

**COLLECTION** – Dec 10: Env \$2688; Plate \$127; Votive \$26; Hall Rent \$60; Grain Donation \$1321 = \$4222

Ministry Schedule	Acolyte	Lector	Server
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 24	Volunteer-Christmas	Volunteer-Christmas
Dec 31	Mark/Kim McConville	Ken/Karen Kircher
Jan 7	Tanner/Miranda Teel	Myrna Haag

### 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. Xuan Sang, and seminary Thomas Rajewski.

**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. 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](http://www.goodcounselretreat.org), email [office@goodcounselretreat.org](mailto: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.

**The Knights of Columbus Thanks the parish for their donation to the Tootsie Roll drive**, we collected \$364.00 dollars. \$182.00 will go to South West Area Training in McCook.

### Meetings and Events

Dec 20 – CCD Christmas program  
Dec 25 – The Nativity of the Lord; Christmas Day  
Jan 28 – Parish Council Meeting



**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.

**“I am the voice of one crying out in the desert, ‘make straight the way of the Lord.’”** Whose voice are you listening to, the world’s or God’s? Invite God into your marriage by participating in the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on: February 9-11, 2024 in Lincoln, NE For questions, or to find out more about a Virtual Encounter Weekend, feel free to contact: Brenda & Gary Granger: 720-213-8833 Space is limited, so reserve your weekend early. For more information about Worldwide Marriage Encounter, please visit [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org).

**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.

**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:** Thank You So Much for your food donations. Please check in the kitchen as there are LOTS of nice dishes still left. Thank You for picking them up.

**LDCCW October Pro-Life Diaper Drive:** The final numbers are in and the parishioners of the Lincoln Diocese have again shown how Pro-Life they are. The cash received has been converted to diapers giving us a total of 159,742 diapers donated. WOW!! God bless you all.

**Winner of the Dec Knights Gun raffle was Benny Gengerich Maywood , NE.**

**Pastor's Notes:**

Advent is definitely a time of preparation—not only for the Christmas holiday with our family and friends, but with our remembering that we are preparing for the Second Coming of Jesus Christ in glory on the last day, when He will come to judge the living and the dead. Like the earliest Christians who expected it to happen in their lifetimes (“Please come and save us from being thrown to the lions in the arena!”), we have reason to hope in His coming, and we pray that we will be ready for it when it comes—for most of us, it will be the day of our death, whenever and wherever and however it may be. We do want to be watchful and ready, just as St. John the Baptist bids us to be as we “prepare the way of the Lord.” Like the Blessed Virgin Mary, we wait in patient and hopeful expectation.

One thing that we can do on a very practical level is to make a good confession. We are required by Church law (since the Fourth Lateran Council in 1215, the same year as Magna Carta) to use the sacrament once a year if we are in mortal sin, but this is surely a bare minimum. In following Jesus Christ, we do not want to be among those who do the “bare minimum,” but among those who truly “rejoice” (the Gaudete in Gaudete Sunday means “rejoice!”) because we were created and redeemed by a loving God Who only asks that we return His love in some small way. When we can name and say our sins out loud to another human being (that is what the priest is for), God can truly make us free and able to rejoice and give ourselves and our lives to Him and to others. If we have nothing to be sorry for, we have nothing to rejoice about—we act as if we do not need a Redeemer, since we are already “good” people. Deep down, we know this is not the case. Something is missing and the hole in our hearts and souls can be filled only by the One Who made them. Make a good confession before Christmas--see the schedule that was sent to you—today at 4 P.M. would be an excellent opportunity, since Fr. Wehrs from Cambridge is planning to be here with me. If that does not work, 3 P.M. in Cambridge or 7 P.M. in McCook might also work, not to mention the other times listed in the letter and on the diocesan website, as well as the bulletin. Rejoice!

# St. Catherine's Catholic Parish

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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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent– December 17, 2023

DAY	DATE	TIME	MASS INTENTION
Sat.	12/16	5:00pm	Walz Family L&D
Sun.	12/17	9:00am	People of the parish
Mon.	12/18	7:30am	Gale Liess Family
Tues.	12/19	7:30am	Skinner-Schneiderman Family +
*Wed.	12/20	7:30am	Tom Sughroue +
Thurs.	12/21	7:30am	Don High +
Fri.	12/22	7:30am	Perry Kuhn +
Sat.	12/23	5:00pm	Betty Davidson +
Sun.	12/24	9:00am	People of the parish

\*Note time change, due to CCD Christmas program

