

AROUND OUR PARISH					
PARISH WEEKLY ACTIVITIES: https://stjamescortland.com/					
Tuesday	Apr 1	7:30 pm	Young Adult Bible Study (Call Renae at 402-419-4491)	Parish Hall	
Thursday	Apr 3	6:30 pm	Eucharistic Exposition Adoration Hour	Church	
Thursday	Apr 3	7:30pm	Adult Lenten Study—Into His Likeness	Parish Hall	
Friday	Apr 4	8:00 pm	AA— Hall Reserved	Parish Hall	
Saturday	Apr 5	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. 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 .					

MAGNIFICAT MAGAZINE ORDER TIME. This is your **last chance**. Please sign up to get a copy for yourself at a lower cost thru our bulk order. There is a signup sheet in the church entry. Pick regular print or **large print**.

CONFESSIONAL RENOVATION *Hinds-Dickey-Muir* are **renovating the confessional installing a dividing wall between the priest & penitent & a new entrance door for the priest**. **Thank you** to Josh Stoller of *Stoller Electric* for rerouting a conduit on very short notice. Thank you to the anonymous donor of \$6,000 for this project.

EASTER LILY DONATIONS envelopes are at the back of the church. \$10 donation to help decorate our church for Easter. You may indicate ‘In honor of” or “In memory of” someone.

PCCW SCHOLARSHIP BREAKFAST needs different **items donated**. Please **sign up** on the list at the back of church. Breakfast will be Sun., **April 6th**. We will **only serve between the 1st & 2nd Masses** this year. If you have any questions, please contact Cindy Price. Thank you.

HELP CLEAN our CHURCH for EASTER: April 11 & 12. Ladies of the parish please check **your email for a Signup Genius** to help make the church beautiful for Easter! Men & youth are welcome too.

REMINDER– All ladies of the parish are members of our **PCCW**. Please give \$10 if you haven't . The money will help to pay for a variety of expenses

for the altar & our CCD students. Thank you! **PCCW SCHOLARSHIPS APPLICATIONS** are on the bulletin board. All **graduating hi. Sch. seniors** are encouraged to fill 1 out & give it to Denise Clements by **April 6**. Thanks!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS are due to Mike Mitchell by **4/15**.

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

THANK YOU to those who served coffee & rolls last Sunday morning.

EASTER MEAL BASKETS: **Thank you** to the parish-ioners who have signed up to provide **10 baskets** this year for needy families thru the *Shepherd of the Hills Church Food Pantry*. Drop off baskets at SOTH on **Sat., 4/19**, from **8a & Noon**.

DONATE FOR THE BUILDING EXPANSION through the



God is good! All the time!


Stewardship of Treasure	
As each one has received a gift , use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace . (1Pt 4:10)	
Parish Offering 3/23/25	
Adult Envelopes	\$1,000.00
Loose Plate	\$607.00
Building Fund	\$20.00
Southern NE Register	\$30.00
March Faith Direct	\$7,247.18
Total Deposit	\$8,904.18

Online Giving to our parish is easy.

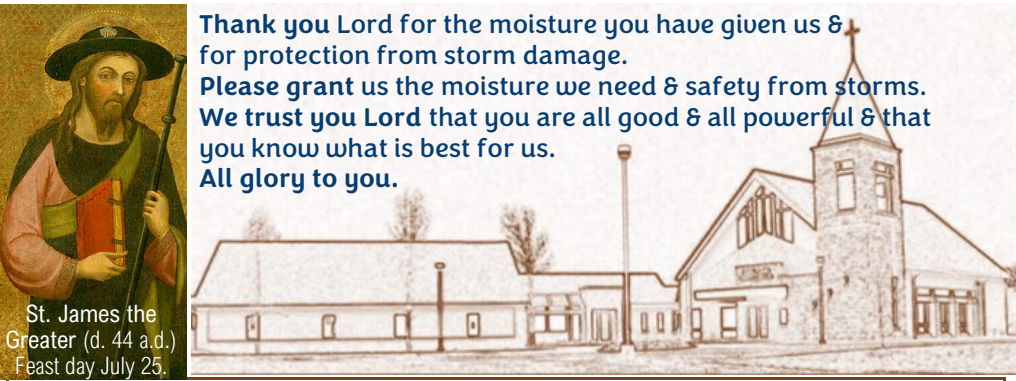
During Lent we are reminded to develop a more conscious spiritual life & share what we have with those in need. One practical way to achieve this goal is to make the change to *eGiving* for your parish support. You can use our **parish's online giving platform, Faith Direct**, to deepen your commitment to the church & the ministries you care about most. Your recurring gifts will sustain our mission month after month. You will also help our parish cut costs for envelopes & paper & allow our staff to spend less time processing cash & checks & more time on ministries.

