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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. Registration forms are available in the entry racks of the Church or contact us any time at 345-6734.

MASS SCHEDULE:

SUNDAY: Saturday Vigil Mass: 6:00 PM
Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, & 11:00 AM

MASS IN SPANISH: 4:00 PM

DAILY: 6:45 A.M. -- Monday-Friday
 8:00 A.M. -- School Days
 8:00 A.M. -- Saturday

HILLCREST NURSING HOME: 9:45 AM Wed.

CONFESSION SCHEDULE:

Monday thru Friday: 6:30 AM

Saturdays: 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM and after 6:00 P.M. Mass

First Fridays: 7:00 PM

OR any time by appointment, call the Rectory at 345-6734.

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)

ST. PATRICK SCHOOL (345-4546): *Rebecca Redl, Principal, Barbara Bortner, Secretary.* Grades K-8. Tuition/book fee for 2018-19 school year: \$750.00 for 1st child; \$150 for 2nd child; \$100 for 3rd child (maximum fee \$1,000). Additional tuition charge for non-parishioners is \$600. There is also the Diocesan Education Fee of \$25.00 per student. School offers: Band, Vocal Music, Spanish, Art, Athletics, Student Council, Hot Lunch, Advanced Math, & Literature.

LITTLE KNIGHTS PRESCHOOL (345-4546): 612 East 3rd St. Morning Pre-K: Mon, Wed-9:00-11:15 AM & Thurs-1:00-3:15 PM; Afternoon Pre-K, Mon-Tues-Wed-1:00-3:15 PM; Toddler: Tues-Thurs, 9:00-11:15 AM.

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, please contact the rectory at 345-6734.

RCIA (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS): Classes held on Thursday evenings from 7:00-8:30 PM in the School Library. Call the rectory at 345-6734 for information.

LEGION OF MARY: *Carol Lashley (340-8401):* 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.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING: Kate Siegfried RN, BSN, FCP (345-5812)

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.**

WOMEN'S STUDY GROUP: Phone Shelley at **345-7217** for more information.

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

ALTAR SOCIETY (1st Tues.)

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MASS SCHEDULE - St. Patrick Church

Monday, December 17

6:45 am Cheryl Hrnchir
8:00 am Lynn Kolbet

Tuesday, December 18

6:45 am Kaylee Miller
8:00 am Chris Brown

Wednesday, December 19

6:45 am Maxine Purinton †
8:00 am Frank & Violet Tabor †

Hillcrest Nursing Home Wed. December 19

9:45 am Ramona Sughroue †

Thurs. December 20

6:45 am Raleigh Haas †
8:00 am L/D Members Blume/Colling families

Friday, December 21

6:45 am Viargil Buhrman †

8:00 am NO MASS

Saturday, December 22

8:00 am Tony Miller †

SUNDAY MASSES - St. Patrick Church

Saturday, December 22

6:00 pm Paul, Leona & Frank Haller †

Sunday, December 23

7:30 am Elmer & Eleanor Douglas †
9:00 am For our Parishioners
11:00 am Howard & Virginia Boggs †
4:00 pm **MASS IN SPANISH**..... Priest's Intention
Iglesia de San Patricio (Church of St. Patrick) (409 Calle F) (409 East F Street) Padre Bernard Lorenz = (308)414-1195

Confesiones: antes de la Santa Misa. (Confessions before the Holy Mass)

MISSIONS:

ST. ANN CHURCH

Sunday, December 23

8:00 am Cecelia Kotschwar †

Sunday, December 23

10:00 am Priest's Intention

CONTRIBUTIONS for the week of 12/9/2018 – **St. Ann:** \$83.00;

Sacred Heart: \$1,080, Immaculate Conception: \$141.00; **St. Patrick:** \$8,370.77, Christmas: \$70.00, Contemplative Sisters: \$64.00. Online giving: week of 11/26-12/2 - \$1,015.00, Guardian Angel: \$50.00.

2018 LUCKY IRISH CALENDAR WINNERS: Dec. 9: Natalie Eisenmenger, Dec. 10: Walter Marsh, Dec. 11: Dr. & Mrs. Michael Reed, Dec. 12: Elisa Jensen, Dec. 13: Elisa Jo Jarding, Dec. 14: James Haag, Dec. 15: Ben Koch.

THAT MAN IS YOU! – Fall Semester is complete. Spring Semester begins in January.

BEST ADVENT EVER is a free email program from Dynamic Catholic. Sign up at BestAdventEver.com to receive short inspirational videos, practical tips for everyday life and real-life stories to prepare for the coming of Jesus at Christmas.

