

**COLLECTION** – Jan 11 Env \$1266; Plate \$164; Votive \$24; Maintenance \$1055; CCD \$40; Stole Fee \$40 = \$2589

Ministry Schedule	Acolyte	Lector	Server
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
Sat Feb 7	Dave McConville	Ondrea McConville	
Sun Feb 8	Doug Cure	Denise McConville	Hunter/Russel

Date	Servers of Coffee and Rolls	Roll Runner
Jan 25	Jeff/Brooke Brooks	Jason/Dannette Klopping Dale
Feb 1	Dale Stritt	Lois Reiners Don/Donna
Feb 8	Mark/Kim McConville	Les/Deanna Schmidt Mike/Millie

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](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.

**Seminarian Vocation Prayer:** Please pray for Seminarian, Leo Bykerk

**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](mailto:Darcie_Hayes@hotmail.com).

**Reminder to the ladies of the Altar Society:** Please remember to bring an item or items for the silent auction for our Soup'er Bowl Bash February 1st. Tickets may also be turned in; mark your envelope and put in the collection or give them to Cecelia Walz, Jane Rayer, or Agnes Richard. Thanks!

**The Knights, \$500.00 Scholarship application for Sr. Boys** from St. Catherine’s are available at the Guidance office at Southwest High School.

**Meetings and Events**

Jan 24-25 – One Rose One Life Collection  
Jan 25 – Parish Council Meeting  
Feb 1 – Soup’er Bowl Supper  
Feb 15 – Knights Valentine Dinner



**Lois Reiners of St. Catherine's parish of Indianola will celebrate her 80th birthday on January 21st.** She has 4 children: Angela(Bart) Nichols, John (Jen), Joe ( Heather)and Michelle(Andrew) Hedke, 11 grandchildren(one deceased), and 5 great grandchildren. Cards can be sent to 39494 Rd.715, Indianola, NE69034

**The winner of the Knights Gun or Cash option for the month of January is Tom Marsh**

The Knights annual collection for **One Rose One Life** will be **January 24-25**, envelopes will be in the Bulletin.

**The Knights Valentine Dinner** will be held February 15 at 5:30 in the Church Hall. The price is \$10.00 per person for Chicken Fried Steak or Chicken Cor Don Blu. Call or Text Chuck Tines 308-353-8072, Dale Stritt 308-737-8777 or Bernie Walz 308-737-1064 for your choice of meal.

**Tom Vontz** Uncle of Mary Jo Longnecker passed away at age 87 on December 31<sup>st</sup> 2025 in California, funeral will be held at St. Catherine’s in the summer.

**Reminder all parish employees and volunteers who work with minors need to renew or complete their Safe Environment training during the month of January.** This includes (but is not limited to) CCD teachers, acolytes, and lectors. Go to [lincoln.cmgconnect.org](http://lincoln.cmgconnect.org) to renew. Contact Miranda Teel (308-470-0849) with any questions.

**2025 Contribution Statements:** The envelopes are in the back of church for you to pick up. Please contact Doris Blume (350-2582) or Father if you identify any errors or have questions regarding your statement. Thank you all for your support of our Parish and God bless you for your continued stewardship.

**On behalf of the Bortner and Walz family,** thanks to all the women who were able to be there for Ginny's funeral and stand for her in the honor guard. It meant a lot and was appreciated.

**Pastor's Notes:**

During the time when we are still considering the fact that “the Word became Flesh and made His dwelling among us,” we should always remember the incomparable gift of the Holy Eucharist, truly Jesus Christ in the flesh among us even now. Jesus sits at the right hand of the Father, but He promised that He “would not leave us orphans; I will come to you” (Jn. 14:18) and that He would be with us all days, even to the end of the world (see Mt. 28:20). That is why there is still the beautiful custom of making the sign of the cross as we go by a Catholic church—and the same goes for a cemetery, although for a different reason. Jesus is always there for us, as witnessed by the sanctuary lamp burning in front of the tabernacle. Our church really is the dwelling place of God. Little kids used to say “Hi, God” to me, because they were taught by their families that a church is God’s house—I do have to let them know that even though I work in God’s house, I am not God—I just work for Him.

I think that is why the Mass is a kind of miracle, since Jesus is present in word and sacrament, and the Blessed Sacrament, as reserved in the tabernacle (primarily so that it can be taken to the sick), shows His Real Presence among us. We have the custom of genuflecting (going down on our right knee) when we go into the church, right before entering our pew, and the same when leaving the church. The pious custom of many was to genuflect on two knees if the Consecration had already taken place if we had to come or go during the Mass, or when the Eucharist was exposed for adoration. Of course, for some of us, genuflecting in any form is difficult or impossible! It is possible to have a conversation with someone else in church, but we should never forget in Whose Presence we are, and we should not ignore our King. Times before and after Mass are times when many individuals like to pray privately, and we try to respect that in charity, not to mention our need to be aware of Who is there with us. Genuflecting is also the custom especially if we are in the sanctuary, and happen to cross in front of the tabernacle. A moment or two before or after Mass in prayer is a good thing. One of the things we can learn is that we are always in the presence of God, even when we are not in the church, and that we can converse with God in any time or any place. We learn that and practice that in church.

The Protestant evangelist Billy Sunday said that just because we go to a garage does not make us a car, and just because we go to a church does not make us a Christian. However, it is a good place to begin!

**St. Catherine’s Catholic Parish**

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Parish website: <https://www.stcatherineindianola.org>  
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 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time— January 18<sup>th</sup> 2026**

DAY	DATE	TIME	MASS INTENTION
Sat.	01/17	5:00pm	Leo and Bertha Haag +
Sun.	01/18	9:00am	People of the parish
Mon.	01/19	7:30am	Brian Walz and Paula Walz +
Tues.	01/20	7:30am	Dave Davidson +
Wed.	01/21	6:30pm	Gayle Kircher +
Thurs.	01/22	7:30am	Kathy Burton McConville +
Fri.	01/23	7:30am	Ruth Dutcher Sughrue +
Sat.	01/24	5:00pm	Cliff and Anne Lord +
Sun.	01/25	9:00am	People of the parish

