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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 3

6:45 am L/D Members Zegars/Kuhlen families
8:00 am L/D Members Our Lady of Fatima Circle †

Tuesday, December 4

6:45 am Maxine Purinton †
8:00 am Martin Haith

Wednesday, December 5

6:45 am Raleigh Haas
8:00 am Caroline Kircher †

Hillcrest Nursing Home Wed. December 5

9:45 am Deacon Carson Kain

Thurs. December 6

6:45 am Virgil Buhrman †
8:00 am Wayne Bryant †

Friday, December 7

6:45 am Francis Blomsted †
8:00 am Dale Hofman †

Friday, December 7 (Vigil Mass)

6:00 pm Howard & Virginia Boggs †

Saturday, December 8 HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

8:00 am Helen Fisher †
12:10 pm Beverly Eiler †

SUNDAY MASSES - St. Patrick Church

Saturday, December 8

6:00 pm Yvette Hartzog †

Sunday, December 9

7:30 am Elmer & Elaine Douglas †
9:00 am Ron Coleman †
11:00 am For our Parishioners

4:00 pm MASS IN SPANISH Priest's Intention
Iglesia de San Patricio (Church of St. Patrick) (409 Calle F)

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

MISSIONS:

ST. ANN CHURCH

Sunday, December 9

8:00 am Robert McKillip †

SACRED HEART CHURCH

Saturday, December 8 HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

10:00 am Dan Barger †

Sunday, December 9

10:00 am Dale Hofman †

CONTRIBUTIONS for the week of 11/25/2018 – **St. Ann:** Snow; **Sacred Heart:** Snow; **St. Patrick:** \$5,057.43, Contemplative Sisters: \$884.00. Online giving: week of 11/18-11/25 -\$1,020.00, Contemplative Sisters: \$20.00.

2018 LUCKY IRISH CALENDAR WINNERS: Nov. 25: Carson Broz, Nov. 26: Don Roberts, Nov. 27: Ryan Johnson family, Nov. 28: Koral Beidek, Nov. 29: Don Hiatt, Nov. 30: Anne Jones, Dec. 1: Jerry Bauer.

THAT MAN IS YOU! – 8 pm, Sun. Dec. 2 in the Church basement. Week 12: The Gospel of John: The Book of Glory: ●The Passion, Death & Resurrection of Christ ● Christ's Ultimate Moment of Glory ●Mary Our Spiritual Mother ●A Superabundance of Joy from the Wedding Feast in Cana. For information, contact Mike Tines at 340-3028 or Fr. Brethour at 345-6734.

BULL FRY AND PITCH - Tues. Dec. 11 at St. Catherine Catholic Church Hall in Indianola. Fries from 5:30-7 pm. Pitch at 7 pm. Serving fries, gizzards, pork and salads.

PRAYER CHAIN: 340-7946

(Call between 8 & 8:30 am)

Ministry Schedule (December 8 and 9, 2018)				
	Saturday 6:00 PM	Sunday 7:30 AM	Sunday 9:00 AM	Sunday 11:00 AM
Acolyte	Siebrandt	Cappel	Kain	Sugroue
Acolyte			Peterson	Owens
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Server	Bortenr	Graff	Peterson	Bieker
Server	Haag	Volunteer	Weyenth	Mashek
Server			Weyenth	Larson
Rosary	Jacobs	Beebe	Biegler	Michaelis
Gifts	Please sign up at the back of the Church to carry gifts			

St. Ann Catholic Parish (Dec. 9, 2018)	
Server	Steven Werkmeister
Server	Ethan Spencer

SCHOOL NEWS – Thurs. Dec. 6: School Confessions. **Thurs. Dec. 6:@ 1:15 pm:** St. Nicholas party.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS – Thurs. Dec. 13 @ 7 pm: School Christmas Music Program (Pre-school-8th Grade)

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. 5 from 7-8:15 pm in the School.

CYO – Wed. Dec. 5: Home Meeting.

CYO SOPHOMORE BREAKFAST Sun. Dec. 2 after 7:30 & 9 am Masses.

CYO JUNIOR BREAKFAST Sun. Dec. 9 after 7:30 & 9 am Masses.

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.

ACOLYTE, LECTOR AND SERVER SCHEDULES are available in the Sacristy for pick up. If you would like them emailed to you, please provide us with an updated email address.

