

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.



### NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - AUGUST 13, 2023

***I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live forever.*** -Jn 6:51

**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 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.

#### NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sat. Aug 12	5:00 pm	SJ	Thanksgiving for Rains
Sun. Aug 13	8:00 am	SJ	August Birthdays in Parish
	10:30 am	SJ	For the People of St. James Parish

**NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME-** 1 Kgs 19: 9a. 11-13a/  
 Ps 85: 9. 10. 11-12. 13-14/ Rom 9: 1-5/ Mt 14: 22-33

Mon. Aug 14	7:00 am	SJ	Jeff Courtney+
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**Maximilian Mary Kolbe, p, mt M-**  
 Dt 10: 12-22/ Ps 147: 12-13. 14-15. 19-20/ Mt 17: 22-27

#### The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mon. Aug 14	7:00 pm	SJ	All Souls Day Intentions+
Tue. Aug 15	7:00 am		For the People of St. James Parish
	7:00 am	SJ	Weston & Erin Kendall Family

**Holy Day of Obligation.**  
**ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY S.**  
**Vigil:** 1 Chr 15: 3-4. 15-16; 16: 1-2/ Ps 132: 6-7. 9-10. 13-14/  
 1 Cor 15: 54b-57/ Lk 11:27-28. **Day:** Rv 11: 19a; 12: 1-6a. 10ab/  
 Ps 45: 10. 11. 12. 16/ 1 Cor 15: 20-27/ Lk 1: 39-56

Wed. Aug 16	4:00 pm	GCRC	Ralph Zavala+
	6:30 pm	SJ	Mildred Adams+

**Ordinary Weekday/ Stephen of Hungary, mm**  
 Dt 34: 1-12/ Ps 66: 1-3a. 5 and 8. 16-17/ Mt 18: 15-20

Thu. Aug 17	7:00 am	SJ	Dorothy Wagner+
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**Ordinary Weekday-** Jos 3: 7-10a. 11. 13-17/ Ps 114: 1-2. 3-4. 5-6/  
 Mt 18: 21 -- 19: 1

Fri. Aug 18	7:00 am	SJ	Greg Ebel
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**Ordinary Weekday-** Jos 24: 1-13/ Ps 136: 1-3. 16-18. 21-22 and 24/  
 Mt 19: 3-12

Sat. Aug 19	Out of Parish	SJ	Linc. Dio. Co. of Catholic Women
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**Ordinary Weekday/ BVM/ John Eudes, p, rf-** Jos 24: 14-29/  
 Ps 16: 1-2a and 5. 7-8. 11/ Mt 19: 13-15

#### TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sat. Aug 19	5:00 pm	SJ	Ernie Schuetze+ Family
Sun. Aug 20	8:00 am	SJ	For the People of St. James Parish
	10:30 am	SJ	Ralph Zavala+ Family

**TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME-** Is 56: 1. 6-7/  
 Ps 67: 2-3. 5. 6. 8 (4)/ Rom 11: 13-15. 29-32/ Mt 15: 21-28

**The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary— August 15** is a Holy Day of Obligation. Our parishioners live in different communities & have various work/school schedules, etc. I have never found an overwhelming consensus on times even for Sunday Masses. Part of our faith is making going to Mass a priority & working other things fit the Mass schedule. Mass Schedule above.

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

## AROUND THE LINCOLN DIOCESE & BEYOND: (See [www.lincolndioocese.org](http://www.lincolndioocese.org))

### Sisters Vocation Prayer Calendar 2023 - Aug 13 - Aug 19

Pray for	Stage of Formation:	Religious Order:
Sister Faustina from Shenandoah, IA	Jr. Sister	Marian Sisters of the Diocese of Lincoln
Please Pray for New Entrants in Diocese of Lincoln Motherhouses.		

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](http://www.EmmausInstitute.net).



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 16<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:mharper55@yahoo.com). Sponsored by the *Office of Family Life & Discipleship & St. Benedict Prayer Team*.

