

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
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-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - SEPTEMBER 24, 2023

*Open our hearts, O Lord,
 to listen to the words of your Son.* Cf. Acts 16:14b

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					MASS READINGS— Follow the Church's liturgical life. Read the scriptures before Mass. Try to join 1 or more weekday Masses.
SJ= St. James Church. GCRC= Gold Crest Retirement Community-Adams					
TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME					
Sat.	Sep 23	5:00 pm	SJ	Anita Svoboda+	TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: Is 55: 6-9/ Ps 145: 2-3. 8-9. 17-18 (18a)/ Phil 1: 20c-24. 27a/ Mt 20: 1-16a
Sun.	Sep 24	8:00 am	SJ	For the People of St. James Parish	
		10:30 am	SJ	Ray Kohout+	
Mon.	Sep 25	7:00 am	SJ	All Souls Day Intentions+	Ordinary Weekday: Ezr 1: 1-6/ Ps 126: 1b-2ab. 2cd-3. 4-5. 6/ Lk 8: 16-18
Tue.	Sep 26	7:00 am	SJ	Norm Hilger+	Ordinary Weekday/ Cosmas and Damian, mts Ezr 6: 7-8. 12b. 14-20/ Ps 122: 1-2. 3-4ab. 4cd-5/ Lk 8: 19-21
Wed.	Sep 27	4:00 pm	GCRC	Society of St. Vincent DePaul	Vincent de Paul, p, rf M- Ezr 9: 5-9/ Tb 13: 2. 3-4a. 4befghn. 7-8/ Lk 9: 1-6
		6:30 pm	SJ	Greg Ebel	
Thu.	Sep 28	7:00 am	SJ	Dennis Riha+	Ordinary Weekday/ Wenceslaus, mt/ Lawrence Ruiz, mm, mt, & co., mts Hg 1: 1-8/ Ps 149: 1b-2. 3-4. 5-6a and 9b/ Lk 9: 7-9
Fri.	Sep 29	7:00 am	SJ	Laverne Kozisek+	Michael, Gabriel, Raphael, archangels F Dn 7: 9-10. 13-14 or Rv 12: 7-12a/ Ps 138: 1-2ab. 2cde-3. 4-5/ Jn 1: 47-51
Sat.	Sep 30	8:00 am	SJ	Ralph Zavala+	Jerome, p, dr M- Zec 2: 5-9. 14-15a/ Jer 31: 10. 11-12ab. 13/ Lk 9: 43b-45
TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME					
Sat.	Sep 30	5:00 pm	SJ	Safe and Good Harvest	TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Ez 18: 25-28/ Ps 25: 4-5. 6-7. 8-9 (6a)/ Phil 2: 1-11/ Mt 21: 28-32
Sun.	Sep 31	8:00 am	SJ	October Birthdays in Parish	
		10:30 am	SJ	For the People of St. James Parish	



ANNUAL FALL CLEANUP FOR THE CHURCH GROUNDS will be **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7.** Many hands make light work! We have several **trees** that need to be **taken down**, **bushes on north side to trim along the windows & sidewalks**, among **other projects**. I will sign any forms for high school students toward their community service project. We will need several people to bring **chain saws, rakes & possibly a few trailers**. Please plan on **beginning the day around 8:30 a.m., right after 8:00 a.m. Mass. Lunch will be provided.** See you there.
 Questions? Contact Pat Milke at 402-430-0372.



THANK YOU to all who attended the **KICKOFF TO SUNDAY SCHOOL**, to the **PCCW** for preparing & serving the **Breakfast**, and to all who donated breakfast supplies. All proceeds benefit the CCD youth program & ongoing PCCW projects.

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

Sisters Vocation Prayer Calendar 2023 - Sept 24-30

Pray for	Stage of Formation:	Religious Order:
Olivia Benz from Byers, CO	Postulant	School Sisters of Christ the King
Please Pray for New Entrants in <i>Diocese of Lincoln</i> Motherhouses.		

Pray for the Seminarian of the Week - Sept 24-30

Pray for	Seminary of Study:	Year:
Max Summa	St. Gregory the Great	Propaedeutic Stage
Parish: St. Vincent de Paul, Seward		

WHITE MASS: Calling all **Healthcare professionals** - Sunday, **Oct 14th** at 9 AM - UNL Newman Center, Lincoln. **Brunch** to follow, free will donation. Sponsored by The *Catholic Medical Association*. Questions: lnkcma@gmail.com. **Doctors, Pharmacists, Nurses, Aides, Therapists, Mental Health Practitioners, Medical & nursing students, EMS Providers, Lab & Radiology Techs, etc!**

FALL CARE-A-THON Sept. 25-29.
www.spiritcatholicradio.com
 Tune in to **FM 102.7** to hear inspirational messages. Also available **online streaming &** on the **Spirit Catholic Radio App.**



Dear Pro-life Advocates,

The pro-life movement in Nebraska is winning, and we want to celebrate with you!

Just the other day, the Nebraska Supreme Court ruled to keep LB574 in legal effect while the Court considers the ongoing challenge to its constitutionality. LB574, passed this last legislative session, protects babies from abortion starting at 12 weeks gestational age. (LB574 also restricts puberty blockers and cross-sex hormones and bans transgender surgeries on minor children.)

