Welcome to St. James Catholic Parish!

We are very glad you have joined us for the public work of the People of God—
to worship God.

Ask if you need anything.

# Saint James Catholic Church of Cortland

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Fr. Thomas Lux, Pastor - Urgency: 308-991-4991

Deadline for bulletin announcements/ schedule requests: Wednesday 12 pm (N) to bulletinstjames@gmail.com.

Eucharistic Exposition Adoration between Sunday Morning Masses if we have adorers committed. Please Sign up in the Church entryway. Thank you. Sunday: 9:15 am. Exposition. 9:15 am to 10:15 am. Adoration. 10:10 am. Simple Reposition.



### Fourth Sunday of Lent — + — March 19, 2023

I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life. – Jn~8:12

Sunday Obligation Masses-Saturday 5:00 pm Sunday 8:00 &10:30 am Weekday Masses— Check the current bulletin for changes.

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday @ 7:00 am.

Wednesday @ 6:30 pm. Saturday @ 8:00 am

Holy Day of Obligation Masses: See the bulletin.

Confessions 30 min. before Sunday & Holy Days Masses

20 minutes before Daily Masses & by Appointment Call to schedule 308.991.4991.

CCD- (Religious Education)- Sundays 9:00 to 10:15am during school year Kindergarten thru 8th Grades Classes in the Parish Hall. High School Class in North Building

PENANCE SERVICE SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 3:00 PM, AT ST. JAMES CHURCH— CORTLAND with Fr. Robert Barnhill & Fr. Lux.

Plan to go to confession in your preparation for Easter on April 9, 2023. (Venial sin) must never be underestimated, as though it were automatically something that can be ignored or regarded as 'a sin of little importance...

-Pope John Paul <u>1984 Apostolic Exhortation Reconciliation and Penance</u>, #17

Pope JP II confessed his sins every single day. One could assume that they were venial sins.

Other confession times will be offered in addition to the regular schedule before every Mass each day.

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MAS	MASS INTENTIONS (GCRC= Gold Crest Retirement Community— Adams) Mass Readings— Follow the Church's liturgical life. Read them before								
Fou	RTH <b>S</b> U	NDAY OF L	ENT		Mass to enter the liturgy more deeply. Try to join 1 or more weekday Masses.				
Sat.	Mar 18	5:00 pm	SJ	Thomas & Josephine Grof+	2023 Mar 19 SUN: FOURTH SUNDAY OFLENT. Laetare Sunday				
Sun.	Mar 19	8:00 am	SJ	For the People of St. James Parish	Second Scrutiny of the Elect.1 Sm 16: 1b. 6-7. 10-13a/				
		10:30 am	SJ	<b>Noah &amp; Kristine Jacobson Family</b>	Ps 23: 1-3a. 3b-4. 5. 6 (1)/ Eph 5: 8-14/ Jn 9: 1-41				
Mon.	Mar 20	7:00 am	SJ	All Souls Day Intentions +	JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF MARY S- 2 Sm 7: 4-5a. 12-14a. 16/ Ps 89: 2-3.				
					4-5. 27 & 29/ Rom 4: 13. 16-18. 22/ Mt 1: 16. 18-21. 24a or Lk 2: 41-51a				
Tue.	Mar 21	7:00 am	SJ	Laverne Kozisek+	Lenten Weekday- Ez 47: 1-9. 12/ Ps 46: 2-3. 5-6. 8-9/ Jn 5: 1-16. Opt. for				
					any day this week: Mi 7: 7-9/ Ps 27: 1. 7-8a. 8b-9abc. 13-14/ Jn 9: 1-41				
Wed.	Mar 22	4:00 pm @	GCRC	Lenten Graces	2023 Mar 22 Wed: Lenten Weekday				
		6:30 pm	SJ	Dennis Riha+	Is 49: 8-15/ Ps 145: 8-9. 13cd-14. 17-18/ Jn 5: 17-30				
Thu.	Mar 23	7:00 am	SJ	Nelson Marroquin	2023 Mar 23 Thu: Lenten Weekday/ Toribio de Mogrovejo, bp				
				_	Ex 32: 7-14/ Ps 106: 19-20. 21-22. 23/ Jn 5: 31-47				
Fri.	Mar 24	7:00 am	SJ	Norm Hilger+	Lenten Weekday. Day of abstinence from meat (age 14 & up). Wis 2: 1a.				
					12-22/ Ps 34: 17-18. 19-20. 21 & 23/ Jn 7: 1-2. 10. 25-30				
Sat.	Mar 25	8:00 am	SJ	Respect Life	ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD Solemnity (not obligation on Sat.)-				
					Is 7: 10-14; 8: 10/ Ps 40: 7-8a. 8b-9. 10. 11/ Heb 10: 4-10/ Lk 1: 26-38				
FIFT	FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT				5th SUNDAY OF LENT. Third Scrutiny of the Elect.				
Sat.	Mar 25	5:00 pm	SJ	Madisyn Junge+	Ez 37: 12-14/ Ps 130: 1-2. 3-4. 5-6. 7-8/ Rom 8: 8-11/ Jn 11: 1-45				
Sun.	Mar 26	8:00 am	SJ	Souls in Purgatory					
		10:30 am	SJ	For the People of St. James Parish					

