

Communicatio Nostri Nuntium

(Sharing Our News)

May 2023

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

MASS SCHEDULES

Weekend Masses

St. Boniface—Stuart—Saturday @ 5:00 p.m.

St. Joseph—Atkinson—Sunday @ 9:00 a.m.

St. Joseph—Amelia—Sunday @ 11:15 a.m.

St. Patrick—O'Neill—Saturday @ 5:00 p.m. and Sunday @ 10:30 a.m.

Sacred Heart of Boyd County:

Saturday:

Week 1: St. Mary's—Spencer @ 7:00 p.m.

Week 2: Assumption BVM—Lynch @ 7:00 p.m.

Week 3: St. Mary's—Spencer @ 7:00 p.m.

Week 4: Assumption BVM—Lynch @ 7:00 p.m.

Week 5: St. Mary's—Spencer @ 7:00 p.m.

Sunday:

Ss. Peter & Paul—Butte @ 8:00 a.m.

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St. Mary's—Spencer @ 8:00 a.m.

Ss. Peter & Paul—Butte @ 8:00 a.m.

Weekday Masses

Monday—5:30 p.m. @ St. Boniface—Stuart

Tuesday—5:15 p.m. @ St. Patrick's—O'Neill

5:30 p.m. @ St. Boniface—Stuart

Wednesday—*School Masses subject to change

*8:10 a.m. @ St. Patrick's—O'Neill

*8:15 a.m. @ St. Joseph's—Atkinson

6:30 p.m. @ SHBC Rotation

Thursday—7:00 a.m. @ St. Patrick's—O'Neill

Friday—7:00 a.m. @ St. Patrick's—O'Neill

8:15 a.m. @ St. Joseph's—Atkinson

THE STRUGGLE OF THE BUTTERFLY

A man found a cocoon of a butterfly. One day, a small opening appeared. He sat and watched the butterfly for several hours as it struggled to force its body through that little hole.

Then, it seemed to stop making any progress. It appeared as if it had gotten as far as it could and it could go no further.

So the man decided to help the butterfly. He took a pair of scissors and snipped off the remaining bit of the cocoon.

The butterfly then emerged easily, but it had a swollen body and small, shriveled wings.

The man continued to watch the butterfly because he expected that, at any moment, the wings would enlarge and expand to be able to support the body, which would contract in time.

Neither happened! In fact, the butterfly spent the rest of its life crawling around with a swollen body and shriveled wings. It never was able to fly.

What the man, in his kindness and haste, did not understand was that the restricting cocoon and the struggle required for the butterfly to get through the tiny opening were God's way of forcing fluid from the body of the butterfly into its wings so that it would be ready for flight once it achieved its freedom from the cocoon.

Sometimes struggles are exactly what we need in our lives too. If God allowed us to go through our lives without any obstacles, we would not be as strong as what we could have been.

"I asked for strength, and God gave me difficulties to make me strong.

I asked for wisdom, and God gave me problems to solve.

I asked for prosperity, and God gave me a brain and brawn to work.

I asked for courage, and God gave me danger to overcome.

I asked for love, and God gave me troubled people to help.

I asked for favors, and God gave me opportunities.

I received nothing I asked for but everything I needed!"



Welcome May

May You be happy.

May You be well.

May You be safe.

May You find comfort.

May You have strength.

May You have courage.

May You find healing.

May You have peace.

May You have joy.

May You be filled with
loving kindness.

MAY YOU BE BLESSED

TODAY

AND ALWAYS



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MINISTRY OF PRAISE—A WORD FROM DEACON FILIPS

Greetings Fellow Prayer Warriors!

The letter to the Romans says: While we were yet sinners, Christ died for Us. Think about that for a while. Jesus did not just die for the saints, the perfect. Jesus died for you and me while we are still sinners. Somehow it seems more reasonable to our human minds to die for a great person, or for God who is perfect, but Jesus died for us while we were still sinners! He did not require us to repent and convert and become perfect for His grace to be effective. He willingly died for us, to give us grace and mercy when we need it most, when we are still sinners. This is a powerful concept. Many of us feel like we have a monkey on our back, and we can't shake it, and it seems like becoming friends with God and going to heaven are impossible for us because of our sin, so we burrow deeper into our sin because we don't see any way out.

The message of Divine Mercy from St. Faustina and Saint John Paul II is meant for you; Jesus died for you too and is willing to give you mercy and grace right now, free of charge, with no pre-conditions, a fresh start. We always think small because we are small humans. But God is not small. God is huge, He is infinite, He can give you grace and mercy any time you ask Him for it.

