

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](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.

† **Get a book to read for Advent: A gift from St James Parish for you.**
“Jesus and the Jewish roots of the Eucharist” by Brant Pitre.

A **3 NIGHT ADULT FAITH EDUCATION CLASS** will be offered on Monday evenings, 7pm, Dec. 4, 11, and 18 with this book as a guide. Registration forms may be found in the vestibule of the Church, along with the books. Please pick up your copy whether you attend the class or not.

† Also— *The Word Among Us* with Daily Mass Readings, commentaries & other article for Advent. Pick up your copy.



SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING OF THE UNIVERSE NOVEMBER 26, 2023

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is to come! -Mk 11:9, 10

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.

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Date	Time	Church	Intention	Readings
Sat. Nov 25	5:00 pm	SJ	All Souls Day Intentions+	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe S (Thirty-fourth & Last Sunday in Ordinary Time): Ez 14: 11-12. 15-17/ Ps 23: 1-2. 2-3. 5-6 (1)/ 1 Cor 15: 20-26. 28/ Mt 25: 31-46
Sun. Nov 26	8:00 am	SJ	For the People of St. James Parish	
	10:30am	SJ	All Souls Day Intentions+	
Mon. Nov 27	7:00 am	SJ	All Souls Day Intentions+	Ordinary Weekday: Dn 1: 1-6. 8-20/ Dn 3: 52. 53. 54. 55. 56/ Lk 21: 1-4
Tue. Nov 28	7:00 am	SJ	Tyler Reed+	Ordinary Weekday: Dn 2: 31-45/ Dn 3: 57. 58. 59. 60. 61/ Lk 21: 5-11
Wed. Nov 29	4:00 pm	GCRC	Raymond & Frances Hottovy+	Ordinary Weekday: Dn 5: 1-6. 13-14. 16-17. 23-28/ Dn 3: 62. 63. 64. 65. 66. 67/ Lk 21: 12-19
	6:30 pm	SJ	Love of the Sacred Heart	
Thu. Nov 30	7:00 am	SJ	LaVerne Kozisek+	Andrew, ap F: Rom 10: 9-18/ Ps 19: 8. 9. 10. 11/ Mt 4: 18-22
Fri. Dec 1	Out of Parish		Shawn Hollman Family	Ordinary Weekday: Dn 7: 2-14/ Dn 3: 75. 76. 77. 78. 79. 80. 81/ Lk 21: 29-33
Sat. Dec 2	8:00 am	SJ	Love of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Weekday: Dn 7: 15-27/ Dn 3: 82. 83. 84. 85. 86. 87/ Lk 21: 34-36

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sat. Dec 2	5:00 pm	SJ	Anita Svoboda+	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT: Is 63: 16b-17. 19b; 64: 2-7/ Ps 80: 2-3. 15-16. 18-19 (4)/ 1 Cor 1: 3-9/ Mk 13: 33-37
Sun. Dec 3	8:00 am	SJ	All Souls Day Intentions+	
	10:30am	SJ	For the People of St. James Parish	

Do you really believe that Jesus is truly present in the Blessed Sacrament?
 In Jesus words, "Come and See."

"For in the warmth of His presence, our lives change. Without Him, everything would be truly gray. Adoring the Body and Blood of Christ, let us ask Him with our heart: Lord, give me the daily bread to go forward. Lord, satisfy me with Your presence." -Pope Francis

The **Eucharistic Encounter Night** will be **Wednesday, November 29th at 7pm** in St. James Church. Make this Holy Hour your time to encounter the Lord anew, as we celebrate the **Eucharistic Revival**.

A community gathering will follow in the Church hall.

Begin Advent- attend the talk "The Elevation of the Host & My Journey to the Catholic Church" by Dr. Vern Steiner: **Sunday, Dec. 3, 7pm** in **St. James Church**. Bishop Conley contracted with the *Emmaus Institute for Biblical Studies* to provide catechetical evenings for all the parishes of the Lincoln Diocese. A small reception for further discussion with Dr. Steiner will follow.

