

MASS INTENTIONS					
<i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i>					
Saturday	Dec 17	5:00 pm	Clarence & Delores Poppe +		
Sunday	Dec 18	8:00 am	For the People of St. James Parish		
		10:30 am	George & Francis Schmidt +		
Monday	Dec 19	7:00 am	All Souls Day Intentions +		
Tuesday	Dec 20	7:00 am	Blaine Hayes+		
Wednesday	Dec 21	4:00 pm	Greater love of Jesus	@ Gold Crest Retirement Com.	
		6:30 pm	Kayla Troxel		
Thursday	Dec 22	6:30 am	Roald Shipley+		
Friday	Dec 23	7:00 am	Tad DeWispelare+ & Renee Palensky+		
Saturday	Dec 24	8:00 am	People of Ukraine		
<i>The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)</i>					
Saturday	Dec 24	4:30 pm	Tyler Reed+	Vigil Mass	
		11:00 pm	Benefactors	Mass during the Night	
Sunday	Dec 25	8:00 am	For the People of St. James Parish		Mass at Dawn
		10:30 am	Mary Lou Burenheide+		Mass during the Day

Liturgical Ministers					
Date		Dec 17-18	Jan 7-8	Jan 14-15	Jan 21-22
Sat. 5:00 pm	Reader	Amy Larkins	Diana McCown	Amy Larkins	Ron Eisenbarth
	Acolyte	Kurt Larkins	Randy Eickmeier	Kurt Larkins	(volunteer)
	Server	(volunteers)	(volunteers)	(volunteers)	(volunteer)
Sun. 8:00 am	Reader	Michelle Milke	Joe Vinton	Michelle Milke	Chris Hytrek
	Acolyte	Pat Milke	Scott Osterhaus	Chris Hytrek	Pat Milke
	Server	Simon Robinson	Reid Hochstein	Mason Eickmeier	Sam Robinson
	Server B	Carter Stieb	Rylan Hochstein	Carson Eickmeier	Sawyer Robinson
	Greeter	Taylor Eickmeier			
Sun. 10:30 am	Reader	Ginger Jelinek	Shirley Yates	Karl Gramann	Larry Etmund
	Acolyte	Ron Boden	Myron Heusinkvelt	Ron Eisenbarth	Ron Boden
	Server	Sam Troxel	Brady Troxel	Max Jacobson	Hayden Nielson
	Server B	Ty Troxel	Sam Troxel	Mason Henn	Nolan Nielson
	Greeter	Lydia Dominy			
Collection Counters		Randy&Colleen Eickmeier/Amy Argo	Julie Pffingsten / Lauren Ehmen	Jeanne Egger / Grace Benes	Jim Fuhrman / Theron Troxel

**VISITING PRIESTS WILL BE HERE FOR CONFESSIONS TODAY, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, FROM 4:00 PM TO 5:00 PM.** Plan to use this opportunity to humble yourself before the Lord, be forgiven, strengthened & share in His peace. [Examinations of Conscience link.](#)  
**Make a good confession before Christmas.**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SEMINARIAN OF THE WEEK:**  
**Nicholas Paul Hanus** in College 1 at *St. Gregory the Great Seminary.*  
**ST. JAMES PARISH CALENDAR FOR 2023**  
 Available in the entryway. Includes the liturgical season & saints for each day from January 1 thru December 31, 2023. Supports *Catholic Extension* – Mission work in our country. [www.catholicextension.org](http://www.catholicextension.org).


Parish Offering 12/11/22	
Envelopes	\$1,237.00
Plate	\$193.00
Immaculate Conception	\$160.00
<b>Total Deposit</b>	<b>\$1,590.00</b>

*Welcome to St. James Catholic Parish!*  
*We are very glad you have joined us to worship God – the public work of the People of God.*  
*Ask if you need anything.*


**Sunday Obligation Masses**  
 Saturday 5:00 pm  
 Sunday 8:00 & 10:30 am

**CCD- Kindergarten thru 12<sup>th</sup> Grades Classes**  
**Sundays 9:00 to 10:15am** during school year.

**Confessions**  
 30 min. before Sunday & Holy Days Masses  
 20 minutes before Daily Masses & by appt.



**Eucharistic Exposition Adoration Hour-**  
**Sunday: 9:15 am- Exposition.**  
**9:15 am to 10:15 am- Adoration.**  
**10:10 am– Simple Reposition.**



