

Welcome to St. James Catholic Parish!

We are very glad you have joined us for the public work of the People of God—to worship God.

Ask if you need anything.

Saint James Catholic Church of Cortland

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Fr. Thomas Lux, Pastor -
Urgency: 308-991-4991

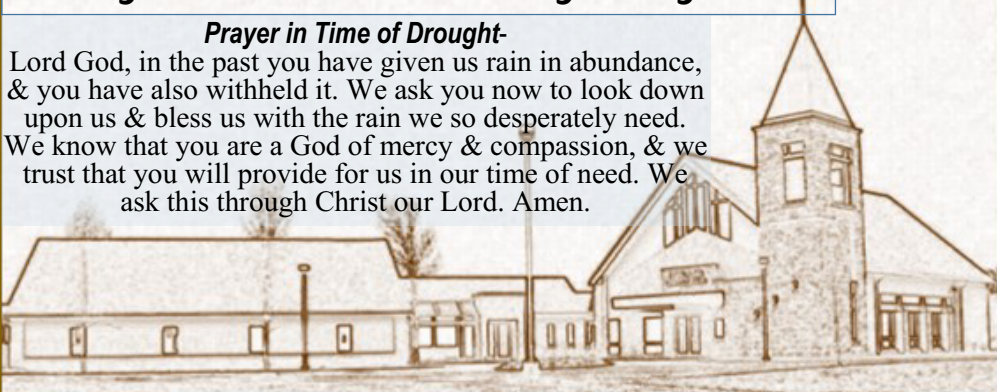
Deadline for bulletin announcements/schedule requests: **Wednesday 12 pm (N)** to bulletinstjames@gmail.com.

Eucharistic Exposition Adoration Thursday evenings, 7:00pm to 8:00pm. Please **Sign up** in the Church entryway.
7:00 pm- Exposition.
7:15 to 7:45 pm- Adoration.
7:50 pm— Simple Reposition.

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.



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER + MAY 5, 2024

Whoever **loves** me will **keep** my word, says the Lord, and my Father **will love** him and we **will come** to him. *Jn 14:23*

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 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

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

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
Mon.	May 6	7:00 am	SJ	Celebrant's Intention
Tue.	May 7	7:00 am	SJ	Celebrant's Intention
		7:00 pm	SJ	Confirmation Mass w/ Bp. Conley

ASCENSION THURSDAY—Holy Day of Obligation

Wed.	May 8	4:00 pm	GCRC	Celebrant's Intention
		7:00 pm	SJ	Defeat of Pro-abortion Ballot Initv.
Thu.	May 9	7:00 am	SJ	For the People of St. James Parish
		7:00 pm	SJ	Celebrant's Intention
Fri.	May 10	7:00 am	SJ	Celebrant's Intention
Sat.	May 11	8:00 am	SJ	Phil & Rita+ Baumel

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sat.	May 11	5:00 pm	SJ	Liv. & Dec. of Jim & Marie Lux Fam.
Sun.	May 12	8:00 am	SJ	Deb Kurnik
		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.

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

Easter Wkdy.: Acts 16: 11-15/ Ps 149: 1b-2. 3-4. 5-6a & 9b/ Jn 15: 26 -- 16: 4a

Easter Weekday: Acts 16: 22-34/ Ps 138: 1-2ab. 2cde-3. 7c-8/ Jn 16: 5-11

Confirmation: Is11:1-4ab/Ps96:1-2a,2b-3,9-10a,11-12/1Cor12:4-13/Mt5:1-12a

ASCENSION OF THE LORD S, HO: Acts 1: 1-11/ Ps 47: 2-3. 6-7. 8-9 (6)/ Eph 4: 1-13/ Mk 16: 15-20

Begin a Novena to the Holy Spirit— nine days prayer prep. for **Pentecost** on Sunday, May 19, this year. Perhaps pray the *Prayer to the Holy Spirit* each day. Other versions are readily available on *Catholi Prayer* apps like "Amen".

