

Sunday, December 22
 8:00 a.m. Tawny Zach
 10:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. James Parish
 Monday, December 23
 6:30 a.m. Rev. Victor Stachowiak
 Tuesday, December 24
 5:00 p.m. +Ted & Dorothy Trouba
 Wednesday, December 25
 12:00 a.m. Parishioners of St. James Parish
 9:00 a.m. +Fr. Vic Stachowiak
 Thursday, December 26
 No Daily Mass
 Friday, December 27
 6:30 a.m. David L. Peters
 Saturday, December 28
 8:00 a.m. Leonard & Emily Peters
 Sunday, December 29
 8:00 a.m. Parishioners of St. James Parish
 10:30 a.m. +Jay Burrows

Collection December 15, 2019

Envelopes	\$1870.00
Plate	\$278.25
Youth	\$4.00
Total	\$2152.25

Dates to remember:

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

		12/22/2019	12/29/2019	1/5/2020
		Fourth Sunday of Advent	Holy Family	The Epiphany of the Lord
8:00 AM	Reader	Joe Vinton	Janet Ragland	Jerry Lentfer
	Acolyte	Tony Sullivan	Chris Hytrek	Kurt Larkins
	Server 1	Michael Bean	Michael Bean	Dawson Burenheide
	Server 2	Hayden Nielson	Austin Oelke	Hayden Huenink
	Greeters	Slim & Janet Ragland	Slim & Janet Ragland	Oren & Genny Heusinkvelt
	Usher 1	Blain Johnson	Mike Egger	Mike Egger
	Usher 2	John Vrbka	Mike Mitchell	Mike Mitchell
	Offertory	Oren & Genny Heusinkvelt	Brad & Gail Hochstein	Tim & Molly Holloway
10:30 AM	Reader	Karl Gramann	Diana McCown	Shirley Yates
	Acolyte	Ron Eisenbarth	Ron Boden	Ron Eisenbarth
	Server 1	Nate Eisenbarth	Trey Yates	Nate Eisenbarth
	Server 2	Coby Otto	Connor Price	Coby Otto
	Greeters	Myron & Jeanette Heusinkvelt	Don & Julie Hinds	Don & Julie Hinds
	Usher 1	Ed Zach	Ed Zach	Roger Miller
	Usher 2	Scott Clements	Scott Clements	Ron Boden
	Offertory	Scott & Denise Clements	Neil & Renee Dominy	Sara Flanagan Family
Collection	Kassie E. / Susan Van Brocklin	Julie Pflingsten / Laureen Ehmen	Jeanne Egger / Grace Benes	

"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.

"Personal Testimonies on How an Encounter with God Leads to a Mission" The personal testimonies for January and February will now be at Dawson Hall at John XXIII Building, 3700 Sheridan Blvd, Lincoln, NE from 7-8:30pm. The presenters are: January 19, 2020, Bob Sullivan, Attorney/Apologist; and February 16, 2020, Diane Reiber, Artist/Author. There is no fee or registration. Please call 402-473-0615 for questions.

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

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 *

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.

Love and Responsibility continues with a talk on spiritual intimacy between spouses on January 14th at 7 pm at the UNL Newman center. Talks are free and open to anyone, but geared toward married and engaged couples. Come hear Deacon James Keating talk about spousal prayer and its role in building a strong marriage. This talk will also be streamed to Hastings, David City, Nebraska City, and Tecumseh.

Spiritual Warfare series: A 3-part series will be given by Matt Simmons, Director of Spiritual Formation, on Spiritual Warfare at John XXIII Diocesan Center from 6:30-8:30pm. Ephesians 6:12 "For our struggle is not with flesh and blood but with the principalities, with the powers, with the world rulers of this present darkness, with the evil spirits in the heavens." Series will be January 21, Our Identity in Christ; February 18, Battleground of Our Minds; and March 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

Retrouvaille Life can be difficult, and so can the challenges you face in marriage. Retrouvaille can help and offers hope for a better relationship. Retrouvaille is peer ministries of volunteer couples that can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy and heal, just as they have done in their own marriages. Retrouvaille is Christian-based, and Catholic in origin, but welcomes couples of all faiths as well as non-religious couples. February 14-16 2020. To register, call 1-800-470-2230 Or www.helpourmarriage.org, www.retrouvaille.org last day to sign up January 31st 2020

SCRIP Is Available Every Sunday – get your shopping done early----no long lines and no stress!!!! –We have lots of gift cards to Target, Barnes & Noble, Walmart, Restaurants, Super Saver, etc. Stop by and purchase as many as you would like. We are considering ending the SCRIP program – so you would be helping us out by depleting our stock! A small percent is earned on each gift card that in turns benefits St. James.

