

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

Church Street Address: 500 W 1st St.
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 Facebook: [St James Catholic Church of Cortland](https://www.facebook.com/StJamesCatholicChurchofCortland)

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

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



Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - July 2, 2023

*You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation;
 announce the praises of him who called you
 out of darkness into his wonderful light. 1 Pt 2:9*

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 duffel 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.

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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| 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 |

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: 2 Kgs 4: 8-11. 14-16a/
 Ps 89: 2-3. 16-17. 18-19 (2a)/ Rom 6: 3-4. 8-11/ Mt 10: 37-42

Mon. Jul 3 **Out of Parish** SJ Raymond A & Frances D. Hottovy+

Thomas, ap F: Eph 2: 19-22/ Ps 117: 1bc. 2/ Jn 20: 24-29

Tue. Jul 4 **Out of Parish** SJ All Souls Day Intentions +

Ordinary Weekday/ Independence Day: Gn 19: 15-29/
 Ps 26: 2-3. 9-10. 11-12/ Mt 8: 23-27

Wed. Jul 5 4:00 pm GCRC *Respect Life*
 6:30 pm SJ July Birthdays in Parish

Ordinary Wkdy/ Elizabeth of Portugal, mw/ Anthony Mary Zaccaria,
 p, rf: Gn 21: 5. 8-20a/ Ps 34: 7-8. 10-11. 12-13/ Mt 8: 28-34

Thu. Jul 6 7:00 am SJ All Souls Day Intentions +

Ordinary Weekday/ Maria Goretti, v, mt: Gn 22: 1b-19/
 Ps 115: 1-2. 3-4. 5-6. 8-9/ Mt 9: 1-8

Fri. Jul 7 7:00 am SJ All Souls Day Intentions +

Ordinary Weekday: Gn 23: 1-4. 19; 24: 1-8. 62-67/ Mt 9: 9-13

Sat. Jul 8 8:00 am SJ Phil & Rita+ Baumel

Ordinary Weekday/ BVM: Gn 27: 1-5. 15-29/ Ps 135: 1b-2. 3-4. 5-6/
 Mt 9: 14-17

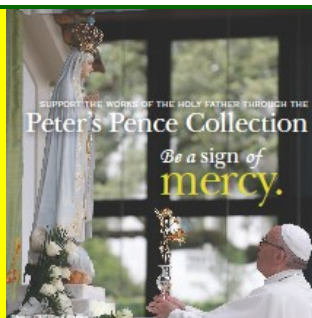
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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|------|-------|----------|----|------------------------------------|
| Sat. | Jul 8 | 5:00 pm | SJ | Fr. Philip Rauth + |
| Sun. | Jul 9 | 8:00 am | SJ | For the People of St. James Parish |
| | | 10:30 am | SJ | All Souls Day Intentions + |

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:

Zec 9: 9-10/ Ps 145: 1-2. 8-9. 10-11. 13-14/ Rom 8: 9. 11-13/
 Mt 11: 25-30

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.**
Use the envelope in your packet or mark an envelope "Peter's Pence". Thank you.



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

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>

JULY IS THE MONTH OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF JESUS.

Constant Prayer of St. Catherine of Siena to the Precious Blood of Jesus

Precious Blood,
ocean of divine mercy:

Flow upon us!

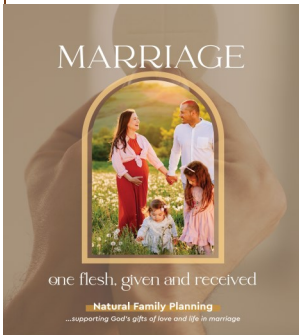
Precious Blood,
most pure offering:
Procure us every grace!

Precious Blood,
hope and refuge of sinners:

Atonement for us!

Precious Blood,
delight of holy souls:
Draw us! Amen.

**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@uscgb.org.

Addl. NFP Resources: www.nfpoutreach.org/questions.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 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

- **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/diocese/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.

All are invited to join the diocesan pilgrimages to Mexico City. **ONLY THE OCT. 12-17 PILGRIMAGE IS STILL TAKING REGISTRATIONS**, so the time is now if you'd like to go! The \$1700 cost includes flight from Omaha, food, lodging and mission experience with Hope of the Poor. To register, go to <https://lincolndioocese.regfox.com/2023-lincoln-diocesan-pilgrimage-to-mexico-city>. For more information, call 402-473-0631.

Mary, Mother of God, Draw Us to the Precious Blood of Jesus

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.



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.

Jesus, I trust in You!

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>

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.**



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:

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| Every Sunday | | | Between Masses | <i>Exposition Adoration- Simple Reposition</i> | Church |
| Friday | July | 7 | 8:00 pm | AA - Hall Reserved | Parish Hall |
| Saturday | July | 8 | 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.

AROUND OUR PARISH

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.