Although God's mercy is free and abundant, if we are receiving it, we should be changing. That is the normal way this works. God gives us a free gift of grace and mercy, and then we respond to it. We always need to follow through on this last part because ultimately, we do have to change and become more holy, but Jesus is always willing to make the first step and we take the second step, then Jesus takes the third step, and we take the fourth. And on and on until ultimately, we rush into the arms of Jesus for an eternal embrace.

Mercy and grace are like a beautiful present given to us by Jesus, but He never forces us to take it. He wraps it in beautiful paper and ribbons and lays it at our feet. All we must do is stoop down and pick it up. But that is the hard part, isn't it? The stooping, the humbling, the admitting we need that grace and mercy because we can't do it on our own. But it is right there, and it is free and it is the most perfect gift you will ever receive. All we have to do is stoop down and pick it up.

I urge you today; be aware of God's mercy, look for it, stoop down and pick it up, savor it, imagine the love that sent you that mercy. Then respond to it. Let us pray for everyone who needs to feel God's mercy in their lives, especially our friends and loved ones. This month's catechesis continues the chapter on spirituality in my book, Pearls of the Universal Church. Available from www.spiritualworkspress.com

DO THESE THREE THINGS DAILY:

1. Practice Lectio Divina or WRAP as described in chapter 12, 12e
2. Practice the ARRR (pirate) method of prayer to grow in intimacy with God.
 - +Acknowledge and be aware of our thoughts, feelings and desires concerning God.
 - +Relate and tell everything we acknowledged to either the Father, Son, or Holy Spirit or even Mary.
 - Tell God what is on your heart and mind concerning Him.
 - +Receive any new thoughts feelings or desires that God gives us as we are praying.
 - +Respond to what you received from God. Usually, gratitude is the best response to any grace you receive.
3. At the end of every day, review how well you did at cooperating with God's grace. Here is a simple examination of conscience called 3-2-1.
 - +Think of three examples of cooperating with God's grace today.
 - +Think of two examples where you did not cooperate with God's grace today.
 - +Think of one thing you want to do better tomorrow and resolve to do it.



In Loving Memory . . .

Angela Gribble

July 27, 1938—March 30, 2023—St. Patrick's—O'Neill

Mary Vanderbeek

September 12, 1940—April 3, 2023—St. Joseph's—Atkinson

Phyllis Langan

August 5, 1935—April 4, 2023—St. Joseph's—Atkinson

Lawrence Deerner

September 4, 1945—April 5, 2023—St. Joseph's—Atkinson

Donna Cole

June 13, 1927—April 7, 2023—St. Patrick's—O'Neill

Minnie Liable

April 29, 1935—April 10, 2023—St. Joseph's—Atkinson

James Sattler

October 11, 1942—April 11, 2023—SHBC—Ss Peter & Paul—Butte

Frank Schaaf

March 5, 1927—April 20, 2023—St. Joseph's—Atkinson

Helen Dvorak

July 15, 1923—April 22, 2023—St. Joseph's—Atkinson

"There are far, far better things ahead than any we leave behind." ~ C.S. Lewis



Welcome to the Newly Baptized . . .

Henley Viola Frickel

Daughter of Alex & Shelby Frickel

March 26, 2023

St. Joseph's—Atkinson

Easton John Hülker

Son of Austin & Libi Hülker

April 16, 2023

St. Patrick's—O'Neill

Jayden Lynn & Bergen Skye Higgins

Daughters of Skye & Allison Higgins

April 16, 2023

SHBC—Ss Peter & Paul—Butte

Alina Vianey Castillo

Daughter of Arnold Castillo & Yatzaira Betancourt

April 23, 2023

St. Patrick's—O'Neill

Shayley Michelle Mahon

Daughter of Bradley & Shannon Mahon

April 26, 2023

SHBC—St. Mary's—Spencer



*"You are a child of God. You are wonderfully made.
Dearly loved and precious in His sight." ~ Psalm 139*

Just a reminder that the Parish Office is closed on Monday, May 29 in observance of Memorial Day.



POPE FRANCIS PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

LORD of the Harvest,
BLESS young people with the gift of courage
to respond to your call. Open their hearts to
great ideals, to great things.

INSPIRE all of your disciples to mutual love
and giving - for vocations blossom in the
good soil of faithful people.

