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Thank you! Direct questions to Liz K. & Denise C. Assistance signing up avail. in the Church entry after some Masses. To sign up scan the QR code or go to www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4EA5A82AA0F8CF8-54829665-stjames.

Totus Tuus will be June 14-20. See back page for info 4 to register.

May we also prieve for our sins, and win the grace of your pardon,

through Christ Our Lord Amen. St. Monice & St. Augustine. Pray for us?

through the intercension of

this loving saint.

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

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POPE FRANCIS' 2025 MONTHLY INTENTION FOR MAY-

For working conditions. Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfilment, families might be sustained in dignity, & that society might be humanized.



Charity and Stewardship Appeal 2025

CHARITY & STEWARDSHIP APPEAL 2025 is here. Pledge cards are in the entryway of church. Please stop & pledge/sign your card. Pray for CSA 2025. If you are new to the parish & don't find a card printed with your name fill in a blank card available.

Thank you to all for past support & ahead of time for support this year.

Blessed Mother Mary. Pray for us. St. Joseph. Pray for us. St. James the Greater. Pray for us.

MARQUETTE MODEL OF NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING- Experience the benefits of combining modern technology with the science of natural family planning. Marguette Model offers greater objectivity & confidence in tracking fertility. Group & Private sessions avail. Self-paced online course, learn at your own convenience. For more info, visit FeminineGeniusMinistries.com.

THE POWER OF A PRAYING MOTHER May 9-10 Motherhood is both beautiful & challenging, sustained by the power of prayer. The Power of a Praying Mother retreat, led by Natalie Gifford & Kristin Schiff of Women at the Well, offers women a chance to step away & renew their faith. This **24-hour retreat** will equip women with spiritual tools to intercede for their families through Marian devotion & the wisdom of saintly mothers. To register, go to https://goodcounselretreat.org/ rt/117/the-power-of-a-praving-mother/?blm_aid=59077

UPCOMING DESERT DAYS: Tuesday, May 20. Day includes meditation, spiritual reading, rest, & outdoor time, avoiding over-planning or personal busyness. Arrive by 9 AM & depart in the afternoon at your convenience. A \$20 dona-

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 April 30 - May 8 Ignatian Retreat: 8-Day (& 4 Days) May 9-10 The Power of a Praying Mother May 16-23 Ignatian Retreat: 8-Day (& 4 Days)

This Week On Formed-Week of May 04, 2025 St. Damien of Molokai | Catholic Saints- St. Damien was born in

Belgium but spent most of his life ministering to lepers in Molokai, Hawaii. An incredible example of holiness, he dedicated his whole life to spreading the Gospel. Sit down with Dr. James Prothro & Mary



McGeehan as they discuss the life & witness of this great saint. https://watch.formed.org/videos/st-damien-of-molokai-catholic-saints

Lectio: Salvation- At every Sunday Mass, Catholics confess that Jesus came down from heaven "for us men & for our salvation." But what does "salvation" mean? In this remarkable 10-part video series, Scripture scholar & theologian Michael Patrick Barber provides a thorough, deeply Catholic, & deeply biblical, answer, https://watch.formed.org/videos/lectio-salvation-promo

Eastertide Special | The Annie Moses Show- Patterned after

classic variety shows, The Annie Moses Show brings together a musical family of singers, players, actors, & creators, unified under one mission: to declare the truth, beauty, & goodness of God.



https://watch.formed.org/videos/the-annie-moses-show-eastertide The Regina caeli (O Queen of Heaven) is traditionally said or sung after night prayer, before going to sleep & in place of the Angelus throughout Eastertide.

