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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.

<u>LITTLE KNIGHTS PRESCHOOL (345-4546)</u>: 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.

<u>LEGION OF MARY</u>: 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.

<u>MARRIAGE</u>: Call for an appointment to begin preparation <u>at least 6</u> <u>months</u> before your proposed wedding date.

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

Call the rectory at 345-6734 for information.

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

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<u>WOMEN'S STUDY GROUP</u>: Phone Shelley at **345-7217** 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, December 24
5:00 pmL/D Mbrs Gerald & Cecelia Koch families
10:00 pmJim Hickert
Tuesday, December 25
8:00 amL/D Members St. Theresa Circle ₽
10:00 amFor our Parishioners
Wednesday, December 26
6:45 amVelda Ferguson 🕆
Hillcrest Nursing Home Wed. December 26
9:45 amTom Rowland $ ^{\mathrm{t}}$
Thurs. December 27
6:45 amEllen Griffin
Friday, December 28
6:45 amCarl & Louise Morello 🕆
Saturday, December 29
8:00 amRon Coleman 🕆
SUNDAY MASSES - St. Patrick Church
Saturday, December 29
6:00 pm Russ Niebur & Bill George 🕆
Sunday, December 30
7:30 amL/D Mbrs Spilinek/Scmidt families
9:00 am L/D Mbrs Bill & Loretta Schilz families
11:00 am For our Parishioners
4:00 pm MASS IN SPANISHPriest's Intention
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MISSIONS: Sun. Dec. 30
ST. ANN CHURCH
8:00 AMPriest's Intention
SACRED HEART CHURCH
10:00 AM Bill McCarthy 🕆

CONTRIBUTIONS for the week of 12/16/2018 – *St. Ann:* \$667.00; *Sacred Heart*: \$319.00; *St. Patrick:* \$6,876.28, Healing Mass: \$265.00, Christmas: \$25.00, Immaculate Conception: \$40.00. Online giving: week of 12/3-12/10 - \$1,085.00, Guardian Angel: \$25.00, Immaculate Conception: \$55.00.

<u>THAT MAN IS YOU!</u> – Fall Semester is complete. Spring Semester begins in January.

RCIA (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION) – Classes resume 7 pm on Thurs. Jan. 10. Subject: "The Mass." Please call the rectory at 345-6734 if you have questions.

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.

<u>LOS POSADOS (ADVENT PRAYER)</u> *Sun. Dec 23 at 2 pm* at St. Patrick Church. Potluck follows. Everyone is welcome.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

PRAYER CHAIN: 340-7946

(Call between 8 & 8:30 am)

Ministry Schedule (December 29 and 30, 2018)				
	Saturday	Sunday	Sunday	Sunday
	6:00 PM	7:30 AM	9:00 AM	11:00 AM
Acolyte	Redl	Cappel	Eiler	Spilinek
Acolyte			Peterson	Sughroue
Lector	Larry E	Garey	Tines	Barneberg
Server	Bortner	Volunteer	Peterson	Schmidt
Server	Haag	Volunteer	Tines	Roth
Server			Roberts	Barneberg
Rosary	McConville	Liess	Kain	Cappel
Gifts	Please sign up at the back of the Church to carry gifts			

St. Ann Catholic Parish (Dec. 30, 2018)	
Server	Aaron Spencer
Server	Steven Werkmeister

<u>SCHOOL NEWS</u> – *Dec. 21-Jan. 2*-Christmas Vacation. Classes resume *Thurs. Jan. 3*.

<u>CCD CLASSES</u> – NO CLASS WED. DEC. 26 & JAN. 2. Class resumes *Wed. Jan. 9 from 7-8:15 pm* in the School.

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

<u>CYO</u> – **NO MEETING WED. DEC. 26 & JAN. 2**. Class resume *Wed. Jan. 9*. Meet in Church basement to make salads for Community Meal.

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.

<u>REPORTING CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT</u> – 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).

2018 LUCKY IRISH CALENDAR WINNERS: Dec. 16: Deann Henn, Dec. 17: Chelsey & John Determan, Dec. 18: Kim & Tom Sughroue, Dec. 19: Brian Kolbet, Dec. 20: Michael Schaaf, Dec. 21: Barb Brown, Dec. 22: Sara Jarding.

<u>LUCKY IRISH CALENDARS</u> – 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.

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS – Three parishioners came forward to fill three positions for the Parish Council.

Congratulations and 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.

PARISH COUNCIL -- No December meeting.

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.

<u>PLEASE PRAY THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF</u> Richard Miller (brother of Mel Miller and Carol Lashley), Rita Bowles (mother of Mary Esch), Betty Donahue (of our parish), and Michael (Larry) O'Donnell (brother-in-law of Rosealee Weskamp).

OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL RETREAT HOUSE — • 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.

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 nonperishable food to the pantry (behind St. Albans) Mon.-Fri. from 1-4 pm.

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. **PARISH BUDGET** – Please do not neglect your Sunday Mass donations, etc. We are falling short of budgeted donation income. Thank you for doing your part.

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 on Amazon.

ARE YOU LISTENING TO HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC RADIO OF MCCOOK? — Take advantage of great Catholic 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! MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND -- Feb. 15-17 at the Lied Center in Nebraska City. Contact Pat & Janelle Benson: Pat

pbjbben@ yahoo.com. Call 30 days ahead to reserve facilities. 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.

308-940-0670, Janelle 308-940-1105 or

<u>GUN-A-MONTH RAFFLE</u> – 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. <u>BARGAIN BAZAAR VOLUNTEER MEETING</u> *9 am, Thurs. Dec. 27* in church basement.

