

<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, Jan 5**

6:45 am.....Tony Miller+
 8:00 am.....Fr. Lorenz
 3:00 pm.....Spanish Mass

Tuesday, Jan 6

6:45 am.....Sara Eisenmenger
 8:00 am.....Parishioners Struggling with Alcohol Addition

Wednesday, Jan 7

6:45 am.....L/D Anton & Catherine Blume Family
 8:00 am.....Arthur & Angela Budig+

Thursday, Jan 8

6:45 am.....James Pettera+
 8:00 am.....Laura Koenig+
 6:30 pm.....Spanish Mass (Hayes Center)

Friday, Jan 9

6:45 am.....Patricia Moore+
 8:00 am.....Charles & Lois Quigley & Family
 3:00 pm.....Spanish Mass

Saturday, Jan 10

8:00am.....Duane & Margurite Henn+
 6:00 pm.....L/D Harold & Irene Light Family

SUNDAY MASSES:**Sunday, Jan 11**

7:30 am.....Manual Dugas+
 9:00 am.....Kim Solko+
 11:00 am.....James Huffman 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, Jan 11**

8:00 am.....Bob Waltemath

SACRED HEART CHURCH**Sunday, Jan 11**

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

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: **12/28/2025**

St. Ann

Weekly \$ 571.00

St. Patrick:

Weekly: \$ 14,034.00

Online: \$ 1,815.00

Total to St. Pats: \$ 15,849.00

Sacred Heart

Weekly \$ 805.00

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: \$ 234,408.43

Misc. Donations year to date: \$ 32,946.00

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

Please pray for the souls of: Don Roberts, Dotti Scellin, Dr. Richard Walsh (Fr. Tom Walsh's Dad) and Virginia Bortner.

Legion of Mary: The devil tried to frighten me last night, but I recommended myself to the most Holy Madonna, and she delivered me. St. Philip Neri

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 Jan 5th 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 Jacob Knutson. He is in his Theology 3 year at Mount St. Mary Seminary. He is from North American Martyrs 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 year's Gala. The theme this year is Our Lady of Guadalupe.

St. Patrick Altar Society: The Altar Society meeting will be on Jan. 6th. with the Rosary at 6:30pm and meeting at 7:00pm. All women are welcome. Please come and join us.

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 resume on Wed Jan. 7.

CYO Classes: Classes resume on Wed Jan. 7. Classes will meet at church for a speaker and presentation.

School News: Classes resume on Monday Jan. 5. Student Council meeting after school on Monday Jan. 5th

Next week's Mass Schedule: Jan 10/11:

	Lectors:	Acolytes:
Sat. eve	B. Davidson	McConville/Redl
7:30 am	M. Owens	Fagot/F. Kain
9:00 am	P. Wood	Huffman/B. Jacobs
11:00 am	M. Tines	Mabile/A. Siegfried

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

The St. Patrick Prayer Chain: We are looking for new members that would like to participate in the Parish Prayer Chain. This is a very important activity for our parish as we all need prayers at one time or another. For more information please call 308-340-7946.

Lucky Irish Calendar Winners-2025:

Dec 22 Kent Kotschwar	Dec 26 Gale Slattery
Dec 23 Leslie Stramel	Dec 27 Evan Mai
Dec 24 Mary Lou Vrbas	Dec 28 Karen Roundsborg
Dec 25 Beau Warner	

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 meet next Sunday Jan. 11th at @ 8:00 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 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 Sunday, Jan. 4th at 5:00pm we will be providing a meal for the MCC Basketball teams in the church basement. 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. Join us as we thank them for their help with cleanup for the Fall Festival.

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

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.

Game Feed News: Game Feed Prep is tentatively scheduled for Jan. 16th and possibly the 17th at 4:00pm. There is also a sign up sheet in the back of church for needed supplies for the game feed. More info to follow. Please consider giving or your time for prep or a donation of supplies. This is a good fundraiser for our parish.

Attention hunters: we are in need of some more wild game for this year's event. We are looking in particular for rabbit, deer hearts and Canada geese. If you would like to help me out in this area please call rectory or drop game at the cooler inside the patio fence by the garage of the rectory.

Fair Booth and Fall Festival: We are looking for donations of beef for the Fair Booth and Fall Festival coming up this summer. Please keep us in mind in your future planning and generous support of the parish.

Blessing of the Threshold

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Sacred is this threshold of our home and holy is this door. This the meeting place of friend, neighbor, and stranger. May it be a bridge for our comings and goings. Whenever we stand in its sacred circle, may our eyes be granted new vision, so that we can see in friend or stranger the God of ten thousand disguises.

May this threshold be a sacred space where we come to celebrate the Sacrament of Hospitality. May the spirits of evil never cross this threshold, and may the Name of the All-Holy-One protect our home from harm. May God's angels stand guard at the right and the left of this opening to grace our comings and goings.

May we who live in this home guard the sacredness of this doorway. May our hearts be always alert to the danger of falseness and pretense as we greet those who come to our door. Let our affection be graced with honesty and reverence, and may the oil of truth burn in the lamp of our eyes. Help us to remember that our ancestors were strangers and exiles in Egypt, that Joseph and Mary came knocking at a door like this, weary and in search of kindness. May we receive all at this door as Godly guests.

May the blessing of God, and peace and grace of the All-Holy-One, surround this threshold and rest upon all who shall pass across it.

Amen



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