Welcome to St. James Catholic Parish!

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

Ask if you need anything.

Saint James Catholic **Church of Cortland**

Church Street Address: 500 W 1st St. Mailing/Rectory: 155 N Lincoln Ave., Cortland, NE 68331. Rectory **Phone**: 402-798-7335. Church Office Phone: 402-798-0255. Office e-mail: stjamescortland@gmail.com Website: www.stjamescortland.com.

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

Facebook: St James Catholic Church of Cortland

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



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT + DECEMBER 15, 2024

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. —Is 61:1

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

Come to the Mercy of God.

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.



Come Let Us Adore

THE DIVINE PRESENCE THIS ADVENT

ADORATION FOR THE THREE THURSDAYS DURING ADVENT.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5 - 6:30 PM THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12 - 6:45 PM THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19 - 6:45 PM

ST. JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH, CORTLAND, N

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.

Confession opportunities!

Visiting Priests avail.- Cortland: Thurs., 12/19, 7:30 pm to 8:00 pm Fr. Barnhill. Sunday, 12/22, 5 to 6 pm Fr. Kelly. (Sunday, 12/22 @ Sacred Heart-Crete several priests available from 3-4 p. All are welcome.)

Daily Before Masses every day. After Masses on Sat., 12/21, & Sun., 12/22. Monday, 12/23, 7:35 am to 8:35 am. 12:30 pm to 1 pm. Tuesday, 12/24, 7:35 a to 8:35 a, 11:30 a to 12:30 pm. 4:00 pm to 4:20 pm. Wednesday. 12/25. 8:30 am to 8:50 am.

Advent Adoration- Thursday Evening- St. James- Cortland.

6:30 pm (or 6:45 p) Preparation Presentation.

7 pm- Exposition. Music. Silence. Prayers. Confessions available. 7:50 p- Benediction/Reposition. Concluded by 8p.

Come let us adore Him- Dec. 19. Fr. Barnhill will hear confessions.

MASS INTENTIONS MASS READINGS - Follow the Church's liturgical life. Read the SJ- St. James Church. GCRC- Gold Crest Retirement Community-Adams scriptures before Mass. Try to join 1 or more weekday Masses. INDAY OF ADVE Sat. Dec 14 5:00 pm | SJ **Respect Life** THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT Sun. Dec 15 8:00 am SJ For the People of St. James Parish Zep 3: 14-18a/ Is 12: 2-3. 4. 5-6 (6)/ Phil 4: 4-7/ Lk 3: 10-18 10:30 am SJ Weitzel & Davis Families Mon. Dec 16 7:00 am All Souls Day Intentions+ SJ **Advent Weekday:** Nm 24: 2-7. 15-17a/ Ps 25: 4-5ab. 6 and 7bc. 8-9/ Mt 21: 23-27 Dorothy Wagner+ Tue. Dec 17 7:00 am Adv. Wkdy. (O Sapientia): Gn 49: 2. 8-10/ Ps 72: 1-2. 3-4ab. 7-8. 17/ Mt 1: 1-17 SJ **World Peace** Wed. Dec 18 4:00 pm GCRC Advent Weekday (O Adonai): Jer 23: 5-8/ Ps 72: 1-2. 12-13. 18-19/ Mt 1: 18-25 Manny Jones+ 6:30 pm SJ Special Intention (H) Thu. Dec 19 7:00 am **Advent Weekday (O Radix Jesse):** Jgs 13: 2-7. 24-25a/ Ps 71: 3-4a. 5-6ab. 16-17/ Lk 1: 5-25 SJ Fri. Dec 20 7:00 am **Special Intention (H)** Advent Weekday (O Clavis David): Is 7: 10-14/ Ps 24: 1-2. 3-4ab. 5-6/ Lk 1: 26-38 SJ Adv. Wkdy. (O Oriens)/ Peter Canisius, p, dr: Sg 2: 8-14 or Zep 3: 14-18a/ Sat. Dec 21 8:00 am **Church Unity** Ps 33: 2-3. 11-12. 20-21/ Lk 1: 39-45 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT Sat. Dec 21 5:00 pm | SJ Shawn Hollman & Family FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (O Rex Gentium): Sun. Dec 22 8:00 am SJ For the People of St. James Parish Mi 5: 1-4a/ Ps 80: 2-3. 15-16. 18-19 (4)/ Heb 10: 5-10/ Lk 1: 39-45 George & Frances Schmidt+ 10:30 am SJ

Christmas Mass Schedule (The Nativity of the Lord): 12/24, Tuesday, 4:30 pm & 9:00 pm. 12/25, Wednesday, 9:00 am.