### AROUND THE LINCOLN DIOCESE & BEYOND: (See www.lincolndiocese.org)

MASS WITH PRAYERS FOR HEALING: March 19, John XXIII, 37th & Sheridan Blvd, Lincoln - Confession: 1:15; Chaplet of Divine Mercy: 1:30; Praise & Worship: 1:40; Blessing of salt/water/religious items immediately before Mass begins at 2; Anointing of the sick after the homily; Eucharistic Exposition & healing prayer at the conclusion of Mass.

CATHOLICS AT THE CAPITOL: Our elected officials need to hear our voices! You're needed for a day of advocacy at the Capitol at Catholics at the Capitol on Wednesday, April 12th! Learn from Governor Pillen, Nebraska Catholic Conference staff, & State Senators about advancing the cause for life, family, religious liberty, & more. Plus, meet your state senator, & learn how to advocate year-round. Tickets are a steal at \$15 each, covering the cost of refreshments & lunch. Whether you've never been engaged in politics before or you are a politico, this event is for you. Don't let yourself be spoken for. Show up & speak up at Catholics at the Capitol on Apr. 12<sup>th</sup>. Learn more & sign up at NECatholic.org.

2023 PRO-LIFE POSTER & ESSAY CON-TESTS! The poster contest is for 1st thru 8th graders in the Diocese of Lincoln. There is a category for students w/ special needs which includes any student on an individual educational program (IEP). The essay contest is for 7<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> graders. The 1<sup>st</sup> place winners of the dioc. essay contest will be submitted to the state-wide contest sponsored by the *K. of* C. & awarded at the Pro-Life Conference in the Fall. Entry deadline: 3/24 to: Pro-Life Poster Contest; c/o Jeff Schinstock; 3700 Sheridan Blvd, Ste 6, 68506.

THE TABLE OF ST. GREGORY! Save the Date Sunday, 3/26, for St. Gregory the Great Seminary's benefit banquet marks the seminary's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Please join us to help support our seminarians & seminary projects under way or being planned. 4 p.m. Sung Vespers (Evening Prayer), w/ Bishop James Conley presiding, will begin the evening, followed by cocktails & an open house, & concluding w/ dinner at 5:30 p.m. served by seminarians. For reservations or info, call the seminary at 402-643-4052, or online at www.betterunite.com/stgregorythegreatseminarytableofstgregory2023

LIFE-GIVING WOUNDS, a Catholic apostolate dedicated to the spiritual healing of adult children of divorce or separation, will host a 7-week online support group this Lent. Over 7 evenings, from Mar. 2 to Apr. 12. Includes presentations & guided small group discussions on topics relevant to adult children of divorce, including setting goals for healing, overcoming shame, dealing w/ financial anxiety, & more. Cost: \$174 early-bird, \$94 college students/consecrated. (After Feb. 15, \$199 regular, \$119 college students/consecrated.) Scholarships available! More info. & registration here:

www.lifegivingwounds.org/ lentsupportgroup.