<u>BARGAIN BAZAAR</u> – Store will be closed from *Thurs. Dec. 20-Thurs. Dec. 26.* Reopens *Thurs. Dec. 27* at 1 pm.

2018 CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

CONFESSIONS

Sunday, Dec. 23: Penance Service at 7:00 pm (Many priests will be available to hear confessions)

Monday, Dec. 24: Noon-1:00 pm

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE at ST. PATRICK:

Christmas Eve–Mon., Dec. 24: 5:00 pm & 10:00 pm Christmas Day – Tues., Dec. 25: 8 am & 10 am

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS SCHEDULE at the MISSIONS:

ST. ANN: Mon., Dec. 24: 5:00 pm SACRED HEART: Mon., Dec. 24: 7:00 pm

Come home for Christmas!

JAN. 1, 2019 IS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD. MASS SCHEDULE Mon., Dec. 31, 2018: 5:00 pm Vigil Mass Tue., Jan. 1, 2019: Mass at 8:00 am & 10:00 am Mass in Spanish at 5:30 pm

MASS SCHEDULE AT THE MISSIONS:

Mon., Dec. 31, 2018: MASS IN SPANISH at 5:00 pm at Hayes

Ctr School Library

your password.

ST. ANN: Tue., Jan.1: 8:00 am Mass

SACRED HEART: Tue., Jan. 1: 10:00 am Mass

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SIGN UP FOR FLOCKNOTES – Parish news items, announcements regarding meetings, upcoming Church events and pictures of interest to the parish community are posted. Text-to-register: text the word MCCOOK to 84576, text the keyword "McCook" and follow the prompts. To receive flocknotes via email, log in on the web by going to www.flocknote.com/ stpatrickmccook and completing the form. (NOTE: You must enter this address in the URL line—trying to access the site using a search engine will not work.) It's easy to sign-up, free and lots of fun.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION "The only time our Lord asked the Apostles for anything was the night He went into agony. Not for activity did He pleas, but for an Hour of companionship" (Archbishop Fulton Sheen) Form the habit of spending time with Christ each week before the Tabernacle. The Church is available 24/7. You may choose to spend your time in the air-conditioned chapel (call the Rectory to get the combination for the lock on the Chapel door), or spend your time in the Church. Our goal is to have someone keep watch with Christ in the Tabernacle every hour of every day. Sign-in sheets for Eucharistic Adoration are available on a table in the west narthex and in the Chapel.

Remember Our Parish In Your Gift Giving This Year

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It's only fitting that the Christmas season bring out the giver in all of us. This year, consider giving your parish a gift as well. While a gift of cash is always welcome, there are many other ways to give, and as a 501(c) 3 nonprofit Nebraska corporation, most gifts to our parish have favorable tax implications. Look at the list below...prayerfully consider a gift that will make an impact for you and your fellow parishioners for years to come.

Cash - Cash, checks or automatic withdrawal of funds allows our parish to fund its many ministries and apostolates. ACH - automated cash handling is increasingly popular among parishioners.

Securities —Securities can be a win-win gift for many of you. Stocks, bonds and shares in mutual funds that have appreciated in value can be given to the parish, and any deduction can be realized for the full market value at the time the gift is made, not just what the security originally cost. You can also realize a benefit by paying no capital gains tax on the sale of stock. It's as if you were to sell the stock and hold the cash.

Depreciated Securities – Do you have stock that has depreciated in a down market? You can sell this stock and claim a loss on your tax returns. Then, donate the cash from the sale to the parish and you may claim a charitable deduction on your tax return for the amount of their gift.

Grain – If you farm or own farms as an investment, the gifting of grain can be substantial for our parish. You can take grain to the elevator, and they'll fill out a settlement sheet (this will be proof for his insurance company and the government). You then transfer the grain to an account "Our Parish." The parish sells the grain and the elevator sends the check to our parish office. The benefit to you is that the grain will not be part of your income, so you will not pay taxes on that amount. At a minimum, that could be a 15.3% self-employment tax; 12% federal income tax and a 5% state tax. That is a whopping 32% tax savings.

Livestock – Those who raise cattle, hogs or other livestock can sell your animals and donate the proceeds to the parish. You'll claim a charitable contribution for the amount donated. You can also lower your taxes if you sell depreciated cattle in the parish's name. **Real Estate and Property** - Land, buildings, and equipment can all be donated to our parish. Examples of real estate or property that can be donated include houses, farms, all types of collections, commercial real estate, antiques, jewelry, vehicles, etc.

Matching Gifts - Some corporations and companies offer matching gifts to employees' churches and schools. Your gift could be doubled - that is, \$100 becomes \$200 with a matching gift. See your company's human resources department for giving guidelines.

Business Gifts – Business owners can make gifts and receive tax deductions for them. Business gifts can include inventory, equipment, materials, and services, in addition to cash.

Life insurance - Cash value in current or paid-up life insurance policies can be a creative gift to our parish. Our parish can also be the named beneficiary of life insurance policies.

Before giving, please note:

- The above is not intended as personal financial or tax advice. It's general information about charitable contribution tax law. Contact your tax advisor, as individual situations may vary.
- All gifts made on or before December 31st are tax deductible for 2018.
- A charitable contribution may be an advantageous decision to allow you to itemize your taxes, if you don't already.
- Potential tax law changes could make a gift in 2018 better than next year. You should contact your financial adviser and tax preparer to be certain how current tax law in this area is impacted by your personal situation.

Thank you for your consideration of a Christmas gift to our parish. Your gift will allow us to continue to plan for the future. Remember, God is never out-done in generosity.

For more information call, The Catholic Foundation; Gift Planning Officer, Les Mach at 402-443-6180 or email Les-Mach@catholicgift.org.



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