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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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Jill Koenig737-0751
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MASS SCHEDULE - St. Patrick Church

Monday, November 26

6:45 amMargaret Broz †
8:00 amL/D Members Hilker/Malleck families

Tuesday, November 27

6:45 am Carl & Louise Morello †
8:00 am Debra Kompus †

Wednesday, November 28

6:45 amFrancis Burden
8:00 am Evelyn Lytle †

Hillcrest Nursing Home Wed. November 28

9:45 amDell Carmichael †

Thurs. November 29

6:45 am Fran Hassler †
8:00 amSpecial Intention

Friday, November 30

6:45 am Fr. Litt
8:00 am Ron Coleman †

Saturday, December 1

8:00 am Inez Bass †

SUNDAY MASSES - St. Patrick Church

Saturday, December 1

6:00 pmVictor & Geraldine Gonzales †

Sunday, December 2

7:30 am Earl & Marian Roberts †
9:00 am For our Parishioners
11:00 amPhyliss Douglass †

4:00 pm MASS IN SPANISH Priest's Intention
Iglesia de San Patricio (Church of St. Patrick) (409 Calle F)
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Confesiones: antes de la Santa Misa. (Confessions before the Holy Mass)

MISSIONS:

ST. ANN CHURCH

Sunday, December 2

8:00 am Robert McKillip †

SACRED HEART CHURCH

Sunday, December 2

10:00 am Priest's Intention

CONTRIBUTIONS for the week of 11/18/2018 – **St. Ann:** \$141.00;

Sacred Heart: \$286.35; **St. Patrick:** \$5,075.78, Contemplative Sisters: \$45.00. Online giving: week of 11/12-11/17 -\$295.00.

2018 LUCKY IRISH CALENDAR WINNERS: Nov. 18: Katie Curry, Nov. 19: Phyllis Gertge, Nov. 20: Jean Parry, Nov. 21: St. Patrick School, Nov. 22: Heather Fee, Nov. 23: Rodney Swisher, Nov. 24: Keith Shepherd.

THAT MAN IS YOU! – NO CLASS NOV. 25. Class resumes **8 pm, Sun. Dec. 2** in the Church basement. Week 12: The Gospel of John: The Book of Glory: ●The Passion, Death & Resurrection of Christ ● Christ's Ultimate Moment of Glory ●Mary Our Spiritual Mother ●A Superabundance of Joy from the Wedding Feast in Cana. For information, contact Mike Tines at 340-3028 or Fr. Brethour at 345-6734.

RCIA (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION) – 7 pm, Thurs. Nov. 29 in the school library. Subject: "Sacred Liturgy" and "The Seven Sacraments." Enter the school through the northeast doors. Please call the rectory at 345-6734 if you have questions.

WANTED – Treasurer for KC Hall. Work on your time and will have access to the Hall. Need not attend KC meetings.

PRAYER CHAIN: 340-7946

(Call between 8 & 8:30 am)

Ministry Schedule (December 1 and 2, 2018)				
	Saturday 6:00 PM	Sunday 7:30 AM	Sunday 9:00 AM	Sunday 11:00 AM
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Lector	Graff	Paul G	Cappel	Barneberg
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Server	Wolfe	Volunteer	Mai	Wilhelmson
Server			Roberts	Walgren
Rosary	Campbell	Malleck	Grimm	Hamrick
Gifts	Please sign up at the back of the Church to carry gifts			

St. Ann Catholic Parish (Dec. 2, 2018)	
Server	Derick Spencer
Server	Aaron Spencer

SCHOOL NEWS – Mon. Nov. 26: Classes Resume. **Wed. Nov. 28 - Fri. Nov. 30:** Classes visit Sheldon Exhibit at High Plains Museum.

NEEDED: KITCHEN HELP – Need part-time substitute kitchen help for school lunch. Must pass background check. Call Gale at 345-5542.

CCD CLASSES – Wed. Nov. 28 from 7-8:15 pm in the School.

CYO – Wed. Nov. 28: Home Meetings.

CYO SOPHOMORE BREAKFAST Sun. Dec. 2 after 7:30 & 9 am Masses.

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).

2019 RELIGIOUS CALENDARS are available at the Church entrances. Please take one per family. Thanks to Tim and Kristi Daum of Carpenter Breland Funeral Home for providing these free of charge.

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.! If you did not receive your calendars, or you need more, 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.

