

MASS INTENTIONS				
<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
Monday	Dec 26	Out of parish.	Poor Souls in Purgatory +	
Tuesday	Dec 27	Out of parish.	Norm Hilger +	
Wednesday	Dec 28	Out of parish.	Doris Wrede+	
Thursday	Dec 29	Out of parish.	Janet Malovec+	
Friday	Dec 30	Out of parish.	Delmar & Doris Schultz+	
Saturday	Dec 31	8:00 am	World Peace	
<i>SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD, (The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord, New Year's Day)</i>				
Saturday	Dec 31	5:00 pm	All Souls Day Intentions+	
Sunday	Jan 1	8:00 am	All Souls Day Intentions+	
		10:30 am	For the People of St. James Parish	

Liturgical Ministers					
		Jan 7-8	Jan 14-15	Jan 21-22	Jan 28-29
Sat. 5:00 pm	Reader	Diana McCown	Amy Larkins	Ron Eisenbarth	Sandy Amen
	Acolyte	Randy Eickmeier	Kurt Larkins	(volunteer)	(volunteer)
	Server	(volunteers)	(volunteers)	(volunteer)	(volunteers)
Sun. 8:00 am	Reader	Joe Vinton	Michelle Milke	Chris Hytrek	Jerry Lentfer
	Acolyte	Scott Osterhaus	Chris Hytrek	Pat Milke	Tony Sullivan
	Server	Reid Hochstein	Mason Eickmeier	Sam Robinson	Andrew Oelke
	Server B	Rylan Hochstein	Carson Eickmeier	Sawyer Robinson	Austin Oelke
	Greeter				
Sun. 10:30 am	Reader	Shirley Yates	Karl Gramann	Larry Etmund	Ginger Jelinek
	Acolyte	Myron Heusinkvelt	Ron Eisenbarth	Ron Boden	Myron Heusinkvelt
	Server	Brady Troxel	Max Jacobson	Hayden Nielson	Brady Troxel
	Server B	Sam Troxel	Mason Henn	Nolan Nielson	Ty Troxel
	Greeter				
	Collection Counters	Julie Pflingsten / Laureen Ehmen	Jeanne Egger / Grace Benes	Jim Fuhrman / Theron Troxel	Kassie Ebberts/ Amy Argo

January 1 is the World Day of Peace! Every year on January 1 the Holy Father marks the *World Day of Peace* with a special message inviting all people to reflect on the important work of building peace. [Pope Francis' 2023 message is] the latest in a long tradition of messages for this day that began with St. Paul VI in 1967 & continued with St. John Paul II, Pope Benedict XVI, & Pope Francis. {[LVI World Day of Peace 2023 - No one can be saved alone. Combatting Covid-19 together, embarking together on paths of peace](#) | Francis (vatican.va)}

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SEMINARIAN OF THE WEEK:
Cody Alan Hein in College 4 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.

Parish Offering 12/18/22	
Envelopes	\$1,127.00
Plate	\$190.00
Retired Priests	\$80.00
Christmas	\$100.00
Total Deposit	\$1,497.00

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 12th 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.



Saint James Catholic Church- Cortland

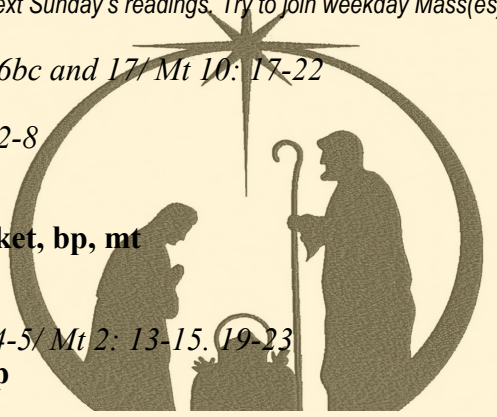
Fr. Thomas Lux, Pastor - Rectory/Mailing: 155 N Lincoln Ave., Cortland, NE 68331
Rectory Phone: 402-798-7335; Church Office Phone: 402-798-0255
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Deadline for bulletin announcements/schedule requests: **Wednesday 12 pm (N)** to bulletinstjames@gmail.com.
Website: www.stjamescortland.com. Facebook: [St James Catholic Church of Cortland](https://www.facebook.com/StJamesCatholicChurchofCortland)

The Nativity of the Lord — + — December 25, 2022

*I proclaim to you good news of great joy:
today a Savior is born for us, Christ the Lord. – Luke 2:10-11*

May God bless you and yours with a very Merry Christmas!