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tions. OR TEXT "STJAMESCORTLAND" to 84576

Ignite the Fire Festival

Sat., June 21st The Oaks Amphitheater 13611 Pioneers Blvd, Walton. 4:00 PM- Outdoor Mass & Corpus Christi Procession, Confessions, Adoration. & **Prayer Teams**

5^{:00 PM} on–Live Music, & Food Trucks, Fireside Chats w/ Sarina Stokes & Fr. Hall of North Americar

tion incl. lunch, or \$50 for a private room (advance registration required for the room). No pre-registration is needed Martyrs, Local unless reserving a private space. Call 402-786-2705 with Christian Venquestions! Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House. dors. Bounce

But when morning arrived, Jesus stood on

the shore. Yet the disciples did not realize it

was Jesus. Do you recognize Jesus work-

ing in your marriage? Come & experience

His loving mercy on the next Worldwide Mar-

riage Encounter Experience on: Sept. 19-21,

Grand Island, NE. For questions, feel free to

contact: Brenda & Gary Granger: 402-370-

5839. Space is limited, so reserve your week-

end early. For more info about Worldwide

Marriage Encounter, visit www.wwme.org.

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a calming silence to better know & love Him. We Houses, Giant offer a wide variety of retreats that will allow you Human Foosball to return to your daily life refreshed & spiritually Tournament. strengthened. If you have any guestions/ to register: 8:00PM-Main https://goodcounselretreat.org/. Phone: 402-786-2705. Email: office@olgcretreat.org. 7303 N. 112th Street, Waverly NE 68462. See below to find the best option for you!

> w/ Fr. Gary Coulter & Fr. Christopher Barak Women at the Well Apostolate Don't miss VOTA w/ Fr. Gary Coulter, Matt Simmons & Jo Vasa



Scan for more information/ purchase tickets:



Stage Performance (in the new amphitheater).



...THE OMNISCIENT WILL OF GOD...

At three in the morning on April 26, my husband & I woke from a deep sleep, struggled out of bed, & went downstairs in our pajamas & robes, to view the live-cast Funeral Mass of Pope Francis. Our bleary eyes & minds quickly cleared as we watched the magnificent pomp & ceremony of the first Papal Funeral in 20 years take place in the ancient glory of the Vatican square.

In the bright sunlight of that Roman morning, we saw & experienced the deep spirituality of many of our church leaders, priests, bishops, & cardinals alike, as they prayed & worshipped during the offering of the Holy Mass. The impact of this on me, focused on thoughts that were unexpected that early morning: the Universality of the Church, obvious in the ceremonial garb & faces of people in the square, so different & yet so much alike in their worship; & the depth of emotion & love that I felt for my faith in Jesus Christ & His Church on earth, a feeling hard to describe, that encompassed me, along with all the other worshipers, in the loving arms of Jesus.

As I experienced the enduring beauty & spirituality of the last official acts of our Church in mourning the death of the successor of St. Peter, I began to feel relief from my dismay at what I had read about some confusing pronouncements coming from our Pope over the years. I felt a great humility coming over me, as I became compelled to give up my human reactions & biases, in acceptance of the Omniscient will of God. Los Angeles – St. Katherine Drexel

In the long view, as I look at my life, I realize that God is always in control, all the way from what I thought was my choice to get up early & watch the funeral of Pope Francis, to what I think of as the greatest of my decisions, to live a holy life, leading me to Heaven. The Holy Spirit, ever my Guide, led me where I needed to go, making me get up that morning, giving me the choice to move from pride to greater humility, & all of it, because I was in the right place in the right time, God's time, to receive this grace, as I watched the Funeral Mass of our 266th Pontiff, Pope Francis.

Pray to the Holy Spirit, the loving breath of God, Who guides us & leads us, as we progress through this journey on earth, seeking & hoping for our eternal life in Heaven with God, our Father & Creator.

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

Novena Prayer for the Conclave of Cardinals

Heavenly Father, we pray in union with the whole Church for the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Cardinals. May the Princes of the Church listen attentively to Your Spirit during the Conclave.

Almighty God, we pray that the Conclave brings us a Pope who pleases You by guiding Your Church to grow in faithfulness to You. We pray together with the intercession of our Mother Mary & all the Saints. Please Lord, protect & guide your Church during this time of transition. Amen



Stay informed & prayerful with Formed during this historic occasion

With the Church at a historic crossroads, many Catholics are asking: How does a conclave work? How is a new pope chosen? What is our role during this time?

Formed is here to help you navigate this moment with trusted, faithful resources.

