

Sunday, November 24	8:00 a.m. Parishioners of St. James Parish 10:30 a.m. Kathleen Gramann
Monday, November 25	6:30 a.m. +Edward Rabak
Tuesday, November 26	6:30 a.m. Natalie Rabak
Wednesday, November 27	6:30 a.m. +Harley & Lucille Eickmeier
Thursday, November 28	8:00 a.m. +Tom Eickmeier
Friday, November 29	6:30 a.m. +Robert Eickmeier
Saturday, November 30	8:00 a.m. Deceased Ray & JoAnn Vrbka family members
Sunday, December 1	8:00 a.m. Parishioners of St. James Parish 10:30 a.m. Rev. Caesar Kron

**Collection November 17, 2019**

Envelopes	\$2416.00
Plate	\$148.25
Youth	\$4.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2568.25</b>

		11/24/2019 Thirty-fourth Sunday of OT	12/1/2019 First Sunday of Advent	12/8/2019 Second Sunday of Advent
8:00 AM	Reader	Chris Hytrek	Larry Etmund	Janet Ragland
	Acolyte	Pat Milke	Chris Hytrek	Randy Eickmeier
	Server 1	Eli Van Brocklin	Michael Bean	Dawson Burenheide
	Server 2	Zach Van Brocklin	Austin Oelke	Hayden Huenink
	Greeters	Ray & JoAnn Vrbka	Ray & JoAnn Vrbka	Cam & Jenny Oelke
	Usher 1	Mike Egger	Cam Oelke	Cam Oelke
	Usher 2	Mike Mitchell	Robert Braden	Robert Braden
	Offertory	Nicole & Steve Boon Family	Rick & Linda Bouc Family	Robert & Amy Braden Family
10:30 AM	Reader	Karl Gramann	Diana McCown	Shirley Yates
	Acolyte	Ron Eisenbarth	Myron Heusinkvelt	Scott Osterhaus
	Server 1	Nate Eisenbarth	Trey Yates	Marcus Osterhaus
	Server 2	Coby Otto	Grant Ehmen	Connor Price
	Greeters	Neil & Renee Dominy	Denise & Scott Clements	Denise & Scott Clements
	Usher 1	Roger Miller	Roger Miller	Don Hinds
	Usher 2	Ron Boden	Ron Boden	Karl Gramann
	Offertory	Jerry Vrbka Family	Ed Zach Family	Ron & Mary Boden Family
Collection	Julie Pflingsten / Laureen Ehmen	Jeanne Egger / Grace Benes	Jim Fuhrman / Theron Troxel	

**Christmas Program/Potluck** will be Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> after the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Please mark your calendar!

**Biblical Meditations for a Blessed Advent** Come hear the Emmaus Institute staff discuss how the four Nativity Hymns in Luke can help you enter more richly into the season of Advent. Saturday December 7, 1-3 pm at Gianna's Java & Gelato, in the Guadalupe Center. Free-will donations to benefit Catholic Social Services.

**"That Man Is You"** a spiritual series for men of all ages is taking place on Saturday mornings at 6:30 AM in the parish hall. We watch a 45-minute inspirational DVD and then spend 30 minutes in discussion. Everyone is invited and rolls and coffee are provided. We will meet every Saturday thru May so attend whenever you are able.

**Tree of Warmth Project** -Collecting hats, scarfs, mittens, gloves, socks, coats and outer wear for the those in need. Gently used coats and boots can be donated. The tree will be out during November. Power Surge and Power Up are sponsoring this event and donating collected items to Catholic Social Services. Clip items to the tree or lay them in the crib next to the tree. Thank you for your generosity.