<https://lincolndioocese.regfox.com/warfareconference>

**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](http://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.



*Jesus,  
I trust in You!*

### 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](http://NECatholic.org/Events), on **August 22<sup>nd</sup> in Gretna**, or **August 23<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://www.goodcounselretreat.org), email [office@goodcounselretreat.org](mailto:office@goodcounselretreat.org), call 402-786-2705, or scan QR code:



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**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).

### ONLINE GIVING TO OUR PARISH. It's easy to get started.

Here are the ways to sign up: Enter [www.stjamecortland.com](http://www.stjamecortland.com) to go to our parish website & click on *Online giving* OR Visit [faithdirect.net/ne1020](http://faithdirect.net/ne1020) OR Call Faith Direct Customer Service at 866-507-8757.

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### St. Joseph. Pray for us!

**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 14<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30pm - 7:30pm, St. Benedict Catholic Church, 411 5<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> @ 12:00pm - 1:00pm, St. Mary Catholic Church, 218 N. 6<sup>th</sup> 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

## 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**

## Thanksgiving for Rain and Prayers for Additional Moisture

Good and generous God, Almighty Father, it is with grateful hearts and a humble spirit that we thank you for the generous rains received recently in different parts of our state of Nebraska.

It is a sign of your goodness to us.

Please continue to give us continued and timely generous rains for our fields and crops.

We ask that you watch over those who earn their living from the earth – farmers and ranchers – who depend on the rain.

Keep them safe in their work.

Also, watch over our homes and our families and protect them from any and all damaging storms.

Please know of our sincere gratitude for Your gifts to us.

We ask all these things through Your Son and the Spirit. Amen.

(from [spiritcatholicradio.com/](http://spiritcatholicradio.com/))



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Bishops' Pro-Life Banquet & Conference

### **Bishops' Pro-Life Banquet & Conference on Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>**

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 open Aug. 1.** Be a part of this pro-life weekend & the future of the movement in Nebraska. For more information, [visit the registration page.](#)

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Go to [www.formed.org](http://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.**

### **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.**



Featuring Keynote Speaker

**JOE HESCHEMEYER**  
Catholic Answers Apologist

PARISH WEEKLY ACTIVITIES:					
Every Sunday			Between Masses	<b>Exposition Adoration– Simple Reposition</b>	Church
Wednesday	Aug	16	7:00 pm	<i>Knights of Columbus Meeting</i>	Parish Hall
Friday	Aug	18	8:00 pm	<i>AA - Hall Reserved</i>	Parish Hall
Saturday	Aug	19	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.

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>	
<b>Parish Offering 8/6/23</b>	
Adult Envelopes	\$1,733.00
Plate	\$179.00
Children's	\$1.00
Donations for Refinishing tabernacle, etc	\$450.00
<b>Total Deposit</b>	<b>\$2,363.00</b>

### CCD Registration is Open!

Classes begin Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00-10:15am.

See the *St. James Parish Facebook* page for the registration form or [click here](#). For more information, contact Deanne at [dlstieb@gmail.com](mailto:dlstieb@gmail.com).

We have teachers for each classroom! Thank you to the Lord & generous souls. We still need teacher helpers & substitutes. Classroom "grand mothers" are welcome, esp. to listen to the recitation of prayers to be learned, help with upset tummies, make copies, etc. Contact Deanne if interested.

### WALL-MOUNTED TVS IN THE 8 CCD CLASSROOMS

were requested at the *Parish Council* meeting so that the teachers could use the videos & power points provided on the *Diocese of Lincoln* website, on *Formed.org*, & on other good Catholic resources for our *Religious Education Programs/CCD*. The TVs on stands take up precious space in rooms that are over crowded thus the wall mounted request. **The Parish Council wants to support our catechists with the tools they need.**

A variety of devices are used by our teachers depending on what they have– laptop, *Chrome Book*, *Apple iOS* tablet or phone, *Android* tablet or phone, etc.

