Fr. Gary Brethour, *Pastor*
Fr. Andrew Litt, *Parochial Vicar*
Fr. Bernard Lorenz*, Hispanic Ministry*

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St. Patrick Catholic Church

East 4th and F Street
Rectory Office: 612 East 4th Street
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 1040 McCook, NE 69001-1040
Phone: 308-345-6734

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; Robin Calvin, Secretary.* Grades K-8. Tuition/book fee for 2017-18 school year: $700.00 for 1st child; $150 for 2nd child; $100 for 3rd child (maximum fee $950). 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.***

ENDOW (Women's 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
Vice President: Suzanne Davidson 345-2289
Secretary: Phyllis Kuhlen..... 345-3981
Treasurer: Cathy Jones 345-2326

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS (2nd Tues.)
Grand Knight: Rodney Solko 785-475-4363
Financial Secretary: Ron Jacobs 345-3372
KC Hall Manager: Steve & Sherri Rothmeyer..... 340-3383
4th Degree Knights: Dan Ladenberger 276-2370

ST. PATRICK SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD (3rd Tues.)
Adam Heskett.....345-2250, 308-362-7501
Amanda Peterson.....340-1451
Jim Roberts.....340-9984
Stacy Barenberg.....340-0334
Lisa Beideck 340-0344
Tyler Neal.....737-8082
Brandi Schmick.....737-7103
Jessica Vrbas 737-9919
Drew Wilson.....340-7692

PARISH COUNCIL (4th Tues.)
Cody Siegfried.....340-2398
Jim Olson.....340-3596
Tom Kohmetscher.....340-2251
Becky Mai.....340-3010
Greg Wolfe.....340-7208
Jill Koenig..... 345-1432
John Mabile.....345-6081
Melissa Wilcox.....340-6850

FINANCE COMMITTEE
Mark Graff..... 345-8717
George Lambert.....345-1733, 737-1779
Jim O'Dea.....340-4149
Sean Wolfe.....308-520-4517

DEVELOPMENT OFFICE
Jill Koenig 737-0751
Cassie Spencer.....340-2931

MASS SCHEDULE - St. Patrick Church

Monday, December 11, 2017
6:45 AM.....Jamie Halsey
8:00 AM .....James & Sandi Pettera
11:30 PM .....MASS IN SPANISH

Tuesday, December 12, 2017
6:45 AM..... Lucille Kopetzky ✞
8:00 AM.....Frank & Violet Tabor ✞
7:00 PM .....HEALING MASS

Wednesday, December 13, 2017
6:45 AM.....Tony Miller ✞
8:00 AM.....Carla Martin ✞

***Hillcrest Nursing Home* Wed. December 13, 2017**
9:45 AM ..... Moria Kinney ✞

Thursday, December 14, 2017
6:45 AM.....Raymond, Lillian & Larry Hinnessey ✞
8:00 AM.....Zac Schneider ✞

Friday, December 15, 2017
6:45 AM..... Joannie Sepper ✞
8:00 AM .....Harold Boyd family

Saturday, December 16, 2017
8:00 AM.....Kaylee Miller

SUNDAY MASSES - St. Patrick Church

Saturday, December 16, Sunday
6:00 PM .....Carl & Louise Morello ✞

Sunday, December 17, 2017
7:30 AM ..... Louise Herron ✞
9:00 AM ..... Ron Coleman ✞
11:00 AM..... Priest's Intention
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 17, 2017
8:00 AM..... For our Parishioners

SACRED HEART CHURCH

Sunday, December 17, 2017

CONTRIBUTIONS for the week of 12/3/2017 – **St. Ann**: $149.00; **Sacred Heart**: $715.00; **St. Patrick**: $8,857.83, Contemplative Sisters: $115.00, Immaculate Conception: $155.66, Christmas: $161.00.

2017 LUCKY IRISH CALENDAR WINNERS: Dec. 3: Michell Paulson, Dec. 4: Tracy Ruggles, Dec. 5: John Gibbons, Dec. 6: Dennis Liess, Dec. 7: Alex & Willetta Bieker, Dec. 8: Jamie Nelson, Dec. 9: Josh Baxter.

RCIA (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION) – ***Thurs. Dec. 14 at 7 PM*** in the school library discussing *"Holy Orders,* "and *"Marriage."* Enter the school through the northeast doors. Please call the rectory at 345-6734 if you have questions.

BARGAIN BAZAAR – Come and shop the Christmas store—we have Christmas trees, dishes, mugs, table cloths, decorations, crèches, and ***new*** gift bags, ribbons, bows, garland, lights and more!

CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES TRUCK – Thank you to everyone who helped load the truck on Dec. 8. We appreciate your kindness and hard work.