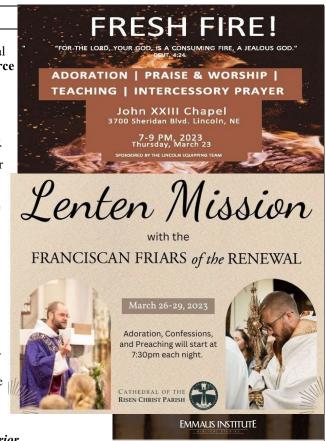
MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER EXPERI-**ENCE:** Experiencing communication of the heart inside our couplelove. April 21-23 in Lincoln. Call right away so we may prepare a place for you. Contact couple: Gary & Brenda Granger-303-604-6202.

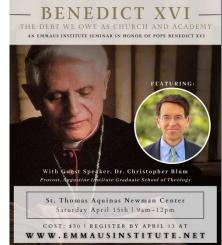
Still feeling unresolved about a prior abortion? Are you the father or grandparent of a child lost to abortion? Come to a confidential caring retreat for healing, forgiveness and re-connection to God, community and your child. Scholarships avail. April 28-30, 2023 near Omaha. For information email helpingrachel@yahoo.com or call Heather at 402-671-3749.

EASTER MONDAY PILGRIMAGE: April 10 w/ Fr. Coulter to visit **Boys Town**, **Omaha** Churches & Cathedral.

Departs 8am St Patrick, Lincoln. Mass & Prayers during the day, **return** 5:30pm. \$60 includes lunch, snacks & charter bus. Reservations at: www.frcoulter.com/EasterMonday or frcoulter@gmail.com or 402-786-2705.

ATHLETES AND PERFORMERS! Use your summer to perfect your skills! Numerous camps are being offered by coaches at Pius X High School. Camps range from athletics to performing arts, and from grades kindergarten to high school. Learn more and sign up at PiusX.net/camps.







please bring your own lawn chair

In the case of inclement weather, a postponement will be announced on our school facebook page by 5pn Rain date will be Wednesday, May 3.

#### LENTEN REGULATIONS FOR THE LINCOLN DIOCESE:

ASH WEDNESDAY & GOOD FRIDAY are days of fast & abstinence.

FASTING means eating 1 full meal with two smaller meals, which together | Sickness, hard manual labor, pregnancy, etc. do not equal the full meal. No snacks or eating between meals allowed.

Fasting obliges Catholics between the ages of 18 & 59.

ABSTINENCE means eating no meat nor soup nor gravy made from meat. Abstinence obliges all Catholics over the age of 14.

ALL FRIDAYS IN LENT are days of abstinence

automatically excuse a person from these obligations. Nevertheless, it should be pointed out that these are serious obligations. In cases of doubt or question, the priest who hears a person's confession should be consulted.

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St. James Emergency Supplies: A duffle bag on top of the coat rack shelf, by the women's restroom, contains basic medical supplies for use in case of an emergency. Equipment & supplies checked monthly. Questions: Lori Johnson

### **Confession Guide for Adults**

### **Examination of Conscience**

# 1. I am the Lord your God. You shall not have strange gods before me.

- -Do I give God time every day in prayer?
  -Do I seek to love Him with my whole heart?
- -Have I been involved with superstitious practices or involved with the occult?
- -Do I seek to surrender myself to God's word as taught by the Church?
- -Have I ever received communion in the state of mortal sin?
- -Have I ever deliberately told a lie in Confession or have I withheld a mortal sin from the priest in Confession?
- -Are there other "gods" in my life? Money, Security, Power, People, etc.?

