

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

Church Street Address: 500 W 1st St.
 Mailing/Rectory: 155 N Lincoln Ave.,
 Cortland, NE 68331.
 Rectory Phone: 402-798-7335.
 Church Office Phone: 402-798-0255.
 Office e-mail: stjamescortland@gmail.com
 Website: www.stjamescortland.com
 Facebook: [St James Catholic Church of Cortland](https://www.facebook.com/StJamesCatholicChurchofCortland)

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.

Extra Confessions for the last weeks of Lent—

Confessions **after each Mass** beginning this
 weekend, 3/16-17, Mondays thru Sundays.
 Prepare for Easter!
 Come to the Mercy of God.



FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT + MARCH 17, 2024

Whoever serves me **must follow me**, says the Lord;
 and **where I am**, there also will my servant be. -Jn 12:26

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.
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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.



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				FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT. Third Scrutiny of the Elect. Scrutiny: Ez 37: 12-14/ Ps 130: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/ Rom 8: 8-11/ Jn 11: 1-45. Otherwise: Jer 31: 31-34/ Ps 51: 3-4, 12-13, 14-15 (12a)/ Heb 5: 7-9/ Jn 12: 20-33	
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT					
Sat. Mar 16	5:00 pm	SJ	Bob Monzingo		
Sun. Mar 17	8:00 am	SJ	Betty Yonkey+		
	10:30 am	SJ	For the People of St. James Parish		
Mon. Mar 18	7:00 am	SJ	All Souls Day Intentions+	Lenten Wkdy./Cyril of Jerusalem, bp, dr: Dn 13: 1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13: 41c-62/ Ps 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/ Jn 8: 1-11. Optional for any weekday this week: 2 Kgs 4: 18b-21, 32-37/ Ps 17: 1, 6-7, 8b & 15/ Jn 11: 1-45	
Tue. Mar 19	7:00 am	SJ	All Souls Day Intentions+	Lenten Weekday: JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF MARY SOLEMNITY: 2 Sm 7: 4-5a, 12-14a, 16/ Ps 89: 2-3, 4-5, 27 & 29/ Rom 4: 13, 16-18, 22/ Mt 1: 16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2: 41-51a	
Wed. Mar 20	4:00 pm	GCRC	Needed Moisture	Lenten Weekday: Dn 3: 14-20, 91-92, 95/ Dn 3: 52, 53, 54, 55, 56/ Jn 8: 31-42	
	6:30 pm	SJ	All Souls Day Intentions+		
Thu. Mar 21	7:00 am	SJ	All Souls Day Intentions+	Lenten Weekday: Gn 17: 3-9/ Ps 105: 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/ Jn 8: 51-59	
Fri. Mar 22	7:00 am	SJ	All Souls Day Intentions+	Lenten Weekday: Day of abstinence from meat (age 14 & up). Jer 20: 10-13/ Ps 18: 2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/ Jn 10: 31-42	
Sat. Mar 23	8:00 am	SJ	Canon Lawyers	Lenten Weekday/Toribio de Mogrovejo, bp: Ez 37: 21-28/ Jer 31: 10, 11-12abcd, 13/ Jn 11: 45-56:	
PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION					
Sat. Mar 23	5:00 pm	SJ	All Souls Day Intentions+	PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION	
Sun. Mar 24	8:00 am	SJ	Jason Yonkey+	Procession: Mk 11: 1-10 or Jn 12: 12-16. Mass: Is 50: 4-7/ Ps 22: 8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24/ Phil 2: 6-11/ Mk 14: 1 -- 15: 47	
	10:30 am	SJ	For the People of St. James Parish		

JESUS LIVING IN THE EUCHARIST.....
Rejoice in Jesus! You have invited Him into the 'temple' of your body & soul when the host touches your tongue. Be thoughtful, that in the ordinariness of walking back to your pew, you are carrying Him with you.... the Light of the World, & our God Made Flesh. Kneel down & feel His love & nearness without asking or thinking. Just feel His presence, & be glad!
Rejoice in Jesus! In that fleeting moment after Communion, that private moment with your friend, give Him

your love & your gratitude for His continual presence in your life.
You are my friends if you do what I command you. I no longer call you slaves because a slave does not know what his master is doing. I have called you friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father. It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you... This I command you: love one another.
 -Jn. 15:14-17
Rejoice in Jesus! Savor your God! He is with you en-

tirely, His Body, Blood, Soul, & Divinity. In the Eucharist, even His Soul & Divinity is living in you.
 "...Man into Christ by Communion....that (believers') intellects, wills, & substance—all that they truly are—would be changed into Christ; that the Heavenly Father looking down on them would see them in His Son....so that eventually they might share in His Glory."
 (Life of Christ - Sheen)
JESUS, LIVING IN THE EUCHARIST, COME & LIVE IN ME.
 Love in the Spirit, Diana, Eucharistic Revival Parish Pt. Person

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

Religious Sisters Vocation Prayer Calendar 23-24

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

Seminarian Prayer Calendar 23-24

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

Pope's Prayer Intention for March '24 : For New Martyrs.

