



SHARING OUR NEWS

AUGUST 2025

The Catholic Parishes of Western Holt & Boyd Counties

Assumption BVM ~ Lynch | St. Boniface ~ Stuart | St. Joseph ~ Amelia
St. Joseph ~ Atkinson | St. Mary's ~ Spencer | St. Patrick's ~ O'Neill
Ss. Peter & Paul ~ Butte

Weekend Masses

St. Boniface—Stuart—Saturday @ 5:00 pm

St. Joseph—Atkinson—Sunday @ 9:00 am

St. Joseph—Amelia—Sunday @ 11:15 am

St. Patrick—O'Neill—Saturday @ 5:00 pm and Sunday @ 10:30 am

(Masses will be in Atkinson until the end of November due to the church renovation)

Sacred Heart of Boyd County:

Saturday:

Week 1: St. Mary's—Spencer @ 7:00 pm

Week 2: St. Mary's—Spencer @ 7:00 pm

Week 3: St. Mary's—Spencer @ 7:00 pm

Week 4: Ss. Peter & Paul—Butte @ 7:00 pm

Week 5: St. Mary's—Spencer @ 7:00 pm

Sunday:

Ss. Peter & Paul—Butte @ 8:00 am

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St. Mary's—Spencer @ 8:00 am

Ss. Peter & Paul—Butte @ 8:00 am

MASS SCHEDULES

Weekday Masses

Monday

5:30 pm—Stuart

Tuesday

5:15 pm—O'Neill

5:30 pm—Stuart

Wednesday

*School Masses subject to change

*8:10 am—O'Neill

*8:15 am—Atkinson

6:30 pm—SHBC Rotation

Thursday

7:00 am—O'Neill

Friday

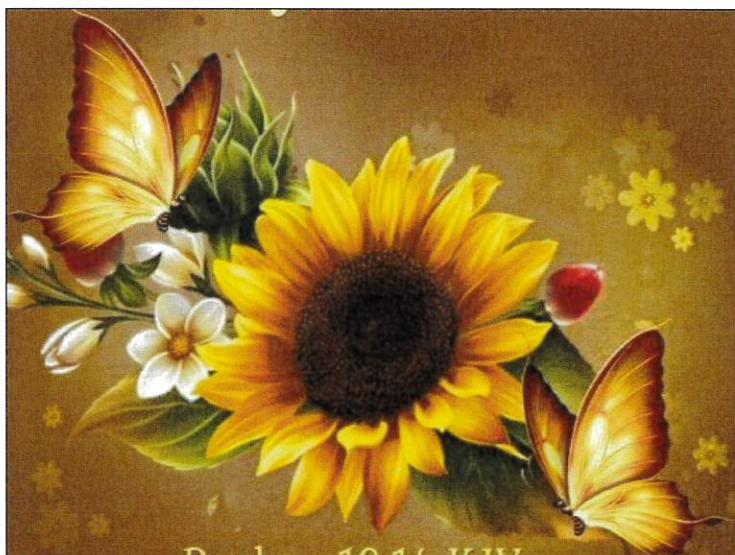
7:00 am—O'Neill

8:15 am—Atkinson

hope

May the God
of hope fill you
with all joy and
peace as you
trust in him,
so that you
may overflow
with hope by
the power of
the Holy Spirit.

ROMANS 15:13



Psalms 19:14 KJV

Let the words of my mouth,
and the meditation of my heart,
be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD,
my strength, and my redeemer.



MINISTRY OF PRAISE—A WORD FROM DEACON FILIPS

Greetings Fellow Prayer Warriors!

We are all familiar with God as father. We all pray the "Our Father". "Father" is a very intimate word for the God who creates us and holds us in existence and who we worship. No other religion I know of presumes this intimacy with God. Most of them paint God as a fearsome, vengeful god. But It gets even better. The actual word used is "Abba" which in English we would translate as "daddy". Now daddy is a beautiful word. Children usually stop calling their father daddy and change to dad, or pop, or sometimes worse things as they get older and want to assert their independence, so a child who uses the word daddy is someone who has a childlike trust and faith in their father.