- OPTIONS** I have researched, inc. Fr. Matthew Zimmer, would be
1. **MONITORS** with *HDMI* cables, & a combination of *Apple TV* devices, *Miracast* devices, or
  2. **SMART TVS** that can accept all varieties of wireless streaming as well as *HDMI* cables

Possibly there are Smart TVs that people have at home that you would like to donate. We would want to make sure they are the appropriate size for each classroom and that they would accept the variety of devices our catechists would be using. Persons with expertise in digital media & others with expertise in mounting to the wall are needed. Funds will be needed as well. This would give opportunities to be good stewards of your Time, Talent and/or Treasure. Contact Deanne S. or Fr. Lux.

**THANK YOU** to Ray & Joann Vrbka Family for donating 20 new white folding chairs for the Parish Hall.



### ST. JAMES MOWING SCHEDULE

There are many slots still open starting the week of August 9 to the end of the 2023 mowing season (end of October)

Go to: [www.signupgenius.com/findasignup](http://www.signupgenius.com/findasignup), enter: [jeremyjelinek@yahoo.com](mailto:jeremyjelinek@yahoo.com), click the search button to locate the signup.

The **PASCHAL CANDLE STAND** refinishing will include removing a dent in the stem, stripping the clear coat, buffing, brushing, & clear coating. Parts will be bright & parts brushed finish– similar to the completed pieces. Cost of \$585. Thank you to the Zavala family for the memorial to Ralph Zavala towards these items.

We have received anonymous donations totaling \$2,250 toward the **TABERNACLE** refinishing. **THANK YOU** to the donors & may God bless them. The estimate to refinish in 2-tone bright & satin is \$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.**

**ALTAR BELLS** have been purchased for \$465 to have a set by the kneelers & another on the steps. **Why new set of altar bells?** The daily Mass server uses the kneeler. At Holy Thursday & Easter Vigil we can ring both during the Gloria!.

If interested in donating to these sanctuary items purchased or refinished (\$800) talk to Fr. Lux. Thank you!

**A great Eucharistic Renewal project– beautify God's House.**

### FIREWORKS PARTY– BBQ-FUN-FIREWORKS:

**SATURDAY, 8/12, 6 PM.** You & your family, priests & religious are invited 1800 SW 56<sup>th</sup> St., Lincoln. RSVP to Andy Vinton 402.610.1182 or [apvinton@gmail.com](mailto:apvinton@gmail.com).

**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

Liturgical Ministers					
		Aug 12-13	Aug 14 7 PM	Aug 19-20	Aug 26-27
Sat. 5:00 pm	Reader	Ron Eisenbarth	Diana McCown	Amy Larkins	Ron Eisenbarth
	Acolyte	(volunteer)	Randy Eickmeier	Kurt Larkins	(volunteer)
	Server	(volunteers)	(volunteers)	(volunteers)	(volunteers)
Sun. 8:00 am			Aug 15 7 AM		
	Reader	Jerry Lentfer	Joe Vinton	Michelle Milke	Chris Hytrek
	Acolyte	Tony Sullivan	Scott Osterhaus	Chris Hytrek	Pat Milke
	Server	Mason Eickmeier	Sam Robinson	Andrew Oelke	Simon Robinson
Sun. 10:30 am	Server B	Carson Eickmeier	Sawyer Robinson	Austin Oelke	Carter Stieb
			Aug 15 7 PM		
	Reader	Ginger Jelinek	Shirley Yates	Karl Gramann	Larry Etmund
	Acolyte	Ron Boden	Ron Eisenbarth	Myron Heusinkvelt	Ron Boden
	Server	Max Jacobson	Hayden Nielson	Brady Troxel	Max Jacobson
Server B	Mason Henn	Nolan Nielson	Ty Troxel	Mason Henn	
Collection Counters	Julie Pfingsten / Laureen Ehmen		Jeanne Egger / Grace Benes	Jim Fuhrman / Theron Troxel	