# 2. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.

- -Have I used God's name in vain: lightly or carelessly?
- -Have I been angry with God?
- -Have I wished evil upon any other person?
- -Have I insulted a sacred person or abused a sacred object?

### 3. Remember to keep holy the Lord's Day.

- -Have I deliberately missed Mass on Sundays or Holy Days of Obligation?
- -Have I tried to observe Sunday as a family day & a day of rest?
- -Do I do needless work on Sunday?

#### 4. Honor your father & your mother.

- -Do I honor & obey my parents?
- -Have I neglected my duties to my spouse & children?
- -Have I given my family good religious example?
- -Do I try to bring peace into my home life?
- -Do I care for my aged & infirm rela-

# tives? 5. You shall not kill.

- -Have I had an abortion or encouraged or helped anyone to have an abortion?
- -Have I physically harmed anyone?
- -Have I abused alcohol or drugs?
- -Did I give scandal to anyone, thereby leading him or her into sin?
- -Have I been angry or resentful?
- -Have I harbored hatred in my heart?
- -Have I mutilated myself through any form of sterilization?
- -Have I encouraged or condoned sterilization?
- -Have I engaged, in any way, in sins against human life such as artificial insemination or in vitro fertilization?
- -Have I participated in or approved of euthanasia?

#### 6. You shall not commit adultery.

- -Have I been faithful to my marriage vows in thought & action?
- -Have I engaged in any sexual activity outside of marriage?
- -Have I used any method of contraception or artificial birth control in my marriage?
- -Has each sexual act in my marriage been open to the transmission of new life?
- -Have I been guilty of masturbation?
- -Do I seek to control my thoughts & imaginations?
- -Have I respected all members of the opposite sex, or have I thought of other people as mere objects?
- -Have I been guilty of any homosexual activity?
- -Do I seek to be chaste in my thoughts, words, actions?
- -Am I careful to dress modestly?

#### 7. You shall not steal.

- -Have I stolen what is not mine?
- -Have I returned or made restitution for

- what I have stolen?
- -Do I waste time at work, school, & home?
- -Do I gamble excessively, thereby denying my family of their needs?
- -Do I pay my debts promptly?
- -Do I seek to share what I have with the poor?
- -Have I cheated anyone out of what is justly theirs, for example creditors, insurance companies, big corporations?

# 8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

- -Have I lied? Have I gossiped?
- -Do I speak badly of others behind their back?
- -Am I sincere in my dealings with others?
- -Am I critical, negative or uncharitable in my thoughts of others?
- -Do I keep secret what should be kept confidential?
- -Have I injured the reputation of others by slanders?

# 9. You shall not desire your neighbor's wife.

- -Have I consented to impure thoughts?
- -Have I caused them by impure reading, movies, television, conversation or curiosity?
- -Do I pray at once to banish impure thoughts & temptations?
- -Have I behaved in an inappropriate way with members of the opposite sex: flirting, being superficial, etc.?

# 10. You shall not desire your neighbor's goods.

- -Am I jealous of what other people have?
- -Do I envy the families or possessions of others?
- -Am I greedy or selfish?
- -Are material possessions the purpose of my life?

#### A GUIDE TO CONFESSION

#### How to go to Confession

- 1. You always have the option to go to confession anonymously, ie., behind a screen or face to face, if you so desire.
- 2. After the priest greets you in the name of Christ, make the sign of the cross. He may choose to recite a reading from Scripture, after which you say:

### "Bless me Father for I have sinned. It has been (state how long) since my last confession. These are my sins."

- 3.Tell your sins simply & honestly to the priest. You might even want to discuss the circumstances & the root causes of your sins & ask the priest for direction.
- 4. Listen to the advice the priest gives you & accept the penance from him. Then

make an Act of Contrition for your sins.

- 5. The priest will then dismiss you with the words of praise: "Give thanks to the Lord for He is good. You respond: "For His mercy endures forever."
  - The priest will then conclude with: "The Lord has freed you from your sins. Go in peace." & you respond by saying: "Thanks be to God."
- 6. Spend some time with Our Lord thanking & praising Him for the gift of His mercy. Try to perform your penance as soon as possible.