Sign up today at faith.direct/NE1020 or call *FD* Customer Service team– 866-507-8757.

See our website at www.stjamecortland.com.




Can help our parish **easily & effectively communicate w/ you** via **email** &/or **text**. No password or login required. Please **SIGN UP:** **VISIT stjamescortland.flocknote.com** & 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**. You can unsubscribe at any time. The *Diocese of Lincoln* pays the cost



Thank you Lord for the moisture you have given us & for protection from storm damage. **Please grant us the moisture we need & safety from storms. We trust you Lord that you are all good & all powerful & that you know what is best for us. All glory to you.**

Fourth Sunday of Lent + March 30, 2025	
I will get up & go to my Father & shall say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven & against you. -Luke 15:18	
Sunday Masses: Saturday 5:00 pm Sunday 8:00 am & 10:00 am	Holy Day of Obligation Masses: See the current bulletin. Weekday Masses: Check the current bulletin for changes. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday @ 7:00 am. Wednesday @ 6:30 pm. Saturday @ 8:00 am.
Confessions 30 minutes before Sunday & Holy Day Masses. 20 minutes before Weekday Mass. Also by appointment. Call to schedule 308.991.4991	
CCD (Religious Education)- Sundays 9:00 to 10:15 am during the school year. Kindergarten thru 8th Grades in Parish Hall. High School Class in North Building.	



PILGRIMAGE TO ST. ANTHONY CATHOLIC CHURCH IN STEINAUER, NE for the **JUBILEE OF HOPE 2025** on **Sunday, April 6**. Meet there at **3:00 pm. Carpool from St. James – Cortland at 2:00 pm**. Tour the *Convent House Bed & Breakfast* at Steinauer. **Option to eat a light meal there for \$10!**
Sign up now in the church vestibule.

Stations of the Cross

Fridays, 4:30 pm, thru 4/11. Perfect Lenten devotion. Bring the family. Bring a friend.

Everyone is welcome.
Way of the Cross (Via Crucis) meditations book-lets are in the vestibule for your private use also. Check out digital versions avail. on apps/online.



THANK YOU all who participated in the **Building Expansion Planning meeting**. Check out the posters on the Parish Hall wall summarizing ideas submitted. **You can get 6 stickers to vote for the priority needs.**

PASSOVER-TYPE SUPPER ON PALM SUNDAY IN ST. JAMES PARISH HALL. **April 13, 6:00 pm.** Enjoy special foods including lamb, bitter herbs, sweet bits, etc. There is a **sign-up sheet in the Church Vestibule**. Plan to join us. Learn about the meal that Jesus changed into the Mass. The Last Supper was the first Eucharist.

Join us for the annual **Catholics at the Capitol** on **Wednesday, April 9, 8:00 am** at *St. Mary's Catholic Church* in downtown **Lincoln**! This is an opportunity to live out your faith in action by advocating for policies that protect life, uphold family values, & promote justice for the common good. The day includes discussions with state senators, expert panels on key issues, & a visit to the *Nebraska State Capitol*. Wear red to show Catholic unity! Tickets are just \$15, covering breakfast, lunch, & refreshments. **Register by April 2nd at necatholic.org.**