Jesus instructs us to use the word daddy because we are called into a childlike trusting relationship with God. Would a good daddy get angry at a beloved child who wanted something and asked for it? Of course not. God or daddy might have to say no to our requests, but he does not get angry at us for asking.

If we are not comfortable talking with God in such an intimate trusting way, we should look at our relationship with Him. We need to work on developing this relationship. You should be asking how to develop that relationship. Hint; it means doing more than just going to Mass on the weekend. That is necessary, but not sufficient to have that relationship you want to have with the God who will judge you. There are chapters on prayer and spirituality in my book that cover this.

This month lets pray again for the deepening of our faith and that of those we love. Following is the continuation of the chapter on Protestantism from my book "Pearls of the Universal Church" available from www.spiritualworkspress.com

Some Protestants believe in a doctrine called Sola Fide (Faith Alone). Sola Fide says that if we have accepted Jesus as our personal Lord and savior, we will always have a free ticket to heaven. Because we never did anything to earn that free ticket (it was paid for by Jesus' death on the Cross), we can never do anything to lose it. The logical conclusion of this is that we can sin as much as we want and there are no real consequences. We still get to go to heaven because Jesus already paid for all our sins.

Protestants acknowledge that we should not sin, but there is really no consequence if we do. This is illogical. Consider Saddam Hussein, the late dictator of Iraq, who did things like putting his political enemies through meat grinders, feet first, slowly, while still alive. What if he had accepted Jesus as his personal Lord and savior when he was a teenager? Does he still have that free ticket into heaven? I don't think so. Catholics agree that salvation is a free gift from God, but we also know that we need to follow God's law, and we have the power to reject God's grace at any time. We know that you can lose heaven. That is the downside of free will.



Until next month . . . Deacon Roger Filips

IN LOVING MEMORY . . .

DAVID JOHN NACHTMAN

July 2, 1957—June 15, 2025
St. Joseph—Atkinson

DOUGLAS RAY LOOCK

May 21, 1957—June 16, 2025
SHBC—St. Mary—Spencer

HELEN JOYCE LUEKEN

May 1, 1942—June 28, 2025
SHBC—Assumption BVM—Lynch

MARY VIRGINIA BURIVAL

December 7, 1936—July 17, 2025
St. Patrick—O'Neill

WELCOME TO THE NEWLY BAPTIZED . . .

DAISY KATHLEEN DOOLITTLE

Daughter of Jonathan & Hailey Doolittle
July 12, 2025
St. Boniface—Stuart

MOLLIE JOHANNA SKRDLA

July 18, 2025
Daughter of Jeff & Amber Skrdla
St. Joseph—Atkinson

ANNA HELEN KUNZ

Daughter of Billy & Megan Kunz
July 19, 2025
St. Boniface—Stuart

MAISLYN LEIGH RUNYAN

Daughter of Jacob & Riley Runyan
July 20, 2025
St. Joseph—Atkinson

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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEWLY MARRIED

**MACY BROWN &
BRAYDON ZIMMERER**

June 28, 2025
St. Joseph—Atkinson

**KATHERINE NOLLES &
COLE SMITH**

June 28, 2025
St. Boniface—Stuart

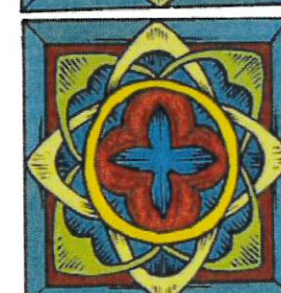
**LAURYN HOFFMAN &
JARED KOENIG**

July 5, 2025
SHBC—St. Mary—Spencer

**LAUREN ARENS &
LEONARD SCHAECHER II**

July 12, 2025
St. Joseph—Atkinson
(SPO Parishioner)

August Saints and Feast Days Word Search



Directions: Search only for the parts of the saints names or feast days that are in **bold print.*