Let us pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world might imbue the Church with their courage & missionary drive



SPRING 2024 CAMPAIGN:
February 14–March 24

TAKE PART IN 40 DAYS FOR LIFE IN LINCOLN:

- Prayer vigil location: Planned Parenthood, 5631 South 48th Street
- Vigil hours: 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM daily
- Contact: Catherine Turner, 402.202.1614
- Learn more, get involved, and sign up for prayer times by visiting our campaign at the web address below!

40daysforlife.com/Lincoln

Are you or someone you know struggling after an abortion?



It's time to find hope & healing with *Hearts Restored*. This post-abortion healing ministry will accompany you on your unique healing journey, offering mentorship, individual counseling, group settings, retreats, spiritual support, & more. Restore your peace & hope today. **Call** the Hearts Restored hotline at 402-783-HOPE (4673) or **email** the confidential, secure inbox at FindPeace@HeartsRestoredNebraska.org.

Learn more about *Hearts Restored* at HeartsRestoredNebraska.org.

Volunteers needed to make this happen! Banquet honoring Priest Jubilarians (25 & 50 years) after the **Chrism Mass**. Please consider helping out.

- ⇒ **Set Up** | Saturday, March 23 from 9:30am-11:30am. Setting up tables & chairs, curtain-dividers, & arranging the Hall. The sign-up for this is [HERE](#).
- ⇒ **Tear Down** | Monday, March 25 from (about) 9:30pm until about 11pm. Clearing off tables, wiping them down, folding them up, & getting Cathedral's lunch room back to its correct set up. The sign-up for this is [HERE](#).

Note: the site implies that you must sign into Google to be able to use it, but that's not the case. You do not need to have a Google account to use this sign-up. If you'd prefer, you can e-mail aubrey-potter@lincolndioocese.org to sign up.

St. Joseph Catholic Church
6th and High Street, Beatrice
Enter at Northeast School Doors

Fish Fry

Every Friday
Feb. 23 - March 22
5:30pm - 7:00pm

Serving SODA/BEER/WINE

Baked Fish	\$12	Per Adult
Fried Fish		
Coleslaw	\$6	Kids 4-10
French Fries		Under 4 FREE
Green Beans		
Mac & Cheese	\$40	Max Price per Family
Baked Potato		
Desserts		

YOU ARE INVITED TO:

Easter Egg Day

SATURDAY, MARCH 23

Young women high school and older are invited to join us in making Easter Egg candy for our friends and benefactors!

9am-2pm
Villa Regina Motherhouse
4100 SW 56th St.
Lincoln, NE

RSVP to: sr.mary-cecilia@cdolinc.net or call 402-477-5232

Lenten Parish Mission

March 19, 20, 21

Encountering Christ in the Poor and the Eucharist

Each Evening

- 6:00 Meal (Gym) and games
 - o Bounce House
- 7:00 Praise & Worship Music by Danny Leger (Church)
- Special Speakers
 - o Fr. Bill Holoubek
 - o Fr. Alan Phan
 - o Fr. Carson Kain
- Prayer teams available

Guest speaker
DR. VERN STEINER

Series on **VATICAN II**

DR. VERN STEINER PRESENTS **DEI VERBUM**

IN OUR 21ST CENTURY, THE CHURCH IS CALLED TO RE-EVALUATE THE MEANING OF THE SACRAMENTS AND THE NEW MASS. IS IT FOR CATHOLICS, PROTESTANTS, AND OTHERS?

5 April, 2:30 PM Center
2024

\$10 PER TICKET
3700 SHERBORN BLVD., LINCOLN, NE
TO REGISTER: WWW.LINCOLNDIOCESE.ORG/V2

This Lent watch on Formed.org online or through the app. *The Spirituality of Lent*- Join Tim Gray for ideas for a Lenten spirituality and learn how you can draw closer to God as you prepare for the joyous celebration of Christ's resurrection at Easter.