#### PRAYER <u>BEFORE</u> CONFESSION

O most merciful God! Prostrate at your feet, I implore your forgiveness. I sincerely desire to leave all my evil ways & to confess my sins with all sincerity to

you & to your priest. I am a sinner, have mercy on me, O Lord. Give me a lively faith & a firm hope in the Passion of my Redeemer. Give me, for your mercy's sake a sorrow for having offended so good a God. Mary, my mother, refuge of sinners, pray for me that I may make a good confession. Amen.

### **AN ACT OF CONTRITION**

Oh my God, **I am sorry for my sins** with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things.

I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our Savior Jesus Christ suffered & died for us. In His name, my God, have mercy. Amen.

PARISH WEEKLY ACTIVITIES:							
Every Sunday			Between Masses	Exposition Adoration— Simple Reposition	Church		
Monday	Mar	20	7:00 pm	Lenten Adult Faith Enrichment Class	Parish Hall		
Friday	Mar	24	8:00 pm	AA	Parish Hall		
Saturday	Mar	25	6:30 am	That Man Is You	Parish Hall		
Sunday	Mar	26	After both Masses	PCCW Bakesale	Parish Hall		

**Stewardship of Time:** We are grateful to God for the gift of time, and while none of us knows how much time any one of us has, we are charged with giving back a portion of the moments He grants us to deepen our relationship with the Divine, our Source of love. Stewardship of time refers to how & how often we place ourselves in the presence of God

Stewardship of Treasure As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace. (1 Pt 4:10)

Parish Offering 3/12/23 Envelopes

\$1,553.00 Plate \$119.00 Children's \$4.00 Southern NE Register \$50.00 **Total Deposit** \$1,726.00

#### **AROUND OUR PARISH**

EXPOSITION OF THE EUCHARIST BETWEEN Masses on Sunday Mornings from 9:15 am to 10:15 am. Someone has been adoring when our Lord is in the monstrance to protect the Eucharist. Please sign up for adoration in the entryway of church. CCD classes will be praying the

Stations of the Cross some Sundays.

ETERNAL REST: THE LAST THINGS: St James Adult Faith Enrichment Pro-GRAM FOR LENT. How often do we think about our death? Join us to study ETERNAL *REST* on the Church's teaching about death. & God's response to it, with wisdom & compassion, so participants may think about & prepare for death in the light of Jesus Christ, the Author of Life. Classes meet in our parish hall at 7pm on the Mondays of for sign-up forms in the back, or contact Fr Lux or Diana McCown (402-432-7099).

STATIONS OF THE CROSS & HOLY HOUR on Friday evenings of *Lent* with **Eucharistic Exposition** at 7:00 PM; **Stations** of the Cross prayed at 7:15; **Benediction** at 7:50.

**Everyone is invited** for all, or any part. **PCCW 2023 DUES:** Women of the Parish if you haven't paid PCCW dues yet, please do so as soon as possible. These dues are obligations that the Parish have to the Lincoln Diocese Council of Catholic Women; they do not stay at St. James; please help us cover those costs. Thank you to those who have given already for 2023.

**MATT TALBOT KITCHEN:** There is a signup tion in Canada and some other countries. sheet for the Matt Talbot Kitchen in the St. Joseph, husband of Mary. Pray for us! back of church. The church will be serving supper on Thursday, March 30<sup>th</sup>. We are in need of people to donate different food items. Please make sure to have the items in the kitchen by noon on that Thursday. If you have any questions, please contact Kassie Ebbers all of her information is on the bottom of the signup sheet.

SAINT JAMES KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS **SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS** are now available on the bulletin board in the vestibule in the back of church. Any high school senior who is a member of Saint James Parish is eligible to apply. Completed applications must be turned in to Mike Mitchell by April 16, 2023.

