



SHARING OUR NEWS

NOVEMBER 2024

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

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

I will
THANK GOD
for my blessings
without forgetting
I am
BLESSED
TO BE A
BLESSING

St. Patrick Church & St. Mary's Catholic School would like to extend our gratitude for the incredible outpouring of prayers, love, and support since the explosion of the Parish Center and damage to our campus. Words cannot express how touched we have been by the phone calls, notes, stop-ins, drop-off of items, and generous donations to help us with rebuilding and recovering. It has been a challenging time for all of us, but we feel so blessed in so many ways. Please know that we are incredibly humbled and grateful for all that has been done and continues to be done for us. We thank God for you in every way!





MINISTRY OF PRAISE—A WORD FROM DEACON FILIPS

Greetings Fellow Prayer Warriors!

We recently had the Gospel story about the rich young man who went away sad when Jesus told him that the final thing he had to do to inherit eternal life was to sell his possessions, give the money to the poor and follow Jesus.

This rich young man seems like a good person. He follows the Ten Commandments and the hundreds of particular Jewish laws. His question shows his good heart, he wants to be perfect in God's eyes, as God deserves. Jesus gives him an extremely difficult requirement that is almost guaranteed to lead to failure. What is going on? Since almost all of us are rich by the standards of Jesus' day, is Jesus saying we're all doomed if we don't give away all of our property and cash out all of our savings?

No. Men and women who enter professed religious life do dispose of all of their worldly goods and depend on their community to live, but the rest of us, including diocesan priests and bishops, do not have to. We need to understand that wealth is neither good nor bad; it is the trust in riches that keeps men out of heaven. Luke calls him a "rich man" because that is the description that is most important to HIM, and Jesus knew that the man's love of his wealth was greater than his love of God. Jesus says that those who trust in God will be saved. The church has lots of Saints who were wealthy kings and queens. There are plenty of rich people in the Bible with whom God is pleased. Joseph of Arimathea who provided the burial tomb for Jesus, and King Solomon was the richest man of his time, were favored by God.

So, we should examine our conscience; What is taking the place of our trust in God? Is it wealth in our retirement account? Maybe it's our possessions? Our farm or business? Our work ethic? Our competence? Our pride? What prevents us from depending on God for the most important thing, which is our salvation? Do I cling to the gifts or the giver? There is a story of an African monkey who can be harvested by putting tin foil in a trap with a small hole. They reach in to grab the foil and make fist so they cannot remove their hand. The monkey is trapped and will sit there holding that shiny foil until the hunter comes. What shiny thing are we holding onto that is trapping us and keeping us from heaven?

This month lets pray for our state and country, that the elections have a pro-life result. Following is the continuation of the chapter on Protestantism from my book "Pearls of the Universal Church" available from www.spiritualworkspress.com

Sola Scriptura, (the distinctive Protestant teaching that all matters of faith must come from the Bible alone without reference to Sacred Tradition or the Pope and Bishops), began with Martin Luther who started the Protestant rebellion. He was rebelling against legitimate issues of corruption in the Catholic Church, but he also rebelled against the authority of the Church.

Luther and his followers did not allow for any Church authority to interpret the Bible. He said that all people get to read the Bible and decide for themselves what it means. Therefore, every Christian has to be a theologian and a Bible expert. The average Christian has no expertise to do this. An infallible document (scripture) requires an infallible interpreter (the Catholic Church). There are many ways to interpret different parts of the Bible and readers pull out isolated verses to "prove" contradicting ideas. This leads to infinite splitting of the Church. D. A. Carson said, "A text without a context is a pretext." A Catholic always looks at Bible passages in the larger context of Sacred Scripture and at what the Church teaches about that passage.

Until next month . . . Deacon Roger Filips

In Loving Memory . . .

VELMA ZAKRZEWSKI

February 22, 1928—September 30, 2024
St. Patrick—O'Neill

RITA A. BOYLE GROSSE

October 21, 1938—October 6, 2024
St. Patrick—O'Neill

GREGORY S. VOGEL

September 8, 1954—October 13, 2024
St. Joseph—Atkinson

JANICE MARIE MCANDRE WANSER

May 30, 1936—October 14, 2024
St. Patrick—O'Neill

EDWARD "ED" WALNOFER

May 15, 1936—October 19, 2024
St. Joseph—Atkinson

*Day by day we will let go of this loss,
but we will never let go of our love.*

Welcome to the Newly Baptized . . .