Explore two videos that explain it all:



As the Cardinals prepare to enter the Conclave on May 7th, join Dr. Scott Hefelfinger as he answers some of the internet's most asked questions about choosing a pope.

WATCH NOW



Discover how the Catholic Church selects a new pope after a resignation or death of the previous pope. Learn about the sacred traditions,

secret ballots, & the meaning behind the black & white smoke during the papal conclave in the Sistine Chapel in this animated video.

WATCH NOW

Whether you're looking for answers for yourself, your family, or your parish, these short videos are the perfect way to stay informed & spiritually engaged.

An offering from the PAUGUSTINE INSTITUTE

Mission Circle

Programs on Formed are made possible by the Augustine Institute Mission Circle.

From the Lincoln Diocese Council of Catholic Women President Judy /Weston in the March 2025 NewsNotes: In 1978, the <u>PRAYER AUXILIARY OF ST. MONICA</u> was established by the women of the Diocese to seek to emulate St. Monica in a never-ending prayer of petition. Each day of the year, a woman of the Council of Catholic Women attends Mass to pray for the return of our family to the church & for the works of the Council. During the past 47 years the women of the Diocese have prayed this prayer using small sheets of paper with the prayer on it. 47 years later we now have official holy cards! The plan is to distribute to the women for the daily Mass attendees. Please pray this prayer during your month either before or after Mass. ... You can email me at <u>ldccwpresident@gmail.com</u>. You will be able to pick up your cards at the April Diocesan meeting. (https://www.lincolndiocese.org/lincoln-diocesan-council-of-catholic-women/newsletters)

