

<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-

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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 29**

6:45 am.....L/D Burns & Hamrick Families
 8:00 am.....No School
 3:00 pm.....Spanish Mass

Tuesday, Dec 30

6:45 am.....Laura Janssen
 8:00 am.....No School
 3:00 pm.....Spanish Mass

Wednesday, Dec 31

6:45 am.....Mike Langan
 8:00 am.....No School
 7:00 pm.....Don Roberts+

Thursday, Jan 1

8:00 am.....L/D Timmerman & Guthrie Families
 10:00 am.....For Our Parishioners
 3:00 pm.....Spanish Mass
 6:30 pm.....Spanish Mass (Hayes Center)

Friday, Jan 2

6:45 am.....Marilyn Malleck+
 8:00 am.....No School
 3:00 pm.....Spanish Mass

Saturday, Jan 3

8:00am.....Ron & Adonna Sis+
 6:00 pm.....Lester Bieker+

SUNDAY MASSES:**Sunday, Jan 4**

7:30 am.....Travis & Brenda Miller
 9:00 am.....Alma Lubbers+
 11:00 am.....Danny Eiler+
 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, Jan 4**

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

SACRED HEART CHURCH**Wednesday, Dec 31**

4:00 pm.....Cindy Johnson+

Sunday, Jan 4

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: 12/21/2025**St. Ann**

Weekly \$ 153.00

St. Patrick:

Weekly: \$ 8,130.00

Online: \$ 2,653.00

Total to St. Pats: \$ 10,783.00

Sacred Heart

Weekly \$ 877.00

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: \$ 218,559.43

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, and Don Roberts

Legion of Mary: Mary Most Holy goes on being the loving consoler of those touched by the many physical and spiritual sorrows which afflict and torment humanity. She knows our sorrow and our pains, because she too suffered, from Bethlehem to Calvary. St. Pope 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!!

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: 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: Jan 3/4:**Lectors:****Acolytes:**

Sat. eve	P. Cambell	Solko/R Jacobs
7:30 am	P. Goodenberger	Carfield/Liess
9:00 am	T. Kohmetscher	Peterson/Kain
11:00 am	S. Barenberg	O'Dea/Wilson

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

Weekly Holy Hour: Holy Hour on Monday Dec 29th 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 Dominic Jasti. He is in his Theology 2 year at Mount St. Mary Seminary. He is from St. Thomas Aquinas in Lincoln.

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.

Lucky Irish Calendar Winners-2025:

Dec 15 Amanda Konen	Dec 19 Cheryl Burkey
Dec 16 Kathy Hutchinson	Dec 20 Jack Baker
Dec 17 Matt Hrnchir	Dec 21 Colette Balderson
Dec 18 Tom Sughroue	

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 January.

Friends of Christ in the Midst of the World — Men's Retreat
January 16–18, 2026 | With Bishop Robert Finn

The Joy of Forgiveness Retreat -Jan 24–25, 2026
A 2-day retreat for men and women with Sandy Hoenig,

LDCCW Winter Symposium - Jan. 30–31, 2026
A two-day gathering for women of all ages

Pope's Intention for January: Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

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: 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 & Brenda Granger at 402-370-5839 or visit www.wwme.org.

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: The Catholic Social Services Truck will be here on Friday, Jan 2nd at 10:30am. Please come and help us load the truck.

Sunday Morning Fellowship: We will be having Sunday Fellowship on Jan. 4th and the menu will be Omelets. Please come and join us for a bite to eat and some fellowship.

Christmas Flowers: Thank you all who donated to our Christmas Flowers this year. Your generosity is greatly appreciated and it make our Christmas Altar so beautiful.

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.

Merry Christmas....

As we celebrate another Christmas, we are once again reminded of the joy and beauty of this special time of the year. Christ's presence is acknowledged and celebrated in a unique and special way. Oh come, oh come Emmanuel. It's hard to believe another year is coming to a close. I would like to express my gratitude for your prayers and support once again this year. God continues to bless us with opportunities to exercise and grow through the challenges we face in the year. It has been enlightening to welcome Fr. Basil to McCook and the parish family. Fr. Basil has brought a tinge of "Nigeria" into our lives. Please pray for Fr. B as he travels home for a visit after Christmas. Pray for his family and the challenges they are facing (especially his return). Thank you for all the cards and gifts, I am still working on my responses....be patient with me. Know that you are and continue to be in my prayers now and throughout the Christmas Octave and the entire New Year. God bless!!

Fr. Bernard Kimmisau

The Road to Bethlehem:

As Christmas draws near, God places before us a road—a simple road, a difficult road, a hidden road—leading to one small town. ("and you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least." Micah 5:2). Many walk towards this place in the days surrounding Christmas. Some complete the journey and find Jesus with ease. Some only after a long search. Some miss Him entirely. The reason for this is not due to the differences in our own respective journey, but the posture of our hearts. The **Shepards** have the shortest journey. They are simple people shaped by long nights beneath the heavens. This **Wise Men** travel the farthest. Learned men from the East, they seek God through the pursuits of the mind. **Mary** shows us another way—the most complete way. She unites prayer and understanding, wonder and wisdom. She exemplifies simple wisdom of the shepherds and knowledge of the Magi.

Joseph walks besides Mary in silence, yet his presence is strong and steady.



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