SCHMICKS RECEIPTS – We have collected $50,070.39 of the $150,000 needed by May 31, 2018. Thank you!

PRAYER CHAIN: 340-7946
(Call between 8:00 & 8:30 AM)

Ministry Schedule (December 23 & 24, 2017)				
	Saturday 6:00 PM	Sunday 7:30 AM	Sunday 9:00 AM	Sunday 11:00 AM
Acolyte	McConville	Cappel	Kain	Koetter
Acolyte			Eiler	O'Dea
Lector	Graff	Kuhlen	Tom K	Barenberg
Server	Shaw	Cappel	Esch	Barenberg
Server	Rothmeyer	Volunteer	Mai	Hinze
Server			Mai	Heskett
Rosary	Morello	Kuhlen	Roberts	Gerver
Gifts	Please sign up at the back of the Church to carry gifts			

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR DEC. 16 & 17 was inadvertently left off the schedule mailed to you. Please be so kind as to volunteer your services on that weekend.

SCHOOL NEWS – ***Thurs. Dec. 14 @ 7 PM:*** Christmas Program in the School gym with Preschool through grade 8.

CCD – ***Wed. Dec. 13 from 7-8:15 PM*** in the school.

CYO — ***Wed. Dec. 13***: All grades meet at the Church for Confession and Gift Wrap.

CYO BREAKFAST – ***Sun. Dec. 10*** after the 7:30 & 9 AM Masses.

OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL RETREAT HOUSE – ***Dec. 15-17:*** (Men & Women) "Advent Retreat" with Bishop Conley & Fr. Gary Coulter. ***Jan. 19-21:*** (Men & Women) "Unbound: Breaking Free from Spiritual Wounds" with Fr. William Holoubek. Retreats begin at 8 PM Fri. evening (unless noted otherwise) and end after lunch Sun. afternoon. For info or to register, call 402-786-2705 or www.goodcounselretreat.com.

THAT MAN IS YOU! (TMIY) – ***Sun. Dec. 10*** at ***8:00 PM*** in the Church basement. Week 12: Love is Eternal ● The Battle to Love is in Our Hearts ●A Sacrificial Gift of Ourselves for Our Bride ● Love is Everlasting—Love is Eternal ●The Mystery Found in the Nuptial Mass ●The Church as a Symbol of Paradise ● The Marriage Feast of the Lamb ●The Paradise Yet to Come. For more info, contact Mike Tines at 340-3028 or Fr. Brethour at 345-6734.

BOY AND GIRL TRACK COACHES NEEDED – St. Patrick School is looking for track coaches for 6th, 7th, and 8th grades for Spring 2018. Training and materials available. Call Becky Redl at 345-4546.

LUCKY IRISH CALENDARS – Lucky Irish Calendars are now available. Calendars make GREAT Christmas, birthday, anniversary, and graduation gifts. Be sure to sell some to friends, neighbors, etc.! This year, we are going to address a different need at the school. The linoleum in the hallways of the school is now 32 years old and is showing its age. It will cost approximately $40,000 to $50,000 to replace the floors. (The funds already raised for playground equipment are in a secure account and will be used later.) Call Bob Burns at 340-8837 if you need more calendars. If you have calendars you do not need, please return them to the Church or rectory.

2018 RELIGIOUS CALENDARS are available at the Church entrances. Please take one per family. Thanks to Tim and Kristi Daum of Carpenter Breland Funeral Home.

AMAZON SMILE – AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon. 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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF Shelia Jaramillo Ortiz.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS meets ***Tues. Dec. 12***. Dinner at ***6:30 PM***. Meeting at ***7:00 PM.***

2018 LEADERSHIP CAMP - Registration now open! ***Camp #1***: July 8-14. ***Camp #2***: July 15-21. Contact: www.campkateri.org, or **CampKateriT@gmail.com.**

OUR LADY OF FATIMA CIRCLE will meet for Christmas Dinner today, ***Dec. 10 at 5:30 PM*** at the home of Anna and Jerry Montey, 1611 West 3rd St.

G.I.F.T. GALA – St. Patrick Elementary School will celebrate its 100th Anniversary 2018-19. To celebrate, an exciting 1st annual G.I.F.T. Gala (Giving Investments For Tomorrow) will be ***Sat. Mar. 17, 2018***. The Gala will include an elegant sit down dinner and bar catered by the Coppermill Steakhouse, live and silent auctions, games and entertainment throughout the evening featuring local talent. Join us for a special St. Patrick Day Mass before the event. Individual tickets are available for purchase on ***Dec. 1*** for $75 each. Reserve a table and invite your family and friends to join you for a fun night out! Seating is limited so tickets will be sold on a first come-first served basis. Those who are not able to attend can attend a preview night on Fri. Mar. 16. To purchase tickets, make a donation, for reservations, or to volunteer please contact: Jill Koenig (308) 737-0751 or Cassie Spencer (308) 340-2931.

