750 SCHOLARSHIP. Get the 2027 Scholarship Packet from your school Guidance Counselor today! The completed scholarship application, transcript, essay, and evaluation form from your priest, school/parish staff or faculty person must be postmarked or received by your parish's Deanery President by January 15, 2027. Applications are accepted in the Deanery where you attend church, not where you attend school.

PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY IS SEPTEMBER 27, 2026 - Remember Fr. Starman & Fr. Ross and thank them for their continued dedication to this important vocation. May God bless them & watch over them.

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS - Is It the Thought That Counts? - I can remember times when I received a gift that I would not have chosen for myself. At those times I certainly thought to myself that "it was the thought that counts." I was happy that the gift-giver thought of me at all. Then there have been times when my children have not given me a gift and then chose to tell me all about what they were going to give me. They would then follow it up by saying, "it was the thought that really counts." Really!?! I don't think so. I could think of sending my wife on a cruise, but that is not in any way the same as going on the cruise. I think there are times when all of us think we are more generous than we are, simply because we were thinking about being generous.

This way of thinking can be dangerous. Jesus teaches us to say what we mean and mean what we say. The intentionality of our actions is important, but intentionality without action is meaningless. How we act and what we give serves as evidence of our intentions and indicates where our heart truly lies. If we fool ourselves into thinking we are someone we are not, it can become difficult to see the truth. We need to look for the fruit in our lives. We need to make sure our desires and thoughts are moving us to act. You know that other saying about intentions, don't you? Don't pave the road to a place no one wants to end up with your intentions. Instead, let your intentions and actions lead others to another place where Jesus can be found. – Tracy Earl Welliver

respect life

Be a voice for the voiceless!
join *Life Chain* Sun. Oct 4
rigil to protect life from abortion
from 2-3:00 along
Douglas St. in O'Neill
Registration begins at 1:30 at the
corner of 3rd and Douglas St.

Our sympathies to
the families of:



EUGENE (GENE) HOSTERT
SHBC - Ss. Peter & Paul - Butte

and

LEROY PURVIANCE
SHBC - ABVM - Lynch

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

September 30

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

October 7

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

ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Goal:
\$9654.00

Committed as of
September 22nd:
\$480.00

Please keep in your
prayers our
Seminarist of the
Month:

Ethan Menning



CHRISTIAN MOTHERS

Next Mtg: November 9
@ 6:00 p.m.

St. Boniface School

Next Funeral/Function:
CH 3

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

KC Mtg:

October 5 @ 7:30 p.m.

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4th Degree KC Mtg:

October 12 @ 7:30 p.m.

Location: Stuart

LADIES GUILD GATHERING

October 22
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,

In the literary context of Matthew's Gospel, Jesus directs the religious parable we proclaimed today at the religious leaders who have tried to shame and discredit him publicly by challenging his authority. Jesus uses a technique similar to that of the prophet Nathan, who confronted King David about his sin with Bathsheba by telling a story about a rich man who took the one precious lamb of a rich man (2 Sam 12:1-12). Nathan invited David to pronounce judgment on a hypothetical situation, which ended up being a pronouncement on himself.

In similar fashion, Jesus's parable is designed to jar the religious leaders into conversion, so that there is coherence between what they say and teach, and what they do. Earlier, Jesus had warned his disciples that merely saying "Lord, Lord" was not sufficient; they must also do the will of God (7:21-27). In Matthew 23:3, Jesus warns the crowds and his disciples not to follow the example of the scribes and Pharisees, because they do not practice what they preach. This weekend's gospel (Matt 21:28-32) holds out hope to the religious leaders: there is still time to turn around and make their deeds match their words.

A startling statement at the conclusion of the parable is meant to jolt the leaders into a change of heart: tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the reign of God ahead of them. This saying does not refer to the actual makeup of the retinue of Jesus's disciples. Rather it is a hyperbole meant to contrast the best and the worst imaginable. The point is the religious leaders who should be the ones leading others into God's reign are not, while those are thought least able to do so are repenting and believing and entering the reign of God.

