

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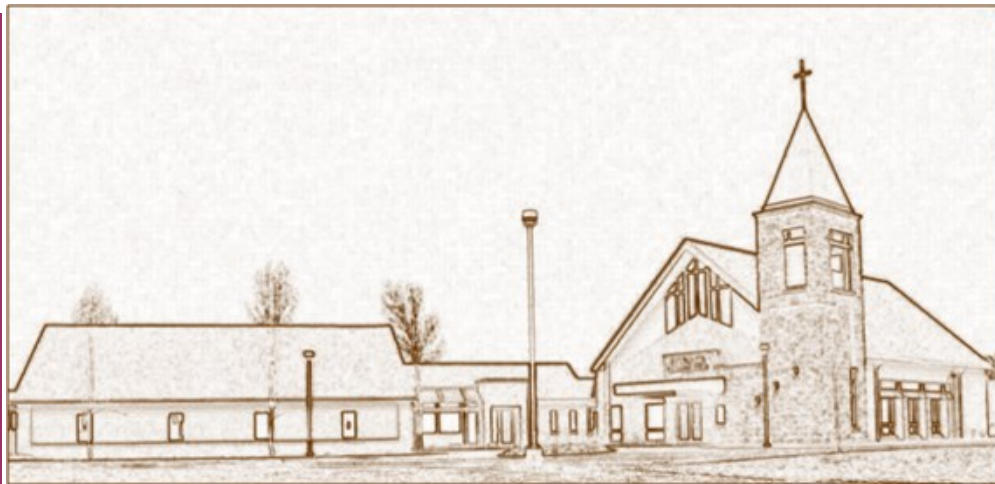
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Deadline for bulletin announcements/
 schedule requests: **Wednesday 12 pm (N)**
 to bulletinstjames@gmail.com.



Fifth Sunday of Lent — + — March 26, 2023

*I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;
 whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will never die.* — Jn 11:25a, 26

**Sunday Obligation
 Masses—
 Saturday 5:00 pm**

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

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.

**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.

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 [1984 Apostolic Exhortation Reconciliation and Penance](#). #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.

MASS INTENTIONS

SJ= St. James Church. **GCRC= Gold Crest Retirement Community-Adams**

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Sat. Mar 25 5:00 pm	SJ	Madisyn Junge+
Sun. Mar 26 8:00 am	SJ	Souls in Purgatory
10:30 am	SJ	For the People of St. James Parish
Mon. Mar 27 7:00 am	SJ	All Souls Day Intentions+
Tue. Mar 28 7:00 am	SJ	Joseph & Theoda Bernadt+
Wed. Mar 29 4:00 pm @ GCRC		Safe Planting
6:30 pm	SJ	Jason Yonkey+
Thu. Mar 30 7:00 am	SJ	Doris Wrede+
Fri. Mar 31 7:00 am	SJ	Janet Malovec+
Sat. Apr 1 8:00 am	SJ	For a Happy Death

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

Sat. Apr 1 5:00 pm	SJ	Martin Wagner+
Sun. Apr 2 8:00 am	SJ	For the People of St. James Parish
10:30 am	SJ	Ron & Mary Boden Family

MASS READINGS— Follow the Church's liturgical life. Read them before
 Mass to enter the liturgy more deeply. Try to join 1 or more weekday Masses.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT- Third Scrutiny of the Elect.
Ez 37: 12-14/ Ps 130: 1-2. 3-4. 5-6. 7-8/ Rom 8: 8-11/ Jn 11: 1-45

Lenten Weekday: Dn 13: 1-9. 15-17. 19-30. 33-62 or 13: 41c-62/
Ps 23: 1-3a. 3b-4. 5. 6/ Jn 8: 1-11

Lenten Weekday: Nm 21: 4-9/ Ps 102: 2-3. 16-18. 19-21/ Jn 8: 21-30

Lenten Weekday:
Dn 3: 14-20. 91-92. 95/ Dn 3: 52. 53. 54. 55. 56/ Jn 8: 31-42

Lenten Weekday: Gn 17: 3-9/ Ps 105: 4-5. 6-7. 8-9/ Jn 8: 51-59

Lenten Weekday: Day of abstinence from meat (age 14 & up).
Jer 20: 10-13/ Ps 18: 2-3a. 3bc-4. 5-6. 7/ Jn 10: 31-42

Lenten Weekday: *Ez 37: 21-28/ Jer 31: 10. 11-12abcd. 13/ Jn 11: 45-56*

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion
Procession: Mt 21: 1-11..
Mass: Is 50: 4-7/ Ps 22: 8-9. 17-18. 19-20, 23-24/
Phil 2:6-11/ Mt 26: 14 - 27: 66

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SEMINARIAN OF THE WEEK: William Nikolas Barger in College 2 at St. Gregory the Great Seminary.

