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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Deadline for bulletin announcements/ schedule requests: Wednesday 12 pm (N) to bulletinstjames@gmail.com.

Facebook: St James Catholic Church of Cortland

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: "Jesus & the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist" by Brant Pitre. A gift from our parish to you.** 

A 3 NIGHT ADULT FAITH EDUCATION CLASS will be offered on Monday evenings, @ 7pm, Dec. 4, 11, & 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 articles for Advent. Pick up your copy.



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 3, 2023

Show us Lord, your love; & grant us your salvation. – Ps 85:8

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. The **AED** is in a cabinet near the *Holy Family & St. Joseph* statues.



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					MASS READINGS – Follow the Church's liturgical life. Read the		
SJ=	St. Jame	s Church.	GCRC:	Gold Crest Retirement Community-Adams	scriptures <u>before</u> Mass. <u>Try to join 1 or more weekday Masses.</u>		
<b>FIRS</b>	T SUND	DAY OF A	DVEN	T	FIDOT OUNDAY OF A DVENT		
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/		
Sun.	Dec 3	8:00 am	SJ	All Souls Day Intentions+	Mk 13: 33-37		
		10:30am	SJ	For the People of St. James Parish	WK 15. 55-57		
Mon.	Dec 4	7:00 am	SJ	All Souls Day Intentions+	Adv. Wkdy./John of Damascus, p, r, dr: ls 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2. 3-4b. 4cd-5. 6-7. 8-9/Mt 8:5-11		
Tue.	Dec 5	7:00 am	SJ	Dorothy Wagner+	Advent Weekday: Is 11: 1-10/ Ps 72: 1-2. 7-8. 12-13. 17/ Lk 10: 21-24		
Wed.	Dec 6	4:00 pm	GCRC	LaVerne Kozisek+	Advent Weekday/ Nicholas, bp:		
		6:30 pm	SJ	Children	Is 25: 6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a. 3b-4.5. 6/Mt 15:29-37		
Thu.	Dec 7	7:00 am	SJ	Norm Hilger+	<b>Ambrose, bp, dr M:</b> Is 26: 1-6/ Ps 118: 1 & 8-9. 19-21. 25-27a/ Mt 7: 21. 24-27		
THE	IMMAC	ULATE C	ONCE	PTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MAR	Y- Holy Day of Obligation		
Thu.	Dec 7	7:00 pm	SJ	Protection of Pollinators	IMMACULATE CONCERTION OF THE RESCER VIRGINI MARY C.		
Fri.	Dec 8	7:00 am	SJ	For the People of St. James Parish	IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY S: Gn 3: 9-15. 20/ Ps 98: 1. 2-3ab. 3cd-4/ Eph 1: 3-6. 11-12/ Lk 1: 26-38		
Fri.	Dec 8	7:00 pm	SJ	All Souls Day Intentions+	GII 3. 9-13. 20/ PS 90. 1. 2-3ab. 3cu-4/ Epii 1. 3-0. 11-12/ LK 1. 20-30		
Sat.	Dec 9	8:00 am	SJ	Phil & Rita+ Baumel	Adv. Wkdy./Juan Diego, h:ls 30:19-21.23-26/Ps 147:1-2.3-4.5-6/Mt 9:35-10:1.5a.6-8		
SEC	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT						
Sat.	Dec 9	5:00 pm	SJ	People of the Americas	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT		
Sun.	Dec 10	8:00 am	SJ	For the People of St. James Parish	Is 40: 1-5. 9-11/ Ps 85: 9-10. 11-12. 13-14 (8)/ 2 Pt 3: 8-14/ Mk 1: 1-8		
		10:30am	SJ	LaVerne Kozisek+			

IT'S THE CHILDREN!! 10 children came with their parents joined the *Eucharistic Encounter* on Wednesday night. For a full hour; including Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Sacred Silence, Scripture, Reflection, & Benediction; these young people were quiet & reverent, experiencing a time of encounter with Jesus. They witnessed their parents & other adults in a full-out Adoration of our Lord; & how much more can they learn of God, & our response to Him, than by seeing reverence & love from all those present in their encounter with God? Afterwards, at the community gathering, they demolished most of the cookies, drank most of the juice, & played games by the kitchen. Such joy in the whole evening!!! Love in the Spirit. Diana

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Eucharistic Encounter Night. Rejoice in your encountering the Lord anew, as we celebrate Eucharistic Revival.

Begin Advent- attend the talk "The Elevation of the Host & My Journey to the Catholic Church" by Dr. Vern Steiner: TONIGHT, 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 - Dec 3 - 9

Sr. Maria Theresa Vi Nguyen Jr. Professed Sisters of Mary, Queen from Vietnam Sister of Mercy

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 - Dec 3 - 9

Trent Mines - Parish: Cathedral St. Gregory the Great College 2 of the Risen Christ, Lincoln Seminary

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 CATHOLIC RADIO hope & reassurance that the Lord is coming, & also the opportunity NETWORK 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, & 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 fiveweek course *Hearing the Word: Understanding the Bible*, offered in person on EMMAUS INSTITUTE 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.

