

**COLLECTION** – Nov 23 Env \$1008; Plate \$191; Votive \$47; Cloistered Sisters \$210= \$1456

Ministry Schedule	Acolyte	Lector	Server
Sat Dec 6	Tom Davidson	Joellyn Davidson	
Sun Dec 7	Doug Cure	Rick McConville	Brody/Callan
Sat Dec 13	Dave McConville	Ondrea McConville	
Sun Dec 14	Jack Ryan	Dennis McConville	Gage/Judd
Sat Dec 20	Wyatt McConville	Dale Stritt	
Sun Dec 21	Rick Teel	Denise McConville	Braxton/Russel

Date	Servers of Coffee and Rolls	Roll Runner
Dec 7	Dale Stitt	Cara Oltmer
Dec 14	Shelly Daffer	Dennis/Kem McConille
Dec 21	Patrick/Pamela Minary	Roger Buschkoetter

Holy Father’s Prayer Intention for November  
*For the prevention of suicide*

Let us pray that, those who are tempted to die by suicide might find the support, care, and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

**Prayer Intentions:** Repose Soul of Ona Malleck; Elizabeth Haag; Ginny Bortner; Dr. Wayne  
(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.**

**Sisters Vocation Prayer:** Please pray for new entrants in Diocese of Lincoln Motherhouses, Sr. Mary Vianney Benz and Sr. Mary Chiara Middendorf

**Seminarian Vocation Prayer:** Please pray for Seminarian, Jackson Schaefer

Altar Society is sponsoring **Soup'er Bowl Bash** which is scheduled for Sunday, February 1st from 11-2. Raffle tickets will be in the back of church to pick up. Also we will be selling spots on the money grid before masses and the next two weekends in November. Raffle tickets will be mailed out on November 23rd.

**Meetings and Events**  
Dec 5-7 – 40 Hours  
Dec 7 – Altar Society Meeting  
Dec 8 – Immaculate Conception Holy Day

**The Altar Society is looking for two officers for the next two years.** If anyone is interested, please contact Agnes Richard. Every woman in the parish is a member of the Altar Society, and we appreciate all the help everyone has given us, but to continue, we need officers, if you have questions, please text or call 308-737-1947. Please pray about this. We need you.

**Men’s Spiritual Exercises with Regnum Christi**  
**December 11–14 | Led by Fr. Fergal Ó Dúill, L.C.**All men are invited to encounter Christ more deeply through the **Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius**, preached by Fr. Fergal Ó Dúill of the Legionaries of Christ. This powerful weekend retreat in Waverly offers silence, prayer, and reflection with opportunities for Mass, Adoration, Confession, and spiritual direction. Participants may arrive early for a Thursday evening social and formation day on Friday. Available **in-person or online**. Register at [goodcounselretreat.org](http://goodcounselretreat.org) or call 402-786-2705

**Great Marian Saints and Prophets**  
**December 19–21 | With Fr. Elias Mary, F.I.** “Of Mary, one can never say enough.” Join Fr. Elias Mary, F.I., for a weekend retreat exploring the lives and prophetic messages of great Marian saints—St. Louis de Montfort, St. Maximilian Kolbe, and Bl. William Chaminade—and how their devotion to Our Lady leads us closer to Christ. The retreat begins Friday at 8 p.m. with Rosary and Mass and concludes Sunday at noon with lunch. Available in-person or online. Register at [goodcounselretreat.org](http://goodcounselretreat.org) or call 402-786-2705

**The next Altar Society meeting will be December 7th during this time the ladies will be putting together Christmas plates.** Please have your goodies taken to the hall. If you want to be a part of the gift exchange please bring your gift at that time. There is a \$5.00 limit.

**We need someone that would be willing to help out with the call list for rolls and coffee.** If interested, please call Shari Haag 340-6230 or Myrna Haag 350-0060.

**Pastor’s Notes:**

Please pray for the Pope’s Intention for the month of December: For Christians in areas of conflict. Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation and hope. The Priest Day Intention: Pray for all priests and religious living in persecution. Thank you!

We are happy to have Fr. David Bourek, my classmate in seminary and the former deacon (1979) and pastor (2014) here at St. Catherine Church next weekend. Thanks to all who have signed up for an hour of adoration—we have 22 rather than 40 hours of adoration scheduled, but for our size of parish, that is pretty good. Please sign up if there are any open hours. Time “wasted” with God is time well spent. Every year we get a chance to spend some time with the Lord in quiet prayer as we enter the noisy and busy season that the shopping malls (and now online shopping venues) call “the holidays,” but we still call it Advent. We are remembering the four last things—heaven, hell, death, and judgment, but looking forward to the “Last Day” with hope and confidence.

Just a note of interest—the day of Robert McConville’s funeral (November 10) was also the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of Msgr. Denis Barry (pastor here 1949-59), who died at the age of 100. He was the priest that married Robert and Kathy in 1953—they celebrated 72 years of marriage.

Congratulations to Ambrose Lee Teel, son of Tanner and Miranda, who was baptized last weekend—our third baptism in a year and a half (and of the three, two are living here). Welcome to your parish family!

Thanks to Pam McConville, who delivered 2026 wall calendars from Carpenter-Breland Mortuary in McCook. Feel free to take them as needed!

Some good rains late in the season, some good achievements with our local high school athletes, and some good harvests—just a few of the blessings to be thankful for as we “wind up” the year. Thanks to all who gave at Thanksgiving for those who are hungry or in any kind of physical need, and thanks to our faithful Knights for delivering the goods to the pantry in McCook. Be thankful to God for all the blessings which you have (and if you take a look, they are many) and continue to show gratitude by the good stewardship of the things you have received (time, talent, treasure).

This coming Saturday is the memorial of St. Nicholas, one of the most popular of saints—known as Santa Claus in the Netherlands, and it was from there that the devotion spread to our country. It was the custom to leave coins in shoes or stockings for St. Nicholas to take to the poor, and he often left nuts, apples, oranges, and candy as a token of appreciation. God bless!

**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 ( 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 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent – November 30th 2025**

DAY	DATE	TIME	MASS INTENTION
Sat.	11/29	5:00pm	Lord Family L&D.
Sun.	11/30	9:00am	Rob McConville +
Mon.	12/01	7:30am	Beverly Haag +
Tues.	12/02	7:30am	Behnke Family FD +
Wed.	12/03	6:30pm	Donna Stritt Kraszewski +
Thurs.	12/04	7:30am	St. Catherine parish FD +
Fri.	12/05	7:30am	Lost sheep
Sat.	12/06	7:30am	People of the parish
Sat.	12/06	5:00pm	Paul Newberry +
Sun.	12/07	9:00am	Knights of Columbus L&D

