

# ST. BONIFACE PARISH

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WEEKEND MASS: Saturday - 5:00 pm

WEEKDAY MASS: Monday & Tuesday - 5:30 pm



JANUARY 10-11, 2026  
THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

## 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

	JAN 17 5:00 PM	JAN 24 5:00 PM
LECTOR:	Lisa Keogh	Ken Kunz
EMHC:	Tracy Ludwig	Kelly Murphy
SERVERS:	John Ludwig Mary Ludwig Truman Addison	Kennedie Kohle Annabel Kohle Alexis Lange
GREETERS/ GIFTS:	Dave & Patty Batenhorst	Larry & Marilyn Butler
USHERS:	Dan Malone Robert Hanzlik Mike Stracke Don Schmaderer	Dan Malone Robert Hanzlik Mike Stracke Don Schmaderer
MONEY COUNTERS:	Dan & Donna Malone	Dan & Donna Malone

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

## MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Monday - January 12 - 5:30 p.m.  
† LARRY & IRENE COBB

Tuesday - January 13 - 5:30 p.m.  
† ALL SOULS

Wednesday - January 14 - NO MASS

Thursday - January 15 - NO MASS

Friday - January 16 - NO MASS

Saturday - January 17 - 5:00 p.m.  
† LARRY & DARRELL PAXTON AND  
AH & GERTIE KAUP

Sunday - January 18 - 9:00 a.m. - Atkinson

## EVENTS AND MEETINGS

Monday - January 12  
Christian Mothers Meeting  
6:00 p.m.

Monday - January 12  
4<sup>th</sup> Degree KC Meeting  
7:30 p.m.  
O'Neill

Wednesday - January 14  
Youth Choir @ 6:00 p.m.  
CCD Classes @ 6:30 p.m.

Sunday - January 18  
KC Free Throw Contest  
12:30 p.m.

Tuesday - January 20  
Joint Parish Council and Finance  
Committee Meeting  
7:00 p.m.

Wednesday - January 21  
Youth Choir @ 6:00 p.m.  
CCD Classes @ 6:30 p.m.

Thursday - January 22  
Ladies Guild  
2:00 p.m.

Be  
joyful  
in  
hope,  
patient  
in  
affliction,  
faithful  
in  
prayer.

## STEWARDSHIP:

January 4, 2026	
Regular Envelopes	\$1555.00
Loose	\$179.00
Children's Collection	\$13.50
Electronic Donations:	
January 1st	\$1680.00
January 15th	
Special Collections:	
Christmas Envelopes	\$645.00
Seminary	\$871.00
Solemnity of Mary:	\$558.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,501.50</b>

Romans  
12:12

## NOTEWORTHY

KC FREE THROW CONTEST - JANUARY 18, 2026 - The KC Free Throw contest will be on January 18<sup>th</sup> at the SPS gymnasium. Doors open at 12:30 p.m. and the shoot starts at 1:00 p.m.

ONE ROSE, ONE LIFE COLLECTION - JANUARY 24-25, 2026 - One Rose, One Life is an annual fund-raising campaign conducted by the Nebraska Knights of Columbus, for the Knights of Columbus Culture of Life Foundation of Nebraska. Over 96% of funds raised by the Foundation are used to support various pro-life causes, events & organizations. A special collection will be taken up on the weekend of January 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>. Please give generously to this worthy project.

OACCW WINTER MEETING - FEBRUARY 10, 2026 - All women are invited to attend the OACCW (Archdiocese Council of Catholic Women) meeting on Tuesday, February 10, 2026 at the KC Hall in Atkinson. ITINERARY: 9:30 a.m. Registration of \$10 includes coffee/rolls and lunch. 10:00 a.m. meeting hosted by RNW Deanery ladies. 11:30 Mass, Lunch, Afternoon-Commission Reports. RSVP encouraged by February 1st for lunch count to Leonarda Arens OACCW President via email at [arensljrepair@hotmail.com](mailto:arensljrepair@hotmail.com) or text to 402-253-5120.

THANK YOU - A special "Thank You" to everyone that helped make the Christmas season a beautiful and memorable one. From the beauty of the decorations to the music of the season, the talented hands and time that people spent decorating and preparing for Christmas, would not have been as wonderful as it was. Thank you to all that helped make the Christmas season bright. Thanks, too, to everyone that donated poinsettias to help beautify the church.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - Today's Gospel offers a differing vision of greatness. Jesus steps into the Jordan River. He hasn't preached, healed, or performed a single miracle. Then the heavens open, and the Father speaks: "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." It's not a reward for success. It's not earned. Before he does anything "great," Jesus receives the greatness of his identity from the Father. And so do you. At your baptism, God said the same thing over you: "You are my beloved." That is your true identity, not constructed or earned but received. When we see ourselves and others this way, everything changes for the better. We discover a greatness that can never be taken away. This week, reflect on your baptism: look up the date, thank God for it, pray for those baptized with you, or visit the church where it happened. Let your identity be rooted there.