New Years Day Mass Schedule (The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord, Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God) (World Day of Prayer for Peace): 12/31, Tuesday, 5:00 pm. 1/1, Wednesday, 8:00 am & 10:30 am.

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

Religious Sisters Vocation Prayer Calendar 2024—Dec 15-21

Please pray for young women to discern a vocation to the Sisterhood in our Diocese of Lincoln Motherhouses

Seminarian Vocation Prayer Calendar 2024-25—Dec 15-21

Matthias Clark from St. Michael, Hastings, NE Stage

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St. Gregory the Great Seminary

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

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Pope Francis' December Intention: For pilgrims of hope: We pray that this **Jubilee Year** strengthen our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives.

& that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

PENANCE SERVICE with Multiple priests to hear confessions @ Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Crete on Sun, 12/22, 3 to 4pm in preparation for Christmas. All Welcome.

Epiphany Cookie Day w/ the CK Sisters 12/27. 9 am - 2 pm. Join us bake & decorate cookies for our benefactors. For young women junior high to age 30 RSVP to Sister Fiat Marie sr.fiat-marie@cdolinc.net or call 402-477-5232

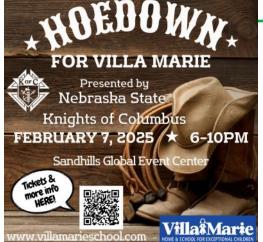
Jubilee 2025 - Pilgrims of Hope. (2,025th anniversary of the Incarnation of our Lord). Holy Doors open 12/24. Vatican Jubilee 2025 Website: lubilaeum 2025.



Also www.usccb.org/ jubilee2025

Week of December 15, 2024

- 30 Minutes BC—30 Minutes BC creatively explores the profound emotions and intimate struggles of Mary and Joseph during the final 30 minutes before the birth of Jesus. As the clock ticks down, the couple navigates a whirlwind of hope, joy, and uncertainty, turning to God amidst it all. https://watch.formed.org/videos/30-minutes-bc
- Adventus: A Spiritual Pilgrimage—This Advent, make a spiritual pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Uncover the beauty of the place where Christ was born, preparing your heart for Christ's coming so you can enter more deeply into this season. https://watch.formed.org/videos/ adventus
- Christmas (Part 2) | What Catholics Believe—Join Dr. Michael Barber as he answers some of the Internet's most popular questions about Christmas. What are the 12 days of Christmas? Was Santa Claus a real person? What is Advent? https://watch.formed.org/ videos/christmas-part-2-what-catholics-believe
- Sign up for Formed: GO TO FORMED.ORG,&/OR DOWNLOAD THE FORMED APP. ENTER YOUR ZIP CODE. FIND OUR PARISH





"He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." Bring the Holy Spirit into your marriage by participating in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experiences: Feb. 14-16, '25 in Lincoln, NE; Aug. 8-10, 2025 in Littleton, CO; Sept. 19-21 in Grand Island, NE For questions contact: Brenda & Gary Granger: 402-370-5839. Space is limited, so reserve your weekend early. For more info please visit www.wwme.org. Follow on Instagram & Facebook! @worldwidemarriageencounter

OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL RETREAT HOUSE—Waverly has weekend retreats for men & women of all ages.

- DEC. 20-21: "O Holy Night" with Fr. Gary Coulter
- JAN 10-11: Winter Symposium w/ Linc. Dioc. Council of Catholic Women
- 4-DAY & 8-DAY IGNATIAN RETREAT options:

Dec. 15-22, 15-18, or 19-22 with Fr. Coulter, Fr. Barak, Matt Simmons DEC. 29-JAN. 2 OR DEC. 29-JAN. 3 with Fr. Coulter

JAN. 19-24 OR 20-24 5 or 6-day w/ Fr. Coulter, Sarina Stokes or Matt S.