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

Religious Sisters Vocation Prayer Calendar 2023 - Nov 26 - Dec 2

Sr. Rita Marie of the Holy Trinity from Fort Wayne, IN Novice *Sisters of the Carmel of Jesus, Mary & Joseph*

Please pray for young women discerning a call to the Sisterhood in Motherhouses in the *Diocese of Lincoln*.

Pray for the Seminarian of the Week - Nov 26 - Dec 2

Bradley Moss - St. Charles Borromeo Seminary Theology 2
Parish: *St. Joseph, Lincoln*

Please pray for young men discerning a call to the priesthood in the *Diocese of Lincoln*.

ADVENT WITH SPIRIT CATHOLIC RADIO: How are you celebrating Advent this year? The four weeks of Advent are meant to give us hope & reassurance that the Lord is coming, & also the opportunity to give hope to those around us. This year, Spirit Catholic Radio is focusing on a theme for every week of Advent: **Hope, Joyful Expectation, Prayer, and Peace.** Follow us on social media, subscribe to our e-newsletter, *The Halo*, & visit <https://spiritcatholicradio.com/advent/> as we share with you ideas for bringing these themes to life in your own special way either with your family, coworkers, or community. You can also tune in to *Spirit Catholic Radio* on **weekday mornings 7-9AM**, during our *Spirit Mornings* show, to hear inspirational guests discuss what Advent can mean in our lives. Tune in on **Sundays** for special Advent programming from EWTN. More info at <https://spiritcatholicradio.com/>

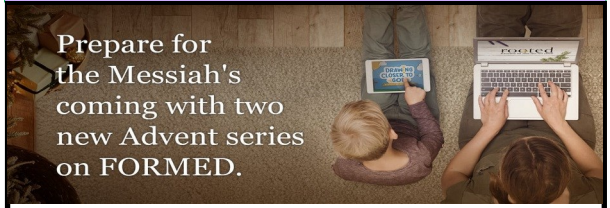


The *Emmaus Institute for Biblical Studies* is accepting registrations for a five-week course **Hearing the Word: Understanding the Bible**, offered in person on Monday or Tuesday evenings (6:30-8:30pm) beginning January 8, & available online (typically posted the following day, with class notes). Taught by Emmaus president Dr. Vern Steiner, *Hearing the Word* is a **practical course** designed to equip students with the tools to read the Bible with understanding. Learn more & register at www.EmmausInstitute.net.



PIUS X HIGH SCHOOL has an immediate opening for a **full-time paraprofessional**. This individual will observe classes & assist with individual & small group instruction coordinated by our *ABLE* staff. If interested, apply online at piusx.net/employment.

ONLINE GIVING TO OUR PARISH is easy to get started. **Ways to sign up:** Go to parish website www.stjamecortland.com & click on *Online giving*. **OR Visit faithdirect.net/ne1020. OR Call Faith Direct Customer Service at 866-507-8757.**



Prepare for the Messiah's coming with two new Advent series on **FORMED**.

With the unrest in the Holy Land Fr. Rand now invites all to consider a **spiritual pilgrimage to Italy** for **April 9, 2024** for **11 days** with roundtrip flights from Omaha. Visit sites of Eucharistic miracles, Rome & the Vatican, Assisi (St Francis & St Clare), Orvieto, Cascia (St Rita), Lanciano, San Giovanni Rotunda (Padre Pio), Grotto of St Michael the Archangel, Holy Veil of Manoppello & much more. Check out tektonministries.org website.

Rooted: Rediscover the Jesse Tree this Advent: Hosted by Dr. Scott Hefelfinger, each **seven-minute reflection** helps Catholics apply Scripture to daily life using the *Jesse Tree* model traditionally practiced by families.

Drawing Closer to God: A Catholic Art Show for Kids: Join art teacher Ms. Kim as she **teaches children to draw** different scenes from the Nativity story. As kids learn new art skills, they also begin to see the connections between the big picture of God's story & their place within it.



1000 people live or work at the dump in Mexico City. They work 6 days a week and receive less than \$14 a week in exchange for their collected recyclables. Hope of the Poor gives a monthly box of food to each family. They are filled with dry goods and cooking supplies to help sustain them for a month.

