

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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 Website: [www.stjamescortland.com](http://www.stjamescortland.com)  
 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**  
**Thursday evenings**, 7:00pm to 8:00pm.  
 Please **Sign up** in the Church entryway.

**7:00 pm**- Exposition.  
**7:15 to 7:45 pm**- Adoration.  
**7:50 pm**- Simple Reposition.



### TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - AUGUST 27, 2023

*You are Peter and upon this rock I will build my Church  
 and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it.*  
 - Mt 16:18

**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.

#### TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sat.	Aug 26	5:00 pm	SJ	Andrew Hytrek+
Sun.	Aug 27	8:00 am	SJ	Special Intention (-)
		10:30 am	SJ	Ralph Zavala+
		<b>Out of Parish.</b>		<b>For the People of St. James Parish</b>

**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.**

Mon.	Aug 28	7:00 am	SJ	All Souls Day Intentions+
Tue.	Aug 29	7:00 am		Greg Ebel
Wed.	Aug 30	4:00 pm	GCRC	Nick Randall+
		6:30 pm	SJ	Weston & Erin Kendall Family
Thu.	Aug 31	7:00 am	SJ	Souls in Purgatory
Fri.	Sep 1	7:00 am	SJ	All Souls Day Intentions+
Sat.	Sep 2	8:00 am	SJ	Sr. Maria Virginia de la Pasion+

**Augustine, bp, dr M.**  
 1 Thes 1: 1-5. 8b-10/ Ps 149: 1b-2. 3-4. 5-6a and 9b/ Mt 23: 13-22

**Martyrdom of John the Baptist M.**  
 1 Thes 2: 1-8/ Ps 139: 1-3. 4-6/ Mk 6: 17-29

**Ordinary Weekday-**  
 1 Thes 2: 9-13/ Ps 139: 7-8. 9-10. 11-12ab/ Mt 23: 27-32

**Ord. Wkdy.-** 1 Thes 3: 7-13/ Ps 90: 3-5a. 12-13. 14 & 17/ Mt 24: 42-51

**Ord. Wkdy.-** 1 Thes 4: 1-8/ Ps 97: 1 and 2b. 5-6. 10. 11-12/ Mt 25: 1-13

**Ord. Weekday/ BVM-** 1 Thes 4: 9-11/ Ps 98: 1. 7-8. 9/ Mt 25: 14-30

#### TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sat.	Sep 2	5:00 pm	SJ	Anita Svoboda+
Sun.	Sep 3	8:00 am	SJ	James Beeson+
		10:30 am	SJ	<b>For the People of St. James Parish</b>

**TWENTY-SECONDSUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
 Jer 20: 7-9/ Ps 63: 2. 3-4. 5-6. 8-9 (2b)/ Rom 12: 1-2/ Mt 16: 21-27

**Welcome to Fr. Julius Tvrdy!** Thank you for covering the **Confessions & Masses** this weekend, **Aug. 26-27.**

**MISSION COOP-** Fr. Justus Rwehumbiza Kahwa from Tanzania will make the *Mission Cooperative appeal* on **Sept. 2-3.** Please use the *Mission Coop* envelopes to donate to the support of the *Diocese of Bukoba in Tanzania.* A special collection will be taken up the weekend of **September 9-10.** More info about Fr. Justus inside.

Fr. Lux will welcome him when he arrives on Monday, 8/28. He will help me with Masses after my surgery on September 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 and getting Fr. Justus to Mead before 9/9. **Plan to help welcome Fr. Justus while he is here.** This is the first year we are able to have Mission Cooperative Appeal with missionaries travelling to us since before 2020.

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

### Sisters Vocation Prayer Calendar 2023 - Aug 27 - Sept 2

Pray for	Stage of Formation:	Religious Order:
Sister Benedicta Hawkins from Runel, IA	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](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** 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](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.

### *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:

- ◆ **Work of the Holy Angels (Fall 2023)**- with *Opus Sanctorum Angelorum* on **Sept 7-10, 2023**.
- ◆ **Going Deeper**— with Fr. Michael McCabe on **Sept. 22-24, 2023**

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:



### JOB OPPORTUNITIES:

**The Chancery office** has an opening for a full-time Benefits Coordinator. This position is responsible for diocesan benefits administration and oversight. Proficiency in Microsoft Office Suite, excellent written and verbal communication, organizational and time management skills required.

To apply for this position, please contact Marsha Bartek for an application, [marsha-bartek@lincolndioocese.org](mailto:marsha-bartek@lincolndioocese.org), 3400 Sheridan Blvd., Lincoln, NE 68506, or call 402-904-8052.

**Cathedral of the Risen Christ** is looking for a Director of Stewardship. This full-time position will ensure Cathedral's long-term vitality and support all stewardship initiatives. The Director of Stewardship will oversee advancement for the parish and school, cultivate relationships with constituents, coordinate giving campaigns, and implement future capital campaigns and special projects. The selected candidate must be a self-starter who possesses strong communication and leadership skills. Flexible hours. Interested applicants should submit a cover letter and resume to Dianne Hall, Office Administrator, [DHall@crchrist-parish.org](mailto:DHall@crchrist-parish.org).

