

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.
Sunday: 9:15 am- Exposition.
9:15 am to 10:15 am- Adoration.
10:10 am- Simple Reposition.



Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time - June 25, 2023

*Everyone who acknowledges me before others
 I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father.
 Repent & believe in the Gospel. -Matthew 10:32*

**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.

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

MASS INTENTIONS

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

MASS READINGS- Follow the Church's liturgical life. Read the scriptures before Mass. Try to join 1 or more weekday Masses.

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sat.	Jun 24	5:00 pm	SJ	Needed Moisture
Sun.	Jun 25	8:00 am	SJ	For the People of St. James Parish
		10:30 am	SJ	Janet Malovec+
Mon.	Jun 26	11:30 am TT Sched.	SJ	All Souls Day Intentions+
Tue.	Jun 27	11:30 am TT Sched.	SJ	Weitzel & Davis Families
Wed.	Jun 28	11:30 am TT Sched.	SJ	<i>Totus Tuus</i>
		4:00 pm	GCRC	Souls in Purgatory
Thu.	Jun 29	11:30 am Totus Tuus Schedule	SJ	All Souls Day Intentions+
Fri.	Jun 30	11:30 am TT Sched.	SJ	Nathan Milke +
Sat.	Jul 1	8:00 am	SJ	Andrew Hytrek +

Jun 25: TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME- Jer 20: 10-13/ Ps 69: 8-10. 14. 17. 33-35 (14c)/ Rom 5: 12-15/ Mt 10: 26-33
Jun 26 : Ordinary Weekday- Gn 12: 1-9/ Ps 33: 12-13. 18-19. 20 & 22/ Mt 7: 1-5
Jun 27 Tue: Ordinary Weekday/ Cyril of Alexandria, bp, dr Gn 13: 2. 5-18/ Ps 15: 2-3a. 3bc-4ab. 5/ Mt 7: 6. 12-14
Jun 28 Wed: Irenaeus, bp, mt M- Gn 15: 1-12. 17-18/ Ps 105: 1-2. 3-4. 6-7. 8-9/ Mt 7: 15-20
Jun 29 Thu: PETER & PAUL, APS S- Vigil: Acts 3: 1-10/ Ps 19: 2-3. 4-5/ Gal 1: 11-20/ Jn 21: 15-19. Day: Acts 12: 1-11/ Ps 34: 2-3. 4-5. 6-7. 8-9/ 2 Tm 4: 6-8. 17-18/ Mt 16: 13-19
Jun 30 Fri: Ordinary Weekday/ First Martyrs of the Church of Rome Gn 17: 1. 9-10. 15-22/ Ps 128: 1-2. 3. 4-5/ Mt 8: 1-4
Jul 1 Sat: Ordinary Weekday/ BVM/ Junipero Serra, p, r, ms Gn 18: 1-15/ Lk 1: 46-47. 48-49. 50 & 53. 54-55/ Mt 8: 5-17

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sat.	Jul 1	5:00 pm	SJ	F.O.C.U.S. Missionaries
Sun.	Jul 2	8:00 am	SJ	James Beeson+
		10:30 am	SJ	For the People of St. James Parish

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 Mt 10: 26-33

TOTUS TUUS 2023 will be at *St. James* from **Sun., June 25 thru Fri., June 30, 2023.**

INVITE YOUR FRIENDS! We have room for more students. **REGISTER NOW!**

Plan for your child, 1st Grade thru College Frosh, to attend to help them develop an intimate friendship w/ Jesus so He may lead them to the Father in the Holy Spirit. Be an Adult or High School Volunteers during the day. Registration is via a form on **St. James' Parish facebook page** or our parish website calendar. **Daily Masses @ 11:30 am. All are welcome at the Masses.**

See back page of bulletin for more info.



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

F.O.C.U.S. (FELLOWSHIP OF CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY STUDENTS) is on many of the college campuses our students attend. A new F.O.C.U.S. missionary, **Taylor Hickey**, who grew up in one of my former parishes, St. John Catholic Parish– Smithfield, has benefited at UNL from F.O.C.U.S. & has discerned a call to become a missionary. She will speak at our Masses next weekend. A letter from her:

Dearly Beloved Parishioners,

My name is Taylor Hickey, and I will be serving as a Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS) Missionary next year at The Ohio State University! I am so excited for what the Lord has in store and the lives that He wants to change on campus. I will share with you the mission and the vision of FOCUS as well! I cannot do this mission alone! I would love to have you join me on mission! I am excited to share my story with you and explain how you can join me! I will be speaking after Mass at the Parish on July 1st and 2nd! I hope to speak with you soon!

