Welcome to St. James Catholic Parish!

We are very glad you have joined us for the public work of the People of Godto 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.

**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

Sun. Jan 7

8:00 am

10:30 am



Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph+ December 31, 2023 Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another....And over all these put on love... -Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17

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



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			MAS	SS INTENTIONS	Mass Readings – Follow the Church's liturgical life. Read the				
SJ:	= St. Jan	es Church.	GCRC	= Gold Crest Retirement Community-Adams	scriptures <u>before</u> Mass. <u>Try to join 1 or more weekday Masses.</u>				
FEAS	ST OF T	HE HOLY	FAMIL	Y OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH	FEART OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS MARY & JOSEPH F.				
Sat.	Dec 30 5:00 pm SJ All Souls I		All Souls Day Intentions+	FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH, F: Gn 15: 1-6; 21: 1-3 or Sir 3: 2-6. 12-14/ Ps 105: 1-2. 3-4. 5-6. 8-9 (7a. 8a)/					
Sun.	<b>Dec 31</b>	8:00 am	SJ	For the People of St. James Parish	- Heb 11: 8. 11-12. 17-19 or Col 3: 12-21/ Lk 2: 22-40				
		10:30 am	SJ	George & Frances Schmidt+	- 1165 11. 0. 11-12. 11-13 01 001 0. 12-217 ER 2. 22-40				
Mon.	Jan 1	9:00 am		All Souls Day Intentions+	MARY, MOTHER OF GOD, S. (Octave of XTmas) Not obligation to attend Mass this year. Nm 6: 22-27/ Ps 67: 2-3. 5. 6. 8 (2a)/ Gal 4: 4-7/ Lk 2: 16-21				
Tue.	Jan 2	Out of Parish.		Fr. Lux Intention J.C.	Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, bps, drs M 1 Jn 2: 22-28/ Ps 98: 1. 2-3ab. 3cd-4/ Jn 1: 19-28				
Wed.	Jan 3	4:00 pm GCRC Love of Jesus' Name Christmas Weekday/ Holy Name of Jesus		Christmas Weekday/ Holy Name of Jesus					
		6:30 pm	SJ	Debra Kernick Health	1 Jn 2: 29 3: 6/ Ps 98: 1. 3cd-4. 5-6/ Jn 1: 29-34				
Thu.	Jan 4	7:00 am	SJ	All Souls Day Intentions+	Elizabeth Ann Seton, r M 1- Jn 3: 7-10/ Ps 98: 1. 7-8. 9/ Jn 1: 35-42				
Fri.	Jan 5	7:00 am	SJ	Rosie Beu	<b>John Neumann,</b> bp M- 1 <i>Jn 3: 11-21/ Ps 100: 1b-2. 3. 4. 5/ Jn 1: 43-51</i>				
Sat.	Jan 6	8:00 am	SJ	People of Canada	Christmas Weekday/ Andre Bessette, r- 1 Jn 5: 5-13/ Ps 147: 12-13. 14-15. 19-20/ Mk 1: 7-11 or Lk 3: 23-38				
EPIPHANY OF THE LORD									
Sat.	Jan 6	5:00 pm	SJ	Healing of Micki Hartman	EPIPHANY OF THE LORD, S				

## *Merry Christmas!* Celebrate the 8 days of the *Christmas Octave* 12/25 thru 1/1.

"O LORD GOD, GRANT Us PEACE, For thou hast granted us all things, the peace of repose, the peace of Thy Sabbath, the peace that has no evening. For this gloriously beautiful order of things that are very good will pass away when it has achieved its end: it will have its morning and its evening." (Confessions - St Augustine)

As we depart from the evening of 2023, we awake to the new morning of 2024 with the Hope, Faith, and Love offered to us by God, our Father in Heaven.

