

<p>Fr. Bernard Kimminau, <i>Pastor</i> Fr. Matthew Kovar, <i>Parochial Vicar</i> Fr. Bernard Lorenz, <i>Hispanic Ministry</i></p> <p>Emergency Only: 308-340-0817</p> <p>Website: http://www.stpatismccook.com</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NEW School Website: http://www.stpatrickmccook.com</p>	<p>St. Patrick Catholic Church <i>East 4th and F Street</i> Rectory Office: 612 East 4th Street Mailing Address: P.O. Box 1040 McCook, NE 69001-1040 Phone: 308-345-6734</p> <p>WELCOME to St. Patrick Catholic Church. We hope you feel at home and among friends here. If you are a visitor for a day, we pray God's speed on your journey. If you are looking for a parish community, we would be delighted to welcome you to our parish family. Please introduce yourself. To Register please call at 308-345-6734 or stop by the rectory on 4th street.</p>
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<p>MASS SCHEDULE: SUNDAY: Saturday Vigil Mass: 6:00 PM Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, & 11:00 AM, 4:00 PM (in Spanish) DAILY: 6:45 A.M. -- Monday-Friday 8:00 A.M. -- Saturday KINSHIP POINTE: 10:30 A.M. Wednesday</p>	<p>CONFESSION SCHEDULE: Monday - Friday: 6:30—6:40 am Saturdays: 4:00 - 5:30 pm and after 6:00 pm Mass. Or, any time by appointment, call the rectory at 345-6734.</p>	<p>ST. ANN CHURCH (Rural McCook, NE) SUNDAY MASS: 8:00 AM (Confessions ½ hour before Mass) SACRED HEART CHURCH (Rural Hayes Center, NE) SUNDAY MASS: 10:00 AM (Confessions ½ hour before Mass)</p>
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ST. PATRICK SCHOOL (345-4546): *Rebecca Redl, Principal, Barbara Bortner, Secretary.* Grades K-8. Tuition for 2023-24: \$2,680 per student. Diocesan technology fee of \$420.00 per student. Tuition assistance available. Please log on to your FACTS account to set up your payment plan <https://online.factsmgt.com/signin/43QNN>. If you are new to our school or have any questions, please contact the St. Patrick School Office (308-345-4546) for assistance. School offers: Band, Vocal Music, Art, Athletics, Student Council, Hot Lunch, Advanced Math, & Literature.

LITTLE KNIGHTS PRESCHOOL (345-4546): *Jill Koenig, Teacher.* 612 East 3rd St. Preschool: Tues & Thurs 9-11:15 am; 3-Day Pre-K: Mon-Wed-Fri, 9-11:15 am; 4-day Pre-K: Mon, Tues, Th & Fri: 1-3:15pm.

CCD PROGRAM: Grades K-8, Wednesday evenings during school year, 7:00-8:15 pm. (For children not attending St. Patrick School.)

CYO/GODPARENT PROGRAM: Religion program for Grades 9-12. For more information, contact the rectory at 345-6734.

OCIA (ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS): Classes held on Thursday evenings from 7:00-8:00 pm in the School Library. Call the rectory at 345-6734 for information.

LEGION OF MARY: *Carol Lashley:* Catholics reaching out to the community in imitation of Mary.

BAPTISM: Call the Rectory to arrange pre-baptismal class and to schedule baptism.

MARRIAGE: Call for an appointment to begin preparation **at least 6 months** before your proposed wedding date.

FERTILITY CARE INSTRUCTOR: Kate Siegfried RN, BSN, FCP-

FAMILY COUNSELING: For information or to schedule appointments, call The Immaculate Heart of Mary Counseling Center of Catholic Social Services - **1-800-961-6277**.

PROJECT RACHEL: Healing the wounds of abortion. Don't suffer any longer from guilt, despair, psychological or spiritual problems. Private, sensitive and confidential - **1-800-964-3787**.

CATHOLIC MOTHERS FOR CHRIST: Phone Cassie Spencer for more information.

THAT MAN IS YOU (Men's group): Phone the Rectory at 345-6734 for more information.

