

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.



Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - July 30, 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 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.

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

Mon.	Jul 31	7:00 am	SJ	Dorothy Wagner+
Tue.	Aug 1	7:00 am	SJ	All Souls Day Intentions +
Wed.	Aug 2	4:00 pm	GCRC	Fr. Philip Rauth+
		6:30 pm	SJ	Mildred Adams+
Thu.	Aug 3	7:00 am	SJ	Virginia Vrbka+
Fri.	Aug 4	7:00 am	SJ	Souls in Purgatory+
Sat.	Aug 5	8:00 am	SJ	Sr. Maria Virginia de la Pasion+

Mon: Ignatius of Loyola, p, rf M: Ex 32: 15-24. 30-34/ Ps 106: 19-20. 21-22. 23/ Mt 13: 31-35

Alphonsus Liguori, bp, rf, dr M: Ex 33: 7-11; 34: 5b-9. 28/ Mt 13: 36-43
 Ordinary Weekday/ Eusebius of Vercelli, bp/ Peter Julian Eymard, p
 Ex 34: 29-35/ Ps 99: 5. 6. 7. 9/ Mt 13: 44-46

Ord. Wkdy.: Ex 40: 16-21. 34-38/ Ps 84: 3. 4. 5-6a & 8a. 11/ Mt 13: 47-53

John Mary Vianney, p M: Lv 23: 1. 4-11. 15-16. 27. 34b-37/ Ps 81: 3-4. 5-6. 10-11ab/ Mt 13: 54-58

Ordinary Weekday/ BVM/ Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major in Rome: Lv 25: 1. 8-17/ Ps 67: 2-3. 5. 7-8/ Mt 14: 1-12

TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

Sat.	Aug 5	5:00 pm	SJ	Ralph Zavala+
Sun.	Aug 6	8:00 am	SJ	Grace Hunke
		10:30 am	SJ	For the People of St. James Parish

TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD F: Dn 7: 9-10. 13-14/
 Ps 97: 1-2. 5-6. 9/ 2 Pt 1: 16-19/ Mt 17: 1-9

Holy Day Masses Schedule for Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Monday, August 14, 7:00 pm: vigil Mass time.

Tuesday, August 15, 7:00 am: morning Mass time.
 7:00 pm: evening Mass time.

This is a **Holy Day of Obligation**. I thought about having a **different schedule moving one of the Mass times** to later in the morning of the 15th but I did not figure out which of the Mass times to move nor a better time. Our parishioners live in different communities and have various work schedule, etc. I have never found an easy way to poll the parishioners in my previous parishes & if we did there was not any overwhelming consensus on times even for Sunday Masses. **Part of our faith is making going to Mass a priority and working other things fit the Mass schedule.**

Blessed Virgin Mary, assumed into heaven body & soul. Pray for us!

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

Sisters Vocation Prayer Calendar 2023 - July 30 - Aug 5

Pray for	Stage of Formation:	Religious Order:
Sister Kateri Toler from Mobile, AL	Jr. Sister	Marian Sisters of the Diocese of Lincoln
Please Pray for New Entrants in <i>Diocese of Lincoln</i> Motherhouses.		

CALVARY CEMETERY GOLF TOURNAMENT at *Firethorn* is **Mon., Aug. 14**. Form a team to help support the burial assistance fund & cemetery projects, \$200/ player. If interested in playing contact Kathi at kathi-woody@cdolinc.net, or 402-202-2498, or **signup** at calvarycatholic.com. (View the *Calvary brochure*.)

The **SPIRITUAL WARFARE IN THE FAMILY CONFERENCE** has been rescheduled! Come join us for this one-day event on **Saturday, Oct. 14**, at *St. Thomas Aquinas Newman Center*— 320 N 16th, **Lincoln** to hear evangelist & best-selling author **Kathleen Beckman** share strategies on how we can address spiritual warfare & safeguard our families. You do not want to miss it! Seats are limited to 250 so please register soon using the QR code or link. Questions? Contact Mary at 402-314-0479 or mharper55@yahoo.com. Sponsored by the *Office of Family Life & Discipleship & St. Benedict Prayer Team*.
<https://lincolndioocese.regfox.com/warfareconference>

The **EMMAUS INSTITUTE FOR BIBLICAL STUDIES** is now accepting registrations for **in-person & online** classes this fall. New course offerings include: *Creation to New Creation: Psalms & Wisdom Books* (Mondays 9/11-11/13); *Praying with Scripture: Meeting Jesus the Word in the Written Word* (Wednesdays 9/6-10/4 & 10/18-11/15); *Heaven, Help the Home: God's Blueprint for Marriage & Family* (Thursdays 9/7-11/16). All class sessions begin at 6:30 pm & run 90 minutes—2 hours in length. Videos of classes can be watched online at any time. Learn more & register at www.EmmausInstitute.net.



Pilgrimage to the Holy Land departure city of Lincoln from **April 8-18, 2024**. **Fr. Rand of North Platte** *St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish* holds a degree in *Travel & Tourism & Business*. He has worked with *Tekton Ministries* to make the trip **more affordable & friendly to older pilgrims**. To view brochure, see pricing etc., visit TektonMinistries.org & click "view pilgrimages"—scroll down to Holy Land April 8 from Lincoln & click to view details. Prayerfully consider if God is calling you to the land that Jesus walked & gave himself to us.

STRESS IN YOUR MARRIAGE? There is less than a week left to sign up for *Retrouvaille*, (Retro-vi) a program for married couples that feel bored, frustrated or angry in their marriage. Most don't know how to change the situation or even communicate with their spouse. For confidential information about or to register for the weekend retreat on **August 11-13**, call 1-800-470-2230 or visit HelpOurMarriage.com.