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

AROUND OUR PARISH							Stewardship of Treasure			
PARISH WEEKLY ACTIVITIES: https://stjamescortland.com/								As each one has received a <u>gift</u> , use it to		
Sunday	May 4	2:00pm Beatrice-Crete-Hebron Ultreya Pa					serve one another as good <u>stewards</u> of			
Tuesday	May 6	7:30 pm Young Adult Bible Study (Call Renae at 402-419-4491)				Parish Hall	God's varied grace. (1Pt 4:10)			
Thursday	May 8		ristic Exposition	Adoration Hour Chu		Church		Parish Offering4/27/25Adult Envelopes\$1,165.00		
Friday	May 9	8:00 pm AA—H	all Reserved			Parish Hall	Adult En Plate	velopes	\$1,165.00 \$364.01	
Saturday May 10 6:30 am That Man is You						Parish Hall	Building	Fund	\$20.00	
				ve have available to us. Good <u>stewardship of time</u> means				NE Register	\$20.00	
we will sl	hare some of	that time w/ God in p	orayer, praise & than	anksgiving, & some time caring for the needs of others.			Donation		\$1,000.00	
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All ladia		NOTES (PCC) come to join the I		more than we possibly can. MAY CROWNING will also be held Sunday,					parish is easy.	
		pper meeting T		May 4.			How can we develop a more conscious spiritual life & share what we have with those in need? A practical			
Wednes	sday, <u>May</u>	7 th at 7:00 pm f	following LA	LAST DAY OF CCD CLASSES is May 4. Thank			way to achieve this goal is to make the change to			
<u>6:30 pm</u>	<u>n Mass</u> . Ple	ease bring a salad	l to share. ye	you to parents & students for your faithfulness.			eGiving for your parish support. You can use our			
		turing <i>Mac</i> 's Cr			SCHOOL SENIORS	parish's online giving platform, <i>Faith Direct</i> , to deep- en your commitment to the church & the ministries				
have a fun evening. This is a week earlier than our usual meeting & will be the final meeting THANK YOU to the women who attended the THANK YOU to the women who attended the										
		r break until Aug			ing last Tuesday.	our mission	nission month after month. You will also help			
THANK Y	OU TO TH	E CCD CATECHI	<u>sts</u> for your <u>C</u>	CLEMENTS, pres. of St. James PCCW, will			our parish cut costs for envelopes & paper & allow			
		tion to our Catho	olic Faith & se	erve as the Crete Deanery CCW Spirituality			our staff to spend less time processing cash & checks & more time on ministries.			
to our children & youth. We will be recognize Commission Chairman. Colleen Medill will							Sign up today at faith.direct/NE1020 or call FD			
them at the May 3 & 4 Masses. <i>PCCW</i> / serve as the <i>CDCCW</i> auditor. Julie Shea- <i>Knights of Columbus</i> have gifts for each cate- <i>Delgado</i> served as <i>CDCCW</i> Historian.										
Hi everyone! Here is some Torus Tous! at St. the high school students & the Totus Tuus team LOOKING FOR 4 CCD CO-TEACHERS for next										
James info: Dates are June 14 th -20 th . are needed Sunday night to Wednesday night. vear Grades: K. 1 st , 3rd, & 4 th									, & 4 th . please refer	
Sign up your Children at this link Host families for 2 men ♦ 2 women needed.								leads to Deanne, 402-540-1890		
									<u>r</u> : Tue. eves. For	
Monday, June 16 th , to Friday, June 20 th , 9 am-3 20 th). We ask that the host families would have 2										
pm. Please pack lunch & please send your stu- separate bedrooms 1 for each team member. Knights of Columbus accept aluminum										
dent with 2 dozen individually wrapped cookies The cost is \$25 per child or a maximum family rate to recycle at Vinton Auto on north side o										
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High School program for students entering 9 th If you have any questions feel free to email: re- shop. grade to recent high school graduates: Sunday haemitchell3@gmail.com or call: 402-419-4491. THANK YOU TO BRYAN TEMPLEMAN									DIEMAN for ronlog	
June 15 th to Thursday June 19 th from 6:30-8:30 Cookies will be served at break time. You might								THANK YOU TO BRYAN TEMPLEMAN for replac- ing the can lights throughout the building		
		provided for the		elp with that. Hig	High School youths can help with			with LED bulbs. Also for setting up the new		
		m at the Parish H	Hall at 6:30. th	the day program.			office computer			
Volunteer		e to prepare even	ing meals for Th	This is a vital part of our youth religious education.			THANK YOU TO THE PCCW for Coffee & Rolls			
Mowing of St. JAMES CATHOLIC Sign up now at								day.		
And the		RISH GROUNDS AR			s://www.signupgenius.com/			God is good! All the time! Holy is His name!		
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Liturgica	I Ministers	for Sundays & Ho		-				zed with parishioner		
	. .	May 3-4	May 10-11	May 17-18	May 24-25		-June 1		you for your help.	
Seturday	Reader Acolyte	Diana McCown (volunteer)	Amy Larkins Kurt Larkins	Ron Eisenbarth Randy Eickmeier	Diana McCown (volunteer)		Larkins Larkins	Stay tuned f	for the next steps.	
Saturday 5:00 pm	Server 1	(volunteer)	(volunteer)	(volunteer)	Braxton Skillett		nteer)	DONATE FOR	ST. JAMES BUILDING	
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Sunday 8:00 am	Reader	Joe Vinton	Chris Hytrek	Jerry Lentfer Pat Milke	Michelle Milke		Hytrek brackaCathe		licDayofGiving.org	
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	Reader	Ginger Jelinek	Shirley Yates	Larry Etmund	Ginger Jeli	Shirle	y Yates			
Sunday -	Acolyte	Ron Eisenbarth	Theron Troxel	Myron Heusinkvelt	Ron Boden		senbarth			
	Server 1	Max Jacobson	Brady Troxel	Sam Troxel	Max Jacobson	Brady	Troxel			
50nday 10:30 am	Server 2	Finn Jacobson	Ty Troxel	Mason Henn	Finn Jacobson	Ту Т	roxel			
	Server 3								THE DATE!	
	Server 4 Commentator	Paige Anderson	Lydia Dominy	Paige Anderson	Lydia Dominy	Paige	nderson	MA	Y 7, 2025	
	Collection	Jeanne Egger/	Jim Fuhrman/	Randy & Colleen	Julie Pfingsten/		Egger/	CONTRACTOR AND A CONTRACTOR AND A	holicDayofGiving.org	
	Counters	Lori Johnson	Theron Troxel	Eickmeier/Amy	Laureen Ehmen		ohnson	This Tues	sday, May 7 th .	

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