Welcome to St. James Catholic Parish!

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

to worship God.

Ask if you need anything.

Saint James Catholic Church of Cortland

Church Street Address: 500 W 1st St.
Mailing/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.
Facebook: St James Catholic Church of Cortland

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.



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD + JANUARY 12, 2025

The heavens were opened and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, listen to him. – Mark 9:7

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 duffle 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.

FINAL TRAINING SESSION BEFORE ACOLYTE INSTALLATION: Sun., Jan. 12, 11:45-2:15p. (b/c of weather 1/5). <u>RECOLLECTION</u>— Sun., 1/19, 11:45-1:15p. All Acolytes are asked to help w/ training. All are welcome to the Recollection. Installation Mass at Cathedral of R.C. on Sat., 1/25, 10am.

MASS INTENTIONS SJ- St. James Church. GCRC- Gold Crest Retirement Community-Adams THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD Roger Miller+ Sat. Jan 11 5:00 pm SJ Sun. Jan 12 8:00 am SJ Ted Fuhrman+ For the People of St. James Parish 10:30 am SJ Mon. Jan 13 7:00 am All Souls Day Intentions+ SJ Tue. Jan 14 7:00 am SJ **Special Intention (H)** GCRC Those who are homebound Wed. Jan 15 4:00 pm Roger Miller + 6:30 pm SJ **Special Intention (H)** Thu. Jan 16 7:00 am SJ **Special Intention (H)** Fri. Jan 17 7:00 am SJ Sat. Jan 18 7:00 am SJ **Christian Unity** SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Sat. Jan 18 5:00 pm Alfred & Rose Kempkes+ SJ Sun. Jan 19 8:00 am SJ Mary Haecker+ SJ For the People of St. James Parish 10:30 am

MASS READINGS – Follow the Church's liturgical life.

Read scriptures before Mass. Try to join daily Mass.

BAPTISM OF THE LORD, F: Is 40: 1-5. 9-11/ Ps 104: 1b-2. 3-4. 24-25. 27-28. 29-30 (1)/ Ti 2: 11-14; 3: 4-7/ Lk 3: 15-16. 21-22

Ordinary Weekday/ Hilary, bp, dr: Heb 1: 1-6/ Ps 97: 1 & 2b. 6 & 7c. 9/ Mk 1: 14-20 **Ordinary Weekday**: Heb 2: 5-12/ Ps 8: 2ab & 5. 6-7. 8-9/ Mk 1: 21-28

Ordinary Weekday: Heb 2: 14-18/ Ps 105: 1-2. 3-4. 6-7. 8-9/ Mk 1: 29-39

Ordinary Weekday: Heb 3: 7-14/ Ps 95: 6-7c. 8-9. 10-11/ Mk 1: 40-45

Anthony, ab M: Heb 4: 1-5. 11/ Ps 78: 3 & 4bc. 6c-7. 8/ Mk 2: 1-12

Ordinary Weekday/ BVM: Heb 4: 12-16/ Ps 19: 8. 9. 10. 15/ Mk 2: 13-17

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:

Is 62: 1-5/ Ps 96: 1-2. 2-3. 7-8. 9-10 (3)/ 1 Cor 12: 4-11/ Jn 2: 1-11

BLEST ART will offer OLIVE

WOOD CARVINGS



FROM THE HOLY LAND at

St. James— Cortland after weekend Masses on Saturday, 1/25 & Sunday, 1/26. Help support the Christian artists' families in

unday, 1/26. Help support the Christian artists' families in Palestine. https://blestart.com/

The 109th Nebraska Legislature is underway (90-day session to early June). We will have another major opportunity to build up the common good in our state on the issues that matter most to us as Catholics. The Nebraska Catholic

Conference will help us use momentum from last session:

Pray for all involved.

Be Educated on Key

Bills.