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**.

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:

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



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!



Jesse Romero – Nebraska City—Spanish Bilingual talk— National Catholic speaker Jesse Romero (<https://jesseromero.com>) will be in our community to energize us for *Eucharistic Revival*, start of school, & simply for our love of Jesus.

Monday - August 14th @ 5:30pm - 7:30pm, **St. Benedict Catholic Church, 411 5th Rue, Nebraska City**. at 6:30 p.m. – after Holy Day Vigil Mass – at St. Benedict Church Spanish/bilingual talk following 5:30 P.M. Holy Day vigil Mass: <https://www.stbens.org>

Tuesday - August 15th @ 12:00pm - 1:00pm, **St. Mary Catholic Church, 218 N. 6th Street, Nebraska City**. 12:00 p.m. Noon and 6:30 p.m. – after Holy Day Mass at St. Mary Church. <https://www.stmarysnebraskacity.com>



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



"Experiencing a heart-to-heart exchange inside our couple-love."

Marriage Encounter Experience-- Sept. 21-22 in Hastings.

Call right-away, space is limited. Contact Gary & Brenda Granger 303--604--6202.

*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:

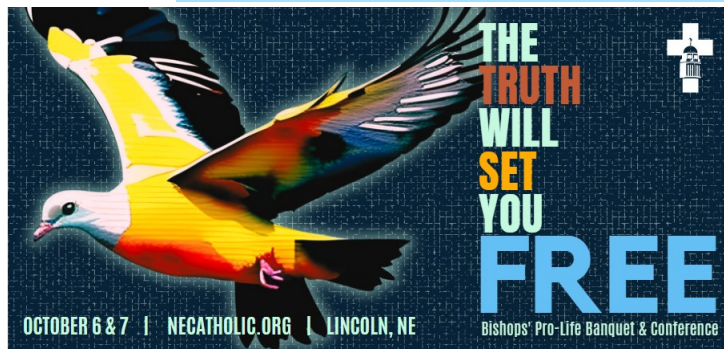
Recently passed LB753, the *Opportunity Scholarships Act*, helps to insure that our state's most vulnerable & financially challenged students have educational choices other than government schools. It has great potential to help students from St. James Parish who wish to have educational choice. However, 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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Bishops' Pro-Life Banquet & Conference on Oct. 6th & 7th in Lincoln. Featuring keynote speaker **Joe Heschmeyer**, *Catholic Answers* apologist, join us as we discover how truth is lived in a new Dobbs era, when the truth can be undervalued & hard to find. **Registration opens Aug. 1**. Be a part of this pro-life weekend & the future of the movement in Nebraska. For more information, [visit the registration page](#).

PARISH WEEKLY ACTIVITIES:					
Every Sunday			Between Masses	Exposition Adoration – <i>Simple Reposition</i>	Church
Friday	Aug	4	8:00 pm	AA - Hall Reserved	Parish Hall
Saturday	Aug	5	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

Considering moving the Adoration Hour from between the Sunday morning Masses back to Thursday evening at 7 pm. The attendance has not been increased, especially during summer months. CCD between Masses means there are a variety of needs for tours of church, server training, time for adoration, etc. We could have adoration some weeks between the Sunday morning Masses in addition to adoration on Thursday evening. Suggestions for other times and ideas that would help you and others to come for adoration of our Lord in the monstrance. Feedback welcome!
-Fr. Lux

Thank you to Mary Jo & crew for refinishing the parish hall floor!

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.



The Sanctuary lamp stand refinishing is completed & is next to our tabernacle! Parts of it are bright & 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**. This estimate may be higher than necessary depending on the amount of metal work needed. Current time for completion is 20-25 weeks. It takes time but *Koley's* is backed up with jobs to do. Additional donations are welcome.

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.*

Liturgical Ministers					
		July 29-30	Aug 5-6	Aug 12-13	Aug 14 7 PM
Sat. 5:00 pm	Reader	Diana McCown	Amy Larkins	Ron Eisenbarth	Diana McCown
	Acolyte	Randy Eickmeier	Kurt Larkins	(volunteer)	Randy Eickmeier
	Server	(volunteers)	(volunteers)	(volunteers)	(volunteers)
Sun. 8:00 am	Reader	Michelle Milke	Chris Hytrek	Jerry Lentfer	Joe Vinton
	Acolyte	Chris Hytrek	Pat Milke	Tony Sullivan	Scott Osterhaus
	Server	Simon Robinson	Reid Hochstein	Mason Eickmeier	Sam Robinson
	Server B	Carter Stieb	Rylan Hochstein	Carson Eickmeier	Sawyer Robinson
Sun. 10:30 am	Reader	Karl Gramann	Larry Etmund	Ginger Jelinek	Shirley Yates
	Acolyte	Ron Eisenbarth	Myron Heusinkvelt	Ron Boden	Ron Eisenbarth
	Server	Hayden Nielson	Brady Troxel	Max Jacobson	Hayden Nielson
	Server B	Nolan Nielson	Sam Troxel	Mason Henn	Nolan Nielson
	Collection Counters	Jim Fuhrman / Theron Troxel	Randy & Colleen Eickmeier/Amy Argo	Julie Pfingsten / Lauren Ehmen	

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 7/23/23	
Adult Envelopes	\$773.00
Plate	\$131.00
Children's	\$2.00
Peter's Pence	\$5.00
Building	\$20.00
Total Deposit	\$931.00

Thanks to all who marked our parish patron's feast day last

Tuesday, 7/25– at Mass or visit to Church or learning more about his life & asked his intercession.

St. James the Greater– 1st Apostle to be martyred. (Acts 12:2)

Feastday: July 25– LAST TUESDAY.

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!

