

**COLLECTION** – Sep 7 Env \$1989; Plate \$190; Votive \$58; Cemetery \$125; Lit \$2; Donation \$3200; CCD \$25; Hall Rent \$100= \$5689

Ministry Schedule	Acolyte	Lector	Server
Sat Sep 20	Wyatt McConville	Dale Stritt	
Sun Sep 21	Jack Ryan	Dennis McConville	Dylan/Russel
Sat Sep 27	Herb Ryan	Lloyd Ogorzolka	
Sun Sep 28	Roger Buschkoetter	Millie Cuellar	Braxton/Callan
Sat Oct 4	Tim Lord	Dale Stritt	
Sun Oct 5	Doug Cure	Kay Portillo	Hunter/Judd

Date	Servers of Coffee and Rolls	Roll Runner
Sep 21	Ryan/Mary Hammond	Mryna Haag
Sep 28	Steve/Shari Haag	Allan/Trish Haag
Oct 5	Rick/Crinda McConville	Kevin/Danielle Stritt

Holy Father’s Prayer Intention for September

*For our relationship with all of creation*

**Let us pray that, inspired by St. Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.**

**Prayer Intentions:** Cecilia Walz; Banks Rimpley; Jeff and Brooke Brooks and their family; Aden he is the nephew of Mark and Kim McConville; Jerry Uerling; Mike Cuellar; Hannah, Logan Gleason, and their unborn baby Barrett; Dominic Haag; Callie Weaver; Ava Johnson

**St. Paul reminds us that there is abundant grace, faith, and love available to us through Christ Jesus.** Strengthen, renew, and rekindle your marriage sacrament on the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on: Sept. 19-21, Grand Island, NE; Feb. 20-22, 2026, Lincoln, NE For questions, feel free to contact: Brenda & Gary Granger: 402-370-5839 Space is limited, so reserve your weekend early. For more information about Worldwide Marriage Encounter, please visit [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org) Follow us on Instagram and Facebook! @worldwidemarriageencounter

**Sisters Vocation Prayer:** Please pray for new entrants in Diocese of Lincoln Motherhouses, Sr. Mary Mikaelis and Sr. Juanita Marie

**Meetings and Events**

Sep 14 – Exaltation of the Holy Cross  
Sep 16 – Study Day for Fr. Houlihan at Seward  
Oct 5 – Life Chain McCook

**50 Days for 50 States:** LDCCW is inviting everyone to participate in a special time of prayer for our Nation. We will begin on September 13, 2025 concluding November 1,2025. Each day during these 50 days a different State will be offered up in prayer. Let us storm the heavens on behalf of our Nation. God promised in 2 Chronicles 7:14, "and if the people, upon whom My name has been pronounced, humble themselves and pray, and seek My presence and turn from their evil ways, I will hear them from heaven and pardon their sins and revive their land." There are hand outs available in the back with pray suggestions and a list of the State by weeks.

**Week One: Saturday, September 13, 2025 to Saturday, September 20, 2025**  
*Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware*

**Magnificat of Lincoln is sponsoring a Life In the Spirit Retreat led by the Living Praise and Worship Team!** Come join us at this "life changing Retreat" to receive a closer walk with Our Lord through His Holy Spirit Who is the Lord and Giver of Life! The Retreat Weekend is September 26 - 28 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House. For more Information about Living Praise go to <https://livingpraiseworship.com>. To Register for the Retreat go on-line at <https://goodcounselretreat.org> For more information about Magnificat, contact Coordinator Rhonda Litt at 402.525.6396.

**Grief Support:** Community Hospital’s Greif Support group may help you find healing; any adult who has experienced a recent loss of a loved one may find through this group, grief shared is grief diminished. Located at the McCook Community Hospital 1301 East H St, September 23, October 7 &21, November 4 & 18, December 2 & 16, and January 13. Meetings on Tuesdays from 4:30-6pm, this is a closed group, new member will not be added after September 19<sup>th</sup>. There is no charge to attend, to register contact Becky Mai or Daphne Tidyman Community Hospital Social Workers at 308-344-8221

**Volunteer Opportunity with Hospice:** Ever thought about helping those at the end of their life journey? Contact Community Healthcare and Hospice about becoming a Hospice Volunteer. 711 East 11<sup>th</sup> St McCook NE 69001 308-344-8356

**Pastor's Notes:**

Two small corrections—the August 31 Mass intention was Mary Marsh, not Mary Marshall, and the Sunday intention was on September 7, not 6. Homer is still nodding, as the ancients would say.

The story told since ancient times is that St. Helen, the mother of the first Christian Roman emperor, Constantine, travelled to the Holy Land (which was ruled by her son) and found many of the holy places for the Christians that the pagans had tried to hide. One notable find was three crosses at Golgotha (which means “place of the skull,” from which the Latin name “Calvary” comes). Since the signs on them had been broken off and confused, she is said to have helped the Bishop of Jerusalem take them to a sick person. When one particular of the three was touched to the person, there was a complete recovery, leading them to acknowledge that this one was the Holy Cross on which our salvation was won—and probably stained with the Precious Blood. As things turned out, part was taken to Rome, where it is housed in the Church of the Holy Cross “in Jerusalem” (since the ship ballast from the Holy Land was used for the foundation of the new church), part was taken to the new capital of the Empire, Constantinople (now Istanbul), named after the emperor, and part was left in Jerusalem. The various relics of what is believed to be the “True Cross” have been taken from these parts and spread throughout the Christian world. Even during the heresy called “iconoclasm” (the breaking of the icons and other religious images in the eighth and ninth centuries, the Cross remained as an acceptable image to those who rejected all others. When the pagan Persians ravaged the Holy Land in the seventh century and stole the relic, the Christian Romans recovered it. The emperor Heraclius tried to carry the Cross back to its place in Jerusalem and was unable to lift it, so Bishop Zacharias of Jerusalem suggested that he remove most of his royal robes and insignia and then, like the humble Savior Himself, was able to carry it. The Church of the Holy Sepulcher in Jerusalem, which contains the place of the crucifixion, the place where the Body was anointed after being taken down from the Cross, and the Holy Sepulcher or grave where the Resurrection was revealed, are all there for pilgrims. I hope you have a chance to see the Holy Land someday—I was privileged to see it with a group from Plattsmouth, my brother and his wife, and several others in 2020, just as the pandemic was beginning, but before everything was shut down and disrupted. Now, of course, because of all the war trouble there, is not a good time to go, but, God willing, there will be a good time in the future. To see Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Nazareth, Cana, the Sea of Galilee and other places is a once-in-a-lifetime blessing. We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You, because by Your Holy Cross, You have redeemed the world!

**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 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 Exaltation of the Holy Cross – September 14<sup>th</sup> 2025**

DAY	DATE	TIME	MASS INTENTION
Sat.	09/13	5:00pm	Nancy Schmidt +
Sun.	09/14	9:00am	People of the parish
Mon.	09/15	7:30am	St. Catherine parish FD +.
Tues.	09/16	7:30am	Knights of Columbus L&D
Wed.	09/17	6:30pm	Clarence Stritt +
Thurs.	09/18	7:30am	Donny Lepper +
Fri.	09/19	7:30am	Lost sheep
Sat.	09/20	5:00pm	Paul Newberry +
Sun.	09/21	9:00am	People of the parish

