

St. James the Greater  
(d. 44 a.d.)  
Feast day 7/25.

**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. Amen.  
May God bless those who are struggling with the damaging effects of the weather near & far.



## St. James Catholic Church-Cortland

Welcome to St. James Catholic Parish!  
We are very glad you have joined us for the public work of the People of God—to worship God.  
Ask if you need anything.

Church Street Address: 500 W 1<sup>st</sup> Street  
Mailing/Rector: 155 N Lincoln Avenue, Cortland, NE 68331

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Website: [www.stjamescortland.com](http://www.stjamescortland.com)  
Facebook: [St James Catholic Church of Cortland](https://www.facebook.com/StJamesCatholicChurchofCortland)

Fr. Thomas Lux, Pastor— Urgent: 308.991.4991

Bulletin Announcements/schedule requests:  
Deadline is Wednesday, Noon (12 pm) to [bulletinstjames@gmail.com](mailto:bulletinstjames@gmail.com).

**EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION ADORATION on Thursday evenings, 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm.**  
7:00 pm Exposition. (Solemn or Simple)  
7:05 pm to 7:55 pm Adoration.  
7:50p Benediction or Simple Reposition.

God is good! All the time!  
And Holy is His name!

### TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME + AUGUST 17, 2025

My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord;  
I know them, and they follow me. —John 10:27

<b>SUNDAY MASSES:</b> Saturday 5:00 pm Sunday 8:00 am & 10:30 am	<b>HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION MASSES:</b> See the current bulletin. <b>WEEKDAY MASSES:</b> Check the current bulletin for changes. <b>Monday, Tuesday, Thursday &amp; Friday @ 7:00 am.</b> <b>Wednesday @ 6:30 pm. Saturday @ 8:00 am.</b>
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**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 8<sup>th</sup> Grades** in Parish Hall. **High School Class** in North Building.

**Catholic Counseling:** Catholic Social Services of So. Nebr.- [immaculateheartcounseling.org](http://immaculateheartcounseling.org) 402-489-1834.  
**For rent, utilities, & emergency assistance:** CSS- 402.474.1600. Or **St Vincent de Paul Soc.-** 402.435.7968.  
**Unplanned pregnancy:** Women's Care Center [www.womenscarecenter.org/lincoln](http://www.womenscarecenter.org/lincoln), 402-423-0533; **Birthright** 402.466 2609 (24 hrs. 1.800.550.4900); **Walking w/ Moms in Need-** <https://lincolndiocese.org/moms>

**EMERGENCY SUPPLIES** duffle bag w/ basic medical supplies is on coat rack shelf, by the women's restroom. Checked monthly. Questions to Lori J. **AED** is in a cabinet near the Holy Family statue.

