

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 1<sup>st</sup> St.

Mailing/Rectory: 155 N Lincoln Ave., Cortland, NE 68331.

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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](mailto:bulletinstjames@gmail.com).

**Eucharistic Exposition Adoration Thursday evenings**, 7:00pm to 8:00pm. Please **Sign up** in the Church entryway.

7:00 pm- Exposition.

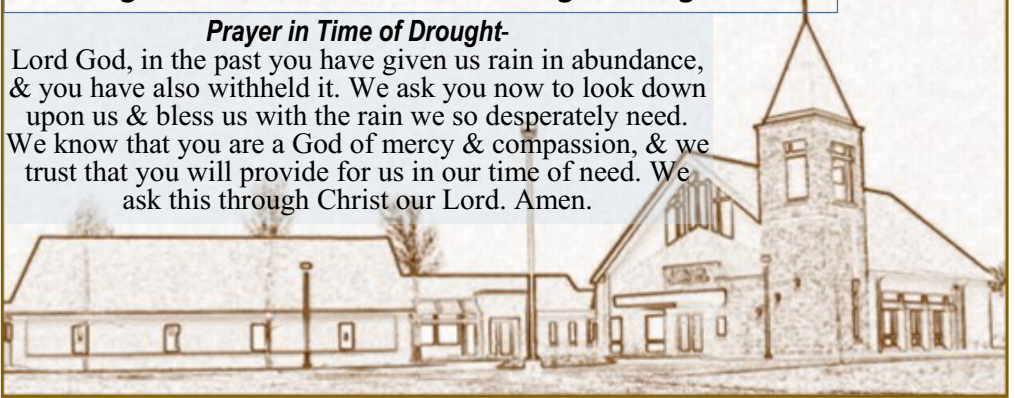
7:15 to 7:45 pm- Adoration.

7:50 pm— Simple Reposition.

## Thank you Lord for the moisture you've 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.



## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER + APRIL 28, 2024

Remain in me as I remain in you, says the Lord.

Whoever remains in me **will bear** much fruit. *Jn 15:4a, 5b*

**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.

*Come to the Mercy of God.*

**CCD- (Religious Education)- Sundays 9:00 to 10:15am** during school year

Kindergarten thru 8<sup>th</sup> 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

SJ= St. James Church. GCRC= Gold Crest Retirement Community-Adams

#### FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sat. Apr 27	5:00 pm	SJ	Rosemary Peggy Steinauer+
Sun. Apr 28	8:00 am	SJ	For the People of St. James Parish
	10:30 am	SJ	Nathan Milke+

Mon. Apr 29	7:00 am	SJ	Celebrant's Intention
Tue. Apr 30	7:00 am	SJ	Celebrant's Intention
Wed. May 1	4:00 pm	GCRC	Celebrant's Intention
	6:30 pm	SJ	Celebrant's Intention
Thu. May 2	7:00 am	SJ	Celebrant's Intention
Fri. May 3	7:00 am	SJ	Celebrant's Intention
Sat. May 4	8:00 am	SJ	Celebrant's Intention

#### SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sat. May 4	5:00 pm	SJ	Celebrant's Intention
Sun. May 5	8:00 am	SJ	Celebrant's Intention
	10:30 am	SJ	For the People of St. James Parish

**MASS READINGS-** Follow the Church's liturgical life. Read the scriptures before Mass. Try to join 1 or more weekday Masses.

#### FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER:

Acts 9: 26-31/ Ps 22: 26-27. 28. 30. 31-32 (26a)/ 1 Jn 3: 18-24/ Jn 15: 1-8

**E. Wkd./Catherine of Siena, v, dr, M:** Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2.3-4. 15-16/Jn 14:21-26

**E. Wkd./Pius V, pp, r:** Acts 14:19-28/ Ps 145: 10-11. 12-13ab. 21/ Jn 14: 27-31a

**Easter Weekday/Joseph the Worker:** Acts 15: 1-6/ Ps 122: 1-2. 3-4ab. 4cd-5/ Jn 15: 1-8. Proper Gospel for Joseph: Mt 13: 54-58