JOSIE ANN KILMURRY

Daughter of Wes & Kellyn Kilmurry
October 12, 2024
St. Boniface—Stuart

FERNANDO ZAMARRON RODRIGUEZ

Son of Fernando Martinez and
Nayeli Rodriguez
October 12, 2024
St. Patrick—O'Neill

ISLA FAYE KELLY

Daughter of Matthew & Sarah Kelly
October 20, 2024
St. Patrick—O'Neill

ANTHONY JODY KACZOR

Son of Ryan & Jessica Kaczor
October 11, 2024
SHBC—St. Mary's—Spencer

AURORA HARPER LECHTENBERG

Daughter of Andrew and
Brienne Lechtenberg
October 19, 2024
SHBC—Assumption BVM—Lynch



Congratulations to the newly married . . .

JORDAN LAETSCH & TRACE EBERT

September 28, 2024
St. Joseph—Atkinson

ASHLEY KROESE & KOOPER JELINEK

October 5, 2024
St. Joseph—Atkinson

REGHAN KERKMAN & ZACHARY HOWARD

October 12, 2024
St. Joseph—Atkinson

JADEN SCHAFFER & TYSON BELITZ

October 19, 2024
St. Boniface—Stuart



A HEARTWARMING THANKSGIVING STORY

A blind boy sat on the steps of a building with a hat by his feet. He held up a sign which said: "I am blind, please help."

There were only a few coins in the hat.

A man was walking by. He took a few coins from his pocket and dropped them into the hat. He then took the sign, turned it around, and wrote some words. He put the sign back so that everyone who walked by would see the new words.

Soon the hat began to fill up. A lot more people were giving money to the blind boy. That afternoon the man who had changed the sign came to see how things were.

The boy recognized his footsteps and asked, "Were you the one who changed my sign this morning? What did you write?"

The man said, "I only wrote the truth. I said what you said but in a different way." I wrote: "Today is a beautiful day but I cannot see it."

Both signs told people that the boy was blind. But the first sign simply said the boy was blind. The second sign told people that they were so lucky that they were not blind. Should we be surprised that the second sign was more effective?

Moral of the Story: Be thankful for what you have. Be creative. Be innovative. Think differently and positively. When life gives you a 100 reasons to cry, show life that you have 1000 reasons to smile. Face your past without regret. Handle your present with confidence. Prepare for the future without fear. Keep the faith and drop the fear.

The most beautiful thing is to see a person smiling. And even more beautiful, is knowing that you are the reason behind it!

Happy Thanksgiving to all!

Author: Unknown



FOREVER

Thankful

ALWAYS

grateful

ABUNDANTLY

blessed

The secret to happiness? It is our ability to change our mind...look at things with a different perspective.

Look at any bad situation or negative feeling with a new perspective, from a place of Love and give the benefit of the doubt...

- Sean Michtavy

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**YOUTH
GROUP**

ST. PATRICK'S YOUTH GROUP

Grades:

9-12

Meeting Place:

Basement of St. Mary's Grade School

Time:

7:00 p.m.

**THERE WILL BE NO YOUTH GROUP
MEETINGS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE!**

Watch the bulletin and/or St. Patrick's Facebook page for information and updates!



ST. PATRICK'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

November Schedule:

11/6—NO CLASS

11/13—Regular Class

11/20—Regular Class

11/27—NO CLASS

The 1st Reconciliation & 1st Communion retreats scheduled for November 2 have been cancelled.

Classes will meet at the KC Hall until further notice. We are always in need of volunteers to bring snacks for our students. Reach out to Whitney if you're willing to help, 402-340-9304.



THE TEACHER'S HAND

When Mrs. Klein told her first graders to draw a picture of something for which they were thankful, she thought how little these children, who lived in a deteriorating neighborhood, actually had to be thankful for. She knew that most of the class would draw pictures of turkeys or of bountifully laden Thanksgiving tables. That was what they believed was expected of them.

What took Mrs. Klein aback was Douglas's picture. Douglas was so forlorn and likely to be found close in her shadow as they went outside for recess. Douglas's drawing was simply this:

A hand, obviously, but whose hand? The class was captivated by his image. *"I think it must be the hand of God that brings us food," said one student.*

"A farmer," said another, "because they grow the turkeys."

"It looks more like a policeman, and they protect us." "I think," said Lavinia, who was always so serious, "that it is supposed to be all the hands that help us, but Douglas could only draw one of them."

Mrs. Klein had almost forgotten Douglas in her pleasure at finding the class so responsive. When she had the others at work on another project, she bent over his desk and asked whose hand it was.