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**Deadline for bulletin announcements/schedule requests: Wednesday 12 pm (N) to [bulletinstjames@gmail.com](mailto:bulletinstjames@gmail.com).**  
 Website: [www.stjamescortland.com](http://www.stjamescortland.com). Facebook: [St James Catholic Church of Cortland](https://www.facebook.com/StJamesCatholicChurchofCortland)

**Fourth Sunday of Advent —+— December 18, 2022**

*The virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel. –Matthew 1:23*

**MASS READINGS–** read the readings or some of them each day, esp. next Sunday's readings. Try to join weekday Mass(es).  
**2022 Dec 19 Mon: Late Advent Weekday (O Radix Jesse)**  
*Jgs 13: 2-7. 24-25a/ Ps 71: 3-4a. 5-6ab. 16-17/ Lk 1: 5-25*  
**2022 Dec 20 Tue: Late Advent Weekday (O Clavis David)**  
*Is 7: 10-14/ Ps 24: 1-2. 3-4ab. 5-6/ Lk 1: 26-38*  
**2022 Dec 21 Wed: Late Advent Weekday (O Oriens)/ Peter Canisius, p, dr**  
*Sg 2: 8-14 or Zep 3: 14-18a/ Ps 33: 2-3. 11-12. 20-21/ Lk 1: 39-45*  
**2022 Dec 22 Thu: Late Advent Weekday (O Rex Gentium)**  
*1 Sm 1: 24-28/ 1 Sm 2: 1. 4-5. 6-7. 8abcd/ Lk 1: 46-56*  
**2022 Dec 23 Fri: Late Advent Weekday (O Emmanuel)/ John of Kanty, p**  
*Mal 3: 1-4. 23-24/ Ps 25: 4-5ab. 8-9. 10 and 14/ Lk 1: 57-66*  
**2022 Dec 24 Sat: Late Advent Weekday**  
*2 Sm 7: 1-5. 8b-12. 14a. 16/ Ps 89: 2-3. 4-5. 27 and 29/ Lk 1: 67-79*  
**2022 Dec 25 SUN: THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD, S**  
*Vigil: Is 62: 1-5/ Ps 89: 4-5. 16-17. 27. 29 (2a)/ Acts 13: 16-17. 22-25/ Mt 1: 1-25. **During the Night:** Is 9: 1-6/ Ps 96: 1-2. 2-3. 11-12. 13/ Ti 2: 11-14/ Lk 2: 1-14. **Dawn:** Is 62: 11-12/ Ps 97: 1. 6. 11-12/ Ti 3: 4-7/ Lk 2: 15-20. **Day:** Is 52: 7-10/ Ps 98: 1. 2-3. 3-4. 5-6 (3c)/ Heb 1: 1-6/ Jn 1: 1-18*

**ST. JAMES EMERGENCY SUPPLIES:** A duffle bag on top of the coat rack shelf, by women's restroom, contains basic medical supplies for use in case of an emergency. Equipment & supplies checked monthly. Questions: Lori Johnson.

PARISH WEEKLY ACTIVITIES:					
Sunday	Dec	18	11:30 - 4:00	Parish Hall Reserved - Private Event	Parish Hall
Wednesday	Dec	21	7 pm	Knights of Columbus	Church/Hall
Thursday	Dec	22	7 pm	Intro to the Catholic Faith Adult Study	Parish Hall
Friday	Dec	23	8 pm	AA	Parish Hall
Saturday	Dec	24	6:30 am	That Man Is You	Parish Hall

*Come Lord Jesus! Maranatha*

**THERE ARE MANY OPPORTUNITIES & PRAYER RESOURCES FOR ADVENT 2022:**

Plan to allow our Lord's grace for you this Advent to come to you and to those around you. **MAKE THE MOST OF THE REST OF ADVENT. The last week of Advent is called Late Advent. The focus changes to preparing to celebrate the first coming of the Lord as a babe in a manger. Make a good confession— There are confessions before and after Mass**