**Athanasius, bp, dr M:** Acts 15: 7-21/ Ps 96: 1-2a. 2b-3. 10/ Jn 15: 9-11

**Philip & James, aps F:** 1 Cor 15: 1-8/ Ps 19: 2-3. 4-5/ Jn 14: 6-14

**Easter Weekday:** Acts 16: 1-10/ Ps 100: 1b-2. 3. 5/ Jn 15: 18-21

#### SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER:

Acts 10: 25-26. 34-35. 44-48/ Ps 98: 1. 2-3. 3-4 (see 2b)/1 Jn 4: 7-10/ Jn 15: 9-17

## Here is your detailed info sheet for all things **Totus Tuus** this summer!

It is not too late to enroll your student! **Day Program** for students entering 1<sup>st</sup> grade to 8<sup>th</sup> grade— **Monday July 22<sup>nd</sup> to Friday July 26<sup>th</sup>**, 9 am-3 pm. Please **pack lunches** & if possible please send your student with **2 dozen cookies** on Monday. **High School program** for students entering 9<sup>th</sup> grade to recent high school graduates— **Sunday July 21<sup>st</sup> to Thursday July 25<sup>th</sup>** from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm starting with a supper provided by the parishioners. The cost is \$25 per child or a family rate of \$75 if you have more than 3 kids attending camp. If you have any questions feel free to email: [renaemitchell3@gmail.com](mailto:renaemitchell3@gmail.com) or call: 402-419-4491.

**Parents: We need your help!** If able please volunteer to assist during the day program. Your duties would include; checking students in, setting out snacks, cleaning up after snack & lunch, point of contact for parents, & help with dismissal. Any amount of help is appreciated even if you can only assist for a few hours. Thank you!

## LEAVE A LASTING LEGACY for the Parish & Your Family— April 30, 6:30 pm St. James Parish Hall.

Dinner @ 6:30pm.

**Presentation** by Les Mach & Andrew Loudon @ 7:15pm.

Free event. No obligation. No ask for money.

The **Catholic Foundation of Southern Nebr.** is a free resource for anyone.



Some gifts of charity can include an income back to you.

**Something for every age of adult**— how to set up a will, how to approach estate planning.



The future of our parish will need future gifts to stay viable into the future.

You can set that up through the foundation.

**AROUND THE LINCOLN DIOCESE** (See [www.lincolndiocese.org](http://www.lincolndiocese.org)) & BEYOND:

**Religious Sisters Vocation Prayer Calendar 2024 - Apr 28-May 4**

Sr. Maria Bernadette Phuong Nguyen *Jr. Professed* Sisters of Mary,  
from Vietnam *Sister* Queen of Mercy

Please pray for new entrants in *Diocese of Lincoln* Motherhouses.

**Pope Francis Intention for April: For The Role Of Women-** Let us pray that the **dignity & worth of women** be recognized in every culture, & for an **end to the discrimination** they face in various parts of the world.

*Crete Deanery Spring Meeting*

**Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>** at Sacred Heart Church, Crete

8:15am Mass followed by a light breakfast & business meeting.

**Ask, Seek, Knock on His Sacred Heart!** talk by *Marian Sister Sr. Peggy Kucera, M.S.* will follow.

**All women of the Crete Deanery are welcome!**

**Outdoor *Corpus Christi* Mass & Eucharistic Procession**, on **Sunday, June 2 at 10:30 AM** at the **Catholic Center** near Waverly. **Fr. Paul Check** will be the homilist.

**Bishop Conley** invites all members of the Diocese to join him for this event. It will also commemorate the **60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Catholic Center**, which includes the *Retreat House, Villa Marie, & Marian Sisters.*

**Family Carnival & lunch** following the liturgies.

In order the gauge interest & plan accordingly, the Retreat Center has provided the following **RSVP Link** so that we can have a semi-accurate count of how many people may be in attendance: <https://goodcounselretreat.regfox.com/corpus-christi>.

Catholic Center Grounds, 7303 N 112<sup>th</sup> St, Waverly NE 68462

**Rejoice! Mary, Mother of Jesus & our Mother. He is Risen as he said. Alleluia!**

**St. Joseph- Pray for us!**

You are invited to a Breakfast sponsored by



*Magnificat*  
A Ministry to Catholic Women

Saturday, ~ May 4, 2024 ~ 9:30 a.m.

