

<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.stpatsmccook.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 22**

6:45 am.....Robert Huffman+ / Marci Hrnchir
 8:00 am.....No School
 3:00 pm.....Spanish Mass

Tuesday, Dec 23

6:45 am.....Patricia Buckley / Layn Case Moody+
 8:00 am.....No School
 3:00 pm.....Spanish Mass

Wednesday, Dec 24

6:45 am.....Zodrow & Bieker Families / Brooke Grigg
 8:00 am.....No School
 5:00 pm.....L/D Tom & Cindi Arterburn Families
 8:00 pm.....Jerome & Shelley Biegler

Thursday, Dec 25

8:00 am.....Milan Jones+ & Family
 10:00 am.....For Our Parishioners
 6:30 pm.....Spanish Mass (Hayes Center)

Friday, Dec 26

6:45 am.....L/D Jerry & Cecilia Koch Families
 8:00 am.....No School

Saturday, Dec 27

8:00am.....Claude & Delores Cappel+
 6:00 pm.....Wayne Spilinek+

SUNDAY MASSES:**Sunday, Dec 28**

7:30 am.....Cierra Miller
 9:00 am.....L/D O'Dea & Sekavec Families
 11:00 am.....L/D Duane Childs 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****Thursday, Dec 24**

5:00 pm.....John & Florence Unger+

Sunday, Dec 28

8:00 am.....L/D Leslie & Maxine Hock Families

SACRED HEART CHURCH**Thursday, Dec 24**

7:00 pm.....Manual Dugas+

Sunday, Dec 28

10:00 am.....For Our Parishioners

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

CCD Classes: Christmas Break—meetings resume on Jan. 7.

CYO Classes: Christmas Break—meetings resume on Jan. 7.

School News: Christmas Break..classes resume on Jan. 5.

Next week's Mass Schedule: Dec 27/28:

	Lectors:	Acolytes:
Sat. eve	M. Graff	Redl/Swanson
7:30 am	J. Roberts	Carfield/Spilinek
9:00 am	M. Sis	Fagot/Huffman
11:00 am	M. Tines	Owens/Broz

Solemnity of Mary Schedule:

Dec. 31 (vigil) - 7:00pm St. Patrick
 Jan. 1 8:00am & 10:00am - St. Patrick
 4:00 pm Vigil @ Sacred Heart parish

Mark your Calendars:

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

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: 12/14/2025**St. Ann**

Weekly \$ 195.00

St. Patrick:

Weekly: \$ 6,252.00

Online: \$ 1,831.00

Total to St. Pats: \$ 8,083.00

Sacred Heart

Weekly \$ 175.00

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: \$ 207,776.43

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: To pray the rosary is to hand over our burdens to the merciful hearts of Christ and his Mother. The rosary does indeed “mark the rhythm of human life,” bringing it into harmony with the rhythm of God’s own life. Saint John Paul II

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 22nd 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 Daniel Stara. He is in his Propaedeutic year at St. Gregory the Great Seminary. He is from St. Mary’s parish in David City.

2026 G.I.F.T. Gala: The G.I.F.T. Gala has secured 245 seats to the Gala with 30 seats remaining. Please call Shannon 308-345-8871 to secure your seat for this years 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.

Lucky Irish Calendar Winners-2025:

Dec 8 Ali Sellers	Dec 12 Tony Purvis Family
Dec 9 Mary Lou Nienaber	Dec 13 Dale Musgrave
Dec 10 Jacob Fanning	Dec 14 Kallie Edins
Dec 11 Hannah Peterson	

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.

St. Catherine in Indianola: St. Catherine's will be celebrating the Holy Innocence Mass on Sat. Dec. 27th at 10 am. A list of names that were read last year can be found in the back of the church. If you would like to add your child's name please contact Miranda Teel at 308-340-0849.

Bargain Bazaar: The Bargain Bazaar will be closed from Dec 22nd thru Dec 28th. We will reopen on Monday Dec 29th.

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.

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 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

Mary's Dream:

I had a dream, Joseph.

I don't understand it, but I think it was about a birthday celebration for our son.

The people in my dream had been preparing for about six weeks.

They had decorated the house and bought new clothes.

They'd gone shopping many times and bought many elaborate gifts.

It was peculiar, though, because the presents weren't for our son.

They wrapped them in beautiful paper and stacked them under a tree.

Yes, a tree, Joseph, right inside their homes! They'd decorated the tree with sparkling ornaments.

There was a figure like an angel on the top of the tree.

Everyone was laughing and happy.

They gave gifts to each other, Joseph, not to our son.

I don't think they even knew him.

They never mentioned his name.

I had the strangest feeling that, if our Jesus had gone to this celebration he would have been intruding.

How sad for someone not to be wanted at his own birthday party!

I'm glad it was only a dream. How terrible Joseph, if it had been real!

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