The *Diocesan Pilgrimages to Mexico City* have worked with the people served by *Hope for the Poor*. Bishop Conley has suggested that we take up an **optional collection** for the *Hope of the Poor* organization during the **4 Sundays of Advent**. There are **cardboard boxes for Hope for the Poor** you can take home to collect money thru the week. **Check out :** <https://hopeofthepoor.org/>.

If you would like to join one of the Diocese of Lincoln pilgrimages, please email: olgeucharisticpilgrimage@gmail.com.

Mary Queen of peace. Pray for us!

JOIN US AT COR MARIAE SCHOENSTATT SHRINE FOR

ADVENT
Shelter Seeking

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2023
9 A.M. MASS
10 A.M. FELLOWSHIP MEAL AND ACTIVITIES
340 State Highway 103, Crete, NE



Questions? cor.mariae.crete@gmail.com



Knights of Columbus 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.

Looking for a retreat that works for you? Check out some upcoming retreats at [Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House in Waverly.](#)

✠ "Five Marian Stones & Consecration to the Immaculate"

with Fr. Elias Mary, F.I. on **Dec. 3-5**, and

✠ "Men's Spiritual Exercises with *Regnum Christi*" on

Dec. 7-10 with Fr. Shawn Aaron, LC.

✠ "Masses & Tears" on **Dec 15-17** with Fr. Jay Buhman

Read more/register at www.goodcounselretreat.org, QR Code, email office@goodcounselretreat.org or call 402-786-2705.



ALUMINUM RECYCLING: The *Knights of Columbus* take aluminum cans for recycling at the **southeast corner of Vinton Automotive.**

Prayer for Rain

Almighty God, / we are in need of rain.

We realize now, / looking up into the clear, blue sky, / **what a marvel even the least drop of rain really is.** To think that so much water can fall out of the sky, / which now is empty & clear!

We place our trust in You. /

We are sure that You know our needs. /

But You want us to ask You anyway, / to show You that **we know we are dependent on You.**

Look on our dry hills & fields, dear God, / and bless them with the living blessing of soft rain. Then the land will rejoice, / & the rivers will sing Your praises, / & the hearts of men will be made glad. Amen.

St. Joseph-Patron of a Happy Death. Pray for us!

EYES OPENED, Hearts on Fire! Hotel rooms are sold out for a **20**



NATIONAL **Eucharistic Congress**

mile radius. The *Diocese of Lincoln* has rooms reserved. **You could have a room if you go on this pilgrimage. Sign up now.**

NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS in

Indianapolis: July 17-21, 2024- be part of the 1st **Nat'l. Eucharistic Congress** in the *United States* in nearly 50 years (1976- Philadelphia).

Draw into a deeper intimacy with our Eucharistic Lord.

Register today: <https://www.eucharisticcongress.org/register>.

Nat'l. Eucharistic Cong. Official Schedule: www.eucharisticcongress.org/schedule

National Eucharistic Pilgrimage

heading to the *National Eucharistic Congress.*

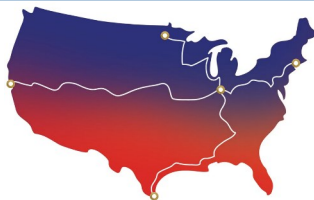
Join a *National Eucharistic Pilgrimage* in the

summer of 2024. The pilgrimage will consist

of **4 cross-country eucharistic processions,**

collectively traversing the entire continental

United States over a 2-month period.



Named the "Serra Route," after *St. Junipero Serra*, the patron saint of *California*, the western route is the longest of the planned pilgrimages & will begin in San Francisco. The pilgrimage will then pass through Utah, Colorado, Nebraska; & Missouri before **ending in Indianapolis.**

Make plans to join the **weekend stops or the procession in route:**

June 14-16, '24- North Platte, NE & June 21-23, '24- Omaha, NE.



Jesus,
I trust in You!

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER EXPERIENCE

"Finding a oneness of heart we fully desire."

February 9th to 11th in Lincoln. We need advance registration. Call right-away- Gary & Brenda Granger. 303--604--6202.

