

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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 Website: [www.stjamescortland.com](http://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](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.



**Christian marriage**, like the other sacraments, “whose purpose is to sanctify people, to build up the body of Christ, & finally, to give worship to God,” is in itself a liturgical action glorifying God in Jesus Christ & in the Church -St. John Paul II, *Familiaris Consortio* (The Role of the Christian Family in the Modern World) #56



**FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH + DECEMBER 29, '24**  
 Let the peace of Christ control your hearts;  
 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly. –Col 3:15a, 16a

<b>Sunday Obligation Masses-</b> Saturday 5:00 pm Sunday 8:00 & 10:30 am	<b>Weekday Masses</b> — Check the current bulletin for changes. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday @ 7:00 am. Wednesday @ 6:30 pm. Saturday @ 8:00 am <b>Holy Day of Obligation Masses:</b> See the bulletin.
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**Confessions** 30 min. before Sunday & Holy Days Masses  
 20 minutes before Daily Masses & by Appointment Call to schedule 308.991.4991. *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** duffel on the coat rack shelf by the women's restroom contains **basic medical supplies** for use in emergency. Equipment & supplies checked monthly. Questions: Lori J. The **AED** in cabinet near the *Holy Family* & *St. Joseph* statues.

**New Years Day** is *The Octave (8<sup>th</sup>) Day of the Nativity of the Lord*. Mass celebrates: **The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**. It is the **World Day of Prayer for Peace**. The Mass Schedule to fulfill the Holy Day of Obligation (opportunity!) are below.

MASS INTENTIONS				MASS READINGS— Follow the Church's liturgical life. Read scriptures before Mass. Try to join daily Mass.	
SJ- St. James Church. GCRC- Gold Crest Retirement Community-Adams					
<b>FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY &amp; JOSEPH</b>					
Sat.	Dec 28	5:00 pm	SJ	Justin Hollman & Family	<b>HOLY FAMILY F:</b> 1 Sm 1: 20-22. 24-28 or Sir 3: 2-6. 12-14/ Ps 84: 2-3. 5-6. 9-10/ 1 Jn 3: 1-2. 21-24 or Col 3: 12-21/ Lk 2: 41-52
Sun.	Dec 29	8:00 am	SJ	Dr. Robert Quick+	
		10:30 am	SJ	For the People of St. James Parish	
Mon.	Dec 30	10:30 am	SJ	James "Ted" Fuhrman Sr. Funeral Mass	<b>Christmas Weekday:</b> 1 Jn 2: 12-17/ Ps 96: 7-8a. 8b-9. 10/ Lk 2: 36-40
<b>THE OCTAVE DAY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD</b>					
Tue.	Dec 31	5:00 pm	SJ	Dorothy Wagner+	<b>MARY, MOTHER OF GOD S (Octave of Christmas). Holy Day of Obligation.</b> Nm 6: 22-27/ Ps 67: 2-3. 5. 6. 8 (2a)/ Gal 4: 4-7/ Lk 2: 16-21
Wed.	Jan 1	8:00 am	SJ	For the People of St. James Parish	
		10:30 am		Brian McNeff+	
Thu.	Jan 2	7:00 am	SJ	Alfred & Rose Kempkes+	<b>Basil the Great &amp; Gregory Nazianzen</b> , bps, drs M: 1Jn2:22-28/Ps 98:1.2-3ab.3cd-4/Jn1:19-28 <b>Christmas Wkdy./ Holy Name of Jesus:</b> 1Jn 2:29-3:6/Ps 98:1.3cd-4.5-6/ Jn1:29-34 <b>Elizabeth Ann Seton</b> , r M: 1 Jn 3: 7-10/ Ps 98: 1. 7-8. 9/ Jn 1: 35-42
Fri.	Jan 3	7:00 am	SJ	Special Intention (H)	
Sat.	Jan 4	8:00 am	SJ	Catholic Schools	
<b>EPIPHANY OF THE LORD</b>					
Sat.	Jan 4	5:00 pm	SJ	Richard & Betty Wackel+	<b>EPIPHANY OF THE LORD S:</b> Is 60: 1-6/ Ps 72: 1-2. 7-8. 10-11. 12-13/ Eph 3: 2-3a. 5-6/ Mt 2: 1-12
Sun.	Jan 5	8:00 am	SJ	For the People of St. James Parish	
		10:30 am	SJ	Deceased Fam. of Ron & Mary Boden	

