

# SHARING OUR NEWS

## JUNE 2026

The Catholic Parishes of Western Holt and Boyd Counties



Assumption BVM – Lynch ● St. Boniface – Stuart ● St. Joseph – Amelia  
Ss. Peter and Paul – Butte ● St. Joseph – Atkinson ● St. Patrick – O'Neill  
St. Mary – Spencer

### MASS SCHEDULES

#### Weekend Mass Times

##### Saturday:

St. Boniface – Stuart – 5:00 p.m.  
St. Patrick – O'Neill – 5:00 p.m.

Sacred Heart of Boyd County:

##### Saturday:

Week 1: St. Mary's – Spencer – 7:00 p.m.  
Week 2: St. Mary's – Spencer – 7:00 p.m.  
Week 3: St. Mary's – Spencer – 7:00 p.m.  
Week 4: Ss. Peter & Paul – Butte – 7:00 p.m.  
Week 5: St. Mary's – Spencer – 7:00 p.m.

##### Sunday:

St. Joseph – Atkinson – 9:00 a.m.  
St. Patrick – O'Neill – 10:30 a.m.  
St. Joseph – Amelia – 11:15 a.m.

##### Sunday:

Ss. Peter & Paul – Butte – 8:00 a.m.  
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St. Mary's – Spencer – 8:00 a.m.  
Ss. Peter & Paul – Butte – 8:00 a.m.

##### Monday:

St. Boniface – Stuart – 5:30 p.m.

##### Tuesday:

St. Patrick – O'Neill – 5:15 p.m.  
St. Boniface – Stuart – 5:30 p.m.

##### Wednesday:

(\*School Masses subject to change)

\*St. Patrick – O'Neill – 8:10 a.m.  
\*St. Joseph – Atkinson – 8:15 a.m.

SHBC Rotation

##### Thursday:

St. Patrick – O'Neill – 7:00 a.m.

##### Friday:

St. Patrick – O'Neill – 7:00 a.m.  
St. Joseph – Atkinson – 8:15 a.m.

### OUR MISSION STATEMENT

The Roman Catholic Parishes of Western Holt and Boyd Counties are diverse communities of faith that welcome all people to continually encounter Christ, know Christ, and proclaim Christ through prayer, word, and action.



**MINISTRY OF PRAISE**  
A Word from Deacon Roger Filips

At the Last Supper, Jesus said He does not pray for the world, just for his followers, the Christians. By “the world” He means the fallen world that rejects him, this does not mean He hates other people, but He hates the worldly system that resists God—pride, division, lust, violence, and lies. Jesus is not writing off the world completely, He is sending us, His disciples, out into that world to convert it and save it. It is His will that the whole world be baptized and join the Universal Church, or as we know it, the Catholic Church, so then He will pray for ALL of us to His Father. He is turning His mission over to us.

That’s why this “in-between” time is important. It has been about 2000 years since the life, death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus, and the descent of the Holy Spirit. This is the normal shape of the Christian life. We live with promises that are already true—Christ is risen, Christ is Lord—and yet we are still waiting for what is not finished—our full healing, our full holiness, the conversion of the world, the return of the King. We may or may not see Him return in glory during our lifetimes, but we are guaranteed to see Him the hour we die. So, we wait and we prepare.

How do we finish this life between the Pentecost and our death or the Second Coming? We do what they did in the upper room. First, we pray. Not just “thinking about God,” but real prayer—simple, daily, on purpose.

Second, we stay “of one accord.” If there is someone you need to forgive, take one step. If there is a conversation you’ve been avoiding, ask the Lord for the courage and humility to begin it. If you’ve been feeding yourself a steady diet of anger or contempt—online, on the news, even in family talk—fast from that for this week.

Third, we remember we are sent. Jesus doesn’t take us out of the world; he sends us into it. Pick one concrete act of witness this week: invite someone back to Mass, pray with your kids, check on a neighbor, make a confession you’ve been putting off, do one hidden work of mercy.

And notice this: Mary becomes the mother who teaches the Church how to wait. She waited in Nazareth. She waited at the foot of the Cross. She waited on Holy Saturday. Then she waited with the newborn Church in the upper room, praying for the Holy Spirit that Jesus promised. She waits with us now, waiting for our death or the second coming of her son.