PRAYER CHAIN: 340-7946

(Call between 8 & 8:30 am)

Ministry Schedule (December 22 and 23, 2018)				
	Saturday 6:00 PM	Sunday 7:30 AM	Sunday 9:00 AM	Sunday 11:00 AM
Acolyte	Jacobs	Carfield	Eiler	O'Dea
Acolyte			Fagot	Koetter
Lector	Graff	Beebe	Sis	Wood
Server	Wolfe	Volunteer	Brooks	Barger
Server	Lashley	Volunteer	Mai	Larson
Server			Mai	Hinze
Rosary	Campbell	Lashley	Bieker	Loescher
Gifts	Please sign up at the back of the Church to carry gifts			

St. Ann Catholic Parish (Dec. 23, 2018)	
Server	Aaron Spencer
Server	Derick Spencer

SCHOOL NEWS – **Mon. Dec. 17 @ 9 am:** MHS Jazz Band in the gym. **Tues. Dec. 18 @ 1:15 pm:** Spelling Bee: Grades 4-8. School Gym. **Thurs. Dec. 20:** End of 2nd Quarter. **Thurs. Dec. 20 @ noon:** K-5 Christmas parties. **Thurs. Dec. 20 @ 1 pm:** School dismissed for Christmas vacation. Remember to keep Christ in Christmas.

NEEDED: KITCHEN HELP – Need part-time substitute kitchen help for school lunch. Must pass background check. Call Gale at 345-5542.

CCD CLASSES – **Wed. Dec. 19 from 7-8:15 pm** in the School. Classes go to Confession. From **8-8:15 pm:** Los Posados-Advent Prayer at the School at the south entrance to the school. Everyone is welcome.

CYO – **Wed. Dec. 19:** Meet at the Church to decorate for Christmas.

CYO SOPHOMORE BREAKFAST rescheduled to **Sun., Dec. 16** after 7:30 and 9 am Masses. Thank you for supporting our parish youth.

HOTLINE TO REPORT MISCONDUCT – the diocese is now using an externally monitored hotline for reporting misconduct of any kind by diocesan personnel: 1-844-527-0596 (English and Spanish). A third party service screens the call with a series of questions and routes it to the appropriate diocesan office based on the nature of the call. People can also notify the diocese of misconduct by submitting a message through the diocesan website.

REPORTING CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT – Nebraska law requires all suspicions of child abuse or neglect to be reported to law enforcement or DHHS (Child Abuse Hotline: 1-800-652-1999).

LUCKY IRISH CALENDARS – Lucky Irish Calendars make GREAT Christmas, birthday, anniversary and graduation gifts. Be sure to sell some to friends, neighbors, etc.! If you need more calendars, call Bob Burns at 340-8837. If you have calendars you do not need, please return them to the Church or rectory. Proceeds will go toward upgrading the east playground.

PLEASE PRAY THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF Rita Bowles (mother of Mary Esch), Betty Donahue (of our parish), Michael (Larry) O'Donnell (brother-in-law of Rosealee Weskamp), Jameson Rugg, Bernard Anderjaska (brother of Tom Anderjaska, Audrey Suiter and Clara Uerling), Carmen Brdar (formerly of McCook), William Knowles (grandfather of Jessica Barger), Bob Dike, and Phoebe Bullis.

RCIA (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION) – 7 pm on Thurs. Dec. 20. Subject: “The Eucharist”, and “Confirmation.” Please call the rectory at 345-6734 if you have questions.

HEALING MASS RESCHEDULED for Sun. Dec. 16. with Fr. Christopher Barak of Lincoln. The Chaplet of Divine Mercy in song begins at 3:30 pm. Mass at 4 pm. Please see the flyer at the Church entrances for more information. Contact Brenda Miller at 308-737-7366 or brentravmiller@hotmail.com with questions.

OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL RETREAT HOUSE – •Jan. 11-12, LDCCW Winter Symposium. •Jan. 18-20, Men’s Acolyte/Lector Retreat (with Training) with Fr. Eric Clark & the Knights of the Holy Eucharist. Come and experience refuge and solitude, renewal and conversion, sanctuary and prayer: experience a weekend retreat. To obtain 2018-19 retreat schedule or to register for a retreat, contact Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House, Waverly at 402-786-2705 or www.goodcounselretreat.com.

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS – Three parishioners came forward to fill three positions for the Parish Council. Therefore, there is no need for a ballot. Thank you to Mark Eiler, Rylee Shaw and Michele Terry, our new parish council members. Thank you to outgoing members Tom Kohmetscher, Becky Mai and Greg Wolfe.