Love you to Heaven, Taylor Hickey

THANK YOU to all who participated in one of the *Nebraska Eucharistic Encounters* this week. Let us live as Eucharistic people– w/ **thanksgiving...in gratitude.**

THE DIOCESAN NIOBRARA CANOE TRIPS down the Niobrara River began in 1995 under the direction of Fr. Ronald Homes. The canoe trips are open to **high school youth (sophomores, juniors, seniors) and college students.** Adults are also invited along as sponsors/drivers. **Locations for carpooling** from different areas of the diocese will be provided closer to departure. **THERE IS NO BUS TRANSPORTATION FOR THIS EVENT.** Parents will need to provide transportation to the campsite or join a carpool.

This **3-day outdoor adventure** includes **daily Mass, confessions, talks, private reflection time, & other opportunities for youth to grow in their relationship w/ Christ.** A Campfire, skits and rosary fill the evening hours.

Student Cost: \$100, Chaperone/driver cost: \$50. Canoe Trip #1 - **July 9 – 11, 2023**; Canoe Trip #2 - **July 11 – 13, 2023** To register, go to <https://www.lincolndioocese.org/camps/diocesan-canoe-trip>

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE PRIESTS AND PEOPLE involved in the new clergy assignments starting June 19.

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

PLANNING YOUR SUMMER / FALL SCHEDULE?

Check out **GOOD COUNSEL RETREAT HOUSE'S NEW SUMMER / FALL RETREAT SCHEDULE** online at www.goodcounselretreat.org.

Upcoming retreats are

- **June 21-25, 25-29, or 21-29: 4-Day or 8-Day Ignatian Retreat** w/ Fr. Barak, Fr. Coulter & Fr. Rolling.
 - **July 29: Day for Dads** Saturday afternoon]
 - **June 30-July 2: Women's TLM Spiritual Exercises** w/ Fr. Jeffery Jambon, L.C.
 - **July 7-9: Men's TLM Spiritual Exercises** w/ Fr. J. Jambon, L.C.
- Info & register at www.goodcounselretreat.org, call 402-786-2705, or email office@goodcounselretreat.org.

The **CATHOLIC ARTIST GUILD** welcomes all artists in the *Lincoln Diocese* to join us every 3rd Monday of the month in the Bride Room at St. Joseph Church- Lincoln. Meetings begin at **8 p.m.** 2023 dates remaining 7/17, 8/21, 9/18, 10/16, 11/20, & possibly 12/18. Info- email cagoflincoln@gmail.com or call Meghan S. at 402-657-8199.

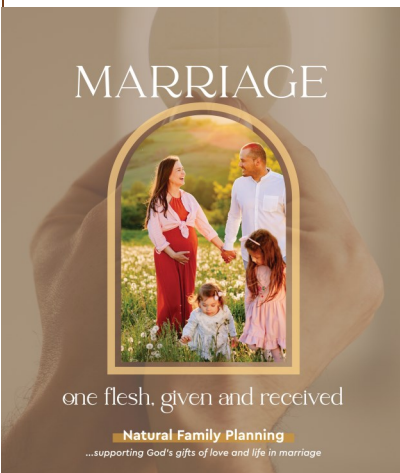
Social Media Coordinator Position- The *Diocese of Lincoln* has an opening for a social media coordinator. You will produce & coordinate video, audio, still photography & written content for our communication platforms. You will help create internal & external, long & short-form media projects. Being proficient w/ videography & video editing, & being an effective writer & storyteller are all important. The successful candidate will be organized & detail-oriented, & also have knowledge of social media & web analytical tools to evaluate the work we are doing. From managing our social media channels including Instagram, Facebook, Twitter & YouTube, to generating content for posts & videos & working on podcasts, we are in search of a creative team player w/ a positive attitude committed to helping us spread the Good News of the Gospel. See the **full job description** at lincolndioocese.org/dioocese/employment. If interested, send a cover letter, resume, a completed diocesan application & samples of your work to Marsha-Bartek@lincolndioocese.org or Marsha Bartek, Dir. of Human Resources, Catholic Dioc. of Linc., 3400 Sheridan Blvd., Lincoln, NE 68506.