DAVE RAMSEY'S FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY (FPU) – ARE YOU STRESSED about your financial situation? ARE YOU READY to change your life? DO YOU WANT to manage money effectively? It is never too late to turn things around. THIS IS YOUR GAME PLAN!! FPU is a program designed by Dave Ramsey, America's best-known financial guru. Topics include ●Relating with Money (why it is important for spouses to communicate and work together toward success) ●Cash Flow Planning (taking control of your money starts with a budget) ●Dumping Debt (plan to walk out of debt with confidence ●Buyer Beware (the power and influence that marketing has on your buying decisions) ● The Role of Insurance (what you need and what to avoid) ●Retirement and College Planning (the maze of retirement options and how to figure out your best retirement plan) ●Real Estate and Mortgages (the ins and outs of mortgages and how to win when buying or selling your home) ●The Great Misunderstanding (how generous giving can revolutionize your attitude and improve your finances, business and relationships). Classes begin ***Mon., Jan. 15, 2018 from 6-8 PM*** and will meet for 9 weeks in the School Library. Sharon and Steve Conroy will facilitate. Membership kits are $100. Please call the rectory at 345-6734 to enroll so we know how many kits to order.

HEALING MASS – Fr. Christopher Barak of Lincoln will celebrate a Healing Mass at St. Patrick Church at ***7:00 PM***, ***Tues. Dec. 12***. The Chaplet of Divine Mercy in song begins at ***6:30 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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHRISTMAS PARTY – ***Sat. Dec. 16*** at the KC Hall. Social hour at 6:00 PM. Prime Rib Dinner served at ***7:00 PM***. Bring a gift in a bag and mark it either woman or man for the White Elephant Gift Exchange at 8 PM. Open to all parishioners and Knights of Columbus members. Cost is $20/couple or $10/ person. Please RSVP by ***Dec. 12*** to Sherri Rothmyer (340-3383), Rodney Solko (785-475-4363), Bob Burns (340-8837), or Tony Spilinek (340-1852).

2017 SALVATION ARMY/ MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION BELL RINGING CAMPAIGN – St. Patrick Church will provide volunteers to be bell ringers at the north and south entrance at Walmart today, ***Sun. Dec. 10 from 1 – 6 PM &*** at the north entrance on ***Fri. Dec. 15 from 10 AM - 8 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. Last year $16,250.15 was raised. 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.

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE MASS IN SPANISH – ***Sun. Dec. 10*** at ***4PM.*** Appetizer pot luck follows in the Church basement. Bring finger food (nothing that requires a fork). All are welcome.

MANANITAS (MORNING PRAYER IN SPANISH) – Mass in Spanish at ***11:30 PM Mon. Dec. 11,*** immediately following with Mananitas to be sung to Mary of Guadalupe at St. Patrick Church. Hot chocolate follows.

2018 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.

2017 OCTOBER PRO-LIFE DIAPER DRIVE – This year, the Lincoln Diocese collected 112,780 diapers valued at $28,195 retail. The Indianola Deanery collected 7,219 diapers. The diapers were donated to the Pregnancy Center in McCook, Catholic Social Services and the St. Gianna's Women Homes in Hastings and Lincoln. Thank you for your generosity.

ULTREYA – ***Dec. 10 at 3:30 PM*** at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, 3301 Echo Drive, North Platte. Carpool leaves from the north parking lot at 2:10 PM.

DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS – This year, the CYO students have asked to decorate the church and lawn for the Christmas season. This will be a nice break for the many volunteers who have worked so hard over the years to ensure that the church reflects this most joyous season. Many thanks to you and to our young people for taking on this task this year.

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.

WESTERN NEBRASKA CATECHIST RETREAT – ***Sat. Jan 20, 2018*** from ***9:45 AM-3:30 PM*** at St. Patrick Church. Retreat Director is Fr. Jay Buhman. Designed for CCD, CYO, and Catholic School teachers to refresh and vitalize their important education ministry. There will be Adoration, Confession, and Mass. Lunch is provided. Fee is $10. Register at www.lincolndiocese.org/catechist-resources/sponsored-events.

ONLINE GIVING – Go paperless beginning in the New Year! Enjoy the flexibility of choosing the date, frequency and amount of your contribution by signing up for on-line giving. Go to www.stpatsmccook.com and click on the appropriate link. If you have problems, contact the rectory.

ABORTION TUESDAYS – The Lincoln Planned Parenthood Center has been open for 22 years and has killed 22,000 babies. One-half of all abortions on Tues. are married mothers. Please pray for abortion mothers to choose life for their babies.