This decision, which means the law will continue to save babies and protect minor children while the lawsuit plays out, comes after Planned Parenthood and the ACLU appealed the earlier ruling of a district court in Lincoln that LB574 is constitutional under the Nebraska State Constitution and will remain in effect.

This decision by the Nebraska Supreme Court is just one more victory for the pro-life cause in Nebraska, and adds to the many other wins we've seen in the last several years, such as: giving hope to Moms who want to reverse their chemical abortion process; banning dismemberment abortions; preventing taxpayer dollars from going to the abortion industry; and defeating countless attempts to make Nebraska an abortion destination state.

These are the types of pro-life wins we hope to celebrate with you at the [Bishops' Pro-Life Banquet and Conference](#) on October 6th and 7th. This year's theme, *The Truth Will Set You Free*, will focus on living the truth in our new *Dobbs* era. In an age of misinformation, the Lord is calling us all the more to witness to the truth of the Gospel of Life.

[Register now](#) for the banquet and conference by visiting www.NEcatholic.org. You won't regret this great opportunity for celebration and solidarity with hundreds of your favorite pro-life friends from across the state of Nebraska!

In Christ, Tom Venzor

The **SPIRITUAL WARFARE IN THE FAMILY CONFERENCE** 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>

Relic
of
THE APOSTLE OF THE IMPOSSIBLE
SAINT
JUDE THADDEUS

September 27-30

Sept. 27 : St. Michael Church, Lincoln Mass at 6pm
 Sept. 28 : St. John Vianney Church, Omaha Mass at 6pm
 Sept. 29 : St. Leo Church, Omaha Mass at 6pm
 Sept. 30 : St. Patrick Church, Fremont Mass at 5:30pm
 Veneration times from 1-10pm. St. Michael only 4-10pm
 Stay updated on the pilgrimage at spiritcatholicradio.com/jude
 Free will donations accepted.

October Pro-Life Diaper Drive:

LDCCW needs your help to make the Drive successful. Diapers will be given to the Pregnancy Centers & Catholic Social Services across the Lincoln Diocese and St. Gianna Women's Homes.

2023 NEBRASKA
MENS ROSARY MARCH

SATURDAY OCTOBER 14 - 11AM

MEET AT NEWMAN CENTER
 320 N. 16TH ST. LINCOLN NE

MEN OF ALL AGES, BRING ROSARIES, FLAGS, BANNERS, HOLY ITEMS 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

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



Sidewalk Advocates
FOR LIFE

Lincoln, NE

We need both sidewalk advocates and prayer partners for our ministry!

Join us for our next Sidewalk Advocacy Training

Saturday, October 28 | 11:45 AM – 6:00 PM

There is a \$15 fee to cover the cost of the workbook and training expenses.



Please register in advance:

Contact Lisa McInerney: lisapal24@aol.com or 402.525.9360

sidewalkadvocates.org

The **Emmaus Institute for Biblical Studies** is hosting a seminar titled **Just Catholic: St. Paul on Justification and Life in Christ**, featuring Dr. James Prothro, a biblical scholar who teaches at the Augustine Institute in Denver. The seminar focuses on a topic of immense interest to Catholic and Protestant Christians alike. It will be held at St. Michael Catholic Church in Lincoln on **October 7**, at 9:00am, with Mass preceding at 8:15am. For more information and to register, visit www.emmausinstitute.net.

Take part in **40 Days for Life** in Lincoln:

Fall 2023 Campaign:
September 27—November 5

Knowing that “with God, all things are possible,” people of faith & conscience unite in **40 days of prayer & fasting**. Christ told us **some demons can only be driven out by prayer and fasting**. The two go hand in hand. **Prayer** keeps us rooted in the fact that it is our desire to carry out God’s will. **Fasting** is a sacrifice



that helps us reach beyond our own limitations with God’s help.

The **visible, public centerpiece** of *40 Days for Life* is a focused, 40-day, non-stop, round-the-clock **prayer vigil outside a single Planned Parenthood center** or other abortion facility in your community. It is a **peaceful & educational presence**. Those who are called to stand witness during this 24-hour-a-day presence send a **powerful message to the community** about the tragic reality of abortion.

- ♦ Prayer Vigil Location - Planned Parenthood, Lincoln
- ♦ Vigil Hours: 7 AM - 7 PM daily
- ♦ **Contact: Katherine Turner: 402-202-1614**



Bishops' Pro-Life Banquet & Conference
OCTOBER 6 & 7 | NECATHOLIC.ORG | LINCOLN, NE

*Mary our Queen.
Pray for us!*

St. Joseph. Pray for us!

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/>, brochure call 402-435-8888 or call Barb Wallingford 402-430-5811.



EVENT DETAILS

Join the Bishops of Nebraska & keynote speaker, Joe Heschmeyer for an evening of celebration, stewardship, & learning about living out the Truth.

