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**

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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.



ST. JAMES CHOIR THIS SUNDAY FEB 2ND 8:00 AML

Hi everyone! Here is the music choices for choir this Sunday at 8:00. You are welcome to join us. Hope to see you there! Opening: Christ Be Our Light- #518 in Breaking Bread Issue Offertory: What Child Is This-#824 in St. Michael Hymnal Communion: In His Temple Now Behold Him-#576 in St. Michael Hymn. Closing: God We Praise You- #532 in St Wichael Hymnal



PRESENTATION OF THE LORD FEBRUARY 2, 2025

A light of revelation to the Gentiles, & glory for your people Israel. Luke 2:32

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

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.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEWLY INSTALLED ACOLYTES FOR ST. JAMES: Joseph Vinton & Theron Troxel. Thank you to all who joined the celebration of the Installation Mass at Cathedral of R.C.- Sat., 1/25.

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SJ-	St. Jame	es Church. G		S INTENTIONS Gold Crest Retirement Community-Adams	Mass Readings – Follow the Church's liturgical life. Read scriptures before Mass. Try to join daily Mass.		
		PRE	SENTA	ATION OF THE LORD			
Sat.	Feb 1	5:00 pm	SJ	Ted Fuhrman+	PRESENTATION OF THE LORD F:		
Sun.	Feb 2	8:00 am	SJ	Betty Yonkey+	Mal 3: 1-4/ Ps 24: 7. 8. 9. 10/ Heb 2: 14-18/ Lk 2: 22-40		
		10:30 am	SJ	For the People of St. James Parish			
Mon.	Feb 3	7:00 am	SJ	All Souls Day Intentions +	Ordinary Weekday/ Blase, bp, mt/ Ansgar, bp, ms (4th Week in Ord. Time): Heb 11: 32-40/ Ps 31: 20. 21. 22. 23. 24/ Mk 5: 1-20		
Tue.	Feb 4	7:00 am	SJ	Special Intention (H)	Thomas Aquinas , p, r, dr M: Heb 10: 1-10/ Ps 40: 2 & 4ab. 7-8a. 10. 11/ Mk 3: 31-35		
Wed.	Feb 5	4:00 pm	GCRC	Fr. Anthony Stamitti+	Agatha , v, mt M: Heb 12: 4-7. 11-15/ Ps 103: 1-2. 13-14. 17-18a/ Mk 6: 1-6		
		6:30 pm	SJ	Robert (Bob) Monzingo+			
Thu.	Feb 6	7:00 am	SJ	Ethelreda's Famil	Paul Miki, p,mt, & co., mts M: Heb 12:18-19.21-24/Ps 48:2-3ab.3cd-4. 9.10-11/ Mk 6: 7-13		
Fri.	Feb 7	7:00 am	SJ	Roger Miller +	Ordinary Weekday: Heb 13: 1-8/ Ps 27: 1. 3. 5. 8b-9abc/ Mk 6: 14-29		
Sat.	Feb 8	8:00 am	SJ	Phil & Rita+ Baumel	Ord. Wkdy./ BVM/ Jerome Emiliani , p, rf/ Josephine Bakhita , v: Heb 13: 15-17. 20-21/ Ps 23: 1-3a. 3b-4. 5. 6/ Mk 6: 30-34		
		FIFTH	SUND	AY IN ORDINARY TIME			
Sat.	Feb 8	5:00 pm	SJ	Sidewalk Advocates	FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		
Sun.	Feb 9	8:00 am	SJ	For the People of St. James Parish	Is 6: 1-2a. 3-8/ Ps 138: 1-2. 2-3. 4-5. 7-8 (1c)/ 1 Cor 15: 1-11/ Lk 5: 1-11		
		10:30 am	SJ	Tawny Zach+			



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:

1 Pray for all involved.

Be Educated on Key Bills. **Contact Your Senator.** Spread the Word.

https://necatholic.org/ Sign up for NCC e-mail list.

2 What it can mean family. School Choice:

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"I had no idea how I was going to figure it out, and I had no more hours in the day for another job. I didn't know what I as going to do and I'was going to be faced with kind of that 'Sophie's Choice' of OK, whose education do I take away?

