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St. Patrick Catholic Church

East 4th and F Street

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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.

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

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.

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)

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 8**

6:45 am.....Dean & Delores Lawson+
 12:05 pm.....Dr. Corinne Phillips Ward+
 3:00 pm.....Spanish Mass
 7:00 pm.....Mary Ann Schinzel+

Tuesday, Dec 9

6:45 am.....Dale Hofman+
 8:00 am.....Bill Kinney
 6:30 pm.....Spanish Mass (Hayes Center)

Wednesday, Dec 10

6:45 am.....Bob Bortner
 8:00 am.....L/D Timmerman & Guthrie Families

Thursday, Dec 11

6:45 am.....Ray & Martha Chmiel
 8:00 am.....Roland Anderjaska+

Friday, Dec 12

5:00 am.....Spanish Mass
 6:45 am.....Mary Moskal+
 8:00 am.....Loren & Ellen Griffin

Saturday, Dec 13

8:00am.....Duane Henn+
 4:00 pm.....Spanish Mass (Sacred Heart)
 6:00 pm.....Laura Koenig+

SUNDAY MASSES:**Sunday, Dec 14**

7:30 am.....Molly Langan+
 9:00 am.....Ann Biegler
 11:00 am.....L/D O'Dea & Sekavec Families
 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 14**

8:00 am.....L/D Francis & Mary Colling Family

SACRED HEART CHURCH**Monday Dec 8**

7:00 pm.....Immaculate Conception.....For the Parishioners

Sunday, Dec 14

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 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: no school on Dec. 8—Holy Day. 2pm dismissal on Wed. Christmas program on Thursday, Dec. 11 @ 7pm.

Next week's Mass Schedule: Dec 13/14:

	Lectors:	Acolytes:
Sat. eve	P. Campbell	Huffman/Solko
7:30 am	P. Goodenberger	Liess/Carfield
9:00 am	T. Kohmetscher	B. Jacobs/Eiler
11:00 am	S. Barenberg	Mabile/O'Dea

Mark your Calendars:

Healing Mass—Dec. 14 @ 4:00pm

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

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: 11/30/2025**St. Ann**

Weekly \$ 250.00

St. Patrick:

Weekly: \$ 5,519.00

Online: \$ 1,429.00

Total to St. Pats: \$ 6,948.00

Sacred Heart

Weekly \$ 155.00

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: \$ 189,869.43

Misc. Donations year to date: \$ 18,341.00

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

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

Legion of Mary: "Love of the Blessed Virgin produces a marvelous tenderness in our whole spiritual life. It leads us step by step to the joyful acceptance and love of the many trials which beset us. Blessed Edward Poppe

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: No Holy Hour this week on Monday evening due to the Holy Day of Obligation. The holy hour will resume next week at the normal time. 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 Eli Reiter. He is in his Pre Theology 1 year at St. Gregory the Great Seminary. He is from St. Peter's parish in Bellwood.

2026 G.I.F.T. Gala: The G.I.F.T. Gala auction sub-committee is close to securing items for the live auction portion of the evening. If you have anything that would benefit the auction in support of our school, please call Shannon 308-345-8871. Some ideas....guns, trips, labor for room remodels, lawn care. Get creative! If you don't have an item to donate but would like to still be involved, we are also accepting underwriting funds. You can also contact Shannon to purchase tickets. Save the Date cards are at the church entrances.

Lucky Irish Calendar Winners-2025:

Nov 24	Lisa Shifflet	Nov 28	St. Patrick
Nov 25	Ashley Eskew	Nov 29	Jasi Sharp
Nov 26	Taryn Witt	Nov 30	Tom & Cathy Broz
Nov 27	Christina Raikes		

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 Dec. 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 meet this week on Sun. Dec.7 at @ 7:30pm in the school library for a double episode meeting. 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 episode meeting. Hope to see you there.

Holy Day of Obligation—Immaculate Conception: Dec. 8th. is a Holy Day of obligation even though it falls on Monday, because it is a patronal feast of the United States and our Diocese.

Holy Day Mass Schedule:

6:45 am, 12:05 pm, 7:00 pm @ St. Patrick's
7:00 pm @ Sacred Heart.

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 19—4:30 pm—5:30 pm
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:

As the first word of Advent, Christ tells us, "Stay awake! You must be prepared." The unprepared people "in the days of Noah" were distracted by their "eating and drinking," oblivious to the imminent flood. In what does advent preparations consist? Putting on the Lord Jesus Christ through faith. "Encountering Christ, letting [ourselves] be caught up in and guided by His love, enlarges the horizons of existence, gives it a firm hope which will not disappoint. Faith is no refuge for the fainthearted, but something which enhances our lives. It makes us aware of a magnificent calling, the vocation of love...Faith is a lamp which guides our steps in the night and suffices for the journey" (Lumen Fidei,53). "Let us walk in the light of the Lord!"

Pray for those who will be installed by Bishop Conley as lectors & acolytes for our parish this Sunday, Dec. 7.



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