INSTIL those in religious life, parish
ministries, and families with the confidence
and grace to invite others to embrace the
bold and noble path of a life
consecrated to you.

UNITE us to Jesus through prayer and
sacrament, so that we may cooperate
with you in building your reign of mercy
and truth, of justice and peace. AMEN.

LIVING ROSARY

St. Boniface—Stuart

2nd—12th grade

CCD students and
teachers created a

living rosary to close
out the last class of

the year on

April 26th.



NEWS AND NOTES ... NEWS AND NOTES ... NEWS AND NOTES ... NEWS AND NOTES ... NEWS AND NOTES ... NEWS AND NOTES ...



Living Stations @ St. Mary's—Spencer



St. Boniface—Stuart
3rd—6th Grades
Stations of the Cross
and Rosary



Seder Meal pictures (below) from St. Mary's—Spencer—on Holy Thursday. The Quentin & Angela Witt Family were the leaders. St. Mary's CYO students and the Altar Society hosted the event.



FIRST COMMUNION ST. JOSEPH'S—ATKINSON

St. Joseph's Catholic Church celebrated First Communion on April 23rd. The second graders who received the sacrament of First Holy Communion are as follows:

Front row: Coen Farewell,
Keeleigh Keogh,
Angela Nava,
Avery Gall,
Jazmin Monasterio, and
Connor Welborn;
Back row: Anistyn Borer,
Madelyn Troidl,
Lindsey Anderson,
Irelyn Langan and Ryan Dvorak

ST. MARY'S—SPENCER FIRST COMMUNICANTS

Braylee Finnegan
Cooper Mahon
Shayley Mahon
William Marshall
Andrew Ohri
Kipton Reiman
Grady Witt



ST. PATRICK'S—O'NEILL

Congratulations to our first communicants who celebrated their first communion on April 22nd and 23rd:

Gage Becker, Finley Callison, Hodge Drueke, William Kinkennon, Peyton Mahony, Beckett Mathine, Hudson Neuheisel, Bryce Novak, Keeley Ogden, Harper Parks, Dominic Reiser, Jaxson Shabram, Koy Sibbel, Brooks Stepp, Breckyn Tomjack, and Jude York.

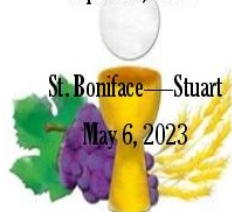


Special thank you for our 2nd grade teachers Melinda Podany, Whitney Benson, and Laura Boshart for their dedication and guidance.

FIRST COMMUNION

SHBC—St. Mary's—Spencer

April 29, 2023



St. Boniface—Stuart
May 6, 2023

St. Joseph's—Amelia
May 7, 2023

MAY CROWNING OF OUR BLESSED MOTHER



St. Joseph's—Amelia
May 7, 2023

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THANK YOU!

Thank you to all of the religious education teachers and youth group sponsors for your time and dedication this last school year. We are so grateful for all you do to encourage our children and youth in their faith journey!



Join the St. Patrick group at BCYC Encounter
June 16th-18th, 2023!

To register:

1. Go to www.benedictine.edu/EncounterRegistration
2. Select "I am an individual participant or a member of a group"
a. Parent fills out and creates the account
3. Follow the registration instructions and use the Group Code

You will need:

1. Parent and student information
2. Health information
3. VIRTUS documentation (for chaperones only)



Group Code:
STPATRICKON

WOMEN'S MAY BREAKFAST

All women are invited to join us for the annual Women's May Breakfast on Saturday, May 6th in St. Patrick's Parish Hall. Registration will begin at 8:30 am, with breakfast and program to start at 9 am. This year, Mary Duffy will be sharing her quilts with us. Please make reservations so we know how much to plan on for breakfast — call Mary at 340-4242 or Gert at 340-2192. A free will offering will be taken to benefit the Meals on Wheels of O'Neill.



BCYC MEETING

May 3, 7:00 p.m. in the SMH Commons
Let Miss Schneider know by May 20th if you plan on attending
BCYC this summer: June 16—18.
Possible fundraising opportunities available!

ST. MARY'S SCHOLARSHIP & GRANT PROGRAM



The St. Mary's Scholarship & Grant Program provides for tuition scholarships for academic achievements as well as needs-based tuition assistance. You can make a donation toward either scholarships (academic awards) and/or grants (need based) by either bringing your gift to the parish office or by visiting stmarysoneill.org/support. We ask that all donations be made by May 8 so that we have the information for the May 16th high school mass & academic awards where all donors are listed in the program.