- Can't make a whole weekend retreat? A DESERT DAY is a day of recollection & reflection, taking a day for silence & prayer to spend w/ Jesus, "going out into the desert" w/ Him, listening to Him in the silence of our hearts. By removing distractions, it is a day to abide & rest in the Lord, allowing Him to speak by giving Him our complete attention. Upcoming DESERT DAY dates: Tue. 12/17, Tue. 1/7, Tue. 2/11, Ash Wed. 3/5. Learn more about Desert Days.
- Our retreats are for either men or women & offered both in-person & online.
- Scholarships are available, contact office for more info 402-786-2705.
- Full Retreat Schedule. Info & register at www.goodcounselretreat.org.
- We have an immediate need for volunteers to help welcome guests as they arrive to their retreat weekend. Do you have a heart for hospitality?



REGISTRATION OPEN: January 11th 9:30am COUNSELOR APPLICATION CAMPER REGISTRATION 2025 Financial Aid Applications Available Dec. 2nd - 23rd

mariansisters.org/marian-camp.html

Mary, Mother of Jesus. Pray for us. St. Joseph, Man Closest to Jesus, pray for us!



Saturday morning talks, prayer, and community to explore God's will for your life

For single Catholic women ages 16-33 • 9:30-11:00 Cen

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Join us on Zoom at connect.pauline.org/discernment-101 Register



Weekly Sunday Gospel videos to help kids prepare for Mass



Coloring page and activity sheets

Presented BY kids,

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lincolndiocese.flocknote.com/ HolyHeroesMassPr





....GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD....

God walked with Adam in the garden of Eden, but then man sinned, and that intimate relationship with God was torn apart through man's disobedience. From Eden to Bethlehem, God became distant and mysterious, mainly communicating with His people through the prophets; intervening with frightening power and might at times, but always loving and caring for the "stiff-necked" chosen ones.

The great Prophet, Moses, confronted with God in the burning bush, asked to know His Name, but God responded to him in an utterly mysterious way, "I am who I am"; then, in more comprehensible words, He said, I am "The Lord, the God of your ancestors..." (Ex 3:14-15) Later, after being called by God "an intimate friend", Moses begged, "Please, let me see your glory.", and God answered "... you cannot see My face, for no one can see Me and live!" (Ex 34:18,

This was the almighty and inscrutable God, worshipped and adored through the many ages; and when the prophets testified about a Messiah, an anointed king, who would save them from all their enemies, they were filled with hope, from generation to generation, in the covenant God had made with them.

The Israelites of Jesus' time believed that the Messiah would be a man, a descendent of the house of David, who, as king, would save his people by defeating evil and gathering them together in Jerusalem,

Did you know that there are many resources to help parishes continue the momentum of the National Eucharistic Congress thru the "Walk With One" initiative? Avail. in English, Spanish, & Vietnamese, these resources are great for helping your parish keep focusing on

Christ in the Eucharist, as well as inviting others to experience an encounter with

our living Lord! Check them out at

It only takes ond encounter. 🛞 Go invite.

PRAY THAT GOD WILL GIVE YOU PEACE AND HELP YOU MAKE A GOOD

Reflect

https://www.eucharisticrevival.org/walk-with-one-parish-kit#parish-resources



Daily Mass will be scheduled.
Airport taxes, security fees & fuel surcharge
ving you an average of \$400-5600!
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Visit us on the web

Travel with Fr. Craig Doty October 18-28, 2025 Cost: \$5,299.00 Airfare included from anywhere in the U.S.)



EMMAUS INSTITUTE The Mother of the Word: When registering please reference trip #1140 A Biblical Study of Mary a 5-week (on Wednesdays) Emmaus Institute course on our Blessed Mother-starts Jan. 8. Discover how the Old & New

CONFESSION.

A PRAYER BEFORE CONFESSION

REFLECT ON WAYS YOU HAVE HARMED YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD, YOURSELF & OTHERS.

Testaments reveal the person & mission of Mary. Learn more & register via the QR

code or at www.EmmausInstitute.net.

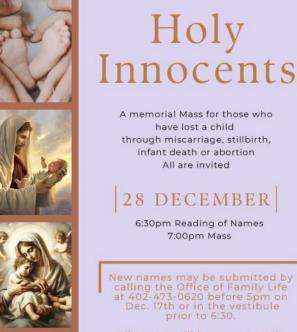
the holy city of God. They waited for a man who would be the Messiah. It was never imagined that the Omnipotent God would lower Himself, and become a man, to save them! Their belief was based on the Psalm verse, "When I see your heavens, the work of your fingers... What is man that you are mindful of him?" (Ps 8:4-8)

The followers of Jesus, had faith in Isaiah 7:14, "...the Lord himself will give you a sign; the young woman, pregnant and about to bear a son, shall name him Emmanuel. (God with us) and, in Isaiah 9:5, "They name Him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace."