Gary Wagner+

For the People of St. James Parish

Let us now resolve to grow closer to Jesus in this New Year, through a revived love of receiving Him in the Holy Eucharist. As in the Traditional Latin Mass, "the priest prays that the body and blood of our Lord that he has received will "adhaerat visceribus meis," cleave to my innermost parts." (K. Vost)

Love in the Spirit. -Diana McCown— St. James Parish Eucharistic Revival Parish Point Person

Is 60: 1-6/ Ps 72: 1-2. 7-8. 10-11. 12-13/ Eph 3: 2-3a. 5-6/ Mt 2: 1-12

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

Religious Sisters Vocation Prayer Calendar 2023 - Dec 31 - Jan 6

Sr. Xuan Sang from Vietnam

Postulant

Sisters of Mary, Queen of Mercy

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

Bishop Conley has asked that we take up an optional collection for the HOPE OF THE POOR. You may put the monies you have collected in the carboard boxes for Hope for the Poor you in our regular collection. Thank you! Check out : https://hopeofthepoor.org/. The **Diocesan Pilgrimages to Mexico City** have worked w/ those served by Hope for the Poor. If you would like to join one of the Diocese of Lincoln pilgrimages, please email: olgeucharisticpilgrimage@gmail.com.



Michael lives at the dump in Mexico City and is served by the ministry of Hope of the Poor. He has a powerful testimony of faith. As he works he prays for others. With no electricity, when the sun goes down he goes to his home that he made from discarded pieces of plywood at the dump. He listens to the audio bible that he charges with a solar battery while he works. Despite a very difficult life of growing up at the dump Michael has led a Christian life and prioritized his relationship with God. Recently he was reunited with his daughter after many years of separation. He found her on social media and they were able to meet. Michael shared the immense blessing it was to see his daughter after 20 years of separation. His smile was contagious. The witness of faith through such suffering impacts everyone who hears his story.

AUG 20 - OCT 15 - NOV 12 - JAN 7 - FEB 4 - APR 7 -MAY 12 Villa Regina Motherhouse, 4100 SW 56th Street, Lincoln

Holy hours held at 12PM. Divine Mercy Sunday (Apr 7) will be held at 3PM. Revival



## Pray for the Seminarian of the Week - Dec 31 - Jan 6

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St. Gregory the

Parish: St. Thomas Aquinas, Lincoln Great Seminary Theology 2

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

Formed resources for Christmas & year around: Go to Formed.org, &/or download the Formed app. Enter your zip code. Find our parish.

#### NOW Available on Formed:

What's your resolution this year? Dr. Tim Gray welcomes Dr. Scott Hefelfinger, Assistant Professor of Theology in the Augustine Institute Graduate School of



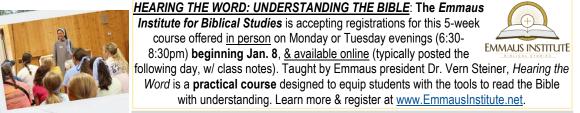
Theology, to celebrate one year of the Augustine Institute Show! From his background on moral and spiritual theology, Dr. Hefelfinger will offer a reflection on forming good spiritual habits for the new year.

YOU ARE INVITED TO ALPHA! Join us for a great meal/ conversation with others who are exploring life and faith; no strings attached.

Alpha is a chance to explore life and the Christian faith in a friendly, open & informal environment.

If you come, we won't call you after, write, or ask you to pick up the check—the ball is completely in your court. What do you have to lose?

**Monday Evenings** beginning January 8 at St. Joseph Church, 1940 S. 77<sup>th</sup> St., Lincoln in Resurrection Hall from 6-8 pm Dinner provided. Babysitting avail. by request. **RSVP** or questions to michele-chambers@cdolinc.net or text/call 402-613-9269 or https:// www.signupgenius.com/ o/20F0E4DA4AA283-46957518-alpha



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.



As we celebrate Holy Family Sunday, let us remember that God's love for us is reflected in the encounter love for each other in our family. Why not celebrate

and encourage that love by giving your spouse the gift of Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on: February 9-11, Lincoln, NE For questions, or to find out more about a Virtual Encounter Weekend, feel free to contact: Brenda & Gary Granger: 402-370-5839. Space is limited, so reserve your weekend early. For more information about Worldwide Marriage Encounter, please visit <u>www.wwme.org</u>.



