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. 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 bulletinstiames@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.



SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME + JANUARY 19, 2025 God has called us through the Gospel to possess the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. -2 Thess 2:14

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 (Some 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.

AFTERNOON RECOLLECTION BEFORE ACOLYTE INSTALLATION: TODAY, Sun., 1/19, 11:45-1:15p. All are welcome to come & pray.

Installation Mass at Cathedral of R.C.-Sat., 1/25, 10am. All are welcome to attend the Mass.

			MAS	S Intentions	MASS READINGS – Follow the Church's liturgical life.		
SJ-S	St. James	s Church. G	CRC.	- Gold Crest Retirement Community-Adams	Read scriptures before Mass. Try to join daily Mass.		
		SECONE	SUN	IDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
Sat.	Jan 18 5:00 pm SJ Alfred & Rose Kempkes+		Alfred & Rose Kempkes+	SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:			
Sun.	Jan 19	8:00 am	SJ	Mary Haecker+	Is 62: 1-5/ Ps 96: 1-2. 2-3. 7-8. 9-10 (3)/ 1 Cor 12: 4-11/ Jn 2: 1-11		
	10:30 am SJ For the People of St. James Parish		For the People of St. James Parish				
Mon.	Jan 20	7:00 am	SJ	Martin Wagner+	Ord. Wkdy./ Fabian, pp, mt/ Sebastian, mt: Heb 5:1-10/Ps 110:1.2.3.4/Mk 2:18-22		
Tue.	Jan 21	Out of pa	arish.	Special Intention (H)	Agnes , v, mt M: Heb 6: 10-20/ Ps 111: 1-2. 4-5. 9 & 10c/ Mk 2: 23-28		
Wod	lan 22	Out of parish.		Special Intention (H)	Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children M:		
weu.	Jaii ZZ				Heb 7: 1-3. 15-17/ Ps 110: 1. 2. 3. 4/ Mk 3: 1-6		
Thu	lan 23	Out of parish.		Roger Miller+	Ordinary Weekday/ Vincent of Saragossa, d, mt/ Marianne Cope, v:		
mu.	Jan 25				Heb 7: 25-8: 6/ Ps 40: 7-8a. 8b-9. 10. 17/ Mk 3: 7-12		
Fri.	Jan 24	1 24 Out of parish. All Souls Day Intentions+		All Souls Day Intentions+	Francis de Sales, bp, rf, dr M: Heb 8:6-13/Ps 85: 8 & 10. 11-12. 13-14/ Mk 3:13-19		
Sat.	Jan 25	8:00 am	SJ	Ted Fuhrman+	Conversion of Paul, ap F: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/ Ps 117:1bc. 2/ Mk 16:15-18		
		THIRD	SUNL	DAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
Sat.	Jan 25	5:00 pm	SJ	Newly Installed Acolytes	THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:		
Sun.	Jan 26	8:00 am	SJ	Mary Haecker+	Neh 8: 2-4a. 5-6. 8-10/ Ps 19: 8. 9. 10. 15/ 1 Cor 12: 12-30/ Lk 1: 1-4; 4: 14-21		
		10·30 am	S.I	For the People of St. James Parish			

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 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/



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 <u>renew</u> their training during the month of January.

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



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

Religious Sisters Vocation Prayer Calendar 2025—Jan 19-25

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 19-25

Thomas Haberman from St. Wenceslaus, Wahoo, NE

Theology 1

St. Charles Borromeo 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). 1st Holy Doors opened 12/24. Vatican Jubilee 2025 Website: Iubilaeum 2025. Also www.usccb.org/jubilee2025.





- Talk by Bishop Conley
- · Music by North American Martyrs and David City, Aquinas youth choirs
- Cathedral of the Risen Christ

JAN | 27™ | 2025 7:00-8:00 pm



Dioc. of Linc. Employment Opportunities- visit: https://www.lincolndiocese.org/diocese/ employment

Catholic Men: SAVE THE DATE And Register





The Catholic Men's Leadership Summit is on February 22, 2025, at 3 locations across the Diocese of Lincoln. Registration is FREE, so register now. At the summit, you will learn how to become an effective leader in your personal life, in your role as a leader of your household, in your parish, and in the community around your parish. You will also learn how to form or join your team of brothers who will accompany you your mission as a Catholic man. There is more information on the registration site. Go to https://bit.ly/CatholicMan or scan the QR Code for registration and more details. There is also telephone and email contact information on the registration page if you have any further questions. Register before February 1st to be guaranteed breakfast and lunch.