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.

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 carboard 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.



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.

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.



Rooted: Rediscover the Jesse Tree this Advent:

Hosted by Dr. Scott Hefelfinger, each sevenminute 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.

Fr. Lux is available to talk to anyone interested in the Catholic Faith- to know more about it or to start learning about it. We have studies we could do on different topics. Perhaps the Bible Timeline would be a good study.

If interested talk to Fr. Lux

#### THE USE OF THE ADVENT WREATH

is a traditional practice which has found its place in the Church as well as in the home. The blessing of an Advent Wreath takes place on the First Sunday of Advent or on the evening before the First Sunday of Advent.

When the blessing of the Advent Wreath is celebrated in the home, it is appropriate that it be blessed by a parent or another member of the family.

All make the Sign of the Cross as the leader says:

Our help is in the name of the Lord. Response (R/.) Who made heaven and

Then the Scripture, Isaiah 9: (lines 1-2 and 5-6) or Isaiah 63 (lines 16-17 & 19) or Isaiah 64 (lines 2-7) is read:

Reader: The word of the Lord. R/. Thanks be to God.

With hands joined, the leader says:

Lord our God. we praise you for your Son, Jesus **Christ:** 

he is Emmanuel, the hope of the

he is the wisdom that teaches and guides us,

he is the Savior of every nation. Lord God.

let your blessing come upon us as we light the candles of this wreath. May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation.

May he come quickly and not delay. We ask this through Christ our Lord. R/. Amen.

The blessing may conclude with a verse from

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel":

O come, desire of nations, bind in one the hearts of humankind; bid ev'ry sad division cease and be thyself our Prince of peace. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

www.usccb.org/prayers/blessing-advent-wreath



## Knights of THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL OF ST. Columbus 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.

- ⊕ "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 RECYLING:** Drop cans at the **S.E. corner of** *Vinton Automotive*. *K* of *C*.

Please pray for the Pope's Intention for DECEMBER 2023: 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.

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



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

*Indianapolis*: July 17-21, 2024- be part of the 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER EXPERIENCE- February 9th to 11th in Lincoln. We need advance registration. Call right-away- Gary & Brenda Granger. 303--604--6202. "Finding a oneness of heart we fully desire."

**THANK YOU** to all who requested that Mass be offered for your intention. 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.

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.

#### OFFICE MANAGER NEEDED- St. James Catholic Parish- Cortland:

Interested in helping out our Parish by taking care of day-to-day needs in the office? Responsible for general administrative duties, *QuickBooks* knowledge a plus but can train. This is a paid position. Approximately 10-15 hours/week, could be more depending on availability. Contact Father Lux.

#### 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, / & 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.

Jesus, I trust in You!



Mary Queen of peace. Pray for us!

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

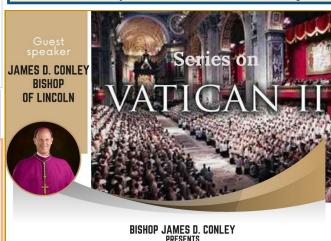


OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL RETREAT HOUSE IS CELEBRATING 60 YEARS WITH A VARIETY OF GREAT EVENTS!

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, <u>December 9</u>, from 5:00-7:00pm



PRESENTS
SACROSANCTUM CONCILIUM
(CONSTITUTION ON SACRED LITURGY)

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

December |

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

\$10 PER TICKET 3700 SHERIDAN BLVD., LINCOLN, NE

Register Now



PARISH WEEKLY ACTIVITIES:						
Sunday	Dec	3	9a-Noon	Knights of Columbus Pancake Feed	Parish Hall	
Sunday	Dec	3	7:00 pm	My Journey to the Catholic Church & the Host	Church	
Friday	Dec	8	8:00 pm	AA - Hall Reserved	Parish Hall	F
Saturday	Dec	9	6:30 am	That Man Is You	Parish Hall	P
					Parish Hall	
Each week, we choose what will be done with the 168 hours we have available to us. Good steward-						7

ship of time means we will share some of that time with God in prayer, praise & thanksgiving, & some time caring for the needs of others.

#### AROUND OUR PARISH

<u>FALL PANCAKE FEED</u>- The *Saint James Knights of Columbus* annual *Fall Pancake Feed* is **TODAY**, **Sunday**, **Dec. 3**, **9** AM- **Noon** in the **parish hall**. Enjoy pancakes, biscuits & gravy, ham & fruit, all for a freewill donation. Proceeds will go to the **upkeep of the Schoenstatt shrine** north of Crete in memory of deceased Knight Bob Riddle. Bob & Betty helped maket 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.

#### ST. JAMES PCCW EVENTS

**GIVING TREE tags** are on the tree for everyone to take & shop for a Christmas item for a child. All gifts are to be UNWRAPPED & NO BATTERIES. Place tag on the gift for the appropriate age level. The **final date** for collection is <u>Sun., Dec. 17</u>....so get your shopping done early! The gifts will be delivered to Santa Cop for distribution to the young children. <u>Wrapping Paper</u> is also appreciated – as the gift will be wrapped by the organization <u>Poinsettia Donation</u>- Envelopes are on the table in church entry for a \$10.00 donation towards poinsettia's in **honor or in memory of loved ones**. Just drop it in the <u>collection basket</u>.

