

<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. 25 Christmas

8:00 am.....Gabriel Thomas

10:00 am.....Ben Biegler

2:45 pm.....Spanish Mass

Tuesday, Dec. 26

6:45 amJack Biegler

2:45 pm.....Spanish Mass

Wednesday, Dec. 27

6:45 amPatricia Hackert+

Thursday, Dec. 28

6:45 amMatt Snyder+

Friday, Dec. 29

No Mass Scheduled due to holiday and funeral schedules

Saturday, Dec. 30

8:00 am.....Joan Irene Edson

6:00 pm.....Pam Morello+

SUNDAY MASSES:

Sunday, Dec. 31

7:30 amFor our parishioners

9:00 amMary Ann & Daniel Wais+

11:00 amVictor Monzon+

4:00 pm.....Spanish Mass

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

MISSIONS:

ST. ANN CHURCH

Saturday, Dec. 30

4:00 pm.....Priest's Intention

SACRED HEART CHURCH

Saturday, Dec. 30

6:00 pmEva Bishop

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.

CCD Classes: No Classes this week. Classes will resume on Jan. 10. Merry Christmas and enjoy the break!!

CYO classes: Classes will resume on Jan. 3 after the Christmas break.

St. Patrick School— Christmas Break. Classes resume on Thurs. Jan. 4th. Merry Christmas!!

Next week's Mass Schedule: Dec. 30/31

	Lectors:	Acolytes:
Sat. eve	L. Kuhlen	Koetter/Solko
7:30 am	J. Graff	Liess/Carfield
9:00 am	P. Wood	Peterson/Kain
11:00 am	B. Siegfried	Sughrue/O'Dea

Acolytes and Lectors please pick up the new schedule for Jan—May, 2024 in the sacristy counter.

Teacher's Wish List: to those interested in helping our teachers to furnish their classrooms with items the 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. The Holy Land Olive Wood Art will be here in Feb. to sell their religious items. Please consider supporting the Christians in the Holy Land by purchasing some of these beautiful items.

Fr. Matthew Kovar's new address:
1101 Isaac Dr.
Lincoln, NE 68521

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

Contributions - 12-17-2023:

St. Ann		St. Patrick:	
Weekly	\$ 125.00	Weekly:	\$ 7,570.00
		Online	\$ 1,171.00
		Imm. Conception	\$ 5.00
		Christmas	\$ 220.00
		Sol. Of Mary	\$ 250.00
Sacred Heart	Total to St. Pats:	\$	9,206.00
Weekly	\$ 289.00		
		CSS	\$ 100.00
		Total to Diocese:	\$ 100.00

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: \$227,952.33
(Budgeted amount for fiscal year: \$550,000.00)

Please pray for the souls of: Claire Uerling, Wayne Baker, Judy Ann Berry, Edward Powers, Norm Timmerman & Kermit Arterburn.

Legion of Mary - St. Louis de Montfort wrote that "the salvation of each individual is bound up with the Hail Mary." This prayer that names the holy name of the Mother of God "brought to a dry and barren world the Fruit of Life. It will cause the Word of God to take root in the soul and bring forth Jesus."

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.

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.

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Holy Day Mass— Jan. 1: 8:00 am.

The obligation to participate at Mass on Holy Days is dispensed when the Holy Day falls on Monday or Saturday with the exception of Immaculate Conception (Dec.8) and Christmas (Dec.25).

Fr. Houlihan will be the cover priest on Thurs & Fri, Dec. 28 & 29.

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: No HOLY HOUR this week on Dec. 25—Christmas. But we will have a holy hour on Jan. 1 @ 7pm. Come and celebrate the close of the Christmas Octave and begin the New Year with the Baby Jesus.

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.

Pope’s Intention for Jan: We pray that the Holy Spirit helps us to recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.

TMII: ‘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: Thank-you to all who donated towards the poinsettias for the Solemnity of Christmas.

In memory of:

Dixie Kofler Barbara & Steven Weskamp
Lavern Bieker Claudia Kalinowski
Anna Montey Jack Gutchewsky
Dale Hofman Helen Kennedy Vaughn
Parents of Steve and Dixie Lepper
Bob & Claire Uerling
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Dave & Veronica Skoumal
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Midge Forbes family members

*****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 this weekend Dec. 23/24. Stop by after mass to purchase. This will be the LAST time that Kolaches will be offered.

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.

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: 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,

Ok, maybe I have not been as good as I could have, but I will be better next year, I promise. I could really use some items from you this Christmas: doves, turkey, rabbit and maybe an auction item or two. Just let me know,

From a true believer and pastor,
Fr. “Little” Bernie

P.S. are snow geese your substitute for “coal”?

Thoughts from your Pastor:

As we close another Advent Season and prepare for the celebration of Christmas, my mind is drawn to the simple but beautiful image of the Nativity. Mary & Joseph could not have fully appreciated or understood what all was being asked of them. They just allowed themselves to be instruments of God’s grace and presence. They faced the challenges of their day, but faced them united to each other and to God the Father’s will. As we look at the challenges that lay before us, let us ask the Holy Family to assist us to follow their example and face them by being united to Our Father, His will and the people He has sent to help us. May our New Born Savior bless you and your families throughout this Holy Season!!

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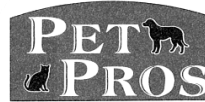
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