

MASS INTENTIONS			
<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
Monday	Jan 2	7:00 am	Poor Souls in Purgatory+
Tuesday	Jan 3	7:00 am	Laverne Kozisek+
Wednesday	Jan 4	4:00 pm	Catholic Schools @ Gold Crest Retirement Com.
		6:30 pm	All Souls Day Intentions+
Thursday	Jan 5	7:00 am	Virginia Vrbka+
Friday	Jan 6	7:00 am	Dennis Riha+
Saturday	Jan 7	8:00 am	Canon Lawyers
<i>THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD</i>			
Saturday	Jan 7	5:00 pm	Weitzel & Davis Families
Sunday	Jan 8	8:00 am	January Birthdays in Parish
		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 Pfingsten / Laureen Ehmen	Jeanne Egger / Grace Benes	Jim Fuhrman / Theron Troxel	Kassie Ebberts/ Amy Argo

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SEMINARIAN OF THE WEEK:
Paul Charles Mach in Theology 1 at St. Charles Borromeo 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 12/25/22	
Envelopes (Christmas)	\$1,312.00
Plate (Christmas)	\$1,119.00
Building	\$20.00
Retired Priests	\$277.00
Dec Mass Stipends	\$140.00
Dec Faith Direct	\$8,412.25
Stole Fees	\$100.00
Total Deposit	\$11,380.25

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.



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Website: www.stjamescortland.com. Facebook: [St James Catholic Church of Cortland](https://www.facebook.com/StJamesCatholicChurchofCortland)

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God — + — January 1, 2023

*In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets;
in these last days, he has spoken to us through the Son. – Heb 1:1-2*

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).
2023 Jan 1 SUN: MARY, MOTHER OF GOD S (Octave of Christmas)
Nm 6: 22-27/ Ps 67: 2-3. 5. 6. 8 (2a)/ Gal 4: 4-7/ Lk 2: 16-21
2023 Jan 2 Mon: Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, bps, drs M
1 Jn 2: 22-28/ Ps 98: 1. 2-3ab. 3cd-4/ Jn 1: 19-28
2023 Jan 3 Tue: Christmas Weekday/ Holy Name of Jesus
1 Jn 2: 29 3: 6/ Ps 98: 1. 3cd-4. 5-6/ Jn 1: 29-34
2023 Jan 4 Wed: Elizabeth Ann Seton, r M
1 Jn 3: 7-10/ Ps 98: 1. 7-8. 9/ Jn 1: 35-42
2023 Jan 5 Thu: John Neumann, bp M
1 Jn 3: 11-21/ Ps 100: 1b-2. 3. 4. 5/ Jn 1: 43-51
2023 Jan 6 Fri: Christmas Weekday/ Andr Bessette, r
1 Jn 5: 5-13/ Ps 147: 12-13. 14-15. 19-20/ Mk 1: 7-11 or Lk 3: 23-38
2023 Jan 7 Sat: Christmas Weekday/ Raymond of Peafort, p
1 Jn 5: 14-21/ Ps 149: 1-2. 3-4. 5 and 6a and 9b/ Jn 2: 1-11
2023 Jan 8 SUN: EPIPHANY OF THE LORD S
Is 60: 1-6/ Ps 72: 1-2. 7-8. 10-11. 12-13/ Eph 3: 2-3a. 5-6/ Mt 2: 1-12

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	Jan	5	7 pm	<i>Intro to the Catholic Faith Adult Study</i>	Parish Hall
Friday	Jan	6	8 pm	AA	Parish Hall
Saturday	Jan	7	6:30 am	<i>That Man Is You</i>	Parish Hall

CANDIDATES FOR THE MINISTRY OF ACOLYTE: We need more men 21 years of age or older to consider training for the ministry of Acolyte for our parish. Who do you think might be a good candidate? Encourage them to think about it. Speak to one of our acolytes or Fr. Lux if you are interested. Bishop Conley will have an installation in February. Training will be in the parish by Fr. Lux & current acolytes. **Thank you** to our acolytes who help dignify the liturgy.

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 on Sun, Jan 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 & put on the altar for you to pray before. You can look at Jesus & 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.

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- ciboria, chalices, patens, etc. **need cleaned & polished**. If you are interested in this kind of work speak to Fr. Lux. **Thank you to John Vrbka** who cleaned & polished the candlesticks.

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 7:00. **Future dates are 1/18, 3/8, & 4/19**. Questions? Contact Renee D.- reneeandneil@hotmail.com.

FLOCKNOTE INFORMATION is coming. The Diocese of Lincoln has arranged for Flocknote for the Diocese and each parish to enhance communication. Members of the parish will be able to receive email or text messages from the parish. Stay tuned.

AROUND THE LINCOLN DIOCESE & BEYOND: (See our diocesan website www.lincolndioocese.org)

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 Join Fr. Eric Clark on a weekend retreat at **Good Counsel Retreat House, Waverly** Jan. 13-15: Becoming Apostles of Mercy - Living the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. Info at goodcounselretreat.org or 402-786-2705.

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/curc

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.

For a full copy of the message, visit:

<https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/peace/documents/20221208-messaggio-56giornatamondiale-pace2023.html>