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MASS SCHEDULE - St. Patrick Church

Monday, Dec. 18

6:45 am.....Melanie Davidson
8:00 am.....Brooklyn Davie

Tuesday, Dec. 19

6:45 amMary G. Biegler
8:00 am.....L/D Colman & Mirovsky families
2:45 pm.....Spanish Mass

Wednesday, Dec. 20

6:45 amButch Mires+
8:00 amSylvia Prather

Thursday, Dec. 21 NO SCHOOL-CHRISTMAS VACATION

6:45 amMackenzie Shields+
6:30 pm.....Hayes Center

Friday, Dec. 22 NO SCHOOL-CHRISTMAS VACATION

6:45 am.....L/D Paul Haller Family

Saturday, Dec. 23

8:00 am.....Rick & Mary Bell
6:00 pm.....Emil & Margaret Papke+

SUNDAY MASSES:

Sunday, Dec. 24

7:30 amFor our parishioners
9:00 amShelly Biegler
11:00 amAva Biegler
3:00 pm.....Spanish Mass (4th Sunday of Advent)

5:00 pm **CHRISTMAS VIGIL MASS** For our parishioners

8:00 pmL/D Dennis & Brenda Liess families

Iglesia de San Patricio (409 Calle F) Padre Bernard Lorenz- (308) 414-1195 **Confesiones:** antes de la Santa Misa.

MISSIONS:

ST. ANN CHURCH

Sunday, Dec. 24

8:00 am.....Jan Gorecki

Sunday, Dec. 24 CHRISTMAS VIGIL MASS

5:00 pm Vern Esch+

SACRED HEART CHURCH

Sunday, Dec. 24

10:00 amPriest's Intention

Sunday, Dec. 24 CHRISTMAS VIGIL MASS

7:00 pm.....James & Sandi Pettera & family

Confessions — 6:30 am Monday -Friday & Sat. 4:00-5:30 pm, & after 6 pm Mass in the church. Or, call for an appointment, 308-345-6734.

OCIA— Classes will meet on Thursday evenings. Catholics and non-Catholics are welcome to learn or refresh their understanding of the Faith. Class will meet @ 7pm in the school library. Class is usually about 60–75 minutes long.

CCD Classes: Classes will meet on Wed. evenings from 7:00 -8:15pm in the school building. Confessions will be available during class time this week.

CYO classes: Classes will meet on Wed. evenings at the hosts homes. All students are asked to arrive by 7:15pm.

St. Patrick School– Wed., Dec. 20 is a 1:00pm dismissal. This is the start of our Christmas Break. School will resume after the Octave of Christmas on Jan. 4th. Enjoy the break and celebrate this Holy Season of the birth of our Savior!.

Next week's Mass Schedule: Dec. 23/24

	Lectors:	Acolytes:
Sat. eve	M. Graff	McConville/Redl
7:30 am	A. Garey	Spilinek/Carfield
9:00 am	M. Tines	B. Jacobs/Eiler
11:00 am	S. Barenberg	Owens/Mabile

Teacher's Wish List: to those interested in helping our teachers to furnish their classrooms with items they will need for the school year... please visit this site: <https://www.stpatrickmccook.com/newsletters#TEACHERWISHLIST>

Prayer and Fasting for peace in the Holy Land: Please continue to pray for peace in the world.

Online Giving– visit www.stpatsmccook.com and follow the link to Our Sunday Visitor. Easy to register & flexible contribution options.

Contributions - 12-10-2023:

St. Ann		St. Patrick:	
Weekly	\$ 110.00	Weekly:	\$ 6,232.35
Imm.Conception	\$10.00	Online	\$ 3,336.00
		Imm. Conception	\$ 1,456.00
		Christmas	\$ 30.00
Sacred Heart		Total to St. Pats:	\$ 11,054.35
Weekly	\$ 156.00		
Imm. Conception	\$ 10.00	Cont. Sisters	\$ 50.00
		Total to Diocese:	\$ 50.00

Your contributions to St. Patrick, St. Ann and Sacred Heart parishes are needed and greatly appreciated!

ST. PATRICK PARISH

Fiscal Year July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024

Collections received since July 1, 2023: \$218,746.33

(Budgeted amount for fiscal year: \$550,000.00)

Please pray for the souls of: Clarence Jankovits, Claire Uerling, Wayne Baker, Judy Ann Berry & Edward Powers.

Legion of Mary - "If you wish to present something to God, no matter how small it may be, place it in the hands of Mary to ensure its certain acceptance." - St. Bernard

Life is Hard. Help is just a phone call away. Need to talk to someone that you can trust? Catholic Social Services of Southern Nebraska's Immaculate Heart of Mary Counseling Center, 402-489-1834.

CYO Breakfast: stop down after the 7:30 and 9:00 am Masses for a roll and some fellowship. Freshman breakfast is Dec. 17th.

Confession times:

Penance Service will be on Sun., Dec. 17— 7:00pm
Dec. 18—during Holy Hour
Dec. 19— Noon — 1:00pm
Dec. 20— 6:00—7:00pm
Dec. 21 — Noon—1:00pm, 5:00—6:30pm
Dec. 22 — 7:10am—8:00am; Noon — 1:00pm
Dec. 23 — 8:30am — 9:00am; Noon — 1:00pm;

Christmas Mass Schedule:

Dec. 24 (vigil Mass)– 5:00pm & 8:00 pm
Dec. 25 — 8:00am & 10:00 am

St. Ann — Christmas vigil @ 5pm, Dec. 24
Sacred Heart—Christmas vigil @ 7pm, Dec. 24

Please note that we have an obligation to participate at Mass for the 4th Sunday of Advent and for Christmas — 2 obligations — 2 Masses. Please plan accordingly.