Dawson Hall ~ John XXIII

3700 Sheridan Blvd ~ Lincoln, Nebraska



Rachael Tvrdy

"My soul magnifies the Lord,  
my spirit finds joy in God my Savior...  
God who is mighty has done great things for me, holy is His name."  
Luke 1:46-49

**Forget to register for MAGNIFICAT's SPRING PRAYER MEAL with SPEAKER ~ Rachael Tvrdy, the Director of the Office of Family Life & Discipleship ~ There's still time!** It's Saturday, May 4, 9:30 a.m., Dawson Hall at John XXIII, 3700 Sheridan Blvd, Lincoln. **Text 402.525.6396 by Tuesday, April 30, with your reservation (or call & leave a message) & mail your \$20 check payable to Magnificat, (students \$15) c/o Tina Colgan, 521 N 56 ST, Lincoln, NE 68504. Be a friend & bring a friend, & share the Joy of Magnificat! All Catholic women are invited & those not of our Faith too. "Glorify the Lord with me. Let us together**

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

Throughout **EASTER** season, **Formed** has parish-wide studies, recommendations for family faith formation, & more!  
**PARISH-WIDE STUDIES: Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist, Divine Mercy in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Greatest Story Ever Told. The Wild Goose.**

**FAMILY FAITH FORMATION: For Adults- FORMED Daily Reflections with Dr. Tim Gray. FORMED Easter Page, FOR KIDS : The Wonderful World of Benjamin Cello. Easter with Brother Francis. Signs of Grace: You are Sent.**

**Week of April 28, 2024**



- ♦ **Who is St. Catherine of Siena?** In light of St. Catherine of Siena's feast day, join Dr. Tim Gray & Dr. Elizabeth Klein, as they celebrate this holy woman: a nurse & mystic with papal influence who became a doctor of the Church. <https://watch.formed.org/videos/formed-live-who-is-st-catherine-of-siena>
- ♦ **Saint Athanasius of Alexandria | Catholic Saints** Join Dr. Ben Akers & Dr. Elizabeth Klein as they discuss the early Church Father, St. Athanasius. A bishop & Doctor of the Church, St. Athanasius is remembered as the great defender of the Nicene Creed. He was exiled five times from his own diocese under four different emperors. A great teacher, his writings are accessible to both beginners & experts in theology, writing works that serve different needs in the Church. <https://watch.formed.org/videos/st-athanasius>
- ♦ **Guard What Has Been Entrusted To You - A Sermon for the Feast of St. Joseph** Guard What Has Been Entrusted To You A Sermon for the Feast of St. Joseph by Bishop Jacques-Bénigne Bossuet. <https://watch.formed.org/videos/guard-what-has-been-entrusted-to-you>
- ♦ **Sign up for Formed:** GO TO [FORMED.ORG](http://FORMED.ORG), &/OR DOWNLOAD THE FORMED APP. ENTER YOUR ZIP CODE. FIND OUR PARISH

**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](mailto:FindPeace@HeartsRestoredNebraska.org). Learn more about Hearts Restored at [HeartsRestoredNebraska.org](http://HeartsRestoredNebraska.org).

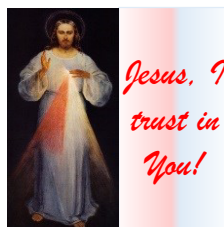


HEARTS RESTORED  
HEALING AFTER ABORTION



**Dangerous. Deceptive. Demeaning.**

**Defeating the Pro-Abortion Ballot Initiative**



Strengthen, renew, & rekindle your marriage sacrament by attending the next **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience** on: Oct. 4-6, Grand Junction, CO; & Nov. 1-3, Dillon, CO. For questions, or to find out more about **Virtual Encounter Weekends:** Brenda & Gary: 402-370-5839 or [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org).



**Come away to a quiet place & rest awhile.** –Mark 6:31  
**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:**  
 † **Ignatian Retreat - 4-Day, 5-day or 8-Day (May 3, 2024)**  
 May 4-8 (Fr. Coulter or Sarina Stokes)  
 May 3-8 (Matt Simmons)  
 May 3-10 (Matt Simmons)  
 † **Let's Talk Roses Women's Retreat** May 10-11 (Janette Howe)  
**Read more/register** at [www.goodcounselretreat.org](http://www.goodcounselretreat.org), QR Code, email [office@goodcounselretreat.org](mailto: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.**



**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."

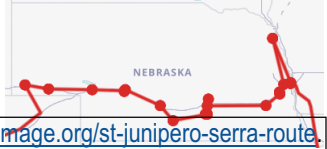
**CREATES A RIGHT TO LATE-PREGNANCY ABORTION**  
 Babies born as late as 32-36 weeks need machines to help them breathe. This is an "extraordinary medical measure" necessary for their life outside the womb. Under the ballot proposal language, these babies are not "viable" and may be aborted.