RESULTS FOR THE BIG GIVE – 103 donors raised \$20,789.26 for St. Patrick School includes power hour total of \$1,691.00 and matching funds of 3,517.03

MCCOOK PANTRY – Two trends at the McCook pantry make your support essential. *Current year usage is up 10%. Last year’s pantry usage was 3,156 families, supplying food to 11,515 people. *Monetary donations to support the Pantry are down \$7,000 through Oct. (20% less than last year this time). Please support the Pantry. Mail your check payable to the McCook Pantry to 509 W. 1st St., McCook or drop off non-perishable food to the pantry (behind St. Albans) Mon.-Fri. from 1-4 pm.

TAX PLANNING! – Don’t wait until the end of the year to research your giving options! Setting up a Donor Advised Fund with the Catholic Foundation known as a “charitable check book” could help you with end of year tax planning and benefit our parish. Contact the Catholic Foundation of Southern Nebraska. Chris Raun 402-488-2142 or Les Mach at 402-443-6180 for more information.

JOY TO THE WORLD: HOW CHRIST’S COMING CHANGED EVERYTHING (AND STILL DOES) by Scott Hahn– Christmas is a time for joy and a time for family. In this book, Scott Hahn explains that the Christmas story is foremost about family. Free copies are available at Church entrances.

2019 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES are available in the back of the Church. Boxes are in rough alphabetical order. Please take a moment to pick up your boxed set as soon as possible.

AMAZON SMILE – When customers shop on AmazonSmile (smile.amazon.com), the Foundation will donate 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases to the charitable organizations. St. Patrick Church is one of the charitable organizations you may select. Register today and remember the Church when you shop for Christmas on Amazon.

2018 CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

CONFESSIONS

Friday, December 21: Noon – 1 PM, 5 – 6 PM
Saturday, December 22: Noon – 1 PM, 4 – 5:30 PM, 7 PM
Sunday, December 23: Penance Service at 7 PM
(Many priests will be available to hear confessions)
Monday, December 24: Noon-1 PM

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE at ST. PATRICK:

Christmas Eve – Monday, December 24: 5 PM and 10 PM
Christmas Day – Tuesday, December 25: 8 & 10 AM

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS SCHEDULE at the MISSIONS:

ST. ANN: Monday, December 24: 5 PM
SACRED HEART: Monday, December 24: 7 PM

Come home for Christmas!

MEN’S CHOIR will sing at the **10 am Mass** on Christmas Day. Practice is at 9 am. All men are invited.

LOS POSADOS (ADVENT PRAYER) Sun. Dec 23 at 2 pm in the Church. Potluck follows. Everyone is welcome.

RELIGIOUS GOODS STAND has Christmas items for sale. There is a good selection of Bibles for all ages. Call Diane Wolfe (364-2747), or stop by the rectory for assistance.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES TRUCK – will be at the Bargain Bazaar on **Fri. Dec. 21** (not on Dec. 28) at approximately 10:30 am! Please come and help load the truck.

GUN-A-MONTH RAFFLE – The Knights of Columbus are doing the gun raffle again in 2019. Please call Dick Cappel 350-0363 or Rodney Solko 785-475-4363 for more info or to buy a ticket.

ARE YOU LISTENING TO HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC RADIO OF MCCOOK? – Take advantage of great Advent programming in your car or at home on Holy Spirit Catholic Radio of McCook (96.9FM). ENCOUNTER JESUS! Pick up your FREE window/bumper sticker for your car or truck at the Church entrances and display it with pride! 96.9 FM. Encounter Jesus!

CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL FLOWERS – The Altar Society received a donation of artificial silk poinsettias. These will be used for the Christmas decorations. Therefore, donations for Christmas flowers will not be needed this year. Please call Judy Anderson, Altar Society President (345-2064) if you have questions.

PRAY THE ROSARY WITH THE CONSECRATED WOMEN OF THE DIOCESE -- listen or download a free recording of the rosary at spiritcatholicradio.com/prayer or listen live on weekends at 3:30 pm.

CCD STUDENTS donated \$86.58 on the Feast of St. Nicholas for the poor. Thank you for your generosity.

FROM THE LIGHT ENTRUSTED TO YOU “The Catholic faith is a spiritual North Star. We cannot force people to follow the star, but we can point them to the star—and we must. It is our duty and our obligation to share the faith by our words and our actions. Sharing the faith begins in the domestic church, the family”. —John R. Wood

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