

COLLECTION – Nov 26: Env \$1030; Plate \$254; Votive \$33; Lit \$4; Cloistered Sisters \$570 = \$1891

Ministry Schedule	Acolyte	Lector	Server
Sat Dec 2	Tim Lord	Dale Stritt	
Sun Dec 3	Roger Buschkoetter	Rick McConville	Braxton
Sat Dec 9	Dave McConville	Ondrea McConville	
Sun Dec 10	Rick Teel	Skip Marsh	Brody
Sat Dec 16	Tim Cornwell	Lloyd Ogorzolka	
Sun Dec 17	Jack Ryan	Denise McConville	Gage
Sat Dec 23	Tom Davidson	Joellyn Davidson	
Sun Dec 24 5PM	Tim Lord	Dale Stritt	Dylan

Date	Servers of Coffee and Rolls	Roll Runner
Dec 10	Dave/Ondrea McConville	Cara Oltmer
Dec 17	Patrick/Pamela Minary	Dennis/Kem McConville
Dec 24	Volunteer-Christmas	Volunteer-Christmas
		Gale/Claudia

Holy Father’s Prayer Intention for December

For persons with disabilities

We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

Prayer Intentions: Wayne Crawford, Don Reiners; Shane Hoelcher ; Jeff Dudensing (deployed in Egypt)

Sisters Vocation and Seminary Prayer List: Please pray for Sr. Rita Marie of the Holy Trinity, and Sr. Maria Theresa Vi Nguyen, and seminary Trent Mines

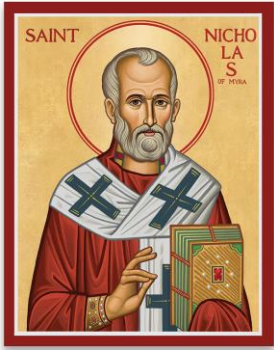
Ladies of the Parish: Our raffle is coming closer. Have you purchased your tickets? The first drawing will be **January 2024**. If you still have tickets to turn in, you may put them in the collection plate. Thank You for all your efforts in purchasing tickets and getting them sold.

The winner of the Knights gun raffle for Nov. is Dave McConville.

Looking for some time away to be with the Lord? Check out some upcoming retreats at Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House in Waverly. "Men's Spiritual Exercises with Regnum Christi" on Dec. 7-10 with Fr. Shawn Aaron, LC and "Masses and Tears" with Fr. Jay Buhman on Dec. 15-17. Read more and register at www.goodcounselretreat.org, email office@goodcounselretreat.org or call 402-786-2705.

Meetings and Events

- Dec 3 – Parish Council Meeting
- Dec 3 – 1st Sunday of Advent
- Dec 8 – The Immaculate Conception
- Dec 10 – Altar Society Meeting
- Dec 25 – The Nativity of the Lord; Christmas Day



The Knights of Columbus family for November is Rick and Crinda McConville.

Rick and Crinda were married at St Catherine's in 1990 and Crinda joined the Church at that time. Rick is a life time member of St. Catherine's, Lector, on the Board of Trustees and a member of the Knights of Columbus. Crinda is a Funeral Committee Chairman, past treasurer of Altar Society and one of our excellent organist. Rick and Crinda's daughters Layne Salas - Indianola, Allie Swanson - Geneva, Cassa Easter - York and Avery. Avery is a Sr. in High School this year, attends CCD and is also a Cantor in the Choir when Crinda plays the organ. Congratulations Rick and Crinda.

The Knights are selling Lucky Irish Calendars, to help St. Patrick's School in McCook. Contact Bernie Walz or other Knights to purchase.

The Altar Society will again be taking Christmas pates to the elderly and shut-in's. We will be putting these plates together after our next Altar Society meeting on December 10th. Parishioners are asked to bring homemade or packaged goodies for these plates. Please designate if sugar-free.



The Emmaus Institute for Biblical Studies is accepting registrations for a five-week course *Hearing the Word: Understanding the Bible*, offered in person on Monday or Tuesday evenings (6:30-8:30pm) beginning January

8, and available online (typically posted the following day, with class notes). Taught by Emmaus president Dr. Vern Steiner, *Hearing the Word* is a practical course designed to equip students with the tools to read the Bible with understanding. Learn more and register at www.EmmausInstitute.net.