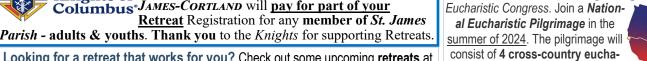
Knights of THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL OF ST. Columbus JAMES CORTLAND will pay for part of your

**Retreat** Registration for any **member of St. James** 

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

- ⊕ 4-Day or 8-Day Ignatian Retreat w/ Matt Simmons or Fr. Barak on Jan. 2-5 or Dec. 29-Jan. 5,
- (on Jan. 8-11) Jan. 8-11, Jan. 11-15, or Jan. 8-15,
- ⊕ Laborers in the Vineyard Retreat for Men on January 12-13. Read more/register at www.goodcounselretreat.org, QR Code, email office@goodcounselretreat.org or call 402-786-2705.

Pope's DECEMBER 2023 Intention: For persons w/ disabilities - We pray that people living w/ disabilities may be at the center of attention in society. & that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation. Thanks for praying!



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ristic processions, collectively trav-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 Fran-

**National Eucharistic Pilgrimage** heading to the *National* 

cisco. 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.





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#### Large Nativity at Cristo Rev Parish in Lincoln

A 28-foot wide nativity scene is available to view at *Cristo* **Rev Parish**- Lincoln. The elaborately constructed nativity scene takes a week to construct by builders and other volunteers. It depicts not only Bethlehem, but also scenes from Nazareth, Egypt & the Jerusalem Temple. The nativity scene has been hosted at Cristo Rey each year since 2004. Donations will be given to the St. Vincent de Paul Society in Lincoln. The nativity is open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily through Jan. 7 (except Wednesdays) at Cristo Rey Church, 4245 J St., Lincoln.

Dance Dance! Join us for dancing & a whole lot of fun & good food Feb 9th for the Villa Marie Annual Dance & Auction Fundraiser. Dress in an outfit from your favorite era: are you a medieval princess, or a 70's go-go dancer, an 80's Rockstar, a prancing poodle skirt & leather jacket couple, or just going for the "I just left the office in 2023" look? Whatever you decide, make it fun. Tickets & our

60<sup>th</sup> anniversary merchandise on sale. Pre-orders will be available at dance 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. 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, for a special intention, World Peace, greater glory of God, etc. REQUEST THE OFFERING of a Mass for your intention. Mass Intention stipends are \$10. This is part of the support of a priest. A priest can

offer Mass for free. Just ask. THANK YOU to all who requested a Mass be offered for your intention. The 2024 Mass Intentions Calendar is here. You can request specific 2024 dates. 1st request gets the date. Priests assigned wout 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.

#### **AROUND OUR PARISH** PARISH WEEKLY ACTIVITIES: https://stjamescortland.com/ 8:00 pm | AA - Hall Reserved Parish Hall Friday Jan 5 6 Saturday Jan 6:30 am | That Man Is You Parish Hall 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 8

thanksgiving, a some time caring for the needs of others. OFFICE MANAGER NEEDED - St. JAMES CATHOLIC PARISH OF 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.** 

**BRING BACK OFFERTORY FAMILIES, & DOOR** GREETERS. SIGN UP TO BE USHERS, EXTRAORDI-NARY READERS, INSTALLED LECTORS OR INSTALLED **ACOLYTES** These are Parish Council recommendations. Use this link to indicate your interest in serving in one of these ways- Volunteer Sign Up (https://forms.gle/zAuJVMZmcJPDvUm39) Totus Tuus 2024 dates for St. James Parish -

2024 PARISH CHURCH CALENDAR w/ feast days of 2024 are in Church entry. Supports Extension Society missions. NB. Error in phone no. 798-7335.

Prayer in Time of Drought-Lord God, in the past you have given us rain in abundance, & you have also withheld it. We ask you now to look down upon us & bless us with the rain we so desperately need. We know that you are a God of mercy & compassion, & we trust that you will provide for us in our time of need. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Cortland are July 20-26.

