COLLECTION – Nov 22 Env $922; Plate $373; Votive $69; Lit $18; Cloistered Sisters $50 = $1432

Ministry Schedule	Acolyte	Lector	Server
Sat Dec 5	Herb Ryan	Dale Stritt	
Sun Dec 6	Doug Cure	Millie Cuellar	Russel/Ryker
Sat Dec 12	Tom Davidson	Joellyn Davidson	
Sun Dec 13	Jack Ryan	Kay Portillo	Callan/Lucas
Sat Dec 19	Wyatt McConville	Ondrea McConville	
Sun Dec 20	Rick Teel	Denise McConville	Judd/Owen

Date	Servers of Coffee and Rolls		Roll Runner
Dec 6	Tyler/Katie Brooks	Les/Deanna Schmidt	Gale/Claudia
Dec 13	Kirche/Tasha Martin	Kevin/Danielle Stritt	Dick/Jane
Dec 20	Herb/Elizabeth Ryan	Lois Reiners	Sam/Sadie

Holy Father's Prayer Intention for November

For the proper use of wealth

Let us pray for, the proper use of wealth, not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service the common good and solidarity of those who have less

Prayer Intentions: Andy Cebade; Dennis Liess; Lloyd Ogorzolka; Lisa Davidson Felker

Seminarian Vocation Prayer Calendar- Please pray for new seminarian entrants, Cody Hein

Altar Society is looking for a few volunteers to cook for our Souper Bowl. Everything that needs done is written out. We also need someone to be in charge of that committee. Contact Debbie 340-8441 if interested.

Altar Society will be sponsoring an Advent Shower for the ABC Pregnancy Center in McCook throughout this Advent. Items needed: newborn sleepers and onesies, receiving blankets, baby lotion and shampoo, and diaper wipes. There is a basket in the lobby of the Church if you would like to donate. Thank you.

Meetings and Events



December 4-6 – Forty Hours
December 8 – Immaculate Conception
December 16 – Christmas Program
December 26 – Holy Innocents Mass

"But what I say to you, I say to all: Be vigilant." Learn now to stay vigilant in your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on: Apr. 23-25, Grand Island, NE; Apr. 9-11, Colorado Springs, CO; Aug. 7-8, Littleton, CO; Sept. 24-26, Lincoln, NE Call or text 402-370-5839 for more information. For Spanish WWME Experience information, contact Javier & Antonia Vega at 402-208-1332. For more information about Worldwide Marriage Encounter, and additional dates and locations, please visit wwme.org Follow us on Instagram and Facebook! @worldwidemarriageencounter

Free Three-Day Workshop for Women After Divorce: Advent is a season of waiting, and life after divorce is full of waiting, too. St. Joseph parishioner and certified professional life coach Andy Arbie invites women to **Peace in the Meantime**, three free online lunch-hour sessions to slow down and discover the grace this season holds, December 1, 2, and 3 at 12:30 pm CT. Andy has walked through divorce, annulment, single parenting, and starting over herself. Recordings available to registrants. Learn more and register at andyarbie.com/meantime or email andy@andyarbie.com.

Holy Innocents Mass on Saturday, Dec. 26th at 10:00. If you have signed up a child in the past years, we will leave them on the list unless we are asked to remove them. If you would like to have a child's name added to the list, there will be a sign up in the back of the church. There will be coffee & rolls & fellowship following the Mass. Please reach out to Miranda Teel with any questions at 308-470-0849.

Ignatian Retreats- Come away from the noise of daily life and enter into deeper prayer through the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola. These silent, directed retreats offer extended time for Scripture, meditation, Eucharistic adoration, Mass, and personal guidance from a retreat director. With 4-day and 8-day options available throughout the year, there is an opportunity to find the retreat that fits your schedule and spiritual needs. Visit goodcounselretreat.org to learn more and see upcoming dates! Upcoming Ignatian Retreats: Dec. 14-22, Dec. 28-Jan 4

Pastor's Notes:

Please pray for the Pope's Intention for the month of December: For single-parent families. Let us pray for families experiencing the absence of a mother or father, that they may find support and accompaniment in the Church, and help and strength in the Faith during difficult times. The Priest Day Intention: Pray for all priests and religious living in persecution. Thank you for your prayer!

Next weekend is our Forty Hours observance. I am sure that there are still hours to be filled (we actually only ask you to fill about twenty-some hours). If you want to sign as adorer for an hour that already has an adorer, that is fine, but the greatest need is to fill empty hours. The hour you "waste" with God may be the best hour of your week. Use a Bible verse or passage to help you begin your conversation with our God. He is so pleased that you are spending the time with Him! Fr. Gary Brethour of Trenton will be the priest who is leading us for the weekend. You are invited to hear him speak at 5:30 P.M. on Friday and to pray the Church's Evening Prayer with us.

We will have the First Friday prayers at the end of the 7:30 A.M. Mass on Friday as usual, and the First Saturday prayers at the end of the 7:30 A.M. Mass on Saturday, but there will be no morning Eucharistic adoration on Friday, due to the Forty Hours beginning later that day.

We are happy to join Stephen and Sharon Best Conroy as they celebrate fifty years of marriage. They will receive a special blessing at Mass this weekend on Saturday evening. They were married at St. Patrick's Church in McCook on November 23, 1976. This coming Saturday at evening Mass we celebrate fifty years of marriage for Ron and Cecilia Tines Neseth, who were married at St. John's Church in Cambridge on December 4, 1976. One hundred years total of witness to Christ's love for His Bride, the Church. May God grant these two great couples many happy years!

Today is the beginning of new Church liturgical year, and we will be reading primarily from St. Mark's Gospel on Sundays (although his is shorter than the others). Advent reminds us that Christmas is near, but it also reminds us that eternity is near. Happy New (liturgical) Year!

The holy cards that will be sent to you with the Christmas mailing soon are for you to use at the bishop's request as we go forward on his pastoral plan for the diocese. You will hear more on this later!

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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- 3:15pm, 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.

1st Sunday of Advent – November 29th 2026

DAY	DATE	TIME	MASS INTENTION
Sat.	11/28	5:00pm	Lord Family FD +
Sun.	11/29	9:00am	People of the parish
Mon.	11/30	7:30am	Rob McConville +
Tues.	12/01	7:30am	Gayle Kircher +
Wed.	12/02	6:30pm	Alyce Mae Stritt +
Thurs.	12/03	7:30am	Poinsettias—loved ones remembrance +
Fri.	12/04	7:30am	St. Catherine Altar Society L&D
Sat.	12/05	7:30am	People of the parish
Sat.	12/05	5:00pm	Cliff and Anne Lord +
Sun.	12/06	9:00am	Knights of Columbus L&D