Easter Wkdy./ Damien Joseph de Veuster of Moloka'i, p/ John of Avila, p, dr: Acts 18: 9-18/ Ps 47: 2-3. 4-5. 6-7/ Jn 16: 20-23

Easter Weekday: Acts 18: 23-28/ Ps 47: 2-3. 8-9. 10/ Jn 16: 23b-28

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER:

Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26 / Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20 / 1 Jn 4:11-16 / Jn 17:11b-19

The **Charity & Stewardship Appeal Sunday is May 5, 2024** is the annual appeal of the Diocese of Lincoln. Our parish goal is \$12,390. We are to receive a rebate of \$9,070 as we support 2 Catholic Schools where students of our parish attend. **Your participation is essential. Pray** for the success of the Appeal. Please stop in the entryway of church to **fill out your pledge card**. Established in 1971 by Bp. Flavin as the *Diocesan Development Program (D.D.P.)*, the appeal has provided for many of the needs of the diocese, esp. Catholic Education. Under Bp. Bruskewitz, the annual appeal was given a new name, but the *Charity & Stewardship Appeal* remained successful in supporting & expanding many diocesan programs & ministries. Under Bp. Conley, the appeal continues to support numerous apostolates such as Catholic Social Services, the Newman Center, the Retreat House, Pro-Life & Youth Ministries. **More info** is at www.lincolndiocese.org/diocese/charity-and-stewardship-appeal.

ST. JAMES CHURCH GROUNDS MOWING- 2024.

Please sign up— there are 28 slots. With the church's 2 riding mowers it takes about 1.5 hrs. Find the link on the [St. James Facebook page](https://www.facebook.com/stjamescortland) OR go to: www.signupgenius.com/findasignup & enter: jeremyjelinek@yahoo.com & click the **Search** button. The **St. James signup** should appear. Select the **date & times** you are able to help mow the grounds. **Thank You in advance!**



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

Religious Sisters Vocation Prayer Calendar 2024 - May 5-11

Sr. Maria Christine Loan Tran from Vietnam Jr. Professed Sister Sisters of Mary, Queen of Mercy

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

Who is applying for **school choice** in Nebraska, here are the **demographics** of the first set of applicants for the **Opportunity Scholarships Act**:

- 1565 student applicants
- 47% are from rural areas
- 53% are from urban areas (Lincoln, Omaha-metro)
- 40% are students of color
- 47% are at or below 213% of poverty (eligibility threshold for the Children's Health Insurance Program)
- 12% are students with special education needs

Pray for School Choice in Nebraska.

Help families be able to send their students to the best school for them.

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.



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 60th Anniversary of the Catholic Center, which includes the Retreat House, Villa Marie, & Marian Sisters.

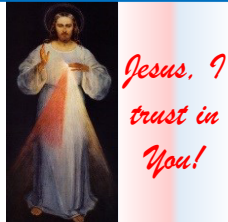
Family Carnival & lunch following the liturgies.

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 112th St, Waverly NE 68462

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.



I AM THE VINE, YOU ARE THE BRANCHES.

Last week I wrote about my life with goats, as related to Jesus, the Good Shepherd. As most of us are not familiar with 'shepherding', we are also not aware of managing a vineyard. To the people of Jesus' time, however, these were everyday aspects of their lives, & they clearly understood His deeper meaning as He described the normal routine of caring for sheep & grapevines.