The **Peter's Pence (Collection for the Holy Father)** enables the Holy Father to respond w/ emergency financial assistance to requests to aid the neediest throughout the world—those who suffer as a result of war, oppression, & natural disasters. It likewise provides the faithful w/ a tangible opportunity to not only empower the weak, defenseless, & voiceless, but also sustain those who suffer. **Collection will be July 1-2.**

Jesus, I trust in You!

Natural Family Planning Awareness Week: July 23-29, 2023

The dates of *Natural Family Planning Awareness Week* highlight the anniversary of the papal encyclical *Humanae Vitae* (July 25, 1968) which articulates Catholic beliefs about human sexuality, conjugal love, & responsible parenthood. The dates also mark the feast of **Saints Joachim & Anne** (7/26), parents of the Blessed Mother. Pope Francis has designated that feast as **World Grandparents Day**, a fitting commemoration during *Nat'l. NFP Awareness Week!*



Local information for Lincoln Diocese **Fertility Awareness (NFP)** <https://www.lincolndioocese.org/nfp/home>. For further information, contact nfp@usccb.org. Addl. NFP Resources: www.nfpoutreach.org/questions.

The Catholic Church teaches that...

marriage is an original gift from God to humanity.

Although sin entered the world damaging the marital relationship, this

gift was not lost but **redeemed by Christ and raised to a sacrament** (see Eph 5: 28-32; see also Mt 19: 4-6).

Sacred Scripture proclaims that God created humanity in "His image" as "male and female" (see Gn 1: 27).

So unique is this relationship that the marital union makes of husband and wife "**one flesh**" (Gn 2: 24).

Procreation, Scripture teaches, is a gift from God (Gn 1: 28). **When spouses conceive new life, they participate in the Lord God's creative power.**

This is an **awesome privilege and sacred responsibility!**

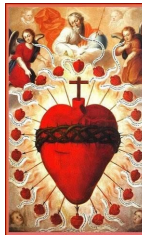




RELIGIOUS
FREEDOM
WEEK

Embracing the Divine Gift of Freedom: *Religious Freedom Week 2023* is **June 22 through June 29**. Religious freedom allows the Church, and all religious communities, to live **out their faith in public** and to **serve the good of all**. Beginning w/

the feast of **Sts. Thomas More and John Fisher**, the USCCB invites Catholics to pray, reflect, & act to promote religious freedom. Resources at: www.usccb.org/ReligiousFreedomWeek



JUNE
Month of the
Sacred Heart

DECLINE TO SIGN: Recently passed LB753, the *Opportunity Scholarships Act*, helps to insure that our state's most vulnerable & financially challenged students have educational choices other than government schools. It has great potential to help students from St. James Parish who wish to have educational choice. However, within hours of the signing of that bill by the Governor, the powerful government school teacher's union, the *NSEA*, began a petition effort to repeal the law by referendum. The *NSEA* claims that the *Opportunity Scholarship Act* will "hurt" government schools, which is false. **Studies show that "school choice programs improve academic outcomes for not only the program participants, but also the students in public schools; save taxpayers money; & reduce racial segregation."** Arguments against school choice have consistently been rooted in falsehood, deliberate misinformation or an attempt to smear non-public schools, such as Catholic schools. For more information, see the column by Tom Venzor, JD, Executive Director of the Nebraska Catholic Conference, in the June 23, 2023 edition of the *Southern Nebraska Register*. If asked to sign the *NSEA* petition, I pray that you will kindly, & politely, **DECLINE TO SIGN**.



SAVE the DATE

60th Anniversary Events

OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL RETREAT HOUSE IS CELEBRATING 60 YEARS WITH A VARIETY OF GREAT EVENTS!

Learn about them all at <https://goodcounselretreat.org/60years/>.

MATT MAHER OUTDOOR 60TH ANNIVERSARY CONCERT

Join on the beautiful, green lawns of *Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House* for a live concert with top Catholic music artist *Matt Maher*.