Douglas mumbled, *"It's yours, Teacher."*

Then Mrs. Klein recalled that she had taken Douglas by the hand from time to time; she often did that with the children. But, that it should have meant so much to Douglas. . .

Source: *Reader's Digest*

CONSIDER THIS. . .

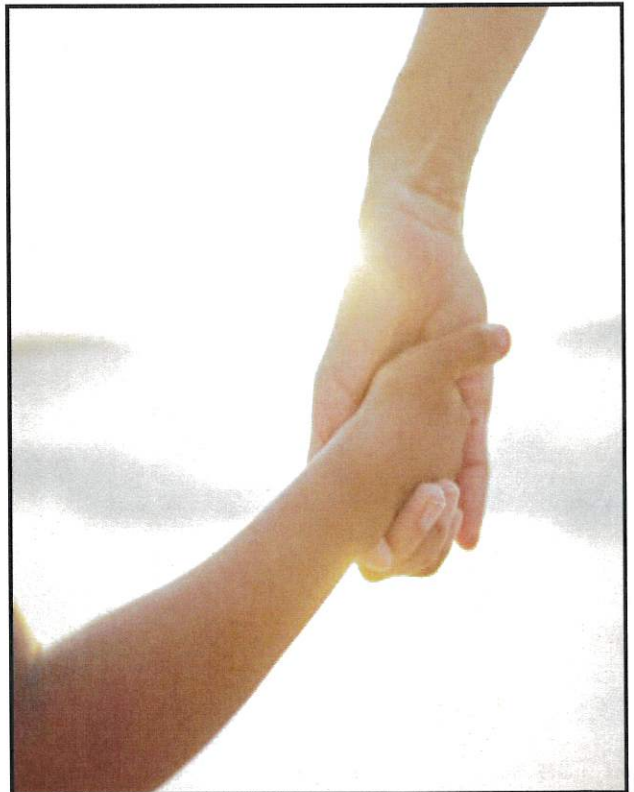
Today consider the silent language of hands:

"Hands calm us, feed us, and scratch our backs. They intimidate, bless, encourage, and stop us. They soothe and caress. They draw our attention to the good and the bad, often suggesting exuberance or fear."

—Charles Flowers in the introduction to Elliott Erwitt's Handbook.

Today give thanks for the gift of hands in your life, your own and those of others who accompanied and are still accompanying you on the path of life: helping hands, affirming hands, encouraging hands, healing hands, open hands.

Source: <https://philipchircop.wordpress.com/tag/thanksgiving/>



SHBC—CYO HAPPENINGS



Baleigh Koenig

←
 Baleigh Koenig and Easton Reiser have gotten a start on their Community Service Confirmation hours! They dedicated an hour of their Sunday to help set up for Butte's Fall Festival Street party on Sunday, September 22nd.
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Easton Reiser

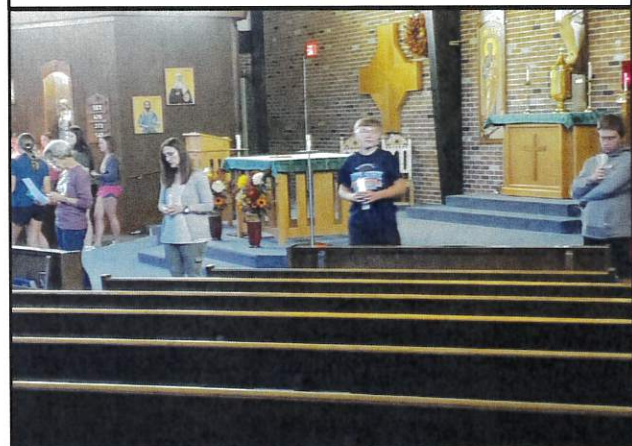
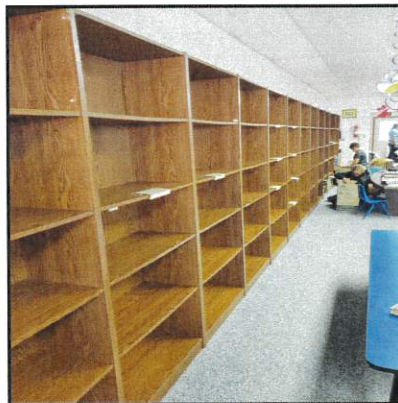


The CYO youth and parishioners of Sacred Heart Parish of Boyd County joined together and prayed the Rosary for rain, favorable weather for the harvest, for our sick parishioners and those that are struggling in any way. The Feast Day of the Holy Rosary was October 7th.