Along with raising goats, our family also grows a vineyard in our front field. We feel very blessed for having, somehow, connected to the life of the Israelites, & Jesus' teachings, in our ordinary lives. In the early springtime, grapevines must be cut back, or pruned, as grapes will only grow on new wood each year. The old and/or dead branches are cut off of the vines, which forces them to produce new branches

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 2nd 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 May 5, 2024



♦ **Saint John Paul II | Lukas Storyteller**—Lukas, tired of seeing the same bored look on his friends' faces, decides to tell them a captivating story. Not just any story, but a tale of a young Karol Wojtyła, who would one day become Pope John Paul III! The kids wouldn't believe the adventures young Karol had, and how they would inspire them to create their own unforgettable day. <https://watch.formed.org/videos/lukas-storyteller-st-john-paul-ii>

♦ **The Fountain of Salvation | The Bible and Baptism | Episode 1**—Dr. John Sehorn, Academic Dean of the Augustine Institute Graduate School of Theology, sits down with Fr. Isaac Morales, OP, a Dominican friar of the Province of Saint Joseph and Associate Professor of Theology at Providence College, to discuss Fr. Isaac's book *The Bible and Baptism: The Fountain of Salvation* (Baker Academic). This episode dives into how Baptism is the fountain of salvation for the Christian. <https://watch.formed.org/videos/the-fountain-of-salvation-the-bible-and-baptism-episode-1>

♦ **The Ascension | Sacred Art**—Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp to expand your knowledge of sacred art. In this episode on FORMED, they discuss *The Ascension of Christ* by Jacopo Tintoretto. <https://watch.formed.org/videos/sacred-art-the-ascension>

♦ **Sign up for Formed:** GO TO FORMED.ORG, &/OR DOWNLOAD THE **FORMED APP**. ENTER YOUR ZIP CODE. FIND OUR PARISH

"Can I sign the alternative pro-life ballot initiative proposal?"

The ballot proposal from *Protect Women & Children* needs around 125,000 signatures from registered voters across Nebraska to get on the ballot! To help you think through this question, **Nebr. Catholic Conference** has a [webpage w/ more information about the pro-life ballot proposal](#) you can read & easily share with family, friends, & parishioners.

To answer the question: the **Catholic Bishops of Nebraska** have stated that **Catholics can morally support** (for example, sign the petition, help gather signatures, vote "for") this pro-life measure as a defense against the pro-abortion initiative, **understanding & accepting the following:**

- The pro-life initiative does not create a right to abortion.
- All abortions must be opposed, & direct abortion is never morally acceptable.
- This is an incremental step toward protection for all innocent life, not a permanent solution or a final compromise.

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

St. Joseph—Pray for us!

from which the grapes grow: the more severe the pruning, the larger & more flavorful the grape clusters.

You & I are like the branches, needing pruning (or discipline) to beautifully produce the gifts that God has created in us. We are the branches of the "**True Vine**", Jesus, and, as in a vineyard, a branch must remain on the vine to grow grapes, so, in God's vineyard, we remain in Him as He remains in us "to bear much fruit".


It was not you who chose Me, but I who chose you & appointed you to go & bear fruit that will remain... (John 15:16) The "fruit that will remain" is loving Jesus, "*I am the Vine...*", & receiving from Him, "*You are the branches*", His wondrous grace, which will inspire us to grow His Love in all whom He loves.

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


Come away to a quiet place & rest awhile. –Mark 6:31
Looking for a retreat to go over the summer? Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House in Waverly has plenty of retreats for you. Upcoming:
 † **Let's Talk Roses** Woman's Retreat May 10-11 (Janette Howe)
 † **Women's Spiritual Exercises w/ Traditional Latin Mass** (6/7-9) & **Men's** (6/14-16)
 † **Ignatian Retreat - 4-Day, 5-day or 8-Day**
 June 23-July 1 (Sarina Stokes) June 23-27 (Fr. John Rooney)
 June 27-July 1 (Matt Simmons or 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*.



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.

Defeat this proposed ballot Initiative. Do NOT Sign this one.

Go to confession during the Easter Season!




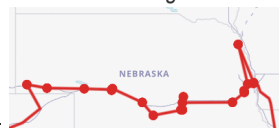
NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL
 "My flesh for the life of the world"
 John 6:51

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. 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.**

Info: www.eucharisticpilgrimage.org/st-junipero-serra-route.