**FAQ: Catholic Season of Christmas**  
**When does the Catholic Christmas season start & end?**  
 The Catholic Christmas season starts on the Nativity, December 25, 2024, & ends on January 5, 2025, the Sunday Mass celebration of the Epiphany.

**What is the Octave of Christmas?**  
 The Octave of Christmas includes the eight days between Christmas Day & January 1, which is both the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God, & New Year's Day.

**What are the 12 Days of Christmas, & where did they come from?**

The 12 Days of Christmas are the 12 days between Christmas Day & Epiphany. The “12 Days” likely had pre-Christian roots, though the term was likely adapted to fit the Church calendar in celebration of the Nativity. Tradition also holds that the Three Kings’ journey to meet the baby Jesus was twelve days.

**What is Epiphany?**  
 Epiphany is the celebration of the revelation of Jesus as the Son of God – here on earth with us. The feast is also known as “Three Kings Day,” the day the Magi visited Jesus in Bethlehem.

Merry Christmas from our team at Hallow!  
<https://hallow.com/blog/schedule-catholic-christmas-season-octave/>

## Real Christmas Presence





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

**Religious Sisters Vocation Prayer Calendar 2024—Dec 29-Jan 4**

**Seminarian Vocation Prayer Calendar 2024-25—Dec 29-Jan 4**

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

**Trent Moudry** from *St. Wenceslaus, Wahoo, NE*

Propaedeutic Stage

*St. Gregory the Great Seminary*

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

 Sign up here to get *Catholic Diocese of Lincoln* events updates via *Flocknote*. <https://lincolndioocese.flocknote.com/>

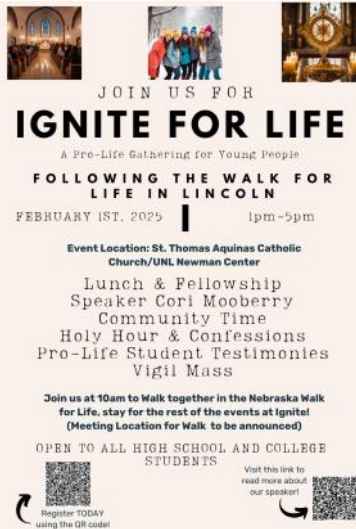
**Pope Francis' January 2025 Intention:** For the right to an education- Let us pray for migrants, refugees, & those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.



**Jubilee 2025 - Pilgrims of Hope.** (2,025th anniversary of the Incarnation of our Lord). **Holy Doors open 12/24.** **Vatican Jubilee 2025 Website:** [lubilaeum2025](http://lubilaeum2025.com). Also [www.usccb.org/jubilee2025](http://www.usccb.org/jubilee2025).




Join us for a **Holy Hour at the Pink Sisters' Chapel**, 1040 South Cotner Blvd. on **Friday, January 3, 2025 at 7:15 pm**. Singing will be led by *Anima Christi* (Mike Zeleny). Please help us pray for good vocations for our Diocese. **Get a Group Together & Learn About the Pink Sisters!** Visit the **Chapel of Christ the King**, the home of the Holy Spirit Adoration Sisters, & get all the info. on this oasis of peace & stillness in the heart of Lincoln. Any age group is welcome! To schedule, contact Joan Tasler, 402-310-9682 or [JFTASLER@gmail.com](mailto:JFTASLER@gmail.com).