The following is from the chapter on Protestantism in my catechism book “Pearls of the Universal Church”. Visit [www.SpiritualWorksPress.com](http://www.SpiritualWorksPress.com) to learn more.

Some militant Protestants are ex-Catholics who are angry about moral teachings on issues such as abortion, contraception, “gay marriage” or remarriage after divorce. They may also have a guilty conscience about such sins and lash out at the Church for daring to say their behavior is wrong.

This author believes that in a couple of hundred years there will not be any recognizable Protestant denominations. They will disintegrate into independent Bible-based Churches and people studying the Bible at home. Many more will drop out of active Christianity completely. I believe serious Protestants will find their way back to the Catholic Church because it will be obvious to them that they need some sort of authority to teach the truth.

Until next month . . . Deacon Filips



IN LOVING MEMORY

**SHARON BRUEGMAN**

September 3, 1945 – December 12, 2024  
SHBC – ABVM – Lynch

**KENNETH “KENNY” BRUEGMAN**

August 4, 1945 – April 24, 2026  
SHBC – ABVM – Lynch

**CAROL RICHARDS**

January 30, 1950 – January 1, 2026  
St. Joseph – Atkinson

**CHARLES THOMAS FLANNERY**

July 1, 2010 – April 27, 2026  
St. Joseph – Atkinson

**WILLIAM “BILL” DONOHOE**

May 28, 1950 – May 24, 2026  
St. Patrick – O’Neill

**JAMES “JIM” LIEWER**

July 16, 1948 – May 26, 2026  
SHBC – Ss. Peter & Paul – Butte



WELCOME TO THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

**GRIFFIN JORDAN KUNZ**

Son of Jordan & Jasmin Kunz  
May 9, 2026  
St. Boniface – Stuart

**WESLEY JAMES SYBRANT**

Son of Alex & Emily Sybrant  
May 16, 2026  
St. Boniface – Stuart

**JAXSYN BOONE HOWARD**

Son of Zachary & Reghan Howard  
May 24, 2026  
St. Joseph – Atkinson



*Come to me, all you  
who are weary and burdened,  
and I will give you rest.*

*Matthew 11:28*



# ADORATION FOR AMERICA

CATHOLIC PARISHES OF WESTERN HOLT AND BOYD COUNTIES

## AMERICA IS TURNING 250!

**JOIN US FOR 250 HOURS OF ADORATION TO PRAY FOR AMERICA**

In preparation for the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence in 2026, the U.S. bishops will consecrate our nation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. All Catholics are invited to pray for unity and healing across our country.

Our family of parishes will contribute to a collective 250 Hours of Adoration before July 4.

Each person present for an hour counts as one hour prayed. Please come for any hour you can and sign the log in sheet so we can track participation.

Learn more about the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary initiative at: [usccb.org/weholdthesetruths](http://usccb.org/weholdthesetruths).

**3:00 PM  
-  
9:00 PM**

**ST. PATRICK - O'NEILL**  
**WEDNESDAY - JUNE 10**

**7:00 PM  
-  
8:00 PM**

**ST. MARY'S - SPENCER**  
**FRIDAY - JUNE 12**  
**MONDAY - JUNE 15, JUNE 22 and JUNE 29**

**6:00 PM  
-  
8:00 PM**

**ST. BONIFACE - STUART**  
**MONDAY - JUNE 15, JUNE 22, and JUNE 29**

**9:00 AM  
-  
3:00 PM**


**ST. JOSEPH - ATKINSON**  
**WEDNESDAY - JUNE 10, JUNE 17 (this one only until 2:00 p.m.), JUNE 24 AND JULY 1**

**7:00 PM  
-  
8:00 PM**

**SS. PETER & PAUL - BUTTE**  
**MONDAY - JUNE 8, JUNE 15, and JUNE 22**  
**THURSDAY - JUNE 11, JUNE 18, and JUNE 25**  
Fr. Reiser will offer Mass on June 29<sup>th</sup> with adoration to follow from 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.

