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St. Patrick Catholic Church

East 4th and F Street

Rectory Office: 612 East 4th Street

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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

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 for 2019-20: \$1,300/student. Diocesan Education Fee of \$25.00 per student. Tuition assistance available. Apply by logging into your FACTS account. If you are new to our school or have any questions, please contact the St. Patrick School Office (308-345-4546) for assistance. School offers: Band, Vocal Music, Spanish, Art, Athletics, Student Council, Hot Lunch, Advanced Math, & Literature.

LITTLE KNIGHTS PRESCHOOL (345-4546): *Laura Miller, Teacher, Bryn Jordan, Preschool Aide.* 612 East 3rd St. Preschool: Tues & Thurs: 9—11:15 am; 3-Day Pre-K: Mon-Wed-Fri, 9--11:15 am; 4-day Pre-K: Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri: 1-3:15 pm.

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, 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.**

CATHOLIC MOTHERS FOR CHRIST: Phone Cassie Spencer at **340-2931** for more information.

THAT MAN IS YOU (Men's group): Phone the Rectory at 345-6734 for more information.

ALTAR SOCIETY (1st Tues.)

President: Peggy Been ----- 340-7260

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Billy Davidson ----- 340-1655

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Karissa Crawford ----- 340-2563

Julie Wilhelmson ----- 308-440-3056

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Jill Koenig ----- 345-1432

John Mabile ----- 345-6081

Melissa Wilcox ----- 340-6850

Harold Beebe ----- 340-3033

Clay Jordan ----- 340-8980

Mike Tines ----- 340-3028

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Rylee Shaw ----- 340-8482

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Greg Wolfe ----- 308-364-2747

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DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

Jill Koenig ----- 737-0751

Cassie Spencer ----- 340-2931

PRAYER CHAIN: 340-7946

MASS SCHEDULE - St. Patrick Church

Monday, January 6, 2020

6:45 am Billy and Amanda Davidson
 8:00 am Mark & Freda Schaaf +

Tuesday, January 7

6:45 am Cavillo, Sertter, Cuellar & Dougherty families
 8:00 am Harold Light +

Wednesday, January 8

6:25 am Dec. Mbrs/ Wayne & Carolyn Jobman families +
 8:00 am Calvin Freeling +

Hillcrest Nursing Home Wed. January 8

9:45 am Lynn Kolbet

Thursday January 9

6:45 am John Sutton +
 8:00 am Barb Pantenburg +

Friday, January 10

6:45 am Jerome Biegler
 8:00 am Herman Pettera +

Saturday, January 11

8:00 am Dennis Schneider

SUNDAY MASSES - St. Patrick Church

Saturday, January 11

6:00 pm Delores Gettman

Sunday, January 12

7:30 am Roselyn Remington-Gall +
 9:00 am Dale Hofman +
 11:00 am L/D Members Bernard & Helen Colling +
 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.

MISSIONS:

Sunday, January 12

8:00 am For Our Parishioners

SACRED HEART CHURCH

Sunday, January 12

10:00 am L/D Mbrs Tom Anderjaska family

Ministry Schedule (January 11 & 12, 2020)				
	Saturday 6:00 PM	Sunday 7:30 AM	Sunday 9:00 AM	Sunday 11:00 AM
Acolyte	Redl	Liess	Kain	O'Dea
Acolyte			Peterson	Sughrone
Lector	Graff	Paul G	Barnett	Siegfried
Server	Meixner	Sattler	Barnett	Siegfried
Server	Wolfe	Volunteer	Jacobs	Walgren
Server			Jacobs	Wilhelmson
Gifts	Please sign up at the back of the Church to carry gifts			

SCHOOL NEWS — Mon. Jan. 6: Report cards. **Thurs. Jan. 9 @ 2 pm:** Boys and girls basketball game Wauneta Palisade at Wauneta.

FIT BIT — The School is looking for used Fit Bit's with chargers. Please call Becky Redl at 345-4546 if you can help.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Catholic Schools Week — **Mon. Jan. 27-Fri. Jan 31, 2020.**

Ash Wednesday — **Feb. 26.**

Healing Mass — **Sun. Mar. 15.**

G.I.F.T. Gala— **Sat. Mar. 21.**

Totus Tuus — **Sun. June 28 – Fri. July 3, 2020.**

SCHMICK'S RECEIPTS — Please keep saving your Schmick's receipts. If we reach the goal of \$150,000 in receipts we will receive a \$1,000 check from Schmick's.

CCD K-8 CLASSES — 7-8:15 pm, Wed. Jan. 8.

CYO — Wed. Jan. 8. Home meeting.

CYO SENIOR BREAKFAST — Sun. Jan. 12 after the 7:30 & 9 am Masses. Enjoy a great breakfast without having to do dishes! Free will offering.

RIGHT TO LIFE BREAKFAST — Sun. Jan. 19 after the 7:30 & 9 am Masses. Served by the Knights of Columbus. Free will offering.

RCIA (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION) — 7 pm, Thurs. Jan. 9 in the School Library.