*Serve
 wholeheartedly, as
 if you were serving
 the Lord, not
 people.
 Ephesians 6:7*



The Confirmation youth of Saints Peter and Paul tackled an entire wall of the Library! They assembled boxes, organized and labeled the boxes. The library is scheduled to start interior updates of paint and new flooring.



*Serve one
 another
 through love*

Galatians 5:13





CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

- 1st—All Saints Day—HDO—See Mass Times elsewhere in the newsletter
- 1st—Mass @ Parkside—2:00 p.m.—Stuart
- 3rd—Daylight Savings Time Ends—Set Clocks Back 1 hour
- 3rd—St. Patrick's Auction—O'Neill Community Center
- 3rd—Divine Mercy Chaplet/Rosary—3:00 p.m.—O'Neill
- 4th—Reach More Training Group—6:30 p.m.—O'Neill
- 4th—KC Mtg—7:30 p.m.—Stuart
- 5th—Election Day
- 5th—Catholic Daughters Meeting—7:00 p.m.—O'Neill—Evergreen
- 6th—Religious Ed/Confirmation Classes Meet (Various Parishes)
- 7th—Ss P & P CCW Meeting—7:00 p.m.—Butte
- 10th—Divine Mercy Chaplet/Rosary—3:00 p.m.—O'Neill
- 10th—COR Men's Group—7:00 p.m.—O'Neill
- 11th—Veteran's Day
- 11th—Reach More Training Group—6:30 p.m.—O'Neill
- 11th—4th Degree KC Mtg—7:30 p.m.—Stuart
- 12th—OACCW Fall Meeting—9:30—Stuart
- 12th—Mass @ Good Sam—10:00 a.m.—Atkinson
- 12th—Parish Council Meeting—7:00 p.m.—Atkinson
- 13th—Rosary—2:25 p.m.—O'Neill
- 13th—Safe Environment Training—5:30 p.m.—O'Neill
- 13th—Religious Ed/Confirmation Classes Meet (Various Parishes)
- 13th—KC Meeting—8:00 p.m.—O'Neill
- 17th—Divine Mercy Chaplet/Rosary—3:00 p.m.—O'Neill
- 18th—Reach More Training Group—6:30 p.m.—O'Neill
- 19th—Parish Council Meeting—7:00 p.m.—Stuart
- 20th—Rosary—2:25 p.m.—O'Neill
- 20th—Mass @ Butte Living Center—3:15 p.m.—Butte
- 20th—Religious Ed/Confirmation Classes Meet (Various Parishes)
- 20th—KC Meeting—Spencer
- 24th—Divine Mercy Chaplet/Rosary—3:00 p.m.—O'Neill
- 24th—COR Men's Group—7:00 p.m.—O'Neill
- 25th—Reach More Training Group—6:30 p.m.—O'Neill
- 25th—St. Mary Altar Society Meeting—7:30 p.m.—Spencer
- 28th—HAPPY THANKSGIVING



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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

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NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

The newsletter will be available on the last 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 @ jkunz@holtboydcatholic.org or jankunz9@gmail.com.

