

COLLECTION – Jan 1 Env \$431; Plate \$138; Votive \$10; Christmas \$100; Farm Income \$1778; Memorials \$25 = \$2482

Jan 4 Env \$6449; Plate \$250; Votive \$19; Solemnity of Mary \$95; Altar Soc \$10; Memorials \$3; Maintenance \$245; Register \$15; CCD \$65 = \$7151

Ministry Schedule	Acolyte	Lector	Server
Sat Jan 17	Herb Ryan	Lloyd Ogorzolka	
Sun Jan 18	Roger Buschkoetter	Kay Portillo	Gage/Russel
Sat Jan 24	Steve Conroy	Skip Marsh	
Sun Jan 25	Tim Cornwell	Millie Cuellar	Dylan/Camden
Sat Jan 31	Tom Davidson	Joellyn Davidson	
Sun Feb 1	Roger Buschkoetter	Rick McConville	Brody/Joseph

Date	Servers of Coffee and Rolls	Roll Runner
Jan 18	Linda Thayer Chuck/Barb Tines	Sam/Sadie
Jan 25	Jeff/Brooke Brooks Jason/Dannette Klopping	Dale
Feb 1	Dale Stritt Lois Reiners	Don/Donna

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 Ginny Bortner; Jane Newberry;Nancy Campbell
(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. To add someone to the calling prayer chain, you can call or email Steph Neseth at 692-3408 or snabc@kdsi.net.
Names will be left on the list for 30 days unless we are notified otherwise.

Seminarian Vocation Prayer: Please pray for Seminarian, Henry Stuhr

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

Knights of Columbus free throw contest at Bartley gym at 7:00 pm Sunday Jan 18th.

Darcie Keensportz is the new one putting prayers on the prayer chain. Her phone number is308-737-1106 and her email is Darcie_Hayes@hotmail.com.

Meetings and Events

- Jan 11 – Baptism of the Lord
- Jan 18 – Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest
- Jan 25 – Parish Council Meeting
- Feb 1 – Soup’er Bowl Supper



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, 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.

"I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from heaven and remain upon him".
Allow the Holy Spirit to deepen your communication, rekindle your romance and renew your sacrament by attending the next 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 Follow us on Instagram and Facebook! @worldwidemarriageencounter

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

Pastor's Notes:

Today is the octave (the “eighth day”) of the great Epiphany, when we focus on one of the “mysteries” of this feast as we celebrate the Feast of the Lord’s Baptism in the Jordan by His cousin John the Baptist. This is the end of the official Christmas and Epiphany season, but the dramatic beginning of the Lord’s public life. The Father has announced that this is His beloved Son and the Holy Spirit has descended upon Him—the Holy Trinity is made manifest today. We continue through the next few weeks of winter and darkness with the hope of light and warmth. God is here for us—Emmanuel!

As we finish the season of the “Incarnation,” it is good that we look a little bit more closely at what that means. It literally means “the becoming in the flesh” and refers to the fact that God shared His life with us, His Word which became Flesh, the only-begotten Son, Who is God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made. Jesus is not just some random “nice man” from the past, but the very face of God—“if you see Me, you have seen the Father” (see John 14:9). By looking at some of the early “heresies” (doctrines which split the Church because of their falsity), we can see more clearly what we do believe—although perfect understanding and knowledge is not possible in this life. The Gnostics emphasized spirit over flesh—soul is good, body is bad, and especially that personal spiritual knowledge was more important than revelation as preached by the institutional Church (sound familiar?) . Although it was a broad category, their defining characteristic might be summarized as “I’ve got a secret—and you do not!” But God came to earth for all, not just the knowledgeable few—the great truth of Christmas. One subset of this group would be the Docetists, who even said that Jesus did not really die on the Cross, but just seemed to. The most dangerous heresy in the early Church, however, was Arianism, started by a priest names Arius from Alexandria in Egypt. His followers claimed that Jesus was the greatest of all the creatures that God made, but not “God from God, Light from Light, True God from True God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father” as the first ecumenical council of Nicaea clarified in 325. If Jesus was not divine, He could not have redeemed us, and if He were not human, He could not have represented us and acted as Mediator on our behalf. The body is not bad, but, in fact, it was created and redeemed by God, and it is shared in common with the Son of God. When we are redeemed, it is not only our soul, but our body as well that is brought back to God. The seventh ecumenical council of Nicaea II, in fact, emphasized that representing Jesus or the saints was not a bad thing (as in the law of Moses) , since Jesus had “lifted up” our fallen human nature and reminded us that all matter, since it is created by God, is good. And He showed this by His Incarnation—“and the Word became Flesh and made His dwelling among us” (see John 1:14).

St. Catherine’s Catholic Parish

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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 (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 Baptism of the Lord – January 11th 2026

DAY	DATE	TIME	MASS INTENTION
Sat.	01/10	5:30pm	Lord Family
Sun.	01/11	9:00am	People of the parish
Mon.	01/12	7:30am	Mary Rayer Hayes +
Tues.	01/13	7:30am	Nancy Schmidt +
Wed.	01/14	6:30pm	Ron Blume +
Thurs.	01/15	7:30am	Virgil Stewart and Bernadette Stewart Sis +
Fri.	01/16	7:30am	Knights of Columbus L&D
Sat.	01/17	5:00am	Leo and Bertha Haag +
Sun.	01/18	9:00am	People of the parish

