

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.

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.



TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - AUGUST 20, 2023

*Jesus proclaimed the Gospel of the kingdom
 and cured every disease among the people. - cf. Mt 4:23*

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.

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

Mon. Aug 21 7:00 am SJ All Souls Day Intentions+

Pius X, pp M: Jgs 2: 11-19/ Ps 106: 34-35. 36-37. 39-40. 43ab & 44/
 Mt 19: 16-22

Tue. Aug 22 Out of Parish. NCCW Laverne Kozisek+

Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary M: Jgs 6: 11-24a/ Ps 85: 9.
 11-12. 13-14/ Mt 19: 23-30

Wed. Aug 23 Out of Parish. NCCW Norm Hilger+

Ordinary Weekday/ Rose of Lima, v: Jgs 9: 6-15/ Ps 21: 2-3. 4-5. 6-7/
 Mt 20: 1-16

Thu. Aug 24 Out of Parish. NCCW Janet Malovec+

Bartholomew, ap F: Rv 21: 9b-14/ Ps 145: 10-11. 12-13. 17-18/ Jn 1:
 45-51

Fri. Aug 25 Out of Parish. NCCW Virginia Vrbka+

Ordinary Weekday/ Louis of France, mm/ Joseph Calasanz, p, rf:
 Ru 1: 1. 3-6. 14b-16. 22/ Ps 146: 5-6ab. 6c-7. 8-9a. 9bc-10/
 Mt 22: 34-40

Sat. Aug 26 Out of Parish. 8:00 am SJ Dennis Riha+
 Special Intention (-)

Ordinary Weekday/ BVM: Ru 2: 1-3. 8-11; 4: 13-17/ Ps 128: 1b-2. 3.
 4. 5/ Mt 23: 1-12 **Fr. Tvrdy covering.**

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Sun.	Aug 27	8:00 am	SJ	Special Intention (-)
		10:30 am	SJ	Ralph Zavala+
		Out of Parish.		For the People of St. James Parish

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:
 Is 22: 19-23/ Ps 138: 1-2. 2-3. 6. 8 (8bc)/ Rom 11: 33-36/
 Mt 16: 13-20 **Fr. Tvrdy covering.**

Fr. Julius Tvrdy will be covering the **Confessions & Masses** on Saturday morning, Saturday evening & Sunday morning, **Aug. 26-27**. Please welcome him.

Mission Coop- Fr. Justus Rwehumbiza Kahwa from Tanzania will make the Mission Cooperative appeal on **September 2-3**. Please use the **Mission Coop envelopes** to donate to the support of the **Diocese of Bukoba in Tanzania**. The special collection will be taken up the weekend of **September 9-10**. Fr. Lux will welcome him when he arrives on Monday, 8/28. He will help me w/ Masses after my surgery on Sept. 1. I will not be allowed to drive as long as I'm on certain pain killers. I may need help getting to *Gold Crest* & getting Fr. Justus to Mead before 9/9. Plan to welcome Fr. Justus. More info inside.

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

Sisters Vocation Prayer Calendar 2023 - Aug 20 - Aug 26

Pray for	Stage of Formation:	Religious Order:
Sister Joy Le from Lincoln, NE	Jr. Sister	Marian Sisters of the Diocese of Lincoln
Please Pray for New Entrants in <i>Diocese of Lincoln</i> 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.



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>

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND with **Father Chris Eckrich: Feb 22 – March 4, 2024**. Starting in Jordan with the Old Testament where Moses stood on Mt. Nebo overlooking the Jordan River & the Promised Land. We will also visit the lost city of Petra before going to Israel to follow in Jesus' footsteps, ending with the *Via Dolorosa*. See full itinerary at <https://executivetravel.com/lincoln-diocese/>, request a brochure at 402-435-8888 or call Barb Wallingford 402-430-5811 for more information.

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.

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:

- ♦ **"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:



HEALING HEARTS GRIEF SUPPORT SESSIONS for those who have suffered the loss of a loved one are being offered to assist Catholics in the **grief process**. The sessions will be held on 6 weekly **Tuesday evenings beginning Sept. 19, 2023, 7:00-9:00 p.m.**, at **John XXIII Diocesan Center, 37th & Sheridan Blvd.** Suggested Donation: \$25 (for materials) To register, please call 402-473-0620.



WHITE MASS

CALLING ALL HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS

DOCTORS, PHARMACISTS, ADVANCED PRACTICE PROVIDERS, NURSES, AIDES, THERAPISTS, MENTAL HEALTH PRACTITIONERS, MEDICAL AND NURSING STUDENTS, EMS PROVIDERS, LAB AND RADIOLOGY TECHNICIANS, ETC

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2023 AT 9 AM UNL NEWMAN CENTER, LINCOLN, NE

BRUNCH FOLLOWING, FREE WILL DONATION
SPONSORED BY THE CATHOLIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.
QUESTIONS? CONTACT LNKCMA@GMAIL.COM

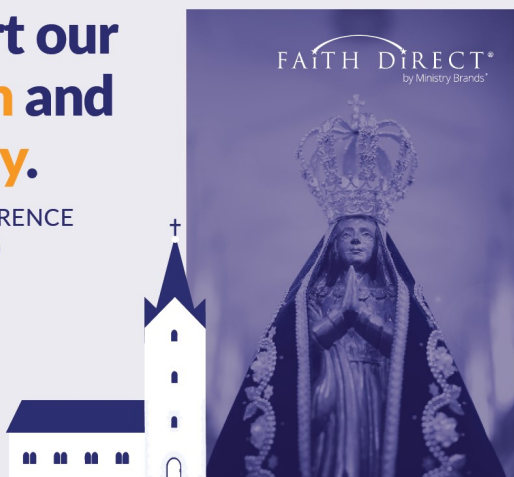
ONLINE GIVING TO OUR PARISH. It's easy to get started.