MAKE PLANS FOR THE SACRED TRIDUUM. March: You are welcome to join us. Look | The highlight of our Church calendar is the Sacred 3 Days, Holy Thursday, Good Friday & Easter Vigil celebrating the Paschal Mystery, the passion, death & resurrection of the Lord, His eternal gift to us. The schedule is Thurs., 4/6, at 7 pm. Friday, 4/7, at 7 pm. Saturday, 4/8, at 8:30 pm. Easter Sunday, 4/9. Masses will be 8am & 10:30am. Let the lord touch your heart & give you new life in the celebration of these mysteries. Come, let us go with Him.

> ST. JOSPEH HUSBAND OF MARY feast day is celebrated on March 20th this year because the 19<sup>th</sup> is a Sunday of Lent which takes precedence. St. Jospeh's Solemnity is so important that it is moved to a different day to be celebrated. It is a holyday of obliga-

**OUR 6 BRASS ALTAR CANDLESTICKS** were cleaned, polished & clear coated by *Koley's* Plating in Omaha for \$1,500. Thank you to those who have donated towards these items. The sanctuary lamp stand & pas**chal candle stand** are from the matching set. Hopefully we can refinish them in the near future. The tabernacle is needing refinished on the outside. This would be a great project during this time of Eucharistic Renewal. 4 communion patens have been refinished also for \$380. 2 other altar candlesticks were repaired, cleaned, polished & clear coated for \$180. If you are interested in donating to any part of this project please talk to Fr. Lux.

**EASTER FOOD BASKETS:** St James has been asked to share in the Easter Food Baskets again this year. Items suggested for the basket are a meat, potatoes, vegetables or salad, bread or rolls and dessert (which could be fruit). The food does not need to be prepared, just the ingredients furnished. If you questions, contact Grace Benes. The identifying number should be attached to the container of groceries. The completed gift baskets should be delivered to Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, 6901 Panama Rd, Hickman on Saturday morning April 8<sup>th</sup> between 8:30 A.M. and Noon. Please take a family and write your name beside the one you take. The strip is to attach to your basket.

Liturgical Ministers							
		Mar 18-19	Mar 25-26	Apr 1-2	Apr 8-9		
Sat.	Reader	Ron Eisenbarth	Diana McCown	Amy Larkins	Ron Eisenbarth		
5:00 pm	Acolyte	(volunteer)	(volunteer)	Kurt Larkins	Randy Eickmeier		
	Server	(volunteers)	(volunteers)	(volunteers)	(volunteers)		
Sun.	Reader	Chris Hytrek	Jerry Lentfer	Joe Vinton	Michelle Milke		
8:00 am	Acolyte	Pat Milke	Tony Sullivan	Scott Osterhaus	Chris Hytrek		
	Server	Reid Hochstein	Mason Eickmeier	Sam Robinson	Andrew Oelke		
	Server B	Rylan Hochstein	Carson Eickmeier	Sawyer Robinson	Austin Oelke		
	Greeter						
Sun.	Reader	Larry Etmund	Ginger Jelinek	Shirley Yates	Karl Gramann		
10:30 am	Acolyte	Ron Boden	Ron Eisenbarth	Myron Heusinkvelt	Ron Boden		
	Server	Max Jacobson	Hayden Nielson	Brady Troxel	Max Jacobson		
	Server B	Mason Henn	Nolan Nielson	Sam Troxel	Mason Henn		
	Greeter						
	Collection	Jim Fuhrman /	Kassie Ebbers/	Julie Pfingsten /	Jeanne Egger /		
	Counters	Theron Troxel	Amy Argo	Laureen Ehmen	Grace Benes		

**SAVE THE DATES:** Totus Tuus 2023 will be at *St. James* from Sunday, June 25 thru Fri., June 30, 2023. Plan for your child, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade thru College Frosh, to attend to help them **develop** an intimate friendship with Jesus so He may lead them to the Father in the Holy Spirit. **NOTE** these

are the final dates..