St. John **Vianney**

St. **Clare**

St. **Rose** of Lima

Transfiguration

St. Maximilian **Kolbe**

St. **Louis** of France

St. **Dominic**

Assumption of Mary

St. **Monica**

St. Teresa **Benedicta** of the
Cross

St. **Stephen** of Hungary

St. **Augustine**

St. **Lawrence**

St. **Bernard**

Passion of St. John the

St. **Pius X**

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68763

St. Joseph—Amelia
68711

Sacred Heart of Boyd Co.
68722

St. Boniface—Stuart
68780

St. Joseph—Atkinson
68713

OR

HOLTBOYDCATHOLIC
(for information from ALL parishes)
TO
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or connect online at:
holtboydcatholic.org
flocknote.com

SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING

August 13, 2025— 5:30 p.m.—St. Patrick Parish Hall—O'Neill, NE

Anyone that would like to volunteer in a Catholic grade school, high school, or Religious Education program in any capacity, MUST take this initial training. Please sign up at:

omaha.cmgconnect.org

You will create an account and RSVP for the Live Training on August 13th. Contact Jan Kunz @ 402.340.2303 or jankunz9@gmail.com if you have any questions or problems getting registered.

If your certification is up for renewal, you can go to the same website and sign up for the Recertification Training or you are welcome to attend the Live Training on the 13th. If you have trouble remembering your username and/or password contact Jan Kunz.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

SEPTEMBER 19-21, 2025



Jesus calls us to love the Lord and to love one another.

Deepen your communication, rekindle your romance and renew your sacrament by attending the next

upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on September 19th-21st in Grand Island, Nebraska.

For questions, feel free to contact: Brenda & Gary Granger at 402.370.5839.

Space is limited, so reserve your weekend early.

For more information about Worldwide Marriage Encounter, please visit

www.wwme.org.

Follow us on Instagram and Facebook @ worldwidemariageencounter.

SMILE

A little girl walked to and from school daily. Though the weather that morning was questionable and clouds were forming, she made her daily trek to the elementary school. As the afternoon progressed, the winds whipped up along with thunder and lightning. The mother of the little girl felt concerned that her daughter would be frightened as she walked home from school, and she herself feared that the electrical storm might harm her child.

Following the roar of thunder, lightning, like a flaming sword, would cut through the sky. Full of concern, the mother quickly got into her car and drove along the route to her child's school. As she did so, she saw her little girl walking along, but at each flash of lightning, the child would stop, look up and smile. Another and another were to follow quickly, and with each, the little girl would look at the streak of light and smile.

When the mother's car drove up beside the child, she lowered the window and called to her.

"What are you doing? Why do you keep stopping?"

The child answered, "I am trying to look pretty; God keeps taking my picture."

May God bless you today as you face the storms that come your way.



ST. BONIFACE—STUART



St. Boniface Altar Servers of the Year
Kemberlyn Kohle, Kole Estill, and Collin Heiser



Knights of Columbus 4th of July Parade Float. KC members and helpers handed out Tootsie Rolls.



Confirmation students were recognized at the
July 19th Mass.

Back Row (l to r): Ali Wondercheck, Kemberlyn Kohle, Dru Otten, Collin Heiser, and Kole Estill.

Front Row (l to r): Amry Paxton, Karlee Wolf, Mac Wallinger, and Alex Paxton.

Not pictured: Kyler Schaaf, Mason Kaup, and Truman Addison

Confirmation will be on September 20, 2025

Below are pictures of some of the counselors and campers that attended JC Camp at the Tintern Retreat Center in June.





SAVE THE DATE!

Wednesday, October 22, 2025
7:00 - 9:00 PM

Mount Marty University Cimpl Arena
1105 West 8th Street, Yankton, SD 57078

REBOOT

A LIFE-CHANGING EVENT

This high-energy, 2-hour event with internationally acclaimed speaker **Chris Stefanick** will awaken your faith, reignite your joy, and equip you with tools to live the life God created you for: A life of JOY!

It will help you rediscover the JOY you were created for, and is perfect for everyone... even friends, family, and children (12+) who may not be actively practicing their faith.



