

<p>Fr. Bernard Kimminau, <i>Pastor</i> Fr. Basil Ejim, <i>Assoc. Pastor</i> Fr. Bernard Lorenz, <i>Hispanic Ministry</i></p> <p>Emergency Number: 308-340-0817</p> <p>Website: http://www.stpatismccook.com</p> <p>NEW School Website: http://www.stpatrickmccook.com</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">St. Patrick Catholic Church <i>East 4th and F Street</i> Rectory Office: 612 East 4th Street Mailing Address: P.O. Box 1040 McCook, NE 69001-1040 Phone: 308-345-6734</p> <p>WELCOME to St. Patrick Catholic Church. We hope you feel at home and among friends here. If you are a visitor for a day, we pray God's speed on your journey. If you are looking for a parish community, we would be delighted to welcome you to our parish family. Please introduce yourself. To Register please call at 308-345-6734 or stop by the rectory on 4th street.</p>	
<p>MASS SCHEDULE: SUNDAY: Saturday Vigil Mass: 6:00 PM Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, & 11:00AM, 4:00 PM (in Spanish) DAILY: 6:45 A.M. -- Monday-Friday 8:00 A.M. -- Saturday KINSHIP POINTE: 10:30 A.M. Wednesday</p>	<p>CONFESSION SCHEDULE: Monday - Friday: 6:30—6:40 am Saturdays: 4:00 - 5:30 pm and after 6:00 pm Mass. Or, any time by appointment, call the rectory at 345-6734.</p>	<p>ST. ANN CHURCH (Rural McCook, NE) SUNDAY MASS: 8:00 AM (Confessions ½ hour before Mass) SACRED HEART CHURCH (Rural Hayes Center, NE) SUNDAY MASS: 10:00 AM (Confessions ½ hour before Mass)</p>

ST. PATRICK SCHOOL (345-4546): *Rebecca Redl, Principal, Barbara Bortner, Secretary.* Grades K-8. Tuition for 2025-26: \$2,960 per student. Diocesan technology fee of \$440.00 per student. Tuition assistance available. Please log on to your FACTS account to set up your payment plan <https://online.factsmtg.com/signin/43QNN>. If you are new to our school or have any questions, please contact the St. Patrick School Office (308-345-4546) for assistance. School offers: Band, Vocal Music, Art, Athletics, Student Council, Hot Lunch, Advanced Math, & Literature.

LITTLE KNIGHTS PRESCHOOL (345-4546): *Jill Koenig, Teacher.* 612 East 3rd St. Preschool: Tues & Thurs 9-11:15 am; 3-Day Pre-K: Mon-Wed-Fri, 9-11:15 am; 4-day Pre-K: Mon, Tues, Th & Fri: 1-3:15pm.

CCD PROGRAM: Grades K-8, Wednesday evenings during school year, 7:00-8:15 pm. (For children not attending St. Patrick School.)

CYO/GODPARENT PROGRAM: Religion program for Grades 9-12. For more information, contact the rectory at 345-6734.

OCIA (ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS): Classes held on Thursday evenings from 7:00-8:00 pm in the School Library. Call the rectory at 345-6734 for information.

LEGION OF MARY: *Carol Lashley:* Catholics reaching out to the community in imitation of Mary.

BAPTISM: Call the Rectory to arrange pre-baptismal class and to schedule baptism.

MARRIAGE: Call for an appointment to begin preparation **at least 6 months** before your proposed wedding date.

FERTILITY CARE INSTRUCTOR: Kate Siegfried RN, BSN, FCP-

FAMILY COUNSELING: For information or to schedule appointments, call The Immaculate Heart of Mary Counseling Center of Catholic Social Services - **1-800-961-6277**.

PROJECT RACHEL: Healing the wounds of abortion. Don't suffer any longer from guilt, despair, psychological or spiritual problems. Private, sensitive and confidential - **1-800-964-3787**.

CATHOLIC MOTHERS FOR CHRIST: Phone Cassie Spencer for more information.

THAT MAN IS YOU (Men's group): Phone the Rectory at 345-6734 for more information.

