Parish Pastoral Council:
- Dick Warnke: President
- Kelly Kalkowski : Vice President
- Annetta McAllister: Secretary
- Doug Sextro • Jim Liewer
- Marcia Engelhaupt • Mark Heiser
- David Heiser • Joe Hostert

Parish Finance Committee:
- Nick Keller-Chairman
- Tracy Birmeier– Secretary
- Jim Bernt • Steven Reiman
- Les Purviance • Mary Eiler

Trustees:
- Steve Liewer • Ed Connot

Maintenance:
- Butte: Steve Liewer & Brad Bernt
- Lynch: David Kalkowski 402-569-3251
- Spencer: Richard Warnke 402-583-9931

Parish Youth Minister:
- Charlotte Mitchell 402-336-7826

Parish Staff Members:
- Marge Nolan-Business Manager-Sacred Heart Parish mnolan@archomaha.org or mnolan@ntc.net
- Deb Kopecky-Maintenance-Saint Mary’s Church
- Michelle Engelhaupt-Maintenance-St Mary Hall & Center
- Jan Hostert-Maintenance-Ss Peter & Paul Church & Hall

Weekend Mass times: July– Sept 2020

Saturday @ 6:00 pm Assumption BVM-Lynch
Sunday @ 8:30 am Ss Peter & Paul-Butte
Sunday @ 10:30 am Saint Mary-Spencer

Confession: 30 minutes before Masses

Live Stream Mass Times
Tue - Wed 5:15pm
Thur-Fri 7am
Saturday 5pm
Sunday 9am

those of vulnerable health and their household are encouraged to attend Mass virtually

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If you are new to our parish, our community or have not been here in a while, we welcome you. We hope you’ll find that our churches are filled with smiling faces, warm and faithful people, and an open spot in our pews, saved just for you. Join us for Mass or for any of the programs or events we offer to help you grow deeper in faith and friendship with Jesus.

July 12, 2020 Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Your Offerings to the support of Sacred Heart Parish

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Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday, July 11th 6:00 pm at Assumption BVM, Lynch
† Keith Thomson

Sunday, July 12th 8:30 am at Ss Peter & Paul, Butte
† Don & Inez Schmitz

Sunday, July 12th 10:30 am at St Mary, Spencer
† Russ Stahlecker

Wednesday, July 15th 6:00 pm at St Mary, Spencer
Hargens Family

Friday, July 17th 6:00 pm at Ss Peter & Paul, Butte
Sibbel Family

Saturday, July 18th 6:00 pm at Assumption BVM, Lynch
† Harlan Heiser

Sunday, July 19th 8:30 am at Ss Peter & Paul, Butte
† Tom Tiefenthaler

Sunday, July 19th 10:30 am at St Mary, Spencer
† Andy Ohri

Prayer Intentions

Please remember in your prayers, the following people who are seriously ill and all who are suffering with long-term or terminal illnesses:

- Savannah Avdoyan
- Joy Bechtold
- Amber Tiefenthaler Becker
- Velva June Blum
- Dawn Reiser Butts
- Carol DeVall
- Tammy Dickey
- Jason Goesch
- John Hausmann
- Delores Havranek

- George Kopecky
- Tiffany Faatz Larsen
- Joe Liewer
- Ona Malleck
- Mike Nolan
- Jane Reiman
- Wes Sedivy
- Delores Schmitz
- Larry Schroetlin
- Isaac Schulte

(For bulletin prayer requests, please call the office)

St. Mary's Altar Society Prayer intention for July is for God's Blessing and Healing of Our Country.
Dear Parishioners and Friends of the Catholic Parishes of Holt and Boyd Counties.

In these summer days, we continue our readings from the Gospel of Matthew. This weekend we begin chapter 13, sometimes referred to as the chapter on parables [Matt 13:1-23], since Matthew has Jesus teach seven parables in this chapter. The word “parable” reflects the Hebrew word māšāl, which in turn means wisdom saying or proverb. This term could be used to mean anything from a saying to a lengthy allegorical tale. The latter is what we have today, with the parable of the sower, as Jesus himself calls it (Matt 13:18).

Matthew’s story of the parable of the sower follows Mark’s, which Matthew used as a source. In fact, there is little variation at all. Significantly, Matthew says that Jesus sat by the shore (Matt 13:1), but when the crowds grew too large, he moved to a boat where he sat as well (Matt 13:2). That particular verb (“sat”) recalls the Sermon on the Mount (Matt 5:1), where Jesus also sat to teach. The verb is used by Mark too, and it is an indication of a true teacher—one who sits to dispense wisdom. This is no wandering professor. Fortunately for us (and for the early disciples), Jesus explained this parable himself. There is no need to discern the intended meaning. Those who read the longer gospel have the advantage of that explanation.

The parable of the sower is rooted in antiquity with the image of scattering seed on the ground, which would have preceded plowing. Today even gardeners often sow seed by plowing first (tilling), planting the seed, then covering the seed with soil. But that is not the way those in the ancient world performed the task. It’s for this reason that many seeds may be eaten by the birds or may fall on rocky soil. Not all the seed that is scattered takes root and bears fruit. Indeed, if those in the ancient world planted seeds the way a modern gardener does, it’s highly unlikely that Jesus would have used this same parable! Instead, we might have a parable about the care with which the sower sows seed. But such is not the world of antiquity.

Jesus ends this simple allegorical tale with an injunction: “Whoever has ears ought to hear.”