<b>MASS INTENTIONS</b> SJ- St. James Church. GCRC- Gold Crest Retirement Center	<b>MASS READINGS-</b> Follow the Church's liturgical life. Read the Sacred Scriptures before Mass. Try to join daily Mass.
<b>TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	
Sat. Aug 16 5:00 pm SJ CCD & Feed Your Soul Year	<b>TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:</b> Jer 38: 4-6. 8-10/ Ps 40: 2. 3. 4. 18 (14b)/ Heb 12: 1-4/ Lk 12: 49-53
Sun. Aug 17 8:00 am SJ Megan Yonkey+	
10:30 am SJ For the People of St. James Parish	
Mon. Aug 18 7:00 am SJ Intention of Donor	<b>Ordinary Weekday:</b> Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-35. 36-37. 39-40. 43ab & 44/Mt 19: 16-22
Tue. Aug 19 7:00 am SJ Intention of Donor	<b>Ordinary Weekday/ John Eudes, p, rf:</b> Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9.11-12.13-14/Mt 19:23-30
Wed. Aug 20 Out of Parish. Weitzel & Davis Families	<b>Bernard, ab, dr M:</b> Jgs 9: 6-15/ Ps 21: 2-3. 4-5. 6-7/ Mt 20: 1-16
Thu. Aug 21 Out of Parish. Intention of Donor	<b>Pius X, pp M:</b> Jgs 11: 29-39a/ Ps 40: 5. 7-8a. 8b-9. 10/ Mt 22: 1-14
Fri. Aug 22 Out of Parish. Intention of Donor	<b>Queenship of the BVM. M:</b> Ru 1:1.3-6.14b-16.22/Ps 146:5-6ab.6c-7.8-9a.9bc-10/Mt 22:34-40
Sat. Aug 23 Out of Parish. Intention of Donor	<b>Ord. Wkdy./BVM/Rose of Lima, v:</b> Ru 2:1-3.8-11;4:13-17/Ps 128:1b-2.3.4.5/Mt 23:1-12
<b>TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	
Sat. Aug 23 5:00 pm SJ Intention of Donor	Fr. Thomas Au will cover.
Sun. Aug 24 8:00 am SJ Intention of Donor	<b>TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:</b> Is 66: 18-21/ Ps 117: 1. 2/ Heb 12: 5-7. 11-13/ Lk 13: 22-30
10:30 am SJ Intention of Celebrant (-)	
Out of Parish. For the People of St. James Parish	

Fr. Thomas Au will cover the weekend Masses next Saturday evening & Sunday morning, 8/23-24, & offer Confessions before each Mass. Please plan to welcome Fr. Au. Fr. Lux will attend the Natl. Council of Catholic Women Convention as Spiritual Advisor of the Linc. Dioc. CCW & of the Friends of Natl. CCW for WUCWO (World Union of Catholic Women's Organizations) from Tue. to Sun.

**COFFEE & ROLLS IN PARISH HALL** by PCCW- NEXT Sunday, August 24, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm St. Joseph Circle will serve baked goods, coffee, & juice. Please enjoy some parish fellowship.

**FIREWORKS Appreciation Party postponed. TBD.**

**CONFIRMATION PARENT MEETING** will be Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, during CCD time (9:10 am). It is important for every student to be confirmed this Spring to be at this meeting. We look forward to helping them to prepare. Thank you & God bless.

**CONFIRMATION FOR OUR PARISH** is April 21, '26, Tue., 7:00 pm. We will confirm those going into Grades 5 & 6 this Fall. Any older youths or adults who are not confirmed can be confirmed at that time. Please talk to Fr. Lux to arrange preparation.

**FAITH DIRECT IS MIGRATING to PARISHSOFT GIVING.** How can we develop a more intentional spiritual life & share what we have w/ those in need? A practical way to achieve this goal is to make the change to eGiving for 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. See the back page of this bulletin or our parish website.

**1<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF CCD '25-'26 IS AUGUST 17.**  
**Feed Your Soul (High School) 1<sup>st</sup> Day Sep. 7.**

**REGISTRATION for ST. JAMES' CCD & FYS:**  
Click here (Google Doc) or go to our Facebook page to register & make payment before 8/10.

**More info, dates & Registration Forms are now on our website under "Youth".**

**Teacher spots have been filled—thank you to all who have volunteered to teach!!**

**Please consider signing up as a substitute teacher, to fill in as needed.**

Any questions, reach out to Deanne S. 402-540-1890.

**Pray** for another great year of sharing our love for our Lord & the Catholic faith & its teachings to the youth of St. James Parish.

All for His Glory!

**AROUND THE LINCOLN DIOCESE (See [www.lincolndioocese.org](http://www.lincolndioocese.org)) & BEYOND**

**Religious Sisters w/ Motherhouses in Lincoln Diocese**  
**Vocation Prayer Calendar 2025-26 – Please pray this week for:**

<b>Aug. 17-23</b>	<b>Sr. Maria Christine Loan Tran</b>	Vietnam	Jr. Professed Sister <i>Sisters of Mary, Queen of Mercy</i>
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**Seminarian Vocation Prayer**  
 Please pray for young men discerning a call to the priesthood in the **Diocese of Lincoln.**

**POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTION FOR August 2025- For mutual coexistence.**  
 Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious, or ideological reasons.