Liturgical Ministers for Sundays & Holy Days of Obligation					
		March 29-30	April 5-6	April 12-13 <i>Palm Sunday</i>	April 19— 8:30pm Easter Vigil
Saturday 5:00 pm	Reader	Amy Larkins	Ron Eisenbarth	Ron Eisenbarth/Diana McCown	Michelle Milke/Diana McCown
	Acolyte	Kurt Larkins	(<i>Volunteer</i>)	(<i>Volunteer</i>)/(Volunteer)	(<i>Volunteer</i>)/(Volunteer)
	Server 1	(<i>Volunteer</i>)	(<i>Volunteer</i>)	(<i>Volunteer</i>)/(Volunteer)	(<i>Volunteer</i>)/(Volunteer)
	Server 2	(<i>Volunteer</i>)		(<i>Volunteer</i>)/(Volunteer)	
					April 20—<i>Easter Sunday</i>
Sunday 8:00 am	Reader	Chris Hytrek	Jerry Lentfer	Jerry Lentfer/Joe Vinton	Ginger Jelinek
	Acolyte	Pat Milke	Tony Sullivan	(<i>Volunteer</i>)/(Volunteer)	(<i>Volunteer</i>)
	Server 1	Andrew Oelke	Rylan Hochstein	(<i>Volunteer</i>)	(<i>Volunteer</i>)
	Server 2	Cooper Mason	Reid Hochstein	(<i>Volunteer</i>)	(<i>Volunteer</i>)
	Server 3			(<i>Volunteer</i>)	(<i>Volunteer</i>)
	Server 4			(<i>Volunteer</i>)	
Sunday 10:30 am	Reader	Ginger Jelinek	Shirley Yates	Chris Hytrek/Larry Etmund	Shirley Yates
	Acolyte	Ron Boden	Myron Heusinkvelt	(<i>Volunteer</i>)/(Volunteer)	(<i>Volunteer</i>)
	Server 1	Brady Troxel	Max Jacobson	(<i>Volunteer</i>)	(<i>Volunteer</i>)
	Server 2	Ty Troxel	Finn Jacobson	(<i>Volunteer</i>)	(<i>Volunteer</i>)
	Server 3			(<i>Volunteer</i>)	(<i>Volunteer</i>)
	Server 4			(<i>Volunteer</i>)	
		Commentator	Paige Anderson	Lydia Dominy	Paige Anderson
		Collection Counters	Julie Pfingsten/ Laureen Ehmen	Jeanne Egger/ Lori Johnson	Jim Fuhrman/ Theron Troxel
					Kassie Ebbbers/ Amy Argo

Jubilee Pilgrimage to Canada & Eastern US– Fr. Joseph Steele is leading this pilgrimage September 29 – October 8. This tour includes *Quebec City, Montreal, Albany NY, Stockbridge MA, Niagara Falls*, & more. Go to [https:// executivetravel.com/etihome/vacation/ escorted-tours/](https://executivetravel.com/etihome/vacation/escorted-tours/) under the Vacation/Escorted Tours & scroll down to September for the official brochure, itinerary, & costs. Contact Barb Wallingford (402-430-5811) or call Executive Travel (402-435-8888) for more info or to sign up. It will fill quickly so don't delay!

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


Religious Sisters Vocation Prayer

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

Seminarian Vocation Prayer Calendar 2024-25— March 30-April 5

Thomas Rajewski from Theology 1 Mount St. Mary Seminary Sacred Heart, Lincoln

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

 flocknote

Sign up to get Catholic Diocese of Lincoln event updates via flocknote. <https://lincolndiocese.flocknote.com/>

"In The Upper Room" ~ A HOLY HOUR TO PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS ~ Thursday, April 3, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Chapel at John XXIII Diocesan Center~ spon. by MAGNIFICAT of Lincoln. Join us to pray for our Diocesan Priests before Jesus in His Most Blessed Sacrament in Exposition & Adoration. Praying for our Priest is the 5th Objective of the *Magnificat* Ministry. Fr. Robert Barnhill, our Spiritual Advisor, will preside & Sister Marie Day, *Schoenstatt* Sister of Mary, will lead us in a meditation on the Priesthood. The rosary will be prayed together & there will be silent personal prayer time. Material will be avail. for purchase to assist you in praying for our Priests from *Gloria Deo*, along with free material from *Magnificat*, *Seven Sisters Apostolate*, *Schoenstatt*, & other sources. Please contact *Magnificat* Coordinator Rhonda Litt by text at 402.525.6396, or call & leave a message for further info.



HOLY HOUR Friday, April 4, 2025 at 7:15 pm will be held at the **Pink Sisters' Chapel, 1040 So. Cotner Blvd.** Singing will be led by the **Immaculate Heart of Mary Church Singers.** Please help us **pray for good vocations for our Diocese.**

Mary, Sorrowful Mother. Pray for us.
St. Joseph. Pray for us.

St. James the Greater. Pray for us.

Holy Week Retreat

with the Marian Sisters

Private silent retreat for single women ages 19-32

marian-vocationscd@diocese.net 402-786-2705

OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL RETREAT HOUSE- Situated amongst the rolling hills of eastern Nebraska, we offer the ideal atmosphere for a peaceful & fruitful time of recollection & deep prayer. Just as Jesus instructs His disciples to escape the noise of the world & “come away to a deserted place & rest awhile,” (Mk. 6:31) so, too, does He invite you to retreat in a



April 4 - 6

April 11 - 13

Flexible Dates

April 17 - 19

April 25

April 30 - May 8

Back to the Garden Women's Retreat

Compassion in the Passion

Ignatian Retreat: 4-Day, 5-Day Holy Week Apr 13-17

Holy Week Retreat for Young Women

Desert Day Fri. (Feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel)

Ignatian Retreat: 8-Day (& 4 Days) April 30-May 8

w/ Sarina Stokes & Fr. Cole Kennett

w/ Fr. John Rooney

w/ Fr. Gary Coulter & Matt Simmons

w/ Marian Sisters of the Diocese of Lincoln

w/ Fr. Gary Coulter & Fr. Christopher Barak

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



FINAL LAITY VIRTUAL LISTENING SESSIONS!

