

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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 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.



### Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - July 16, 2023

*The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower.  
 All who come to him will have life forever.*

**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 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### **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

**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

Mon. Jul 17 7:00 am SJ All Souls Day Intentions +

Ordinary Weekday: Ex 1: 8-14. 22/ Ps 124: 1b-3. 4-6. 7-8/ Mt 10: 34 -- 11: 1

Tue. Jul 18 7:00 am SJ Virginia Vrbka+

Ordinary Weekday/ Camillus de Lellis, p: Ex 2: 1-15a/ Ps 69: 3. 14. 30-31. 33-34/ Mt 11: 20-24

Wed. Jul 19 4:00 pm GCRC Christians in the Holy Land  
 6:30 pm SJ Vladimir Benes+

Ordinary Weekday: Ex 3: 1-6. 9-12/ Ps 103: 1b-2. 3-4. 6-7/ Mt 11: 25-27

Thu. Jul 20 7:00 am SJ Norm Hilger+

Ordinary Weekday/ Apollinaris, bp, mt: Ex 3: 13-20/ Ps 105: 1 and 5. 8-9. 24-25. 26-27/ Mt 11: 28-30

Fri. Jul 21 7:00 am SJ Joseph & Theolda Bernadt +

Ordinary Weekday/ Lawrence of Brindisi, p, r, dr: Ex 11: 10 - 12: 14/ Ps 116: 12-13. 15 and 16bc. 17-18/ Mt 12: 1-8

Sat. Jul 22 8:00 am SJ Women

Mary Magdalene, disciple of the Lord F: Ex 12: 37-42/ Ps 136: 1 and 23-24. 10-12. 13-15/ Jn 20: 1-2. 11-18

#### **SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Sat.	Jul 22	5:00 pm	SJ	All Fathers
Sun.	Jul 23	8:00 am	SJ	For the People of St. James Parish
		10:30 am	SJ	All Souls Day Intentions +

**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:** Wis 12: 13. 16-19/ Ps 86: 5-6. 9-10. 15-16 (5a)/ Rom 8: 26-27/ Mt 13: 24-43

**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](http://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](mailto: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 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>! I hope to speak with you soon! Love you to Heaven, Taylor Hickey*

**Father's, this day retreat is for you!**

Join *Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House* on **Saturday, July 29<sup>th</sup>, 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](http://www.goodcounselretreat.org), email [office@goodcounselretreat.org](mailto:office@goodcounselretreat.org) or call 402-786-2705.

**A LIFE-LINE FOR MARRIAGE:** Retrouvaille (retro-vi) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. It is designed to provide the tools to help you get your marriage back on track. For confidential information about or how to register for the weekend retreat on August 11-13, call 1-800-470-2230 or visit [HelpOurMarriage.com](http://HelpOurMarriage.com).



# 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](http://ivegotaname.org) or scan the QR code!





**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](http://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.
- **Aug 18-20:** *Priest, Prophet, King - Orphan, Stranger, Widow* retreat with Fr. Sughroue.

Info & register at [www.goodcounselretreat.org](http://www.goodcounselretreat.org), call 402-786-2705 or email [office@goodcounselretreat.org](mailto:office@goodcounselretreat.org) or scan QR code:



**DATE NIGHT** - Summer time - **at the winery!** The *Family Life Office* invites you to a date night out on **July 20<sup>th</sup>**, 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>

**3 DAY IGNATIAN SILENT RETREAT**, Women of Hope Who Find God in All Things, led by Sharon Doran, leader of Seeking Truth Bible Study, August 24-27, 2023 at Creighton University Retreat Center, Griswold, IA. Get away from the hectic pace of life and listen to how God is speaking to you through the sacred scriptures in the special rhythm of the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola. To register, [Creighton.edu/curc](http://Creighton.edu/curc).