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MASS SCHEDULE - St. Patrick Church**Monday, Dec 15**

6:45 am.....Carol Liess+
 8:00 am.....Christine Barenberg+
 10:30 am.....Franciscan Mass

Tuesday, Dec 16

6:45 am.....Kaylee Sowell
 8:00 am.....Kim Solko+

Wednesday, Dec 17

6:45 am.....John Juenemann+
 8:00 am.....Karen Lieske+

Thursday, Dec 18

6:45 am.....Beverly Haag+
 8:00 am.....Norm Timmerman+
 6:30 pm.....Spanish Mass (Hayes Center)

Friday, Dec 19

6:45 am.....Mary Biegler
 8:00 am.....Lester Bieker+
 5:00 pm.....Spanish Mass

Saturday, Dec 20

8:00am.....Manual Dugas+
 6:00 pm.....Gary Hastings+

SUNDAY MASSES:**Sunday, Dec 21**

7:30 am.....Heiler & Haller Families+
 9:00 am.....Jason & Ann Repass
 11:00 am.....L/D Lavera Brooks Family
 4:00 pm.....Spanish Mass

Iglesia de San Patricio (409 Calle F) Padre Bernard Lorenz- (308) 414-1195

Confesiones: antes de la Santa Misa.

MISSIONS:**ST. ANN CHURCH****Sunday, Dec 21**

8:00 am.....For Our Parishioners

SACRED HEART CHURCH**Sunday, Dec 21**

10:00 am.....Roland Anderjaska+

PRAYER CHAIN: 340-7946

(Call between 8 & 8:30 am)

Online Giving— visit www.stpatsmccook.com and follow the link to Our Sunday Visitor. Easy to register & flexible contribution options.

Contributions: **12/5/2025**

St. Ann

Weekly \$ 110.00

St. Patrick:

Weekly: \$ 6,267.00

Online: \$ 3,557.00

Total to St. Pats: \$ 9,824.00

Sacred Heart

Weekly \$ 759.00

Your contributions to St. Patrick, St. Ann and Sacred Heart parishes are needed and greatly appreciated!

ST. PATRICK PARISH**Fiscal Year July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026**

Collections received since July 1, 2025: \$ 199,693.43

Misc. Donations year to date: \$ 21,241.00

(Budgeted amount for fiscal year: \$550,000.00)

Please pray for the souls of: Chet Risenhoover, Bryce Evans & Mary Ann Schinzel

Legion of Mary: Little Therese said that each Hail Mary goes up toward heaven like incense whose smoking spirals are all alike, although it is always new incense which burns.

Hospitalizations: Remember if you are admitted to the hospital, you must identify yourself as Catholic to ensure that we will know to visit. We can't visit if we don't know you are there. Thank You!!

Weekly Holy Hour: Holy Hour on Monday Dec 15th at 7:00 pm. The hour includes the rosary, quiet reflection time, confession, litany to St. Patrick, litany for rain and night prayer, finishing with benediction. Please join us to prepare ourselves for the coming of Our Lord.

Mass Intentions: Please place mass requests in the collection or the rectory drop box. Please make checks to St. Patrick, include your name & phone number in case clarification is needed. Usual donation is \$10. Masses are scheduled as they come in. Masses are currently 5-6 months out.

Prayers for our Seminarians: Please pray for Caleb Hansen. He is in his Theology 3 year at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary. He is from St. Joseph's parish in Lincoln.

2026 G.I.F.T. Gala: The G.I.F.T. Gala has secured 224 seats to the Gala with 48 seats remaining. Please call Shannon 308-345-8871 to secure your seat for this year's Gala. The theme this year is Our Lady of Guadalupe.

December Fellowship Meal: December Fellowship meal will be on Dec. 27th and we be doing a Taco Bar. There is a list in the back of church to sign up for desserts and to help.

Confessions: 6:30 am Monday -Friday & Sat. 4:00-5:30 pm, & after 6 pm Mass in the church, or call rectory for an appointment.

CCD Classes: Classes will meet on Wed at 7:00 pm

CYO Classes: Classes will meet at godparent home this week @7:15 pm

School News: 1pm dismissal on Friday, Dec. 19.

Next week's Mass Schedule: Dec 20/21:

	Lectors:	Acolytes:
Sat. eve	L. Kuhlen	R. Jacobs/McConville
7:30 am	J. Graff	Spilinek/Liess
9:00 am	P. Wood	Peterson./Kain
11:00 am	B. Siegfried	Wilson/Mabile

Mark your Calendars:

Penance Service—Dec. 21 @ 7pm

Game Feed '26— Feb. 14

G.I.F.T Gala Sip n See Mar. 13th

St. Patrick's G.I.F.T. Gala — March 14, 2026

Scam Alert: There has been an email going around that is supposedly from Fr. Kimminau. We want to make sure that no one gets caught up in any scam so please know that you will **never** receive an email from Fr. Kimminau, Fr. Basil or Fr. Lorenz. It's harder to say "no" in person, not in an email.

