

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/Rector: 155 N Lincoln Ave.,
 Cortland, NE 68331.
 Rectory Phone: 402-798-7335.
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 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 before and **after** each Mass until Easter.
 Other times also— See the **bottom of this page** for times.
 Prepare for Easter! *Come to the Mercy of God.*



Holy Week Schedule—

Signup Sheet
 in Church
 Entryway for
 acolytes,
 servers, &
 feet.

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION + MARCH 24, 2024
 Christ became obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ...**God greatly exalted him** and bestowed on him the name which is above every name. -Phil 2:8-9

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.



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							
PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION				PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION			
Sat. Mar 23	5:00 pm	SJ	All Souls Day Intentions+	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			
Sun. Mar 24	8:00 am	SJ	Jason Yonkey+				
	10:30 am	SJ	For the People of St. James Parish				
Mon. Mar 25	7:00 am	SJ	All Souls Day Intentions+	Monday of Holy Week: Is 42: 1-7/ Ps 27: 1. 2. 3. 13-14/ Jn 12: 1-11.			
	5:00 pm	CRC	All are welcome. Jubilarian Priests	Chris Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/ Ps 89:21-22, 25 & 27/ Rv 1:5-8 / Lk 4:16-21			
Tue. Mar 26	7:00 am	SJ	All Souls Day Intentions+	Tue. of Holy Wk.: Is 49:1-6/ Ps 71:1-2. 3-4a. 5ab-6ab. 15 & 17/ Jn 13:21-33. 36-38			
Wed. Mar 27	4:00 pm	GCRC		Wednesday of Holy Week:			
	6:30 pm	SJ	All Souls Day Intentions+	Is 50: 4-9a/ Ps 69: 8-10. 21-22. 31 & 33-34/ Mt 26: 14-25			
Thu. Mar 28	7:00 pm	SJ	All Souls Day Intentions+	Holy Thursday: Begin Easter Triduum of the Lord's Passion, Death & Resurrection. thru E. Sun. Eve. Prayer. Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12: 1-8. 11-14/ Ps 116: 12-13. 15-16bc. 17-18/Jn 13: 1-15			
Fri. Mar 29	7:00 pm	SJ	Passion Liturgy— Veneration of the Cross, Petitions, Communion	Good Friday: Day of fast (ages 18-59) & abstinence from meat (age 14 & up). Mass is not celebrated today. Celebration of the Lord's Passion: Is 52: 13-53: 12/ Ps 31: 2. 6. 12-13. 15-16. 17. 25/ Heb 4: 14-16; 5: 7-9/ Jn 18: 1-19: 42			
EASTER SUNDAY. THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD				Holy Saturday: Readings for the Easter Vigil: #1 Gn 1: 1 -- 2: 2 or 1: 1.26-31a/ Ps 104: 1-2. 5-6. 10. 12. 13-14. 24. 35 or Ps 33: 4-5. 6-7. 12-13. 20-22/ #2 Gn 22: 1-18 or 22: 1-2. 9a. 10-13. 15-18/ Ps 16: 5. 8. 9-10. 11/ #3 Ex 14: 15 -- 15: 1/ Ex 15: 1-2. 3-4. 5-6. 17-18/ #4 Is 54: 5-14/ Ps 30: 2. 4. 5-6. 11-12. 13/ #5 Is 55: 1-11/ Is 12: 2-3. 4. 5-6/ #6 Bar 3: 9-15. 32 -- 4: 4/ Ps 19: 8. 9. 10. 11/ #7 Ez 36: 16-17a. 18-28/ Ps 42: 3. 5; 43: 3. 4 or Is 12: 2-3. 4bcd. 5-6 or Ps 51: 12-13. 14-15. 18-19/ Epistle Rom 6: 3-11/ Ps 118: 1-2. 16-17. 22-23/ Gospel Mk 16: 1-7			
Sat. Mar 30	8:00 pm	SJ	All Souls Day Intentions+				
Sun. Mar 24	8:00 am	SJ	For the People of St. James Parish	Easter Sunday: Acts 10: 34a. 37-43/ Ps 118: 1-2. 16-17. 22-23/ Col 3: 1-4 or 1 Cor 5: 6b-8/ Jn 20: 1-9 or Mk 16: 1-7 or, afternoon or evening Mass, Lk 24: 13-35			
	10:30 am	SJ	All Souls Day Intentions+				

