

<p>Fr. Bernard Kimminau, <i>Pastor</i> <i>, Parochial Vicar</i> Fr. Bernard Lorenz, <i>Hispanic Ministry</i></p> <p>Emergency Only: 308-340-0817</p> <p>Website: http://www.stpatsmccook.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, Jan. 1 Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God

8:00 am.....Diane Wais+
1:30 pm.....Spanish Mass

Tuesday, Jan. 2

6:45 amLara Stewart

Wednesday, Jan. 3

6:45 amSpecial Intention

Thursday, Jan. 4

6:45 amL/D Burns & Hamrick families
8:00 amSt. Patrick staff & students
6:30 pm.....Hayes Center

Friday, Jan. 5

6:45 am.....Lee Miller
8:00 am.....Kolbe Rogers
2:45 pm.....Spanish Mass

Saturday, Jan. 6

8:00 am.....Butch Mires+
6:00 pm.....Pam Morello+

SUNDAY MASSES:

Sunday, Jan. 7

7:30 amAngela & Arthur Budig+
9:00 amFor our parishioners
11:00 amL/D Harold & Irene Light families
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, Jan. 6

4:00 pm.....Charles & Lois Quigley

SACRED HEART CHURCH

Saturday, Jan. 6

6:00 pmPriest's Intention

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— Classes resume on Thurs. Jan. 4th. School confessions will be offered on Thurs, Jan 4 after the school Mass.

Next week's Mass Schedule: Jan. 6/7

Lectors:

Acolytes:

Sat. eve	L. Kuhlen	Koetter/Redl
7:30 am	H. Beebe	Liess/Carfield
9:00 am	J. Roberts	Eiler/Peterson
11:00 am	B. Siegfried	Wilson/Owens

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 they will need for the school year... please visit this site: <https://www.stpatrickmccook.com/newsletters#TEACHERWISHLIST>

Pray and Fast 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 - :	
St. Ann		St. Patrick:	
Weekly	\$	Weekly:	\$
		Online	\$
		Imm. Conception	
		Christmas	\$
		Sol. Of Mary	\$
Sacred Heart		Total to St. Pats:	\$
Weekly	\$	CSS	\$
		Total to Diocese:	\$

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.

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).

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 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 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.

TMIY: '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: 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
- Bill & Phyllis Douglass
- Vincent & Margaret Broz
- Dave & Veronica Skoumal
- L/D Coleman/Miriovsky families
- Heilers & Haller families
- 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: Thank-you to all who supported the Kolache sale and especially to Carlos & Lety Quiros (our bakers).

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.

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.

Knights of Columbus: the Knights in Indianola invite you to a bull fry on Monday, Jan. 15 at the St. Catherine's parish hall. They will be serving from 5:00-7:00 pm. Come and join in the fun!

Game Feed: will be on Feb. 10th at the Community Center in Curtis. This will be a combined event for St. James & St. Patrick's parishes. Preparations are being done for this annual event (24th Game Feed). If you are interesting in attending or helping out please contact Shelly B. or Dari O. or Jo Beebe for more information.

To the parishioners of St. Patrick, St. Ann & Sacred Heart parishes:

Merry Christmas!!

As we draw to a close to the Octave of Christmas and begin to look forward to the New Year, I would like to thank you for your generous gifts and support this Christmas. I am always renewed each year by the response of so many parishioners during this time. Thank-you again. Life is always a challenge, but it is also the source of our joy as well. If we are not challenged, we do not grow. As we face the challenges of 2024 as a community and parish, I ask for your prayers so that I may lead the parish to embrace the Father's loving plan for us and may herald the Good News of the guiding presence of Our New Born Savior through my actions and attitudes. I pray that this New Year will be a time of growth and renewal for all of us as we strive to become a better disciple, a better parishioner, a better Catholic. Know that you are always in my daily prayers, In Christ's loving Presence,

Fr. Bernard Kimminau



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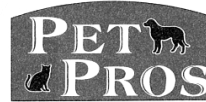
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