Lucky Irish Calendar Winners-2025:

Dec 1 Paisley Haag	Dec 5 Cole Davidson
Dec 2 John & Lyn Psota	Dec 6 Jennifer Maris
Dec 3 Remy Martin	Dec 7 Maggie Gabriel
Dec 4 Mary Jo Longnecker	

Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House in Waverly: Call 402-786-2705, or see goodcounselretreat.org to check out the new list of retreat options that are coming up in December. Please consider supporting our Retreat House in Waverly.

Pope's Intention for December: Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

Men's Prayer Group: "That Man is You" will be taking a break until after the first of the year. Meetings will resume on Jan. 4th at @ 7:30 pm in the school library. Hope to see you there.

Women at the Well: Small Group Study is working on a new book. "Sincerely Stoneheart" by Emily Wilson "Unmask the Enemy's lies and find the truth that sets you free!" Groups meet Wed from 6:30-7:30a.m.; Wed. evening from 7-8:00 p.m. or Sunday evening from 6:30-7:30p.m. @ St. Pats school library. All Women are welcome. Bring your bible, a pen and a journal. Contact Kate Siegfried (620) 272-7641 or Amanda Peterson (308) 340-1451 with any questions.

World Marriage Encounter Weekend: Transform your marriage and strengthen your commitment. Marriage encounter weekend is scheduled for February 14-16 in Lincoln, NE. Call/Text 402-370-5839 Marriage Encounter Experience At North American Martyrs Church Feb. 20-22 in Lincoln, NE "Communication enhancing Marriage" Register right-away to save a place. For more information or dates please call or text Gary & episode meeting. Hope to see you there.

Altar Society: On Jan. 4th at 5:00 in the church basement we will be providing a meal for the MCC Basketball teams. These students provide a great deal of help for us during the fall festival and with the college cafeteria shut down over the Christmas break we like to show our appreciation to them and provide them with a meal. Please consider donating a side, salad or dessert item to accompany a meal of Lasagna. This is our way of thanking them for all their help. Hope to see you there.

Bargain Bazaar: There will be no Bargain Bazaar Store meeting for the month of December.

Cappel Estate Gift: a special note of gratitude for the recent gift the parish received from the Claude & Delores Cappel estate. Their generosity will benefit the parish & school for the future. Please consider your parish's future in your estate planning.

Christmas Flowers: The Altar Society is accepting donations for Christmas Flowers. Cards for Flower donations can be found in the pews in church. Please turn your card and donation in by putting it in the collection or dropping it off at the rectory. Donations need to be turned in by Dec. 22nd. Checks should be made payable to St. Patrick Altar Society.

Healing Mass: Fr. Barak will be here today to offer the Healing Mass at 4:00 pm. This Mass will fulfil your Sunday obligation. All are welcome.

Catholic Social Services: We have a CSS Branch in the area to provide services to those in need. Please contact Jennifer Hinze at 531-484-3566 or jhinze@csshope.org.

Christmas Confession Schedule:

Dec 20—3:00 pm—5:30 pm
Dec 21—Penance Service 7:00 pm
Dec 22—12:00 pm—1:00 pm and during Holy Hour 7:00pm
Dec 23—12:00 pm—1:00 pm and 5:00pm—7:00 pm
Dec 24—12:00 pm—1:00 pm

Christmas Mass Schedule:

St. Patrick— Dec. 24th— 5:00 pm and 8:00 pm
Dec. 25th— 8:00 am and 10:00 am
St. Ann's— Dec. 24th— 5:00 pm
Sacred Heart— Dec. 24th -- 7:00 pm

Advent: a period of devout and joyful expectation

The theme of readings and teachings during Advent is often to prepare for the Second Coming while commemorating the First Coming of Christ at Christmas. With the view of directing the thought of Christians to the first coming of Jesus Christ as savior and to his Second Coming as judge, special readings are prescribed for each of the four Sundays in Advent. "The Gloria is omitted from the Mass so that on Christmas night, the song of the angels may ring out anew in all its freshness." The usual liturgical color for Advent is purple. Purple reminds us of the spirit of prayer and preparatory sacrifices we make during the Advent Season.

Food for thought:

John the Baptist has lived like a patient farmer awaiting "the precious fruit of the earth." From the midst of the "hardship and patience" that he suffers in prison for being a prophet "who spoke in the name of the Lord," John's heart bears only one question: "Are you the one who is to come?" John's longing for Christ keeps him full of hope in the midst of his suffering. He lives with the expectation that he will "see the glory of the Lord, the splendor of our God." And that is why Christ's reply is so deliberately elaborate. When John hears of the miraculous benefits accorded to the blind, the lame, the leprous, the deaf, and the poor, he will know that the One he has been waiting for all his life has come: the God of mercy. The greatness of John the Baptist is his refusal to settle for anything less.



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