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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**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.



SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME + FEBRUARY 16, 2025 Rejoice and be glad; your reward will be great in heaven. Luke 6:23ab

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.



Registration is now open for Catholics at

the Capitol on Wednesday, April 9, at St. Mary's Catholic Church- Lincoln! Opportunity to make your voice heard & directly engage Nebraska's legislative process. Seats are limited & have sold out the last several years! This year, we draw inspiration from the Courage of the Saints. Throughout history, faithful men & women have stepped forward, often against great opposition, to defend truth & justice in the public square. As we face challenges in today's world, we can look to their example for the strength to advocate boldly for policies that protect life, uphold marriage & the family, care for the poor & vulnerable, & promote the common good. Register.

Location: St. Mary's Catholic Church, 14th & K, Lincoln

### What's in Store for the Day?

- Start with coffee, donuts, & networking.
- Hear from state senators, other key elected officials, and experts on key issues, includ-
- Pro-Life Legislation Protecting unborn lives & supporting women.
- School Choice Expanding educational opportunities for families.
- Social Media Regulations Addressing online safety & content moderation for children. (Continued on 3rd page)



#### When & Where: The Date: Wed., 4/9, 2025. Catholics at the Capitol (Contd. From pg. 1) **M**ASS INTENTIONS MASS READINGS - Follow the Church's liturgical life. SJ- St. James Church. GCRC- Gold Crest Retirement Community-Adams Read scriptures before Mass. Try to join daily Mass. SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Sat. Feb 15 5:00 pm SJ Robert (Bob) Monzingo+ SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: Jer 17: 5-8/ Ps 1: 1-2. 3. 4. 6 (40: 5a)/ 1 Cor 15: 12. 16-20/ Lk 6: 17. 20-26 Alfred & Rose Kempkes+ Sun. Feb 16 8:00 am SJ 10:30 am For the People of St. James Parish SJ Ordinary Weekday/ Seven Founders of the Order of Servites, rs: Mon. Feb 17 7:00 am SJ All Souls Day Intentions + Gn 4: 1-15. 25/ Ps 50: 1 and 8. 16bc-17. 20-21/ Mk 8: 11-13 Ordinary Weekday: Gn 6: 5-8; 7: 1-5. 10/ Ps 29: 1a and 2. 3ac-4. 3b and 9c-10/ Mk 8: 14-21 Tue. Feb 18 7:00 am Typo corrections- Matt & Liz Bruggeman Wed. Feb 19 4:00 pm GCRC Sick Persons & All who accompany Ordinary Weekday: Gn 8: 6-13. 20-22/ Ps 116: 12-13. 14-15. 18-19 / Mk 8: 22-26 Tom & Threasa Hoyt & Family SJ 6:30 pm Thu. Feb 20 7:00 am Tony Sramcik [plus 11:15 a Villa Marie Mass Ordinary Weekday: Gn 9: 1-13/ Ps 102: 16-18. 19-21. 29 and 22-23/ Mk 8: 27-33 Roger Miller + Fri. Feb 21 7:00 am Ord. Wkdy./ Peter Damian, bp, dr: Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-11.12-13.14-15/ Mk 8:34-9: 1 Sat. Feb 22 8:00 am SJ **Pope Francis** Chair of Peter, ap F: 1 Pt 5: 1-4/ Ps 23: 1-3a. 4. 5. 6/ Mt 16: 13-19 SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: Sat. Feb 22 5:00 pm Dan Schmidt & Family 1 Sm 26: 2. 7-9. 12-13. 22-23/ Ps 103: 1-2. 3-4. 8. 10. 12-13 (8a)/ Sun. Feb 23 8:00 am For the People of St. James Parish 1 Cor 15: 45-49/ Lk 6: 27-38 10:30 am SJ Ted Fuhrman+

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

Religious Sisters Vocation Prayer Calendar 2025—Feb 16-22

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 16-22

**Derrek Sumner** from *St. John, Lincoln,* NE

College 4

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' 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.* (2,025<sup>th</sup> anniv. of the Incarnation of our Lord). *Vatican* Website: <a href="https://lubilaeum.2025"><u>lubilaeum.2025</u></a>. *USCCB* website: <a href="https://www.usccb.org/jubilee2025"><u>www.usccb.org/jubilee2025</u></a>. "Spes non confundit. Hope does not disappoint." Rom. 5:5

Since we are justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing in the glory of God... Hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us (Rom 5:1-2.5).