Contact Your Senator.
Spread the Word.

https://necatholic.org/

ANNOUNCEMENT:

SAFE ENVIRONMENT RENEWAL TRAINING

The annual recertification process for safe environment compliance is changing in January of 2025

Beginning <u>January 1, 2025</u>, all clergy, religious, employees, and volunteers who work with minors will be required to <u>renew</u> their training during the <u>month of January</u>.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR EFFORTS TO CONTINUE PROTECTING ALL OF GOD'S



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

Religious Sisters Vocation Prayer Calendar 2025—Jan 12-18

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

Seminarian Vocation Prayer Calendar 2024-25—Jan 12-18

Joshua Jeffrey from Cathedral of the Risen Christ, Lincoln, NE

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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.

flocknote Sign up here to get Catholic Diocese of Lincoln events updates via Flocknote. https://lincolndiocese.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 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: <u>lubilaeum 2025</u>. Also www.usccb.org/jubilee2025.



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.

Week of January 12, 2025

- ◆ The Bible (Part 1)—Join Dr. Mark Giszczak as he answers the Internet's most-asked question about the Bible. https://watch.formed.org/videos/thebible-part-1-what-catholics-believe
- Interior Life—We all worship something, whether we know it or not. We are called to put God first, and that means giving him our time in prayer. The focus of this episode is developing a consistent prayer life. https:// watch.formed.org/videos/interior-life
- A New Creation: The Mystery of Baptism— This week, as we contemplate Jesus' Baptism, dive into the mystery of the Sacrament of Baptism! Through our Reborn series, you will come to understand the deeper meaning behind your Baptism! https://watch.formed.org/videos/a-newcreation-the-mystery-of-baptism
- Sign up for Formed: GO TO FORMED.ORG,&/OR DOWNLOAD THE FORMED APP. ENTER YOUR ZIP CODE. FIND OUR PARISH

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.

Schoenstatt Events



Holy Mass / Brunch 9:00 AM

Christmas Concert / Epiphany Celebration 2:00 PM Free Will Donation

Holy Mass / Supper 6:00 PM

Please join us at the Cor Mariae Shrine! 340 State Highway 103

Soup Luncheon at St. Wenceslaus-Milligan, NE Sunday, Jan. 12, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. Spons. 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. Sat., 1/25. 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.

Bring the Holy Spirit into your marriage. Sign up today to attend the next upcoming 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. Follow on Instagram & Facebook! @worldwidemarriageencounter



mariansisters.org/marian-camp.html REGISTRATION OPEN: January 11th 9:30am COUNSELOR APPLICATION CAMPER REGISTRATION 2025

Financial Aid Applications Available Dec. 2nd - 23rd

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

• 4-DAY & 8-DAY IGNATIAN RETREAT options:

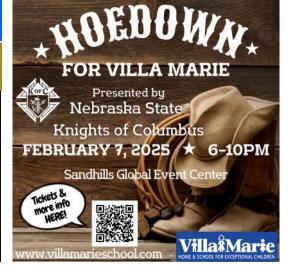
JAN. 19-24 OR 20-24: 5 or 6-day w/ Fr. Coulter, Sarina Stokes or Matt Simmons. FEB. 10-14, 14-18 OR 10-18: 4 or 8-day w/ Fr. Coulter, Sarina S. or Matt S.

- MAR. 13-17, 17-21 or 13-21: 4 day or 8 day w/ Fr. Coulter or Matt Simmons.
- 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. 2/11, 3/5- Ash Wed. 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?

Mary, Mother of Jesus. Pray for us.

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





...SPECIAL PEOPLE IN OUR LIVES... "Diana, could I see you in the hall for a moment?" "Yes, Sister."

I was a sixth-grader at *Blessed Sacrament* grade school, & "Sister" was Sister Mary Josetta, the teacher who had followed my class from fifth grade to sixth grade, & was to be with us again in seventh grade. I was wondering what I had done that she had to see me outside of the classroom, away from the other students. She left the room, reminding the class that they were "on their honor" while she was gone, & held the door open for me to join her in the hall. She leaned toward me & quietly said, "Diana, look at your shoes." I looked down at my brown oxfords, & not seeing anything unusual, I asked, "Why, Sister? What's wrong?" She said, "They're all scuffed & covered in mud. When did you polish them last? At your age, you need to take better care of yourself."