**Dates to remember:**

- February 2<sup>nd</sup>: First Confession
- April 19<sup>th</sup>: First Communion
- April 27<sup>th</sup>: Confirmation @ 7:00pm

**Child and Parent Confirmation Retreat**

The goal of this retreat is to help young people and their parents to grow in their familiarity with the Holy Spirit and His gifts and to prepare them to receive the evangelical mission. Confirmed for Mission Retreat is a day-long retreat on February 8 at North American Martyrs Parish in Lincoln. To register: <https://lincolndiocese.regfox.com/05-ore-confirmed-for-mission-2020-spring-retreat>

**“Personal Testimonies on How an Encounter with God Leads to a Mission”** is the theme for the Catholic Coffee House on Sunday evenings at Gianna Java and Gelato, 2241 O Street, Lincoln, NE from 7-8:30pm. The presenters are: November 10, 2019, Dr. Matthew Hecker; CAO of Education, December 15, 2019, Lori Weskamp, Unbound Prayer Team member; January 19, 2020, Bob Sullivan, Attorney/Apologist; and February 16, 2020, Diane Reiber, Artist/Author. There is no fee or registration. Questions? call 402-473-0615

**GIVE YOUR SPOUSE A SPECIAL GIFT THIS CHRISTMAS:**

Sign up for the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend and receive the gift of a great marriage. Making a weekend will help you put a little Christmas in your marriage every day! For more info, call Pat & Janelle Benson (308) 940-1105 Or visit [WWME.org](http://WWME.org) **Upcoming dates:**  
**February 7-9: Ramada Inn, Kearney, NE**  
**August 28-30: Quality Inn, Ogallala, NE**  
**October 2-4: Immaculate Monastery, Norfolk, NE**

\*Deadline to register is 1 month prior to the date of the weekend\*

**Holy Hour**-Cathedral Parish is sponsoring a family-friendly holy hour on December 8th from 4-5 pm. All ages welcome (seriously, even the loud ones). Adoration, confession, music, and reflection time will be provided. Spend some time with our Lord in the busy Advent season!

**PowerSurge (PK - 5th) and PowerUp (6th - 8th)** meet to have FUN with their FAITH!!

Meals are provided starting at 5:45pm and fun lasts until 7:00 pm. Mark your calendars: Jan 22, Feb 19, (youth masses Sunday Feb 23), and April 1. Contact Renee with questions [reneeandneil@hotmail.com](mailto:reneeandneil@hotmail.com)

**The annual Mass of the Holy Innocents** will be celebrated on Saturday, December 28th. All are invited to attend this Memorial Mass, especially those families who have suffered the loss of a baby through miscarriage, stillbirth, infant death or abortion. Reading of names will begin at 6:30 p.m. with Mass at 7:00 p.m. at John XXIII Diocesan Center Chapel, 3700 Sheridan Blvd., Lincoln. If you would like your child's name to be remembered & placed on the banner, please call the Office of Family Life at 473-0620 before 5:00 p.m. on Dec. 19th. If you placed your child's name previously, it will remain on the list.

**Prayer Request** – We pray with special love and concern for all those who are ill, asking the Lord for his consoling grace to strengthen the sick in times of trial: Deborah Hestermann, Doug Parde, Bob Rahorst, Wes Springer, Melanie Frohberg, Dan Benes, Evelyn Yates.

**Pray for the Dead**– Let us remember in our prayers: Wesley Dorn, David L. Peters, Elvira Seeley, Chad Kohout, Father Zitek, Tawny Zach, Sharon Hudson, Lucille Onisk, Vic Hudson.

**Prayers for those serving our country in harm’s way.**

### Notes from Fr. Walsh

**Thanksgiving Day Mass** - Our Thanksgiving Day Mass will be offered at 8AM on Thanksgiving Day morning.

**Christmas Preparations** - Many years ago, I gave a homily on the First Sunday of Advent suggesting that if we desire to meet Christ in Christmas, we will find Him in the poor. Do an act of charity for the poor, I said, and you will find the Lord.

The busy season of Advent followed, and it was about 5 days before Christmas. I remembered my homily and said to myself, 'you need to do something.' It happened that a young man from our Catholic school had been dismissed from school around this time on account of his behavior and I decided that he would be the recipient of my Christmas gift. I went to the local sports store and bought him a magnificent Chicago Bears sweatshirt, wrapped it in fancy paper and ribbon and took it to his house. I knocked on the door, got him to come and all I said was, "This is for you. Merry Christmas!" He started to cry and said to me, "Father, I am so sorry for what I did." In just a few words, I told him it was alright, and that I had brought this gift for him.

Walking away from the house, I asked myself: Where was Christ in this moment? I didn't see the Lord in this young man's face. Where was he?