FORGIVEN: Have you ever felt lost and alone, isolated in guilt? Like the Prodigal Son among the pigs, we know that we have sinned. But God won't leave us there—he searches for us & runs to welcome us home in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Week of March 17, 2024

- ♦ **Joseph of Nazareth:** The Story of the Man Closest to Christ Celebrate the feast of Christ's foster father with even more joy and respect this year by watching a movie about him! Enter into the life of this great saint through the movie *Joseph of Nazareth!* <https://watch.formed.org/videos/joseph-of-nazareth-the-story-of-the-man-closest-to-christ>
- ♦ **An Encounter with Mercy** We are not defined by our mistakes. In Confession, Jesus invites us to encounter his mercy and be healed by his love. When he tells us "Go and sin no more," he also gives us the grace to do so. <https://watch.formed.org/videos/an-encounter-with-mercy>
- ♦ **The Trials of Saint Patrick** The Trials of Saint Patrick, a powerful journey through hardship, loss, mercy, and forgiveness. With skilled actors and cinematic elements, this captivating story comes to life, stirring the imagination and sparking inspiration. <https://watch.formed.org/videos/the-trials-of-saint-patrick-1>
- ♦ **Sign up for Formed:** GO TO FORMED.ORG, &/OR DOWNLOAD THE **FORMED APP**. ENTER YOUR ZIP CODE. FIND OUR PARISH.

RICE BOWL COLLECTION to help the hungry around the world will be on *Holy Thursday*. See <https://www.crsricebowl.org/>

PONTIFICAL GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION- POPE FRANCIS asks Catholics to support **Christians in the Holy Land**. Your support is essential to help the Church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools, & offer religious education. **PGFC** also helps to preserve the sacred shrines of Christianity, in Jerusalem, Nazareth, Bethlehem, etc. When you contribute to the **PGFC**, you join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. **Please be generous!** Visit www.myfranciscan.org or www.custodia.org.

Job Openings:

- * **St. Joseph School, Lincoln, NE- Spanish Teacher** for the 2023-24 school year. Contact to kevin-naumann@cdolinc.net
- * **Lincoln, Cathedral of the Risen Christ School** for 2024-2025 School Year **Assistant Principal. Teacher, 7th Grade English**— Contact angela-miller@cdolinc.net

EASTER TUESDAY PILGRIMAGE to the **Benedictines of Mary** in Gower, MO & incorrupt Sr **Wilhelmina** on **Tuesday, April 2nd**. Begin at **St. Michael** in Lincoln with 7:00 AM Mass, & stop at Cathedral of St Joseph, MO. Prayers throughout the day, return by 6:15 PM. \$70 inc. charter bus, snacks & lunch. Make your reservations early at frcoulter.com/EasterMonday or call **Good Counsel Retreat House** at 402-786-2705.

For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Bring God into your marriage to honor Him by going on a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience** 4/26-28, Dillon, CO; 4/12-14, Elk Mountain, WY; 10/ 4-6, Grand Junction, CO; & 11/1-3, Dillon, CO. Virtual: **Thursday evenings, 4/11 – 5/23, '24**. 7 sessions beginning at 6 p.m. Questions: Brenda & Gary: 402-370-5839 or www.wvme.org.

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 IGNATIAN DIRECTED RETREAT:** 3/25-28 w/ Matt Simmons or Fr. Coulter
- ✚ **HOLY WEEK RETREAT FOR YOUNG WOMEN:** March 28-30 w/ the Marian Sisters.
- ✚ **BACK TO THE GARDEN:** a retreat for women. April 19-21 with Sarina Stokes & Fr. Cole Kennett. **Read more/register at www.goodcounselretreat.org, QR Code, email office@goodcounselretreat.org or call 402-786-2705.**



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 Knights.



Magnificat magazine subscriptions through our parish bulk rate. **One year subscription \$26.00.** Start w/ **August '24 issue.** Sign up in the church entryway. **Due April 8.** Make checks out to **St. James Catholic Church.** Includes access to digital magazine. Catholic Devotional prayers. Daily morning & evening prayer. Mass. Beautiful Art. Articles. Lives of saints...