**7:30 PM  
-  
8:30 PM**

**ABVM - LYNCH**  
**WEDNESDAY - JULY 1**



# RAINFOREST FALLS VBS

Exploring the Nature of God

**July 13<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00 am - 11:30 am**

**Grades K - 5**

**St. Patrick's Parish Hall**

**300 N. 4<sup>th</sup> St. - O'Neill**

**NO CHARGE** to attend but we will accept free will donations to help defray the cost.

Register or volunteer to help by scanning the QR code or pick up a registration sheet in the entrance of church or at the Parish Office at 313 E Hwy 20. Drop paper registrations off at the Parish Office.



**Call or text Emily @ 605.660.0118 or  
Whitney @ 402.340.9304**

# RAINFOREST FALLS VBS REGISTRATION FORM

(One per child)

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Child's Gender: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's age: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Last school grade completed \_\_\_\_\_

Name of parent(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Street address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Home parish: \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies, medical conditions, or special needs:

\_\_\_\_\_

In case of emergency, contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to child: \_\_\_\_\_

*I give permission for my child's picture to be printed in the newspaper and/or newsletter and to be placed on the parish's social media platforms.*

Circle one: Yes or No

## WHAT ARE FATHERS MADE OF?

By Paul Harvey

A father is a thing that is forced to endure childbirth without an anesthetic.

A father is a thing that growls when it feels good ... and always laughs very loud when it's scared half to death.

A father is sometimes accused of giving too much time to his business when the little ones are growing up.

That's partly fear, too.

Fathers are much more easily frightened than mothers.

A father never feels entirely worthy of the worship in a child's eyes.

He's never quite the hero his daughter thinks ... never quite the man his son believes him to be. This worries him, sometimes.

So he works too hard to try and smooth the rough places in the road for those of his own who will follow him.

A father is a thing that gets very angry when the first school grades aren't as good as he thinks they should be.

He scolds his son ... though he knows it's the teacher's fault.

A father is a thing that goes away to war, sometimes.

He learns to swear and shoot and spit through his teeth and would run the other way except that this war is part of his only important job in life ... which is making the world better for his child than it has been for him.

Fathers grow old faster than people.

Because they, in other ways, have to stand at the train station and wave goodbye to the uniform that climbs aboard.

And while mothers can cry where it shows ... fathers have to stand there and beam outside ... and die inside.

Fathers have very stout hearts, so they have to be broken sometimes or no one would know what's inside.

Fathers are what give daughters away to other men who aren't nearly good enough ... so they can have grandchildren that are smarter than anybody's.

Fathers fight dragons ... almost daily.

They hurry away from the breakfast table ... off to the arena which is sometimes called an office or a workshop. There, with calloused, practiced hands they tackle the dragon with three heads: Weariness, Work and Monotony.

And they never quite win the fight but they never give up.

Knights in shining armor ... fathers in shiny trousers ... there's little difference as they march away to each workday.

Fathers make bets with insurance companies about who'll live the longest. Though they know the odds they keep right on betting. Even as the odds get higher and higher ... they keep right on betting ... more and more.

One day they lose.

But fathers enjoy an earthly immortality ... and the bet's paid off to the part of him he leaves behind.

I don't know ... where fathers go ... when they die.

But I've an idea that after a good rest ... wherever it is ... he won't be happy unless there's work to do.

He won't just sit on a cloud and wait for the girl he's loved and the children she bore. He'll be busy there, too ... repairing the stairs ... oiling the gates ... improving the streets ... smoothing the way.

**HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!**

**ST. JOSEPH'S – AMELIA**

**IS LOOKING FOR . . .**

**High School Youth Group  
Hosts/Teachers**

**What you'll do:**

- **Welcome 9th–12th graders into your home 2 nights a month for 1 hour.**
- **Help run games, small group time, (lesson plans/materials provided) and keep the night rolling**
- **Be a safe, fun, adult presence students can trust**

**You're a fit if you:**

- **Love Jesus and love students**
- **Can commit to 2 nights per month**
- **Are an adult and can pass a background check**
- **Have energy, patience, and a sense of humor**

**No experience needed - we'll train you!**

**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED OR WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION,**

**PLEASE CALL:  
ELLIE METSCHKE  
402-580-1512**





# Pray for our June Seminarian of the month

*Kyle Wozniak, who is doing his Pastoral Internship at St. John Vianney*

Kyle is from Omaha (though he was born at RAF Lakenheath, England), and is the eldest son of Tim and Jackie. He has a brother Lucas (junior in college) and sister Grace (senior in high school).

