

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.

9 DAYS FOR LIFE

Join thousands of Catholics nationwide praying for the protection of
 human life **January 16-24**. Sign up today at [9daysforlife.com!](http://9daysforlife.com)



SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME + JANUARY 14, 2024

*We have found the Messiah:
 Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace. -Jn 1:41, 17b*

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 th 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 <i>Holy Family & St. Joseph</i> statues.	

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						
SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME					SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:	
Sat. Jan 13	5:00 pm	SJ	Chief Grace Adeyeye+		1 Sm 3: 3b-10. 19/ Ps 40: 2. 4. 7-8. 8-9. 10 (8a. 9a)/ 1 Cor 6: 13c-15a. 17-20/ Jn 1: 35-42	
Sun. Jan 14	8:00 am	SJ	For the People of St. James Parish			
	10:30 am	SJ	Thomas & Josephine Grof +			
Mon. Jan 15	7:00 am	SJ	Robert J. Barr +		Ordinary Weekday: 1 Sm 15: 16-23/ Ps 50: 8-9. 16bc-17. 21 & 23/ Mk 2: 18-22	
Tue. Jan 16	7:00 am	SJ	All Souls Day Intentions +		Ordinary Weekday: 1 Sm 16: 1-13/ Ps 89: 20. 21-22. 27-28/ Mk 2: 23-28	
Wed. Jan 17	4:00 pm	GCRC	Monks		Anthony, ab M: 1 Sm 17: 32-33. 37. 40-51/ Ps 144: 1b. 2. 9-10/ Mk 3: 1-6	
	6:30 pm	SJ	K. of Columbus Deceased Members		Ord. Wkdy.: 1 Sm 18: 6-9; 19: 1-7/ Ps 56: 2-3. 9-10a. 10b-11. 12-13/ Mk 3: 7-12	
Thu. Jan 18	7:00 am	SJ	All Souls Day Intentions +		Ordinary Weekday: 1 Sm 24: 3-21/ Ps 57: 2. 3-4. 6 and 11/ Mk 3: 13-19	
Fri. Jan 19	7:00 am	SJ	All Souls Day Intentions +		Ord. Wkdy./BVM/Fabian, pp, mt/ Sebastian, mt: 2 Sm 1: 1-4. 11-12. 19. 23-27/ Mk 3: 20-21	
Sat. Jan 20	8:00 am	SJ	Respect for Life			
THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME					THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:	
Sat. Jan 20	5:00 pm	SJ	All Souls Day Intentions +		1 Sm -42 Jon 3: 1-5. 10/ Ps 25: 4-5. 6-7. 8-9 (4a)/ 1 Cor 7: 29-31/ Mk 1: 14-20	
Sun. Jan 21	8:00 am	SJ	Jacob Johnson			
	10:30 am	SJ	For the People of St. James Parish			

HE HAS NOT CREATED ME FOR NAUGHT.

God has created me to do Him some definite service; He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another. I have my mission—I may never know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next. I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons.

He has not created me for naught. I shall do good, I shall do His work; I shall be an angel of peace, a preacher of truth in my own place, while not intending it, if I do but keep His commandments and serve Him in my calling.

Therefore I will trust Him. Whatever, wherever I am, I can never be thrown away. If I am in sickness, my sickness may serve Him; in perplexity, my perplexity may serve Him; if I am in sorrow, my sorrow may serve Him.

HE DOES NOTHING IN VAIN; HE KNOWS WHAT HE IS ABOUT. -St John Henry Newman

What is God “about” in your life? Love in the Spirit. Diana, St. James Parish Eucharistic Revival Parish

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

Religious Sisters Vocation Prayer Calendar 2023 - Jan 14 - 20

Sr. Juanita Marie from **Philippines** Professed *Holy spirit Adoration (Pink) Sisters*

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 - Jan 14 - 20

Jon Kadlec *St. Gregory the Great Seminary* College 2
Parish: *Assumption, Appleton*

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

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE PINK SISTERS! Attention all diocesan, parish & school groups: are you looking for an interesting & uplifting activity for your group in 2024? Consider learning more about the *Pink Sisters!* The Sisters invite you to come to their community meeting room to hear a short 30-45 minute presentation on the order & then to make a visit in their beautiful chapel. Or, if it's more convenient, the presentation will come to you wherever it works best for you! (*Note: the presentation can be geared toward different ages & the length can be adjusted to fit any group's needs.) This is the **50th anniversary year** of the Sisters coming to Lincoln, & it's a great year to spread the word about this wonderful gem located in the center of Lincoln. For more info., contact: Joan Tasler, *Pink Sisters Auxiliary P.R. Chair* at 402-310-9682 or JFTASLER@gmail.com.

