

# ST. BONIFACE CATHOLIC CHURCH



Over a Century of Service to the Lord 1899 to 2020

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## Schedule of Services/Mass Intentions

**September 28 - October 4, 2020**

**Mon. 9/28 - No Mass**

**Tues. 9/29 - 5:30 pm +Marilyn & Jim Hytrek**

**Wed. 9/30 - No Mass**

**Thurs. 10/1 - 5:30 pm +John & Sophie Shald**

**Fri. 10/2 - 2:00 pm NO MASS**

**Sat. 10/3 - 6:00 pm @ St Joseph - Atkinson**

**Sun. 10/4 - 8:30 am - +Bette Shald**

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

For St. Boniface will be one half hour before each weekend  
Mass or by appointment.

## Events/Meeting

**Priesthood Sunday** - Is September 27. It gives us the  
opportunity to express our love and appreciation for the men  
who has answered God's call. Some ideas to celebrate this  
occasion: Drop off a casserole, candy or small gift at the  
rectory. Send them a thank you card - Children can make their  
own cards. And last pray for our priests....

**Life Chain** organizers invite Christians to come together for a 1-hour  
pro-life prayer vigil Sunday afternoon, **October 4 in O'Neill**. Local  
registration begins at 1:30 pm at the corner of 3<sup>rd</sup> and Douglas  
Streets. This peaceful prayer vigil will be held from 2 – 3  
pm. Participants will pick up signs and prayer sheets opposing  
abortion, then line both sides of Douglas St. where they will hold  
their signs and pray silently. As in past years, participant are asked to  
stand 10 feet apart. It was President Ronald Reagan who said,  
"We cannot diminish the value of one category of human life -  
the unborn - without diminishing the value of all human life." And  
it was Mother Teresa who said, "A nation that kills its children in the  
womb has lost its soul." "Humble prayer is our critical weapon in  
the battle to restore respect for life in our nation. We' ll pray in  
repentance. We' ll pray for strength and courage to continue to  
share God' s message of love for all our neighbors." , according to  
Boyd Holt Right to Life, local organizers. Life Chain is a national  
event, occurring annually since 1987. Each year, pro-life Christians  
all across the United States and Canada have publicly, prayerfully,  
and peacefully stood in prayer and repentance in opposition of  
legalized abortion. Theme this year is "Calling the Church to Life -  
Humble - Pray - Seek - Turn." from 2 Chronicles 7:14-15.

	Sat. Oct. 3 NO MASS	Sun. Oct. 4 8:30 am
LECTOR		John Madsen
EMHC' S		Tracy Ludwig
SERVERS		NO
GIFT BEARERS		NO
USHERS		Jeff Dvorak
CLEANING CREWS		NEEDED

## September 22, 2020 Collection

Envelopes (7)	\$62500
Loose	556.00
Mid week	155.00
Holy Land Collection	85.00
Energy	20.00
Assumption	10.00
Online Sept.	2010.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3461.00</b>

## **Remember in your Prayers -**

Kirstine Chvala, Lee Ann Maher, Margaret  
Smolik, Garrett Scholz, Kate Steinhauer,  
Blakely Bouska, John Hladky, Coralie Thomas,  
Dick Steinbach & Ray Keogh

**May God's healing hands  
Bless them..**



**The 2020 Archbishop's Annual Appeal** is beginning  
in our parish. You will receive an invitation from  
Archbishop Lucas to support the work of the  
Church through a personal commitment. The  
Annual Appeal supports the parishes, schools and  
ministries across the archdiocese. Now, more than  
ever, I hope you will join me in making a gift the  
Archbishop's Annual Appeal. As disciples of Jesus,  
we are invited to trust, to let go of fear and open  
our minds and hearts to God's saving work. Please  
join me and thousands across our archdiocese in  
sharing your gifts, recognizing we are all One  
Church.



### CHRISTIAN MOTHERS

Rosary -


Next meeting - November 9th in the Church basement @ 5 pm Time change

Group - Next funeral/function

The Christian Mothers of St. Boniface Parish will NOT be serving any funeral dinners until further notice.