MAGNIFICAT
Read • Pray • Grow in Faith

Healing Hearts Grief Program

JOHN XXIII DIOCESAN CENTER
3700 SHERIDAN BLVD. LINCOLN, NE

Healing Hearts Grief Support Sessions for those who have suffered the loss of a loved one. Offered to assist Catholics in the grief process. Sessions held on 6 weekly **Tuesday evenings** beginning **April 9, 7:00-9:00 pm, at John XXIII Diocesan Center, 37th & Sheridan Blvd.** To register, please call 402-473-0620. Suggested Donation: \$25 (for materials)

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.**



EYES OPENED, Hearts on Fire! in **Indianapolis: July 17-21, 2024.** 1st **National Eucharistic Congress** in the **United States** since 1976 in Philadelphia. Draw into a deeper intimacy with our Eucharistic Lord. **Register today: www.eucharisticcongress.org.** **Our Knights of Columbus will cover 1/2 of the registration cost—like a retreat up to \$300. Diocese of Lincoln Places are all taken.**



Mary most pure. Pray for us!

I've Got A Name Walk For Freedom 2024- Saturday, 4/13, 9am-12pm. Join us as we walk from the **Nebraska Union Broyhill Fountain** to the **Nebraska State Capitol Bldg!** Registration is **\$25 \$15 for students**, which includes a **Walk For Freedom T-Shirt & Valentino's Pizza.** The walk kicks off promptly at **10:00 AM.** Whether you register as an individual or gather your friends, family, or coworkers to form a team, your presence matters! For tickets, click [here!](#)

United We Stand: Human Trafficking Conference: Hear from nationally renowned speaker & human trafficking survivor, **Theresa Flores!** Friday, 4/26, 9:30a-1:30p. In-person or Zoom. **Nebr. Innovation Campus (NIC) 2021 Transformation Dr. Linc., NE.** Passionate about combating sex trafficking? Deepen your knowledge & response capabilities by learning the scope of the issue, identification strategies & survivor-centered care. In-person \$20 incl. lunch. Online \$10. Click [here.](#)

—NEBRASKA—
CATHOLIC DAY OF GIVING

SAVE THE DATE
5.1.24
FOR THE FIRST EVER
NEBRASKA CATHOLIC DAY OF GIVING

LINCOLN Archdiocese of Omaha Grand Island

FIDEJOY

Families and young adults in the Lincoln Diocese are invited to participate in FIDEJOY, a foreign exchange program that gives young people a way to live concretely the universality of the Church by discovering the French or American culture in a Catholic environment.

- Host a French Catholic teenager
- Participate in a French/American youth exchange
- Host a French au pair ("nanny")
- Serve as an au pair in a French family

To request information about this program, please visit: www.stmaryssuton.org/fidejoy

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.

HOLY HOUR- Friday, 4/5, at 7:15 pm at the Pink Sisters' Chapel 1040 S. Cotner Blvd. Singing led by the Vietnamese Youth Choir (Thien Chu). Please help us pray for good vocations for our Diocese, our Seminary, & for the **Pink Sisters!**

Jesus, I trust in You!

Go to confession in preparation for Easter!

THE ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL FAMILY ASSOCIATION PRESENTS
JEN FULWILER MATERNAL INSTINCT
FRIDAY, 4/26

Discover the world of Catholic comedy, a genre rooted in rich traditions and relatable humor. Headliner Jen Fulwiler, a renowned Catholic comedian, brings a fresh perspective to Catholicism through laughter. Bishop Conley highly recommends her, praising her quick wit and relatable anecdotes that connect with National audiences.

Meet opener Father Jake Martin, a Catholic priest and stand-up comedian who blends humor and spirituality to offer a unique take on faith and life. Through his relatable narrative, he fosters unity and understanding through laughter, celebrating the lighter side of spirituality.

Your ticket purchase also supports a great cause! A significant portion of sales goes toward fostering the growth and well-being of our Catholic education community. Your participation is a valuable investment in the success of our educational mission. Thank you for your support!

THE ROCOCO THEATRE
BUY TICKETS AT WWW.ROCOCO THEATRE.COM

Spirit Catholic Radio Network is looking to hire a Community Engagement Coordinator- responsible for awareness initiatives of the **SCRN** across the state of Nebraska & Iowa See the full job description, & if qualified, apply at [spiritcatholicradio.com/!](http://spiritcatholicradio.com/)

Presenting the **Spirit Catholic Radio EWTN and Catholic Answers Symposium**

The Eucharist: Source and Summit of our Faith

APRIL 26/27
St. Robert Bellarmine Church, Omaha
spiritcatholicradio.com/silver

Fr. Wade Menezes
Tim Staples
Coleen Kelly Mast
Joe Meschmeyer
Stacy Trasmonte

Thank you Lord for the moisture you have given us.

