

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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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.

Note from Bishop Conley: This Sunday is **Grandparents Day**, a day set aside to honor these very special members of our family. It is observed just a few days before the Church remembers Mary's parents, Sts. Joachim & Anne, observing its own "feast of grandparents." I encourage you to honor & thank your grandparents if they are still living, & pray for them if they have passed away. Please watch my short video message for you by following the link below.

May God bless you & all grandparents.

WATCH: <https://youtube.com/shorts/-P6i2woufNo>



Ss. Joachim & Anne.
 Pray for us!
 (Feast day July 26)

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - July 23, 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

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

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 +
Mon.	Jul 24	7:00 am	SJ	All Souls Day Intentions+
Tue.	Jul 25	7:00 am	SJ	Laverne Kozisek+
Wed.	Jul 26	4:00 pm	GCRC	Thanksgiving for Moisture
		6:30 pm	SJ	Dorothy Wagner+
Thu.	Jul 27	7:00 am	SJ	Dennis Riha+
Fri.	Jul 28	7:00 am	SJ	Janet Malovec+
Sat.	Jul 29	8:00 am	SJ	For those who are enslaved

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

Ordinary Weekday/ Sharbel Makhuf, p: Ex 14: 5-18/ Ex 15: 1bc-2. 3-4. 5-6/ Mt 12: 38-42

James, ap F: 2 Cor 4: 7-15/ Ps 126: 1bc-2ab. 2cd-3. 4-5. 6/ Mt 20: 20-28

Joachim and Anne, parents of the Virgin Mary M: Ex 16: 1-5. 9-15/
 Ps 78: 18-19. 23-24. 25-26. 27-28/ Mt 13: 1-9

Ord. Wkdy.: Ex 19:1-2. 9-11. 16-20b/ Dn 3: 52. 53, 54, 55, 56/ Mt 13:10-17

Ordinary Weekday: Ex 20: 1-17/ Ps 19: 8. 9. 10. 11/ Mt 13: 18-23

Martha, Mary, and Lazarus M: Ex 24: 3-8/ Ps 50: 1b-2. 5-6. 14-15/
 Jn 11: 19-27 or Lk 10: 38-42

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sat.	Jul 29	5:00 pm	SJ	Weitzel & Davis Families
Sun.	Jul 30	8:00 am	SJ	Healing for Greg Ebel
		10:30 am	SJ	For the People of St. James Parish

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: 1 Kgs 3: 5. 7-12/

Ps 119: 57. 72. 76-77. 127-128. 129-130 (97a)/ Rom 8: 28-30/
 Mt 13: 44-52

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

St. Pope Paul VI's encyclical *Humanae Vitae* (July 25, 1968) articulates Catholic beliefs about human sexuality, conjugal love, & responsible parenthood. Pope Francis has designated the feast of **Saints Joachim & Anne (7/26)**, parents of the Blessed Mother as **World Grandparents Day**, a fitting commemoration during

this week!

Fertility Awareness in the Diocese of Lincoln
 Read the pastoral letter [The Language of Love by Bishop James Conley](#)

Check out the individual method you are interested in learning more about! For questions, please email naturalfamilyplanning@cdolinc.net.

- [FertilityCare Center \(Creighton Model\)](#)
- [Marquette Model](#)

- [SymptoPro Fertility Education](#)
- [Couple-to-Couple League](#)

All 4 methods' Introductory Sessions meet the Dioc. of Linc. pre-marriage NFP requirements.

Want additional info about Fertility Awareness & NFP? Check out our [Resources and Support](#).

Interested in learning more about the many facets of intimacy in marriage? The ["Love and Responsibility"](#) lecture series, exploring healthy emotional, physical, and spiritual intimacy.

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

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.

YOU CAN HELP YOUR MARRIAGE: Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with your spouse? Do you argue, just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille (retro-vi) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. 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.

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!



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.

POST-ABORTION HEALING MINISTRY ORIENTATION

Calling all mental health professionals, clergy, and post-abortion healing volunteers! Join us for a **free orientation** to equip you with the tools to support those on their journey of healing after abortion. Sign up to attend one of two workshops at NECatholic.org/Events, on **August 22nd in Gretna**, or **August 23rd in North Platte**.