**U.S. BISHOPS ASK US TO PRAY this Summer & Fall** the following prayer for Life to end taxpayer funding of abortion: **ST. JOSEPH, DEFENDER OF LIFE.**

**Dearest St. Joseph,** at the word of an angel, you lovingly took Mary into your home. As God's humble servant, you guided the Holy Family on the road to Bethlehem, welcomed Jesus as your own son in the shelter of a manger, and fled far from your homeland for the safety of both Mother & Child.

entrusted to you. May your example inspire us also to welcome, cherish, & safeguard God's most precious gift of life. Help us to faithfully commit ourselves to the service & defense of human life —especially where it is vulnerable or threatened. Obtain for us the grace to do the will of God in all things. Amen.

**We praise God that as their faithful protector, you never hesitated to sacrifice for those**  
 Prayer cards in pews & at <https://www.usccb.org/prolife/nationwide-invitation-prayer>.  
**THANK YOU.**

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**ANNUAL BLUE MASS:** On **Sept. 11 at 5 pm** at the *Cathedral of the Risen Christ*, 3500 Sheridan Blvd. Bp. Conley will celebrate the Mass to honor 1<sup>st</sup> responders & law & correctional professionals. The Bishop will bless vehicles & present prayer coins, St Michael for law enforcement & St Florian for firefighters, to attendees.

**This Week On *Formed*- Week of August 17, 2025.**



**Saint Bernard of Clairvaux**  
 Dr. Ben Akers & Dr. John Sehorn

**Saint Bernard of Clairvaux | Catholic Saints** Who was St. Bernard of Clairvaux? In this FORMED Now episode, Dr. Ben Akers is joined by Dr. John Sehorn to discuss this great saint & Doctor of the Church. <https://app.formed.org/app/videos/1040855/>



**LECTIO MARY**  
 Discovering Scripture and Tradition

**The Queen Mother | Lectio: Mary | Episode 4** Mary serves as our Queen Mother. What does that mean? Join Dr. Brant Pitre as he explores the scriptural roots of this title. <https://app.formed.org/app/videos/617741/>



**Mary Queen of Heaven**  
 Mother of God and of the Church

**Mary, Queen of Heaven | Brother Francis** Come along with Brother Francis as he explores the special role Mary plays in our lives! Young viewers will learn all about the amazing, Immaculate Conception; why Mary is called the Ark of the New Covenant; & how Jesus took her home to Heaven & crowned her queen!

<https://app.formed.org/app/videos/2791976/>  
 "FIND YOUR PARISH SUBSCRIPTION" Sign in / sign up.  
 GO to [formed.org](http://formed.org). Get the *Formed* App.

Help the Marian Sisters celebrate  
**25<sup>th</sup> Jubilee** of Religious Profession

August 17, 2025  
 Open House 1-4pm

Marycrest Motherhouse  
 6765 N 112<sup>th</sup> St.  
 Waverly, NE 68462



Sr. Melissa Moxley    Sr. Janelle Buettner    M. Ann Marie Zierke

**STATE FAIR MASS**— Celebrate God's faithfulness & blessings at a *NE State Fair* Mass. Both masses will be held in the southwest corner of the fairgrounds on the ACP Stage.  
**Aug. 24**- Bp. Emeritus Dendinger will celebrate Mass w/ the local 20-member *Catholic Contemporary Worship Team* providing music. **Aug. 31**- Bp. Hanefeldt will celebrate Mass on w/ 12 members of the *Catholic Worship team* providing traditional music. Both Masses will be at **9 am** & all **donations** will go to *Our Lady of Perpetual Help Food Pantry* in Ord, NE.

