

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.



Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - July 9, 2023

*Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
 you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.*
 Cf. Mt 11:25

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

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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 +

Mon.	Jul 10	Out of Parish		Eugene Ryan +
Tue.	Jul 11	Out of Parish		Laverne Kozisek +
Wed.	Jul 12	Out of Parish		Laverne Kozisek +
Thu.	Jul 13	Out of Parish		Laverne Kozisek +
Fri.	Jul 14	Out of Parish		Pat Hibberd +
Sat.	Jul 15	8:00 am	SJ	All Souls Day Intentions +

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sat.	Jul 15	5:00 pm	SJ	Anita Svoboda +
Sun.	Jul 16	8:00 am	SJ	Souls in Purgatory +
		10:30 am	SJ	For the People of St. James Parish

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

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

Ordinary Wkdy.- Gn 28: 10-22a/ Ps 91: 1-2. 3-4. 14-15ab/ Mt 9: 18-26

Benedict, ab, rf M- Gn 32: 23-33/ Ps 17: 1b. 2-3. 6-7ab. 8b & 15/ Mt 9: 32-38

Ord. Wkdy.- Gn 41: 55-57; 42: 5-7a. 17-24a/ Ps 33: 2-3. 10-11. 18-19/ Mt 10: 1-7

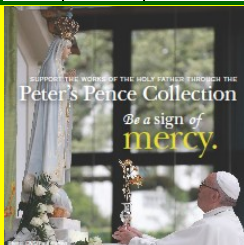
Ordinary Weekday/ Henry, mm- Gn 44: 18-21. 23b-29; 45: 1-5/
 Ps 105: 16-17. 18-19. 20-21/ Mt 10: 7-15

Kateri Tekakwitha, v M- Gn 46: 1-7. 28-30/ Ps 37: 3-4. 18-19. 27-28. 39-40/
 Mt 10: 16-23

Bonaventure, bp, r, dr M- Gn 49: 29-32; 50: 15-26a/ Ps 105: 1-2. 3-4. 6-7/
 Mt 10: 24-33

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME-

Is 55: 10-11/ Ps 65: 10. 11. 12-13. 14 (Lk 8:8)/ Rom 8: 18-23/ Mt 13: 1-23



THANK YOU for your generous support in last week's **Peter's Pence Collection!** As a parish, we collected **\$7,324**. Our contributions will join those from our brothers & sisters worldwide to help Pope Francis in his ministry to the Universal Church, including relief to people in need & support for the Holy See. If you missed the collection, it is not too late to give. Use **envelope in your packet** or mark an envelope "Peter's Pence" & put in collection basket or Visit www.usccb.org/peters-pence. **Thank you.**

LADIES, you have an opportunity to hear **Fr. Allan Phan** from our **Diocese** as the **featured speaker & share ideas** of 'works of mercy' w/ ladies from the **Omaha Archdiocese & Lincoln & Grand Island Dioceses** on **Monday, July 17**, at the '**Omaha Province**' meeting in **Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church Jubilee Hall - Grand Island**. **Registration at 8 a.m.** Mass will be celebrated at **11:15 a.m.** Dismissal is planned for 3p. **Pre-registration** required- find form by searching "LDCCW". Click on 'Upcoming Events', Province meeting. (The 'Omaha Province' of the Natl CCW includes the 3 Nebr. Dioceses.)

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 students from our parish attend. New F.O.C.U.S. missionary, **Taylor Hickey** has benefitted at UNL from F.O.C.U.S. & has discerned a call to become a missionary. **Thank you** for welcoming Taylor to speak at our Masses last weekend. She asked for people to **partner with her in this mission by supporting her with prayers & if called to by God with financial giving.** Taylor's F.O.C.U.S. email is Taylor.hickey@focus.org.

Dearly Beloved Parishioners,

My name is Taylor Hickey, & I will be serving as a FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students) Missionary next year at The Ohio State University! I am so excited for what the Lord has in store & the lives that He wants to change on campus. I will share with you the mission & 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 & explain how you can join me! I will be speaking after Mass at the Parish on July 1st & 2nd! I hope to speak with you soon! Love you to Heaven, Taylor Hickey

MAGNIFICAT PRAYER MEAL: Don't forget to register for Magnificat's Summer Prayer Meal with Speaker: Michele Chambers - There's still time! It's Saturday, July 15, 9:30 a.m. at Hillcrest Country Club, 9401 East O Street, Lincoln. Text 402.525.6396 by Tuesday, July 11 with your reservation (or call and leave a message) and mail your \$30 check payable to *Magnificat* (students are \$20) c/o Tina Colgan, 521 N 56 St, Lincoln, NE 68504. Be a friend and bring a friend and share the Joy of Magnificat! All Catholic women are invited and those not of our Faith too. "Glorify the Lord with me. Let us together extol His Holy Name!" Ps 34:4

REDISCOVER YOUR MARRIAGE: Retrouvaille (retro-vi) simply means 'rediscovery'. This program offers the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse, and a loving relationship in your marriage. For confidential information or to register for the weekend retreat on Aug 11-13, call 1-800-470-2230 or visit HelpOurMarriage.com.

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://lincolndioocese.regfox.com/datenightjuly>

Father's, this day retreat is for you!