Lucky Irish Calendar Winners-2023:

Dec. 23 Shannon Corder **Dec. 24** Rob & Denise Bland
Dec. 25 Jennifer Liess **Dec. 26** Irene Light
Dec. 27 Jody Otter **Dec. 28** Sara Morell
Dec. 29 Lenny Co **Dec. 30** Dan & Theresa Shiers
Dec. 31 Estefammx Perez Orozco

Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House in Waverly

Call 402-786-2705, or see goodcounselretreat.org.

Mass Intentions - Place requests in the collection basket or the rectory drop box. Checks should be made to St. Patrick. Also include your name and phone number in case we need to clarify. Usual donation is \$10. We schedule Masses as they come in, from oldest to the most recent.

Eucharistic Holy Hour: Holy Hour this week, Dec. 18. Holy hour begins at 7pm. Come join us for an hour or even part of the hour to unite ourselves with Christ & His Church – You are invited and encouraged to stop in for a visit. No HOLY HOUR next week on Christmas.

Pope's Intention for Dec: We pray that persons living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

TMIIY: 'That Man is You' which meets on Sunday evenings has finished its classes for now. They will resume after the First of the Year. Hope to see you in 2024!

Knights of Columbus Lucky Irish Calendars: Looking for the perfect gift this Christmas? How about the gift that gives the whole year?..... Lucky Irish Calendars This year the raffle will go towards an update of the playground equipment at the Little Knights Pre-school. Please support the Knights in their efforts to support our Pre-school students.

Poinsettias Needed: To those interested, we are looking for donations to decorate the Altar this Christmas. Looking for 20-30 poinsettias to adorn the altar during this festive time. Donations (\$25 each) can be made in memory of a loved one, (please include this information). You may drop an envelope in the collection with your information and check. Thank-you in advance for your support.

*****Win \$500.00***** - St. Catherine's Altar Society is selling raffle tickets for a chance to win a \$500.00 visa Gift Card. The tickets are \$30.00 each and they will draw 1 winner at EACH of their monthly meetings.. call/text Shari Haag at (308) 340-6230 with your questions.

Kolache Sales: Kolaches will be available on next weekend Dec. 23/24. Stop by after mass to purchase or call Fr. Lorenz to place an advanced order. This will be the LAST time that Kolaches will be available.

Pilgrimage: Sorry, but due to low numbers and situations beyond our control, this pilgrimage has been cancelled.

Marriage Encounter: consider a weekend retreat for your marriage. There will be a weekend Feb. 9-11 in Lincoln. Contact Gary & Brenda for more information. 303-604-6202.

Advent Confessions: the parish penance service will be this Sunday, Dec. 17 @ 7pm. Please make plans to take advantage of this evening with 4 priests available for a quick and timely confession line. Please consider taking advantage of this service.

Feast of St. Nicholas: our celebration of St. Nicholas' Feast day this year included an offering to assist the poor. This year through the generosity of our youth (and their parents) we collected \$688.03. (CCD-203.95, School-484.08). This money will be given to "Help of the Poor" to assist those in need.

St. Ann & Sacred Heart Masses: in order to better serve the needs of the parish during the three week gap that we will be short-handed, I propose an alternative schedule for Sunday masses:

St. Ann — Saturday evening @ 4:00pm
Sacred Heart — Saturday evening @ 6:00pm.
I hope this is satisfactory with all concerned.

Christmas Choir: the Knights will be singing at the 10:00am Christmas Mass. All men are welcome to join in. We will gather at 9:00am to warm up. Thank-you and Merry Christmas from the Knights of Columbus.

St. Patrick's Altar Society: needs your assistance. They ladies will be providing a meal for the MCC men's and women's basketball teams on Wed. Jan.3 over the Holiday Break when their cafeteria is closed. If you would like to help by providing a salad or dessert, or if you are available to help serve, there are sign up sheets in the back of church. The meal will be in the St. Pats church basement. Please contact Amanda Peterson with any questions.

The Knights will also be providing a meal. This is a good thing for us to do because these athletes also help us with some of our bigger projects throughout the year.

Dear Santa,

I have really tried to be good this year. My list is relatively short, but I would really like these items from you this Christmas:
Dove breasts, Turkey, rabbit and maybe an auction item or two.

From a true believer and pastor,
"Little" Fr. Bernie



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