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FREE MEAL!
Hot Dogs & Chips
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St. Martin of Tours Pastorate, SD (8 parishes)
Our Catholic Family, NE (12 parishes)

Free Hot Dog Supper sponsored by the
Knights of Columbus (5 councils of NE & SD)

REBOOT EVENT

October 22, 2025

We are looking into getting a bus for our Family of Parishes. There will be more specifics regarding the bus details as the event gets closer. If you are interested in going, please scan the QR code or go online and purchase your tickets.

If you are interested in riding the bus, contact Jan Kunz @ 402.340.2303 or jankunz9@gmail.com to get on the list. Attendees riding the bus will help pay for the bus costs, which will be determined when the number of participants is tallied.

To ensure your spot for this awesome opportunity, get your tickets today!

Call Jan Kunz—402.340.2303 or Jeanie Miller—402.340.5087 with any questions.

Check out more information on our parishes' Facebook pages and click on the link for easy ticket ordering.

Pancake Breakfast



KC PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sunday, August 17, 2025

8:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

KC Hall—Atkinson

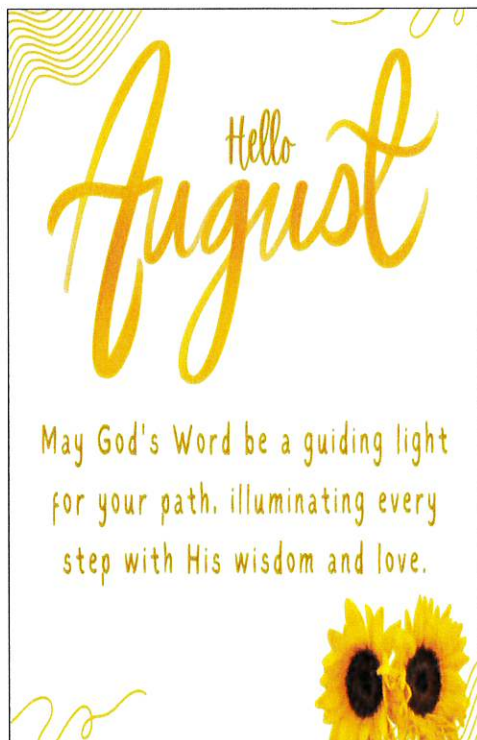
DESSERT WITH SISTERS

August 17, 2025

All are welcome to attend
"Dessert with Sisters"
at the Immaculata Monastery &
Spirituality Center
in Norfolk (300 N. 18th Street) on
Sunday, August 17 from 2-4:30 p.m.

Come enjoy dessert while
browsing sister-made-items,
new-to-you items, and plants for
sale. There will be raffles for quilts
and artwork, as well.

For more information contact
Sr. Sarah Elizabeth at:
sr.sarahelizabeth@gmail.com or
402.992.7839



AUGUST

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

- 1st—Mass @ Parkside Manor—2:00 p.m.—Stuart
- 2nd—Mission Co-Op Appeal—Stuart
- 3rd—Mission Co-Op—Atkinson & St. Patrick (Atk.)
- 3rd—Divine Mercy Chaplet/Rosary—3:00 p.m.—O'Neill
- 3rd—COR Men's Group—7:00 p.m.—KC Hall—O'Neill
- 4th—KC Meeting—7:30 p.m.—Stuart
- 5th—Catholic Daughters Mtg—7:00 p.m.—O'Neill
- 6th—Pilgrims of Hope Pilgrimage—5:30 p.m.—Lynch
- 10th—St. Boniface/St. Joseph Golf Tourney
- 10th—Divine Mercy Chaplet/Rosary—3:00 p.m.—O'Neill
- 11th—Christian Mothers Meeting—6:00 p.m.—Stuart
- 11th—4th Degree KC Meeting—7:30 p.m.—Stuart
- 12th—Mass @ Good Sam—10:00 a.m.—Atkinson
- 13th—Safe Environment Training—5:30 p.m.—O'Neill (PH)
- 13th—Advisory Board Mtg—5:30 p.m.—O'Neill
- 13th—KC Meeting—8:00 p.m.—O'Neill
- 14th—Assumption Vigil Masses (see schedule elsewhere)
- 15th—Assumption Masses (see schedule elsewhere)
- 16th—Mission Co-Op Appeal—SHBC & St. Patrick (Atk.)
- 17th—Mission Co-Op Appeal—SHBC & Amelia
- 17th—KC Breakfast—8-12—Atkinson
- 17th—Divine Mercy Chaplet/Rosary—3:00 p.m.—O'Neill
- 17th—Banish the Darkness—6:30 p.m.—1st Presb.—O'Neill
- 17th—COR Men's Group—7:00 p.m.—KC Hall—O'Neill
- 18th—KC Meeting—8:00 p.m.—Spencer
- 20th—Mass @ Evergreen—3:15 p.m.—O'Neill
- 20th—Pastoral Council Mtg—7:00 p.m.—O'Neill
- 21st—Life Serve Blood Drive—12:30 p.m.—KC Hall—O'Neill
- 24th—St. Mary Altar Society Meeting—9:00 a.m.—Spencer
- 24th—Confirmation Sponsor/Student Mtg—1-4 p.m.—Stuart
- 24th—Divine Mercy Chaplet/Rosary—3:00 p.m.—O'Neill
- 28th—Ladies Guild—2:00—Stuart
- 30th/31st—Blest Art at all Parishes
- 31st—Divine Mercy Chaplet/Rosary—3:00 p.m.—O'Neill
- 31st—COR Men's Group—7:00 p.m.—KC Hall—O'Neill