Extra Holy Week Confession Times			Thursday		Friday	Saturday	Easter Sunday
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	10:00a to 10:30a		12:00 noon to 12:30p	10:00a to 10:30a	7:30a to 7:50a
6:30a to 6:55a	6:30a to 6:50a	7:30a to 8:00a	6:00p to 6:30p		6:00p to 6:30p	1:00p to 1:30p	10:00a to 10:20a
7:30a to 8:00a	7:30a to 8:00a	6:00p to 6:30p	8:15p to 8:45p		8:00p to 8:30p	4:30p to 5:00p	
	6:00p to 6:30p	7:00p to 7:30p	9:00p to 9:30p				
	6:00p to 6:30p		10:00p to 10:30p	11:00p to 11:30p			

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.

Lenten Regulations for the Diocese of Lincoln for 2024

1. **Ash Wednesday & Good Friday:** days of **fast & abstinence**. All Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence.
2. **Fasting means** eating only one full meal with two smaller meals, which together do not equal the full meal. No snacking or eating between meals is allowed. Fasting obliges all Catholics **between the ages of 18 & 59**. **Abstinence means** eating no meat, & no soup or gravy made from meat. Abstinence obliges all Catholics **over the age of 14**. **Sickness, hard manual labor, pregnancy, etc.** automatically excuse a person from these obligations. Nevertheless, it should be pointed out that these are serious obligations. In cases of **doubt or question**, the priest who hears a person's confession should be consulted.
- **Easter Vigil** is on **Holy Saturday, March 30, 2024**. The **Vigil Mass** must begin after sunset. This year it can be as early as **8 pm**.
- NB: The **Sol. of the Annunciation** is transferred from 3/25 to **April 8**, as if falls during Holy Week this year.

THE MASS IS THE GREATEST PRAYER THAT CAN BE OFFERED. Jesus offered the Mass once for all. Mass may be offered for an intention. **REQUEST THE OFFERING** of a Mass for your intention. Usual stipend is \$10. Part of the support of a priest. St. James Parish is almost out of Mass Intention requests.

TUESDAYS
APRIL 9 - MAY 14, 2024
7-9PM

Healing Hearts Grief Program

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)

JOHN XXIII DIOCESAN CENTER
3700 SHERIDAN BLVD., LINCOLN, NE

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 24, 2024

- ♦ **Triduum: A Spiritual Pilgrimage**, cinematically walks through the locations of the Holy Week story, representing the most important days of human history. Immersed in the real and sacred places of the Holy Land, the pilgrim faithful is brought tangibly nearer to the story, the landscape, and the reality of the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. <https://watch.formed.org/videos/triduum>
- ♦ **Embraced in Mercy: The Rite Explained** Whether you go to Confession regularly or a decade ago, this session guides you step-by-step through the deeper meaning of every aspect of the Rite—what it is, why we do it, and how it impacts your life. <https://watch.formed.org/videos/embraced-in-mercy-the-rite-explained>
- ♦ **Holy Thursday | Catholic All Year at Home w/ Kendra Tierney** Explore Holy Thursday contradictions with the Tierney family: joyful Eucharist and sacramental priesthood vs. somber start of Jesus' passion. Get family activity ideas, music suggestions, and a Holy Thursday seder-inspired feast featuring lamb, knishes, bitter herb salad, homemade applesauce, flatbread, and wine/grape juice. Don't miss a messy but special dessert. <https://watch.formed.org/videos/holy-thursday-catholic-all-year-at-home-w-kendra-tierney>
- ♦ **Sign up for Formed:** GO TO FORMED.ORG, &/OR DOWNLOAD THE FORMED APP. ENTER YOUR ZIP CODE. FIND OUR PARISH.