THANK YOU to all who requested *All Souls Day Intention Masses.* The Deceased Persons listed in your requests will be remembered throughout the year at Masses offered for the All Souls Day Intentions+. **Requests are still welcome** to add to the list. The *All Souls Day Mass Intentions* envelopes are on the altar.

Pray for all the Poor Souls in Purgatory.

REQUEST THE OFFERING of a Mass for your intention. The Mass is the **greatest prayer that can be offered.** Jesus offered the Mass **once for all** at the Last Supper & on the Cross. He worships His Father in heaven for all eternity & is the celebrant of each Mass offered everywhere. **Mass may be offered for a variety of intentions** i.e. the repose of the soul of a deceased person, a living person, in thanksgiving, or for a special intention (eg. World Peace or greater glory of God). **Mass Intention stipends are \$10.** This is part of the **support of a priest.** A priest can offer Mass for free. The **2024 Mass Intentions** Calendar is here. We can take requests for specific '24 dates.

Thank you to those who have requested other Mass Intentions.

Priests assigned w/out a parish, retired or in impoverished areas would welcome your Mass intentions & stipends. Contact Fr. Lux if you wish to provide Mass intentions for them. **Thank you.**

Please pray for the **Pope's Intention for DECEMBER '23:**

For persons with disabilities- We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, & that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.



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/>.

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

Guest speaker
JAMES D. CONLEY
BISHOP
OF LINCOLN



Series on
VATICAN II

BISHOP JAMES D. CONLEY
PRESENTS
SACROSANCTUM CONCILIIUM
(CONSTITUTION ON SACRED LITURGY)

IN COLLABORATION WITH THE
OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION,
EMMAUS INSTITUTE FOR BIBLICAL STUDIES, AND
NEWMAN INSTITUTE FOR CATHOLIC THOUGHT AND CULTURE

MASS FOR THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
WILL BE OFFERED BY BISHOP EMERITUS FABIAN W. BRUSKEWITZ
AT 5:30 P.M.

8 December | John XXIII Center
2023 | 6:30 p.m. presentation
Reception to follow

\$10 PER TICKET

3700 SHERIDAN BLVD., LINCOLN, NE

Register Now

PARISH WEEKLY ACTIVITIES:

Sunday	Nov 26	9:15 am	Annual Lectors Meeting	Parish Hall
Monday	Nov 27	7:00 pm	Parish Council & Finance Council Meeting	Parish Hall
Wednesday	Nov 29	7:00 pm	Eucharistic Encounter Adoration Hour	Church
Friday	Dec 1	8:00 pm	AA - Hall Reserved	Parish Hall
Saturday	Dec 2	6:30 am	That Man Is You	Parish Hall
Sunday	Dec 3	7:00 pm	My Journey to the Catholic Church & the Host	Church

Each week, we choose what will be done with the 168 hours we have available to us. Good stewardship of time means we will share some of that time with God in prayer, praise & thanksgiving, & some time caring for the needs of others.

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 11/19/23	
Adult Envelopes	\$978.00
Plate	\$149.75
Total Deposit	\$1,127.75

AROUND OUR PARISH

SUPPER at **MATT TALBOT KITCHEN** served by our Parish on the 5th Thurs. of this month, **11/30**. Please **donate different food items &/or help serve**. **Signup sheet** near the entry of the church. Please make sure to have the items in the kitchen by noon on Thurs., 11/30.

Questions- Kassie E. contact info is on the bottom of the signup sheet. Thank you.

CLOISTERED SISTERS COLLECTION for the cloistered sisters in the *Lincoln Diocese* is taken up on **Thanksgiving**. Thank you to those who donated without a reminder in the bulletin. **You may still give in a specially marked envelope in the regular Sunday collection**. Envelopes are in your packet received in the mail. **Thank you** for praying for & supporting the women of the **Pink Sisters** in Lincoln & the **Carmelites** near Agnew who pray before the Blessed Sacrament for you.