And then I got that email, and I just started crying. It might be small to some people, but for our little family the scholarships were life-changing."

Christina C., parent of scholarship recipients

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

Religious Sisters Vocation Prayer Calendar 2025—Feb 2-8

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

Seminarian Vocation Prayer Calendar 2024-25—Feb 2-8

Caleb Hansen from St. Joseph, Lincoln, NE

Theology 2

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' FEBRUARY 2025 INTENTION: For vocations to the priesthood & religious life- Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires & doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood & religious life.



Jubilee 2025 - Pilgrims of Hope. (2,025th anniversary of the Incarnation of our Lord). Vatican Jubilee 2025 Website: lubilaeum 2025. USCCB website: www.usccb.org/jubilee2025.



Share your hopes and dreams for your parish and the Lincoln Diocese

Register today for a virtual Jubilee Listening Session!

Space is limited to 30 participants per session.

- 1. Monday, Feb. 24, 12-1 p.m. cst
- 2. Monday, March 10, 7-8 p.m. cst
- 3. Wednesday, March 12, 7-8 p.m. cst
- 4. Friday, March 14, 12-1 p.m. cst



listening-session



com/r/80DZTL2

National Eucharistic Preacher Fr. John Burns in Lincoln March 1- Fr. Burns, speaker at events such as SEEK & the National Eucharistic Congress, will present a day conference for the laity called Renew the Bride. the Church 9:30-2:30 at St. Joseph Church-Linc. Sponsored by the School Sisters of Christ the King, the event will include talks as opportunities for discussion w/ women religious of the diocese. For more info to register, visit

by Fr. John Burns, as well

www.cksisters.org/contactus/event

OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL RETREAT HOUSE—Waverly

has weekend retreats for men & women of all ages.

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

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.

Week of February 2, 2025

- ◆ St. Josephine Bakhita: A Story of God's Rescue—Join Sister Imelda as she shares the amazing story of St. Josephine Bakhita, who, after being taken captive & made a slave, finds freedom by giving her life to God. https://watch.formed.org/videos/st-josephine-bakhita-a-story-of-god-
- The Presentation | Episode 5 | Mysteries of the Rosary: The Joyful **Mysteries**—The Presentation is already foreshadowing the Cross. The offering Mary makes at the Presentation in the Temple becomes manifested & reaches its fulfillment at Calvary. https://watch.formed.org/ videos/the-presentation-episode-5-mysteries-of-the-rosary-the-joyfulmysteries
- Bakhita: From Slave to Saint—Originally born in Sudan, Josephine was kidnapped by slavers & was eventually sold to a merchant in Italy. By the grace of God, she lived a heroic life of forgiveness & mercy which led her to become a saint. https://watch.formed.org/videos/bakhita-from-slave-to-
- ◆ Sign up for Formed: GO TO FORMED.ORG,&/OR DOWNLOAD THE FORMED APP. ENTER YOUR ZIP CODE. FIND OUR PARISH

SIDEWALK ADVOCATES FOR LIFE TRAINING will be held in Lincoln on **March 1st**. There have been no abortions at *Planned Parenthood* in Lincoln since March 2024, but they are a referral center & we have been able to redirect pregnant clients to life-affirming care.

Contact Lisa at 402.525.9360 for information or to register.



Are you letting Jesus proclaim the good news to you in your marriage? 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



Discover the possibilities of a marriage lived as God intends it!

Join us for a weekend:

February 14-16, Lincoln, NE September 19-21 Grand Island, NE

Apply online www.wwme.org/apply Worldwide Marriage Encounter 402-370-5839

ive your best life in love

...AN INEFFABLE MYSTERY....

I was reading through a number of meditations this week, glancing from one to another, & losing track of which book they were in or where I found them, & when I had finished, one phrase I read had stuck in my head, but I don't remember its source:

"The Holy Trinity is Power, Wisdom & Love." I know that the Most Holy Trinity is composed of the Father, the Son, & the Holy Spirit, but this phrase replaces the Persons of the Trinity with abstract concepts.