In marriage, communication is more than just talking. At some point, did you stop sharing about the things that were important to you? Improving a marriage takes time & a conscious effort to learn about your spouse.

Growing closer in a marriage does not happen automatically.

RETRouvaille
A LIFELINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES

Retrouvaille is a marriage program dedicated to helping couples grow closer & develop a stronger bond.

For more information about our upcoming **February 16-18, 2024**

Retrouvaille Weekend, go to <https://helpourmarriage.org/>

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 & spiritual theology, Dr. Hefelfinger will offer a reflection on forming good spiritual habits for the new year.

Formed resources for year around:

GO TO **FORMED.ORG**, &/OR DOWNLOAD THE FORMED APP. ENTER YOUR ZIP CODE. FIND OUR PARISH.



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

Alpha is a chance to explore life & 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. 77th 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>**

Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, "What are you looking for?"

We should be looking for the graces of God in our marriage.

Discover those graces by attending the next upcoming **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 www.wwme.org. Follow us on Instagram & Facebook! @wwmeColorado

The **EMMAUS INSTITUTE FOR BIBLICAL STUDIES** is now accepting registrations for Spring in-person & online classes. New course offerings include:

- ☞ *Ten Chapters All Catholics Should Know Like the Back of Their Hand* (Thursdays, 2/22-5/2).
- ☞ *Creation to New Creation: The Prophetic Books* (Mondays, 2/19-4/29).
- ☞ *'Eucharist' as a Theme Throughout Sacred Scripture*, **FREE** 5-week course in concert w/ the *National Eucharistic Revival*, (Wednesdays, 2/21-3/20).



Learn more & register at www.EmmausInstitute.net.

Pope's JANUARY 2024 Intention: For The Gift Of Diversity In The Church- Let us pray that the Holy Spirit helps us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, & to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.

Thanks for praying!

MEN'S LEADERSHIP SUMMIT, Saturday, Feb. 10, 11:00 am to 4:30 pm in Lincoln, Hastings & Holdrege simultaneously. Interested? Speak to Fr. Lux.

Looking for a retreat for you? Check out some upcoming retreats at [Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House in Waverly.](#)
 ✦ FR. ROBERT PRESUTTI, LC **Women's Spiritual Exercises (2024) Jan. 18-21**
 ✦ FR. WILLIAM HOLOUBEK **Unbound: Freedom in Christ (2024) Feb. 2-4, 2024**
 Read more/register at www.goodcounselretreat.org, QR Code, email office@goodcounselretreat.org or call 402-786-2705.



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.

Join thousands of Catholics nationwide in the annual *Respect Life novena* **9 Days for Life**, Tuesday, **January 16 – Wednesday, January 24.** Get daily intentions, brief reflections, & more by email or text message. Sign up at 9daysforlife.com!

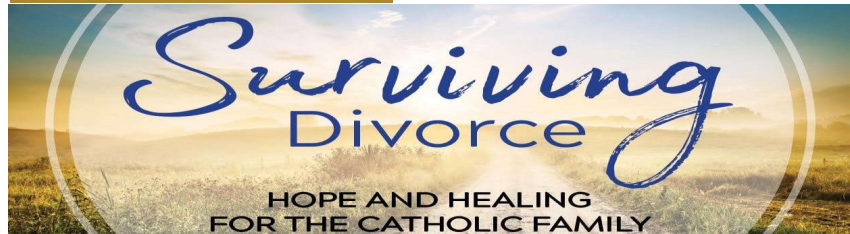


NATIONAL MARRIAGE WEEK Feb. 7-14 and **WORLD MARRIAGE SUNDAY, Feb. 11, 2024** is coming up! Looking for ideas of how our parish could celebrate!