He has attended Catholic school his whole life, belonging to St. Columbkille parish in Papillion, NE. The first inklings of his discernment to the priestly vocation came in junior high, when the word "Father" was placed in his heart during prayer after receiving Holy Communion at Sunday mass. He continued discerning throughout high school while running cross country, performing with the theater department, and staying involved with the youth group. He attended the National March for Life all four years of high school, as well as multiple Steubenville Conferences. He graduated from Daniel J. Gross Catholic High School in 2020.

He entered seminary right out of high school, graduating in May of 2025 from St. John Vianney College Seminary, located at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, MN. He double majored to earn BAs in Philosophy and Catholic Studies. He calls his time at seminary the second-biggest blessing in his life (after his family), as it has given him the incredible opportunities of a rich program of Catholic formation, deep fraternity and friendships rooted in Christ, and a 4-month semester abroad in Rome.

He enjoys the creative outlets of composing music, drawing, and writing and directing short films. He likes giving talks on the Catholic faith, cheering for the Huskers, playing board games, and throwing around a frisbee (golf and ultimate).

He is excited to be a part of St. Patrick's parish for his pastoral year, shadowing the priests, serving at masses, teaching at Bergan, and helping out at the parish office. God-willing, his ordination year will be 2029 at St. Cecilia's Cathedral, Omaha.

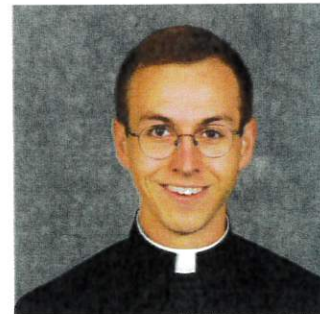


## 2026 Omaha Ordinations

**Caleb Kosch** (left) was ordained to the Transitional Diaconate on Friday, **May 29**.

On Sat., **Jun 6**, **Deacon Michael**

**Figura** (right) will be ordained to the priesthood at 10 a.m., at St. Cecilia Cathedrals. *Please continue to keep all of our seminarians in your prayers.* A link to a livestream of ordinations can be found on [Archomaha.org](http://Archomaha.org).



"For I know the *plans* I have for you,"

declares the LORD.

"plans to *prosper you* and not to harm you.

plans to give you *hope and a future.*"

JEREMIAH 29:11

## ST. PATRICK - O'NEILL

### Best Choice Save-A-Label

We are now collecting Best Choice labels to redeem for cash for the church and/or school. Shop at your local community grocer for Best Choice family of brands products ([bestchoicebrand.com/where-to-buy](http://bestchoicebrand.com/where-to-buy)), clip the UPC portion with the words "Best Choice" above them, and simply turn them in to the baskets at the back of the church or at the Parish Office!

### Prayer Chain

Joining a prayer chain allows you to participate in a "quiet ministry" where a group of believers commits to lifting up specific needs to God, often at a moment's notice. Would you like to be part of this important ministry? We thank Norma Skjold for her many years of leadership in this ministry & her faithfulness in prayer. We welcome our new leader for this ministry, Therese Liewer. Please contact Therese at 940-368-1553 or by email at [therese.liewer@gmail.com](mailto:therese.liewer@gmail.com) to become one of our prayer warriors for St. Patrick.

### Ministry Volunteers Needed

You can now sign up for EMHC & Lector training. St. Patrick & St. Joseph Amelia parishioners and St. Mary's students can sign up at [www.stpatoneill.org/ministry-schedules](http://www.stpatoneill.org/ministry-schedules) or call the Parish Office at 402-336-1602. There is a brief series of video segments you will need to watch, reflections on the videos you need to complete, and a brief candidate information form. Someone will be in touch with details after we receive your interest form.