As Catholics, we believe in Jesus' words to the Apostles, in John 14:6,9-10:

"I am the Way and the Truth and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. If you know Me, then you will also know the Father. From now on, you do know Him and have seen Him....Whoever has seen Me has seen the Father....I am in the Father and the Father is in Me..." (Jn 14:6,9-10)

At Christmas, we feel the Love our Father in Heaven has for us, sending His Son to become one of us, saving us as our Messiah. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in him should not perish, but have everlasting Love in the Spirit. -Diana McCown -Eucharistic Revival Parish Point Person



New names may be submitted by calling the Office of Family Life at 402-473-0620 before 5pm on Dec. 17th or in the vestibule

All names will be permanently placed on a banner. However, due to time constraints, only names submitted since 2016 will be read aloud.

Mass will be held at John XXIII Diocesan Center 3700 Sheridand Blvd. Lincoln, NE



Diocese of Lincoln Employment Opportunities, visit: https://www.lincolndiocese.org/diocese/employment

St. VINCENT DE PAUL CATHOLIC SCHOOL IN SEWARD, NE. has opening for an energetic Catholic leader as Elementary School Principal, for 25-26 school year. Must be certified by the NE. Dept. of Ed. or able to be certified w/ minimal effort. Preference to applicants w/ successful administrative experience. St. Vincent de Paul is a PreK-4 elem. school located 25 mi. W. of Lincoln. Interested candidates app. info: Msgr. Tucker: msgr.robert-tucker@cdolinc.net or call (402) 643-3421.

St. Joseph School, Lincoln Jobs- UPDATED 11/15/ Church Organist &/or Pianist with experience to serve at our liturgies, incl. Saturday vigil Mass, Holy Days, & as a substitute for Sunday Masses as needed. 1 or more part-time, paid positions avail. now. We would love to welcome you to our Music Ministry! Express interest, contact Mike Zeleny, Dir. of Music, at zelenymj@gmail.com or 402-416-1845

Beyond the Bell Staff- Beyond the Bell is seeking support staff to help with our after-school program! These part-time positions are perfect for high school students who have a free period at the end of the school day or college students. Must be at least 16 years old. Staff will assist the BTB director on weekday late afternoons in a fun, engaging setting. Responsibilities include providing childcare & child

safety, preparing snacks, supervising indoor & outdoor activities, helping direct educational programming, & facilitating a safe, encouraging environment for students. Previous childcare experience is appre ciated but not required. Email resume & references to JHEL-beyondthebell@cdolinc.net, or call 402-489-0341 with any questions.

AROUND OUR PARISH								
PARISH WEEKLY ACTIVITIES: https://stjamescortland.com/								
Sunday	Dec	15	7:00pm	Children's Christmas Program	Church	serve one another varie d		
Tuesday	Dec	17	7:30 pm	Young Adult Bible Study [Call Renae (402) 419-4491]	Parish Hall	Parish Offeri		
Wednesday	Dec	18	7:00 pm	Knights of Columbus Mtg—Rosary at 7PM; Mtg at 7:30	Parish Hall			
Thursday	Dec	19	6:45 pm	ExposAdorat. Hour. 7:30 p Fr. Barnhill confessions.	Church	Plate Contemplative S		
Friday	Dec	20	8:00 pm	AA - Hall Reserved	Parish Hall	Total Days and		
Saturday	Dec	21	6:30 am	That Man Is You	Parish Hall	Contemplative S Total Deposit		

Each week, we choose what will be done with the 168 hours we have available to us.

Good <u>stewardship of time</u> means we will share some of that time with God in prayer, praise & thanksgiving, & some time caring for the needs of others.

CHRISTMAS DECORATING OF CHURCH—Sunday, Dec. 15 after 10:30 am Mass. Could use many volunteers to help decorate for XTmas Season.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM- Sun., 12/15, 7:00 pm. Final Practice: Sun., 12/15, 9 to 10 am. THANK YOU to the children, their teachers & their parents.