**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."

Join the **National Eucharistic Pilgrimage** heading to the **National Eucharistic Congress**. The pilgrimage will consist of **4 cross-country eucharistic processions**, collectively traversing the entire continental U.S. over a 2-month period.



More info: [www.eucharisticpilgrimage.org/st-junipero-serra-route](http://www.eucharisticpilgrimage.org/st-junipero-serra-route).

The **western route**, named the "**Serra Route**" after **St. Junipero Serra**, the patron saint of **California**, is the longest one & will begin in **San Francisco**. The pilgrimage will **pass thru UT, CO, Nebr., & MO** ending in **Indianapolis**. Plan to join the **weekend stops or the procession in route between 6/14-16 - North Platte & 6/21-23 - Omaha. Cathedral of the Risen Christ- Lincoln on 6/20-21. Cloisters on the Platte & Holy Family Shrine on 6/21.**

**THE 10<sup>th</sup> NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS**



**A Historic Moment of Revival**  
 This once-in-a-lifetime gathering will bring together the most trusted voices in the Church and thousands of on-fire Catholics for the powerful days of worship, encounter, and formation. Come be inspired, equipped for mission, and set ablaze with new love for Jesus in the Eucharist.  
 SCAN THE QR CODE TO GET YOUR PASS!

July 17-21, 2024 | Indianapolis, IN  
[eucharisticcongress.org](http://eucharisticcongress.org)

**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.

**NO SUMMER PLANS? APPLY TO TOTUS TUUS**

Give your summer to Christ! Travel through the diocese, teach kids the faith, and strengthen your own!

**QUESTIONS? CONTACT:**  
[amy-reisen@cdolinc.net](mailto:amy-reisen@cdolinc.net)

**DIocese of LINCOLN 2024 SUMMER CAMPS** **Current Grades Spring of 2024\*\***

**CAMP KATERI TEKAKWITHA**

**Sky Camp: current 4th-6th grade**  
 Take part in the program that started Outdoor Ministry in the Diocese of Lincoln!  
 Campers will see God's desire for relationship through outdoor adventure in teachings, mass, prayer, confessions, and adoration. We look into relationship written on our soul with God, ourself, others, and creation!

**Tekakwitha Games: current 7th-8th grade**  
 We honor St. Kateri with olympic style competition celebrating our faith and Catholic fellowship.  
 This camp dives deeper into camper's faith through applying their faith in day to day activities and conversations in competition and daily prayer. We provide Catholic outdoor education and an ultimate battle to find the Tekakwitha Champion!

**Family Camp: 7 families w/ 2 adults**  
 NEW SUMMER camp opportunity!  
 Experience childlike faith all over again with camping as a family! Families will have time to grow together through disconnecting from technology and finding adventure again in nature! You will have space to grow in your faith life with your kids through discussions and the Eucharist.

**Catholic Adventure Camp: current 3rd-4th grade**  
 Our youngest campers will be introduced to Camp Kateri in learning tips in prayer and new skills in nature.  
 This summer, open your wild side as we go back to the wild west in our adventure theme camp!

For Dates, Registration, and Prices visit: [www.campkateri.org](http://www.campkateri.org)  
 Scholarships are available!

**JOB OPENINGS:**

- \* **Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House in Waverly is hiring!**  
 Are you *passionate* about our mission of sharing retreat experiences with others? Do you have a zeal for souls, value docility to the Holy Spirit, charity & hospitality? We are hiring a **full-time Office Manager/Bookkeeper**. Send all resumes & inquiries to [director@olgcretreat.org](mailto:director@olgcretreat.org)
- \* **Villa Marie School** is seeking a **Special Education Teacher** for the **2024-25 school year**. Please call Sr. Jeanette at 402-786-3625 or email [sr.jeanette-rerucha@cdolinc.net](mailto:sr.jeanette-rerucha@cdolinc.net)
- \* **St. Joseph School** in Lincoln— **UPDATED 4/26/24! Beyond the Bell Director** — a qualified and energetic director for their after-school enrichment program, Beyond the Bell, for the 2024-2025 school year. Responsibilities include daily supervision, planning, and implementation of enrichment activities for students from 3:00-5:30 pm; hiring, supervision, and professional development of staff; and compliance with all HHS regulations. The director must be at least 19 years of age, of good moral character, and must meet one of the following requirements: associate or bachelor's degree in either early childhood education, education or child/youth development or equivalent experience, and certification within these areas. Qualities needed include: love for and experience with super-