MODERN DAY SIMON OF CYRENE Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy

Week. As we walk with Jesus this week, we remember the countless women, children & men who **carry heavy crosses** even today: crosses of **hunger**, of **vulnerability to climate change**, or of a **lack of resources**. How-like **Simon of Cyrene**-can you help to carry the crosses of our sisters & brothers in your local community and around the world? Visit crsicebowl.org/holy-week to learn more. **Rice Bowl Collection** to help the hungry around the world will be on **Holy Thursday**. You can put your donation in the Sunday collection soon. Thank you.



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. The pandemic had hit Christians in the Holy Land particularly hard. Most of them depend on pilgrimages for work. The war made their situation even more dramatic. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection is necessary to meet the basic needs of the People of God still living in this Land and to maintain a Christian presence where the Church was born. 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 SERVING THOSE IN NEED IN THE HOLY LAND

Christ became obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name. **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 begin at 6 p. Questions: Brenda & Gary: 402-370-5839 or www.wmwe.org.**

Looking for a retreat that works for you? **Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House in Waverly** has several retreats to help you deepen your faith life. Upcoming:

- ✦ **4-DAY IGNATIUS 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 Fr. Cole Kennett & Sarina Stokes. [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...

DR. VERN STEINER PRESENTS **DEI VERBUM**

Series on VATICAN II

5 April, 2024

John XXIII Center @ 8:00 pm presentation Reception to follow

510 PER TICKET
3700 SHERIDAN BLVD., LINCOLN, NE
TO REGISTER: WWW.LINCOLNDIOCESE.ORG/V2



Discernment 101
"What does God want?"

Join the Daughters of St. Paul on Saturday mornings via Zoom for talks, prayer, and discussion on discovering God's will for your life

Open to single Catholic women ages 16-33

JAN	FEB	MAR	APR
27	24	23	27

Discernment Basics | Hearing God in a Noisy World | Putting on the Mind of Christ | Emotions, Desires, & Discernment

10:30-12:00 Eastern Time via Zoom

Learn more and register: connect.pauline.org/discernment-101

Our Lady of Sorrows. Pray for us!
St. Joseph- Pray for us!

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

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!

NATIONAL Eucharistic Congress

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.

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.

NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival

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!**

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!](#)

NEBRASKA CATHOLIC DAY OF GIVING

5.1.24

FOR THE FIRST EVER NEBRASKA CATHOLIC DAY OF GIVING

Go to confession in preparation for Easter!

Lincoln | Archdiocese of Omaha | Nebraska Diocese of Grand Island

Jesus, I trust in You!

Go to confession in preparation for Easter!

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.

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!

Job Openings:

- * **St. Joseph School, Lincoln, NE- Spanish Teacher** for the 2023-24 school year. Contact to kevin-naumann@cdolinc.net.
- * **Cathedral of the RC School for 24-25 School Year. Assistant Principal. Teacher, 7th Grade English-** Contact angela-miller@cdolinc.net

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.](#)

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 (EWTN host of "Open Line Today")
Tim Staples (Senior Apologist at Catholic Answers)
Coleen Kelly Mast (EWTN host of "Meet Apper")
Joe Heschmeyer (Apologist at Catholic Answers)
Stacy Trasnoco (Contributor to Catholic Answers)

"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/>

Sunday	Mar	24	After Masses	PCCW Bake Sale	Parish Hall
Tuesday	Mar	26	7:30 pm	Young Adult Bible Study- Salt+Light	Parish Hall
Thursday	Mar	28	7:00 pm	Holy Thursday Mass—see Holy Week Schedule	Church
Friday	Mar	29	7:00pm	Good Friday Mass—see Holy Week Schedule	Church
Friday	Mar	29	8:00 pm	AA - Hall Reserved	Parish Hall
Saturday	Mar	30	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 **caaring for the needs of others.**

SEDER MEAL 3/24, 6:00 PM PARISH HALL.

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 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.

THANK YOU to Pat M., Bryce N., Ron E. & Joe V. for arranging for what is needed for changing the **parking lot lights**. The tall ones require a taller lift & should be completed this week. Also the lights in the outdoor sign. All will be LED.

