

COLLECTION – Dec 07 Env \$6454; Plate \$250; Votive \$66; Cloistered Sisters \$100; Register \$15; Immaculate Conception \$26; Lit \$2 = \$6913

Ministry Schedule	Acolyte	Lector	Server
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
Sat Dec 27	Tim Lord	Skip Marsh	
Sun Dec 28	Herb Ryan	Millie Cuellar	Gage/Joseph
Date	Servers of Coffee and Rolls	Roll Runner	
Dec 21	Patrick/Pamela Minary	Roger Buschkoetter	Don/Donna
Dec 28	Les/Deanna Schmidt	Ken/Karen Kircher	Mike/Millie
Jan 4	Dylan/Shelby McConville	Myrna Haag	Gale/Claudia

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: Jane Newberry; John Werkmeister; Nancy Campbell; 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. Benedicta Hawkins

Seminarian Vocation Prayer: Please pray for Seminarian, Caleb Hansen

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 14 – Healing Mass

Dec 17 – CCD Christmas Program

Dec 25 – Christmas Day

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

The Knights of Columbus have new blue shirts available. If you would like to order one contact Bernie Walz.

Poinsettia Donation Sign Up List:

We have 20 Poinsettias for our Altars on order to donate for our Christmas Poinsettia & Loved Ones Remembrance Mass. Please sign up on the sheet in the back of the Church if you would like to donate one. After the 20 plants are all donated I will contact you for the names of your loved ones Remembrance Mass and your donation. Thank you and the suggested donation is \$22. If you have any questions you can contact Rita McConville at 308-340-0888 .

I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to all the generous members of our parish for your continued support throughout 2025. Your kindness and compassion were evident in every donation—whether for the food pantry, the Adopt-a-Chaplain program, the diaper drive, or the Advent Shower for the ABC Pregnancy Center. Because of your generosity, we were able to touch many lives and share Christ’s love in meaningful, tangible ways. Thank you for being a parish community that gives so freely and serves so faithfully.

With gratitude,
Sharon W.

Marriage Encounter Experience At North American Martyrs Church. Feb. 20-22 in Lincoln "Communication enhancing our Marriage" Register right-away to say a place. Call/Text 402-370-5839

Christmas Mass and Confession times for parishes across the Diocese of Lincoln can be found at: lincolndiocese.org/christmas

Pastor’s Notes:

Thanks to all who took part in any way with our Forty Hours last weekend. It is a kind of mini-retreat for us to re-set, especially during these hectic days of December. Thanks to Fr. David Bourek for coming back out of retirement to lead us. Advent still has its special charms!

Gaudete Sunday is a reminder to us that we can rejoice since the day of the Lord’s coming is near—not only at Christmas, when He came among us as a little Child, but also as He comes to us in the sacraments and as He “soon” will come again in glory.

If you have not yet received your letter from the parish, you should be doing so in the next few days. Next Sunday we have confessions in Cambridge at 3 P.M., at Indianola at 4 P.M., and in McCook at 7 P.M., there being two priests at the first two and several priests in McCook. If you have not been to confession in a while, before Christmas is a wonderful time to encounter the risen Lord in the Sacrament of Penance (I am not God, but I do work for Him!). There are other times listed in your letter, but this will be perhaps the best opportunity and the only one to have several confessors available. God bless!

This Wednesday is one of a couple of times of the year or so when we move the Mass from the evening to the morning (at our 7:30 A.M. time), due to the children’s Advent program in the evening. All are invited, and there is usually some good food to eat. Come, let us adore Him!

Thanks to Lloyd and Mary Ogorzolka, Dale Stritt, Roger Buschkoetter, and anyone else who helped with the final yard cleanup a few weeks ago—and to Doug and Alisa Cure and their family (Riley, Ella, Alivia) for their faithful service to our parish grounds over the past several years. We will be looking for some new mowers, since they can no longer make the time commitment. God bless!

One thing that may very well become a parish tradition was the Holy Innocents Mass on the Saturday after Christmas last year. We look forward to having this special Mass at 10 A.M. on Saturday, December 27 (actually the feast of St. John the Apostle this year, but we will have a votive Mass of the Holy Innocents). Afterwards, there will be coffee and rolls rather than a lunch (as we had last year), so that families have a chance to visit. We remember especially the deceased children of parishioners and friends (even if they were adults when they died) and commend their souls to God on the occasion of remembering the little boys in Bethlehem who were martyred by King Herod, in his evil quest to kill the Christ Child (just as Pharaoh tried to kill the baby boys of the Israelites in Egypt). Always they are in God’s loving Hands—the same Hands that sent them to us in the first place!

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 (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 3rd Sunday of Advent – December 14th 2025

DAY	DATE	TIME	MASS INTENTION
Sat.	12/13	5:00pm	Nancy Schmidt +.
Sun.	12/14	9:00am	Bob Bortner
Mon.	12/15	7:30am	Bill Sughroue +
Tues.	12/16	7:30am	Kay Haag Miller +
Wed.	12/17	7:30am	Betty Quigley Davidson +
Thurs.	12/18	7:30am	Blume family
Fri.	12/19	7:30am	Virginia Liess +
Sat.	12/20	5:00pm	Paul Newberry +
Sun.	12/21	9:00am	People of the parish

