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## St. Patrick Catholic Church

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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 1<sup>st</sup> child; \$150 for 2<sup>nd</sup> child; \$100 for 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 (1<sup>st</sup> Tues.)

President: Peggy Been ..... 340-7260  
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**MASS SCHEDULE - St. Patrick Church**

**Monday, January 7**

6:45 am ..... Raleigh Haas †  
8:00 am ..... Dec. Mbrs. AF Meyerle family †

**Tuesday, January 8**

6:45 am ..... Ben & Agnes Faimon †  
8:00 am ..... L/D Mbrs. Charlie & Lois Quigley families

**Wednesday, January 9**

6:45 am ..... George Jeakle †  
8:00 am ..... Velma McBride †

**Hillcrest Nursing Home Wed. January 9**

9:45 am ..... Trent Pettyjohn

**Thurs. January 10**

6:45 am ..... Jerome Biegler  
8:00 am ..... Harold Light †

**Friday, January 11**

6:45 am ..... Angela & Arthur Budig †  
8:00 am ..... Christopher Purvis †

**Saturday, January 12**

8:00 am ..... Anton & Catherine Blume †

**SUNDAY MASSES - St. Patrick Church**

**Saturday, January 12**

6:00 pm ..... Dec. Members Marilyn Malleck family †

**Sunday, January 13**

7:30 am ..... For our Parishioners †  
9:00 am ..... L/D Mbrs. William & RanDee Barger families  
11:00 am ..... Richard Solko †

**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](tel:3084141195) **Confesiones: antes de la Santa Misa.**

**MISSIONS:**

**ST. ANN CHURCH**

**Sunday, January 13**

8:00 am ..... Priest's Intention

**SACRED HEART CHURCH**

**Sunday, January 13**

10:00 am ..... Ken Johnson †

**CONTRIBUTIONS** for the week of 12/30/2018 – **St. Ann:** \$96.00, Christmas: \$25.00, Solemnity of Mary: \$20.00; **Sacred Heart:** \$475.00, Christmas: \$75.00, Solemnity of Mary: \$265.00; **St. Patrick:** \$7,540.50, Christmas: \$834.00, Solemnity of Mary: \$2,927.37.

**2018 LUCKY IRISH CALENDAR WINNERS:** Dec. 30: Patrick Lorens, Dec. 31: Samuel Sather. January, 2019 winners are not yet available.

**2019 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES** are available in the back of the Church. 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.

**THE BIGGEST LIE IN THE HISTORY OF CHRISTIANITY** by Matthew Kelly. How modern culture is robbing billions of people of happiness. **Free** copies are available at Church entrances. Thank you to the Altar Society's Bargain Bazaar for purchasing the books.

**PRAYER CHAIN: 340-7946**

(Call between 8 & 8:30 am)

**Ministry Schedule (January 12 and 13, 2019)**

	Saturday 6:00 PM	Sunday 7:30 AM	Sunday 9:00 AM	Sunday 11:00 AM
Acolyte	McConville	Carfield	Fagot	Koetter
Acolyte			Kain	Cappel
Lector	Graff	Graff	Cappel	Siegfried
Server	Lashley	Graff	Cappel	Wilhelmson
Server	Wolfe	Volunteer	Kain	Bieker
Server			Kain	Walgren
Rosary	Jacobs	Beebe	Biegler	Michaelis
Gifts	Please sign up at the back of the Church to carry gifts			

**St. Ann Catholic Parish (Jan. 13, 2019)**

Server	Aaron Spencer
Server	Derick Spencer

**SCHOOL NEWS** – **Wed. Jan. 9:** Early dismissal at 2:00 pm.

**CCD CLASSES** – **Wed. Jan. 9 from 7-8:15 pm** in the School.

**CYO** – **Wed. Jan. 9.** Meet in Church basement to make salads for Community Meal.

**THAT MAN IS YOU!** – **8 pm, Sun. Jan. 6** in the Church basement. Topic: "The Three Spiritual Foods". All are welcome.

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

**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).

**THE DIOCESE OF LINCOLN** – requires the publication of the following each year: "The Diocese of Lincoln requires that its employees and volunteers report any allegations of abuse or neglect of a minor or elder connected with church related activity to law enforcement, consistent with the requirements of Nebraska law. If anyone has information that a minor or elder is being or has been subjected to abuse or neglect, please report it immediately to local law enforcement, to the NE Dept. of Health & Human Services at 1-800-652-1999, and also to any Parish Pastor, School Administrator, Teacher or to any Diocesan official at the Catholic Chancery (1-402-488-0921) so that immediate steps may be taken for the protection of the minor or elder."

**PRAY THE ROSARY WITH THE CONSECRATED WOMEN OF THE DIOCESE** – listen or download a free recording of the rosary at [spiritcatholicradio.com/prayer](http://spiritcatholicradio.com/prayer) or listen live on weekends 3:30 pm.

**PLEASE PRAY THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF** Pauline Haberkorn (sister of Mary Ann Anderjaska), Wayne Spilinek (son of Roberta Spilinek & brother of Tony Spilinek), Jane Bahl, Richard Miller (brother of Mel Miller and Carol Lashley) & Rita Bowles (mother of Mary Esch).

**ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING** – Rosary at 6:30 pm in the Church. Meeting **7 pm, Tues. Jan. 8** in the Church basement.

Hostesses are Geri Burns and Beth Siegfried.