THANK YOU to all who helped with the “**Youth Masses**” on Sunday, 3/17.

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HELPED WITH THE EASTER FOOD BASKETS at Norris Food Pantry. Questions to Grace B. 402-798-7781. The family id number should be attached to the container of groceries.

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HELPED WITH SPRING CHURCH CLEANING: The List of cleaning tasks is in Church entry Please check for things needing done yet. Cross off items when they are done. We want to make sure the church is clean for Easter. Coordinated by PCCW.

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

1ST COMMUNION: Sunday, April 14, 10:30a. 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.

Thanks, Denise C., PCCW President

HE CAME INTO IT TO DIE.....

“If Jesus is what He claimed to be, a Savior, a Redeemer, then we have a virile Christ & a leader worth following in these terrible times; One Who will step into the breach of death, crushing sin, gloom & despair; a leader to Whom we can make total sacrifice without losing, but gaining freedom, & whom we can love even unto death.

We need a Christ today Who will make cords & drive the buyers & sellers from our new temples; Who will blast the unfruitful fig tree; Who will talk of crosses & sacrifices, & Whose voice will be like the voice of the

raging sea. But He will not allow us to pick & choose among His words, discarding the hard ones & accepting the ones that please our fancy.

We need a Christ Who will restore moral indignation, Who will make us hate evil with a passionate intensity, & love goodness to a point where we can drink death like water.

EVERY OTHER PERSON WHO EVER CAME INTO THIS WORLD CAME INTO IT TO LIVE. HE CAME INTO IT TO DIE. (Life of Christ - Bishop Fulton J. Sheen)
 “O Happy Fault!” Rejoice in Holy Week! Love in the Spirit. Diana

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 3/17/24

Adult Envelopes	\$1,059.00
Plate	\$729.50
Southern NE Register	\$20.00
Combined Collection	\$200.00
Total Deposit	\$2,008.50

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/he1020. OR Call Faith Direct Customer Service at 866-507-8757.**

Thank you Lord for the moisture you have given us.

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.

SPECIAL LECTORS SCHEDULE:

Holy Thursday-7PM: Karl Gramman
Good Friday-7PM: Diana McCown & Amy Larkins

Liturgical Ministers for Sundays & Holy Days of Obligation

		Mar 23-24 Palm Sunday	Mar 30 8:00pm Vigil Mar 31 Easter Sunday	April 6-7	April 13-14	April 20-21
Sat. 5:00 pm	Reader	Shirley Yates/Ron Eisenbarth	Michelle Milke/Diana McCown	Amy Larkins	Ron Eisenbarth	Diana McCown
	Acolyte	(volunteer)	Randy Eickmeier/Chris Hytrek	Kurt Larkins	Randy Eickmeier	(volunteer)
	Server 1	(volunteer)	Braxton Skillett	(volunteer)	(volunteer)	(volunteer)
	Server 2	(volunteer)	Easton Schilbitzki	(volunteer)	(volunteer)	(volunteer)
Sun. 8:00 am	Reader	Joe Vinton/Jerry Lentfer	Joe Vinton	Michelle Milke	Chris Hytrek	Jerry Lentfer
	Acolyte	Scott Osterhaus/Chris Hytrek	Chris Hytrek	Pat Milke	Tony Sullivan	Scott Osterhaus
	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
Sun. 10:30 am	Reader	Ginger Jelinek/ 2 nd Needed	Karl Gramman	Karl Gramann	Larry Etmund	Ginger Jelinek
	Acolyte	Myron H. /Ron Boden	Ron Boden	Ron Eisenbarth	Myron Heusinkvelt	Ron Boden
	Server 1	Max Jacobson	Sam Troxel	Hayden Nielson	Brady Troxel	Max Jacobson
	Server 2	Finn Jacobson	Mason Henn	Nolan Nielson	Ty Troxel	Finn Jacobson
	Server 3		Crew Dummer			
	Server 4					
	Greeter	Lydia Dominy	Paige Anderson	Lydia Dominy	Paige Anderson	Lydia Dominy
	Collection Counters	Kassie Ebberts/ Amy Argo	Julie Pfingsten / Laureen Ehmen	Jeanne Egger / Grace Benes	Jim Fuhrman / Theron Troxel	Randy & Colleen E./ Amy Argo

EXPLAINER ON BISHOPS' RESPONSE TO ALTERNATIVE BALLOT PROPOSAL PROVIDING PROTECTIONS FOR PREBORN BABIES

By Tom Venzor

On March 19th, a ballot initiative proposal providing protections for preborn babies was launched by “Protect Women and Children”. This proposal differs from the morally evil pro-abortion proposal launched in November.