**St. Joseph.  
Pray for us!**

**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.

**Spirit CATHOLIC RADIO NETWORK** **SPIRIT CATHOLIC RADIO IS CURRENTLY SEEKING THE POSITION OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COORDINATOR:** This full-time, Omaha-based position has the awesome job of being bringing awareness to the Spirit Catholic Radio Network's initiatives across the state of Nebraska and Iowa to Catholic schools, parishes, and apostolates/ministries. If you enjoy communicating, relationship-building, & evangelizing, apply today at <https://spiritcatholicradio.com/careers>

Many Mother of God Pray for us especially our children & youth!





# SAVE *the* DATE

## 60<sup>th</sup> 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 60<sup>TH</sup> 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. 112<sup>th</sup> 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**.



**23<sup>rd</sup> Annual MCFC August 4-6, 2023**

**Century II Convention Center, Wichita, Kansas**  
Doors open at 4 pm on Friday, August 4<sup>th</sup> & 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](http://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.

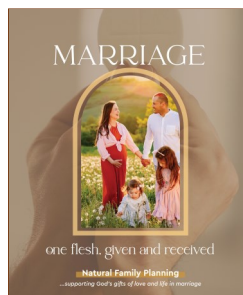
We also pray for all **those who are suffering from natural disasters.** **May they look to you** for the strength to restore their lives & heal their wounded land.

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](mailto:nfp@usccb.org).

Addl. NFP Resources: [www.nfpoutreach.org/questions](http://www.nfpoutreach.org/questions).

Mary, mother of you. Pray for us, especially our children & young...

PARISH WEEKLY ACTIVITIES:					
Every Sunday			Between Masses	<i>Exposition Adoration- Simple Reposition</i>	Church
Wednesday	July	19	7:00 pm	<i>Knights of Columbus Meeting</i>	Parish Hall
Friday	July	21	8:00 pm	<i>AA - Hall Reserved</i>	Parish Hall
Saturday	July	22	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

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.**



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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 7/9/23	
Adult Envelopes	\$1,378.00
Plate	\$315.00
Peter's Pence	\$280.00
Children's	\$3.00
Cemetery Donation	\$1,000.00
<b>Total Deposit</b>	<b>\$2,976.00</b>



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 the Greater—1<sup>st</sup> Apostle  
martyred. Pray for us! (Acts 12:2)**

### 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/](http://www.signupgenius.com/)

[findasignup](http://www.signupgenius.com/), enter the following:

[jeremyjelinek@yahoo.com](mailto: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.**



Liturgical Ministers						
		July 15-16	July 22-23	July 29-30	Aug 5-6	Aug 12-13
Sat. 5:00 pm	Reader	Amy Larkins	Ron Eisenbarth	Diana McCown	Amy Larkins	Ron Eisenbarth
	Acolyte	Kurt Larkins	(volunteer)	Randy Eickmeier	Kurt Larkins	(volunteer)
	Server	(volunteers)	(volunteers)	(volunteers)	(volunteers)	(volunteers)
Sun. 8:00 am	Reader	Jerry Lentfer	Joe Vinton	Michelle Milke	Chris Hytrek	Jerry Lentfer
	Acolyte	Tony Sullivan	Scott Osterhaus	Chris Hytrek	Pat Milke	Tony Sullivan
	Server	Sam Robinson	Andrew Oelke	Simon Robinson	Reid Hochstein	Mason Eickmeier
	Server B	Sawyer Robinson	Austin Oelke	Carter Stieb	Rylan Hochstein	Carson Eickmeier
	Greeter					
Sun. 10:30 am	Reader	Ginger Jelinek	Shirley Yates	Karl Gramann	Larry Etmund	Ginger Jelinek
	Acolyte	Myron Heusinkvelt	Ron Boden	Ron Eisenbarth	Myron Heusinkvelt	Ron Boden
	Server	Brady Troxel	Max Jacobson	Hayden Nielson	Brady Troxel	Max Jacobson
	Server B	Ty Troxel	Mason Henn	Nolan Nielson	Sam Troxel	Mason Henn
	Greeter					
	Collection Counters	Julie Pfingsten / Laureen Ehmen	Jeanne Egger / Grace Benes	Jim Fuhrman / Theron Troxel	Randy & Colleen Eickmeier/Amy Argo	Julie Pfingsten / Laureen Ehmen