CATHOLICS AT THE CAPITOL:

Our elected officials need to hear our voices! Plan to attend *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 \$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. Learn more & sign up at NECatholic.org.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER EXPERIENCE:

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

HAVE YOU BEEN LOOKING FOR A RETREAT TO REBOOT YOUR SPIRITUAL LIFE? *Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House*, Waverley has several retreats for you. Our upcoming retreats are **Mar. 27-30** or **April 3-6** (Holy Week) **4-Day Ignatian Directed Retreat with Matt Simmons or Fr. Coulter, Mar. 31-April 2 "Following the Lord Little by Little (Poco a Poco)"** with Fr. Innocent Montgomery, CFR and **April 6-8 "Holy Week for Young Women"** with the Marian Sisters. Read more & register at www.goodcounselretreat.org, email office@goodcounselretreat.org or call 402-786-2705.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL OF ST. JAMES-CORTLAND will pay for part of your Retreat Registration for any member of St. James Parish. Thank you to the Knights for supporting Retreats for adults and youths.

CAMP KATERI SUMMER CAMPS for Grades 3rd thru 12th *Tekakwitha Games, Catholic Adventure Camp, SKY & SKY TEENS & Volunteer Counselors*. REGISTRATIONS are open. See <https://campkateri.org/> for Grades & dates for each camp. Camping *with the Marians* info is at www.mariansisters.org/.

ATHLETES AND PERFORMERS! Use your summer to perfect your skills! Numerous **camp**s 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.

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.



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

ST JAMES PCCW MEETING MINUTES, MARCH 8, 2023

St James PCCW met March 8, 2023, with seven members present. The meeting was opened with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The minutes of the February meeting were read and approved. There was no correspondence. Grace Benes gave the treasurer's report in the absence of treasurer, Julie Pflingsten. Income was from the February bake sale and dues. The expenses included donations to the Heckman family, St James donation towards cleaning the candlesticks, TV Mass, dry cleaning of vestments and the PowerSurge meal.

PCCW dues have been slow to be paid. The \$10.00 dues is collected for deanery and diocesan obligations. St James PCCW is assessed for every lady of the parish. A reminder will be put in the Sunday bulletin.

The First Communion Retreat will be held Saturday, April 1st. PCCW will serve breakfast and lunch.

The scholarship breakfast will be April 16. Denise turned in donation requests to Sams, Walmart and Cosco.

First Communion will be held April 23, 2023. There are 18 students in the First Communion class.

Easter lily donation envelopes have been put on the table in the

vestibule. The donation request is \$10.00 and may be made in honor of a loved one.

The Norris Food Pantry at Shepherd of the hills has asked St James to participate in the Easter food baskets for families in need. We have been asked to provide 11 baskets. The list is on the table in the vestibule.

St James Circle is in charge of the March bake sale on Sunday, March 26, 2023.

Church cleaning to prepare the church for Easter will be Friday, March 31 and Saturday, April 1, 2023. Let's make it beautiful.

St James provides the meal for Matt Talbot on Thursday, March 30.

St James PCCW is the host for the Spring deanery meeting April 29th. We will provide breakfast for the attendees. St James is to provide a deanery historian for next year. Shirley Yates and Ginger Jelinek updated us on legislation that all Catholics should be concerned with. Shirley introduced a prayer to end human trafficking.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer.

The next meeting will be April 12, 2023.

Respectfully submitted: Grace Benes, Secretary

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Schedule for the Holy Week & the Sacred Triduum 2023 at St. James Catholic Parish- Cortland, NE

Palm Sunday, Saturday, April 1, 5:00 PM Mass w/ Solemn entry

Palm Sunday, April 2 8:00 AM Mass Procession from outside
10:30 AM Mass w/ Solemn entry

Holy Thursday, April 6 7:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper
Washing Feet, Procession to tabernacle of Repose.

Adoration after Mass until Midnight Everyone is welcome to spend an hour with Jesus.

Good Friday, April 7 3:00 pm: *Stations of the Cross*

7:00 pm: *Passion Liturgy*
w/ Veneration of the Cross, Solemn Petitions, & Communion consecrated on Holy Thursday.

Easter Vigil, (Holy Saturday), April 8, 8:30 PM Mass

Start w/ blessing of bonfire, decorating & lighting Paschal Candle, Procession into Church w/ candles, chanted *Exultet*, Vigil Readings, Gloria, *New Testament* Readings, Triple *Alleluia*, Blessing of the Easter Water & Font, (No Baptism, Confirmation or Profession of Faith) Renewal of Baptismal Promises. Sprinkling of people w/ Easter Holy Water. Solemn Blessing.

Easter Sunday, April 9, 8:00 AM Mass Renewal of Baptismal Promises. Sprinkling of people w/ Easter Holy Water. Solemn Blessing.

10:30 AM Mass Renewal of Baptismal Promises. Sprinkling of people w/ Easter Holy Water. Solemn Blessing.

Confession Times in Preparation for Easter: *Come to the Mercy of the Lord!*

Saturday & Sunday, March 25-26: 30 minutes before and after each Mass.

Sunday, March 25: 3:00 pm Penance Service with Visiting Priest Fr. Barnhill.