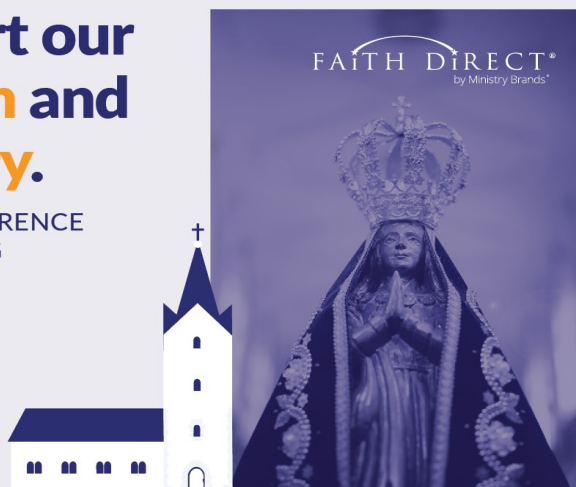
### ONLINE GIVING TO OUR PARISH. It's easy to get started.

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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AND STATUES AS WE PRAY AND MARCH TO  
THE STATE CAPITOL FOR SPEAKERS  
AND FELLOWSHIP TO FOLLOW

FOR THE CONVERSION OF THE NATION

FOR MORE INFORMATION  
SCAN THE QR CODE

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/>.

**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**

**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 & the Spirit. Amen.

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



**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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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....

**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, 37<sup>th</sup> & Sheridan Blvd.** Suggested Donation: \$25 (for materials) To register, please call 402-473-0620.

**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](http://necatholic.org/news-events/newsroom.html/article/2023/08/04/on-lb753-misinformation-lies-and-the-truth) and [www.keepkidsfirstnebraska.com](http://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. 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.](#)



PARISH WEEKLY ACTIVITIES:					
Sunday	Aug	27	Between Masses	PCCW Bakesale	Parish Hall
Every Thurs.			7:00 pm	<b>Exposition Adoration– Simple Reposition</b>	Church
Friday	Sept	1	8:00 pm	AA - Hall Reserved	Parish Hall
Saturday	Sept	2	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>	
Parish Offering 8/20/23	
Adult Envelopes	\$1,513.00
Plate	\$286.50
Children's	\$2.00
Assumption	\$130.00
<b>Total Deposit</b>	<b>\$1,931.50</b>

## AROUND OUR PARISH

**ALUMINUM RECYCLING:** The Knights of Columbus are accepting aluminum cans for recycling. Please drop off your cans in the barrel at the southeast corner of Joe Vinton's shop. Cans do not need to be crushed.

**THAT MAN IS YOU (TMIY):** We are starting the fall session of TMIY entitled "Worthy of the Call" on Saturday mornings at 6:30 AM in the parish hall. Despite the title men and woman are both invited. We watch a 45-minute video about how to practice your Catholic faith and then have 30 minutes of group discussion. During this designated year of Eucharistic Revival, we are all called to grow in our faith so we can be witnesses to others. Why not check out our Saturday morning class and see for yourself how rewarding faith building can be. Rolls and coffee are available, and we finish up by 7:45 AM so you can attend 8 AM Mass as well.

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.**



### 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.

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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.**

**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 26-27	Sept 2-3	Sept 9-10	Sept 16-17
<b>Sat. 5:00 pm</b>	<b>Reader</b>	Ron Eisenbarth	Diana McCown	Amy Larkins	Ron Eisenbarth
	<b>Acolyte</b>	<i>(volunteer)</i>	Randy Eickmeier	Kurt Larkins	<i>(volunteer)</i>
	<b>Server</b>	<i>(volunteers)</i>	<i>(volunteers)</i>	<i>(volunteers)</i>	<i>(volunteers)</i>
<b>Sun. 8:00 am</b>	<b>Reader</b>	Chris Hytrek	Jerry Lentfer	Joe Vinton	Michelle Milke
	<b>Acolyte</b>	Pat Milke	Tony Sullivan	Scott Osterhaus	Chris Hytrek
	<b>Server</b>	Simon Robinson	Reid Hochstein	Mason Eickmeier	Sam Robinson
<b>Sun. 10:30 am</b>	<b>Server B</b>	Carter Stieb	Rylan Hochstein	Carson Eickmeier	Sawyer Robinson
	<b>Reader</b>	Larry Etmund	Ginger Jelinek	Shirley Yates	Karl Gramann
	<b>Acolyte</b>	Ron Boden	Ron Eisenbarth	Myron Heusinkvelt	Ron Boden
	<b>Server</b>	Max Jacobson	Hayden Nielson	Brady Troxel	Max Jacobson
	<b>Server B</b>	Mason Henn	Nolan Nielson	Sam Troxel	Mason Henn
	<b>Collection Counters</b>	Jim Fuhrman / Theron Troxel	Kassie Ebberts / Amy Argo	Julie Pfingsten / Lauren Ehmen	Jeanne Egger / Grace Benes

### 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 31<sup>st</sup>**. 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**.