JOIN US FOR  
**IGNITE FOR LIFE**  
A Pre-Life Gathering for Young People  
FOLLOWING THE WALK FOR LIFE IN LINCOLN  
FEBRUARY 1ST, 2025 | 1pm-5pm  
Event Location: St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church/UNL Newman Center  
Lunch & Fellowship  
Speaker Cori Mooberry  
Community Time  
Holy Hour & Confessions  
Pro-Life Student Testimonies  
Vigil Mass  
Join us at 10am to Walk together in the Nebraska Walk for Life. stay for the rest of the events at Ignite!  
(Meeting Location for Walk to be announced)  
OPEN TO ALL HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE STUDENTS  
Visit this link to read more about our speakers!  
Register TODAY using the QR code!

**The Mother of the Word: 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 Testaments* reveal the **person & mission of Mary**. Learn more/register at 

“And his commandment is this: we should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, & love one another just as he commanded us.”  
Learn to love your spouse more fully on the next **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience: "Finding a heart-to-heart exchange" Feb. 14-16** at North American Martyrs Church in **Lincoln, NE**; Aug. 8-10, 2025 in Littleton, CO; or Sept. 19-21, 2025 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](http://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.

- **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 w/ Fr. Coulter, Fr. Barak, Matt Simmons**  
**DEC. 29-JAN. 2 OR DEC. 29-JAN. 3 w/ 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** of recollection & reflection, 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](http://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?

**Week of December 29, 2024**

- ◆ **New Year's Resolutions | The Augustine Institute Show—** What's your resolution this year? Dr. Tim Gray welcomes Dr. Scott Hefelfinger, Assistant Professor of Theology in the Augustine Institute Graduate School of Theology, to celebrate one year of the Augustine Institute Show! <https://watch.formed.org/videos/the-augustine-institute-show-1-4-2022-new-year-resolutions>
- ◆ **Christmas | Sacred Art—**Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp as they look at the painting Adoration of the Shepherds by Gerard van Honthorst to celebrate the Nativity of our Lord. This famous painting reveals the Christ Child as the light that has come into the world and also depicts the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph, and the shepherds to be models of adoration to our humble Lord who came as a helpless baby. <https://watch.formed.org/videos/sacred-art-the-nativity>
- ◆ **O Holy Night, The King is Born: What Christmas Is About—**Celebrate the wonder and joy of Christmas with Brother Francis in this heartwarming presentation of the birth of God's Son! Witness the moving submission of Mary, Joseph, and others as they make way for our Savior. <https://watch.formed.org/videos/o-holy-night-the-king-is-born-what-christmas-is-about>
- ◆ **Sign up for Formed:** [GO TO FORMED.ORG](http://GO TO FORMED.ORG), &/OR **DOWNLOAD THE FORMED APP.** ENTER YOUR ZIP CODE. FIND OUR PARISH



THE FAMILY IS NOT MADE FOR SOCIETY; RATHER, IT IS SOCIETY, WHICH IS MADE FOR THE FAMILY.  
Venerable Pope Pius XII [1876-1958]

