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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 1**

6:45 am.....Jeannine Schendt
 8:00 am.....Alma Lubbers+

Tuesday, Dec 2

6:45 am.....L/D Zegers & Kuhlen Families
 8:00 am.....Bob Bortner
 3:00 pm.....Spanish Mass

Wednesday, Dec 3

6:45 am.....Zach Wieser
 8:00 am.....Mary Colling+

Thursday, Dec 4

6:45 am.....Ron & Adonna Sis+
 8:00 am.....Haley Hrnchir
 6:30 pm.....Spanish Mass (Hayes Center)

Friday, Dec 5

6:45 am.....L/D James Budke Family
 8:00 am.....L/D Lavera Brooks Family
 3:00 pm.....Spanish Mass

Saturday, Dec 6

8:00am.....Duane & Marguerite Henn+
 6:00 pm.....Carolyn Wais+

SUNDAY MASSES:**Sunday, Dec 7**

7:30 am.....Delores Cappel+
 9:00 am.....James Huffman Family
 11:00 am.....Catherine Amador+
 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 7**

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

SACRED HEART CHURCH**Sunday, Dec 7**

10:00 am.....Sandra Weber

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: **11/23/2025**

St. Ann

Weekly \$ 113.00

St. Patrick:

Weekly: \$ 5,207.00

Online: \$ 2,481.00

Total to St. Pats: \$ 7,688.00

Sacred Heart

Weekly \$ 418.00

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: \$ 182,921.43

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

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

Please pray for the souls of: Dr. Corinne Phillips-Ward, Robert McConville, & Chet Risenhoover

Legion of Mary: "God has given us his own mother as our mother and advocate and has supplied her with the power to help us." St. Alphonsus Liguori

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 1st @ 7:00pm. The hour includes the rosary, quiet reflection time, confession, litany to St. Patrick, litany for Rain and night prayer, finishing with benediction.

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 Jackson Schaefer. He is in his Propaedeutic year at St. Gregory the Great Seminary. He is from St. Cecilia's parish in Hastings.

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.

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: Confessions on Thursday, Dec. 4.

Next week's Mass Schedule: Dec 6/7:

	Lectors:	Acolytes:
Sat. eve	M. Graff	McConville/Redl
7:30 am	J. Roberts	Carfield/Spilinek
9:00 am	M. Sis	B. Jacobs/Eiler
11:00 am	M. Tines	Mabile/Kain

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

Bargain Bazaar: The Catholic Social Services Truck will be at the Bargain Bazaar on Dec. 5th at 10:30 am. Please come and help us load.

Lucky Irish Calendar Winners-2025:

Nov 17	Mike Baker	Nov 21	Fr. Kimminau
Nov 18	Tracey Sis	Nov 22	Paul Messinger
Nov 19	Tracy Eustace	Nov 23	John Finnessy
Nov 20	Charles Tines		

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 not meet this week on Sun. Nov. 30 but will meet on 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. For more information or dates please call or text Gary & Brenda Granger at 402-370-5839 or visit www.wwme.org.

Knights of Columbus upcoming events:

Christmas Party will be held on Saturday Dec. 6th. Social, dinner, and gift exchange will put you in the mood for the upcoming season. Open to the adult parishioners. Details to follow. Save the date.

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

Women at the Well: Come unite with Catholic women across Nebraska as we kick off Advent with a special evening retreat! Women at the Well will be hosting a virtual retreat on November 30. Join us for fellowship and snacks at 6:30 p.m. followed by guest speaker Emily Wilson, author of Sincerely Stoneheart, at 7pm. We'll close the evening with adoration and confession. Let's begin Advent centered on the true meaning of the season—Jesus. For questions, please contact Amanda Peterson (340-1451) or Kate Siegfried (272-7641)

First Friday Holy Hour: Please consider joining us in prayer on Friday, Dec. 5th. Holy Hour begins at 7:00 pm and will conclude at midnight.

7:00 pm Altar Society Ladies

8:00 pm—John 9:00 pm —Matthew

10:00 pm —Mark 11:00 pm —Luke

Immaculate Conception: Mass Schedule for the Holy Day. It 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.

Food Drive for the Pantry: thank-you to all who contributed to the recent food drive. The school kids brought in donations of food on the final day before the Thanksgiving break. A total of 330 pounds of food was collected and delivered to the pantry. Thank you for your continuing support and generosity to help those in need.

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 next Sunday, Dec. 7.



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