MASS READINGS— read the readings or some of them each day, esp. next Sunday's readings. Try to join weekday Mass(es).
2022 Dec 26 Mon: Stephen, protomartyr F
Acts 6: 8-10; 7: 54-59/ Ps 31: 3cd-4. 6 and 8ab. 16bc and 17/ Mt 10: 17-22
2022 Dec 27 Tue: John, ap, ev F
1 Jn 1: 1-4/ Ps 97: 1-2. 5-6. 11-12/ Jn 20: 1a and 2-8
2022 Dec 28 Wed: Holy Innocents, mts F
1 Jn 1: 5 2: 2/ Ps 124: 2-3. 4-5. 7b-8/ Mt 2: 13-18
2022 Dec 29 Thu: Christmas Weekday/ Thomas Becket, bp, mt
1 Jn 2: 3-11/ Ps 96: 1-2a. 2b-3. 5b-6/ Lk 2: 22-35
2022 Dec 30 Fri: HOLY FAMILY F
Sir 3: 2-6. 12-14 or Col 3: 12-21/ Ps 128: 1-2. 3. 4-5/ Mt 2: 13-15. 19-23
2022 Dec 31 Sat: Christmas Weekday/ Sylvester I, pp
1 Jn 2: 18-21/ Ps 96: 1-2. 11-12. 13/ 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:					
Thursday	Dec	29	7 pm	<i>Intro to the Catholic Faith Adult Study</i>	Parish Hall
Friday	Dec	30	8 pm	AA	Parish Hall
Saturday	Dec	31	6:30 am	<i>That Man Is You</i>	Parish Hall

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.

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 signup 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 signup 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.

ST. JAMES CCD CLASSES will resume on Sunday, January 8, 2023.

POWERSURGE & POWERUP: The fun, faith-filled nights are once a month for pre-K to 5th, and 6th -8th graders. High schoolers: help serve food, mentor, run a station. **Meal** starts 5:45, fun until 7⁰⁰. **Future dates are 1/18, 3/8, & 4/19.** Questions? Contact Renee D.- reneeandneil@hotmail.com.

Message from Bishop Conley Praise be Jesus Christ! *I want to wish each of you a very Blessed Christmas! Please see the video message below for you on this joyous occasion of the celebration of our Lord's birth. Yours in Christ, Bishop James D. Conley* (Video via Flocknote- stay tuned to sign up.)

WHEN I SEE A CANDY CANE I like to think of it as a symbol of our

Lord Jesus Christ, His life and mission.

The Candy Cane begins with a **stick** of white candy.

The **white** brings to mind Jesus' divine nature, the purity of His human nature, as well as, the Virgin Birth.

Red stripes remind me of the blood shed by Christ on the Cross for us so that we may be saved from sin and have eternal life.

The **three red stripes** together help me think of the Holy Trinity- one divine nature three divine persons- the Father, the Son & the Holy Spirit.

The candy's **hardness** can remind us of the firmness of God's promises and the solid Rock foundation of the Church.

The candy **cane shape** represents the staff of the Good Shepherd.

When turned over it's a '**J**' for the precious name of **Jesus**.

The origin of the candy cane is uncertain but I like these symbolism.

What do you think?

Merry Christmas!



AROUND THE LINCOLN DIOCESE & BEYOND: (See our diocesan website 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. 28th** 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 invites you to look inside this week's *Christmas* edition of the *Southern Nebraska Register* and find the insert of our **Spring 2023 Retreat Schedule**. **Please save that insert** or post it on your bulletin board, pick out a retreat you want to attend in Waverly or give as a gift to someone you love. Retreats are offered both in-person and live streamed.

MARCH FOR LIFE 50TH ANNIVERSARY PILGRIMAGE: **Jan. 17-21, 2023-** 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

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.

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 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

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/ciy

CALLED TO THE SILENCE: 3 DAY IGNATIAN RETREAT OPPORTUNITY: God speaks to you in the silence. Are you ready for some quiet time away after the holidays? Steep yourself in the sacred space of the *Creighton University Retreat Center*, just one hour east of Omaha, to be still and open yourself up to the graces God has for you. You will meet with an **Ignatian-trained spiritual director** daily to reflect on what's stirring in your heart. Opportunity for Mass daily and confession. Retreat cost including room and meals is \$350. Choose one of the 4 opportunities to attend: **January 19-22; February 23-26; April 13-16; May 4-7.** Register at Creighton.edu/cure or scan QR Code

