

COLLECTION – Dec 3: Env \$3890; Plate \$228; Votive \$41; Lit \$25; Cloistered Sisters \$60; Cemetery \$100 = \$4344

Ministry Schedule	Acolyte	Lector	Server
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
Sun Dec 24 10PM	Steve Conroy	Millie Cuellar	Braxton
Mon Dec 25 9AM	Dave McConville	Kay Portillo	Brody
Sat Dec 30	Tim Cornwell	Lloyd Ogorzolka	
Sun Dec 31	Jack Ryan	Skip Marsh	Gage

Date	Servers of Coffee and Rolls	Roll Runner
Dec 17	Patrick/Pamela Minary	Dennis/Kem McConville
Dec 24	Volunteer-Christmas	Volunteer-Christmas
Dec 31	Mark/Kim McConville	Ken/Karen Kircher

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

Sisters Vocation and Seminary Prayer List: Please pray for Sr. Maria Joseph Hang Bui, Sr. Maria Christine Loan Tran, and Sr. Maria Bernadette Phuong Nguyen, and seminary Rev Mr. Augustine Reimers, and Isaac Wahlmeier

End and begin the year in the presence of the Lord by going on a retreat at Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House in Waverly. "Masses and Tears" with Fr. Jay Buhman on Dec. 15-17, 4-Day or 8-Day Ignatian Retreat with Matt Simmons or Fr. Barak on Dec. 29-Jan. 1, Jan. 2-5 or Dec. 29-Jan. 5, 4-Day, or 8-Day Ignatian Retreat with Fr. Barak or Sarina Stokes (on Jan. 8-11) Jan. 8-11, Jan. 11-15, or Jan. 8-15, and "Laborers in the Vineyard" Retreat for Men on January 12-13. Read more and register at www.goodcounselretreat.org, email office@goodcounselretreat.org or call 402-786-2705.

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

Meetings and Events

Dec 8 – The Immaculate Conception
Dec 10 – Altar Society Meeting
Dec 20 – CCD Christmas program
Dec 25 – The Nativity of the Lord; Christmas Day

The Hallow App is being promoted again this Advent Season.

Hallow is now in the Top 30 Apps on the App Store. It offers over 10,000 prayer sessions, with something for everyone, even children. 350,000 people across 150+ countries have joined the Advent Pray25 challenge. Jonathan Roumie who plays Jesus in “The Chosen” is the prayer guide who will lead us through three powerful writings of C. S. Lewis, all voiced by Liam Neeson. To join, just scan the QR code on the book mark, flyer, or banner. Make this the best Advent ever.



The CCD Christmas program will be held on Wednesday, December 20th. The CCD students should arrive at 5:30 PM, like usual, the program will begin at 6:00 PM. The 7th-12th grade students will be having a free will donation soup supper following the program, so please plan to stay and enjoy some soup, too! The money raised will help fund their upcoming trip to Lincoln.

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!

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.

Pastor's Notes:

Last year was the longest Advent possible (28 days), since Christmas was on a Sunday, while this year is the shortest Advent possible (22 days), since the Nativity of the Lord falls on a Monday. Christmas is three weeks from Monday! Thanks to Tim Lord and Tom Davidson for getting and putting in some lights, to Dale Stritt for sidewalk snow removal and Lon Brooks for parking lot snow removal, to Les Schmidt for getting a plumber for the church bathroom, to Rick McConville for cleaning gutters on the rectory, to Rita McConville and Barb Tines for church decorating, to Kathy Haag and her funeral committee and the Knights of Columbus who made our last funeral for Charles McConville possible, to the many people (and their out-of-town guests) who helped to change missalettes and songbooks on November 25 (Christ the King). I could go on, but you get the point—we have many good stewards in our parish!

By my calculations (as of Dec. 2), we had \$5200 in donations or pledges to the Bishop's Appeal for Vocations, which is about 152% of our parish goal of \$3430. Thanks to you for your help!

I am glad that many of you took advantage of the time during Forty Hours to pay a visit to our Eucharistic King. If you do not know how to pray, remember what the old French farmer told his pastor, the Cure of Ars (St. John Vianney)—I look at Him and He looks at me. Prayer is being with the One Who loves us and Whom we love in some small way in return. If you want to use Advent well spiritually, take a moment or two out of your busy schedule and rest in His Real Presence in the church. He is always waiting for you!

You should be getting a parish mailing for Christmas this week. It has the schedule for the upcoming Masses during the Christmas and Epiphany season, as well as a small gift from your truly. Note that there are extra times for confession starting next Sunday (Fr. Wehrs from Cambridge is planning to join me at 4 P.M. that day)—you are also welcome to go to Cambridge (at 3 P.M.) or McCook (at 7 P.M.) if those times are more convenient. There are no extra times on Dec. 24 (Sun.) or Dec. 25. God bless!

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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 2nd Sunday of Advent– December 10, 2023

DAY	DATE	TIME	MASS INTENTION
Sat.	12/09	5:00pm	Nellie Ryan +
Sun.	12/10	9:00am	People of the parish
Mon.	12/11	7:30am	Sharon Deon +
Tues.	12/12	7:30am	Tom Sughroue +
Wed.	12/13	6:30pm	Nanci Schmidt +
Thurs.	12/14	7:30am	Vonda Malleck Parrott +
Fri.	12/15	7:30am	Don High +
Sat.	12/16	5:00pm	Walz Family L&D
Sun.	12/17	9:00am	People of the parish