The newly launched proposal reads: “Except when a woman seeks an abortion necessitated by a medical emergency or when the pregnancy results from sexual assault or incest, unborn children shall be protected from abortion in the second and third trimester.”

The three Bishops of Nebraska—through the Nebraska Catholic Conference—stated it is morally permissible for Nebraskans to support the newly proposed initiative language, for the following reasons:

- The proposal provides constitutional protection for preborn babies during the 2nd and 3rd trimester.
- The proposal leaves protections for preborn babies in the 1st trimester and in cases of rape, incest, or medical emergency to the Nebraska Legislature.
- The proposal does *not* affect Nebraska’s current pro-life law which protects preborn babies at 12 weeks with exceptions for rape, incest, and medical emergency, and it leaves intact countless other health and safety laws passed over the last 50 years to protect women and babies from abortion.

The Bishops further determined that a voter can support the proposal, under the following conditions:

- The voter must understand that all abortion must be opposed, and that direct abortion is never morally acceptable under any circumstances.
- The voter must view this proposal as an incremental step toward full protection of all human life from abortion, and not as a permanent compromise. Supporters must remain committed to the effort of recognizing the right to life of all preborn children.^[1]
- The voter must accept that the proposal does *not* create any right to abortion in the Nebraska Constitution. The Nebraska Legislature remains free to provide greater protection for human life.
- The voter must understand that this proposal is an imperfect alternative to the intrinsically evil pro-abortion ballot initiative proposal launched in November. That pro-abortion ballot initiative cannot be supported under any circumstance and must be rejected.

To learn more about the problems with the pro-abortion ballot initiative, visit www.NEcatholic.org.

[1] See Saint Pope John Paul II, *Evangelium Vitae* (Gospel of Life), paragraph 73: “A particular problem of conscience can arise in cases where a legislative vote would be decisive for the passage of a more restrictive law, aimed at limiting the number of authorized abortions, in place of a more permissive law already passed *or ready to be voted on*. Such cases are not infrequent. It is a fact that while in some parts of the world there continue to be campaigns to introduce laws favoring abortion, often supported by powerful international organizations, in other nations—particularly those which have already experienced the bitter fruits of such permissive legislation—there are growing signs of a rethinking in this matter. In a case like the one just mentioned, when it is not possible to overturn or completely abrogate a pro-abortion law, an elected official, whose absolute personal opposition to procured abortion was well known, could licitly support proposals aimed at limiting the harm done by such a law and at lessening its negative consequences at the level of general opinion and public morality. This does not in fact represent an illicit cooperation with an unjust law, but rather a legitimate and proper attempt to limit its evil aspects.” (emphasis added)

St James Parish Council and Finance Council Joint Meeting Minutes-- March 6, 2024

St James Parish Council and Finance Council held a joint meeting March 6, 2024. Those in attendance were Father Thomas Lux, Karl Gramman, Pat Milke, Jenny Oelke, Denise Clements, Melissa Wallman and Grace Benes. The meeting was opened with prayer. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Pat Milke reported that he was still checking with Mead Lumber on use of a lift to change the parking lot lights. He said it would take most of a day without wind to get the job done. Father reported that LED bulbs would cost \$287.00 for 6 bulbs. Father also asked about a solar spot light on the flag. Pat stated that one was installed when the flag pole was put up. It is not there now.

Father Lux is still waiting to hear from ServPro on the timing to check out the mold in the church ceiling. He sent them a deposit some time ago.

Fire extinguishers were checked. Two of them needed recharging. Father ordered one for the rectory and one for the storage building.

