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 26, 2020 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
**LITURGICAL ROLES**

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- **Money Counters 8pm**
  - Assumption BVM-Lynch: Mary
  - Saints Peter & Paul-Butte: Penny
  - Saint Mary-Spencer: Tracy

**Your Offerings to the support of Sacred Heart Parish**

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**Mass Schedule & Intentions**

- **Saturday, July 25th 6:00 pm at Assumption BVM, Lynch**
  - † Tim Nolan
- **Sunday, July 26th 8:30 am at Ss Peter & Paul, Butte**
  - † Ken Reiser
- **Sunday, July 26th 10:30 am at St Mary, Spencer**
  - † Bernard “Bernie” Holmberg
- **Wednesday, July 29th 6:00 pm at St Mary, Spencer**
  - † Otto & Marie Kallhoff
- **Friday, July 31st 6:00 pm at Ss Peter & Paul, Butte**
  - † Dennis Brewster
- **Saturday, Aug 1st 6:00 pm at Assumption BVM, Lynch**
  - † Lester & Dorothy Derickson
- **Sunday, Aug 2nd 8:30 am at Ss Peter & Paul, Butte**
  - † Margaret Fuhrer
- **Sunday, Aug 2nd 10:30 am at St Mary, Spencer**
  - † Richard Limbach

**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
- Paul Filip
- Jason Goesch
- John Hausmann
- Delores Havranek
- Andy Hoffman
- Parker Jorgensen
- Coleen Connot Kaczor
- George Kopecky
- Tiffany Faatz Larsen
- Joe Liewer
- Ona Malleck
- Jane Reiman
- Wes Sedivy
- Delores Schmitz
- Larry Schroetlin
- Isaac Schulte
- Tony Sibbel
- Reed Snodgrass
- Bruce Warnke

*Names that are bolded are newly added this week*

(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 Western Holt and Boyd Counties:

This weekend’s gospel reading gives us the third Sunday in a row where we hear from Matthew’s chapter [Matt 13:44-52] on parables. The setting this weekend is in the house, where Jesus continues to teach his disciples using this linguistic device, often explaining the symbolic of the parables meaning to them. Though in today’s reading Jesus asks them a simple question, “Do you understand all these things?” to which the disciples reply, “Yes.”

This particular gospel reading preserves parables not found anywhere else in the New Testament. These parables either come from Matthew’s special source or they are his own composition. The reading begins with two parables: the treasure buried in the field, and the pearl of great price. Each is a side of the coin so to speak, with Jesus instructing his disciples that the kingdom of heaven is worth such a price. In other words, once one encounters the kingdom of heaven, a proper response is to reprioritize all else in favor of this. It is worth selling everything else to possess this one thing.

The third and final parable this weekend, rather than reinforce the lesson of the first two parables, —the net cast into the sea which brings in a terrific catch—has another message. The net is returned with good fish, but also with things that are not so good. The latter is thrown away. This then becomes the image for the eschatological judgment, a topic that Matthew addresses quite often. At the judgment, some will be not merely cast aside or “thrown away,” but the angels will throw the wicked into the “fiery furnace.” As we saw last week, this is a favorite Matthean theme, and it causes some scholars to posit that the parable is a Matthean creation, though certainly canonical Scripture that is both authoritative and inspired.

Matthew is sure to tell us there will be a final, definitive judgment and an unfortunate end is possible based on the decisions we have made.

The Christian life ought to be a source of joy for us. Some of this joy is reflected in the first two parables. In each, people sell whatever they can to take possession of a prized object. This is what it ought to be like for us with respect to the kingdom of heaven. Once we realize what it is, what a prize we have, we joyfully reorient all of our priorities in light of it. We want that one prize above all else. And what’s more, we have it! Thus, the source of joy.

When animated by Christian joy, we may be shocked at the inevitable suffering and death that Christ experiences. There is evil in the world and this evil impinges on our own reality. It certainly did for Jesus. But that terrible experience is not the end. Joy and love triumph as new life springs forth from humiliation and death. This new life itself is a cause of joy. And so as Christians our joy is foundational. It should be a hallmark of our witness in the world. It is an essential element of our living the paschal mystery.

Ad multos annos!
Fr. Bernard Starman
Pastor

Please Pray for Vocations!
**Assumption BVM August church cleaners:**
Candy Henderson, Marge Classen & Dorothy Langenhorst

**August Sacristan at Saint Mary:** Jeanie Miller

**LYNCH ABVM PARISHIONERS**
In addition to our normal operating expenses, our Church has incurred the expense of a couple of larger maintenance projects. ABVM could at the present time use your financial assistance to help pay for the $8,000.00 cost of repairing the church parking lot and $2,500.00 for the insurance deductible on replacing the church roof due to the hail storm on June 20th. If you have not been attending Mass in person, please consider mailing your support to Sacred Heart Parish (for ABVM maintenance); PO Box 8; Butte, NE 68722. Thank you for your consideration.

**The Pray More Healing Retreat!**
It’s like a do-it-yourself retreat, but you’re not doing it alone — we’re doing it with you! We hope you’ll join us. The Retreat is self-paced. This means that you can participate wherever you are and whenever you have the time. You can learn more and register for the retreat at [https://praymoreretreat.org](https://praymoreretreat.org)

**BIBLE WORD SEARCH!**

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**Norfolk Marriage Celebration 2020**
Archbishop George J. Lucas invites you to attend the annual Mass honoring marriage September 27th at St. Mary's in Norfolk. This event honors couples who are celebrating 25, 40, 50, 60 or more years of marriage. Rosary at 1:30pm, Mass at 2pm. If you are not able to attend in person, but would like to have your name in the program, register at [https://ArchOmaha.org/FamilyLife](https://ArchOmaha.org/FamilyLife) by Friday August 7th, 2020. Contact Reggan Simons 402.551.9003 ext. 1300 or 888.800.8352; rksimons@archomaha.org

**Pray for Senators and the NCC**
As the Legislature is back in session, we ask for your prayers for our state senators and for the work of the Nebraska Catholic Conference:

_Eternal Father, You call us to engage the world so that Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, might be made visible in the words and actions of Your servants. Through the good work of the Nebraska Catholic Conference, may the light and grace of the Gospel shine upon the many difficult problems, questions, policies and issues that arise in our secular world, which so often does not recognize what is good and true and beautiful. Grant to all of those who work in and with the Nebraska Catholic Conference, on behalf of our citizens who are often denied justice in our culture, the charity, courage and perseverance they need to do Your work in serenity, joy and peace. We invoke the intercession of Blessed Mary and all of the Saints and the Holy Angels, who stand ready to carry out Your divine will. We ask all in the power of the Holy Spirit and through Jesus Christ Your Son our Lord. Amen_

_St. John Fisher, pray for us.
St. Thomas More, pray for us._

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_Ss Peter & Paul Book Club is on hiatus until October. Watch the bulletin for the re-start date. Thank You._
Mass schedule for our 3 Catholic Churches in Boyd County:

July, August & September 2020  
3rd qtr rotation begins July 4th

Assumption BVM Church in Lynch,  
Ss Peter & Paul Church in Butte, NE  
St Mary Church in Spencer, NE

**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  
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**September 19th & 20th**
Saturday at 6:00 pm at ABVM in Lynch  
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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