Sister Josetta had become a Postulant of the Sisters of Mercy as a young woman, & eventually taking vows of poverty, chastity, & obedience, as a "Bride of Christ". Trained to be a teacher, her responsibility & mission was to educate her students. Fortunately for us, she also mothered us, never missing a chance to correct us with love....(Thus, the dirty shoes

incident). So, out of her love for God's children, she taught us not only Math & English, but also Faith in God through 'Church History', Belief in the Catholic Church through 'The Baltimore Catechism', & Love of the Mass through the reception of the Holy Eucharist. At the time, in my child's world, I never realized the grace I received in having the Catholic modeling of Sister Josetta & the other Sisters. How their love & prayers for me, & all the children in their care, set us on a path of love for God, Jesus, & His Blessed Mother, Mary, & for other people in our lives.

Along with her love for us, Sister Josetta shared her love for life. My most enjoyable memory is of her hitting a baseball during recess at school, & seeing her running around the bases, the long skirt of her habit gathered up in her hands, & her large, wooden rosary beads, hanging from her waist, swinging wildly as she ran; & it was a home run!

Actually this memory brings up vivid images of other Nuns I knew, later, in High School: Sister Roberdetta, our Principal, catching students secretly whispering in class & knowing what they were saying because she had lost her hearing, but had learned to read lips; Sister Jean Helene, our artistic & flighty music teacher, tucking a bottle of beer inside her volumi-

nous, black habit to share with the other Sisters, 'borrowed' from the Knights of Columbus cooler when we kids were helping them prepare for a sports banquet in the Church basement; & finally, aged Sister Margaret Anne, my History teacher, privately giving me a blue glass rosary at Graduation, because I loved it, but had already chosen a Marian medal as my Senior gift. (I have them both & treasure them...and her!.) In my Catholic education I was taught by Sisters of Mercy, Sisters of Charity & Benedictines, all of whom became my mentors & mothers in the Faith, supplementing & enriching my own dear Mother's love & teaching, & allowing me to experience God's love through them.

Loving & gracious God, You show your love for all your children by putting special people in our lives. We thank you for giving us faith-filled Religious Sisters who support us & inspire us to build your kingdom here on earth. "Give them virtue's sure reward; Give them thy salvation, Lord; Give them joys that never end." We ask this in the name of Jesus the Christ & in the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Love in the Spirit. Díana McCown Eucharistic Revival Parish Point Person

IGNITE FOR LIFE

FOLLOWING THE WALK FOR

LIFE IN LINCOLN

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

FEBRUARY IST, 2025

Join us for the annual

PRO-LIFE MASS



9 AM | St. Mary's | Downtown Nebraska Walk for Life to Follow

Mass to be Celebrated by Bishop Hanefeldt Mass Sponsored by

NEBRASKA
CATHOLIC
CONFERENCE

Saturday, February 1, 2025

NEBRASKA WALK FOR LIFE

10:00 AM State Capitol Meet on North Side





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 & info. (www.facebook.com/groups lincolncatholicspecialneedsparents).

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



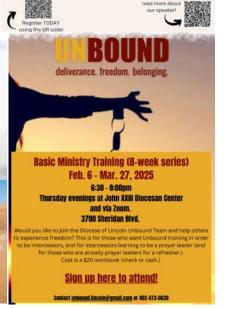
2025 Pro Life Poster & **Essay Contest** info. is avail. HERE. (ALSO- Printed Fliers by the Sacred Heart Statue in link btwn. St. James Church & Parish Hall.) Please make it avail. to the students in your class. Please note that the award amounts have increased this vear. Deadline for submission is Fri., Mar. 22, '25. Thank you for your assistance in promoting this effort in your class. If questions or concerns, please contact office at 402-473-0631, or michele -chambers@cdolinc.net.

Thank you! Jeff Schinstock, Pro-Life Office Dir., Dioc. of Lincoln



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AROUND OUR PARISH								
PARISH WEEKLY ACTIVITIES: https://stjamescortland.com/								
Tuesday	Jan	14	7:30pm		Parish Hall			
Wednesday	Jan	15	7:00pm	Knights of Columbus Mtg—Rosary at 7pm; Mtg at 7:30	Parish Hall	Pá		
Thursday	Jan	16	7:00 pm		O Haron	A		
Friday	Jan	17	8:00 pm	AA - Hall Reserved	Parish Hall	P1		
Saturday	Jan				Parish Hall			
Each	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, a some time caring for the needs of others.