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

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: Sandi Sapp, Rod TeKolste, 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

Thank you! My sincere thanks to all those in the parish who participated in the preparation for Christmas and will help us share this great feast on Wednesday. Last Sunday, we were treated to a delightful Christmas program by our CCD children. Thank you to the decorating committee, the choirs and musicians, the Altar Society for organizing the giving tree, the many people who donated to this cause and the warm mittens and hats drive earlier in November. Even the altar cloth was taken to the cleaners and restored. I feel very good about the enthusiasm and sharing that has gone into our preparation for the celebration of the Lord's birth. Nothing was missed, especially by the Lord, who is deeply touched by your love for Him and His community of St. James parish, Cortland.

No Mass on December 26. I will travel to Wakefield on Christmas day following the 9am Mass and be with my sister Theresa and her family for Christmas, returning to the parish in the afternoon of December 26. There is no 6:30am Mass on December 26. However, I will be present and offer the Eucharistic Holy Hour on December 26 (since it is Thursday) at 7pm.

Electronic giving coming! Early in January, I will introduce Faith Direct in the parish, an electronic tithing program that will assist us with our contributions to the parish. We'll even have a way to make your annual payment of Altar Society dues! It is really slick, a great tool. It will be operational so that we can use it the first time in February.

Managing Mice and stuff. I entered my study this past Sunday, early in the morning, and saw a mouse skitter along the wall, out the door, down the hall and try to tuck itself under a shoe in my bedroom closet. What should I do, I asked myself? Should I capture it and kill it? How do you propose to do that? I decided on mouse traps but had none in the house. It was Sunday and I don't like to shop on Sunday. Then it occurred to me: you can't take your Sunday afternoon nap with a wild mouse in the house! I went and purchased the glue traps and stationed them throughout the house. Around 7 that evening, the deed was done. The mouse was trapped in the glue and began his journey back to primal matter—where he belongs! Monday, I called Aurora Martinez who runs a cleaning service in town and hired her to do a deep clean of the house.

Christmas Schedule-if you are unable to attend assigned Mass, please find a substitute

Date	12/24/2019	12/25/2019	12/25/2019
Time	Christmas Vigil (5:00pm)	Christmas Mass (Midnight)	Christmas Mass (9:00am)
Reader	Larry Etmund	Chris Hytrek	Michelle Milke
Acolyte	Myron Heusinkvelt	Scott Osterhaus	Pat Milke
Server 1	Brady Troxel	Marcus Osterhaus	Eli Van Brocklin
Server 2	Sam Troxel	Grant Ehmén	Zach Van Brocklin
Greeters	Oren & Genny Heusinkvelt	Cam & Jenny Oelke	Ray & JoAnn Vrbka
Usher 1	Mike Egger	Cam Oelke	Blain Johnson
Usher 2	Mike Mitchell	Robert Braden	John Vrbka



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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

December 22, 2019

Fourth Sunday of Advent

“Therefore the Lord himself will give you this sign:
the virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel.”

Isaiah 7:14

Dec 23 Mon:

(O Emmanuel) *Malachi 3: 1-4. 23-24; Luke 1: 57-66*

Dec 24 Tue:

2 Samuel 7: 1-5. 8b-1, 14a, 16; Luke 1: 67-79

Dec 25 Wed:

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD . Holy Day of Obligation.

Vigil: Isaiah 62: 1-5; Acts 13: 16-17. 22-25; Matthew 1: 1-25.

During the Night: Isaiah 9: 1-6; Titus 2: 11-14; Luke 2: 1-14.

Day: Isaiah 52: 7-10; Hebrew 1: 1-6; John 1: 1-18

Dec 26 Thu:

Feast Day of St. Stephen, first martyr

Acts 6: 8-10; 7: 54-59; Matthew 10: 17-22

Dec 27 Fri:

Feast Day of St. John, ap, ev

1 John 1: 1-4; John 20: 1a and 2-8

Dec 28 Sat:

Feast Day of the Holy Innocents, mts

1 John 1: 5 — 2: 2; Matthew 2: 13-18

Dec 29 SUN:

THE HOLY FAMILY

Sirach 3: 2-6. 12-14; Colossians 3: 12-21; Matthew 2: 13-15. 19-23