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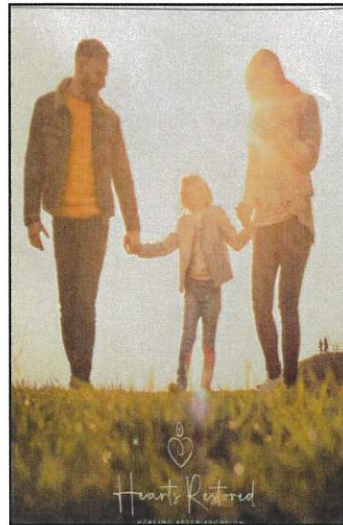
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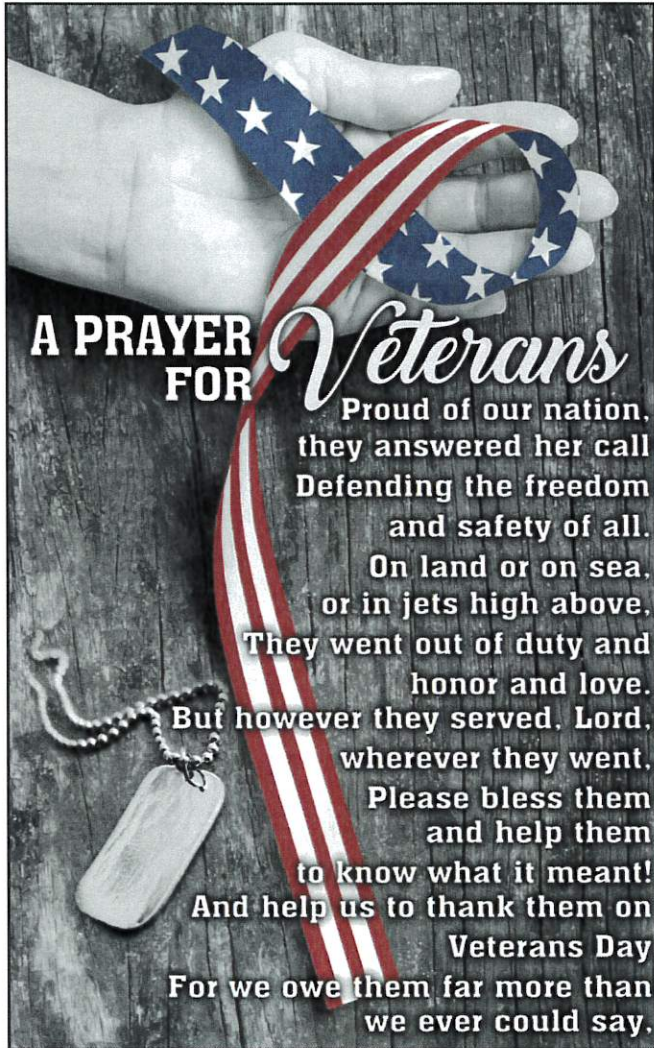


THERE IS HELP . . . AND HOPE

"...do not give in to discouragement and do not lose hope. Try rather to understand what happened and face it honestly. The Father of mercies is ready to give you his forgiveness and his peace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. To the same Father and his mercy you can with sure hope entrust your child."

- SAINT POPE JOHN PAUL II

VETERANS DAY
NOVEMBER 11, 2024



A PRAYER
FOR

Veterans

Proud of our nation,
they answered her call
Defending the freedom
and safety of all.

On land or on sea,
or in jets high above.

They went out of duty and
honor and love.

But however they served, Lord,
wherever they went,

Please bless them
and help them

to know what it meant!

And help us to thank them on
Veterans Day

For we owe them far more than
we ever could say.

peace

I LEAVE WITH YOU;
MY PEACE I GIVE YOU.

I DO NOT GIVE TO YOU
AS THE WORLD GIVES.

DO NOT LET YOUR HEARTS
BE TROUBLED AND

do not be afraid

JOHN 14:27



VETERANS DAY
Honoring All Who Served

★ ★ ★ 11TH NOVEMBER ★ ★ ★

ELECTION DAY
NOVEMBER 5, 2024

Prayer Before the Election

Lord God, as the election approaches,
we seek to better understand the issues and concerns that
confront our city/province/country,
and how the Gospel compels us to respond as faithful
citizens in our community.

We ask for eyes that are free from blindness
so that we might see each other as brothers and sisters,
one and equal in dignity,
especially those who are victims of abuse and violence,
deceit and poverty.

We ask for ears that will hear the cries of children unborn
and those abandoned,

Men and women oppressed because of race or creed,
religion or gender.

We ask for minds and hearts that are open to hearing the
voice of leaders who will bring us closer to your Kingdom.

We pray for discernment
so that we may choose leaders who hear your Word,
live your love,

and keep in the ways of your truth
as they follow in the steps of Jesus and his Apostles
and guide us to your Kingdom of justice and peace.

We ask this in the name of your Son Jesus Christ and
through the power of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR

Parish Auction

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH



10:00 AM
LUNCH 11:00 AM
FIREWOOD 2:00 PM



OCTOBER
27TH



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POULTRY PARTY

November 24, 2024

KC Hall—Atkinson

Card Playing and Lunch

@ 11:00 a.m.

Food & Games @ 6:30 p.m.



THANK YOU

to the 3rd and 4th graders of Saints Peter and Paul for their service in helping spread awareness this October to end family violence.



The Boyd County KCs

FISH FRY

Sunday,
November 10th

5-7 p.m.

Ss. Peter & Paul

Church Hall

Butte



This event is for the support of the High School Scholarship Fund.