**ST. THERESA CIRCLE** will meet on **Wed., Jan. 9, at 11:30 am** at the Senior Center.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING** – **7 pm, Tues. Jan. 8**. Meal at 6:30 pm.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS UPCOMING EVENTS** – **Jan. 19 & 20:**

One Rose One Life Campaign

**Jan. 20:** Right for Life Breakfast after 7:30 and 9 am Masses. Come, enjoy a hot breakfast, and help support the local Right to Life program. **Jan. 20:** Free Throw Competition. Doors open at 12 pm. Contest begins at 1 pm. Open to all boys & girls ages 9-14. Age eligibility is determined by the age of the contestant as of Jan. 1. Call Randy Solko with questions at 785-475-4363.

**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.

**GIFT GALA** – Don't throw away your old decorations! The Gift GALA is looking for white Christmas lights and Christmas decorations to be used at the GALA. Please drop your items at the Rectory.

**2019 SKY CAMP:** At SKY Camp everyone is on "God's time." All time telling devices are turned in at the beginning of camp (don't worry you will get them back) allowing the campers the freedom of not having to worry about time. Camp activities include Mass, swimming, catechesis, skits, Reconciliation, campfires, basketball, crafts, archery, music, and a multitude of outdoor games.

**SKY Camp** (entering grades 5-7) – 3-day, 2-night (\$155)  
Camp 1: Tues. May 28- Thurs. May 30; Camp 2: Thurs. May 30- Sat. June 1; Camp 3: Sun. June 2- Tues. June 4; Camp 5: Sun. June 9- Tues. June 11; Camp 7: Sun. June 16- Tues. June 18  
**SKY Teens** (entering grades 8-9) – 4-day, 3-night (\$195)  
Camp 4: Wed. June 5- Sat. June 8; Camp 6: Wed. June 12- Sat. June 15

**PLEASE NOTE**—All SKY Camp questions should be addressed to Russell Koos at 402-319-3289 or at the website below. The Youth Ministry Office does NOT coordinate this Camp.

**Registration now open** at [www.campkateri.org/](http://www.campkateri.org/). Click on SKY Camp and follow the prompts.

**LEADERSHIP CAMP** is a Catholic boy's summer camp for Altar Servers entering 6th through 9th grade in the fall. The camp is 7 days, 6 nights, held at Camp Kateri Tekakwitha at McCool Junction. Activities include Sacraments, daily Mass, activities, inspiring worship, challenging and engaging talks, interactive sports, and life-changing prayer experiences. We assist boys to become self-disciplined and confident young men by imprinting within their soul a true zeal to know Christ and to embrace His plan for their lives. Camp Chaplain is Fr. Harlan Waskowiak.

Camp #1: Sun. July 7-Sat. July 13. \$450; Camp #2: Sun. July 14-Sat. July 20. \$450

**PLEASE NOTE**--All Leadership Camp questions should be addressed to Russell Koos at 402-319-3289 or at the website below. The Youth Ministry Office does NOT coordinate this Camp. **Registration now open** at [www.campkateri.org/](http://www.campkateri.org/). Click on Leadership Camp and follow the prompts.

**BLESSING OF THE THRESHOLD** – On Epiphany, each family is encouraged to gather and to ask God's blessing on their home and on those who live in or visit the home. It is an invitation for Jesus to be a daily guest in our home, our comings and goings, our conversations, our work and play, our joys and sorrows. A traditional way of doing this is to use chalk to write above the home's entrance, 20 + C + M + B + 19. The letters C, M, B have two meanings. They are the initials of the traditional names of the three magi: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar. They also abbreviate the Latin words *Christus mansionem benedicat*, "May Christ bless the house." The "+" signs represent the cross and 2019 is the year.

Blessed chalk is available at the church entrances. The prayer is:

"Sacred is this threshold of our home and holy is this door. This is the meeting place of friend, neighbor, and stranger. May it be a bridge for our comings and goings. Whenever we stand in its sacred circle, may our eyes be granted new vision, so that we can see in friend or stranger the God of ten thousand disguises

May this threshold be a sacred space where we come to celebrate the Sacrament of Hospitality. May the spirits of evil never cross this threshold, and may the Name of the All-Holy-One protect our home from harm. May God's angels stand guard at the right and the left of this opening to grace our comings and goings.

May we who live in this home guard the sacredness of this doorway. May our hearts be always alert to the danger of falseness and pretense as we greet those who come to our door. Let our affection be graced with honesty and reverence, and may the oil of truth burn in the lamp of our eyes. Help us to remember that our ancestors were strangers and exiles in Egypt, that Joseph and Mary came knocking at a door like this, weary and in search of kindness. May we receive all at this door as Godly guests.

May the blessing of God and peace and grace of the All-Holy-One surround this threshold and rest upon all who shall pass across it. Amen."

**OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL RETREAT HOUSE** – **Jan. 18-20**, Men's **Acolytes and Lectors** are invited to a Men's retreat with Fr. Eric Clark at Good Counsel Retreat House entitled "Discipleship at the Foot of the Cross". The retreat will also include Acolyte/Lector practical formation with the Knights of the Holy Eucharist. •**Feb. 1-3:** "Unbound: Breaking Free from Spiritual Wounds" with Fr. William Holubek. Registration and information at [www.goodcounselretreat.com](http://www.goodcounselretreat.com) or 402-786-2705.

**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND** -- **Feb. 15-17** at the Lied Center in Nebraska City. Call 30 days ahead to reserve facilities. Contact Pat & Janelle Benson: Pat 308-940-0670, Janelle 308-940-1105 or [pbjbben@yahoo.com](mailto:pbjbben@yahoo.com).

**EUCHARISTIC ADORATION** "Let us never forget that an age prospers or dwindles in proportion to its devotion to the Eucharist. This is the measure of its spiritual life, faith, charity and virtue" (St. Peter Julian Eymard) 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 chapel (call the Rectory to get the combination for 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.

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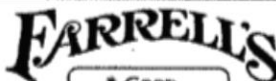
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