Sisters Vocation Prayer Calendar 2023 -

Please Pray for New Entrants in Diocese of Lincoln Motherhouses
July 23 - July 29 Pray for young women to discern a vocation to the Sisterhood at *The Franciscan Sisters of the Sorrowful Mother* in Nebraska City, NE

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.

NEEDING TO RE-IGNITE YOUR FLAME OF LOVE FOR CHRIST?

OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL RETREAT HOUSE, WAVERLY has several upcoming retreats:

- ♦ "Day for Dads" **July 29--** Fr. Eric Clark & Jeremy Ekeler.
- ♦ "Priest, Prophet, King - Orphan, Stranger, Widow"--
Aug. 18-20 with Fr. Adam Sughroue.
- ♦ "Unbound: Freedom in Christ"--
Aug. 25-27 with Fr. Gary Coulter.

Info & register at www.goodcounselretreat.org, email office@goodcounselretreat.org, call 402-786-2705, or scan QR code:



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.

Salt + Light, a community for young adult Catholics (ages 21-40) invites all young adults to our next "abide." *Abide* is a Holy Hour, filled with praise & worship music, opportunity for confession & intercessory prayer, followed by an after-party of pizza & beer. Friday, August 4, 7:45 pm, at St. Mary's Church in downtown Lincoln.

12TH ANNUAL THUNDERBOLT FUN RUN! **Saturday, August 5**, at **Holmes Lake Park** (Meeting at Shelter 3) your choice of a 1 mile "Fun Run/Walk" or a 5K! This is a fun family friendly event for all ages & level of skill! More details & info on how to register or volunteer can be found at: www.piusx.net or contact Kristin Heath at Kristin.heath@piusx.net or 402-488-0931 ext. 56132.

SPIRIT CATHOLIC RADIO IS CURRENTLY SEEKING THE POSITION OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT CO-ORDINATOR:

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 & Iowa to Catholic schools, parishes, & apostolates/ministries. If you enjoy communicating, relationship-building, & evangelizing, apply today at <https://spiritcatholicradio.com/careers>



Many Mother of God Devotions for our children & youth!



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

Jesus, I trust in You!

St. Joseph. Pray for us!

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.**

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.**



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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.**



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!

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
Friday	July	28	8:00 pm	<i>AA - Hall Reserved</i>	Parish Hall
Saturday	July	29	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

Our parish feast day is this Thursday- come to Mass, visit our church, read about his life.

The Sanctuary lamp stand refinishing is completed & is next to our tabernacle!

Parts of it are bright and parts of it are brushed finish. Similar to the refinished altar candles. The **Paschal Candle Stand refinishing** 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.



Statue on pillar mullion at Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela.

St. James the Greater- 1st Apostle to die. (Acts 12:2)

Feastday: July 25- THIS THURSDAY.

Patron: of pilgrims & Spain **Death:** 44 A.D.

Nothing is known of St. James the Greater's early life, though it has been established that he is the son of Zebedee & Salome and brother of John the disciple.

The title "the Greater" was added to St. James' name to help distinguish him from the Apostle James "the Less," who is believed to have been shorter than James "the Greater." He was called first of the two James. Saint James the Greater was one of Jesus' first disciples. James was fishing with his father and John the Apostle when Jesus came to the shores of the Sea of Galilee and called for the fisherman, who were unable to catch any fish that day, to dip their nets in the water once again.

When the fishermen followed Jesus' instructions, they found their nets full, and after emptying the fish on board, the boats nearly sank from their weight.

Later, James was one of only three called by Jesus to witness his Transfiguration, & when he & his brother wanted to call fire upon a Samaritan town, both were rebuked by Jesus.

Following Christ's Ascension, James spread the Gospel across Israel and the Roman kingdom as well. He traveled and spread the Word for nearly forty years in Spain.

It is said that one day, as he prayed, The Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to him and asked him to build her a church, which he did.

Later, James returned to Jerusalem but was martyred for his faith by King Herod, who decapitated him.

As he was not allowed to be buried following his martyrdom, his remains were taken to Compostela, Spain, by some of his followers, who buried him. In the ninth century his remains were discovered and moved to a tomb in Santiago de Compostela. Today, his remains can still be found in the Cathedral of Santiago.

Because Santiago de Compostela is the most frequently visited place pilgrims migrate to following Rome & Jerusalem, Pope Leo declared it a shrine. https://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php? saint_id=59

St. James the greater. Pray for us!

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.**



Liturgical Ministers

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