10TH ANNUAL CATHOLICS AT THE CAPITOL DAY OF ADVOCACY– Wednesday, March 6, 2024, 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. St. Mary's Church, 14th & K St, Lincoln. Info & sign up at NECATHOLIC.ORG

St. Joseph– Protector of the Holy Family. Pray for us!

Mary, Mother of the God. Pray for us!



For Men & Women seeking healing from Divorce: LINCOLN SESSION-
 The *Surviving Divorce* program was created to bring hope & healing to divorced & separated Catholics. This 12 week program will be leader facilitated & features 30-minute video segments that cover topics of shock, denial, anger, grief, guilt, forgiveness, money, kids, annulment, & much more. The next session begins **February 6, 2024** & will be held at **John XXIII Diocesan Center**, Lincoln, NE from **7-8:30 pm.** You may register by contacting the **Office of Family Life & Discipleship** at: 402-473-0620, or familylifeoffice@cdolinc.net

Dance 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 60th anniversary merchandise on sale. Pre-orders available at the dance.

Join us for **Villa Marie** HOME & SCHOOL FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN **DANCE / AUCTION FUNDRAISER** Sandhills Global Event Center (formerly Lancaster Event Center) 4100 N 84th St., Lincoln

Scan for Tickets & Silent Auction or onecau.se/villamdance60 Friday, February 9, 2024 6:00- 10:30 pm

Presented by: **Knights of Columbus Nebraska State Council**

National Eucharistic Pilgrimage heading to the **National Eucharistic Congress.** Join a **National Eucharistic Pilgrimage** next summer. 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 thru Ut, Co, Nebraska;** & Mo before **ending in Indianapolis.** Make plans to join the **weekend stops or the procession in route: 6/14–16, '24- North Platte, NE & 6/21–23, '24- Omaha, NE.**



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.

NEBRASKA **Right to Life** State affiliate to National Right to Life

A weekend of inspiration and activism

2024 Nebraska Walk For Life Gala & Nebraska Walk For Life

Friday, Jan. 26
 6 p.m. at the Cornhusker Marriott Hotel

Keynote Speaker
Melissa Ohden
 Melissa Ohden, a survivor of an abortion attempt, is the founder of the Abortion Survivors Network. At the Gala, she will describe her journey that led her to pro-life activism and reuniting with her birth family. She will speak again the following morning at the UNL Student Union. Melissa's newest book will be released in time to be available at our Gala.

Saturday, Jan. 27
 10 a.m. at the State Capitol, then UNL Student Union

Bake sale donations needed
 Volunteers will be curbside 8-9 a.m. in front of the Student Union to accept donated baked goods for the NRL bake sale.

Holy Mass will be held at 9 a.m. across from the Capitol at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 14th and K streets.
 Celebrant is Archbishop George Lucas of Omaha and Homilist is Msgr. Thomas Fucinaro of Lincoln.
 Mass is sponsored by Nebraska Catholic Conference.

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. **Usual 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. You can request specific **dates.** 1st request gets the date. **Priests assigned w/out a parish, retired or in impoverished areas** would welcome your Mass intentions & stipends. Contact Fr. Lux if you wish to give Mass intentions for them.

LARGE NATIVITY AT CRISTO REY PARISH IN LINCOLN- 28' wide nativity scene to view at **Cristo Rey Parish.** Elaborately constructed it takes a week to construct. It depicts scenes from Bethlehem, Nazareth, Egypt & the Jerusalem Temple. Hosted at **Cristo Rey** since 2004. Donations will be given to the **St. Vincent de Paul Society** in Lincoln. Open 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily **thru Jan. 7** at **Cristo Rey Church, 4245 J St., Lincoln.**

AROUND OUR PARISH

PARISH WEEKLY ACTIVITIES: https://stjamescortland.com/					
Wed	Jan	17	5:45 pm	PowerSurge/PowerUp	Parish Hall
Wed	Jan	17	7:00 pm	Knights of Columbus Mtg - Rosary @ 7 PM; Mtg @ 7:30	Parish Hall
Friday	Jan	19	8:00 pm	AA - Hall Reserved	Parish Hall
Saturday	Jan	20	6:30 am	That Man Is You	Parish Hall
Sunday	Jan	21	6:30 pm	St. James Confirmation Class - 5th & 6th	Church/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 & thanksgiving, & 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.