If you haven't signed up for one previously, please sign up now. We want to hear your thoughts about the future of our diocese.

Space is limited to 30 participants per session.

Remaining sessions with openings:

- Friday, March 21, 7-8 p.m. [cor](https://lincolndiocese.org/lincoln-diocese-jubilee-listening-session)
- Saturday, March 29 10-11 a.m. [cor](https://lincolndiocese.org/lincoln-diocese-jubilee-listening-session)
- Saturday, April 12 3-4 p.m. [cor](https://lincolndiocese.org/lincoln-diocese-jubilee-listening-session)



<https://lincolndiocese.org/lincoln-diocese-jubilee-listening-session>

Comment form if unable to attend: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/9QDQ7L2>

ONE BOOK + ONE DIOCESE

Featuring Four Books by Fr. Jacques Philippe

BOOK DISCUSSION EVENINGS:
"Time for God" April 3 in Holdrege with Fr. Jay Buhman
"Searching for and Maintaining Peace" June 13 in Seward with Fr. Ben Holdren
"Fire & Light" August 26 in David City with Fr. Adam Sughroue
"Interior Freedom" November 21 in Lincoln with Fr. Ryan Kaup

Book discussions will also be available on the Catholic Diocese of Lincoln YouTube channel

A bundle of all books is available at Gloria Deo in Lincoln



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...GOD WALKING ABOUT IN THE GARDEN...
A REVERIE OF THREE GARDENS

On the east side of our house, the side of the morning sunrise, lies my herb garden, the **GARDEN OF GREENGLADE**, the name of our homeplace. Growing in seven raised beds are traditional herbs, along with a variety of flowering plants. Stepping stones, picturing roses, the sun, & the moon, are set in the limestone paths between the beds. The garden is surrounded by a weathered picket fence, bordered on the south by two giant spruce trees; a pool in the corner, with shimmering gold fish, reflects the dappled sunlight, & on the north side sits my small greenhouse, built for me by my loving husband. Near by are three peach trees, & the white statue of an angel, with wings folded, guarding the gate with a benign & loving gaze. My secluded garden is nestled in the space alongside our tree-lined lane & our home. Needless to say, I am the gardener & this is both my work space & my joyous space, dedicated to my mother, Emily, who taught me the Latin names of the plants, & never 'met' a plant she couldn't grow.

A garden is a lovesome thing. God knows! + Rose plot, fringed pool, ferned grot, The veriest school of Peace; + And yet the fool contends that God is not + Not God in gardens! when the eve is cool? + Nay, but I have a sign; 'Tis very sure God walks in mine. (T.E. Brown)

In a place unknown on the earth, lies the Garden of Paradise, Eden. From the beginning, created by God in six days, it contains the plants, animals, all living things, & finally man, formed by the loving God, from the dust of the earth. Through

it flows a peaceful river, watering the plants, as they grow in beautiful ways, bordering the natural paths winding through Eden. Also “growing forth from the ground are all manner of trees, fair to behold & pleasant to eat of: the tree of life (is) also in the midst of Paradise, & the tree of knowledge of good & evil.” (*Douay Bible*) The gardener of Paradise is the man, Adam. He walks with God through the garden, enjoying the beauty of this gift of his Creator Father. Adam was given several commands by God: to cultivate the garden & to care for it; & to enjoy the fruit from every tree, except the tree “of knowledge of good & evil"! After disobeying His command, God cast Adam & his wife, Eve out of the garden. An angel came to the gate of the garden, & stood with a “flaming sword” to prevent Adam's return to the Garden of Paradise.

