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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.)

President: Judy Anderson.....217-836-6617
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 Sean Wolfe.....308-520-4517

DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

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MASS SCHEDULE - St. Patrick Church

Monday, December 10

6:45 amL/D Members Burns/Hancock families
8:00 am Milt Baxter †

Tuesday, December 11

6:45 am Inez Bass †
8:00 am Cathy Brown

Wednesday, December 12

6:45 am Dec Members AF Meyerle family †
8:00 am Joan Gillen †
2:30 pm **MASS IN SPANISH**..... Priest's Intention

Hillcrest Nursing Home Wed. December 12

9:45 am Velma McBride †

Thurs. December 13

6:45 am Travis & Brenda Miller †
8:00 am Roberta Spilinek

Friday, December 14

6:45 am Frank & Violet Tabor †
8:00 am Gerald Spilinek †

Saturday, December 15

8:00 am Norm Sekavec †

SUNDAY MASSES - St. Patrick Church

Saturday, December 15

6:00 pm Special Intention (CK) †

Sunday, December 16

7:30 am Dr. Gerald Macfee †
9:00 am For our Parishioners
11:00 am Phyllis Douglass †

4:00 pm HEALING MASS 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 16

8:00 am Priest's Intention

Sunday, December 16

10:00 amL/D Members Fran & Louise Broz family

CONTRIBUTIONS for the week of 12/2/2018 – **St. Ann:** 131.00;

Sacred Heart: Snow; **St. Patrick:** \$9,165.90, Christmas: \$150.00, Contemplative Sisters: \$55.00. Online giving: week of 11/18-11/25 -\$1,020.00, Contemplative Sisters: \$20.00.

2018 LUCKY IRISH CALENDAR WINNERS: Dec. 2: Evan Richter, Dec. 3: Doug & Margaret Downing, Dec. 4: Lindsey Nothnagel, Dec. 5: Chaz Nothnagel, Dec. 6: Kathy Skiles, Dec. 7: Jameson Green, Dec. 8: Kathy Shiers.

THAT MAN IS YOU! – 8 pm, Sun. Dec. 9 in the Church basement. Week 13: Friends of St. Joseph: ● Review Seven Steps of TMIY ● Moving from the Purgative State to the Illuminative State ● Overcoming Obstacles in the Spiritual Life ● The Journey from Bondage to Spiritual Freedom ● Modeling Your Spiritual Life after St. Joseph ● Amici de Giuseppe. For information, contact Mike Tines at 340-3028 or Fr. Brethour at 345-6734.

PRAYER CHAIN: 340-7946

(Call between 8 & 8:30 am)

Ministry Schedule (December 15 and 16, 2018)				
	Saturday 6:00 PM	Sunday 7:30 AM	Sunday 9:00 AM	Sunday 11:00 AM
Acolyte	McConville	Liess	Fagot	Cappel
Acolyte			Kain	Koetter
Lector	Campbell	Kuhlen	Roberts	Siegfried
Server	Shaw	Volunteer	Jacobs	Siegfried
Server	Meixner	Volunteer	Jacobs	Heskett
Server			Ford	Bortner
Rosary	Morello	Kuhlen	Roberts	Gerver
Gifts	Please sign up at the back of the Church to carry gifts			

St. Ann Catholic Parish (Dec. 16, 2018)	
Server	Jacob Harms
Server	Aaron Spencer

SCHOOL NEWS – Mon. Dec. 10: Basketball at HC/Maywood.

Girls @ 2:00 pm. Boys @ 3:30 pm. **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. 12 from 7-8:15 pm in the School.

CYO – Wed. Dec. 12: Advent Penance Service/Gift Wrap for all groups at the Church

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

Masses. Home-made waffles with fruit toppings, bacon and eggs.

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.

RCIA (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION) – NO RCIA on Thurs.

Dec. 13. Class will meet at **7 pm on Thurs. Dec. 20.** Subject: “The Eucharist”, and “Confirmation.” Please call the rectory at 345-6734 if you have questions.

PLEASE PRAY THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF 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.

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 – •*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.

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.

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.

MEN'S CHOIR will sing at the **10 am Mass** on Christmas Day. All men are invited.

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 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.

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.

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.

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 – thanks to everyone who helped load the truck at the Bargain Bazaar!

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.

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.

REDEMPTIVE SUFFERING "When we understand suffering, we're also the people who bring relief of suffering to people because we understand it, because we understand the value of it, because we understand the redemptive value. It's almost like a mystery, it's a double-edged type thing. On the one hand, it's redemptive; on the other hand, we relieve it because we understand it. We act like Christ, that is, people are healed and delivered, but also people learn to live by grace in the midst of the ordeal." —*Jeff Cavins*

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