Intrigued by this unfamiliar depiction, I pulled out my Catechism & found Number 258 "...each divine Person (of the Trinity) forms the common work according to His own unique property...one God & Father from whom all things are, & one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom all things are, & one Holy Spirit in whom all things are." This explanation was becoming more familiar to me, but as I read on, I was afraid I would have to agree with Pope St Paul VI: The Trinity

is "an **ineffable mystery**, infinitely beyond all that we can humanly understand".

Even so, driven by my desire to explain "the unfamiliar depiction" above, I kept thumbing through the pages of the *Catechism* trying to find a reference to "power, wisdom & love" of the Trinity. The more I read, the more complex & farther away the answer seemed to be. Finally, after an hour had passed, my mind wrapped around the words, "from", "through", & "in" from Number 258. At last, my poor brain made some sense of it when the simplest answer came to me: FROM the <u>Power</u> of God, the Father, we are created; THROUGH the <u>Wisdom</u> of the Son, the Word, we are taught; & IN the <u>Love</u> of the Holy Spirit, the Giver of Life, we are made full of grace.

From & through & in the Most Holy Trinity, "as God's creatures,...we are are called to be a dwelling for the Triune God". (CCC 260)

The National Catholic
Bioethics Center

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



UPDATED 1/10/25: All parishioners can take advantage of the NCBC's Free Personal

Ethics Consultations, which help patients & their families understand & apply Church teaching to the difficult medical situations they face. Our ethicists are avail. 24/7 online https://www.ncbcenter.org/ask-a-question & by phone (215-877-2660). This service is free of charge. As a member of the consultations team, I can attest to the significant impact we have on the lives of family members who do not know if they should withdraw treatment from their loved ones at the end of life, health care workers who are unsure about participating in certain jobrelated activities, & couples who are seeking guidance on the Church's teaching on reproductive medicine.

Here are links to the bulletin inserts:

- *Living a Catholic Life, "The Anointing of the Sick"
- *Making Sense of Bioethics, "Securing Authentic Children's Rights"
- *Bioethics Public Policy Report

Here are links to the archives of <u>Living a Catholic Life</u>, <u>Making Sense of Bioethics</u>, & <u>NCBC</u> webinars.

FOR VILLA MARIE

Presented by
Nebraska State
Knights of Columbus
FEBRUARY 7, 2025 * 6-10PM
Sandhills Global Event Center

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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

DIOCESE OF LINCOLN CHOIR PILGRIMAGE OPPORTUNITY

- Join our Diocesan 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! Oct. 3-9. Composer Frank La Rocca, conductor Richard Carrillo, & celebrant Archbishop Cordileone.
- Registration & 1st payment are <u>due</u> soon, 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.
 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-of-lincoln-festival-choir-mass-of-the-americas-mexico-city-jubilate-tours-50372936

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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!

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).



EMMAUS INSTITUTE SPRING
COURSES: Registration open, free
course, Theology of the Body, taught
by Dr. John Kincaid. For 1700th anniv.
of the 1st Council of Nicaea, Chad Steiner is teaching a course titled The
Nicene Creed: What Christians Believe & Why It Matters (Tues.). Other
courses include The New Testament
Letters & Revelation (Mons), Elementary Biblical Greek II (Weds), &
Laughing with God: Humor in the
Bible (Thurs). Courses

are either 5 or 12 weeks in length, begin week of Feb. 17 & conclude the week of

5/13. Learn more & register via the QR code or at www.EmmausInstitute.net.

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Tuesday	Feb	4	7:30pm	Young Adult Bible Study [Call Renae (402) 419-4491]	Parish Hall	
Thursday	Feb	6	7:00 pm	Eucharistic Exposition Adoration Hour.	Ondition	Paris
Friday	Feb	7	8:00 pm	AA - Hall Reserved	Parish Hall	Adult
Saturday	Feb	8	6:30 am	That Man Is You	Parish Hall	
Each week , we choose what will be done w/ the 168 hours we have available to us. Buil						

Good <u>stewardship of time</u> means we will share some of that time ψ / God in prayer, praise ϑ thanksgiving, 8 some time caring for the needs of others.

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. 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.