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

Support our mission and ministry.

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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/>.

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, & sites.

When: Saturday, December 9, from 5:00-7:00pm

Prayer for Rain

O God, in whom we live & move and have our being,/ **grant us sufficient rain,** so that, being supplied with what sustains us in this present life,/ we may seek more confidently what sustains us for eternity./ Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives & reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever & ever. Amen. (from Roman Missal)

Please pray for the National Council of Catholic Women Convention in Salt Lake City. For their safe travels, for the business conducted, for the celebration of Liturgies, for the opportunities for Confession, for times of adoration, and for the times of meeting and mingling and sharing of stories and ideas. Maty our Queen. Mary, Mother of Good Counsel. Pray for the women, their spouses and the spiritual advisors who will gather.



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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.**



Meet our Mission Coop Priest.

My name is **Fr. Justus Rwehumbiza Kahwa**, a Catholic Priest ordained for Bukoba Catholic Diocese, Tanzania - East Africa. Presently I am serving as a teacher and formator at St. Augustine Major Seminary, Peramiho, which is one of the national major Seminaries in Tanzania. Meanwhile, I am doing a Licentiate (STL) program at the Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit Archdiocese, USA. But I do my studies mainly online, but I usually come to the US in summer for in person classes at the seminary. This will be my third time in the USA.

So, I have been asked by our Diocesan Mission Appeals Coordinator, Fr. Achilleus Rwegoshora, who is now serving in the USA, to participate in making those Appeals as I will be coming for my studies there. I am new to many places in the USA, and so I kindly ask your close cooperation in this, especially regarding accommodation and if possible making arrangements of how I get to the Parish. I will be very grateful!

I will be making the missionary appeals at St. James Church, Cortland on September 2nd and 3rd, 2023. I will probably be coming from St. Michael Church, Fairbury, because I am scheduled to be there for the weekend of 26 and 27 August....

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 necatholic.org/news-events/newsroom.html/article/2023/08/04/on-lb753-misinformation-lies-and-the-truth and www.keepkidsfirstnebraska.com

If asked to sign the *NSEA* petition, I pray that you will kindly, & politely, **DECLINE TO SIGN.**

St. Joseph. Pray for us!

Mary our Queen. Pray for us!

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 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.](#)



PARISH WEEKLY ACTIVITIES:					
Every Sunday			Between Masses	Exposition Adoration– Simple Reposition	Church
Friday	Aug	25	8:00 pm	AA - Hall Reserved	Parish Hall
Saturday	Aug	26	6:30 am	That Man Is You	Parish Hall
Sunday	Aug	27	Between Masses	PCCW Bakesale	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>	
Parish Offering 8/13/23	
Adult Envelopes	\$1,168.00
Plate	\$109.00
Children's	\$1.00
Total Deposit	\$1,278.00

AROUND OUR PARISH

CCD Registration is Open!

Classes begin Sunday, August 20th, 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

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 the *Knights of Columbus* who moved the stored paint to the storage room and the heavy tables & metal folding chairs to the shed.



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,
enter: 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.

THE ADORATION HOUR is MOVING TO
Thursday evenings at 7 pm
beginning August 31-
adoration of our Lord's Real Presence in the monstrance.
Come let us worship Him!



Jesus,
I trust in You!



Liturgical Ministers					
		Aug 19-20	Aug 26-27	Sept 2-3	Sept 9-10
Sat. 5:00 pm	Reader	Amy Larkins	Ron Eisenbarth	Diana McCown	Amy Larkins
	Acolyte	Kurt Larkins	<i>(volunteer)</i>	Randy Eickmeier	Kurt Larkins
	Server	<i>(volunteers)</i>	<i>(volunteers)</i>	<i>(volunteers)</i>	<i>(volunteers)</i>
Sun. 8:00 am	Reader	Michelle Milke	Chris Hytrek	Jerry Lentfer	Joe Vinton
	Acolyte	Chris Hytrek	Pat Milke	Tony Sullivan	Scott Osterhaus
	Server	Andrew Oelke	Simon Robinson	Reid Hochstein	Mason Eickmeier
Sun. 10:30 am	Server B	Austin Oelke	Carter Stieb	Rylan Hochstein	Carson Eickmeier
	Reader	Karl Gramann	Larry Etmund	Ginger Jelinek	Shirley Yates
	Acolyte	Myron Heusinkvelt	Ron Boden	Ron Eisenbarth	Myron Heusinkvelt
	Server	Brady Troxel	Max Jacobson	Hayden Nielson	Brady Troxel
	Server B	Ty Troxel	Mason Henn	Nolan Nielson	Sam Troxel
	Collection Counters	Jeanne Egger / Grace Benes	Jim Fuhrman / Theron Troxel	Kassie Ebberts / Amy Argo	Julie Pfingsten / Lauren Ehmen

MATT TALBOT KITCHEN:
There is a **signup sheet** for the **Matt Talbot Kitchen** in the back of church. The church will be serving **supper on Thursday August 31st**. We are in need of people to donate different **food items & help serve**. Please make sure to have the **items in the kitchen by noon on that Thursday**. If you have any questions, please contact **Kassie E.** all of her info. is on the bottom of the **signup sheet**.