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holtboydcatholic.org

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- ♦ websites for individual parishes
- ♦ a detailed calendar of Masses and events
- ♦ live stream of the Mass
- ♦ St. Mary's & St. Joseph's Catholic Schools information



SPIRIT CATHOLIC RADIO



NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

The newsletter is available on the last full weekend of each month in the entryway of each parish. It will also be available on-line. If you or someone you know would like the newsletter mailed please contact Jan Kunz @ 402-340-2303 or call the Parish Office. If you have any parish news that you would like in the newsletter, please email Jan Kunz at

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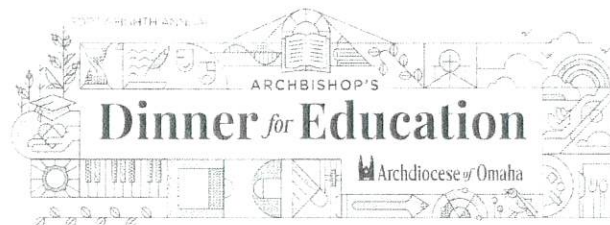
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LORD, MAKE ME A BLESSING TO SOMEONE TODAY

ST. PATRICK RENOVATION LINK

If you'd like to see what is happening inside at St. Patrick, you can check out the latest pictures on our website at:

stpatoneill.org/st-patrick-restoration-project

Reminders to St. Patrick parishioners:

- Transportation from O'Neill to Atkinson is available. Reservations are necessary so please call the Parish Office at 402-336-1602 by 3:00 p.m. Fridays to reserve your spot. We leave at 4:15 p.m. on Saturdays and 9:45 a.m. on Sundays from St. Patrick's parking lot.
- Parking is limited at St. Joseph's in Atkinson. If you go around the south side of the rectory, there is additional parking behind the church.



THE QUILT

As I faced my Maker at the last Judgment, I knelt before the Lord along with the other souls. Before each of us laid our lives, like the squares of a quilt, in many piles. An Angel sat before each of us sewing our quilt squares together into a tapestry that was our life. But as my Angel took each piece of cloth off the pile, I noticed how ragged and empty each of my squares were. They were filled with giant holes! Each square was labeled with a part of my life that had been difficult, the challenges and temptations I was faced with in everyday life. I saw hardships that I had endured, (which were the largest holes of all). I glanced around me. Nobody else had such squares. Others had a tiny hole here and there, other tapestries were filled with rich color and the bright hues of worldly fortune. I gazed upon my own life and was disheartened. My Angel was sewing the ragged pieces of cloth together, threadbare and empty, like binding air. Finally, the time came when each life was to