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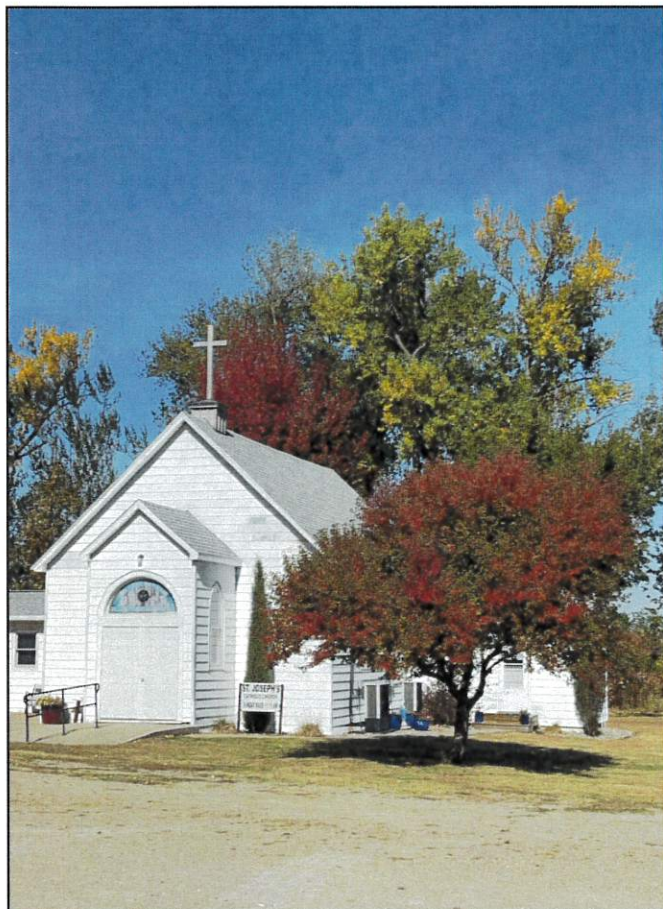
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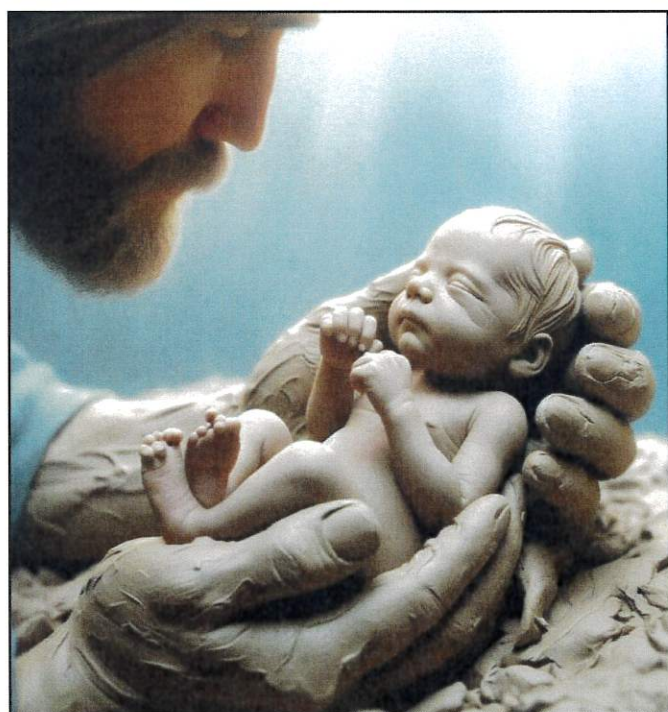


ST. JOSEPH—AMELIA

CCD Kids Mass
October 5, 2024

Trust God

PROVERBS 3:6



For you created my
inmost being;
you knit me together in my
mother's womb.

I praise you because
I am fearfully and wonderfully
made; your works are
wonderful,
I know that full well.

Psalm 139:13-14

PONDER THIS . . .

The Boy And The Ice Cream

In the days when an ice cream sundae cost much less, a 10 year old boy entered a hotel coffee shop and sat at a table. A waitress put a glass of water in front of him.

"How much is an ice cream sundae?"

"50 cents," replied the waitress.

The little boy pulled his hand out of his pocket and studied a number of coins in it.

"How much is a dish of plain ice cream?" he inquired. Some people were now waiting for a table and the waitress was a bit impatient.

"35 cents," she said brusquely.

The little boy again counted the coins. "I'll have the plain ice cream," he said.

The waitress brought the ice cream, put the bill on the table and walked away. The boy finished the ice cream, paid the cashier and departed.

When the waitress came back, she began wiping down the table and then swallowed hard at what she saw.

There, placed neatly beside the empty dish, were 15 cents – her tip.

Moral of the story: Don't be so quick to judge others at first appearance. Very often the people we least expect to help, are those that give the most generously so share your warmth unabatedly with the world. *(Don't be so quick to judge first appearances).*

The Wise Old Man And The Jokes

A wise man once faced a group of people who were complaining about the same issues over and over again.

