

**COLLECTION** – Dec 14 Env \$463; Plate \$51; Votive \$74; Immaculate Conception \$91 = \$679

Ministry Schedule	Acolyte	Lector	Server
<b>Christmas Masses</b>			
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
Sat Dec 31	Tom Davidson	Joellyn Davidson	
Sun Jan 1	Doug Cure	Rick McConville	

Date	Servers of Coffee and Rolls	Roll Runner
Dec 28	Les/Deanna Schmidt	Ken/Karen Kircher
Jan 4	Dylan/Shelby McConville	Myrna Haag
Jan 11	Rick/Ann Teel	Bill/Steph Haag
		Dick/Jane

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 Gayle Kircher; Ed Richard; 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](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. Joy Le

**Seminarian Vocation Prayer:** Please pray for Seminarian, Daniel Stara

**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 21 – Choir Practice @5pm  
Dec 24 – Caroling before 10pm Mass  
Dec 25 – Christmas Day  
Dec 27 – Holy Innocents Mass @10am



**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.

**The Choir is singing carols 20 minutes before the 10pm Christmas Eve Mass**

**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](http://lincolndiocese.org/Christmas)

**Choir Practice @5pm Sunday December 21<sup>st</sup>, any adults are welcome**

Pastor’s Notes:

There will be three Masses to celebrate the Nativity of the Lord and to help us fulfill our holy day obligation—at 5 P.M. and 10 P.M. on Wednesday, December 24 (Christmas Eve) and at 9 A.M. on Thursday, December 25 (Christmas Day). The first two will use the readings from the “Mass during the Night” and the third will use the readings from the “Mass at Dawn.” We are most blest to have so many organists and singers to cover any important Masses that we have. The Word became Flesh and made His dwelling among us. In a dark and dangerous place and time, the Light came into the world. We do not have to be afraid.

Please note that Fr. Wehrs will join me for confessions at 4 P.M. today (Sunday). He will be in the east sacristy (to the right of the altar) and I will be in the old west sacristy, which is now the usual confessional. Both places have the option of “face to face” if you so request or choose. There are also helpful Examinations of Conscience on the front pillar of the west side of church and other aids available on the table in the back. We will both be at Cambridge at 3 P.M., and there should be at least five priests in McCook at 7 P.M. Although there are other times (1-2 P.M, and 7-8 P.M. on Tuesday and 11 A.M.-12 Noon on Wednesday), these times may work the best for many of you. If it has been a while, that is okay. Jesus did not come for the righteous, but for sinners, of which I (at least) am one. God is good!

Next Saturday, we will have a special Mass in honor of the Holy Innocents at 10 A.M. This Mass will remember the “little ones” that have gone before us, even those who became adults, whose parents and families grieve their loss. Although the day we usually commemorate the little ones of Bethlehem that were killed by Herod’s soldiers in his rage to destroy a potential rival to his power is December 28, which is Sunday this year and will be “trumped” by the Lord’s Day celebration of the Holy Family, we will use Holy Innocents as our “votive Mass.” December 27 is also the feast of St. John the Apostle, but we will be using the Holy Innocents Mass. All are welcome and there will be refreshments in the hall afterwards (as opposed to the full meal we had last year), so people will have a chance to visit with each other and then be on their way. For your information, that Saturday is also the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Msgr. Pohl’s death and the 29<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Msgr. Wageman’s death. Tuesday is the 43<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of Msgr. Barnes’s death. Remember!

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 Ogorzolk 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.

4th Sunday of Advent – December 21st 2025

DAY	DATE	TIME	MASS INTENTION
Sat.	12/20	5:00pm	Paul Newberry +.
Sun.	12/21	9:00am	People of the parish
Mon.	12/22	7:30am	Paul Newberry +
Tues.	12/23	7:30am	Ruth Dutcher Sughrue +
Wed.	12/24	5:00pm	Cliff and Anne Lord +
Wed.	12/24	10:00pm	People of the parish
Thurs.	12/25	9:00am	Bohumil and Doris Oborny Fam. L&D
Fri.	12/26	7:30am	Ivan and Matilda Quigley +
Sat.	12/27	10:00am	Holy Innocents Mass +
Sat.	12/27	5:00pm	Lamoine and Margaret McConville Fam. L&D
Sun.	12/28	9:00am	People of the parish