Just like Jesus turned the water into wine at the Wedding Feast of Cana, let Him turn your marriage into the Sacrament it was meant to be. Deepen your communication, rekindle your romance & renew your Sacrament 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. Follow on Instagram & Facebook! @worldwidemarriageencounter

Week of January 19, 2025

- ◆ Paul the Apostle | The Bible Collection —The church's greatest enemy became Christ's most prolific messenger. Beautifully shot in the Moroccan desert, Paul the Apostle is a sweeping saga of the man who brought the Gospel to the Western world. https://watch.formed.org/videos/thebible-collection-paul-the-apostle
- Mass & Confession—There is infinite grace available in every Mass & confession, but our subjective experience may not reflect this objective reality. We need to switch on. The focus of this episode is unlocking more grace from Mass & confession. https://watch.formed.org/videos/lf-ep2final-katie-ascough-mp4
- Saint Francis de Sales & the Character of a Christian: Devotion (Part 1 of 4)—In this four-part series, Dr. Ben Akers & Dr. Christopher O. Blum sit down to discuss St. Francis de Sales, his best known work "The Introduction to the Devout Life", & the character of a Christian. https:// watch.formed.org/videos/saint-frances-de-sales-and-the-character-of-achristian-part-1-of-4
- Sign up for Formed: GO TO FORMED.ORG, &/OR DOWNLOAD THE FORMED APP. ENTER YOUR ZIP CODE. FIND OUR PARISH

Nebraska Retrouvaille Retreats









Financial Aid Applications Available Dec. 2nd - 23rd

OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL RETREAT HOUSE—Waverly

has weekend retreats for men & women of all ages.

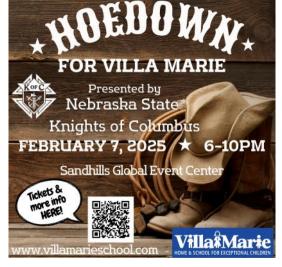
• 4-DAY & 8-DAY IGNATIAN RETREAT options:

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?







...BECOME CHILDREN OF THE LIGHT....

Did you ever wonder why God chose to send His Son to us to become a man, & live & die like us, & so save us? He could have just 'thought' us saved, & it would have happened; no need for God to become a human to save His children for Himself. What does sending His Son tell us about God's plan for us?

We know that God our Father is entirely spiritual, not physical as we are. We do not experience Him with our five senses, unless He appears as a material object such as a burning bush or a dove, described in the Bible. God shows His love for us in creating the beauty of our physical world, but beyond that, He puts into our souls the desire to return to Him; we are lovingly conformed to Him spiritually, at a deeper level than our senses.

Even so, ungratefully, we often turn away from Him, as the temptations of our 'real' world entice us & pull us into sin. In God's omniscience He knew that humans, in their physical world, reacted with great fear, but were susceptible, to powers that were beyond them unto death; and, in love, He sent His Son to become a man, to die as a man, to redeem us from sin & bring us to Himself. "Now since the children share

in blood & flesh, He likewise shared in them, that through death He might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is the devil, & free those who through fear of death had been subject to slavery all their life." (Heb 2:14-15)

With God on earth in "blood & flesh", humans, with all their five senses, were able to see & experience God as a man like them. In their desire for God they were given the opportunity to also spiritually recognize their Creator in this man, Jesus; but because of the free will granted them by God, they could choose to reject Him or accept Him. Large crowds accepted Him as He worked miracles & fed them, however, once He required belief in His words about His Body & Blood, & about His claim to be the Son of God, many left Him.

Even today, in God's plan for us, we are given that choice to reject Him, "You belong to this world, but I do not belong to this world. That is why I told you that you will die in your sins. For if you do not believe that I AM, you will die in your sins." (In 8:23-24), or to follow Him & "become children of the Light....Whoever follows Me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." (8:12)

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



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 year. 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

Join us for the annual



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

> Celebrated by Bishop Hanefeldt



Mass Sponsored by

Saturday, February 1, 2025

10:00 AM Meet on North Side

Walk Sponsored by











IGNITE FOR LIFE

A Pro-Life Gathering for Young Peop

FOLLOWING THE WALK LIFE IN LINCOLN

FEBRUARY IST, 2025

lpm-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 anno

OPEN TO ALL HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE STUDENTS





TO ALL FAMILIES WITH SPECIAL NEEDS **CHILDREN:** You are invited to join the **Catholic Special Needs Parents' Net-**

work. 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).

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE OPPORTUNITY

- Join our Diocese of Lincoln Choir for the pilgrimage & choral opportunity of a lifetime—singing the Mass of the Americas in the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City!
- The Mass of the Americas will be performed in the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City, October 3-9. Composer Frank La Rocca, conductor Richard Carrillo, & celebrant Archbishop Cordileone are part of the trip.
- Registration & first payment are due soon, so if you've been on the fence, now is the time to join! With enough registrants, we will be able to arrange group airfare.
- Non-singers can also register! Bring a friend, spouse, or family member along. Be sure & share this opportunity w/ any other singers you know, even non-Catholic persons, it will be a powerful experience for all! Choir members & their families can register here: https://www.wetravel.com/trips/diocese-oflincoln-festival-choir-mass-of-the-americas-mexico-city-jubilate-tours-50372936

The Diocesan Choir coordinator for this event is Stacy Pfeifer, you can reach out to her directly at stacyleedickes@hotmail.com.