NOW AVAILABLE: DIOCESE OF LINCOLN MERCHANDISE

**SHOP ONLINE**  
 Aug. 22 – Sept. 8.  
 T-shirts, hoodies, vests, polos & more - visit the site to see products, styles, colors, sizes and logos  
[stores.inksoft.com/cdol/shop/home](http://stores.inksoft.com/cdol/shop/home)



**CHRISTUS FOUNDATION GOLF TOURNAMENT**, Fri., 9/12, 10am at *Crooked Creek Golf Club* (134<sup>th</sup> & O St), Linc. - a benefit for the ministries of *Regnum Christi* - see [thechristusfoundation.org/events](http://thechristusfoundation.org/events) See the Golf Tournament Flyer on the bulletin. Supports numerous Catholic Apostolates like the *Helping Hands Mission, Leadership Camp, Knights of the Holy Eucharist & Good Counsel Retreat House.*



**MASSES OF HEALING**

John XXIII Diocesan Center  
 3700 Sheridan Blvd - Lincoln, NE

**2025 Dates**  
 Sunday, March 02  
 Sunday, June 8  
 Sunday, September 14  
 Sunday, December 07

**Schedule**  
 1:00 PM Confessions Begin  
 1:30 PM Mass (Mass Change)  
 1:50 PM Sharing of Altars  
 2:00 PM Healing Mass



**MASS with Prayers for HEALING.**  
**September 14, 2025,**  
**John XXIII Diocesan Center,**  
 37<sup>th</sup> & Sheridan Blvd., Lincoln, NE. Please join together to pray for healing for yourself, your family, friends, for our Church, our Nation & for peace in our world.  
**Sacrament of Reconciliation,** begins 1:15 pm.  
**Praise & Worship** 1:40 pm.  
**Mass** begins at 2:00 pm.

Join *The Magnificat*, an annual celebration dinner for **Good Counsel Retreat House** on **Friday, Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>** at *Wilderness Ridge*. This year's theme is "Armed with Light," with a panel of spiritual directors who will speak on standing strong amid the darkness. See *The Magnificat* Invitation Flyer on the bulletin board. Register at: [goodcounselretreat.org/dinner/](http://goodcounselretreat.org/dinner/).

Take a **Desert Day w/ the Lord!** Step away from the noise of daily life & spend a quiet day in prayer, reflection, & silence w/ Jesus at *Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House*. Desert Days are self-guided days of retreat where you can rest, reset, & reconnect w/ the Lord. Come for the full day or just a few hours—no formal schedule, just space to pray. **Learn more & register at:** [goodcounselretreat.org/desert-days](http://goodcounselretreat.org/desert-days)

<b>Desert Days</b>
Thurs Aug 28
Tues Sept 23
Tues Oct 7
Fri Nov 21
Tues Dec 9

Stop anywhere in Lincoln and send a quiet day in prayer, reflection, and rest with the Lord.

[goodcounselretreat.org](http://goodcounselretreat.org)  
 (402) 786-2785



**ST. JAMES COUNCIL KNIGHTS of Columbus-Cortland** will pay part of a **Retreat Registration** for any adult or youth member of **St. James Parish**. Contact an officer or a member. Thank you *Knights*.

**UPCOMING RETREAT**  
**AUG 22-24**

*Unbound: Freedom in Christ*



FR. GARY COULTER

Live your baptism and the freedom of deliverance! Retreat starts Friday with Mass and Mass at 8:00am, ends Sunday with Mass 10:00am. Open your heart and respond more fully to Jesus' invitation of abundant life.