Contact Jennifer Wallwey with questions,
jwallwey@archomaha.org
or 402-336-1602.



CONFIRMATION—MAY 21, 2023

SS PETER & PAUL—BUTTE

Students that will be confirmed on May 21st include:
Claire Reiman, Madalyn Reiser, Kaci Koenig, Estrella Reyes, Tanner Reiser, John Reiman and Jagger Reiser. Congratulations!



ST. JOSEPH'S—AMELIA—CCD WRAP-UP

The last CCD class of the year will be on May 10th. The students will do a community service project at the park that evening. They will clean up the park and get it ready for the summer activities. There will be a family cookout following the clean up to finish up the evening and the year.





BLESSING FOR THE CLASS OF 2023

May you celebrate the past and look hopefully toward your future.

May you have courage to use your gifts in new ways and places.

May you take a step toward your dreams and truth every day.

May home always bring inspiration and comfort.

May you take a moment to inhale the miracle of your life.

CONGRATULATIONS

AND

BEST OF LUCK!!

ST. PATRICK'S PARISH—O'NEILL

Graduation Date: May 14, 2023

Dalton Alder † 2005-2023	Parents: Jason & Erica Alder
Hideliza Arciniega	Parent: Maria Lopez
Elie Atkeson	Parents: Bob & Paula Atkeson
Kyler J. Dean	Parents: Chad & Becky Dean
Isaac Everitt	Parents: Cameron & Jill Everitt
Aurora Heiss	Parents: Mitch & Amanda Heiss
Madelyne Jakubowski	Parents: Mike & Cindy Jakubowski
Kiley Liable	Parents: Dustin & Lori Liable
Wreece Liewer	Parents: Mitch and Amanda Heiss
Mariana Montes	Parents: Jesus & Minerva Montes
Ryanne Pistulka	Parents: Gary and Julie Pistulka
Kyle Pibil	Parents Denise Pribil and Mark Pribil
Caitey Ruzicka	Parents: Ryan and Angie Ruzicka
Wyatt Scofield	Parents: Steve and Amy Scofield
Tate Selby	Parents: Benny & Diane Selby
Lawrence Werth	Parents: Montie & LaDonna Werth
Joseph Wiese	Parents: Roger & Regina Wiese
Hope Williamson	Parents: Curtis and Autumn Williamson
Emma Winkelbauer	Parents: Matthew and Erika Winkelbauer

Class of 
2023

SHBC—SS Peter & Paul—Butte

Graduation Date: May 6, 2023

Caden Hilkemann—son of JoAnn Koenig

ST. JOSEPH'S—ATKINSON

Graduation Date: May 14, 2023

Tyler Jelinek, son of Chris & Erin Jelinek

Weston Mathis, son of Jeff & Andrea Mathis

Maci Nemetz, daughter of Chris & Lindsey Nemetz

Isaac Pistulka, son of Paul & Corinne Pistulka

ST. BONIFACE—STUART

Graduation Date: May 14, 2023

Sydney Estill—daughter of Justin & Becky Estill

Anthony Heiser—son of Galen & Tammy Heiser

Haden Kaup—son of Lyle & Terri Kaup

Graham Stephenson—son of Mike & Michele Kunz & Gregg Stephenson

Chiana Tubbs—daughter of John & Erica Tubbs

Layne Wallinger—son of Jay & Emily Wallinger

Sarah Wallinger—daughter of Randy & Kim Wallinger

THE ROOM

In that place between wakefulness and dreams, I found myself in the room. There were no distinguishing features except for the one wall covered with small index card files. They were like the ones in libraries that list titles by author or subject in alphabetical order. But these files, which stretched from floor to ceiling and seemingly endless in either direction, had very different headings. As I drew near the wall of files, the first to catch my attention was one that read "Girls I have liked". I opened it and began flipping through the cards. I quickly shut it, shocked to realize that I recognized the names written on each one.

And then without being told, I knew exactly where I was. This lifeless room with its small files was a crude catalog system for my life. Here were written the actions of my every moment, big and small, in a detail my memory couldn't match. A sense of wonder and curiosity, coupled with horror, stirred within me as I began randomly opening files and exploring their content. Some brought joy and sweet memories; others a sense of shame and regret so intense that I would look over my shoulder to see if anyone was watching.