This promises to be a choral & pilgrimage experience of a lifetime!



AROUND OUR PARISH						
PARISH WE	RISH WEEKLY ACTIVITIES: https://stjamescortland.com/					
Tuesday	Jan	21	7:30pm	Young Adult Bible Study [Call Renae (402) 419-4491]	Parish Hall	
Thursday	Jan	23	7:00 pm	Eucharistic Exposition Adoration Hour.	Church	P
Friday	Jan	24	8:00 pm	AA - Hall Reserved	Parish Hall	A
Saturday	Jan	25	6:30 am	That Man Is You	Parish Hall	P
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Each week, we choose what will be done w/ the 168 hours we have available to us.

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

ONE ROSE ONE LIFE ANNUAL PRO-LIFE

CAMPAIGN- St. James Knights of Columbus will take up a 2nd collection at each weekend Mass January 25th & 26th. The proceeds of this collection will go to crisis pregnancy centers such as the Woman's Care Center in Lincoln & the Willow Center in Beatrice. Our *Knights* will match dollar for dollar all funds that are raised so please give generously. Checks can be made out to St. James Knights of Columbus & placed any collection basket if you use the special One Rose One Life envelopes that can be found in the church pews. Take a One Rose One *Life* **prayer card** from a *Knight* after Massto remember to pray for the sanctity of life. KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCHOLARSHIP

APPLICATIONS are now available on the bulletin board in the church vestibule. All **graduating seniors** of *St. James Parish* who are planning on continuing education are encouraged to apply. Completed scholarship applications **due** to Mike Mitchell by **April** 15th so they can be reviewed by the Knights at their April 16th meeting.

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.

*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! All the time!

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.

Stewardship of Treasure

As each one has received a <u>gift</u>, use it to serve one another as good <u>stewards</u>of God's varied grace.(IPt 4:10)

Parish Offering 1/12/25

 Adult Envelopes
 \$880.00

 Plate
 \$335.00

 Total Deposit
 \$1,215.00

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.



WILLOW CENTER BABY SHOWER cradle is set up in the back of the church thru January. All items will be donated to W. C. in Beatrice. Maternity clothing welcome too. Thank you in advance!

PARISH/FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING will be moved to 1/29, 7:00 pm.

Young Adult Bible Study: Tue. evenings. For location. Call Renae M. (402) 419-4491. MASS INTENTIONS for 2025 requests. You can request certain dates. First requests get the date preferred. *Thank you*.

PARISH FIX-UPS- Talk to Fr. Lux.
PLEASE PRAY for Oren H., Randy E., & Ted Fuhrman+.

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.

	part of the process.				May Go			
Liturgica	iturgical Ministers for Sundays & Holy Days of Obligation							
		Jan 18-19	Jan 25-26	Feb 1-2	Feb 8-9			
Sat.	Reader	Diana McCown	Amy Larkins	Ron Eisenbarth	Diana McCown			
5:00 pm	Acolyte	(volunteer)	Kurt Larkins	Randy Eickmeier	(volunteer)			
	Server 1	Braxton Skillett	(volunteer)	(volunteer)	(volunteer)			
	Server 2	Easton Schilbitzki	(volunteer)	(volunteer)	(volunteer)			
Sun.	Reader	Michelle Milke	Joe Vinton	Chris Hytrek	Jerry Lentfer			
8:00 am	Acolyte	Chris Hytrek	Pat Milke	Tony Sullivan	Scott Osterhaus			
	Server 1	Carter Stieb	Liam Dush	Andrew Oelke	Rylan Hochstein			
	Server 2	Asher Stieb	Kyler Beck	Cooper Mason	Reid Hochstein			
	Server 3							
	Server 4							
Sun.	Reader	Shirley Yates	Karl Gramann	Larry Etmund	Ginger Jelinek			
10:30 am	Acolyte	Ron Boden	Ron Eisenbarth	Myron Heusinkvelt	Ron Boden			
	Server 1	Sam Troxel	Hayden Nielson	Brayden Troxel	Max Jacobson			
	Server 2	Mason Henn	Nolan Nielson	Ty Troxel	Finn Jacobson			
	Server 3							
	Server 4							
	Commentator	Paige Anderson	Lydia Dominy	Paige Anderson	Lydia Dominy			
	Collection	Jim Fuhrman /	Randy & Colleen	Julie Pfingsten /	Jeanne Egger /			
	Counters	Theron Troxel	Eickmeier/Amy Argo	Laureen Ehmen	Grace Benes			

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- 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.