We are also looking for more greeters & ushers to be included on the regular weekend schedule, and we can always use more servers & musicians! You can let us know whether you would prefer Saturday or Sunday. Students & families are welcome! Contact the Parish Office to volunteer at 402-336-1602.

### Donate Blood In Honor of Frank Shefl

Frank Shefl, a St. Patrick parishioner and St. Mary's alumni, is a dedicated blood donor and a retired US Air Force veteran who served 23 years in Japan, Korea, Vietnam, Puerto Rico, and Central America. At age 90, he's close to reaching an impressive 20 gallon blood donation. To honor his lifelong commitment to service, a special blood drive will be held June 8 at the O'Neill Knights of Columbus Hall, from 11:30 am to 5:30 pm. You are invited to give blood and help carry forward the example Frank has set. For an appointment, call Diane at 402-340-1357, Kyle at 402-910-0681 or visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and enter sponsor code: oneillne.



### CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS HOLD MAY CROWNING



St Mary's seniors were prayer partners for Catholic Daughters. This is our second year of seniors, we specifically dedicate prayers to each senior, especially for all that they are faced with in their last year of high school, but also for the rest of their lives! The year was celebrated with some special gifts and an ice cream birthday party. We were blessed to have these three senior girls to crown our Blessed Mother and lead us in reciting the rosary. We plan to continue this tradition next year with the senior class of 2027!

From left to right: Aubrey Wohlert, Anna Otte, Lauren Winkelbauer, CDA Regent Linda Schneider, and incoming CDA Regent Kelli Tomjack.

# MIND WORTHY HOSTS

## THIRD ANNUAL

# DALTON ALDER

# MEMORIAL WALK



Open to all—honoring loved ones, supporting mental health, and finding support together.

**Location: O’Neill Track & Field**

**Date: Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup>**

**Time: 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**





- Free Will Donation Meal
- Silent Auction
- Free Mental Health Resources
- Counselor & Community Connections
- Luminaries
- Memorial Wall

Submit a photo for the memorial wall—no attendance required.

Questions? Contact: **Presley Pribil** (402-340-0942)

**Hailey Scofield** (402-961-9141) **Denise Pribil** (402-340-7016)

Follow us for more info:   @mind\_worthy\_

## WHAT IS EVANGELIZATION?

Let's talk about conversion:

Conversion is the change of our lives that comes about through the power of the Holy Spirit. All who accept the Gospel undergo change as we continually put on the mind of Christ by rejecting sin and becoming more faithful disciples in his Church. Unless we undergo conversion, we have not truly accepted the Gospel.

We know that people experience conversion in many ways. Some experience a sudden, shattering insight that brings rapid transformation. Some experience a gradual growth over many years. Others undergo conversion as they take part in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults—the normal way adults become members of the Church today. Many experience conversion through the ordinary relationships of family and friends. Others have experienced it through the formation received from Catholic schools and religious education programs. Still others have experienced ongoing conversion in renewals, ecumenical encounters, retreats, parish missions, or through some of the great spiritual movements that have blessed church life today.

This is crucial: we must be converted—and we must continue to be converted! We must let the Holy Spirit change our lives! We must respond to Jesus Christ. And we must be open to the transforming power of the Holy Spirit who will continue to convert us as we follow Christ. If our faith is alive, it will be aroused again and again as we mature as disciples.

We can only share what we have received; we can hold on to our faith only if it continues to grow. "But if salt loses its taste," Jesus asked, "with what can it be seasoned?"

Source: <https://www.usccb.org>

We are all called to be evangelists and that looks different for each individual person. There are various opportunities to help evangelize in our parishes: leading Bible studies, Welcome and Bereavement committees, teaching in the Religious Ed programs, joining a Reach More training, and many more. The opportunities are only limited by your imagination. Open your heart and your mind to doing MORE for your parish. Contact Jan Kunz (402.340.2303 or [jmkunz@archomaha.org](mailto:jmkunz@archomaha.org)) for more information.