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

**ALUMINUM RECYLING:** Drop cans at the **S.E. corner** of Vinton Automotive. Sponsored by Knights of

THANK YOU TO ALL DONORS to refinish the tabernacle in 2-tone bright & satin of \$4,000. Current time for completion is 20-25 weeks. Pray we find a loaner tabernacle to use during the refinishing. A great Eucharistic Renewal project - beautifying God's House.

Thank you for your kind remembrances at Christmas including cards, goodies, Mass Intentions, prayers, Christmas liturgy celebrations, etc.! May God bless you. – Fr. Lux

Fr. Lux is available to talk to you if you are 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.

#### Stewardship of Treasure As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good <u>stewards</u> of God's varied grace. (1 Pt 4:10)

Parish Offering 12/24/23							
Adult Envelopes	\$1,463.00						
Plate	\$148.00						
Youth	\$1.00						
Retired Priests	\$903.00						
Christmas Offering	\$1,153.00						
Christmas Offering - Plate	\$4,385.00						
Building	\$20.00						
December Faith Direct	\$8,765.29						
Total Deposit	\$16,838.29						

ONLINE GIVING TO OUR PARISH is easy to get started. Ways to sign up: On parish website www.stjamecortland.com click on Online giving.

OR Visit faithdirect.net/ne1020. OR Call Faith Direct Customer Service at 866-507-8757.

GET A BOOK TO READ ABOUT THE **EUCHARIST**: Pick up your gift from St. James Parish in the Church entry. Merry Christmas!

- **†** Beautiful Eucharist: collection of reflections that delves into the profound mystery of Jesus' presence in the Eucharist.
- The Brant Pitre's Jesus & the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist pairs together the Jewish Scriptures & Jewish tradition to frame the actions of Jesus at the Last Supper, & to provide a fresh look at the heart of Christian practice—the Eucharist..
- **†** The Word Among Us with Daily Mass Readings, commentaries & other articles.

Liturgical Ministers for Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation										
		12/31: New Years Eve Not	Jan 6-7, 2024	Jan 13-14	Jan 20-21					
		obligation in USA b/c Monday.								
Reader	Ron Eisenbarth		Diana McCown	Amy Larkins	Ron Eisenbarth					
Acolyte	Randy Eickmeier		(volunteer)	Kurt Larkins	Randy Eickmeier					
Server 1	(volunteers)		Braxton Skillett	(volunteers)	(volunteers)					
Server 2	(volunteers)		Easton Schilbitzki	(volunteers)	(volunteers)					
	December 31	1/1/2024, <i>New Years Day-</i>								
	Sunday, 8:00 am	Not an obligation in USA when								
Reader	Jerry Lentfer	falls on Monday or Saturday.	Joe Vinton	Michelle Milke	Chris Hytrek					
Acolyte	Chris Hytrek		Tony Sullivan	Chris Hytrek	Tony Sullivan					
Server 1	Cooper Mason		Rylan Hochstein	Sam Robinson	Mason Eickmeier					
Server 2	Parker Eickmeier		Reid Hochstein	Sawyer Robinson	Carson Eickmeier					
Server 3	Rylan Hochstein		Brayden Kuhlman	Jax Peterson	Parker Eickmeier					
Server 4	Reid Hochstein		Hudson Kuhlman	Drake Peterson						
	Sunday, 10:30 am	Monday, 9:00 AM Mary								
	-	Mother of God- Not oblig.								
Reader	Larry Etmund	Ginger Jelinek	Shirley Yates	Karl Gramann	Larry Etmund					
Acolyte	Ron Eisenbarth	Myron Heusinkvelt	Ron Boden	Ron Eisenbarth	Myron Heusinkvelt					
Server 1	Brady Troxel	Max Jacobson	Sam Troxel	Hayden Nielson	Brady Troxel					
Server 2	Ty Troxel	Finn Jacobson	Mason Henn	Nolan Nielson	Ty Troxel					
Server 3			Crew Dummer							
Server 4										
Greeter			Paige Anderson	Lydia Dominy	Paige Anderson					
Collection	Jeanne Egger/		Julie Pfingsten /	Jeanne Egger /	Jim Fuhrman /					
Counters	Grace Benes		Laureen Ehmen	Grace Benes	Theron Troxel					