ACOLYTE, LECTOR AND SERVER SCHEDULES will be available in the Sacristy for pick up. If you would like them emailed to you, please provide us with an updated email address.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES TRUCK will be at the Bargain Bazaar on **Fri. Nov. 30 at 10:30 am.** Please come help load!

BARGAIN BAZAAR VOLUNTEER MEETING 9 am, Thurs. Nov. 29 in Church basement.

PLEASE PRAY THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF Bernard Anderjaska (brother of Tom Anderjaska, Audrey Suiter and Clara Uerling), Carmen Brdar (formerly of McCook), William Knowles (grandfather of Jessica Barger), Bob Dike, Phoebe Bullis, Wayne Bryant (father of Steve Bryant).

JOY OF THE GOSPEL REBATE – The Joy of the Gospel rebate checks for the period of July- Sept. 2018 to St. Ann for \$24.00, Sacred Heart for \$1,100.00, and to St. Patrick for \$16,700.64. Thank you for honoring your pledges.

OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL RETREAT HOUSE – • **Nov. 30-Dec.**

2: Engaged Encounter: Marriage and Intimacy: • **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.

HEALING MASS – **Sun. Dec. 2 at 4 pm** with Fr. Christopher Barak of Lincoln. The Chaplet of Divine Mercy in song begins at **3:30 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.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE – During **November**, a Book of Remembrance is on the East altar for you to record the names of your deceased loved ones. In addition to the specific Mass Intention of the day, prayers are offered for those listed in the book. Individual Mass offering envelopes are available. Please fill out the information requested completely. The suggested stipend is \$10 per Mass. Drop the envelope in the Sunday collection basket or bring it to the Rectory during business hours. **NOTE: We may be unable to fulfill requests for specific dates for Masses. We will try to schedule Masses as close to the date of your request as possible.**

EWTN WINTER SCHEDULE available at Church entrances.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHRISTMAS PARTY – **Sat. Dec. 8.** Social hour begins at **6 pm, followed by dinner at about 7 pm.** Menu: prime rib, baked potato, vegetable, and desert. The cost is \$25/person. Gift exchange after dinner. Past gifts have included wine, stuffed animals, tools and lottery tickets. Bring something unusual. Open to the entire parish, the Indianola Council and all 4th degree members and widows. Please RSVP as soon as possible to Rodney Solko (785-475-4363), Ron Jacobs (308-345-3372) or Bob Burns (308-340-8837).

BEST ADVENT EVER is a free email program from Dynamic Catholic to help you prepare for the coming of Jesus at Christmas. Sign up at BestAdventEver.com to receive short inspirational videos, practical tips for everyday life and real-life stories to encourage you in your faith journey.

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.

BOX OF JOY -- A huge thank you to everyone who donated items, money for shipping, or packed your own box. We were able to send 90 boxes of Joy to children for Christmas. May God bless you for your support

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.

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2019 G.I.F.T. GALA – The 2019 G.I.F.T. Gala will be held **on Sat., Mar. 16.** Bishop James D. Conley will celebrate Mass to open the GALA. We are now selling corporate tables; these have different levels of sponsorship, some of which include advertising. You may also reserve your tickets which are \$75 each, make a monetary donation, underwrite auction items, or donate auction items. There are forms in the back of church for you fill out and return. Please contact the St. Patrick Development Directors Jill Koenig (308) 737-0751 or Cassie Spencer (308) 340-2931 if you have any questions. Thank you for supporting our school and students!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS TO THE RESCUE – The Supreme Council launched an Order-Wide appeal for donations to help those affected by Hurricane Florence in North Carolina and Hurricane Michael in Florida. More than \$800,000 was raised by mid-October.

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 information or to buy a ticket.

MANANITAS (MORNING PRAYER IN SPANISH) – Mass and morning prayer in Spanish at St. Patrick Church at **5:30 am Wed. Dec. 12** to honor Mary of Guadalupe. Hot chocolate follows.

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.

ALTAR SOCIETY -- please come join us at the Altar Society meeting on **Tues., Dec. 4, at 6 pm** for the holiday soup, salad and dessert supper. We will pack treat bags for shut-ins after supper. Please bring 2 dozen cookies for the treat bags and your choice of soup, salad or dessert for the potluck. Hostesses will be Donna Jacobs (345-3372) and Jo Beebe (340-3117). Let's begin Advent with fun, fellowship and kindness to those alone in our parish community.

PRELIMINARY RESULTS FOR THE BIG GIVE (does not include matching figures) – 103 donors raised \$20,789.26 for St. Patrick School. Thank you to everyone who participated.

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.

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