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### ST. JOSEPH - ATKINSON

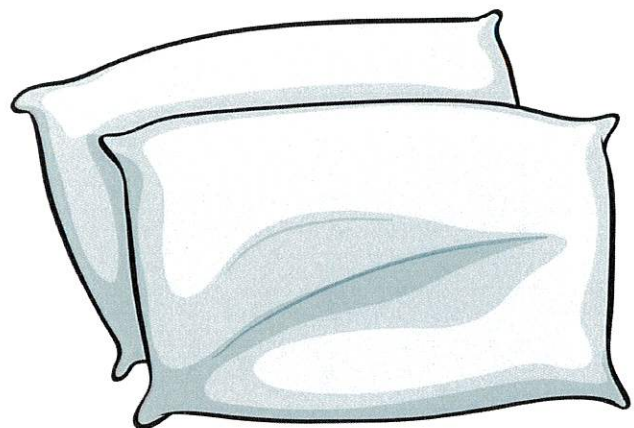
#### PILLOW CLEANING

Wednesday June 10, 2026  
at the KC Hall in Atkinson  
9:00–3:00 p.m.

All kinds of pillows can be cleaned.

Questions:  
call Kraft Pillow Service at 712-378-2918.

Sponsored by St. Joe's Altar Society



ST. JOSEPH - AMELIA



The first communion celebrants placed Mary's crown to start their celebration. There were three students that received their first communion and one senior that was honored that same day.



The CCD students helping with Mass for the last time this year. The parish always enjoys seeing the younger generation takes such pride and learning more about the mass.



The spring community service project the Amelia Saint Joseph's CCD kids do is clean up the Chambers Village Park. There were 40 students participating along with their families. Supper was served after the cleanup. Then while the parents had a meeting regarding next year's CCD program, the students played baseball.



## Spencer St. Mary's

honored their CYO graduates at a Mass and potluck in their honor. CCD also held their May Crowning.

L-R ... Fr. Burkhalter, Alex Lechtenberg, Ashlyn Finnegan, Maze Johnson, and Dawson



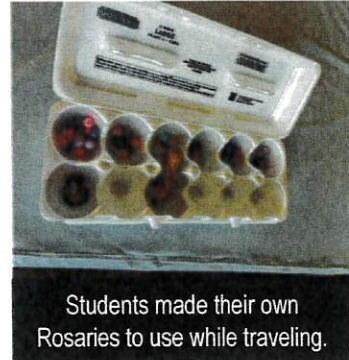
St. Mary's CCD played a life-sized board game CLEAN UP YOUR ACT, based on the 10 Commandments during their end-of-the year party. CYO went to St. Mary's Cemetery for a Scavenger Hunt, then pizza party.

## Sacred Heart Summer CCD Students are Traveling the World on a Pilgrimage to Marian Apparitions

This year, students were invited to join pilgrims at St. Anthony's in Fairfax for some summer travels. They started May 26, when they boarded an imaginary plane for a trip to Mexico to get a stamp on their passport and learn more about Our Lady of Guadalupe. They made their own Rosaries or sun catchers, learned a few lines of Latin, played games or explored an escape room, went to Adoration then Mass, watched a video, presented a skit, and dined on tacos and chiro bars. Each Tuesday through the end of June, they will travel to a different site to get more stamps on their passports as they learn about five more Marian Apparitions.



Students bring their picture to out on Marv's Mantle



Students made their own Rosaries to use while traveling.

## Sacred Heart Parish of Boyd County Saints Peter and Paul Church



Congratulations to our Graduating Seniors,  
Madalyn Reiser and Claire Reiman



2027 First Communicants: Bergan, Hadley and  
Mackenzie with Early Faith Development Teacher,  
Jolene Lechtenberg.



Baleigh Koenig, Emerson Higgins, Payton Wickersham, Easton Reiser and Kenzie  
Reiman ( not pictured) performing Community Service while fundraising for future  
Religious Education endeavors .

Our slogan Bible verse this year was  
"I can do all things in Him who  
strengthens me." Philippians 4:13

We had a busy year. Although our faith  
was challenged, we grew closer to God.

We spearheaded several community  
outreach projects and orchestrated a  
number a Church activities.

With heavy hearts we say goodbye to  
our seniors, but we looking forward to the  
next school year and we are excited to  
welcome our new kindergarteners.