5:30 PM Cocktail Hour (Cash Bar)
6:30 PM Dinner, Awards, Keynote

8:30 AM Liturgy of the Hours
9:00 AM - Conference
4:00 PM (Lunch Included)

Embassy Suites | Downtown Lincoln
Block Room Rate Available

EVENT PRICING

Banquet Ticket.....	\$65
Conference Ticket.....	\$55
Banquet & Conference.....	\$100
Banquet Table of 10.....	\$650

\$600 Early Bird Special | Discounted prices for clergy & students | Free banquet childcare

REGISTER

Online.....NECatholic.org
Phone.....(402) 477-7517

SCAN HERE!



Thanksgiving for Rain & 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/)

PARISH WEEKLY ACTIVITIES:					
Sunday	Sept	24	After both Masses	PCCW Bakesale	Parish Hall
Every Thurs.			7:00 pm	Exposition Adoration– Simple Reposition	Church
Friday	Sept	29	8:00 pm	AA - Hall Reserved	Parish Hall
Saturday	Sept	30	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 9/17/23	
Adult Envelopes	\$988.00
Plate	\$155.00
Children's	\$1.00
Mission Cooperative	\$240.00
Hall Rental	\$50.00
Total Deposit	\$1,434.00

AROUND OUR PARISH

19TH ANNUAL CLOTHING SHARE- on SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7TH FROM 8:30 – NOON in the Parish Hall. As the Fall season approaches and families are sorting thru summer & fall clothing we would like to extend an opportunity to our parish families & friends to bring any 'slightly used' clothing items & small household items that you would like to 'recycle' for our parish families & friends to enjoy. Saturday, October 7th all parishioners & friends may come & partake of the items – **FREE** of charge. All remaining items after Sunday will be donated to **Catholic Social Services in Lincoln**. If you have any questions, please contact Rosie VerMaas at 402.7432-3775. If you have any **items to donate**, please place them in the Parish Hall **prior to October 1st**. These items need to be **CLEAN & in gently used condition**. Also need volunteers to take the remaining items to Catholic Social Services after the event.

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.

THANK YOU to all who helped with Mary Schuetze's funeral last Friday helping with ushering & serving the Mass, hosting the lunch, attending the funeral Mass and praying for her soul. May she rest in peace. May all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

THANK YOU to all who helped with the **Altar Server Training** and to all who are on the **Confirmation Catechesis Team**.

THE ADORATION HOUR is ON
Thursday evenings from 7 pm to 8 pm.
Adoration of our Lord's Real Presence exposed in the monstrance. Sign up in the entryway to commit to being with our Lord for an hour.
Benediction 7:50 pm. Come let us worship Him!



THANK YOU to all who have cared for the landscaping around the parish grounds. Plants have been planted and tended. Mulch has been purchased and spread. Bushes have been trimmed. Grass has been watered, treated and mowed.

THANK YOU to the parents of those students preparing to be confirmed in May 2024 who attended the **parent meeting**. The **PASCHAL CANDLE STAND** is refinished & returned! Included: removing a dent in the stem, stripping the clear coat, buffing, brushing, & clear coating. Parts are bright & other parts are brushed finish– similar to the other items. Cost of \$585. The **estimate** to refinish the tabernacle 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**. We have received **anonymous donations totaling \$2,250** toward the **TABERNACLE** refinishing. **THANK YOU** to the donors & may God bless them. **ALTAR BELLS** were purchased for \$465 for a set by the kneelers & another on the steps. Daily Mass server uses the kneeler. At Holy Thurs. & E. Vigil we can ring both at 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.**

ALUMINUM RECYCLING: The **Knights of Columbus** are accepting aluminum cans for recycling at the **southeast corner of Vinton Automotive**. Cans do not need to be crushed.

ONLINE GIVING TO OUR PARISH. It's easy to get started. Here are the ways to sign up: Enter www.stjamecorland.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.

Liturgical Ministers				
		Sept 23-24	Sept 30-Oct 1	Oct 7-8
Sat. 5:00 pm	Reader	Diana McCown	Amy Larkins	Ron Eisenbarth
	Acolyte	Randy Eickmeier	Kurt Larkins	(volunteer)
	Server	(volunteers)	(volunteers)	(volunteers)
Sun. 8:00 am	Reader	Chris Hytrek	Jerry Lentfer	Joe Vinton
	Acolyte	Pat Milke	Tony Sullivan	Scott Osterhaus
	Server	Andrew Oelke	Simon Robinson	Reid Hochstein
Sun. 10:30 am	Server B	Austin Oelke	Carter Stieb	Rylan Hochstein
	Reader	Larry Etmund	Ginger Jelinek	Shirley Yates
	Acolyte	Ron Eisenbarth	Myron Heusinkvelt	Ron Boden
	Server	Hayden Nielson	Brady Troxel	Max Jacobson
	Server B	Nolan Nielson	Ty Troxel	Mason Henn
	Collection Counters	Jim Fuhrman / Theron Troxel	Randy & Colleen Eickmeier/Amy Argo	Julie Pfingsten / Laureen Ehmen



*Jesus,
I trust in
You!*

MOWING SCHEDULE

Go to:
www.signupgenius.com/findasignup

enter:
jeremyjelinek@yahoo.com,

click the **search** button to locate the signup.