

COLLECTION – Dec 17: Env \$983; Plate \$332; Votive \$21; Cemetery \$350; Lit \$50 = \$1736

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 31	Mark/Kim McConville	Ken/Karen Kircher
Jan 7	Tanner/Miranda Teel	Myrna Haag
Jan 14	Rick/Crinda McConville	Bill/Steph 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. Mary Cecilia, and seminary Dominic Jasti.

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, email office@goodcounselretreat.org or call 402-786-2705.

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.

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

Meetings and Events

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.

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.

Don’t give each other things this Christmas, give each other the gift of great communication, a deep love and a marriage filled with God by participating in a **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.

Pastor's Notes:

Today is still Advent—admittedly, the last day, for the beloved Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord, Christmas, begins tonight. I know I will be asked the question, so here is the answer: there are two Mass “obligations,” one for Sunday and one for the holy day. If you attend Mass only on Sunday evening, Christmas Eve (at 5 P.M. or 10 P.M.), it could technically “count” for Sunday, when we always celebrate the Lord’s Resurrection as on a “little Easter,” but that would leave your Christmas obligation for Monday morning (9 A.M.). Last year, when Christmas Day fell on Sunday, we could celebrate both together, but, yes, the Resurrection Mass of the Lord’s Day and the day we celebrate His birth are two distinct celebrations. I trust that those reading this bulletin are attending Saturday at 5 P.M. or Sunday at 9 A.M. for the Fourth Sunday of Advent, so this will not be an issue. In the Eastern tradition, it is the Sunday of the Fathers, remembering the righteous people of the Old Testament who prepared the way for the Savior. Even though the Lord was born some two thousand years ago, we still are awaiting His return in glory at the end of time. He comes to us in history, in mystery (in the sacraments), and in majesty, past, present, and future. He is never far from us, our Emmanuel (“God with us”).

Yours truly is planning to be gone from the parish after Mass on Monday morning until sometime on Wednesday, when we again have our usual 6:30 P.M. Mass, so no Mass here for St. Stephen’s Day on Tuesday, but yes for St. John the Evangelist on Wednesday, the Holy Innocents on Thursday, St. Thomas Becket on Friday, and the Feast of the Holy Family next weekend. There will be no Mass obligation for New Year’s, since it falls on Monday. May you and all your loved ones have a blessed and joyous and merry Christmas. Remember that Monday is not the end of the season, but the beginning of Christmastide. Joy to the world—the Lord is come!

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 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 4th Sunday of Advent– December 24, 2023

DAY	DATE	TIME	MASS INTENTION
Sat.	12/23	5:00pm	Betty Davidson +
Sun.	12/24	9:00am	People of the parish
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Sun.	12/24	10:00pm	Charles McConville +
Mon.	12/25	9:00am	Fr. John Keefe +
Tues.	12/26		Fr. John Keefe + (on the road)
Wed.	12/27	6:30pm	Ray and Myrna Haag Family
Thurs.	12/28	7:30am	Fr. John Keefe +
Fri.	12/29	7:30am	Dan Linegar +
Sat.	12/30	5:00pm	Marilyn Vontz +
Sun.	12/31	9:00am	People of the parish