One day, instead of listening to the complaints, he told them a joke and everyone cracked up laughing.

Then, the man repeated the joke. A few people smiled.

Finally, the man repeated the joke a third time—but no one reacted.

The man smiled and said, "You won't laugh at the same joke more than once. So what are you getting from continuing to complain about the same problem?"

Moral Of The Story: You're not going to get anywhere if you keep complaining about the same problem but do nothing to fix it. Don't waste your time complaining, expecting other people to continue to react to your complaints. Instead, take action to make a change. *(Don't moan about things you're not doing anything about).*

True Riches

There was once a boy who was growing up in a very wealthy family. One day, his father decided to take him on a trip to show him how others lived who were less fortunate. His father's goal was to help his son appreciate everything that he has been given in life.

The boy and his father pulled up to a farm where a very poor family lived. They spent several days on the farm, helping the family work for their food and take care of their land.

When they left the farm, his dad asked his son if he enjoyed their trip and if he had learned anything during the time they spent with this other family.

The boy quickly replied, "It was fantastic, that family is so lucky!"

Confused, his father asked what he meant by that.

The boy said, "Well, we only have one dog, but that family has four—and they have chickens! We have four people in our home, but they have 12! They have so many people to play with! We have a pool in our yard, but they have a river running through their property that is endless. We have lanterns outside so we can see at night, but they have the wide open sky and the beautiful stars to give them wonder and light. We have a patio, but they have the entire horizon to enjoy—they have endless fields to run around in and play. We have to go to the grocery store, but they are able to grow their own food. Our high fence protects our property and our family, but they don't need such a limiting structure, because their friends protect them."

The father was speechless.

Finally, the boy added, "Thank you for showing me how rich people live, they're so lucky."

Moral Of The Story: True wealth and happiness aren't measured by material belongings. Being around the people you love, enjoying the beautiful, natural environment, and having freedom are much more valuable.

A rich life can mean different things to different people. What are your values and priorities? If you have whatever is important to you, you can consider yourself to be wealthy. *(Money is not true wealth).*

Source: <https://theshineblog.com/2021/08/28/inspiring-short-stories/>

ST. PATRICK *Fall Auction*

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 3RD O'NEILL COMMUNITY CENTER



Family Friendly

Bounce Houses. Kids Grab Bags. Free childcare for ages 4 and under. **PLEASE NOTE - BOUNCE HOUSES WILL NOT BE SUPERVISED, PARENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR WATCHING THEIR CHILDREN**



Delicious Lunch

Brisket sandwiches (made by Mike & Derek Durre!), chips, salad/side dish from BK Catering, and homemade desserts. Knights of Columbus will have a bar available for drinks.



Auction Items

Household items, gift certificates, farm items, seed, gift baskets and handmade items from St. Mary's Classes, art, furniture, baked goods, canned items, home decor, tools, and so much more! Including online, live, and in person silent auction items!



Raffles

\$10 each or 6/\$50
Half a Beef, processing included
Up to \$1000 in Shamrock Bucks (prizes of \$1000, \$500, and \$250)
75" LG Class \$K UHD Smart TV

JOIN US!



Schedule

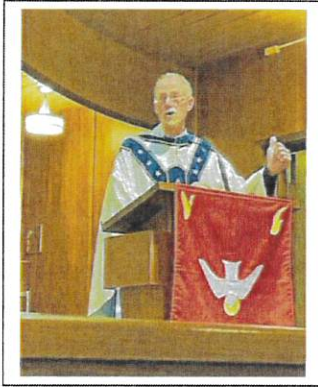
11:30 am Lunch begins
12:30 pm Auction begins
2:00 pm St. Mary's Class Items auctioned off
3:00 pm Farm & Ag Hour
4:00 pm Raffle Items Drawn



A gift from you in the form of a new or gently used product, gift certificate, experience, or cash gift would be greatly appreciated. Please download the pledge form at stpatoneill.org/auction or pick one up at the back of the church.



Each family of the parish &/or St. Mary's School, last names A to M, is asked to bring a 9 x13 dessert or 2 pies for the lunch the weekend of the auction. Please use disposable containers! Last names to N to Z are asked to donate \$10 towards the cost of supplies for the meal.



OACCW NEWS

St. Mary's Altar Society hosted the Rural Northwest Deanery fall meeting Oct 15. They opened the day with a rolls and fruit, and a coffee bar.