<b>Confession times during the week before Christmas</b>	Sun., 12/18, 9:15am to 10:20am; Mon., Tue., Thu. & Fri. 6:35 to 6:55am AND 7:30 to 8:00am; Wed. 6:00 to 6:25p; Sat. 7:30 to 7:55am
<b>Confessions on Sat. Dec. 24 (Christmas Eve)</b>	7:30 to 7:55am; 8:30 to 9:00am; & 3:00 to 4:00pm
<b>Confessions on Sun. Dec. 25 (Christmas Day)</b>	7:30 to 7:50am; & 9:45 to 10:20am

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES:** Please see sign-up sheet in entryway for Christmas Masses & sign-up for the Mass at which you can help. Lectors will receive a Sign-up Genius link to sign up.

**SOLEMNITY OF MARY MASSES:** Mass times for the weekend of Dec 31 and Jan 1 will be normal times. **Liturgical Ministers** - please see sign-up sheet in entryway and sign up for the Mass at which you can help.

**GIVING TREE:** entrance of church - **gift tags** will be available on the tree with the **age of the child** receiving the gift. All gifts will benefit *Santa Cop* in Lincoln. Thank you to Rob Brenner for volunteering to deliver the gifts. Most needed ages are 11-14. Wrapping paper donations are greatly appreciated also. All gifts will be picked up **December 18<sup>th</sup>**. Thank you for your support!

**EXPOSITION OF THE EUCHARIST BETWEEN MASSES ON SUNDAY MORNINGS HAS BEEN DONE FROM 9:15 AM TO 10:15 AM** since **November 27**. (Typically we have started early as adorers have been present.) Someone has been **adoring** when our Lord is in the monstrance to protect the Eucharist. We will continue this schedule during the Christmas Season which ends liturgically on Sunday, January 8, 2023. We will see about after that date. We have had positive feedback. The only concern has been access to the Church for CCD tours. Sign up for adoration in the entryway of church. The large host reserved in the tabernacle will be placed in the monstrance and put on the altar for you to pray before. You can look at Jesus and He can look at you.

**OUR PARISH COULD BENEFIT FROM TWO KNEELERS** to be in front of the statues of B.V. Mary & St. James. They would also be available for weddings and for benediction. If interested talk to Fr. Lux.

**ROSARY 7:40 AM SUNDAY** - We need additional volunteers, contact Janet Ragland if you can help.

**MATT TALBOT KITCHEN:** There is a sign up sheet for the Matt Talbot Kitchen in the back of church. The church will be serving supper on Thursday December 29 at 5:30 PM. We need people to donate different food items. Please make sure to have the items in the kitchen before noon on that Thursday. If you have any questions, please contact Kassie her information is on the bottom of the sign up sheet.

**OUR STONE SANCTUARY FLOOR** is beautiful. It could be made more safe by adding a non-slip strip on the edges of all of the steps. It could also add contrast in color to indicate the edge.

**THE SACRED VESSELS AT ST. JAMES-** candlesticks, ciboria, chalices, patens, etc. **need cleaned & polished.** If you are interested in this kind of work speak to Fr. Lux.

**POWERSURGE & POWERUP:** The fun, faith-filled nights are once a month for pre-K to 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> graders. High schoolers: help serve food, mentor, run a station. **Meal** starts 5:45, fun until 7:00. **Future dates are 1/18, 3/8, & 4/19.** Questions? Contact Renee D.- [reneehandneil@hotmail.com](mailto:reneehandneil@hotmail.com).

**AROUND THE LINCOLN DIOCESE & BEYOND:** (See our diocesan website [www.lincolndioocese.org](http://www.lincolndioocese.org))

**CHRISTMAS DAY DIOCESAN TV MASS** will be broadcast on KLKN-TV (channel 8) in Lincoln on Christmas Day at 8:30 a.m. instead of its usual 9 a.m. time. The change is a result of network programming KLKN will be carrying during our regularly scheduled time. KSNB LOCAL 4 Television in Hastings will be carrying the TV Mass at its normal time on Christmas Day.