mariansisters.org/marian-camp.html

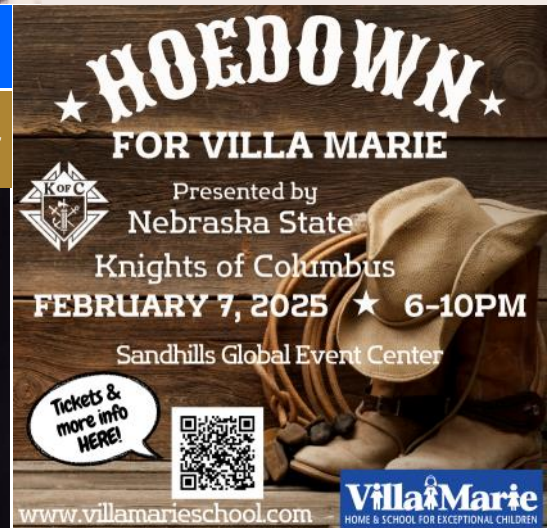
**MARIAN CAMP 2025**

REGISTRATION OPEN:  
January 11th 9:30am  
COUNSELOR APPLICATION  
CAMPER REGISTRATION

Financial Aid Applications Available Dec. 2nd - 23rd

**Mary, Mother of Jesus. Pray for us.**

**St. Joseph, Man Closest to Jesus, pray for us!**

**HOEDOWN FOR VILLA MARIE**

Presented by  
Nebraska State Knights of Columbus

**FEBRUARY 7, 2025 ★ 6-10PM**

Sandhills Global Event Center

Tickets & more info HERE!

[www.villamarie.school.com](http://www.villamarie.school.com)

**Villa Marie**  
HOME & SCHOOL FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN



....To Mary, Theotokos....God Bearer...

Dear Mother Mary,

Every first Sunday of May, as a student at Blessed Sacrament Grade School, I was part of your May Crowning procession at the Church. One girl, from the older grades was selected by the Principal to crown your statue with a wreath of flowers, and she always seemed to me to be the prettiest girl in the school. I was a gawky, small girl with pigtails, and in my mind, I could see myself crowning you, but of course, out of some 60 girls, as you know, I was never chosen. Strangely, regardless of this seeming disapproval, I became closer to you, Mother Mary, as I imagined your smiling face in my reveries, as you accepted my floral crown, and prayers; I felt your love and approval of my gift to you. Since my grade-school days, you have been with me through my life, loving me as only a mother can, leading me in the right direction, but also bringing me back when I have gone astray; all the while allowing me to feel your love and presence when I needed it most.

In consenting to be the Mother of Jesus, God on earth, you model for us the virtue of **Faith** in completely accepting the will of God. In following God's will, you show us **Hope** that even the evils of the world can be conquered. In accepting those evils as the way to realizing the Love that God has shown us, by sending His only begotten Son to save us, you share your **Love** for the world by becoming our Mother.

On January 1, in honoring your divine maternity, as **The Solemnity of Mary, the Most Holy Mother of God**, we thank you, praise you and offer our love to you for your Faith, Hope and Love in doing God's will, in becoming the Mother of the Son of God, *Theotokos*, and in protecting us in your motherly heart as your children.

"Indeed I have calmed and set at rest my soul like a child on its mother's lap...thus is my soul within me." (Psalm 131:2)

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

**2025 Pro Life Poster & Essay Contest** information is available [HERE](#). (ALSO— Printed Fliers by the Sacred Heart Statue in link between St. James Church & Parish Hall.) Please make it available to the students in your class. Please note that the award amounts have increased this year. Deadline for submission is Friday, March 22, 2025. Thank you for your assistance in promoting this effort in your class, & if you have questions or concerns, please contact our office at 402-473-0631, or [michele-chambers@cdolinc.net](mailto:michele-chambers@cdolinc.net). Thank you!  
Jeff Schinostock, Pro-Life Office Dir., Dioc. of Lincoln

To all families with special needs children: You are invited to join the **Catholic Special Needs Parents' Network**. This group aims to foster a welcoming environment for Catholic parents & guardians raising children or adults with special needs. Together, we are striving to enable all individuals to experience Christ's love & the joy of their faith. Please see our Facebook group for the latest events & information (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/lincolncatholicsspecialneedsparents>).

**Soup Luncheon at St. Wenceslaus- Milligan, NE** Sunday, January 12, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. Sponsored by Exeter-Fiend-Milligan Council of the Knights of Columbus. St. Wenceslaus Church Basement— Milligan. Free Will Offering. See poster on the bulletin board for more info.

**Free Throw Championship for Boys & Girls ages 9-14.** Saturday, Jan. 25. 10 am start. Registration 9 am to 10 am. Exeter-Milligan High School Gymnasium (Exeter). Contact Dillon 402-366-5267 or Doug 402-710-8194. K of C sponsoring. More info on bulletin board.

