

**COLLECTION** – Jan 25 Env \$2843; Plate \$218; Votive \$37; Maintenance \$1; CCD \$21; Register \$55 = \$3175

<b>Ministry Schedule</b>	<b>Acolyte</b>	<b>Lector</b>	<b>Server</b>
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
Sat Feb 21	Herb Ryan	Lloyd Ogorzolka	
Sun Feb 22	Rick Teel	Millie Cuellar	Dylan/Judd

<b>Date</b>	<b>Servers of Coffee and Rolls</b>	<b>Roll Runner</b>
Feb 8	Mark/Kim McConville	Les/Deanna Schmidt
Feb 15	Dave/Ondrea McConville	Tyler/Katie Brooks
Feb 22	Jeff/Sharon Wordekemper	Roger Buschkoetter

### **Holy Father's Prayer Intention for February**

*For children with incurable diseases*

**Let us pray that, children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.**

**Prayer Intentions:** GNO Weir; 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](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.

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

**Seminarian Vocation Prayer:** Please pray for Seminarian, McGivney Swanson

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](mailto:Darcie_Hayes@hotmail.com).

**Debbie Dolan will be leading a Bible Study on the book of James beginning Wednesday February 4th, 5:30-6:30, at her home. This is for men and women who would like to learn more about how to read the Bible and get something out of it. Contact Debbie at [308-340-8441](tel:308-340-8441). We will not meet Ash Wednesday.**

**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**

Feb 1 – Soup'er Bowl Supper  
Feb 2 – Candlemas  
Feb 3 – St. Blaise  
Feb 11 – First Confession  
Feb 15 – Knights Valentine Dinner  
Feb 18 – Ash Wednesday  
Mar 22 – Parish Council Meeting



**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 308737-1064 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.

**Grief Support:** Any adult who has experienced a recent loss of a loved one may find through this group, grief shared is grief diminished. Community Hospital in McCook, Feb 10&17, March 3, 17, & 31, April 14 &28, May 12 from 4:30-6pm. This is a closed support group, new members will not be added after February 10<sup>th</sup>. To register contact Becky Mai or Daphne Tidyman 308-344-8221

**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:

Today is the traditional feast day of St. Brigid of Ireland, although it is no longer on the universal Roman liturgical calendar and would not be celebrated today in any event (since it is the Lord's Day), so I just want to offer a nod to this great woman who was one of the early saints of "the island of saints and scholars." The St. Bridget on the calendar (July 23) was a holy woman of Sweden who took the name of the Irish one. Saints be praised!

Please pray for the Pope's Intention for the month of February: For children with incurable diseases. Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope. The Priest Day intention: Pray for the hierarchy. Thank you for your prayers in the Body of Christ!

Monday is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, forty days after Christmas, and it is popularly called "Candlemas," since at the Mass that day the candles that will be used in the liturgy for the coming year are blessed (and also any candles you may wish blessed for use in the home, especially for religious purposes—you may place such candles on the west back table by the main church door before morning Mass). I recently learned that it is good to have a candle in your vehicle's emergency kit in case you are stranded in the cold—the heat from one candle may be enough to save you from freezing to death. Jesus, of course, is the real Light of the World, and on that day we recall His entry into the Temple with Mary and Joseph as a forty-day-old baby who delighted the two holy older people, Anna and Simeon, who had been waiting for this moment their whole lives. The custom at the time was to "present" the oldest son in the family to God with an offering to thank Him for saving the oldest son from the Angel of Death during the Tenth Plague in Egypt. As the blood of the lamb was sprinkled on the doorpost to signal that this was a place to be spared, so the Angel would "pass over," Jesus's Precious Blood would be "sprinkled" on the people of the world from the Cross as a sign of our redemption. The "two turtledoves" that Mary and Joseph offered was the offering specified in the law of Moses (the Torah or Pentateuch, the first five books of the Bible) to be given by the poor. May Christ's light shine in every heart! We are also halfway through winter, as the groundhog custom reminds us.

The day after this feast, Tuesday, is also the optional memorial of St. Blaise, and the custom is to bless throats and ask for assistance. I will plan to bless throats next weekend after Mass as well for those who would like. Tuesday is also the optional memorial of St. Ansgar, apostle to Scandinavia.

## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Sun, 10:15 am, **Knights of Columbus**, meets 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 in Ordinary Time— February 1st 2026

DAY	DATE	TIME	MASS INTENTION
Sat.	01/31	5:00pm	Mary Walz and Lisa Cuellar Butterfield +
Sun.	02/01	9:00am	People of the parish
Mon.	02/02	7:30am	Betty Grade
Tues.	02/03	7:30am	Bonnie Pittz +
Wed.	02/04	6:30pm	Paul Newberry +
Thurs.	02/05	7:30am	Knights of Columbus L&D
Fri.	02/06	7:30am	Loren Griffin Family
Sat.	02/07	7:30am	People of the parish
Sat.	02/07	5:00pm	Lord Family L&D
Sun.	02/08	9:00am	People of the parish