RCIA (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION) – 7 pm, Thurs. Dec. 6 in the school library. Subject: "Baptism" and "Confirmation." Enter the school through the northeast doors. Please call the rectory at 345-6734 if you have questions.

MANANITAS (MORNING PRAYER IN SPANISH) – 5:30 am Wed. Dec. 12 -Mass and morning prayer in Spanish at St. Patrick Church to honor Mary of Guadalupe. Hot chocolate follows.

PLEASE PRAY THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF 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.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION HOLY DAY – A reminder that this year, *Dec. 8*, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, falls on a Saturday. Since this is the patronal feast day of our country (and of our diocese) it is always a Holy Day of Obligation. It should be pointed out that you will need to attend two distinct Masses, one for the Immaculate Conception and one for the Second Sunday of Advent. Attending one evening Mass on Saturday evening will not suffice to fulfill the Mass obligation for both the Sunday and the Holy Day.

JOY OF THE GOSPEL REBATE – The Joy of the Gospel rebate checks for the period of July- Sept. 2018 to St. Ann for \$24.00, Sacred Heart for \$1,100.00, and to St. Patrick for \$16,700.64. Thank you for honoring your pledges.

OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL RETREAT HOUSE – •*Dec. 14-16*, Bishop Conley and Fr. Coulter "The Mysteries of Christmas." 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.

HEALING MASS – *Sun. Dec. 2 at 4 pm* with Fr. Christopher Barak of Lincoln. The Chaplet of Divine Mercy in song begins at **3:30 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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHRISTMAS PARTY – *Sat. Dec. 8*. Social hour begins at **6 pm**, followed by dinner at about **7 pm**. Menu: prime rib, baked potato, vegetable, and desert. The cost is \$25/person. Gift exchange after dinner. Past gifts have included wine, stuffed animals, tools and lottery tickets. Bring something unusual. Open to the entire parish, the Indianola Council and all 4th degree members and widows. Please RSVP as soon as possible to Rodney Solko (785-475-4363), Ron Jacobs (308-345-3372) or Bob Burns (308-340-8837).

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.

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS – Are you an interested parishioner willing to serve on the Parish Council? We are accepting nominations now. Elections are in mid-December. The Parish Council is an advisory board (no administrative powers) that gives input to the pastor about many aspects of parish life (finances, adult & child education, buildings and grounds, & liturgical to name a few). Parish Council members should be dedicated Catholics, prayerful, advocates of Catholic education (school, CCD, CYO) and team players. They need to be hard workers ready to find and implement solutions, be able to get others involved in the solutions, and set an example for others. Members of the Council serve three-year terms. We need to fill three positions. Thank you to outgoing members Tom Kohmetscher, Becky Mai and Greg Wolfe. Call Fr. Brethour at 345-6734 if you are interested in serving.

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.

ADORATION SCHEDULE FOR FIRST FRIDAY, DEC. 7:

7:00-8:00PM – Altar Society

8:00-9:00pm – John

9:00-10:00pm – Matthew

10:00-11:00pm – Mark

11:00-Midnight – Luke

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 store is foremost about family. Free copies are available at Church entrances.

2018 SALVATION ARMY/ MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION BELL RINGING CAMPAIGN – St. Patrick Church will provide volunteers to be bell ringers at the north entrance at Walmart on **Tue. Dec. 11 from 11 am – 6 pm** & at the north and south entrances on **Sun. Dec. 16 from 1-6 pm**. 100% of the funds raised by the bell ringing campaign stay locally to make sure children have adequate school supplies, to help families with utility assistance, provide mileage for someone with health issues to attend doctor's appointments or to help with emergency shelter. The Ministerial Association receives the funds and Mid-Nebraska Community Services distributes them. The community relies on these funds for emergency needs. Signup sheets are in the back of the Church. Please help by signing up for a one-hour slot.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES TRUCK – thanks to everyone who helped 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.

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.

ALTAR SOCIETY SOUP, SALAD & DESSERT SUPPER-- 6 pm, Tues. Dec. 4. We will pack treat bags for shut-ins after supper. Please bring 2 dozen cookies for the treat bags and your choice of soup, salad or dessert for the potluck. Hostesses will be Donna Jacobs (345-3372) and Jo Beebe (340-3117). Let's begin Advent with fun, fellowship and kindness to those alone in our parish community.

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 (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.

BOX OF JOY -- A huge thank you to everyone who donated items, money for shipping, or packed your own box. We were able to send 90 boxes of joy to children for Christmas. May God bless you for your support.

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