**FREE – Men & women, young & old**, strengthen & grow in your faith for your families w/ 5 short videos produced by the *Knights of Columbus* called the "Mission of The Family". The 5 videos are less than 14 minutes in length. The videos are on the *Knights of Columbus* website for free: <https://www.kofc.org/en/campaigns/into-the-breach.html>.

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

**St. Michael School (Lincoln) has an IMMEDIATE opening for a part-time School Nurse** Mon. & Tues afternoons. If interested, please reach out to Principal Ashley R. at [ashley-rockey@cdolinc.net](mailto:ashley-rockey@cdolinc.net).

**Parish Secretary Needed- St. Teresa Parish** is seeking a part-time Parish Secretary (20-30 hours/week). Responsibilities include: sacramental record-keeping, parish registration, maintenance of parish database, scheduling, composing the weekly bulletin, updating the parish website, & parish communications. The candidate should be proficient in Microsoft Office software, a willingness to learn church management software, & have a general ability to adapt to new technology. For more details on the position, contact Theresa ([Theresa-Kottwitz@cdolinc.net](mailto:Theresa-Kottwitz@cdolinc.net)). To apply, contact Fr. Kipper at [Fr.Nicholas-Kipper@lincolndiocese.org](mailto:Fr.Nicholas-Kipper@lincolndiocese.org).

**St. Joseph School, Lincoln Jobs- UPDATED 11/15/ Church Organist &/or Pianist** w/ 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](mailto:zelenymj@gmail.com) or 402-416-1845.

**Beyond the Bell Staff-** Beyond the Bell is seeking support staff to help w/ 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 appreciated but not required. Email resume & references to [JHEL-beyondthebell@cdolinc.net](mailto:JHEL-beyondthebell@cdolinc.net), or call 402-489-0341 w/ any questions.

**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: [mshr.robert-tucker@cdolinc.net](mailto:mshr.robert-tucker@cdolinc.net) or call (402) 643-3421.



**SAVE THE DATE!**

**When: Saturday, February 1, '25**



**What: Pro-Life Mass** (sponsored by *Nebraska Catholic Conference*) & **Nebraska Walk for Life** (sponsored by *Nebraska Right to Life*)



**Time: 9 AM Mass**, followed by the Walk at 10 AM



**Where: Saint Mary's Church** (Downtown), then the *Nebraska Capitol*.

**ANNOUNCEMENT:  
SAFE ENVIRONMENT RENEWAL TRAINING**

The annual recertification process for safe environment compliance is changing in January of 2025. Beginning **January 1, 2025**, all clergy, religious, employees, and volunteers who work with minors will be required to **renew** their training during the month of January.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR EFFORTS TO  
CONTINUE PROTECTING ALL OF GOD'S  
PRECIOUS CHILDREN!**

CATHOLICS

**2025**

Upcoming  
**Nebraska Retrouvaille  
Retreats**

14-16  
FEB.

Late Winter Weekend Retreat

Retrouvaille begins with a weekend experience in which couples are helped to re-establish communication and to gain new insights into themselves as individuals and as a couple.

8-10  
AUG.

Summer Weekend Retreat

The Retrouvaille Weekend provides tools to help couples with communication, forgiveness, and trust. It teaches a unique process of meaningful communication.

FOLLOW-UP  
SESSIONS

The Post Weekend Sessions

A series of follow-up sessions is the most important phase of the Retrouvaille healing process. The hurt and pain of a struggling marriage cannot be healed in a single weekend experience.

MORE  
INFORMATION

1 (800) 470-2230  
[help@ourmarriage.org](mailto:help@ourmarriage.org)

## AROUND OUR PARISH

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

Thursday	Dec 26	6:45 pm	<b>Eucharistic Exposition Adoration Hour.</b>	Church
Friday	Dec 27	8:00 pm	AA - Hall Reserved	Parish Hall
Saturday	Dec 28	6:30 am	<i>That Man Is You</i>	Parish Hall

Each week, we choose what will be done w/ the 168 hours we have available to us. Good **stewardship of time** means we will share some of that time w/ God in prayer, praise & thanksgiving, & some time **caring for the needs of others.**

**Please sign up in the back of Church to help with New Years Day Masses.**

**POINSETTIA DONATIONS** Thank you to all the donors for **POINSETTIAS** to decorate our church. See the list of those to remember, to honor, and to pray for inserted in today's bulletin.