vision of children, strong organizational and communication skills, and a commitment to further the mission of St. Joseph School. Start date August 2024. To apply, please send resume and references to [kevin-naumann@cdolinc.net](mailto:kevin-naumann@cdolinc.net)

- \* **Blessed Sacrament Lincoln, Job Openings: Music Director** - We are seeking a skilled Director of Music Ministry to coordinate music for all liturgical celebrations of the parish, serve as organist, pianist, and/or cantor, & direct both the Adult Choir & our parish Children's Choir. The ideal candidate has at least 1-2 years of experience in a similar role or in directing choral music & has familiarity with Catholic music. This role is part-time & pay is commensurate with experience. The parish is located at 1720 Lake Street, Lincoln, 68502. Start date is June 9<sup>th</sup> or earlier with some training beforehand. Please send a cover letter & resume to [fr.mike-morin@bsc.church](mailto:fr.mike-morin@bsc.church) with MUSIC DIRECTOR in the subject line.
- \* **Cathedral of the Risen Christ School for 24-25 School Year: Assistant Principal & Teacher, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade English** - Contact [angela-miller@cdolinc.net](mailto:angela-miller@cdolinc.net)

**CAMP KATERI TEKAKWITHA 2024**  
 Sky Camp-Tekakwitha Games-Catholic Adventure

**VOLUNTEER CAMP COUNSELORS NEEDED!**  
 CURRENT GRADES 9-12  
 CAMP KATERI IS A CATHOLIC SUMMER CAMP FOR YOUTH IN NEBRASKA. OUR PROGRAM STAFF AND HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELORS ARE THE FOUNDATION OF CAMP. YOU HAVE THE ABILITY TO BE FREE AND CHECKS MAKE LEARNING CAMPER'S THROUGH ACTIVITIES, FAITH CONVERSATIONS, AND REFLECTIONS. YOUR ROLE IS TO MAKE IT A SAFE, ADVENTUROUS PLACE FOR KIDS TO PLAY OUTSIDE AND GROW CLOSE TO GOD. CAMP IS A GREAT PLACE TO GO BACK TO YOUR COMMUNITY, BE A ROLE MODEL, EXPERIENCE THE SACRAMENTS, AND GROW CLOSE TO GOD.  
 ALL VOLUNTEERS WILL EARN 40-72 SCHOOL SERVICE HOURS AND RECEIVE A CAMP T-SHIRT. APPLICANTS ARE FOUND AT [HABCAMPVOLUNTEERING](http://HABCAMPVOLUNTEERING)

## AROUND OUR PARISH

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

Tuesday	Apr	30	7:30 pm	Young Adult Bible Study	Parish Hall
Thursday	May	2	7:00 pm	Exposition Adoration Hour	Church
Friday	May	3	8:00 pm	AA - Hall Reserved	Parish Hall
Saturday	May	4	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.**

**MAY 4-5 MASSES:** *High School Senior recognition. May Crowning at both Sunday morning Masses. Catechist Recognition between Sunday morning Masses at 9:45 am.*

**PCCW SCHOLARSHIP** Application Forms ARE on the bulletin board in the entryway of the church.

**NO PCCW BAKE SALE** today. Date TBA.

**CONFIRMATION:** Tuesday, May 7, 7:00 pm Mass.

Please pray for those preparing.

*Go to confession during the Easter Season!*

**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.

**TUESDAY YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY.** Sometimes the location varies. Call Renae (402) 419-4491 to confirm.

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

### I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD

I have been the good shepherd as I happily shepherded dairy goats for 38 years. When Jesus tells us how a shepherd does everything for the good of His sheep, most people of today may not fully understand the dedication of that person who births, raises, herds, & cares for the animal creatures of God. Maybe the closest we come to that feeling of protection for an animal is how we love our dogs or cats.