WE NEED MORE INSTALLED ACOLYTES &

INSTALLED LECTORS: The Installation by Bishop Conley is February. We must have training for each ministry before the installation. Pray for candidates to say yes to God's call. Contact Fr. Lux NOW! Thank you.

THANK YOU & GOD BLESS those who helped switch the tabernacles— Joe, Tony, Steve, & Ron, & to those who offered to help. **ALSO TO ALL DONORS** to refinishing the tabernacle in 2-tone bright & satin. Time for completion is 20-25 weeks. **Koley's Plating loaner tabernacle came avail. & will be used during refinishing.** A great *Eucharistic Renewal* project - beautifying God's House.



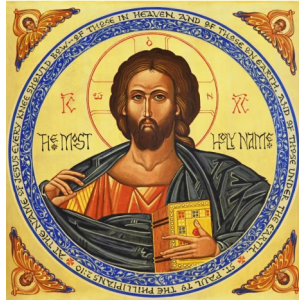
THANK YOU TO ALL WHO REMOVED SNOW AROUND OUR PARISH GROUNDS.

TOTUS TUUS 2024 dates for St. James Parish – Cortland are **July 20-26.**

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

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 RECYCLING: Drop cans at the **S.E. corner of Vinton Automotive.** Spons. by K. of C.



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 1/7/24	
Adult Envelopes	\$1,410.00
Plate	\$76.00
Hall Rental	\$50.00
Hope for the Poor	\$107.91
Total Deposit	\$1,643.91

ONLINE GIVING TO OUR PARISH is easy to get started. **Ways to sign up:** On parish website www.stjamescortland.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.
✠ 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.

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.**

NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL
"My flesh for the life of the world"
John 6:51

Liturgical Ministers for Sundays & Holy Days of Obligation

	Jan 13-14	Jan 20-21	Jan 27-28	Feb 3-4	Feb 10-11
Reader	Amy Larkins	Ron Eisenbarth	Diana McCown	Amy Larkins	Ron Eisenbarth
Acolyte	Kurt Larkins	Randy Eickmeier	(volunteer)	Kurt Larkins	(volunteer)
Server 1	(volunteers)	(volunteers)	(volunteers)	Braxton Skillett	(volunteers)
Server 2	(volunteers)	(volunteers)	(volunteers)	Easton Schilbitzki	(volunteers)
Reader	Michelle Milke	Chris Hytrek	Jerry Lentfer	Joe Vinton	Michelle Milke
Acolyte	Chris Hytrek	Tony Sullivan	Scott Osterhaus	Chris Hytrek	Pat Milke
Server 1	Sam Robinson	Mason Eickmeier	Carter Stieb	Simon Robinson	Rylan Hochstein
Server 2	Sawyer Robinson	Carson Eickmeier	Asher Stieb	Andrew Oelke	Reid Hochstein
Server 3	Jax Peterson	Parker Eickmeier	Liam Dush	Spencer Robinson	Brayden Kuhlman
Server 4	Drake Peterson		Kyler Beck	Cooper Mason	Hudson Kuhlman
Reader	Karl Gramann	Larry Etmund	Ginger Jelinek	Shirley Yates	Karl Gramann
Acolyte	Ron Eisenbarth	Myron Heusinkvelt	Ron Boden	Ron Eisenbarth	Myron Heusinkvelt
Server 1	Hayden Nielson	Brady Troxel	Max Jacobson	Sam Troxel	Hayden Nielson
Server 2	Nolan Nielson	Ty Troxel	Finn Jacobson	Mason Henn	Nolan Nielson
Server 3				Crew Dummer	
Server 4					
Greeter	Lydia Dominy	Paige Anderson	Lydia Dominy	Paige Anderson	Lydia Dominy
Collection Counters	Jeanne Egger / Grace Benes	Jim Fuhrman / Theron Troxel	Kassie Ebberts / Amy Argo	Julie Pffingsten / Lauren Ehmen	Jeanne Egger / Grace Benes