There will be a sign up sheet in the back of the church for Poinsettia donations. We have 20 on order again this year. Suggested donation is \$22 for a Poinsettia & Fr. Houlihan will also say Remembrance Masses for our Loved Ones. We need your name, phone number & how many you would like to donate. I will be contacting you later for your loved ones lists. Any ?? Call Rita McConville @ 308-340-0888 or 364-2315. Thank you!

Pastor’s Notes:
This coming Friday is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Mary, under this title, is the patroness of the United States, so this is an especially good day to pray for our beloved country. There will be a Mass at 6:30 P.M. on Thursday evening, and one at 7 A.M. on Friday morning. O Mary, conceived without sin by God’s special election of you as the New Eve, pray for us and keep us close to your beloved Son, the New Adam and Savior of our human race!

We are happy to have Fr. Daniel Rayer with us this weekend to observe our Forty Hours of special Eucharistic adoration. The Jesus we await in Advent has already come in history, will come again in majesty, and is truly present now in mystery. Advent, let alone Christmas, has no meaning except in Him. He is the Reason for the season!

Wednesday is the feast of a favorite Advent saint, a man known to many as “Santa Claus,” the real historical figure, St. Nicholas, who now lives in glory in heaven (much nicer than the North Pole!). The tradition of boys and girls in Holland is to leave out shoes or stockings on the eve of the day with coins for Nicholas to take to the poor, and often those shoes or stockings are filled by him (or his “elves”) with apples, oranges, nuts, or candy as a special treat for those who are preparing their hearts and souls and minds and strength for the Christ Child at Christmas. St. Nicholas, pray for us!

We only had six come to the house for Halloween (although it was not well-announced by me since I was not expecting to have the use of my house that evening). Did you know that of the eight funerals we had between All Souls’ Day of 2022 and that of 2023, five were from outside the parish—those who were returning to their roots? All these funerals were in 2023, and we have had two others since then. Thank you for remembering our beloved dead, especially during the month of November!

It is safe to say that our church foundation project is, for the most part, complete—still need to have railing for sacristy porch, replant some buffalo grass, etc. Thanks to all who helped!

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Online Giving: <https://www.osvhub.com/stcatherineindianola/funds> (new address)
Parish Hall 308-364-2228

Mass Schedule: Sat 5pm Sun 9am
Confessions: Sat 3:30-4:30pm Sun 8:15-8:45 or on request

Parish Council Members: Skip Marsh, Steve Conroy, Janet Cornwell, Kyle Teel, Rick McConville, Roger Buschkoetter, Lloyd Ogorzolka and Nanci Stritt.

Altar Society, meets 2nd Sun, 10:15 am, Knights of Columbus, meets 2nd Sun, 10:15 am

Misa, Domingo- 4:00pm, Iglesia de San Patricio, McCook Fr Lorenz 308-414-1195

Weddings - Call 8 months in advance (*Engaged Encounter weekend and Fertility Care required*)

Fertility Care Instructors: McCook Kate Siegfried, 345-5812

ABC Pregnancy Help Center, McCook- 308-350-0126

Grief Support Group (Community Hospital, McCook) 308-344-2650.

Newcomers: If you have moved into our parish, please register by filling out a form in back of Church, or call the rectory at 308-364-2428.

The 1st Sunday of Advent– December 03, 2023

DAY	DATE	TIME	MASS INTENTION
Sat.	12/02	5:00pm	People of the parish
Sun.	12/03	9:00am	Gayle Tines +
Mon.	12/04	7:30am	Jay Wood +
Tues.	12/05	7:30am	Lilies—Loved ones remembrance +
Wed.	12/06	6:30pm	Florence Uerling +
Thurs.	12/07	7:30am	Rob McConville +
Thurs.	12/07	6:30pm	People of the parish
Fri.	12/08	7:00am	St. Catherine Altar Society L&D
Sat.	12/09	5:00pm	Nellie Ryan +
Sun.	12/10	9:00am	People of the parish