THE 10th NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS



BISHOP ROBERT BARRON, **SR. MIRIAM JAMES HEIDLAND**, **FR. MIKE SCHMITZ**, **SR. JOSEPHINE GARRETT**, **MATT MAHER**, **KATE PREGAN MCGRATH**, **FR. JOSH JOHNSON**, **MONTIE ALVARADO**, **FR. EDWARD SIE**, **DEACON HAROLD BURKE-SIEVERS**, **BISHOP ANDREW COZZI**, **SR. BETHANY MADONIA**, **CHRIS STEFARICK**, **CHIKA ANWERU**, **MARK FIELD**, **GLORIA PURVIS**


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 five powerful days of worship, encounter, and formation. Come be inspired, equipped for mission, and get abuzz with new love for the Eucharist.

SCAN THE QR CODE TO GET YOUR PASS!



July 17-21, 2024 | Indianapolis, IN
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-reissen@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 Champions!

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 nature! You will have space to learn 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
 Scholarships are available!



Villa Marie HOME & SCHOOL FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN
 Villa Marie School is offering **GED TUTORING** 2 days a week from **June 10th- July 31st**, from 9:00 am-3:00 pm. Days & hours are flexible.
 Please contact Sr. Jeanette at sr.jeanette-rerucha@cdolinc.net for more info.

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@olcretreat.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

* **St. Joseph School** in Lincoln— is seeking a qualified & energetic **director for their Beyond the Bell-** after-school enrichment program, for the 2024-2025 school year. Responsibilities include daily supervision, planning, & implementation of enrichment activities for students from 3:00-5:30 pm; hiring, supervision, & professional development of staff; & compliance with all HHS regulations. The director must be at least 19 years of age, of good moral character, & 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, & certification within these areas. Qualities needed include: love for & experience with supervision of children, strong organizational & communication skills, & a commitment to further the mission of St. Joseph School. Start date August 2024. To apply, please send resume & references to kevin-naumann@cdolinc.net

* **Blessed Sacrament Lincoln, Job Openings:** seeking a **skilled Director of Music Ministry** to coordinate music for all liturgical celebrations of the parish, serve as organist, pianist, &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 w/ Catholic music. Role is part-time & pay is commensurate w/ experience. Parish is located at 1720 Lake St., Linc., 68502. Start date is June 9th or earlier w/ some training beforehand. Please send a cover letter & resume to fr.mike-morin@bsc.church w/ MUSIC DIRECTOR in the subject line.

* **Cathedral of the Risen Christ School for 24-25 School Year: Assistant Principal & Teacher, 7th Grade English-** Contact 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 CHECKLE WALK LEARNING CAMPERS THROUGH ACTIVITIES, FAITH CONVERSATIONS, AND REFLECTIONS. YOUR ROLE IS TO MAKE IT A SAFE, ADVENTUROUS PLACE FOR KIDS TO PLAY OUTDOORS AND GROW CLOSER TO GOD. CAMP IS A GREAT PLACE TO GIVE BACK TO YOUR COMMUNITY, BE A ROLE MODEL, EXPERIENCE THE SACRAMENTS, AND GROW CLOSER TO GOD.

ALL VOLUNTEERS WILL EARN 40-72 SCHOOL SERVICE HOURS AND RECEIVE A CAMP T-SHIRT. APPLICATIONS ARE FOUND AT WWW.CAMPKATERI.ORG



AROUND OUR PARISH

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

Tuesday	May	7	7:30 pm	Young Adult Bible Study	Parish Hall
Tuesday	May	7	7:00pm	Confirmation Mass	Church
Wednesday	May	8	6:00pm	PCCW Meeting (last one until August/Sept)	Parish Hall
Thursday	May	9	7:00 pm	Exposition Adoration Hour	Church
Friday	May	10	8:00 pm	AA - Hall Reserved	Parish Hall
Saturday	May	11	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.**

WELCOME BISHOP CONLEY & ALL VISITORS FOR CONFIRMATION! this Tuesday, May 7, 7:00 pm. Thank you to Bishop Conley, the area priests, the families, our parishioners, the catechists & the youth who are working hard to be prepared. Please pray for those to be confirmed.