"Physician Heal Thyself"

APRIL 27, 2024
9 AM - NOON

REGISTER HERE

9:00 Mass
9:30 Breakfast
10:00 Talk
11:00 Adoration/Prayer Teams/Confession

ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
6111 MORRILL AVE
LINCOLN, NE

Sponsored by Nebraska Catholic Nurses and Lincoln Catholic Medical Association

LINCOLN DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN
64th Biennial Convention
April 26 & 27, 2024
John XXIII Diocesan Center
3700 Sheridan Blvd.
Lincoln, NE

Celebrating with Gratitude - Serving with Joy

FRIDAY, APRIL 26th
5:30-6:30 Eucharistic Adoration in song and praise by Donna Cori
Hors d'oeuvres and wine, coffee, or tea reception following: \$25.00

SATURDAY, APRIL 27th
Convention Keynote Speaker: Donna Cori
Keeping a Mary Spirit Throughout a Martha Day
Convention to include morning coffee & rolls, lunch, mass with Bishop Conley, silent basket auction, raffle and LDCCW Business Meeting: \$30.00

Preregistration is requested by April 15th
Register online at: <https://form.jotform.com/200576709676163>
OR...Send check made out to LDCCW to Teresa Koch, 812 W. Walnut Road, Odell, NE.

Join us for a power-packed morning of reflections and encouragement on how to practice the "one thing necessary" (Lk 10:42). Gleaned from 24 years of learning, meditation and practice as a Third Order Carmelite, Donna will help you explore your prayer life and give you tips on how to stay recollected all day long, keep you from being frazzled and anxious and help your service in the Kingdom of God to bear much fruit and give glory to God, while at the same time helping you grow in perfection, as Jesus commanded.
Donna will intersperse the presentation with original prayer-songs. You can hear her at www.DonnaCori.com.

AROUND OUR PARISH

PARISH WEEKLY ACTIVITIES: <https://stjamescortland.com/>

Monday	Mar 18	7:00 pm	Jesus & the Eucharist: Eucharistic Revival Series	Parish Hall
Tuesday	Mar 19	7:30 pm	Young Adult Bible Study- Salt+Light	Parish Hall
Wednesday	Mar 20	7:00 pm	Knights of Columbus—Rosary at 7pm; Meeting at 7:30	Parish Hall
Friday	Mar 22	4:05 pm	Stations of the Cross	Church
Friday	Mar 22	8:00 pm	AA - Hall Reserved	Parish Hall
Saturday	Mar 23	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 & thanksgiving, & some time **caring for the needs of others**.

EASTER FOOD BASKETS: Please help with the *Easter Food Baskets* at *Norris Food Pantry*. Items suggested are a meat, potatoes, vegetables/salad, bread/rolls & dessert (could be fruit). **Just the ingredients** need be furnished. Contact Grace B. w/ questions (402-798-7781). See instructions on the **sign-up sheet** in church entryway. The family identifying number should be attached to the container of groceries.

"Youth Masses"- Sunday, 3/17. Thank you to all who helped prepare for the "Youth Masses" at 8:00 am & 10:30 am today.

Knights of Columbus Scholarship- Graduating high school seniors of *Saint James Parish* going to college - fill out an application for scholarships awarded by the *Saint James Council Knights of Columbus*. **Applications on the bulletin board located in the front entry way of church** to be completed & turned in by **April 15th** to Mike Mitchell.

Totus Tuus 2024 at *St. James Parish-Cortland* will be on **July 20-26**. Evenings for High School- Sunday thru Thursday. Morning & afternoon for Elementary students- Monday thru Friday.

TMIY STUDY entitled *Worthy of the Call*- Sat. at **6:30 am** in parish hall. All are welcome.

Stations of the Cross at *St. James Church-Cortland*:

Thursdays of Lent, 6:30 pm before the 7 pm Eucharistic Exposition Holy Hour.

Fridays of Lent at 4:05pm.



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 3/10/24

Adult Envelopes	\$2,069.00
Plate	\$135.00
Combined Collection	\$295.00
Total Deposit	\$2,499.00

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.

SPRING CHURCH CLEANING: Friday, March 22 & Saturday, March 23. List of cleaning tasks will be in Church entry Please cross off items when they are done. All are welcome to help. Men are needed to reach high spots. We want to make sure the church is clean for Easter. Coordinated by PCCW.

PCCW BAKE SALE on next Sunday, **March 24**, after morning Masses.

1ST COMMUNION: Sunday, April 14, 1:30p.

Mass. Please pray for those preparing. **PCCW SCHOLARSHIP BREAKFAST** on Sunday, **April 21st**. Scholarship Application Forms will be on the bulletin board in the entryway of the church.

CONFIRMATION: Tuesday, May 7, 7:00 pm Mass. Please pray for those preparing. We have a busy couple months.