Thank you to Fr. Starman and  
Fr. Burkhalter for inspiring and  
guiding us on our faith journey.

s/Faith Formation Educators

## THE MOST FAMOUS IMAGE OF THE SACRED HEART



Pompeo Batoni (1708–1787) is the painter who depicted the most famous image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. He was born in Lucca in 1708 and his father was a skilled goldsmith who imposed the family trade on his son. As a youth, Batoni displayed his ability in the engraving and decoration of precious metals however, at 19 years of age, he abandoned his father's workshop in order to study the art of painting in Rome. Once in the Eternal City, the young painter became fascinated by the antique sculptures in and around the Vatican and the frescos by Raphael and Annibale Carracci. Batoni soon became famous due to his ability to copy the classical sculptures. Amongst Batoni's works are some notable portraits that are notable for outlandish hairstyles and impassable compositions, but especially for the psychological penetration of the character and the delicacy of the complexion. Amongst his most well-known are portraits are Emperor Joseph II of Austria and Pope Pius VI.

In 1760 Batoni realised the painting of the Sacred Heart of Jesus that was placed in a Chapel in the Jesuit Church of the Gesù in Rome. This work became the official image for the popular devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

The painting of the Sacred Heart of Jesus was inspired by the apparition of Jesus, under the title of the Sacred Heart, to St Margaret Mary Alacoque (1647–1690). In 1673 on the Feast of St. John the Evangelist Our Lord came to St. Margaret Mary, while she was in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. The saint describes His Sacred Heart with the following words: "The Divine Heart was presented to me in a throne of flames, more resplendent than a sun, transparent as crystal, with this adorable wound. And it was surrounded with a crown of thorns, signifying the punctures made in it by our sins, and a cross above signifying that from the first instant of His Incarnation, [...] the cross was implanted into it [...]."

Batoni represented Christ dressed in a red tunic (which is the colour of blood, of martyrdom and humanity) and a blue mantle (the colour of heaven and of the divine). In the masterpiece, Jesus is young and beautiful with long hair falling down to his shoulders. Christ's face has a short beard whilst his right hand indicates His inflamed heart which is crowned with thorns with a cross on top.

St Margaret's account continues with the words that Jesus said to her, "My Divine Heart is so inflamed with love for men, and for thee in particular that, being unable any longer to contain within itself the flames of its burning charity, it needs to spread them abroad by thy means, and manifest itself to them (mankind) in order to enrich them with the precious treasures which I discover to thee, and with contain graces of sanctification and salvation necessary to withdraw them from the abyss of perdition. I have chosen thee as an abyss of unworthiness and ignorance for the accomplishment of this great design, in order that everything may be done by Me." Jesus asked Margaret to place her head on His breast asking her to give Him the gift of her small heart to be placed in the furnace of His Divine Heart, before returning to her inflamed by His love.

The artist's skill in painting was able to make Jesus' gaze penetrate the observer of the piece and His right hand invites those who look upon the piece to place their head on Jesus' breast, in the same manner as St John the Evangelist and St Margaret Mary. Upon Jesus' request to give her heart to Him, the nun promptly donated it to be infested with God's passion for humanity.

Looking at the image and reflecting on the fact that Jesus took St Margaret's heart and emerged it in His before returning to her, raises question of who does the heart that Jesus is holding belong to? Is it Jesus' Heart, or alternatively, that of St Margaret's made it similar to His?

We may find the response in the prayer that the Church recites during the Month of June, which is dedicated to the Sacred Heart:

**"Jesus meek and humble of heart make my heart like yours."**

Source: <https://www.mdrevelation.org/the-most-famous-image-of-the-sacred-heart/>