Of course, it is always easy to see the discrepancies between saying and doing in someone else's behavior. I can smugly point a finger at the Pharisees in this weekend's gospel, or at other contemporary leaders, and see their need to change. It is harder to see the lack of my own words and deeds. It is easy to say yes to following Jesus, but how difficult is it to do what that demands of us. If I say I value prayer, for example, do I carve out a consistent time and place to do it? If I say I am concerned for those who are poor, how is that visible in my lifestyle choices?

Fortunately, the burden of arriving at consistency in word and deed does not fall on our shoulders alone. Christ's "yes" to the self-emptying love described so eloquently by Paul in this weekend's second reading (Phil 2:1-11) is the empowering force that not only allows us to say yes, but also to do the corresponding deeds. Each day Christ's "yes" is pronounced anew in us, giving us myriad opportunities to open ourselves to conversion of heart and let those we regard least likely to do so to show us the way to God's reign.

Ad multos annos!

Fr. Bernard Starman
Pastor



2026 Giving Guide to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal

When We Serve with Gladness

Stewardship is a fruit of faith in God.

The Archbishop's Annual Appeal invites us to see stewardship not as an obligation, but as a joyful response to God's abundant love. When we serve with gladness, we recognize that every blessing we have received is entrusted to us for the good of others.

Through prayer, gratitude and generosity, our gifts become a visible sign of faith. Together, we help strengthen parish life, support ministries of mercy and accompany those who most need the presence of Christ across northeast Nebraska.

Reflect: How is God inviting you to serve with gladness this year?

Pray: What offering of prayer and generosity can you give?

The stewardship way of life calls us to receive

God's gifts gratefully and share them generously.

"Serve the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful song."

PSALM 100:2

Pray with Gratitude

"What return can I make to the Lord for all the good he has done for me?"

PSALM 116:12

Plan Your Giving

Prayerfully plan your giving annually. Use the worksheet on the back to consider a gift that reflects your gratitude and trust in God's continued care.

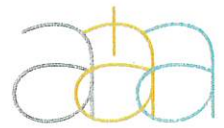
Begin by asking God to open your heart to the needs of the Church and the people served through the Annual Appeal.

Consider a gift that reflects both your gratitude and your trust in God's continued care. A thoughtful commitment, made in prayer, helps turn generosity into a faithful practice.

If you are able, prayerfully increase your support so that more people may be reached through ministries of worship, education, outreach and care.

Make your gift in the way that is most convenient for you, including your parish's electronic giving option when available.

My Giving Worksheet



Tithing means "tenth." In gratitude for God's blessings, we are invited to return 10% of what we receive.

If 10% is not possible today, begin with 5% or 8%, then grow your giving prayerfully over time. Every gift matters!

Annual Income	5%	8%	10%
\$25,000	\$1,250	\$2,000	\$2,500
\$50,000	\$2,500	\$4,000	\$5,000
\$75,000	\$3,750	\$6,000	\$7,500
\$100,000	\$5,000	\$8,000	\$10,000

Three Ways to Look at Giving

1 Donate a percentage of your annual income. Use this guide to get started.

Annual Income	5%			3%			2%		
	Annual Giving	Monthly Giving	Weekly Giving	Annual Giving	Monthly Giving	Weekly Giving	Annual Giving	Monthly Giving	Weekly Giving
\$30,000	\$1,500	\$125	\$29	\$900	\$75	\$17	\$600	\$50	\$12
\$60,000	\$3,000	\$250	\$58	\$1,800	\$35	\$35	\$1,200	\$100	\$24
\$90,000	\$4,500	\$375	\$87	\$2,700	\$52	\$52	\$1,800	\$150	\$34
\$120,000	\$6,000	\$500	\$116	\$3,600	\$70	\$70	\$2,400	\$200	\$48
\$150,000	\$7,500	\$625	\$144	\$4,500	\$86	\$86	\$3,000	\$250	\$56

\$ _____ X _____ % = \$ _____ \$ _____
 Total Annual Gross Income Annual Giving Percentage My Annual Giving My Weekly Giving

2 Donate one hour's wage per week.

\$ _____ / 2080 hrs (40 hrs/wk x 52 weeks) = \$ _____
 Total Annual Gross Income My Weekly Giving

3 Donate one day's salary each month.

\$ _____ / 260 work days (Average work days per year) = \$ _____
 Total Annual Gross Income My Monthly Giving