**THANK YOU** to all who helped **decorate** our Church for Christmas inside & out. It helps glorify God.

**THANK YOU** to Jim F. & Katie W. for your leadership and to all who have helped provide a **Choir and Music** for our parish celebrations.

**THANK YOU** to all who served in **liturgical ministries** for our parish Masses.

**THANK YOU** to all who helped with the **Advent Adoration Hours.** You brought many to spend time with Jesus.

**PLEASE PRAY** for Oren Heusinkvelt, Randy Eickmeier, Addie Divis+, Arty Vinton+.

**MASS INTENTIONS Calendar** is here for **2025 requests.** You can request certain dates. First requests get the date preferred. *Thank you.*

**YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY:** Tue. evenings. For location. Call Renae M. (402) 419-4491.

**PARISH FIX-UP** needs. Talk to Fr. Lux to help.

**Ted Fuhrman Funeral**—*Our hearts and prayers go out to you Jim, and family, as you mourn the loss of Ted. Wake/Rosary at 10:00am Monday.*

Pray

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

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

Reflect

**A PRAYER BEFORE CONFESSION:**

Dear Jesus, help me to make a good Confession,  
Help me to find out my sins, Help me to be sorry for them,  
Help me to make up my mind not to sin again.  
have mercy on me, O Lord, and forgive me.  
Mary, my mother, pray for me.

Stewardship of Treasure	
<i>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)</i>	
Parish Offering 12/22/24	
Adult Envelopes	<b>\$1,079.00</b>
Plate	<b>\$6,832.00</b>
December Faith Direct	<b>\$7,598.30</b>
<b>Total Deposit</b>	<b>\$15,509.30</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** Cust. Serv. at 866-507-8757.



**BLEST ART OLIVE WOOD CARVINGS FROM THE HOLY LAND** will be at *St. James- Cortland* after weekend Masses on **Saturday, 1/25 & Sunday, 1/26.** Help support the **Christian artists' families in Palestine.**  
<https://blestart.com/>

**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.

**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 w/ 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.**

**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.

Liturgical Ministers for Sundays & Holy Days of O.		New Years Day			
		Dec 28 -29	12/31, 5:00 pm	Jan 4-5	Jan 11-12
<b>Sat.</b> 5:00 pm	Reader	Ron Eisenbarth	Diana McCown	Amy Larkins	Ron Eisenbarth
	Acolyte	Randy Eickmeier	<i>(volunteer)</i>	Kurt Larkins	<i>(volunteer)</i>
	Server 1	Braxton Skillett	<i>(volunteer)</i>	<i>(volunteer)</i>	<i>(volunteer)</i>
	Server 2	Easton Schilbitzki	<i>(volunteer)</i>	<i>(volunteer)</i>	<i>(volunteer)</i>
		<b>1/1, 8:00 am</b>			
<b>Sun.</b> 8:00 am	Reader	Michelle Milke	Joe Vinton	Chris Hytrek	Jerry Lentfer
	Acolyte	Chris Hytrek	Pat Milke	Tony Sullivan	Scott Osterhaus
	Server 1	Brayden Kuhlman	Sam Robinson	Jax Peterson	Carson Eickmeier
	Server 2	Hudson Kuhlman	Sawyer Robinson	Drake Peterson	Parker Eickmeier
	Server 3				
		<b>1/1, 10:30 am</b>			
<b>Sun.</b> 10:30 am	Reader	Shirley Yates	Karl Gramann	Larry Etmund	Ginger Jelinek
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