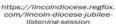
Share your hopes and dreams for your parish and the Lincoln Diocese

## 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







https://www.surveymonkey. com/r/8QDZTL2

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

•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 <u>DESERT DAY</u> 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** <u>DESERT DAY</u> dates: 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 <a href="https://bit.ly/CatholicMan">https://bit.ly/CatholicMan</a> 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 16, 2025

- Personal Apostolate—Every Catholic is called to share their faith and there are simple, easy ways to do this. No megaphones needed. Just start the journey of discipleship with two friends. This episode's focus is sharing our faith with others. <a href="https://watch.formed.org/videos/lf-ep5-final-katie-ascough-mp4">https://watch.formed.org/videos/lf-ep5-final-katie-ascough-mp4</a>
- ◆ <u>Saint Peter</u>—Watch the epic story of the spread of Christianity during the early years of the Church. This film follows the journey of St. Peter through his martyrdom on a cross. <a href="https://watch.formed.org/videos/saint-peter">https://watch.formed.org/videos/saint-peter</a>
- ♦ Peter: Keys to Following Jesus by Tim Gray—Renowned scholar Dr. Tim Gray masterfully guides you through the tumultuous and inspiring life of Peter—from his call to discipleship to his eventual martyrdom in Rome. Using Sacred Scripture and tradition, Dr. Gray highlights important lessons from Peter's life. https://watch.formed.org/videos/peter-keys-to-following-jesus-bytim-gray
- ◆ Sign up for Formed: GO TO FORMED.ORG,&/OR DOWNLOAD THE FORMED APP. ENTER YOUR ZIP CODE. FIND OUR PARISH

Renew the Bride, the Church a Day Retreat with Father John Burns and Women Religious of the Diocese



FRIENDS of the BRIDEGROOM

#### 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 by Fr. John Burns, as well as opportunities for discussion w/ women religious of the diocese. For more info/to register, visit www.cksisters.org/contact-us/event

2025

Upcoming Nebraska Retrouvaille Retreats





Blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD, whose hope is the LORD. Trust the Lord to strengthen and enrich your marriage.

The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience is. 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 <a href="https://www.wwme.org">www.wwme.org</a>. Follow on Instagram & Facebook!

@worldwidemarriageencounter



# Discover the possibilities of a marriage lived as God

intends it! Please pray for those on Marriage Encounter in Lincoln this weekend! 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

live your best life in love

wwme.org

#### ...DID YOU TRY?...

Recently I was going through some old papers that I found in cleaning out my filing cabinet. Opening one folded page, this excerpt from an old speech by Representative Henry Hyde caught my interest.

When the time comes as it surely will, when we face that awesome moment, the final judgment, I've often thought, as (Bishop) Fulton Sheen wrote, that it is a terrible moment of loneliness. You have no advocates, you are there alone standing before God and a terror will rip through your soul like nothing you can imagine. But I really think that those in the pro-life movement will not be alone. I think there will be a chorus of voices that have never been heard in this world but are heard beautifully and clearly in the next world and they will plead for everyone who has been in this movement. They will say to God "Spare him because he loved us," and God will look at you and say not, "Did you succeed?" but "Did you try?"

Henry Hyde was a legendary 'lion' for the pro-life movement, highly esteemed for courageously introducing the Hyde Amend-



#### **SPRING 2025 CAMPAIGN:**

March 5-April 13

TAKE PART IN 40 DAYS FOR LIFE IN LINCOLN: Prayer vigil location:

Planned Parenthood 5631 South 48th Street

- Vigil hours: 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM daily
- Contact: Catherine Turner, 402,202,1614
- Learn more, get involved, and sign up for prayer times by visiting our campaign at the web address below!

40daysforlife.com/Lincoln



We need both sidewalk advocates and prayer partners for our ministry!

#### Join us for our next Sidewalk Advocacy Training

Saturday, March 1 | 11:00 AM-5:00 PM

There is a \$15 fee to cover the cost of the workbook and training expenses.



Please register in advance: Contact Lisa McInerney: lisapal24@aol.com or 402.525.9360

sidewalkadvocates.org

2025 Pro Life Poster & Essay Contest info. is avail. HERE. (ALSO- Printed Fliers by the Sacred Heart Statue in link btwn. St. J. 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

vou! 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-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!

ment, and successfully working for its passage. This Amendment prohibits federal funds from being used for abortion in most cases, and has saved at least 2.5 million lives since it was passed in Congress in 1976. As a member of the House of Representatives, he used his unique power and position, because of his love of God and neighbor, to save the lives of so many of God's innocent, preborn children.

So, as we watch our newly elected Senators and Representatives in our nation's capitol, may our expectations and prayers support them as they "try" to fulfill their duty toward God and their country by the passage of just and moral laws; and that they will emulate the example of Henry Hyde to take up and hold positions, at times contrary to public opinion, but in faithfulness with God's plan for the common good. May they respond along with the

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send/ Who will go for us?"