Join *Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House* on **Saturday, July 29th, from 1:30-6:30 pm** 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.

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.



Connect to Protect CONFERENCE

Uniting Lincoln against sex trafficking – **Saturday, August 5th at Embassy Suites**

The impact of sex trafficking on our youth is real. At least 200 girls are sold in Lincoln each month!

Join us at the first conference to specifically address sex trafficking in Lincoln and hear from local experts on topics such as parent alertness, the impact of social media, identifying the grooming process and ending the demand.

Including a talk from Fr. Sean Kilcawley of Lincoln Catholic Diocese!



TO REGISTER: Visit ivegotaname.org or scan the QR code!



I'VE GOT A NAME
END SEX TRAFFICKING WHERE WE LIVE

Join the Diocese of Lincoln in a **Eucharistic Pilgrimage to Mexico City**

Pilgrimage 1: September 13 - 18, 2023
 Pilgrimage 2: October 12 - 17, 2023
 Pilgrimage 3: October 25 - 30, 2023
 Cost of each pilgrimage is \$1700

Scan the QR code to register

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, hope and refuge of sinners: Atone for us!
Precious Blood, most pure offering: Procure us every grace!	Precious Blood, delight of holy souls: Draw us! Amen.

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 into the Precious Blood of Jesus

St. Joseph. Pray for us!



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

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!

Prayer for Rain

O God, our Creator, you are the source of all life. It is through your divine providence & infinite power, that the wonder & splendor of all creation surround us.

"How majestic is your name in all the earth."

We pray to you who calms the raging waters & commands the wind, to **provide us sufficient rain to meet our needs.**

During this **time of drought**, we are mindful of **our dependence on you for all that sustains our body & soul.** We pray for the cooling, gentle rain that will once again bring life to the fields & crops that feed us, restore the colorful rainbow of flowers & the cooling shade of the trees.

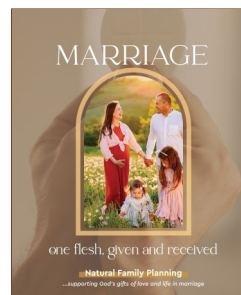
We also pray for all **those who are suffering from natural disasters. May they look to you** for the strength to restore their lives & heal their wounded land.

Help us to always be good stewards of your creation & care for the many resources of this earth.

May your grace refresh our souls.

We ask for these blessings through the **intercession of Mary, Queen of Heaven and Earth. Amen.**

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.lincolndiocese.org/nfp/home>.

For further information, contact nfp@usccb.org.

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

Mary, Mother of You. Pray for us, especially our treasured young ones!

PARISH WEEKLY ACTIVITIES:

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
Sunday	July	9	After 10:30 Mass	<i>Hall Reserved</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

AROUND OUR PARISH

FIREWORKS STAND- THANK YOU to all who helped set up, stock, sales, & put away. So much work has been done.



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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**.

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.

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 7/2/23	
Adult Envelopes	\$1,283.00
Plate	\$257.00
Peter's Pence	\$821.00
Children's	\$7.00
Total Deposit	\$2,368.00

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



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:

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

ST. JAMES MOWING SCHEDULE

All slots are still open starting 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. **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, cookie. Ice tea, lemonade, bottled water. **FREE WILL OFFERING.**

Liturgical Ministers

		July 8-9	July 15-16	July 22-23	July 29-30	Aug 5-6
Sat. 5:00 pm	Reader	Diana McCown	Amy Larkins	Ron Eisenbarth	Diana McCown	Amy Larkins
	Acolyte	Randy Eickmeier	Kurt Larkins	<i>(volunteer)</i>	Randy Eickmeier	Kurt Larkins
	Server	<i>(volunteers)</i>	<i>(volunteers)</i>	<i>(volunteers)</i>	<i>(volunteers)</i>	<i>(volunteers)</i>
Sun. 8:00 am	Reader	Chris Hytrek	Jerry Lentfer	Joe Vinton	Michelle Milke	Chris Hytrek
	Acolyte	Pat Milke	Tony Sullivan	Scott Osterhaus	Chris Hytrek	Pat Milke
	Server	Mason Eickmeier	Sam Robinson	Andrew Oelke	Simon Robinson	Reid Hochstein
	Server B	Carson Eickmeier	Sawyer Robinson	Austin Oelke	Carter Stieb	Rylan Hochstein
	Greeter					
Sun. 10:30 am	Reader	Larry Etmund	Ginger Jelinek	Shirley Yates	Karl Gramann	Larry Etmund
	Acolyte	Ron Eisenbarth	Myron Heusinkvelt	Ron Boden	Ron Eisenbarth	Myron Heusinkvelt
	Server	Hayden Nielson	Brady Troxel	Max Jacobson	Hayden Nielson	Brady Troxel
	Server B	Nolan Nielson	Ty Troxel	Mason Henn	Nolan Nielson	Sam Troxel
	Greeter					
Collection Counters		Kassie Ebberts/ Amy Argo	Julie Pfungsten / Lauren Ehmen	Jeanne Egger / Grace Benes	Jim Fuhrman / Theron Troxel	Randy & Colleen Eickmeier/Amy Argo