When: Sunday, August 13, at 7:00pm

Where: 7303 N. 112th St. Waverly, NE 69462

Tickets can be purchased in **Omaha** at *Spirit Catholic Radio, Gloria Deo, and Cosgrave's*; in **Lincoln** at *Good Counsel Retreat House* (8:30am-4:30pm Mon-Thurs) and *Gloria Deo*; or **online** by scanning the QR Code



OUTDOOR HOLY DAY MASS WITH BISHOP CONLEY

The *Catholic Center* invites you to our outdoor Mass with Bp. Conley on the *Feast of the Assumption of Mary*

When: Tuesday August 15, at 7:30pm

GALA DINNER- You are invited to the *Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House Gala Dinner at Hillcrest Country Club*. Featured speakers Bishop James Conley & Fr. Wade Menezes, CPM

When: Friday, September 29, from 5:30-9:00PM

Where: Hillcrest Country Club: 9401 E O St, Lincoln, NE 68520

LIVE NATIVITY, ST. NICHOLAS BLESSING, & MARIAN CAROLING AT THE CATHOLIC CENTER- Stay in your car or walk around – singing, snacks, and sites.

When: Saturday, December 9, from 5:00-7:00pm

Prayer for Rain

Almighty God, / we are in need of rain. We realize now, / looking up into the clear, blue sky, / what a marvel even the least drop of rain really is. To think that so much water can fall out of the sky, / which now is empty & clear!

We place our trust in You. / We are sure that You know our needs. / But You want us to ask You anyway, / to show You that we know we are dependent on You. Look on our dry hills & fields, dear God, / and bless them with the living blessing of soft rain. Then the land will rejoice, / & the rivers will sing Your praises, / & the hearts of men will be made glad. Amen.

Mary, Mother of God. Pray for us, especially our children & youths!

INTERESTED IN GOING TO MEXICO CITY. MEXICO TO WORK WITH HOPE OF THE

POOR? Unable to join the diocesan trips in October? **Consider joining Fr. Corey Harrison on a mission trip/pilgrimage from July 13-17.** We are looking for a few more people to join us. Scott Watts - a missionary with *Hope of the Poor* - will be our pilgrimage/mission trip leader. Cost will be \$750 plus flight. Flights will be in the \$600-700 dollar range. For more info or to join, call Fr. H. at 402-756-6251 or email at fr.corey-harrison@cdolinc.net

DATE NIGHT - Summer time - **at the winery!** The *Family Life Office* invites you to a date night out on **July 20th**, from 7-9 pm at **Capitol View Winery** (2361 Wittstruck Rd, Roca, NE). The topic is "Marriage on Mission" w/ Max & Molly Chapman. Talk & appetizers are free w/ opportunity to buy wine on site.

Info/register- <https://lincolndiocese.regfox.com/datenightjuly>



**23rd Annual MCFC
August 4-6, 2023**

Century II Convention Center, Wichita, Kansas
Doors open at 4 pm on Friday, August 4th & programs & events will go through the weekend, ending with Mass on Sunday at 11 AM. There will be opportunities to hear outstanding speakers as well as participate in Mass, Confession, Eucharistic Adoration and children's programming.

Visit catholicfamilyconference.org for more information and to register!



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Go to www.formed.org. Click "Sign Up" > "Sign up as a parishioner" > search by "Cortland" > provide remaining personal info to complete your account set up. Our parish subscribes so it is **free to you.**

PARISH WEEKLY ACTIVITIES:					
Every Sunday			Between Masses	<i>Exposition Adoration- Simple Reposition</i>	Church
Sun-Fri	June	25-30		<i>Totus Tuus</i>	Parish Hall/ Church
Friday	June	30	8:00 pm	<i>AA - Hall Reserved</i>	Parish Hall
Saturday	July	1	6:30 am	<i>That Man Is You</i>	Parish Hall
Stewardship of Time: We are grateful to God for the gift of time, & 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	
<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>	
Parish Offering 6/25/23	
Adult Envelopes	\$908.00
Plate	\$120.00
Children Envelopes	\$3.00
Total Deposit	\$1,031.00

AROUND OUR PARISH

THE FIREWORKS STAND at *Vinton Auto* on the north end of Cortland is a major benefit for our *Knights of Columbus*, our *PCCW* & our *Parish* which these 2 organizations support in many ways. So much work has been done. **Sales start 6/25. See curbsidefireworks.com for inventory pricing & to make a shopping list.** Workers (paid & volunteer) will help re-stock the tables, check out at the registers, & then the **tear down** the evening of July 4. **Thank you** ahead of time for your much needed

volunteering. **Sign up in the church entryway or on sign up genius.** For questions, call Joe: 402.830.8338, Brad: 402.943.8422 or Ed: 402.525.2345.