Our sympathies to the family of:

ANNABELL ADAMSON  
St. Patrick - O'Neill

### BLESSING FOR BAPTISMAL GRACES

Dear God,  
Through Baptism, You called and claimed us as Your own, chosen and loved.  
Pour Your blessing upon us as we remember our Baptism.  
Plant Your identity in our hearts.  
Help us to live as Your beloved.  
Amen.

### CCD INFORMATION:

January 14th

Youth Choir @ 6:00 p.m.

CCD Classes Meet @ 6:30 p.m.

January 21st

Youth Choir @ 6:00 p.m.

CCD Classes Meet @ 6:30 p.m.

### CHRISTIAN MOTHERS

Next Mtg: January 12  
@ 6:00 p.m.  
Church Basement

Next Funeral/Function:  
CH 1

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

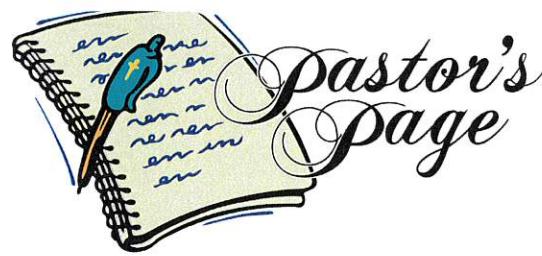
KC Mtg:  
February 2 @ 7:30 p.m.  
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4<sup>th</sup> Degree Mtg:  
January 12 @ 7:30 p.m.  
Location: O'Neill

### LADIES GUILD GATHERING

January 22  
2:00 p.m.  
St. Boniface  
School Building

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Watch  
for  
details.



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

In *Mere Christianity*, C.S. Lewis explores the necessity of Jesus's humanity for the salvation won by his crucifixion. Echoing the sentiments expressed by Saint Athanasius in *On the Incarnation of the Word*, Lewis explains the predicament of humanity's need for justification and salvation and our inability to repay the debt of sinfulness perfectly on our own. Our justification is predicated on repentance, or surrendering of our selfish ways to instead embrace the will of God. He writes that the "only person who could repent perfectly would be a perfect person – and he would not need it. "Therefore, Christ took on human flesh in the incarnation. Through his full humanity, he took on the debt of sinfulness that humans incurred throughout our history. And on behalf of all humanity, he surrendered his will, perfectly and even unto death, for the justification of all.

In this weekend's gospel (Matt 3:13-17), John questions Jesus's need for baptism. As Christians, we might hear John's objection through the lens of our baptismal theology; for example, that in the sacrament of baptism, a person is forever claimed by God as an adopted son or daughter, joined to the Body of Christ that is the church and that person is cleansed from the original sin that stains all humanity. From this perspective, Jesus seemingly has no need for baptism as the Son of God. However, in Matthew's Gospel, Jesus is Emmanuel, "God is with us" (Matt 1:23), and he humbly and willingly submits himself to be baptized and united fully with the humanity that he will save. Jesus responds that his baptism is necessary to "fulfill all righteousness," a term that is defined in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* as "the rectitude of divine love" (1991). At Jesus's baptism, all three persons of the Trinity are present with humanity, harkening back to the presence of the Trinity at creation, when God the Creator spoke life onto the earth through the Word while the Spirit was "sweeping over the waters" (Gen 1:2). So, in our own baptism: Christ not only offers us freedom from a life of sin, but the grace of divine love is present and poured upon us, so that in our humanity we might participate in the love that the trinity shares.

As the baptized, we have been initiated into Christ's life, death, and resurrection. Through God's grace, the sin and selfishness we experience is no longer a death, and we are promised the gift of Christ's life now and being raised to eternal life in Christ. However, sin and evil continue to forge their way into the world and into our hearts. The sign of the cross, with or without holy water, can be a prayer that reminds us that we have been chosen by God, claimed as God's own, through the death and life of Jesus Christ. As we accept the gift offered by Christ through his sacrifice and join our imperfect repentance to his perfect repentance, we can also hear the words of the Father, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

Ad multos annos!

Fr. Bernard Starman  
Pastor