

**COLLECTION** – Dec 25 Env \$1331; Plate \$287; Votive \$19; Donation \$100; Grain Donation \$5654; Cemetery \$455; Stole Fee \$20; Lit \$25 = \$7891

Dec 28 Env \$971; Plate \$272; Christmas \$125; Votive \$29 = \$1397

Ministry Schedule	Acolyte	Lector	Server
Sat Jan 3	Dave McConville	Ondrea McConville	
Sun Jan 4	Rick Teel	Denise McConville	Brody/Callan
Sat Jan 10	Wyatt McConville	Dale Stritt	
Sun Jan 11	Jack Ryan	Rick McConville	Hunter/Judd
Sat Jan 17	Herb Ryan	Lloyd Ogorzolka	
Sun Jan 18	Roger Buschkoetter	Kay Portillo	Gage/Russel

Date	Servers of Coffee and Rolls	Roll Runner
Jan 4	Dylan/Shelby McConville	Myrna Haag
Jan 11	Rick/Ann Teel	Bill/Steph Haag
Jan 18	Linda Thayer	Chuck/Barb Tines

Holy Father’s Prayer Intention for January

*For prayer with the Word of God*

**Let us pray that, praying the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church**

**Prayer Intentions:** Repose soul of Ed Richard; Jane Newberry; John Werkmeister; Nancy Campbell; Elizabeth Haag; Ginny Bortner; Dr. Wayne

(To add or remove someone from this list please call the rectory at 364-2428 or email a notice to [st.catherine.church@hotmail.com](mailto:st.catherine.church@hotmail.com). To add someone to the calling prayer chain, you can call or email Steph Neseth at 692-3408 or [snabc@kdsi.net](mailto:snabc@kdsi.net).

**Names will be left on the list for 30 days unless we are notified otherwise.**

**Sisters Vocation Prayer:** Please pray for new entrants in Diocese of Lincoln Motherhouses, Sr. Kateri Toler

**Seminarian Vocation Prayer:** Please pray for Seminarian, Jacob Knutson

**Turn in your Lucky Irish Calendar sales to Bernie.** Need to be turned into McCook Knights before the end of December.

**The Knights of Columbus have new blue shirts available. If you would like to order one contact Bernie Walz.**

**Meetings and Events**

Jan 4 – Epiphany of the Lord

Jan 11 – Baptism of the Lord

**Marriage Encounter Experience** At North American Martyrs Church. Feb. 20-22 in Lincoln "Communication enhancing our Marriage" Register right-away to say a place. Call/Text 402-370-5839

**The 2026 Walk for Life Gala**, a fundraiser for Nebraska Right to Life, will be held the night before the annual **Walk for Life**. Come join your fellow pro-lifers for either or both. The featured speaker at both events is Nick Freitas, a Green Beret combat veteran and member of the Virginia House of Delegates, where he has been known for his oratory and floor debates. Tickets for the Gala, which will be at the Cornhusker Marriott Hotel on Friday, January 30, 2026, are \$75, and can be purchased online at the NRL website, [nebraskarighttolife.org](http://nebraskarighttolife.org), or send a check made out to Nebraska Right to Life (noting it is for Gala), PO Box 80410, Lincoln, NE 68501-0410. Information on purchasing tables and sponsorships is also on the website. **Registration deadline is January 22 (no ticket sales after this date).** The Walk for Life on January 31 begins at the State Capitol at 10:00 a.m., followed by walking around the Capitol and then assembling in the Cornhusker Marriott to browse informational booths before hearing once more from Nick Freitas. The Walk is preceded by the Mass across from the Capitol at St. Mary’s Catholic Church, at 9:00 a.m. For questions, contact Nebraska Right to Life, 402-438-4802, [nebraskartl@gmail.com](mailto:nebraskartl@gmail.com).

**“Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.”** Husbands and wives, offer each other the treasures of your love by participating in an upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on: Feb. 20-22, Lincoln, NE; Apr. 18-19, Lakewood, CO; June 19-21, Golden, CO; Aug. 7-9, Wichita, KS; Sept. 18-20, Grand Island, NE; Nov. 6-8, Grand Junction, CO Call or text 402-370-5839 for more information. For Spanish WWME Experience information, contact Victor & Lupita Corona at 651-343-2348. For more information about Worldwide Marriage Encounter, and addition dates and locations, please visit [wwme.org](http://wwme.org) Follow us on Instagram and Facebook! [@worldwidemarriageencounter](https://www.instagram.com/worldwidemarriageencounter)

Pastor’s Notes:

Today is sometimes called “Little Christmas,” although it actually ranks as high as Christmas Day in the liturgical calendar. It is the day on which the Magi traditionally arrived in Bethlehem (the “twelfth day” of Christmas), so it properly belongs on January 6, but, for the sake of allowing more people to take part, it has been moved to the nearest Sunday. Among Eastern Christians, it is the day when the Lord was baptized by His cousin John the Baptist, beginning His public life and ministry. In Greek tradition, the bishop or priest throws a crucifix in the water of the sea, and the young people vie to retrieve it. This is also the day when we commemorate the first public miracle of the Lord, the changing of water into wine at the wedding feast of Cana. All three of these themes (the Magi, the Baptism, and Cana) all show the coming of the Lord in great majesty, in contrast to the humble coming at Bethlehem on Christmas Day. Both Epiphany and Christmas, then, complement each other and help us to reflect on how “the Word became Flesh and made His dwelling among us.” This is what is referred to as the mystery of the Incarnation (the “enfleshment” of the Second Person of the Holy Trinity), and we can again rejoice in the great coming of our God to us sinners in the world that God created and we drove askew. Next Sunday we focus on the Baptism of the Lord and this will be the last day of official Christmastide—although the themes will continue to show up in the readings until Lent begins. Jesus, You came once for sinners; please come again in majesty at the end of time!

Today is also the day when the “Epiphany Proclamation” is made with the announcement of the dates of the “movable feasts” for the coming year (primarily, Easter Sunday and the feasts that depend on that particular date, which is April 5 this year. There are also prayer sheets that you may use with your family in your home today or soon, recalling the visit of the Magi and asking Christ to bless your home, along with blessed chalk and blessed Epiphany water. God bless YOU!

Special thanks to all who have helped in our celebration of the coming of the Lord—to Rita McConville and Barb Tines for decorating (and re-decorating with the wreaths outside after the windstorm), to our four dedicated organists and the boys and girls and men and women that helped lead our singing, to the Knights of Columbus for setting up (and, eventually, taking down) the crib---quite an operation, although it goes rather smoothly, and to all readers, acolytes, servers, ushers and all!

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Online Giving: <https://www.osvhub.com/stcatherineindianola/funds> (new address)  
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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 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 Epiphany of the Lord – January 4<sup>th</sup> 2026

DAY	DATE	TIME	MASS INTENTION
Sat.	01/03	5:00pm	People of the parish
Sun.	01/04	9:00am	Poinsettias—loved ones remembrance +
Mon.	01/05	7:30am	Virginia Liess +
Tues.	01/06	7:30am	Betty Grade
Wed.	01/07	6:30pm	Paul Newberry +
Thurs.	01/08	7:30am	Bonnie Pittz +
Fri.	01/09	7:30am	Beverly Haag +
Sat.	01/10	5:00pm	Lord Fam. L&D
Sun.	01/11	9:00am	People of the parish