**ANNUAL MASS OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS** will be celebrated on Wed. **Dec. 28<sup>th</sup>** at John XXIII Diocesan Center Chapel, 3700 Sheridan Blvd, Lincoln. All are invited to attend, especially those families who have suffered the loss of a baby through miscarriage, stillbirth, infant death or abortion. All names will be permanently placed on the Banner, only names submitted since 2014 will be read aloud. Submit new names: call Family Life Office - 402.473.0620 **before 5 pm** on Dec 20th or in the vestibule prior to the reading of names (6:45 pm)

**DATE NIGHT** The Family Life Office invites you to a date night out on Jan 10, 6-9 pm at UNL Newman Center Rosary Hall with Josh Burkes & Chad Steiner of the Emmaus Institute. The topic is Praying with Scripture with Your Spouse & Family. \$45 for dinner/drinks/apps for two or come for free to just the talk (will also be streamed). Register at <https://lincolndioocese.regfox.com/datenightjan> Limited free babysitting available!

**OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL RETREAT HOUSE** has their **NEW 2023 Spring Retreat Schedule**. Join Fr. Eric Clark for "Becoming Apostles of Mercy" on Jan. 13-15. On Jan.19-22 Regnum Christi will host the "Meet Me at the Well: Women's Spiritual Exercises". It's **not too late to sign up for a retreat before the year ends**. Dec. 16-18 is "Incarnational Intimacy" retreat with Fr. Steve Mills and the "Encounter Virtual Watch Party" Conference is Dec. 28-30. Read more and register at [www.goodcounselretreat.org](http://www.goodcounselretreat.org)

**MARCH FOR LIFE 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY PILGRIMAGE:** Jan. 17-21, 2023- [www.lincolndioocese.org/m41](http://www.lincolndioocese.org/m41)

**MOTHER/DAUGHTER PROGRAM** "Fearfully and Wonderfully Made" for girls age 9-13 and their mothers will be held Saturday, January 28th, 2023 from 9 am to noon at John XXIII Diocesan Center. This program is designed to educate girls on growing up and becoming a woman. Pre-registration is required. Cost is \$25 per mother/daughter or \$35 per family in person. To register, visit <https://lincolndioocese.regfox.com/motherdaughter> Questions, please email Bekah Knobloch at [rebekahknobloch@marquettenfp.com](mailto:rebekahknobloch@marquettenfp.com)

**THE EMMAUS INSTITUTE FOR BIBLICAL STUDIES** is now accepting registrations for a five-week course: **Opening the Word: Catholics & the Bible**. In person - Mondays (6:30-8:30pm) **beginning Jan 9**. Will also be available to watch by video. *Opening the Word* is designed to familiarize students with the *Bible* generally, preparing them to read, study, pray, love, & live the Sacred Scriptures. It is the first of two interterm courses built into our Creation to New Creation program, but everyone is welcome to register for this beneficial course. Learn more and register at [www.EmmausInstitute.net](http://www.EmmausInstitute.net).

**VILLA MARIE SCHOOL'S ANNUAL FUNDRAISING DANCE AND AUCTION: Shine Like His Stars 2023** is January 27th at Lancaster Event Center in Lincoln. It's time to purchase your general admission tickets, reserve a table, bid on auction items, or make a donation. (Chrome & Safari are supported web browsers.) Text [vmdance23](text:vmdance23) to 243725, or <https://bidpal.net/vmdance23>

**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER EXPERIENCE: Becoming-One in Heart & Love together through Our Couple Communication.** Feb. 10-12 in Lincoln. Call right-away to reserve a place. Contact couple Gary & Brenda Granger- 303--604--6202.

**BIBLE IN A YEAR:** Read and understand the Bible with *The Bible in a Year Podcast* with Father Mike Schmitz! Get the FREE reading plan and learn more by visiting [www.ascensionpress.com/bibleinayear](http://www.ascensionpress.com/bibleinayear)

**CATECHISM IN A YEAR:** Understand your Catholic Faith w/ *The Catechism in a Year Podcast* with Father Mike Schmitz. The *Catechism* isn't just a reference book—it's a work rooted in Scripture that discusses and explains the fundamental teachings of our faith. The *Catechism in a Year* podcast reveals the good, true, and beautiful teachings of the Church Christ founded. Learn more & get the reading plan at [www.ascensionpress.com/ci](http://www.ascensionpress.com/ci)