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- 1<sup>st</sup> – KC Meeting – 7:30 p.m. – Stuart
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Catholic Daughters Mtg – 7:00 p.m. – O’Neill
- 5<sup>th</sup> – Mass @ Parkside – 2:00 p.m. – Stuart
- 6<sup>th</sup> – Dalton Alder Memorial Walk – 11:00 a.m. – OHS Track
- 7<sup>th</sup> – Divine Mercy Chaplet – 3:00 p.m. – O’Neill
- 8<sup>th</sup> – Red Cross Bloodmobile – 11:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m. – O’Neill
- 8<sup>th</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> Degree KC Mtg – 7:30 p.m. – Stuart
- 9<sup>th</sup> – Mass @ Good Sam – 10:00 a.m. – Atkinson
- 10<sup>th</sup> – KC Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – O’Neill
- 14<sup>th</sup> – Divine Mercy Chaplet – 3:00 p.m. – O’Neill
- 14<sup>th</sup> – COR Men’s Group – 7:00 p.m. – O’Neill
- 15<sup>th</sup> – KC Meeting – 8:00 p.m. – Spencer
- 16<sup>th</sup> – DRE/Confirmation Teachers Mtg – 6:30 p.m. – O’Neill
- 17<sup>th</sup> – Mass @ Evergreen – 3:15 p.m. – O’Neill
- 17<sup>th</sup> – Pastoral Council Mtg – 7:00 p.m. – O’Neill
- 21<sup>st</sup> – FATHER’S DAY
- 21<sup>st</sup> – Divine Mercy Chaplet – 3:00 p.m. – O’Neill
- 25<sup>th</sup> – Ladies Guild – 2:00 p.m. – Stuart
- 26<sup>th</sup> /27<sup>th</sup> – St. Mary’s Alumni Weekend
- 28<sup>th</sup> – Coffee & Rolls following 8:00 a.m. Mass – Spencer
- 28<sup>th</sup> – St Mary Altar Society Mtg – 9:00 a.m. – Spencer
- 28<sup>th</sup> – Divine Mercy Chaplet – 3:00 p.m. – O’Neill
- 28<sup>th</sup> – COR Men’s Group – 7:00 p.m. – O’Neill

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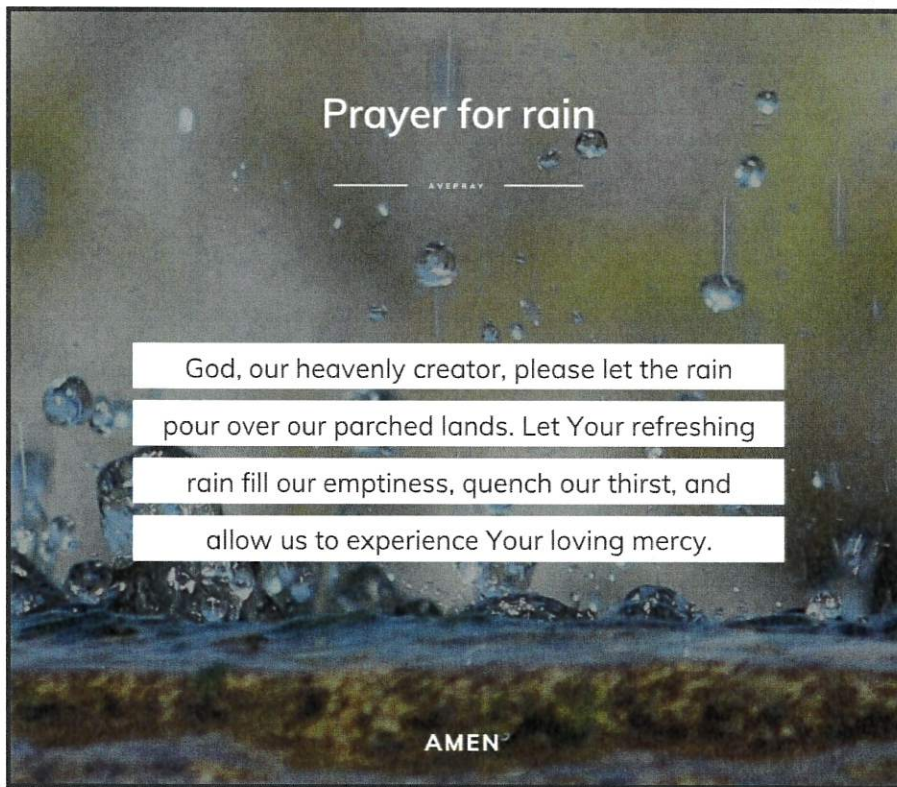


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