Thanks, Denise C., PCCW President

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.

Holy Week Schedule- Signup Sheet in Church Entryway for acolytes, servers, & feet.

Palm Sunday, Saturday, March 23, 5⁰⁰ PM Mass

Palm Sunday, March 24, 8:00 AM Mass w/ Procession

Palm Sunday, March 24, 10:30 AM Mass

Holy Thursday, March 28, 7:00 PM Mass- Feet washed. Adoration & Confessions available to Midnight

Good Friday, March 29, 7:00 pm: Passion Liturgy with Communion

Easter Vigil (Holy Saturday), March 30, 8:00 PM Mass

Easter Sunday, March 31, 8:00 AM Mass

Easter Sunday, March 31, 10:30 AM Mass

SPECIAL LECTORS SCHEDULE:

Holy Thursday—7PM: Karl Gramman

Good Friday—7PM: Diana McCown & Amy Larkins

Liturgical Ministers for Sundays & Holy Days of Obligation

		Mar 16-17	Mar 23-24 Palm Sunday	Mar 30 8:00pm Vigil Mar 31 Easter Sunday	April 6-7	April 13-14
Sat. 5:00 pm	Reader	Amy Larkins	Shirley Yates/Ron Eisenbarth	Michelle Milke/Diana McCown	Amy Larkins	Ron Eisenbarth
	Acolyte	Kurt Larkins	(volunteer)	(volunteer)	Kurt Larkins	Randy Eickmeier
	Server 1	(volunteer)	(volunteer)	Braxton Skillett	(volunteer)	(volunteer)
	Server 2	(volunteer)	(volunteer)	Easton Schilbitzki	(volunteer)	(volunteer)
Sun. 8:00 am	Reader	Chris Hytrek	Joe Vinton/Jerry Lentfer	Joe Vinton	Michelle Milke	Chris Hytrek
	Acolyte	Tony Sullivan	Scott Osterhaus	Chris Hytrek	Pat Milke	Tony Sullivan
	Server 1	Rylan Hochstein	Sam Robinson	Mason Eickmeier	Carter Stieb	Simon Robinson
	Server 2	Reid Hochstein	Sawyer Robinson	Carson Eickmeier	Asher Stieb	Andrew Oelke
	Server 3	Brayden Kuhlman	Jax Peterson	Parker Eickmeier	Liam Dush	Spencer Robinson
	Server 4	Hudson Kuhlman	Drake Peterson		Kyler Beck	Cooper Mason
Sun. 10:30 am	Reader	Larry Etmund	Ginger Jelinek/ 2 nd Needed	Karl Gramman	Karl Gramann	Larry Etmund
	Acolyte	Ron Eisenbarth	Myron Heusinkvelt	Ron Boden	Ron Eisenbarth	Myron Heusinkvelt
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	Server 3			Crew Dummer		
	Server 4					
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WHERE DOES IT SAY THAT

in the Pro-Abortion Ballot Proposal?



THIS CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT...

REMOVES PARENTAL RIGHTS

By using all “persons” instead of “women,” any girl under the age of 18 could have an abortion without her parent’s consent or knowledge.

LEAVES “HEALTH” UNDEFINED

Court cases define “health” exceptions to include emotional, psychological, and familial well-being.

THREATENS ALL HEALTH AND SAFETY REGULATIONS

The amendment risks eliminating 50 years of common-sense protections for women and girls against unsafe abortion practices. After passing a similar constitutional amendment, Michigan quickly repealed informed consent laws, and state licensing and inspection requirements for abortion facilities.

GIVES ABORTIONISTS THE SOLE DISCRETION TO DECIDE VIABILITY

Women seeking an abortion don’t see their OBGYN or family doctor. They go to abortion practitioners. This ballot initiative gives power to abortion practitioners, who may not even be licensed doctors, to decide whether a baby is “viable.”

CREATES A RIGHT TO LATE-PREGNANCY ABORTION

Babies born as late as 32-36 weeks need machines to help them breathe. This is an “extraordinary medical measure” necessary for their life outside the womb. Under the ballot proposal language, these babies are not “viable” and may be aborted.

ARTICLE I, SECTION 31

*OF THE NEBRASKA STATE CONSTITUTION
SHALL BE AMENDED TO READ...*

“All persons shall have a fundamental right to abortion until fetal viability, or when needed to protect the life or health of the pregnant patient, without interference from the state or its political subdivisions.

Fetal viability means the point in pregnancy when, in the professional judgment of the patient’s treating health care practitioner, there is a significant likelihood of the fetus’ sustained survival outside the uterus without the application of extraordinary medical measures.”