*2025 PCCW CIRCLE LISTS & SCHED-**ULES WERE E-MAILED BY PRESIDENT**

DENISE C. Some printed copies are in the back of the church. Please let Denise Clements know if you have any changes that should be made to the list.

2025 *PCCW* **DUES** are due. \$10 for all registered ladies in the St. James Parish. You can either use *Faith Direct* (please put a note that it is for dues) or use an envelope & put in the collection basket. MATT TALBOT KITCHEN SUPPER WILL BE served by St. James Parish members on Thursday, January 30th, at 5:30 PM. There is a **signup sheet** in the entryway of

church to help serve the meal &/or to donate different food items. We need people to help. Please make sure to have the items in the kitchen before noon on that Thursday. If you have any questions, please contact Kassie E. Her information is on the bottom of the signup sheet.

God is good!

cradle is set up in the back of the church be donated to the Willow Center in Beatrice. Maternity clothing welcome too. Thank you in advance for all donations!

YOU ARE ENCOURAGED TO BLESS YOUR HOME AROUND EPIPHANY TIME. A

Home Blessing Handout & Blessed Chalk are available in the entryway. You may use Holy Water also if you choose. The father of the household or senior member can lead the blessing. A priest can be invited to do the blessing. MASS INTENTIONS Calendar is here for

2025 requests. You can request certain dates. First requests get the date preferred. Thank you.

THANK YOU to all who were at the *Lin*coln Diocese CCW Winter Symposium.

WILLOW CENTER BABY SHOWER- The thru January. All baby shower items will

All the time!

PARISH FIX-UPS-Talk to Fr. Lux. PLEASE PRAY

for Oren H., Randy E., & Ted Fuhrman+.

YOUNG ADULT **BIBLE STUDY:** Tue. evenings.

For location. Call Renae M.

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 1/01 & 1/05/25

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Adult Envelopes	\$800.00	
Plate	\$523.00	
Mary Mother of God Envelopes	\$184.00	
Mary Mother of God Plate	\$126.00	
Total Deposit	\$1,633.00	

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.

Support our WASS ESPOSES



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to the Magisterium. Always free of charge.

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- pregnancy complications biomedical research

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:

part of the process.

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

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.

		Jan 11-12	Jan 18-19	Jan 25-26	Feb 1-2
Sat.	Reader	Ron Eisenbarth	Diana McCown	Amy Larkins	Ron Eisenbarth
5:00 pm	Acolyte	(volunteer)	(volunteer)	Kurt Larkins	Randy Eickmeier
	Server 1	(volunteer)	Braxton Skillett	(volunteer)	(volunteer)
	Server 2	(volunteer)	Easton Schilbitzki	(volunteer)	(volunteer)
Sun.	Reader	Jerry Lentfer	Michelle Milke	Joe Vinton	Chris Hytrek
8:00 am	Acolyte	Scott Osterhaus	Chris Hytrek	Pat Milke	Tony Sullivan
	Server 1	Carson Eickmeier	Carter Stieb	Liam Dush	Andrew Oelke
	Server 2	Parker Eickmeier	Asher Stieb	Kyler Beck	Cooper Mason
	Server 3				
	Server 4				
Sun.	Reader	Ginger Jelinek	Shirley Yates	Karl Gramann	Larry Etmund
10:30 am	Acolyte	Myron Heusinkvelt	Ron Boden	Ron Eisenbarth	Myron Heusinkvelt
	Server 1	Max Jacobson	Sam Troxel	Hayden Nielson	Brayden Troxel
	Server 2	Finn Jacobson	Mason Henn	Nolan Nielson	Ty Troxel
	Server 3				
	Server 4				
	Commentator	Lydia Dominy	Paige Anderson	Lydia Dominy	Paige Anderson
	Collection	Jeanne Egger /	Jim Fuhrman /	Randy & Colleen	Julie Pfingsten /
	Counters	Grace Benes	Theron Troxel	Eickmeier/Amy Argo	Laureen Ehmen

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- Visit stiamescortland.flocknote.c om & follow the instructions. or
- . Text the word STJAMESCORTLAND to 84576 & follow the prompts to enter your name & email address.

Emails will always come from the address:

mail@flocknote.com.