A file named "Friends" was next to one marked "Friends I have betrayed." The titles ranged from the mundane to the outright weird. "Books I Have Read," "Lies I Have Told," "Comfort I have given," "Jokes I Have Laughed at." Some were almost hilarious in their exactness: "Things I've yelled at my brothers". Others I couldn't laugh at: "Things I Have Done in My Anger", "Things I Have Muttered Under My Breath at My Parents." I never ceased to be surprised by the contents.

Often, there were many more cards than I expected, sometimes, fewer than I hoped. I was overwhelmed by the sheer volume of the life I had lived. Could it be possible that I had the time in my years to fill each of these thousands or even millions of cards? But each card confirmed this truth.

Each was written in my own handwriting, each signed with my signature.

When I pulled out the file marked "TV Shows I have watched", I realized the files grew to contain their contents. The cards were packed tightly, and yet after two or three yards, I hadn't found the end of the file. I shut it, shamed, not so much by the quality of shows but more by the vast time I knew that file represented.

When I came to a file marked "Lustful Thoughts," I felt a chill run through my body. I pulled the file out only an inch, not willing to test its size, and drew out a card. I shuddered at its detailed content.

I felt sick to think that such a moment had been recorded. An almost animal rage broke on me. One thought dominated my mind: "No one must ever see these cards! No one must ever see this room! I have to destroy them!" In insane frenzy, I yanked the file out. Its size didn't matter now. I had to empty it and burn the cards. But as I took it at one end and began pounding it on the floor, I could not dislodge a single card. I became desperate and pulled out a card, only to find it as strong as steel when I tried to tear it.

Defeated and utterly helpless, I returned the file to its slot. Leaning my forehead against the wall, I let out a long self-pitying sigh. And then I saw it... The title bore "People I Have Shared the Gospel With." The handle was brighter than those around it, newer, almost unused. I pulled on its handle, and a small box not more than three inches long fell into my hands. I could count the cards it contained on one hand.

And then the tears came. I began to weep: sobs so deep that they hurt. They started in my stomach and shook through me. I fell on my knees and cried. I cried out of shame, from the overwhelming shame of it all. The rows of file shelves swirled in my tear-filled eyes. No one must ever, ever know of this room. I must lock it up and hide the key. But then as I pushed away the tears, I saw Him.

No, please not Him. Not here. Oh, anyone but Jesus. I watched helplessly as He began to open the files and read the cards. I couldn't bear to watch his response. And in the moments I could bring myself to look at His face, I saw a sorrow deeper than my own. He seemed to intuitively go to the worst boxes. Why did He have to read every one? Finally, He turned and looked at me from across the room. He looked at me with pity in His eyes. But this was a pity that didn't anger me. I dropped my head, covered my face with my hands, and began to cry again. He walked over and put His arm around me. He could have said so many things, but He didn't say a word. He just cried with me.

Then, He got up and walked back to the wall of files. Starting at one end of the room, He took out a file and, one by one, began to sign His name over mine on each card. "No!" I shouted, rushing to Him. All I could find to say was "No, no," as I pulled the card from Him. His name shouldn't be on these cards. But there it was, written in red so rich, so dark, so alive. The name of Jesus covered mine. It was written with His blood. He gently took the card back. He smiled a sad smile and began to sign the cards. I don't think I'll ever understand how He did it so quickly, but the next instant, it seemed I heard Him close the last file and walk back to my side.

He placed His hand on my shoulder and said, "It is finished." I stood up, and He led me out of the room.

There were still cards to be written.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:



April 30—Graduating Seniors Recognition Mass—Ss. Peter & Paul—Butte
 1st—KC Meeting—St. Boniface—Stuart—7:30 p.m.
 2nd—Catholic Daughters Meeting—St. Patrick's—O'Neill—7:00 p.m.
 3rd—Religious Ed Classes
 3rd—Prayer Partner Revelation—St. Boniface—Stuart—7:00 p.m.
 3rd—BCYC Parent/Student Meeting—St. Patrick's—O'Neill—7:00 p.m.
 4th—CCW Meeting—Ss. Peter & Paul—Butte—7:00 p.m.
 5th—Mass @ Parkside—Stuart—2:00 p.m.
 6th—First Communion—St. Boniface—Stuart
 7th—Graduating Seniors Recognition Mass—St. Patrick's—O'Neill
 7th—K & 8th Graduation Mass—St. Joseph—Atkinson
 7th—First Communion & May Crowning—St. Joseph—Amelia
 8th—Christian Mothers Meeting—Stuart—6:00 p.m.
 8th—4th Degree KC Meeting—Stuart—7:30 p.m.
 9th—Parish Council Meeting—St. Joseph's—Atkinson—7:00 p.m.
 10th—Religious Ed Classes
 10th—KC Meeting—St. Patrick's—O'Neill—8:00 p.m.
 11th—Altar Society Meeting—St. Patrick's—O'Neill—7:00 p.m.
 13th—Graduation Seniors Recognition Mass—St. Boniface—Stuart
 14th—Mother's Day
 14th—Graduation Mass—St. Patrick's—O'Neill
 16th—Parish Council—St. Boniface—Stuart—7:00 p.m.
 17th—KC Meeting—St. Mary's—Spencer—8:00 p.m.
 18th—Ascension—HD0 (See Mass times elsewhere in this newsletter or bulletins)
 21st—Confirmation—SHBC—Ss. Peter & Paul—Butte
 22nd—St. Mary's Altar Society Meeting—Spencer—7:30 p.m.
 24th—Finance Council Meeting—St. Patrick's—O'Neill—7:00 p.m.
 29th—Memorial Day
 29th—Parish Offices Closed