### KC NEWS

October 12<sup>th</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> Degree meeting will be at the KC Hall in O'Neill starting at 7:30pm



BELATED HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES  
TO FR. SUND ON SEPTEMBER 19TH...



~~ DIRECTOR OF MINISTRIES ~~~ Jan Kunz ~ ~ ~ 924-3803/340-2303 ~ ~

**CCD Teachers Needed: 8th Grade - - - 10th Grade**

Please call Jan Kunz @ 402-340-2303 or Fr Weeder @ 924-3262 or 925-2122 if you'd like more to teach.

**Prayer Partners for 2020-2021** - It's time for Prayer Partners for the Senior Class at Stuart Public School. If you are interested in being a Prayer Partner, or if you'd like more information, call Jan Kunz @ 402-340-2303. This year's Senior Class includes: Austin Dvorak, Jett Kunz, Wade Paxton, Alyssa King, Austin Nachtman, Jason Fahrenholz and Ty Thurlow.

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

The teenage daughter said that she was staying out late and not to expect her home until midnight. Her parents told her to be home by ten, to which she replied, “Whatever.” Later that night, around five minutes to ten, she came home. The parents were a bit puzzled and said, “Home already?” She replied, “Well, you said be home by ten.” There is a difference between saying and doing, as reflected in this weekend’s gospel [Matt 21: 28-32].

The parable (cf. Matt 21:33, 45) Jesus utters this weekend is in the Jerusalem temple in the context of a conversation, between Jesus and the chief priests and the elders of the people. In the story we are approaching Holy Week, though liturgically we are in the twenty-sixth week of Ordinary Time. This section of the gospel is the first of three parables, which we will read liturgically in successive weeks: the two sons, the evil tenants, and the royal wedding feast.

As with all of Jesus’ parables, the meaning of the “two sons” parable today is multi-faceted. We can understand it in numerous ways, and this is precisely why the device of “parable” is so effective as a teaching tool. One apparent meaning is the favorite Matthean theme of doing versus saying (cf. Matt 7:21-23; 12:50; 23:3-4). Matthew’s contention throughout the gospel is that not everyone who says “Lord, Lord” will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only those who do the will of the Father, which is to act mercifully particularly to those in need.

It is unfortunate that throughout history and even into the present day, there are many adherents of religion (this is not limited to Jews or Christians) who will talk a good game, but their actions indicate something else. We have many phrases in English that speak to this: “Actions speak louder than words,” “By their actions you shall know them,” “I don’t believe what you say. I believe what you do,” or “People lie, actions don’t.” Each of these maxims get at one of the fundamental meanings of this parable. True, our words and actions should match one another. But as Jesus makes clear, our actions—most especially how we care for those on the margins—matter much more than our good intentions.

Have you ever met a flatterer, or people pleaser? Those who say what you want to hear but have no intention of following through? Or those who over-promise and under-deliver? It can be challenging to hear the words of Jesus in the parable today about such behaviors. Despite our best intentions, it is our actions that truly mean more than our words. Without actions, our words are a “clanging gong,” to use a term from St. Paul. There are many reasons why we might over-promise, but we are reminded of another saying in the gospels: “Let your ‘Yes’ mean ‘Yes’ and your ‘No’ mean No” (Matt 5:37).

At some level, this is simply good advice from Jesus the teacher. As we go about our lives, let us make an extra effort to think carefully before we commit ourselves or say we will do something. Simply modifying a commitment with the words “I intend to . . .” or “I’ll make my best effort to . . .” may be all we need to temper expectations. By avoiding the trap of being a people pleaser, flatterer, or one who over-promises, and instead being a person of action and doing on behalf of others, we will be living the gospel message.

Ad multos annos! Fr. Bernard Starman, Pastor

**Reminder:** Next weekend, October 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> we will take up the annual Peter’s Pence collection that was postponed at it’s normal time in June. Just drop your envelope in the offertory boxes with your regular collection and the money counters will sort them out. Loose bills will be counted with the regular Sunday offertory. Thank you in advance for supporting the charitable works of the Holy Father. Thank you also to those who have already contributed.