be displayed, held up to the light and the scrutiny of truth. The others rose each in turn, holding up their tapestries. So filled their lives had been. My Angel looked upon me and nodded for me to rise. My gaze dropped to the ground in shame. I hadn't had all the earthly fortunes. I had love in my life and laughter. But there had also been trials of illness, death, and false accusations that took from me my world as I knew it. I had to start over many times. I often struggled with the temptation to quit, only to somehow muster the strength to pick up and begin again. I had spent many nights on my knees in prayer, asking for help and guidance in my life. I had often been held up to ridicule, which I endured painfully; each time offering it up to the Father, in hopes that I would not melt within my skin beneath the judgmental gaze of those who unfairly judged me. And now, I had to face the truth. My life was what it was, and I had to accept it for what it had been. I rose and slowly lifted the combined squares of my life to the light. An awe-filled gasp filled the air. I gazed around at the others who stared at me with eyes wide. Then, I looked upon the tapestry before me. Light flooded through the many holes, creating an image. The face of Christ. Then our Lord stood before me, with warmth and love in His eyes. He said, "Every time you gave over your life to Me, it became My life, My hardships, and My struggles. Each point of light in your life is when you stepped aside and let Me shine through, until there was more of Me than there was of you...Welcome Home My Child".

- Author Unknown

REDEEMED—A MEN'S RETREAT

August 1-2, 2025

Come experience raw and moving testimonies that will ignite your desire to pursue authentic healing and receive the truth of your identity as a beloved son.

Speakers for the retreat are renowned Catholics John Edwards & Paul George.

Join us at St. Patrick in Fremont

Aug. 1st & 2nd

Aug. 1st—1:00-5:30 p.m.

Aug. 2nd—9:00-3:30 p.m.

Register online at:

<https://bit.ly/40f8ad0>

MARRIAGE CELEBRATION MASS

August 10, 2025

Archbishop Michael McGovern will bless married couples celebrating milestone anniversaries at the:

Marriage Celebration Mass
August 10 at 10:30 a.m.

St. Cecilia Cathedral in Omaha
(701 N. 40th St.)

No RSVP is required.

A livestream of the Mass will be available on:

archomaha.org

OACCW SUMMER MEETING

August 12, 2025

All women are invited to the
OACCW summer meeting

Tuesday, August 12

St. John the Baptist Catholic
Church in Fordyce, Nebraska
Registration—9:30 a.m.—\$10

RSVP by August 1st to:

Leonarda Arens

OACCW President

Text: 402.253.5120

Email: arensjrepair@hotmail.com

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL—ST. MARY'S FAMILIES



Please take a moment to welcome our new teachers/staff members this year:

Jacob Domeyer, Grades 6-12 Social Studies
Patty Bauer, Pre-6th Administrative Assistant
Jennifer Wallwey, K-6th Choir
Denise Pribil, Cheerleading Coach
Kendra Steinhauser, Dance Team Coach
Kari Boettcher & Claire Steinhauser – Assistant High School Volleyball Coaches

You can check out our Back to School "Need to Know" information on our website at <https://www.stmarysoneill.org/back-to-school>. Be sure you have filled out a registration for the upcoming year, even if you are a returning family, and get signed up for Flocknote notifications to stay on top of all the latest updates.

Classroom Partners/Wish List We would also like to invite you to be a "classroom partner" for our teachers at St. Mary's or donate directly to our Wish List fund. The Classroom Partner program is intended to offset the out of pocket expenses for our teachers, giving them money to use in their classrooms as they see fit. Some teachers may use the money donated for educational games or books. Others may find it is best used to offset the costs for rewards for the students. We assign partners to each of our grade school classrooms, resource, music, drama, art, and life skills class as these are the classes that seem to have the most consumable, non-reusable items. Once each class has been given \$400, the remaining amount is placed in the St. Mary's Wishlist fund. **ALL** teachers or staff are encouraged to put in wish list requests for various unbudgeted items that may be needed for our classrooms and school. In the past, wish list items have included subscriptions, alternative seating, classroom books, classroom furniture, speakers for classrooms, scientific equipment, calculators, and many other items. It is a joy to be able to provide these things for our classrooms when they are needed, and we are so grateful for that!