Monday, March 27, thru Saturday, April 1: Confessions 20 minutes before each Mass.

Holy Week Confessions: 30 minutes before & after each Mass on the weekend and the Weekdays.

Tuesday through Friday from 6:00pm to 6:30pm

Holy Saturday, April 1: 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm

On page after page, the *Diary of St. Faustina* proclaims the message of God's merciful love as the very heart of the Gospel. It was not a new teaching, of course: just a new expression and a clear focus on the very center of the Catholic Faith: the loving kindness and compassion of God. In private revelations recorded in her diary, Jesus had spoken to her words such as these (entries 1074, 699, 1485, 1578):

I am love and mercy itself. ... Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. ... My mercy is greater than your sins, and those of the entire world. ... I let My Sacred Heart be pierced with a lance, thus opening wide the source of mercy for you. Come then with trust to draw graces from this fountain. ... The graces of My mercy are drawn by the means of one vessel only, and that is trust. The more a soul trusts, the more it will receive. <https://www.thedivinemercy.org/articles/message-mercy-diary-st-faustina>

LENTEN REGULATIONS FOR THE LINCOLN DIOCESE:

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

ALL FRIDAYS IN LENT are days of abstinence.

FASTING means eating 1 full meal with two smaller meals, which together 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.**

Sickness, hard manual labor, pregnancy, etc., 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.

PARISH WEEKLY ACTIVITIES:						Stewardship of Treasure	
Every Sunday			Between Masses	<i>Exposition Adoration- Simple Reposition</i>	Church	<i>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).</i>	
Sunday	Mar	26	After both Masses	PCCW Bakesale	Parish Hall		
Monday	Mar	27	7:00 pm	Lenten Adult Faith Enrichment Class	Parish Hall	Parish Offering 3/19/23	
Friday	Mar	31	8:00 pm	AA	Parish Hall	Envelopes	\$1,158.00
Saturday	Apr	1	6:30 am	<i>That Man Is You</i>	Parish Hall	Plate	\$727.50
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.						Children's	\$2.00
						Combined Collection	\$405.00
						Total Deposit	\$2,292.50

AROUND OUR PARISH

ACOLYTE & SERVER SIGN-UP FOR HOLY WEEK: Please see the sign-up sheet in the back of church and sign up for a Holy Week Mass that works for you to help. Thank you in advance for your commitment. Lectors received an email sign-up.

MAKE PLANS FOR THE SACRED TRIDUUM. 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. See the schedule inside the bulletin. Let the lord touch your heart & give you new life in the celebration of these mysteries. Come, let us go with Him.

MAKE SURE TO GO TO CONFESSION IN PREPARATION FOR EASTER. See the added Confession times for the next 2 weeks listed in this bulletin.

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, March 30th**. 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.

CHURCH CLEANING BY THE PCCW WILL BE FRIDAY, 3/31 & SATURDAY, 4/1. Thank you.

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.

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.

SAINT JAMES KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS now available on the bulletin board in the church vestibule. 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**.

PCCW SCHOLARSHIP BREAKFAST: after both Masses on Sunday, **April 16th**. **Help needed in donation** of meal products AND also of kitchen/serving help. Encourage **High School Youth** to serve the breakfast. **Sign-up** sheets in the back of the church.

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 & paschal 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. Contact Grace Benes with questions. **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 8th** 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 25-26	Apr 1-2	Apr 8-9	Apr 15-16
Sat. 5:00 pm	Reader	Diana McCown	Amy Larkins	Ron Eisenbarth	Diana McCown
	Acolyte	(volunteer)	Kurt Larkins	Randy Eickmeier	(volunteer)
	Server	(volunteers)	(volunteers)	(volunteers)	(volunteers)
Sun. 8:00 am	Reader	Jerry Lentfer	Joe Vinton	Michelle Milke	Chris Hytrek
	Acolyte	Tony Sullivan	Scott Osterhaus	Chris Hytrek	Pat Milke
	Server	Mason Eickmeier	Sam Robinson	Andrew Oelke	Simon Robinson
	Server B	Carson Eickmeier	Sawyer Robinson	Austin Oelke	Carter Stieb
Sun. 10:30 am	Greeter				
	Reader	Ginger Jelinek	Shirley Yates	Karl Gramann	Larry Etmund
	Acolyte	Ron Eisenbarth	Myron Heusinkvelt	Ron Boden	Ron Eisenbarth
	Server	Hayden Nielson	Brady Troxel	Max Jacobson	Hayden Nielson
	Server B	Nolan Nielson	Sam Troxel	Mason Henn	Nolan Nielson
	Greeter				
	Collection Counters	Kassie Ebbers/ Amy Argo	Julie Pfingsten / Lauren Ehmen	Jeanne Egger / Grace Benes	Jim Fuhrman / Theron Troxel

SAVE THE DATES:
TOTUS TUUS 2023 will be at *St. James* from **Sunday, June 25 thru Fri., June 30, 2023.** Plan for your child, 1st 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..**