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

MAY 4-5 MASSES: High School Srs. recognition. May Crowning at Sunday morning Masses.

PCCW Bake Sale will be held today in the parish hall after the Morning Masses.

Catechist Recognition between Sunday morning

Masses at 9:45 am. A special thank you to the teachers for their dedication & commitment to guide our youth in their Catholic faith.

PCCW meeting at 6:00 pm on THIS Wed., May 8, before the Holy Day Vigil Mass. All women of the parish are invited to attend. PCCW does not meet during the summer months. This concludes the meetings till August/September.

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.

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 4/28/24

Adult Envelopes	\$4,304.00
Plate	\$258.00
Building Fund	\$20.00
April Mass Stipends	\$100.00
Total Deposit	\$4,682.00

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

Support our mission and ministry.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE WITH EGIVING

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THANK YOU to all who attended the **Leave a Lasting Legacy for the Parish & Your Family** event...to the Catholic Foundation of So. Nebr. for sponsoring...to the engaging & informative speakers Les & Andrew ...to those who served the dinner. The Catholic Foundation of Southern Nebr. is a free resource for anyone. Gifts of charity can avoid paying taxes. The future of our parish will need future gifts to stay viable into the future. There are many options of what you can set up thru the foundation to provide for family, your self & charitable organizations.

Detailed info sheet for all things **TOTUS TUUS** this summer!

It is not too late to enroll your student for Faith & Fun!

Day Program for students entering 1st grade to 8th grade— **Monday July 22nd to Friday July 26th**, 9 am-3 pm. Please **pack lunches** & if possible please send your student with **2 dozen cookies** on Monday.

High School Evening program for students entering 9th grade to recent high school graduates— **Sunday, July 21st, to Thursday, July 25th**, from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm starting w/ a supper provided by parishioners. Please let us know if you can help provide a meal at the parish hall.

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 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 help is appreciated even if only for a few hours. **Thank you!**

THE MASS IS THE GREATEST PRAYER THAT CAN BE OFFERED. Jesus offered the Mass **once for all** at the Last Supper & on the Cross. He worships His Father in heaven for all eternity & is the celebrant of each Mass offered. **Mass may be offered for a variety of intentions**, i.e. the repose of the soul of a deceased person, a living person, in thanksgiving, for a special intention, World Peace, greater glory of God, etc. **ST. JAMES PARISH HAS OPENINGS ON MOST DAYS FOR MASS INTENTIONS.** **REQUEST THE OFFERING** of a **Mass for your intention.** Usual stipends are \$10. This is part of the **support of a priest.** A priest can offer Mass for free. Just ask. **THANK YOU** to all who have requested a Mass. You can request specific dates. 1st request gets the date.

Liturgical Ministers for Sundays & Holy Days of Obligation

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

St James Parish Council and Finance Council Joint Meeting Minutes

April 24, 2024

St James Parish Council and Finance Council held a joint meeting April 24, 2024. Those in attendance were Father Thomas Lux, Ray Vrbka, Karl Gramman, Pat Milke, Brad Wilkens, Rosie VerMaas, Jenny Oelke, Denise Clements, Deanne Stieb and Grace Benes. The meeting as opened with prayer. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Pat Milke gave the building and grounds report. The parking lot lights and sign lights were replaced with LED bulbs. This was a two day project. Price's Tree Service also contacted Pat about replacing the ash trees that were removed in front of the hall. These will be replaced with maples. Two or three pines on the east side of the church will also be replaced. There is a sign up for mowing this spring and summer.