Guest speaker was Deacon Roger Filips who spoke about prayer and spirituality. He stressed that the Mass is the highest form of prayer, and that God is waiting to hear from His people. He reminded the ladies that God wants to hear their complaints, anxieties, apologies, petitions, and praise, that He wants to be in relationship and conversation with them. He encouraged them reflect each night on 3 ways they cooperated with God, 2 ways they didn't, and 1 way they can do better tomorrow.

Judy Arlt reported for the Spirituality Commission. She passed out meditations for Pro Life Stations of the Cross, and led discussion on Initiatives 434 and 439. She invited all to join her in a prayer to defeat the pro-abortion initiative 439.

Judy Krysl reported for Service and Leadership Commissions. She talked about traits of a good leader, and encouraged attendees to make their 'God list' bigger than their 'worry list'. For service, she made seasonal suggestions like "Booing" neighbors with a plate of goodies, helping others get to vote, and ways to remember others during the holidays.

Theresa Pavlik gave the Legislative Report. She shared a Catholic Charities address where money can be sent to help hurricane victims, how to pack Boxes of Joy for the underprivileged at Christmas, and reviewed how her parish in Verdigre does its diaper drive. She talked about supporting school choice by contributing to the Opportunity Scholarship program, and encouraged the ladies to vote 'retain' on School Choice Initiative 435 in this fall's election.

Kim Estes, past president of the Omaha Archdiocese Council of Catholic Women, reported on the group's 100th Convention held in September in Norfolk. Winner of the prestigious Muller Award was Mary Jo (Schaaf) Hamik, who was born and raised in Emmet and now resides in Norfolk with her husband Brian, who is a Stuart native.

St. Boniface ladies will host all Catholic women at the OACCW Fall meeting Nov 12 starting with registration at 9:30. Guest speakers are Kelli Tomjack on Serving God, and Cathy Minchow on the Christian Encounter Christ (CEC) retreats. Mass will be celebrated at 11:30. This is open to all. There is an elevator to the basement.



You've likely heard the *myth* that Catholics and Christians cannot and should not support [Initiative 434](#). The Nebraska Catholic Conference wants to make sure that you and all faithful Christians are equipped with the facts about the initiatives and the truths of Church teaching.

Catholics can vote for Initiative 434 this election season. Here's why:

Initiative 434 creates a protection from abortion for preborn babies after 12 weeks, and it in no way creates a right to abortion.

- Initiative 434 would **preserve current law** and allow legislators to provide more protections.
- Catholics may **support incremental policies** as we work toward the protection of all innocent life, especially when **defending against evil policy proposals** like [Initiative 439](#).

As Initiative 439 seems likely to pass, **a vote for Initiative 434 is a proper defense against Initiative 439** from becoming the law of the land in Nebraska.

You can read more about these and other points at catholicvoiceomaha.com.



Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father



Colossians 3:17 ESV

HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE—TIMES & PLACES

ALL SAINTS DAY VIGIL MASS

OCTOBER 31st

6:30 p.m.—Spencer

7:00 p.m.—Stuart

ALL SAINTS DAY MASS

NOVEMBER 1ST

8:15 a.m.—Atkinson

8:30 a.m.—O'Neill

7:00 p.m.—Amelia

7:00 p.m.—O'Neill

ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

"By supporting this year's Archbishop's Annual Appeal, you can further spread the Gospel in the mission fields of northeast Nebraska. Your gift will help foster priestly vocations and form deacons, equip leaders in our parishes and schools, place chaplains in nursing homes and hospitals, allow the incarcerated to encounter our Redeemer, serve the homeless and working poor and so much more. Please consider a generous gift to this year's Annual Appeal. Your support will allow more of our neighbors to encounter Jesus and experience His infinite love for them. Thank you for all you do for your parish and the Archdiocese of Omaha in northeast Nebraska."

Most Reverend George J. Lucas, Archbishop of Omaha

The following are the contributions & goals for each of our parishes—as of October 22nd.

Parish:	Contributions:	Goal:	Remaining:
Sacred Heart – Boyd County:	\$600	\$13,172.50	\$12,572.50
St. Boniface – Stuart:	\$1,180	\$8,604.44	\$7,424.44
St. Joseph – Amelia:	\$25	\$3,600.65	\$3,575.65
St. Joseph – Atkinson:	\$510	\$12,084.74	\$11,574.74
St. Patrick – O'Neill:	\$4,700	\$47,022.39	\$42,322.39
Cumulative goal for ALL PARISHES:	\$7,015.00	\$84,484.72	\$77,469.72