You can also sign up to be a prayer partner for our classrooms! We are always in need of prayer warriors and would love to assign each of our classrooms a prayer partner or two for the coming year. The goal would be to connect each classroom to their partner, sharing prayer requests (both needs & thanksgivings) as teachers see fit.

Please take a moment to print out the form from online and return it to the parish office or you can scan the QR code/go to the stmarysoneill.org/classroom-partners to fill it out online by September 5th. (All gifts are tax deductible.) Just a note—grandparents LOVE being able to support your child's teachers too, so share this information with them! You can look forward to receiving a letter from your partner class in September so that you know who we have connected you with! Call Jennifer with questions at 336-1602!

Please keep an eye out for information from the Booster Club as they begin recruiting new members, and a few of our teams as they do some fundraising to begin the year. We try to limit the fundraising as much as possible, but after last year's explosion, there are simply some replacement items that are going to be needed to make things happen and we will need your help!



We thank you for your generosity and all that you do for the school in so many ways! We are so very blessed!

blessed



The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven,
may the *faith* you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of *charity* enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed hope
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the
whole cosmos
in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.
May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.
To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever.
Amen.



JUBILEE 2025: PILGRIMS OF HOPE

Pilgrimage Stop

Assumption BVM—Lynch

Assumption BVM Church in Lynch has been selected as one of the pilgrimage stops throughout this year for the Jubilee of Hope. To help receive a plenary indulgence, the following will take place in Lynch on the 1st and 5th (when applicable) Wednesdays of each month. This will continue through the entire year on the following dates: July 30th, August 6th, September 3rd, October 1st, October 29, November 5th, and December 3rd. Please feel free to journey over to Lynch during this special year-long celebration of hope.

+ Reconciliation +

5:30 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.

+ Mass +

6:30 p.m.

+ Eucharistic Adoration—following Mass - 8:00 p.m.



God of knowledge & wisdom, bless all students young & old,
as they begin a new school year. Help them discover & develop
the gifts you have given. As they grow in knowledge, help
them to also grow in kindness & compassion, learning respect
for themselves & others.

We ask your blessing on parents & all those who care for
students. Strengthen them to surround our students with
encouragement, support, & love.

Remind us that wherever we go, you are always with us.
Fill us with the joy of learning so that we may be better
equipped to be your servants.

Amen



THE FROG RACE



There was once a bunch of tiny frogs, who arranged a running competition. The goal was to reach the top of a very high tower. A big crowd gathered around the tower to see the race and cheer on the contestants. The race began... No one in the crowd really believed that the tiny frogs would reach the top of the tower. They shouted, "Oh, way too difficult!!! They will NEVER make it to the top" and "Not a chance. The tower is too high". The tiny frogs began collapsing, one by one except for those who, in a fresh tempo, were climbing higher and higher....The crowd continued to yell, "It's too difficult! No one will make it!" More tiny frogs got tired and gave up... But one continued higher and higher. This one wouldn't give up! And he reached the top. Everyone wanted to know how this one frog managed such a great feat. His secret? This little frog was deaf!!

The wisdom of this story is: Ignore the pessimism of others. It can take your dreams from you.

Stay positive!

-Author Unknown

& God is love

SAINT BONIFACE GOLF TOURNAMENT

2025

4-PERSON SCRAMBLE

\$200
per Team

*Includes Brisket Dinner



ATKINSON-STUART COUNTRY CLUB

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10TH

REGISTRATION AT 1:30 P.M.

TEE OFF AT 2:00 P.M.

Totus Tuus makes Summer Stop at Sacred Heart Parish

With an emphasis on formation, faith, and fun, Totus Tuus is designed to help youth grow and strengthen their relationship with Jesus through the Sacraments, lessons, discussions, drama, music, food, and games.

The week subtly encouraged openness to vocations. Fr. Burkhalter and Deacon Filip were on hand during the week to celebrate daily Mass or a Communion Service, lead Adoration and Benediction, and offer Reconciliation. Their daily visibility was a blessing. One team member is a seminarian. He grew up in the city, but was impressed with rural life and our sunsets. (He was invited to come back and stay longer when he is ordained!!)