<u>Church Cleaning For Christmas</u>- Friday, <u>December 15<sup>th</sup> thru Saturday</u>, <u>December 16<sup>th</sup> All are asked to help with the overall cleaning of the church in preparation for Christmas</u>

PCCW CHRISTMAS MEETING, for all women of the parish, on Wednesday, December 13, at 7:00 pm. Come to the 6:30 pm Mass. Evening meal will be served in the Parish Hall. There will be an **ornament exchange**. If you would like to participate in the exchange, bring a 5.00-\$10.00 ornament/gift.

<u>CHRISTMAS DECORATING OF CHURCH</u>- will be Sunday, <u>December 17<sup>th</sup> after 2<sup>nd</sup> mass</u>. Could use many volunteers to help decorate our church for the Christmas Season.

<u>Thank you</u> to all who gave to the **Tree of Warmth** in the Month of **November**. Items were donated to **Matt Talbot Kitchen & Outreach** last Thursday when our parish served supper there. **Thank you to all who donated food and/or helped serve the supper**.

# Stewardship of Treasure As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of

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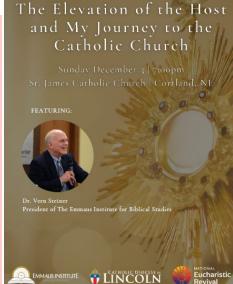
## Parish Offering 11/26/23

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Adult Envelopes	\$1,143.00
Plate	\$575.00
Youth	\$2.00
Cloistered Sisters	\$346.25
Building Fund	\$20.00
November Faith Direct	\$7,906.38
<b>Total Deposit</b>	\$9,992.63

NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

"My flesh for the life of the world





CCD Christmas Program- Sunday, Dec. 17 at 7 PM in St. James Catholic Church- Cortland. All are welcome! 12/10 - during CCD time for SCRIPT & SOLO PARTS

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12/13 - Wed., 6:30 pm for EVERYONE INVOLVED

12/17 - during CCD time for EVERYONE INVOLVED

		Dec 2-3	Immaculate Concept.	Dec 9-10	Dec 16-17	Dec 23 - 5 PM	Christmas Vigil
			Dec 7 <sup>th</sup> - 7 PM			Mass	12/24 - 4:30 PM
Sat.	Reader	Ron Eisenbarth	Diana McCown	Amy Larkins	Ron Eisenbarth	Diana McCown	Amy Larkins
5:00	Acolyte	(volunteer)	Randy Eickmeier	Kurt Larkins	(volunteer)	(volunteer)	Kurt Larkins
pm	Server 1	Braxton Skillett	(volunteers)	(volunteers)	Braxton Skillett		(volunteers)
	Server 2	Easton Schilbitzki	(volunteers)	(volunteers)	Easton Schilbitzki		(volunteers)
Sun. 8:00			Dec 8 <sup>th</sup> - 7 AM			Dec 24 <sup>th</sup> - 9:00 AM ONLY	Christmas Night 12/24 - 9 PM
am	Reader	Michelle Milke	Chris Hytrek	Jerry Lentfer	Joe Vinton	Michelle Milke	Chris Hytrek
	Acolyte	Tony Sullivan	Scott Osterhaus	Chris Hytrek	Tony Sullivan	Scott Osterhaus	Tony Sullivan
	Server 1	Spencer Robinson	Cooper Mason	Brayden Kuhlman	Liam Dush	Jax Peterson	Spencer Robinson
	Server 2	Asher Stieb	Parker Eickmeier	Hudson Kuhlman	Kyler Beck	Drake Peterson	Asher Stieb
	Server 3	Rylan Hochstein	Mason Eickmeier	Carter Stieb	Rylan Hochstein	Andrew Oelke	Carter Stieb
	Server 4	Reid Hochstein	Andrew Oelke	Sawyer Robinson	Reid Hochstein		Simon Robinson
Sun. 10:30			Dec 8 <sup>th</sup> - 7 PM				Christmas Day 12/25 - 9 AM
am	Reader	Karl Gramann	Larry Etmund	Ginger Jelinek	Shirley Yates		Karl Gramann
	Acolyte	Ron Boden	Ron Eisenbarth	Myron Heusinkvelt	Ron Boden		Ron Eisenbarth
	Server 1	Hayden Nielson	Brady Troxel	Max Jacobson	Collin Dummer		Hayden Nielson
	Server 2	Nolan Nielson	Ty Troxel	Finn Jacobson	Crew Dummer		Nolan Nielson
	Server 3				Sam Troxel		
	Server 4				Mason Henn		
	Collection Counters	Julie Pfingsten/ Laureen Ehmen		Jeanne Egger / Grace Benes	Jim Fuhrman / Theron Troxel	Kassie Ebbers/ Amy Argo	