**"I know mine & mine know me."** (John 10:14) When I was among my 30+ dairy goats, I knew each of them, even though everyone of them was white; & they came to me when I called them by name. At feeding time, they would run to be close to me, rather than go immediately to their feed troughs, showing the affection they had for me by crowding around & looking at me with loving eyes.

**"A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."** (John 10:11) I was never in a situation with my goats in which my life was in jeopardy; however when I consider the daytime & nighttime hours I spent with them in feeding, doctoring, birthing & feeding babies, I realize that the care I gave them was self-giving, & even though I grew tired & worn, I always had to give them everything they needed for their good, & not mine.

**"I am the good shepherd..."** (John 10:10) My poor attempts at understanding Jesus' meaning in using this "figure of speech" may be helped by my experiences as a 'goatherd'. Regardless of that, all of us recognize a shadow of that immensity of love in our love for our families....and our love for our Good Shepherd.

*Love in the Spirit. -Diana McCown-  
Eucharistic Revival Parish Point Person*

### 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 4/14/24

Adult Envelopes	\$1,164.00
Plate	\$353.00
April Faith Direct	\$7,758.58
<b>Total Deposit</b>	<b>\$9,275.58</b>

**ONLINE GIVING TO OUR PARISH** is easy to get started. **Ways to sign up:** On parish website [www.stjamescortland.com](http://www.stjamescortland.com) click on **Online giving.** OR Visit [faithdirect.net/ne1020](http://faithdirect.net/ne1020). OR Call **Faith Direct** Customer Service at

**Support our mission and ministry.**

MAKE A DIFFERENCE WITH GIVING

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### St. James Church Grounds Mowing Schedule for 2024.

Please sign up- there are 28 slots. The church's 2 riding mowers have been serviced & are ready to go. Mowing time is about 1.5 hrs. with 2 mowers. Find the link on the [St. James Facebook page](#) OR go to: [www.signupgenius.com/findasignup](http://www.signupgenius.com/findasignup) & enter: [jeremyjelin-ek@yahoo.com](mailto:jeremyjelin-ek@yahoo.com) & click the **Search** button. The **St. James signup** should appear. Select the date & times you are able to help mow the grounds through the Summer months & beginning of Fall. **Thank You in advance for your participation!**



### Liturgical Ministers for Sundays & Holy Days of Obligation

		May 4-5	May 8-9 The Ascension	May 11-12	May 18-19	May 25-26
Sat. 5:00 pm	Reader	Ron Eisenbarth	7pm Diana McCown	Amy Larkins	Ron Eisenbarth	Diana McCown
	Acolyte	(volunteer)	(volunteer)	Kurt Larkins	Randy Eickmeier	(volunteer)
	Server 1	(volunteer)	(volunteer)	(volunteer)	Braxton Skillett	(volunteer)
	Server 2	(volunteer)	(volunteer)	(volunteer)	Easton Schilbitzki	(volunteer)
Sun. 8:00 am	Reader	Michelle Milke	7am Chris Hytrek	Jerry Lentfer	Joe Vinton	Michelle Milke
	Acolyte	Pat Milke	Tony Sullivan	Scott Osterhaus	Chris Hytrek	Pat Milke
	Server 1	Mason Eickmeier	Carter Stieb	Simon Robinson	Rylan Hochstein	Sam Robinson
	Server 2	Carson Eickmeier	Asher Stieb	Andrew Oelke	Reid Hochstein	Sawyer Robinson
	Server 3	Parker Eickmeier	Liam Dush	Spencer Robinson	Brayden Kuhlman	Jax Peterson
	Server 4		Kyler Beck	Cooper Mason	Hudson Kuhlman	Drake Peterson
Sun. 10:30 am	Reader	Karl Gramann	7pm Larry Etmund	Ginger Jelinek	Shirley Yates	Karl Gramann
	Acolyte	Myron Heusinkvelt	Ron Boden	Ron Eisenbarth	Myron Heusinkvelt	Ron Boden
	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
	Collection Counters	Jeanne Egger/ Grace Benes		Jim Fuhrman/ Theron Troxel	Kassie Ebbbers/ Amy Argo	Julie Pfungsten/ Laureen Ehmen