Sacred Heart hosts Totus Tuus to help students grow in relationship with Jesus and with each other, and to bring students from across the parish together. Evidence of success were the number of youths who said Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament was a highlight of the week, the comments about how they liked playing games (esp. football) together, and wishes on Friday for Totus Tuus to not be over.

Thirty-four youths attended. Transportation was offered to families who needed that option, and nearly 400 miles were racked up providing rides.

Many thanks to everyone who donated to the special collection, who provided meals or snacks throughout the week, who participated in the potluck, who housed the team, and to those who organized everything behind the scenes. It was a bountiful week for all.



During Deacon Filip's homily he talked about how Jesus sent out 12 to preach and teach in His name. Here are 12 apostles being sent out to share all they learned this week!



2025 Totus Tuus team with local coordinator Char Mitchel. L to R, Thomas, Harrison, Char, Claudia, and Miriam. Harrison is a seminarian, and Thomas' brother is entering minor seminary this fall at Seward.



Each day a new decade was studied, and students added a bead for each prayer recited.



KCs when they grilled for students



Small groups, catechesis, games, and Adoration involved the older youth in the evenings.



2025 Totus Tuus theme on t-shirts.



ST. BONIFACE RECTORY

106 E 4TH ST. STUART, NE
FOR SALE BY SEALED BID

Minimum bid: \$25,000.00

Bids are due by noon on August 29, 2025

Highest bidder will be presented with a "Purchase Agreement" from St. Boniface Parish. This will be a cash check only purchase. The property being sold is the house only, contents remain property of the seller.

The house must be moved off the parish owned property within 12 months after sale.

Submit bids to:
Rev. Bernard G. Starman
313 E Hwy 20
O'Neill, NE 68703

To tour the Rectory
Contact:
Jan Kunz
402 340 2303



ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

(Holy Day of Obligation)

Mass Schedules:

Vigil Masses—August 14, 2025

6:30 p.m.—SHBC—Assumption BVM—Lynch

7:00 p.m.—St. Boniface—Stuart

Assumption Day Masses—August 15, 2025

7:00 a.m.—St. Patrick Parish Hall—O'Neill

8:15 a.m.—St. Joseph—Atkinson

7:00 p.m.—St. Joseph—Atkinson

7:00 p.m.—St. Joseph—Amelia

O Mary,

You shine continuously on our journey
as a sign of salvation and hope.
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,
who at the foot of the cross,
were united with Jesus' suffering,
and persevered in your faith.
"Protectress of the Roman people",
you know our needs,
as at Cana in Galilee,
joy and celebration may return
after this time of trial.
Help us, Mother of Divine Love,
to conform ourselves to the will of the Father
and to do what Jesus tells us.
For he took upon himself our suffering,
and burdened himself with our sorrows
to bring us, through the cross,
to the joy of the Resurrection.

Amen.

BLEST ART COMING TO ALL PARISHES—AUGUST 30 & 31, 2025



Blest Art will be at each of the churches on the weekend of August 30 & 31st. They will have their beautiful olive wood and mother-of-pearl art from the Holy Land available for sale, and you can support them. Their mission is to encourage growth in the diminishing Christian population by working closely with Catholic churches in the United States to preserve the presence of Christianity in the Holy Land. Wars and violence have affected tourist trade so greatly that for centuries, many of the Christians in the Holy Land have based their livelihoods on creating and distributing these crafts. The funds raised by Blest Art work predominately to serve as assistance to slow down the Christian emigration scheme. The work Blest Art has already done has given these people the faith and courage to stay in the Holy Land, as they are now able to support themselves and their families. In addition, the work we have done with the members of this community creates

many new jobs for the Christian youth. We have also assisted several community programs, including schools, assisted living homes, churches and clinics. Blest Art's work brings you the advantage of being able to reach out beyond your borders with uniquely, real, tangible and effective help. It is more than a hand-out as a collection plate would be, it is a hand-up for the Christians who want to live in peace and support their families with a centuries-old trade and way of life. 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.