

COLLECTION – Jan 18 Env \$875; Plate \$269; Votive \$54; Hall Rent \$100; CCD \$205;

Lit \$2 = \$1505

Ministry Schedule	Acolyte	Lector	Server
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
Sat Feb 14	Wyatt McConville	Dale Stritt	
Sun Feb 15	Jack Ryan	Kay Portillo	Gage/Callan

Date	Servers of Coffee and Rolls		
	Roll Runner		
Feb 1	Dale Stritt	Lois Reiners	Don/Donna
Feb 8	Mark/Kim McConville	Les/Deanna Schmidt	Mike/Millie
Feb 15	Dave/Ondrea McConville	Tyler/Katie Brooks	Dale/Claudia

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: John Hall; Carol Blake; 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 Neseeth 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, Jon Kadlec

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 is 308-737-1106 and her email is 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

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 31st 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 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.

The Altar Society's \$500.00 scholarship applications for Sr. girls from St. Catherine's are available at the guidance office at Southwest High School and with your CCD teacher.

Pastor's Notes:

We recently celebrated the Lord's Baptism by His cousin, St. John the Baptist. John's baptism was only symbolic--it was a sign that someone was turning his or her life around, but it did not take away sin. Jesus, when He was baptized, of course, had no sin, since sin is separation from God and He is God (the Second Person of the Holy Trinity). Rather, when He was baptized, He made water a sacramental sign (that is, some material which can, with the proper "form" (words and intention) actually do something—take away sins and make us adopted children of God). The baptism which is done in the name of the Lord Jesus (actually in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—see Mt. 28:19f), is the baptism in water and spirit (Holy Spirit) and blood (made effective by the Precious Blood shed on the Cross) that is spoken of in the First Letter of St. John (see ch. 5:6-8 especially). Since the death and resurrection and ascension of Jesus, baptism really does do something to us. Most of us received it as infants or children, so we did not know the full power of what happened at the time (nor do we now—I am almost 73 years old and I am still learning what it means!), but the Christian community around us teaches us what it means to die and rise with Christ—dying to our old self and rising as a new person, reborn, so to speak. That is why the faith of families, especially the families of the newly-baptized are so important, but not just our own particular family, but the family of our spiritual community, the parish and the larger Church. That is why we have sponsors (a man and a woman) or at least one sponsor, who represents the rest of the Church. Picking a sponsor for baptism should not be just an empty honor, but a chance to reinforce the gift that has been given. We could say the same about sponsors for confirmation as well. By the way, the preferred sponsor for confirmation is the baptismal sponsor, all other things being equal. Although at the present time we do not have many baptisms here, we are preparing to have the Bishop confirm twenty-some young people this fall (we do it every third year), and much of what we say about baptism also applies to confirmation, since it is closely related and is the "crowning" of baptism. In the early days of the Church, confirmation was done at the same time as baptism, and the Holy Eucharist was also administered for the first time, even to infants (a few drops of the Precious Blood), and this is still the practice of the Eastern Churches (including those in communion with the See of Rome). For those of you who will be involved in future baptisms and/or confirmations and/or first confessions and First Holy Communions, do not forget the special role you play in the lives of our dear young people. It is not so much that people will be "turned away" from any sacraments—it is really up to the family to decide if this is something important and, if so, how to ensure that is will be important to the next generation. God bless!

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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 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – January 25th 2026

DAY	DATE	TIME	MASS INTENTION
Sat.	01/24	5:30pm	Cliff and Anne Lord +
Sun.	01/25	9:00am	People of the parish
Mon.	01/26	7:30am	Jane Shirley Blume McConville +
Tues.	01/27	7:30am	St. Catherine Altar Society L&D
Wed.	01/28	6:30pm	Ron Blume +
Thurs.	01/29	7:30am	Donna Stritt Kraszewski +
Fri.	01/30	7:30am	Randy Moon +
Sat.	01/31	5:00am	Mary Walz and Lisa Butterfield +
Sun.	02/01	9:00am	People of the parish