Explaining the Pro-Abortion Ballot Initiative.



America's largest abortion provider and out-of-state interests are leading an effort to create a **right to late-pregnancy abortion** in the Nebraska Constitution.

Abortion activists are gathering signatures to put a right to late-pregnancy abortion on the ballot in November of 2024. Nebraskans need to know how this proposal is dangerous, deceptive, and demeaning, and why it must be opposed.



1 DANGEROUS

- ✗ Fifty years of common-sense protections for women and girls against unsafe abortion practices would be eliminated, as illustrated by Michigan after they passed a similar initiative.
- ✗ Teenagers could access abortions without their parents' knowledge.
- ✗ It seeks to embed late-pregnancy abortion into the state constitution, despite evidence showing its high risks and trauma for women and girls.
- ✗ The legislature's ability to enact essential health and safety protections for moms and babies is jeopardized by the phrase "without interference of the state."

2 DECEPTIVE

- ✗ The pro-abortion amendment uses purposefully vague and abstract terms to drastically expand abortion in Nebraska.
- ✗ Terms like "viability" can be manipulated by abortionists and are defined so broadly that it will put healthy 2nd & 3rd-trimester babies at risk of being killed by abortion.
- ✗ Even babies who require basic neonatal health care could be categorized by an abortionist as not viable, and be aborted.
- ✗ Nebraska law already allows 1st-trimester abortion and provides exceptions for rape, incest, and the life of the mother, which is supported by over 60% of Nebraskans.

3 DEMEANING

- ✗ The abortion industry makes women feel afraid, isolated, and without options. This is at a time when trusted family, friends, churches, and Nebraskans want to support their pregnancy and parenting needs.
- ✗ The amendment is funded by out-of-state special interest groups, including America's largest abortion provider, which stands to profit financially from increased abortions in Nebraska.
- ✗ This proposal will create a culture that incentivizes and expects abortion rather than build a "culture of life" that seeks to fully support pregnant and parenting women, including those in the workplace.

Educate your community. Request a talk at your parish or organization, provided by the Nebraska Catholic Conference.

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Women and preborn babies need your help! Scan the QR code to volunteer and get involved to defeat this initiative.



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Living a Catholic Life *Making the Right Choices*

“Living a Catholic Life” is a collaboration between dioceses, parishes, Knights of Columbus councils, grassroots organizations, and The National Catholic Bioethics Center to educate the laity on principles of the moral life and their application.

In ethical discussions today, one frequently hears a certain repeated formulaic terminology about “making choices” or “having options.” This fits well with a consumer mentality in which we shop and choose among material goods and employment opportunities. And yet, in historical perspective, it was not always thus. The old phrases had to do with following nature or living according to nature. Surprisingly, this latter conception of the moral life seems to be coming back into currency with the environmentalist emphasis on living in harmony with the natural world, with the return to virtue ethics, and with the emphasis on the affective and emotional life in spirituality.

In our contemporary context, we can, therefore, sketch out two kinds of moral life and moral freedom. In one, we have what might be called a morality of making choices, in which central emphasis is put on the will, on the autonomous individual choosing in indifference to, and in subjective isolation from, such objective referential realities as reason, convention, and nature (i.e., rightly ordered inclination). According to this scenario, we are born as complete moral agents, needing no education in virtue, no attention to natural inclinations in accord with our true nature, no training in making proper choices, and no instruction in knowing what to do in certain situations. We simply have to choose for ourselves between two equal contraries rather than between good and evil, the natural and the unnatural. To abort or not to abort, to contracept or not to contracept, and to engage in sodomy or not are, from this perspective, indifferent choices, equal in value, and devoid of natural consequences. According to this mode of morality, the individual act is isolated and the individual choice is sovereign.

But the inevitable question arises, What about other people? What about the rights of those in community around us? What about law? Certain concessions do have to be made to law. As Cicero observed long ago, we are inherently social beings. We need other people; we live with other people. Law is perceived, according to the first mode of morality, as a constriction, a limitation on the individual will, and a concession to community. Virtue is reduced to observing the law, and then you are free to “do as you please.” Minimum obligation, maximum freedom.

The other form of moral life we might call the morality of the virtues, according to which we follow nature. The aim here is happiness, which is achieved by the perfection of the powers of the soul (intellect, will, and the passions) so that one is able to act with perfection when one wishes. One attempts to bring to

fruition the natural human inclinations toward truth, goodness, and happiness—that is, to union with the fullness of good or being (which, in a Christian context, is union with God). One seeks to make the *right choices* in accordance with objective reality, with reason, convention, and natural law. Virtue, thus, is not mere obedience to law, but a second nature developing natural inclinations and conducting them to their perfection. Further, the law is educative in that one needs to be trained and formed in the virtues as one gradually progresses toward their mature perfection.