*Calendar of events subject to change.



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REMEMBER & HONOR!

MEMORIAL
Day

The Lord is close to all
whose hearts are
crushed by pain, and
he is always ready to
restore the repentant
one. Psalm 34:18

Greater love has no one than this,
 that someone lay down his life for his friends.
John 15:13

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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ASCENSION



THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

+ Holy Day of Obligation +

Mass Schedules

May 17th

6:30 p.m.—SHBC—St. Mary's—Spencer

(No Mass @ Butte Living Center)

7:00 p.m.—St. Boniface—Stuart

May 18th

8:10 a.m.—St. Patrick's—O'Neill

8:15 a.m.—St. Joseph's—Atkinson

7:00 p.m.—St. Joseph's—Amelia

7:00 p.m.—St. Patrick's—O'Neill

Ascension Day Prayer

Father in heaven,
our minds were prepared
for the coming of Your kingdom
when You took Christ beyond our sight
so that we might seek Him in glory.
May we follow where He has led
and find our hope in His glory,
for He is Lord forever. Amen

WHY MOTHERS CRY

"Why are you crying?" a little boy asked his Mother.

"Because I'm a Mother," she told him.

"I don't understand," he said.

His mom just hugged him tightly and said, "You never will!"

Later the boy asked his father why Mother seemed to cry for no reason.

"All mothers cry for no reason," was all his Dad could say.

The little boy grew up and became a man, still wondering why mothers cry. So he finally put in a call to God.

When he got God on the phone the man asked, "God, why do mothers cry so easily?"

God said, "You see, when I made mothers, they had to be special. I made their shoulders strong enough to carry the weight of the world, yet gentle enough to give comfort.

I gave them an inner strength to endure childbirth and the rejection that many times come from their children."

"I gave them a hardness that allows them to keep going when everyone else gives up, and to take care of their families through sickness and fatigue without complaining."

"I gave them the sensitivity to love their children under all circumstances, even when their child has hurt them very badly. This same sensitivity helps them to make a child's boo-boo feel better, and helps them share a teenager's anxieties and fears."

"I gave them a tear to shed. It's theirs exclusively to use whenever it's needed. It's their only weakness. It's a tear for mankind."



GOD BLESS ALL MOTHERS!

"Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates." ~ Proverbs 31:31

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY ~ MAY 14, 2023

11 WAYS TO MEET WITH GOD THIS SUMMER

1. Spend Time With God Outside
2. Listen to Scripture
3. Listen to Sounds of Creation
4. Listen to Worship Music
5. Keep a Travel-sized Bible Nearby
6. Use a Traveler's Notebook for Quick Journaling and Note Taking
7. Try a Summer-themed Bible Journaling Kit
8. Read a Good Book
9. Try a Summer-themed Devotional
10. Pray for Those That are Traveling
11. Open Your Home to Others

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A Summer Prayer

Father, Creator of all,
thank you for summer!
Thank you for the warmth of the sun
and the increased daylight.
Thank you for the beauty I see all around me
and for the opportunity to be outside
and enjoy your creation.
Thank you for the increased time I have
to be with my friends and family,
and for the more casual pace
of the summer season.

Draw me closer to you this summer.
Teach me how I can pray
no matter where I am
or what I am doing.
Warm my soul
with the awareness of your presence
and light my path
with your Word and Counsel.
As I enjoy your creation,
create in me a pure heart
and a hunger and a thirst for you.

Amen.

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