Father's, this day retreat is for you! Join *Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House* on **Saturday, July 29th, from 1:30-6:30pm** for "Day for Dad's" with Fr. Eric Clark & Jeremy Ekeler. Read more and register at www.goodcounselretreat.org, email office@goodcounselretreat.org or call 402-786-2705.

TOTUS TUUS TEAM of Tom R, Levi B. Reagan B. & Elizabeth S., will be here **June 24 thru June 30.**

The Summer Faith program is an essential part of our Religious Education program in our parish & across the diocese.

Registration is via a google form you can find on **St. James' Parish facebook page** & on our **parish website calendar.**

Day Program for students **entering 1st - 8th grade** meets **Monday, 6/26, thru Friday, 6/30, 9am-3pm.** Please **pack lunch each day.** Please send 2 dozen individually wrapped **cookies** (nut-free) on Monday. **Volunteers** are encouraged to help during the day.

Evening Program for **students entering 9th grade to recent High School graduates** meets **6:30-8:30 pm** from **Sunday, 6/25, thru Thursday 6/29.** This year each evening at **6:30 pm** a **meal** will be served to the **High School Students & the Team** at the Parish Hall. Thank you to the volunteers providing the meals.

The **cost is \$25 per child** or a **maximum family rate of \$75** if you have 3 or more children attending camp. **Scholarships** are available. If you have any **questions** feel free to email: renaemitchell3@gmail.com or call: 402-419-4491.

Thank you in advance for everyone's help! *N.B. There will **not** be a parish potluck on Wednesday as in the past.*

The **Sanctuary lamp stand refinishing cost of \$545 has been donated!** **Thank you.** The **Paschal Candle Stand** will be a similar cost.. The **TABERNACLE** needs refinished on the outside. That will cost well over \$1,000. An estimate is hard without the refinishers seeing it in person. A great project during this time of *Eucharistic Renewal.* If you are interested in donating to this project please talk to Fr. Lux.

MATT TALBOT KITCHEN: There is a **signup sheet** for the Matt Talbot Kitchen in the back of church. Our parish will **serve supper on Thursday, June 29th.** We are in need of people to donate **different food items & to help serve.** Please make sure to **have the items in the parish hall kitchen by noon that Thursday.** Please contact Kassie Ebbers with any questions, all of her info is on the bottom of the signup sheet.



ST. JAMES MOWING SCHEDULE- Many hands make light work! Find the link on the **St. James Facebook page** OR go to: www.signupgenius.com/findasignup & enter the following: jeremyjelinek@yahoo.com & click the **search** button. The **St. James signup** should appear.



Select the **dates & times** you are able to help mow the grounds throughout the summer months & beginning of fall. There are still **several spots to be filled** throughout the summer months. The parish has **2 mowers** which makes the job go more quickly. **Thank you in advance for your help!**

Liturgical Ministers

		June 24-25	July 1-2	July 8-9	July 15-16	July 22-23
Sat. 5:00 pm	Reader	Amy Larkins	Ron Eisenbarth	Diana McCown	Amy Larkins	TBA
	Acolyte	Kurt Larkins	Randy Eickmeier	Randy Eickmeier	Kurt Larkins	
	Server	<i>(volunteers)</i>	<i>(volunteers)</i>	<i>(volunteers)</i>	<i>(volunteers)</i>	
Sun. 8:00 am	Reader	Joe Vinton	Michelle Milke	Joe Vinton	Michelle Milke	
	Acolyte	Scott Osterhaus	Chris Hytrek	Scott Osterhaus	Chris Hytrek	
	Server	Simon Robinson	Reid Hochstein	Reid Hochstein	Mason Eickmeier	
	Server B	Carter Stieb	Rylan Hochstein	Rylan Hochstein	Carson Eickmeier	
	Greeter					
Sun. 10:30 am	Reader	Shirley Yates	Karl Gramann	Larry Etmund	Ginger Jelinek	
	Acolyte	Myron Heusinkvelt	Ron Boden	Ron Eisenbarth	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	Kassie Ebbers/ Amy Argo	Julie Pfingsten / Laureen Ehmen	