Father Lux received our deposit back from ServePro. They were unable to do the mold inspection. Paul Davis Restoration will come and give an estimate for the mold issues. Another firm would be needed to test the mold to see what kind it is.

Jenny Oelke gave the financial report. The checking account balance as of March 31, 2024 was \$29,648.01. The DIAL savings account balance is \$328,119.47. Net income through March 31st was \$77,235.05. This included a donation of \$10,096..27 from the Cumro Estate.

Deanne Stieb gave the CCD report. All CCD students participated in Eucharistic Adoration Sunday, April 7th. First Communion was April 14th for 12 students. Confirmation will be May 7th for 25 students. May 5th is the last CCD class. May 5th will also be Recognition Sunday for our graduating seniors and for our CCD teachers. May 5th will also be May Crowning. Totus Tuus will be in July at St James. Renee Mitchell will coordinate Totus Tuus this year. She would like someone else to take it over next year.

Rosie VerMas gave the PCCW report. The Scholarship Breakfast was April 21st. PCCW served the First Communion Retreat breakfast and lunch. Fern Sullivan made a beautifully decorated cake for the retreat. We will provide cookies and juice for the Confirmation reception.

Brad Wilkens attended to discuss parish expansion. He suggested we get input from all parishioners as to our wants and needs. Expansion will include classrooms, offices, storage and a larger parish hall. It was suggested that a council member speak at each of the Masses soon. We have more than doubled in size since the "new" church was built. A building committee should be formed involving all demographics in the parish (old timers, young people, newcomers, etc.)

Father Lux said there is a pro abortion initiative on the next ballot that should receive our NO vote. There is also an initiative to protect women and children. Catholics may vote yes on this initiative even though it does not go as far as we wished. Les Mach will be at St James on Tuesday, April 30th to speak on Wills and Leaving a Legacy. A catered meal will be served at 6:30 and Les will speak at 7:00.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer. The next meeting will be June 12, 2024.

Respectfully submitted: Grace Benes, Secretary

St James PCCW Meeting Minutes

April 10, 2024

St James PCCW met April 10, 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. Julie Pfingsten gave the treasurer's report. Income was from the February and March bake sales, dues and Easter lily donations. Expenses included the PowerSurge meal, dry cleaning, plants and plant supplies, Confirmation supplies, and altar supplies.

Father Lux reported that there will be a noon talk at St James on Sunday April 21st. The talk will be by Tom Venzor on Defeating the Pro Abortion Ballot Initiative.

On Tuesday, April 30th, Les Mach will give a talk on Wills and Leaving a Legacy. A catered meal will be served.

The LDCCW Convention is April 26 and 27. Crete Deanery Spring Open Meeting is May 4th at Sacred Heart Church in Crete.

Father Lux said the parish is working to set up Flock Notes as a means to contact people.

Grace Benes gave a recap of the First Communion Retreat held Saturday, April 6th. PCCW served donuts, milk and juice following Mass to 12 First Communicants and their parents. We served pizza and juice for their lunch. Fern Sullivan made a beautiful cake for the class. First Communion will be Sunday, April 14 during the 10:30 A.M. Mass.

The Holy Week services were very well attended. Thank you to Grace Kissling for the beautifully decorated church.

St James provided twelve Easter Dinner baskets to the Norris Food Pantry at Shepherd of the Hills Church.

Scholarship Breakfast will be April 21st after both Sunday Masses. Donation request sheet for supplies and help is available for sign up. Scholarship application forms are available on the church bulletin board.

Confirmation will be Tuesday, May 7th. There will be 25 students confirmed. PCCW will serve a light meal for the Bishop and attending priests. Cookies and juice will be served following Confirmation.

Recognition Sunday will be May 5th. There will be May Crowning, recognition of our CCD teachers for their time and talent for instructing our youth about their faith. Our graduating seniors will also be recognized.

St Mary's Circle is in charge of the April bake sale on the 28th.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, May 8, 2024.

Respectfully submitted: Grace Benes, Secretary