

COLLECTION – Nov 30 Env \$797; Plate \$304; Votive \$24; Cloistered Sisters \$90; Hall Rent \$50; Grain Donation \$1192 = \$2457

Ministry Schedule	Acolyte	Lector	Server
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
Christmas Masses			
Wed Dec 24 5PM	Roger Buschkoetter	Kay Portillo	Hunter/Camden
Wed Dec 24 10PM	Tim Cornwell	Lloyd Ogorzolka	Dylan/Joseph
Thu Dec 25 9AM	Steve Conroy	Dale Stritt	Brody/Judd

Date	Servers of Coffee and Rolls	Roll Runner
Dec 14	Shelly Daffer	Dennis/Kem McConille
Dec 21	Patrick/Pamela Minary	Roger Buschkoetter
Dec 28	Les/Deanna Schmidt	Ken/Karen Kircher

Holy Father’s Prayer Intention for 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

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. 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.

Sisters Vocation Prayer: Please pray for new entrants in Diocese of Lincoln Motherhouses, Sr. Mary Franic and Sr. Guadalupe

Seminarian Vocation Prayer: Please pray for Seminarian, Eli Reiter

Knights of Columbus please turn your raffle tickets in to Sam, even if they are not sold. December is the last month for sales.

Turn in your Lucky Irish Calendar sales to Bernie. Need to be turned into McCook Knights before the end of December.

Meetings and Events

Dec 7 – Altar Society Meeting

Dec 8 – Immaculate Conception Holy Day

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 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 or call 402-786-2705

♦ Give your spouse the gift of your time and love by taking them on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend to make your relationship even better than it is today!

♦ Upcoming 2026 dates: Feb. 20-22, Lincoln, NE; Apr. 18-19, Lakewood, CO; June 19-21, Golden, CO; Aug. 7-9, Wichita, KS; Sept. 18-20, Grand Island, NE; Nov. 6-8, Grand Junction, CO

♦ Spanish WWME Experience: Dec. 5-7, 2025, Omaha. Contact: Victor & Lupita Corona: 651-343-2348

♦ Check for more dates and locations at wwme.org. Call or text 402-370-5839 for more information and to purchase a gift certificate to give to your spouse, or married family and friends!

♦ For information about Worldwide Marriage Encounter, please visit www.wwme.org. Follow us on Instagram and Facebook! @worldwidemarriageencounter



Pastor's Notes:

The holy year theme announced by the late Pope Francis is “pilgrims of hope,” and the future inspires with courage and strength, not fear and despair. Advent looks to Christ coming in history (at Christmas), in mystery (in the sacraments), and in majesty (at the Last Day). The Eucharist, which is the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of our Redeemer, is the Bread of Life and the Food for the journey. Thanks to Fr. David Bourek for leading our Forty Hours, and thanks to all who are taking some time to be in Christ’s Eucharistic Presence, especially those who signed up for an hour of adoration this weekend. As a farmer in Fr. (St.) John Vianney’s parish in France once explained to his pastor—I look at Him and He looks at me. It is as simple as spending time with a friend. We conclude with a procession much like the one on Holy Thursday at the end of the 9 A.M. Mass, but He continues to be present to us, His people, in Holy Communion at Mass and in His abiding Presence in the tabernacle, where the unused hosts from Mass await to be taken to the sick who cannot attend. Feel free to stop in the church at any time during any day of the week at any time of the year. God bless you all!

Monday is a holy day of obligation, our national patronal day, the day when we acknowledge what God has done for us in preserving Mary, the Mother of the Church and the symbol of the Church, from all stain of sin, even original sin, from the first moment of her conception in the womb of her mother, St. Anne. There will be two Masses on Monday to help you fulfill your obligation and to pray for our nation—at 7 A.M. (one half-hour before the usual time, so that people can get to school and work), and 6:30 P.M. Mary is the New Eve, the one who sets the stage for our Savior, the New Adam, as the early Christian writers often pointed out. One of my “apostolates” (places where we learn about pastoral work while in the seminary) was working at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. on weekends as a tour guide. This church is dedicated to our patroness, and contains various chapels remembering various ethnic groups who came to America and brought their own local understanding and customs and devotion to the Blessed Virgin with them. If you ever go to Washington, it is worth the trip to see it. Pilgrimage groups come from all over the country and visitors come from all over the world to see it on the campus of the Catholic University of America. I believe that it is still the largest Catholic church in the country and one of the largest of all Christian ones as well.

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 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 (*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.

2nd Sunday of Advent – December 7th 2025

DAY	DATE	TIME	MASS INTENTION
Sat.	12/06	5:00pm	Paul Newberry +.
Sun.	12/07	9:00am	Knights of Columbus L&D
Mon.	12/08	7:30am	St. Catherine Altar Society L&D
Mon.	12/08	6:30pm	People of the parish
Tues.	12/09	7:30am	Patricia Madden Tines +
Wed.	12/10	6:30pm	Ron Blume +
Thurs.	12/11	7:30am	Jane Shirley Blume McConville +
Fri.	12/12	7:30am	Lord Family L&D
Sat.	12/13	5:00pm	Nancy Schmidt +
Sun.	12/14	9:00am	Bob Bortner