"Here I am," I said, "Send me!" (Is 6:8)

Love in the Spirit. -Diana - Parish Eucharistic Revival Point Person

- Stand with Women Act Support female-only spaces & opportunities.
- Anti-Poverty Legislation Providing sensible legal structures that lift people & families out of poverty.
- Immigration Policy Ensuring that our migrant communities are supported.



State Senator to discuss these critical issues.

Watch floor debates live at the Nebraska State Capitol.

Close the day with our Lord in prayer!

Your presence makes a difference! Whether you're new to advocacy or a seasoned pro, Catholics at the Capitol equips you with the knowledge & confidence to stand up for our shared values.

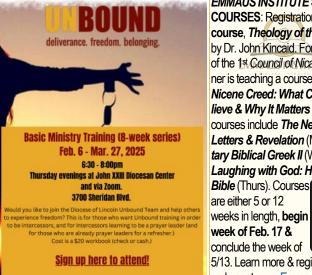
We can't wait to see you there!

Mary, Mother of Jesus. Pray for us.

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

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).



Contact unbound.lincoln@gmail.com or 402-473-0620

**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

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

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Tuesday	Feb	18	7:30pm	Young Adult Bible Study [Call Renae (402) 419-4491]	Parish Hall	varied gräce.
Wednesday	Feb	19				Parish Offering 2/
Wednesday	Feb	19	7:00pm	Knights of Columbus Mtg—Rosary at 7pm; Mtg at 7:30	Parish Hall	Adult Envelopes
Thursday	Feb	20		Eucharistic Exposition Adoration Hour.	Church	Plate
Friday	Feb	21	8:00 pm	AA - Hall Reserved	Parish Hall	Southern NE Register
Saturday	Feb	22	10:00am			Total Deposit
Saturday	Feb	22	6:30 am	That Man Is You	Parish Hall	ONLINE GIVING TO OUR
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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. POWERSURGE & POWERUP is THIS Wednesday, Feb 19. Meal starts at 5:45 pm in the church hall. Fun & Faith for Youths lasts

until 7:00 pm.

**WORLD MARRIAGE WEEK 2025**: The *PCCW* has a gift for each MARRIED COUPLE this weekend. CATHOLIC PRESS MONTH is February. The Diocese of Lincoln, the Southern Nebraska Register, annual subscription online is \$25.00. Our parish is billed \$15 per registered household. Please Consider donating for your subscription & an additional amount to support our parish & diocesanwide effort to place the **SNR** in all Catholic households. Please make checks payable to "St. James Catholic Church". Write "Catholic Press" or "Southern Nebraska Register" in the memo line. Thank you. ST. ANN'S CIRCLE will host COFFEE & ROLLS on February 23, with the FYS card party between morning Sunday Masses.

**THANK YOU** to the women who gathered for the February PCCW with fellow parish women. **PCCW SCHOLARSHIPS APPLICATIONS** are on the bulletin board. All graduating high school **seniors** are encouraged to fill one out & give it to Denise Clements by April 6. Thanks! **LADIES OF THE PARISH** - Reminder to please pay your **2025 PCCW dues** \$10 for each registered woman 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. Thank you.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICA-**TIONS** are on the bulletin board in the church vestibule. All **graduating seniors** of St. James Parish who plan on continuing education are encouraged to apply. Completed scholarship apps. are **due** to Mike Mitchell by April 15<sup>th</sup> so they can be reviewed by the Knights at their April 16<sup>th</sup> meeting.

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 2/09/25 Adult Envelopes \$2,155.00 \$84.25 Plate

> 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.

\$75.00 \$2,314.25



THANK YOU TO ALL who have completed the Safe Environment Training & Background Check for your service in our parish to continue protecting all of God's precious children. 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. God is good! All the time!

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 Obligation									
		Feb 15-16	Feb 22-23	March 1-2	March 8-9				
Sat.	Reader	Amy Larkins	Ron Eisenbarth	Diana McCown	Amy Larkins				
5:00 pm	Acolyte	Kurt Larkins	(volunteer)	(volunteer)	Kurt Larkins				
	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	Joe Vinton				
	Server 1	Brayden Kuhlman	Simon Robinson	Jax Peterson	Carson Eickmeier				
	Server 2	Hudson Kuhlman	Spencer Robinson	Drake Peterson	Parker Eickmeier				
	Server 3								
	Server 4								
Sun.	Reader	Shirley Yates	Karl Gramann	Larry Etmond	Ginger Jelinek				
10:30 am	Acolyte	Ron Eisenbarth	Myron Heusinkvelt	Ron Boden	Ron Eisenbarth				
	Server 1	Sam Troxel	Hayden Nielson	Brady 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 /	Kassie Ebbers /	Julie Pfingsten /	Jeanne Egger /				
	Counters	Theron Troxel	Amy Argo	Laureen Ehmen	Lori Johnson				

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prompts to enter your name & email address. Emails will always OR TEXT 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