

COLLECTION – Dec 21 Env \$1657; Plate \$432; Votive \$32; Immaculate Conception \$26; Register \$15; Cemetery \$200 = \$679

Ministry Schedule	Acolyte	Lector	Server
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

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 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. 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. Gabriel Perry

Seminarian Vocation Prayer: Please pray for Seminarian, Dominic Jasti

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.

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

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

Meetings and Events

Dec 27 – Holy Innocents Mass @10am
Jan 1 – Mary, Mother of God
Jan 4 – Epiphany of the Lord
Jan 11 – Baptism of the Lord



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 2026 Walk for Life Gala, a fundraiser for Nebraska Right to Life, will be held the night before the annual **Walk for Life**. Come join your fellow pro-lifers for either or both. The featured speaker at both events is Nick Freitas, a Green Beret combat veteran and member of the Virginia House of Delegates, where he has been known for his oratory and floor debates. Tickets for the Gala, which will be at the Cornhusker Marriott Hotel on Friday, January 30, 2026, are \$75, and can be purchased online at the NRL website, nebraskarighttolife.org, or send a check made out to Nebraska Right to Life (noting it is for Gala), PO Box 80410, Lincoln, NE 68501-0410. Information on purchasing tables and sponsorships is also on the website. **Registration deadline is January 22 (no ticket sales after this date).** The Walk for Life on January 31 begins at the State Capitol at 10:00 a.m., followed by walking around the Capitol and then assembling in the Cornhusker Marriott to browse informational booths before hearing once more from Nick Freitas. The Walk is preceded by the Mass across from the Capitol at St. Mary’s Catholic Church, at 9:00 a.m. For questions, contact Nebraska Right to Life, 402-438-4802, nebraskartl@gmail.com.

We wish you all a blessed New Year! Make the best decision this year for your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on: 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 For Spanish WWME Experience information, contact Victor & Lupita Corona at 651-343-2348. Check for more dates and locations at wwme.org. Call or text 402-370-5839 for more information. For information about Worldwide Marriage Encounter, please visit www.wwme.org Follow us on Instagram and Facebook! @worldwidemarriageencounter

Pastor’s Notes:

As we continue to celebrate Christmastide, we remember the Holy Family in a special way today—Jesus, Mary, Joseph. We meditate on them when we look at the manger scenes, and we remember also that this was the group in which Jesus spent most of His first thirty years on earth. After the story of His birth and infancy, including the flight to Egypt described in St. Matthew’s Gospel, the only mention of this time in the Scriptures is the Finding in the Temple scene when Jesus was twelve years old. Joseph presumably died some time before Jesus was baptized by His cousin John the Baptist and began His public life at the age of thirty. Today is a good day to reflect on the idea of migration, even as it plays out today. Although we want to have laws that regulate these things, we never forget what motivates people to move in the first place—usually, it is just wanting a better life for themselves and their families. All people deserve humane and lawful treatment. Holy Family, be our model!

Please pray for the Pope’s Intention for the month of January: For prayer with the Word of God. Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church. The Priest Day Intention: Pray for the Holy Father. Thank you!

Please remember that New Year’s Day, the octave of Christmas and the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, is a holy day of obligation. Since this is also a civil holiday like Christmas, we will follow the usual “weekend” schedule—there will be a Mass at 5 P.M. on Wednesday, New Year’s Eve, and at 9 A.M. on Thursday, New Year’s Day—there is no 7:30 A.M. Mass or 6:30 P.M. Mass on Wednesday. Start 2026 with a fresh and renewed spirit. It is possible!

As we end 2025, there are so many things that we can look back on with gratitude. I remember when the year 2000 was upon us and Pope St. John Paul II kept speaking about “the new millennium” and what a springtime of hope it would be for the Church—the time of the “new evangelization.” Now that “the new millennium” has already finished one-fortieth of its span, we realize that many of the good things the Holy Father asked us to pray for and work for are not yet “ripe,” but there are signs of hope around us. The late Pope Francis, when he declared the current holy year to be one dedicated to “hope”—it is completed next weekend—we know that hope means that “the best is yet to come.” With that in mind, welcome, 2026.

Thanks to all who helped in any way with the special “Holy Innocents” Mass this weekend on Saturday morning. Our own “little ones” who have gone before us point the way to “the best is yet to come.” Come, Lord Jesus!

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Online Giving: <https://www.osvhub.com/stcatherineindianola/funds> (new address)
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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- 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 Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
– December 28th 2025

DAY	DATE	TIME	MASS INTENTION
Sat.	12/27	10:00am	Holy Innocents +
Sat.	12/27.	5:00pm	Lamoine and Margaret McConville Family L&D
Sun.	12/28	9:00am	People of the parish
Mon.	12/29	7:30am	Ray and Myrna Haag Family
Tues.	12/30	7:30am	Pat Kennedy +
Wed.	12/31	5:00pm	Paul Newberry +
Thurs.	01/01	9:00am	People of the parish
Fri.	01/02	7:30am	Paul Newberry +
Sat.	01/03	7:30am	People of the parish
Sat.	01/03	5:00pm	People of the parish
Sun.	01/04	9:00am	Poinsettias—loved ones remembrance +