LOTS OF HELP IS NEEDED TO TEAR DOWN THE EVENING OF JULY 4. Thank you ahead of time for your much needed volunteering. **Sign up on sign up genius.** For questions call Joe: 402.830.8338, Brad: 402.943.8422 or Ed: 402.525.2345.

THANK YOU to all who have helped set up & with sales hours. So much work has been done.

See curbsidefireworks.com for inventory pricing & to make a shopping list. Workers (paid & volunteer) are still needed to help re-stock the tables & check out at the registers.

St. James the Greater- 1st Apostle martyred. Pray for us! (Acts 12:2)

The **Sanctuary lamp stand refinishing is completed & it is awaiting pickup in Omaha!** The **Paschal Candle Stand** will be a similar cost of \$545.

We have received an **anonymous donation of \$2,000** towards the **TABERNACLE** refinishing. **THANK YOU** to the donor & may God bless them & the person in whose memory the donation is made.

The **estimate** to refinish in 2-tone bright & satin just came in- **\$3,800-\$4,000**. My guess was low. 30 years ago was the last time I had one refinished for \$1,000. Current time for completion is 20-25 weeks. It takes time but Koley's is backed up with jobs to do.

A set of **ALTAR BELLS** have been purchased for \$465. If you are interested in donating to these items or those already refinished or purchased for the sanctuary (\$1,005) talk to Fr. Lux. Thank you!

A great Eucharistic Renewal project- beautify God's House.

ST. JAMES MOWING SCHEDULE

All slots are still open starting the week of July 19 to the end of the mowing season.

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 parish has **2 mowers** which makes the job go more quickly.

Thank you to all who have helped so far and to all who will consider helping.



Cortland

American Legion & Auxiliary

Summertime

Hamburger Feed In The Park.

Sunday, July 9, 2023.

Serving: 11 AM - 1PM

Meal includes: hamburger or hot dog, potato salad, baked beans, cook- ie. Ice tea, lemonade, bottled water.

FREE WILL OFFERING.

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 6/25/23

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| Adult Envelopes | \$475.00 |
| Plate | \$168.00 |
| Peter's Pence | \$6,503.00 |
| Building Fund | \$20.00 |
| Donation | \$2,000.00 |
| June Mass Stipends | \$80.00 |
| June Faith Direct | \$7,741.25 |
| Total Deposit | \$16,987.25 |



CHARITY & STEWARDSHIP APPEAL
2023

Thank you to all who have helped St. James Parish meet and exceed our parish goal for the annual diocesan appeal that supports many ministries of our diocese across southern Nebraska. May God bless you.

Parish Summary for the 2023 CSA as of 5/30/23:

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| Parish Goal | \$12,390.00 |
| Rebate (b/c we support Catholic school) | (\$9,910.00) |
| Adjusted Parish Goal | \$2,480.00 |
| Families Participating | 187 |
| No. of Pledges | 52 |
| Total Pledged | \$18,790.00 |
| Average Pledge Amount | \$361.35 |
| Total Refund to Parish Anticipated | \$16,310.00 |

Liturgical Ministers

| | | July 1-2 | July 8-9 | July 15-16 | July 22-23 | July 29-30 |
|----------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Sat. 5:00 pm | Reader | Ron Eisenbarth | Diana McCown | Amy Larkins | Ron Eisenbarth | Diana McCown |
| | Acolyte | Randy Eickmeier | Randy Eickmeier | Kurt Larkins | (volunteer) | Randy Eickmeier |
| | Server | (volunteers) | (volunteers) | (volunteers) | (volunteers) | (volunteers) |
| Sun. 8:00 am | Reader | Michelle Milke | Chris Hytrek | Jerry Lentfer | Joe Vinton | Michelle Milke |
| | Acolyte | Chris Hytrek | Pat Milke | Tony Sullivan | Scott Osterhaus | Chris Hytrek |
| | Server | Reid Hochstein | Mason Eickmeier | Sam Robinson | Andrew Oelke | Simon Robinson |
| | Server B | Rylan Hochstein | Carson Eickmeier | Sawyer Robinson | Austin Oelke | Carter Stieb |
| | Greeter | | | | | |
| Sun. 10:30 am | Reader | Karl Gramann | Larry Etmund | Ginger Jelinek | Shirley Yates | Karl Gramann |
| | Acolyte | Ron Boden | Ron Eisenbarth | Myron Heusinkvelt | Ron Boden | Ron Eisenbarth |
| | Server | Max Jacobson | Hayden Nielson | Brady Troxel | Max Jacobson | Hayden Nielson |
| | Server B | Mason Henn | Nolan Nielson | Ty Troxel | Mason Henn | Nolan Nielson |
| | Greeter | | | | | |
| | Collection Counters | Jeanne Egger / Grace Benes | Kassie Ebberts / Amy Argo | Julie Pflingsten / Lauren Ehmen | Jeanne Egger / Grace Benes | Jim Fuhrman / Theron Troxel |