FALL PANCAKE FEED- The *Saint James Knights of Columbus* will hold their annual fall pancake feed on **Sunday, December 3rd, 9 AM- Noon in the parish hall**. Serving pancakes, biscuits & gravy, ham & fruit, all for a freewill donation. This year the Knights will donate the proceeds to the **upkeep of the Schoenstatt shrine north of Crete** on Hwy 103 in honor & memory of deceased Knight Bob Riddle. Bob & Betty Riddle spent many volunteer hours at the shrine keeping up the grounds & making the shrine the beautiful pilgrimage site it is today.

THAT MAN IS YOU (TMIY) session is entitled "**Worthy of the Call**" on **Sat. at 6:30 AM** in the parish hall. **Men & women welcome**.

UPCOMING ST. JAMES PCCW EVENTS

Tree of Warmth- Month of **November**. **PCCW Christmas Meeting Dec. 13** in the Parish Hall

Church Cleaning for Christmas- Dec. 15-16 - all ladies of the Parish are asked to help.

CCD Christmas Program- Sunday, Dec. 17 at 7:00 PM.

THANK YOU to the donors of the **AED AT ST. JAMES!** It's in a cabinet near the *Holy Family & St. Joseph* statues. We should have **CPR training with AED training** at *St. James*. Know a trainer?

Liturgical Ministers


		Nov 25-26	Dec 2-3	Immaculate Concept. Dec 7 th - 7 PM	Dec 9-10	Dec 16-17	Dec 23-24
Sat. 5:00 pm	Reader	Amy Larkins	Ron Eisenbarth	Diana McCown	Amy Larkins	Ron Eisenbarth	Diana McCown
	Acolyte	Kurt Larkins	(volunteer)	Randy Eickmeier	Kurt Larkins	(volunteer)	(volunteer)
	Server 1	(volunteer)	Braxton Skillett	(volunteers)	(volunteers)	Braxton Skillett	
	Server 2	(volunteer)	Easton Schilbitzki	(volunteers)	(volunteers)	Easton Schilbitzki	
	Server 3						
Sun. 8:00 am				Dec 8 th - 7 AM			
	Reader	Joe Vinton	Michelle Milke	Chris Hytrek	Jerry Lentfer	Joe Vinton	Michelle Milke
	Acolyte	Chris Hytrek	Tony Sullivan	Scott Osterhaus	Chris Hytrek	Tony Sullivan	Scott Osterhaus
	Server 1	Jax Peterson	Spencer Robinson	Cooper Mason	Brayden Kuhlman	Liam Dush	Jax Peterson
	Server 2	Drake Peterson	Asher Stieb	Parker Eickmeier	Hudson Kuhlman	Kyler Beck	Drake Peterson
	Server 3	Andrew Oelke	Rylan Hochstein	Mason Eickmeier	Carter Stieb	Rylan Hochstein	Andrew Oelke
Sun. 10:30 am				Dec 8 th - 7 PM			
	Reader	Shirley Yates	Karl Gramann	Larry Etmund	Ginger Jelinek	Shirley Yates	Karl Gramann
	Acolyte	Myron Heusinkvelt	Ron Boden	Ron Eisenbarth	Myron Heusinkvelt	Ron Boden	Ron Eisenbarth
	Server 1	Collin Dummer	Hayden Nielson	Brady Troxel	Max Jacobson	Collin Dummer	Hayden Nielson
	Server 2	Crew Dummer	Nolan Nielson	Ty Troxel	Finn Jacobson	Crew Dummer	Nolan Nielson
	Server 3	Brady Troxel				Sam Troxel	
Collection Counters	R&C Eickmeier/ Amy Argo	Julie Pfingsten/ Laureen Ehmen			Jeanne Egger / Grace Benes	Jim Fuhrman / Theron Troxel	Kassie Ebbers/ Amy Argo

ANNUAL LECTOR MEETING: TODAY, Sunday, November 26th between Masses at 9:15 AM in the Church Hall. Lector workbooks will be distributed after a short meeting, so it's important that you attend. Thank you for your dedication to the people of St. James.


The Elevation of the Host and My Journey to the Catholic Church

Sunday December 3 | 7:00pm
St. James Catholic Church | Cortland, NE

FEATURING:



Dr. Vern Steiner
President of The Emmaus Institute for Biblical Studies



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