Let us consider an example. In playing the piano, we develop and acquire of a certain power to produce music. We cannot simply choose to play the piano with an initial instant proficiency. At first, we must have a natural inclination toward music. Then some basic training is necessary in which we learn the fundamentals necessary to the perfection of producing beautiful music. As we gradually attain, through repeated exercise, more knowledge of music itself and the ways in which we might interpret and play a certain piece, we begin to achieve a certain mastery which enables us to play the piano with some degree of perfection. Finally, of course, this becomes an exercise that is at once joyous and fulfilling. In the whole process, we have achieved several goods—the power of producing beautiful music, the self-mastery of playing the piano with ease and facility, the unification of several of our faculties of mind and body, and the ability to please friends with our proficiency in the art of piano playing.

In the moral life, like in piano playing, making choices and choosing options certainly are part of the process, but they are not the whole or center of it. Choices, after all, are not always the *right choices*, not always *intelligently* perceived as in harmony with human goods or with playing the piano.

The ultimate question in the moral life today then becomes, What kind of moral agents are we? Autonomous wills choosing by caprice? Men and women free from all restriction in a void of indifference? Or are we intelligent men and women discerning the *right choices*, freeing ourselves through intelligent choices from the natural disorder of sin to perfect ourselves, our individual human natures, and our communities, so as to enter eventually into the transcendent joy of the eternal banquet? By reducing the moral life to obeying law and responding to circumstances, arbitrary impulses, or calculable goods, modern ethical systems have lost sight of the primacy of the intellect, the influence of natural inclinations, their perfection acquired in stabilizing the dispositions of the virtues, and the integrating goal of a final end.

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National

- Sen. Tim Scott (R-SC) introduced a bill that would protect Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) funds for pro-life pregnancy centers. The bill comes after the Biden administration attempted to disallow the use of such funds for pregnancy centers through federal regulations this past October.
- A bill introduced by Catholic Rep. Chris Smith (R-NJ), the Frederick Douglass Trafficking Victims Prevention and Protection Reauthorization Act, overwhelmingly passed in the House by a vote of 414-11. The act reauthorizes the Trafficking Victims Protection Act and will “expand successful anti-trafficking programs to bolster the fight against modern-day slavery.”



Federal Courts

- The Supreme Court will hear oral arguments for *Alliance for Hippocratic Medicine v. Food and Drug Administration* on March 26. The suit resulted after the US Food and Drug Administration removed restrictions previously in place for the prescription of mifepristone, the first of two pills involved in chemical abortion, which cuts off progesterone to the unborn child, starving him or her to death. The FDA rescinded an in-person prescription requirement for mifepristone, stating that it would be a “burden on the health care delivery system.” The Fifth Circuit affirmed a lower court ruling in August 2023 requiring the FDA to reimpose pre-2016 restrictions on the drug pending the appeal to the Supreme Court.
- An Indiana Catholic husband and wife filed a petition to the Supreme Court after the state removed their son from their home because they tried to treat his “transgender identity” as a mental health problem rather than “affirm” the behavior. In their petition, they note that the state found that they were fit parents and that there was no evidence of abuse, but nevertheless, the state removed their son “over an ideological dispute.”

States



- Alabama’s supreme court has ruled that frozen embryos are children under state law. In a ruling of 8-1, the court decided that the state’s Wrongful Death of a Minor Act applies to children “regardless of their location,” since it is “sweeping and unqualified.” Within this sweep, the court said, were “children, born and unborn, without limitation.”
- Archbishop William Lori of Baltimore, Wilton Cardinal Gregory of Washington, DC, and Bishop William Koenig of Wilmington wrote an open letter denouncing the advance of a bill for assisted suicide in the Maryland General Assembly. The bishops said that it was “deeply illogical” for the legislature to introduce such a bill at a time when the suicide rate is skyrocketing, as it would only facilitate the issue.
- Tennessee’s house advanced a bill proposed by Rep. Jason Zachary (R) that would ban obtaining abortions for minors without parental consent, which could encompass driving a minor out of state to procure an abortion. The bill now needs to advance in the full house and senate chambers and be signed by Gov. Bill Lee (R). Tennessee already bans abortions throughout pregnancy, except in situations where it is necessary to save the mother’s life.

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