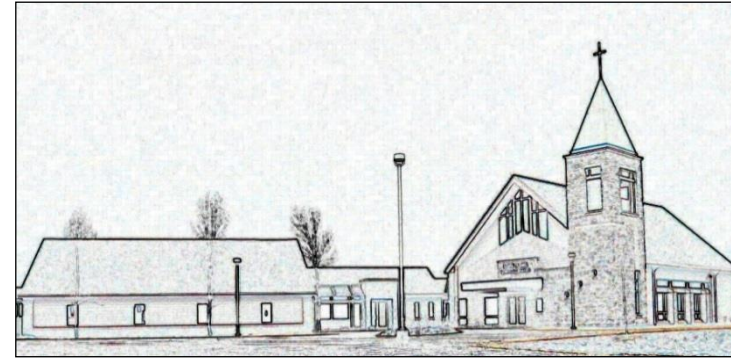
And then, it dawned on me: Christ was in the mercy I gave that young man. Christ was in me.

Not every encounter will be like this, but Christ will be in every encounter. Find Him this Advent in charity to the poor. God bless you.

### St James PCCW Meeting Minutes for November 13, 2019

St James PCCW met November 13, 2019, with four members present. Grace Benes conducted the meeting in the absence of President Rosie VerMaas. The meeting was opened with prayer.

The minutes of the October meeting were read. Julie Pflugsten gave the treasurer's report. Income: October bake sale and soup supper. Expenses: donation to Catholic Spirit Radio, soup supper expenses, script for the Guardian Angel project, and one scholarship. The October diaper drive was a big success. Grace gave a review of the soup supper. The turnout was smaller this year but still a success. Thanks to everyone who donated and or helped out. PCCW served the evening meal for PowerSurge/PowerUp. Thank you, Ardyce for helping with the meal. The children tied the fleece blankets after the meal. The church directories have arrived and will be distributed soon. St Mary's Circle will be in charge of the bake sale Sunday, November 24th. St Mary's and St Joseph Circles will be in charge of church cleaning on Friday and Saturday, December 6th and 7th. Come help make our church sparkle for Christmas. The Tree of Warmth has been set up for the month of November to collect warm items for the needy. The PowerSurge/PowerUp groups will be in charge of this project this year. The Giving Tree will go up in December to collect toys for Catholic Social Services. Julie will order the poinsettias for Christmas. Donation envelopes will be available for anyone wanting to purchase a poinsettia in honor of a loved one. The PCCW gift to our shut in members will be a Mass and Christmas card. We will once again give our Guardian Angel gift to a family in need of our help and prayers. St Mary's Circle is in charge of the Christmas program and potluck dinner on Sunday, December 15th. December 11th will be the PCCW meeting, meal and ornament exchange. Secret Prayer Pals will be revealed and new prayer pal names drawn. The circle lists will be updated and distributed in January. The meeting was adjourned with prayer. The next meeting will be December 11th. Respectfully submitted: Grace Benes, Secretary



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## November 24, 2019

### Solemnity of Christ the King

“Let us give thanks to the Father, who has made you fit to share  
in the inheritance of the holy ones in light.”

*Colossians 1:12*

**Nov 25 Mon:**

*Daniel 1: 1-6. 8-20; Luke 21: 1-4*

**Nov 26 Tue:**

*Daniel 2: 31-45; Luke 21: 5-11*

**Nov 27 Wed:**

*Daniel 5: 1-6. 13-14. 16-17. 23-28; Luke 21: 12-19*

**Nov 28 Thu:**

**Thanksgiving Day**

*Daniel 6: 12-28; Luke 21: 20-28.*

**Nov 29 Fri:**

*Daniel 7: 2-14; Luke 21: 29-33*

**Nov 30 Sat:**

**Feast of St. Andrew, ap**

*Roman 10: 9-18; Matthew 4: 18-22*

**Dec 1 SUN:**

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

*Isaiah 2: 1-5; Roman 13: 11-14; Matthew 24: 37-44*

### **Mass Schedule**

Sundays: 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.

Weekdays: 6:30 a.m.

Saturdays: 8:00 a.m.

### **Confessions**

30 minutes before Sunday Masses

And Holy Days Masses

20 minutes before daily Masses

And by appointment

### **CCD**

Sundays 9:05-10:20 a.m.

See calendar for dates