The parable in this weekend’s gospel should cause us to stop and consider several questions: What kind of seed are we? Were we scattered on rocky soil or fertile? Will we bear fruit? If so, how much—thirty, sixty, a hundred-fold? Being viewed as seed scattered on the ground does not seem to leave much room for free will. The seed scattered on rocks can scarcely move itself to the fertile soil. Is it the fault of the seed for landing in an inhospitable environment? Then again, what about the seed that finds itself in fertile soil? Is there a responsibility to grow and produce fruit? That can hardly happen if it’s eaten by a bird. Again, the question of free will seems to be outside the realm of this parable.

Today, we might pray for the grace to grow where we find ourselves and to produce as much fruit as possible. One day there will be a harvest and we shall experience new life. Such is the paschal mystery.

Ad multos annos!
Fr. Bernard Starman
Pastor

Please Pray for Vocations!
The *Examen* is a method of reviewing your day in the presence of God. It’s actually an attitude more than a method, a time set aside for thankful reflection on where God is in your everyday life. It has five steps, which most people take more or less in order, and it usually takes 15 to 20 minutes per day. Here it is in a nutshell:

1. **Ask God for light.**
   *I want to look at my day with God’s eyes, not merely my own.*

2. **Give thanks.**
   *The day I have just lived is a gift from God. Be grateful for it.*

3. **Review the day**
   *I carefully look back on the day just completed, being guided by the Holy Spirit.*

4. **Face your shortcomings.**
   *I face up to what is wrong—in my life and in me.*

5. **Look toward the day to come.**
   *I ask where I need God in the day to come.*

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**Assumption BVM July church cleaners:** Shirley Mahon & Leah Kayl

**July Sacristan at Saint Mary:** Marcia Engelhaupt

**St Mary’s Altar Society** is planning to release updated lists in late July. Anyone age 70 or more can request to go on the honorary list by contacting Marveleen Koenig at 605-587-8049.

We remember Beatrice (Kocijan) Shald, who was called to eternal life on July 5th. May her soul & all the faithful departed find peace & joy with the Risen Lord.

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**Weekday Mass**

During the month of July, as Fr. Sund will be in Boyd County, we will have a daily Mass according to the following schedule.

- **Wednesdays - St. Mary’s Spencer 6pm**
- **Fridays - St. Peter & Paul Butte 6pm**

Masks and social distancing are encouraged during daily Mass. The Wednesday Mass will only happen while Fr. Sund is in Boyd County. (At least until the end of July). After that, we will go back to the rotating Friday Mass between Butte and Spencer.

“*If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand.*”

*Mark 3:24*
Mass schedule for our 3 Catholic Churches in Boyd County:

**June, July & August 2020**

3rd qtr rotation begins July 4th

**July 2020**

**July 4th & 5th**
Saturday at 6:00 pm at ABVM in Lynch
Sunday at 8:30 am at Ss Peter & Paul in Butte
Sunday at 10:30 am at St Mary's in Spencer

**July 11th & 12th**
Saturday at 6:00 pm at ABVM in Lynch
Sunday at 8:30 am at Ss Peter & Paul in Butte
Sunday at 10:30 am at St Mary’s in Spencer

**July 18th & 19th**
Saturday at 6:00 pm at ABVM in Lynch
Sunday at 8:30 am at Ss Peter & Paul in Butte
Sunday at 10:30 am at St Mary’s in Spencer

**July 25th & 26th**
Saturday at 6:00 pm at ABVM in Lynch
Sunday at 8:30 am at Ss Peter & Paul in Butte
Sunday at 10:30 am at St Mary’s in Spencer

**August 2020**

**August 1st & 2nd**
Saturday at 6:00 pm at ABVM in Lynch
Sunday at 8:30 am at Ss Peter & Paul in Butte
Sunday at 10:30 am at St Mary’s in Spencer

**August 8th & 9th**
Saturday at 6:00 pm at ABVM in Lynch
Sunday at 8:30 am at Ss Peter & Paul in Butte
Sunday at 10:30 am at St Mary’s in Spencer

**August 15th & 16th**
Saturday at 6:00 pm at ABVM in Lynch
Sunday at 8:30 am at Ss Peter & Paul in Butte
Sunday at 10:30 am at St Mary’s in Spencer

**August 22nd & 23rd**
Saturday at 6:00 pm at ABVM in Lynch
Sunday at 8:30 am at Ss Peter & Paul in Butte
Sunday at 10:30 am at St Mary’s in Spencer

**August 29th & 30th**
Saturday at 6:00 pm at ABVM in Lynch
Sunday at 8:30 am at Ss Peter & Paul in Butte
Sunday at 10:30 am at St Mary’s in Spencer

**September 2020**

**September 5th & 6th**
Saturday at 6:00 pm at ABVM in Lynch
Sunday at 8:30 am at Ss Peter & Paul in Butte
Sunday at 10:30 am at St Mary’s in Spencer

**September 12th & 13th**
Saturday at 6:00 pm at ABVM in Lynch
Sunday at 8:30 am at Ss Peter & Paul in Butte
Sunday at 10:30 am at St Mary’s in Spencer

**September 19th & 20th**
Saturday at 6:00 pm at ABVM in Lynch
Sunday at 8:30 am at Ss Peter & Paul in Butte
Sunday at 10:30 am at St Mary’s in Spencer

**September 26th & 27th**
Saturday at 6:00 pm at ABVM in Lynch
Sunday at 8:30 am at Ss Peter & Paul in Butte
Sunday at 10:30 am at St Mary’s in Spencer