THE GIVING TREE— Toys will be taken at 12 N on Sun., 12/15. THANK YOU to all who brought a Christmas gift for a child. Also for gift wrap. All gifts left UNWRAPPED & NO BATTERIES. Tag on gift for appropriate age level. Gifts will be delivered to Santa Cop Organization for distribution to young children.

St. James Parish Building Planning Process:

Expansion of our Parish Hall is needed for our larger parish of 180 families w/ over 600 souls. To tackle the space issues that come w/ our growth, we're in a planning & programming process to shape the future of our parish.

We need your ideas & feedback as we work together to strengthen our community of faith.

flocknote helps our parish easily & effectively communicate w/ you via email &/or text. The Dioc. of Linc. pays the cost. No password or login is required. You can unsubscribe at any time. Envelopes for POINSETTIA DONATION to decorate church are on the table in the main aisle. \$10.00. You can indicate "in honor of" or "in memory of". Put in collection basket. Names will be listed in the bulletin for Christmas.

THANK YOU to all at the PCCW GATHERING Wed., 12/11. It was fun.

CONGRATULATIONS to Denise Clements installed as the new PCCW President. We support you. THANK YOU to Rosie Vermaas for her 12 years of leadership as president of the PCCW. Well done good & faithful servant! God will reward you. THANK YOU to all who helped with the CHURCH CLEANING FOR CHRISTMAS Dec. 13 & Dec. 14. PARISH FIX-UP needs. Talk to Fr. Lux to help.

Here's how to get involved:

Phase 2: Stay tuned for the next steps.

The contributions you have made are being summarized for Phase 2 which will include new interactive posters with the ideas given by our parishioners. There will be a parish meeting. There will be a new Online Survey the ideas given by our parishioners so all can be part of the process.

TO SIGN UP NOW:

- <u>Visit</u> stjamescortland.flocknote.com & follow the instructions, or
- <u>Text</u> the word STJAMESCORTLAND to 84576 &

Stewardship of Treasure

As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace (I Pt 4:IO)

Parish Offering 12/08/24

Adult Envelopes \$1,594.00

Plate \$759.05

Contemplative Sisters \$70.00

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/ne1020. OR Call Faith Direct Cust. Serv. at 866-507-8757.

\$2,423.05



Young Adult BIBLE STUDY: Tue. evenings. For location. Call Renae M. (402) 419-4491.

MASS INTENTIONS Calendar is here for 2025 requests. Thank you.

Open Chat: The planning team is around to chat & answer questions along the process.

Your participation will help us ensure our parish grows in a way that reflects our shared values. Together, let's envision & create a vibrant future for St. James Parish! Stay tuned for details & updates. We can't wait to hear from you all!

Pray that we build what our Lord wills.

May God bless all of us.

follow the prompts to enter your name & email address.

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Liturgica	l Ministers	for Sundays & Holy Day	ys of Obligation	Christmas Masses		New Years Day	
		Dec 14 -15	Dec 21-22	Dec 24 -25	Dec 28 -29	12/31, <u>5:00 pm</u>	
Sat. 5:00 pm	Reader	Ron Eisenbarth	Diana McCown	4:30 pm Vigil - 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)	
						1/1, <u>8:00 am</u>	
Sun. 8:00 am	Reader	Joe Vinton	Chris Hytrek	9 pm Night - Jerry Lentfer	Michelle Milke	Joe Vinton	
	Acolyte	Pat Milke	Tony Sullivan	Scott Osterhaus	Chris Hytrek	Pat Milke	
	Server 1	Carter Stieb	Andrew Oelke	Rylan Hochstein	Brayden Kuhlman	Sam Robinson	
	Server 2	Asher Stieb	Cooper Mason	Reid Hochstein	Hudson Kuhlman	Sawyer Robinson	
	Server 3	Liam Dush					
	Server 4	Kyler Beck					
				Christmas Day– 12/25		1/1, <u>10:30 am</u>	
Sun. 10:30 am	Reader	Karl Gramann	Larry Etmund	9 am <i>Dawn</i> - 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						
	Server 4						
	Greeter	Lydia Dominy	Paige Anderson		Lydia Dominy		
	Collection	Jeanne Egger /	Jim Fuhrman /		Kassie Ebbers /		
	Counters	Grace Benes	Theron Troxel		Amv Argo		