Young Adult BIBLE STUDY: Tue. evenings. For location. Call Renae M. (402) 419-4491. *2025 PCCW CIRCLE LISTS & SCHEDULES WERE E-MAILED BY PRESIDENT DENISE C.

Please let Denise Clements know if you have any changes that should be made to the list.

God is good! All the time! ONE ROSE ONE LIFE ANNUAL PRO-LIFE CAM-

PAIGN- 2nd collection was last weekend. St. James Knights of Columbus will match dollar for dollar all funds that are raised - you may still donate using the special One Rose One Life envelopes found in the church pews& placed the collection basket. Make checks out to St. James Knights of Columbus. The proceeds will go to crisis pregnancy centers such as the Woman's Care Center in Lincoln & the Willow Center in Beatrice. Take a One Rose One Life prayer card from a Knight after Mass to remember to pray for protection of the sanctity of life. Thank You!

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. **THANK YOU** to those who undecorated the church Christmas decorations.

THANK YOU to the PCCW members who helped serve coffee & rolls last weekend after Masses. THANK YOU to all who were at the ProLife Gala.

Total Deposit Online Giving to our parish is easy to get On parish website www.stjamecortland.com click on Visit faithdirect.net/ne1020. OR Call Faith Direct Cust. Serv. at 866-507-8757. Support our mission and

the Pro-Life Mass &/or the Nebraska Walk for Life to stand in prayer & action for the sanctity of life.

started. Ways to sign up:

Online giving. OR

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)

\$865.00

\$253.00

\$7,118.69

\$8,256.69

\$20.00

Parish Offering 1/26/25

Adult Envelopes

January Faith Direct

Building Fund

THANK YOU for helping serve Supper at *Matt* Talbot Kitchen last Thursday.

THANK YOU for helping with the BABY SHOWER for the WILLOW CENTER pregnancy center! THANK YOU FOR WELCOMING BLEST ART Olive Wood Carvings from the Holy Land last weekend. Helping 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.

part of the process									
Liturgical Ministers for Sundays & Holy Days of Obligation									
		Feb 1-2	Feb 8-9	Feb 15-16	Feb 22-23				
Sat.	Reader	Ron Eisenbarth	Diana McCown	Amy Larkins	Ron Eisenbarth				
5:00 pm	Acolyte	Randy Eickmeier	(volunteer)	Kurt Larkins	(volunteer)				
	Server 1	(volunteer)	(volunteer)	Braxton Skillett	(volunteer)				
	Server 2	(volunteer)	(volunteer)	Easton Schilbitzki	(volunteer)				
Sun.	Reader	Chris Hytrek	Jerry Lentfer	Michelle Milke	Joe Vinton				
8:00 am	Acolyte	Tony Sullivan	Scott Osterhaus	Chris Hytrek	Pat Milke				
	Server 1	Andrew Oelke	Rylan Hochstein	Brayden Kuhlman	Simon Robinson				
	Server 2	Cooper Mason	Reid Hochstein	Hudson Kuhlman	Spencer Robinson				
	Server 3								
	Server 4								
Sun.	Reader	Larry Etmund	Ginger Jelinek	Shirley Yates	Karl Gramann				
10:30 am	Acolyte	Myron Heusinkvelt	Ron Boden	Ron Eisenbarth	Myron Heusinkvel				
	Server 1	Brayden Troxel	Max Jacobson	Sam Troxel	Hayden Nielson				
	Server 2	Ty Troxel	Finn Jacobson	Mason Henn	Nolan Nielson				
	Server 3								
	Server 4								
	Commentator	Paige Anderson	Lydia Dominy	Paige Anderson	Lydia Dominy				
	Collection	Julie Pfingsten /	Jeanne Egger /	Jim Fuhrman /	Kassie Ebbers /				
	Counters	Laureen Ehmen	Grace Benes	Theron Troxel	Amy Argo				

Please SIGN UP helps our parish easily & effectively communicate w/ you via VISIT stjamescortland.flocknote.com & follow the instructions, email &/or text. No password or login is required.

prompts to enter your name & email address. Emails will always OR IEXT the word STJAMESCORTLAND to 84576 & follow the come from the address: mail@flocknote.com. You can

unsubscribe at any time. The Diocese of Lincoln pays the cost