There was a discussion about installing wiring in the loft for a switch to turn on the sound system. This would cost approximately \$1,000.00. Since the current sound system is over 20 years old, it was decided not to do this at this time. The current sound system is functioning well. It is analog & long-lasting equipment.

Jenny Oelke gave the financial report as of February 29, 2024. The checking account balance was \$21,693.04. The savings account balance was \$377,119.47. Net income through February 29 was \$67,302.12. Father Lux suggested that we do an annual report to the parish.

Deanne Steib emailed the CCD report. All students participated in the Stations of the Cross on February 18. High school through second grade will go to confession during class time before Easter. The CCD students will attend their second Eucharistic Adoration hour on April 7. There will be no classes on Easter Sunday.

First Communion retreat will be April 7. First Holy Communion will be April 14 during the 10:30 Mass. Confirmation will be May 7 at 7:00 P. M.

Denise Clements gave the PCCW report. PCCW will serve the Power Surge meal March 13. The scholarship breakfast will be April 21st. The Norris Food Pantry asked St James to provide 12 meals in the annual Easter food baskets. Sign up sheet is on the table in the church entry.

Father Lux attended Catholics at the Capital in Lincoln. It was larger than ever. Almost every legislative district in the state had constituents in attendance. The adult Eucharistic Revival series is being attended by 15 parishioners. It is an excellent series. The Crete Deanery is hosting 40 Hour Adoration. St James time is 11:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M. Saturday March 9th with closing at Crete Sunday afternoon. Altar server training was held March 3rd after the 10:30 Mass.

Pat Milke suggested that we reach out to Brad Wilkens about starting research into our building wants and needs since we have close to \$400,000.00 in the savings account now. Denise Clements said she would contact Brad.

Les Mach from the Catholic Foundation would like to visit the parish to make a presentation on Wills and Charitable Giving on April 30th. Jenny Oelke will coordinate with Les to promote the presentation.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer.

The next meeting will be April 24, 2024.

Respectfully submitted: Grace Benes, Secretary

St James PCCW Meeting Minutes-- March 13, 2024

St James PCCW met March 13, 2024, with Father Lux and 3 members present. The meeting was opened with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Denise Clements gave the treasurer's report in the absence of treasurer, Julie Pfungsten. Income was from dues collected and monetary donations to World Marriage Day costs. Expenses were for Crete Deanery dues and a donation to Villa Marie School.

Denise reported that 17 members have paid their dues through Faith Direct.

First Communion Retreat will be April 6. St James PCCW will provide donuts and milk for breakfast after Mass and pizza for lunch. First Communion will be April 14 during the 1:30 P.M. Mass. There are 12 second graders making their 1st Communion this year.

Confirmation will be May 7 at 7:00 P.M. The PCCW will provide a meal for the Bishop and priests attending. Father asked for a light meal or heavy hors d'oeuvres.

The scholarship breakfast will be Sunday, April 21 after both Sunday Masses. Sign up sheet for donations and help will be put out right after Easter. Denise turned in requests for donations from Sams, Costco and Walmart.

Easter lily donation envelopes will be made available for those wishing to donate a lily in memory of someone. Grace Kisling has ordered the lilies.

The Norris Food Pantry has asked St James to provide 12 Easter food baskets this year. The sign-up sheet is on the table in the entryway.

Church cleaning will be Friday and Saturday, March 22 and 23. A list of chores needing to be done will be at the back of church. Come when you can, do what you can, and initial what was completed. Let's make St James shine for Holy Week.

St James Circle is in charge of the March bake sale on Sunday, March 24.

Father Lux attended the LDCCW Symposium and the Crete Deanery 40 Hours of Adoration. He encouraged us to continue to support Moms in Need.

Grace Kisling suggested that we give Ron Packard a gift card as a thank you for building the stable for our nativity set and for making the oak pedestal under the St Joseph statue. Denise will pick up a Home Depot card for him. Ron's friend, Gene Traeurnicht, donated the barn wood for the stable and we will send him a thank you card.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer. The next meeting will be April 10, 2024.

Respectfully submitted: Grace Benes, Secretary