...they heard the sound of the Lord God walking about in the garden at the breezy time of the day. (Gen1:8-9,15,8)

Near Jerusalem, on a barren hillside, stands the **GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE**. The beauty of the garden is not flowering plants & flowing streams, but grey-leaved, rough-barked Olive trees, growing from the rocky soil & boulders at the foot of the Mount of Olives, east of the Kidron valley. Many of the trees are ancient, with gnarled & twisted trunks, crookedly supporting twining branches with sparse numbers of greenish olives hanging down. The newer trees have sleek, smooth trunks, & strong young branches reaching straight toward Heaven, not yet laden with olives. The olive fruit is not edible directly from the tree, being hard, acrid & sour. It takes the weight of the olive press or soaking in brine to create good food.

Often needing the solace offered by a garden,

Jesus had come to kneel & pray under the canopy of the olive trees in the past. This time He came to beseech his Father to strengthen Him in the sacrifice He must make for all mankind; a sacrifice, likened to the weight of the olive press, assuming the crushing weight of multitudinous sins from all generations of the world, to save the souls whom God loves & has created.

Jesus is comforted by the nighttime scent of the olive trees in the garden....filling his spirit, as the heat of the day leaves the soil & the cooling night air brings a sense of peace, before the great suffering soon to take place. “And to strengthen Him, an angel of Heaven appeared to Him.” (Lk 22:43) He is the second, & final, Adam, Who is the Christ, obediently honoring His Father's will; Who will be flogged, tortured in body & spirit, crowned with thorns, forced to carry His own cross, & crucified, with nails driven into His hands & feet....and finally, death.

...Jesus went out with his disciples across the Kidron valley to where there was a garden into which he & his disciples entered. (Jn 18:1)

There is fourth garden, the **GARDEN OF THE RESURRECTION**. Jesus rose from the dead, & opened the Gates of Heaven, redeeming all repentant sinners who love God & will now spend Eternity loving Him in Paradise, the garden of Heaven.

But Mary stayed outside the tomb, weeping....Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” She thought it was the gardener & said to him, “Sir, if you carried him away, tell me where you laid him, & I will take him.”

Jesus said to her, “Mary!”

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

We are excited to invite you to join us for the **2ND ANNUAL DAWSON SCRAMBLE!** Mark your calendars for **Wednesday, June 18, at Woodland Hills Golf Course, 9 a.m. shotgun start** for a day of fun, fellowship, & fundraising! **Sponsorship Opportunities Available!** To sign up your team or explore sponsorship opportunities, simply click below! Spots are limited, so reserve yours early at <https://events.golfstatus.com/event/2025-villa-marie-school-golf-tournament>. Support **Villa Marie School**.

HEALING HEARTS: A six-week session helping Catholics navigate through the grieving process after experiencing the loss of a loved one will be held **Apr. 22-May 27, 2025**. Sessions are led by Sandy Danek & family therapist Holly Burns, who both have many years' experience assisting individuals. Contact the Office of Family Life to register at 402-473-0620 (Suggested donation of \$25 covers materials)

Dr. Ray to Tour Nebraska

A familiar name to Spirit Catholic Radio listeners is coming to Nebraska this June. Catholic speaker, host of “The Dr. Is In” radio show, author, and family therapist, Dr. Ray Guarendi, will give four different talks at four stops in the state including:

- St. Agnes | Scottsbluff (June 2)
- St. Patrick | North Platte (June 3)
- St. Michael | Hastings (June 4)
- Pius X Catholic High School | Lincoln (June 5)



Tickets will be available in mid-April at spiritcatholicradio.com

FATHER/SON PROGRAM

For 9-13 year old girls (Must be accompanied by their mother or other supportive adult female)

SATURDAY, APRIL 5, 2025 2:30-5:30 PM

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH 6120 MORRILL AVE., LINCOLN, NE

<https://lincolndiocese.org/lincoln-diocese-jubilee-listening-session>

IN HIS IMAGE

Saturday, April 12, 2025 St. Joseph Catholic Church 1940 S. 77th St. 10:00 am-3:00 pm \$20 per person

Includes expanded program and lunch! <https://www.lincolndiocese.org/family/chastity-education-programs>

The **LINCOLN BIKE KITCHEN** has volunteers who refurbish donated bikes, giving them to low income adults & kids who need a bike. Refugee families from Catholic Social Services, Matt Talbot Kitchen clients & many others benefit. But they are in desperate need of donated bikes. Got a bike that's not in use? Please consider donating at 308 S 21st on Mon 9-11:30 & 5-7:30; Tues 9-11:30; Wed 1-4pm; Thurs 5-7:30 pm or contact: info@LincolnBikeKitchen.org



Ignite the Fire FESTIVAL

Save the date! Saturday June 21, 2025

More info at: <https://goodcounselretreat.org/ignite>

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*Food Trucks

*Speakers & much more

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