THAT MAN IS YOU! — Sun. Jan. 5 at 8 pm in the Church basement. Week 14: With Great Desire. ●The Story of Steve Bollman ●The Story of Charles de Foucauld ●Brother Charles of Jesus ●The Secret of Nazareth ●The Life of Presence ●A Model for Evangelization ●The "Program" for the Third Millennium. For information, contact Mike Tines at 340-3028.

OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL RETREAT HOUSE — Jan. 10-12 (Men only) *Christ Chooses YOU, Do You Choose Him?* with Deacon James Keating. **Jan. 23-26** (Women only) *Women's Spiritual Exercises* with Regnum Christi and Fr. Bruce Wren, LC. 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 go to www.goodcounselretreat.com.

ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING — 7 pm, Tues. Jan. 7 in the Church basement. Rosary at 6:30 pm in the Church. Hostesses: Geri Burns and Beth Siegfried.

ST. THERESA CIRCLE MEETING — 11:30 am Wed. Jan. 8 at the Senior Center.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING — 7 pm, Tues. Jan. 14. Meal at 6:30 pm.

CONTRIBUTIONS for the week of 12/29/2019 – **St. Ann:** \$175.00, Christmas: \$434.00; **Sacred Heart:** \$115.00, Christmas: \$458.00; **St. Patrick:** \$17,223.00, Christmas: \$9,630.35.

LUCKY IRISH CALENDARS — Hurry! The deadline for purchase is **Mon. Jan. 6.** Proceeds will go toward the purchase of a Preschool van.

THANK YOU to all who served the Solemnity of Mary Masses., Jan. 1.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS — The final contribution statements for 2019 will be mailed in February.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIAN Rev. Mr. Robert Froeschl of Falls City, Theology 4 (Mount St. Mary Seminary).

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL of David Lykins, Larry Berls, Harold Abel, Evelyn Freeburn & Dr. Roselyn Remington-Gall.

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS – Are you an interested parishioner willing to serve on the Parish Council? We are accepting nominations now. Elections are in **mid-January**. 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) & 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 Jill Koenig, John Mabile and Melissa Wilcox. Call Fr. Brethour at 345-6734 if you are interested in serving.

A LIFELINE FOR MARRIAGE – **Feb. 14-16** in Schuyler, NE. Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. It is designed to provide the tools to help get your marriage back on track. It will give you the opportunity to rediscover each other and examine your lives together in a new and positive way. This program has helped many couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels including deep misery and disillusionment. Registration fee: \$100.00. Registration ends on Jan. 31. Call 308-986-2351 or email: 2041@retrouvaille.org for more information. Register at www.retrouvaille.org.

SPIRITUAL WARFARE SERIES – 3-part series with Matt Simmons. Series will be at John XXIII Diocesan Center from 6:30-8:30 pm on **Tue., Jan. 21** (Our Identity in Christ), **Tue., Feb. 18**, (Battleground of Our Minds), and **Tue., Mar. 24** (Our Weapons for Spiritual Warfare). The workshop is free and registration is kindly requested. For topic details and to register please visit <https://lincolndiocese.regfox.com/03oe-spiritual-warfare>. Questions? Call 402-473-0615 or email Annette-Wemhoff@cdolinc.net.

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" which 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 info.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND – **8 pm, Fri. Feb. 7 to 4 pm Sun. Feb. 9** in Kearney. The weekend is designed to help married couples communicate more intimately with one another in order to deepen and enrich their relationship. The weekend is free from everyday routines, distractions and tensions. An atmosphere is created where the couple can concentrate exclusively on one another in a private and confidential environment. Contact Pat & Janelle Benson: Pat 308-940-0670, Janelle 308-940-1105 or at pjbben@yahoo.com.

BULLETIN ADS – If you still wish to advertise on the back of the bulletin, please let us know by **Jan. 20** at 345-6734. Please send a Word file with your logo if you wish to change it this year. Cost is still \$150.00/ad for one year.

ANNUAL NEBRASKA WALK FOR LIFE – **Sat. Jan. 18**. Meet at Capitol on 14th and K Streets at **10 am** then walk seven blocks to UNL Student Union for keynote presentation by Jennifer and Jeff Christie. Jennifer was raped while on a business trip and then discovered she was pregnant. Against advise, she kept the baby. Hear her story. Parking east, south and west of the Capitol. Downtown, pay for parking garages and meters. Dress warmly and bring the family. Contact Neb. Right to Life at nebraskartl@gmail.com or call 402-438-4802 if you have questions.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE THROW CONTEST – **Sun. Jan 26 at** St. Patrick School Gym. Doors open at 12 pm. Contest begins at 1 pm. Open to all boys & girls ages 9-14. Call Bob at 340-8837 with questions.

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!! Financial Peace University is a program designed by Dave Ramsey, America's best-known financial guru. Topics include ●Relating with Money (Learn 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 (It's time to debunk some common debt myths! Learn a plan to walk out of debt with confidence) ●Buyer Beware (the power and influence that marketing has on your everyday 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 (Learn how generous giving can completely revolutionize your attitude and improve your finances, business and relationships). Classes begin **Mon., Jan. 27** and will meet for 9 weeks at St. Patrick Church. Sharon and Steve Conroy will facilitate the classes. Call the rectory at 345-6734 for information or to register. We need to know how many kits to purchase.




















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."

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