Register by scanning QR code or visit [goodcounselretreat.org](http://goodcounselretreat.org)

**"Let us rid ourselves of every burden & sin that clings to us & persevere in running the race that lies before us while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus."** Learn to keep your eyes fixed on Jesus in your marriage on the next **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience** on: **Sept. 19-21, Grand Island, NE; Feb. 20-22, '26, Lincoln, NE.** Questions- contact: Brenda & Gary: 402-370-5839. Space limited, so reserve your place early. For more info re. **WWME**, please visit [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org). Follow us on **Instagram & Facebook!**  
[@worldwidemarriageencounter](https://www.instagram.com/worldwidemarriageencounter)

**GOOD COUNSEL RETREAT HOUSE'S** new retreat schedule is live! Find time to rest, pray, & reconnect with God. Register today: <https://goodcounselretreat.org/our-retreats/>

**CHURCHES OF THE BOHEMIAN ALPS JUBILEE TOUR**- Spirit Catholic Radio invites you to join us for a truly memorable journey thru faith, local history, & community on our "Churches of the Bohemian Alps Jubilee Tour"! Climb on a comfortable *Arrow Stage Line* bus as we set off to explore the beautiful, rural churches tucked away in an area affectionately known as the **Bohemian Alps**—a charming part of Nebraska rich in Czech heritage & Catholic tradition. **TUES., AUG. 19:** Tour bus leaves from **Lincoln Dioc. Chancery Office. WED., AUG. 20:** Tour bus leaves from **Omaha**. Pilgrimage will be guided by **Fr. Kenneth Borowiak**, pastor at *St. Joseph* in Friend, NE, who will share his knowledge of the churches & the area's spiritual roots along the way. You'll also enjoy the company of **Spirit Mornings co-hosts Jen Brown & Damian Montez**, who will add their own joyful energy along the route. This experience wouldn't be complete without a taste of tradition—a hearty **Czech meal lunch at Oak Creek Sporting Club in Brainard** is incl. in ticket price. The menu incl. Roast pork, Dumplings, Gravy, Sauerkraut, Corn, Roll & butter, Kolache, & Iced tea/coffee. Bottled water will be avail. on the bus. Lunch is provided in an air-conditioned facility w/ restrooms avail. There is also a restroom on the bus & at select pilgrimage stops.

**ROAST BEEF DINNER:** by the **Plasi Parish** on Sun., 8/24, 11a-2p in **Prague Parish Hall** for a FULL self-serve RB Dinner w/ loads of sides. Bake walk & \$1,000 raffle! Purchase delicious baked goods incl. kolaches, strudels & rosettes! A wide variety of unique items will be waiting for your bid at our "Live" auction! Meal prices: Adults - \$20, Children (5-10 yrs.) - \$10, Preschool Free. Dine in, drive-thru & take outs same price.

**EMMAUS INSTITUTE FALL COURSES**- Registration for *Emmaus Institute* fall courses is now open, including a free five-week course on the Book of Revelation entitled *Revelation & the Victory of the Lamb*. Additionally, a new one-year certificate program is starting, *New Creation Certificate in Biblical Studies*, designed to immerse students in the study of Sacred Scripture. These & other courses begin **August 25**. Learn more & register at [www.EmmausInstitute.net](http://www.EmmausInstitute.net).

**"In The Upper Room" ~A Holy Hour to pray for our Priests~ Thu., Aug. 28, on the Feast of St. Augustine in honor of Our Holy Father Pope Leo XIV - an Augustinian, 7 to 8 p.m. in the Chapel at John XXIII Diocesan Center.** Join us in prayer for our Diocesan Priests before Jesus in His Most Blessed Sacrament in Exposition & Adoration. Fr. Robert Barnhill will preside. The Holy Hour includes: a community rosary led by the mothers of Priests; a meditation; & silent time for personal prayer. Benediction & Music by *Simple Faith*. Material avail. for purchase to assist you in praying for our Priests, free material from *Magnificat*, *7 Sisters Apostolate*, & other sources. "In the Upper Room" refers to *Holy Thursday* commemorating the institution of both the Eucharist & the Priesthood by Jesus during the *Last Supper*. Please contact Rhonda by text at 402.525.6396 for further info. Spons. by *MAGNIFICAT* & *7 Sisters Apostolate*.

**PART-TIME SCHOOL NURSE** who is faith-filled being sought by **St. Joseph School- Linc.** Position requires compassion & skill in responding to medical needs of PreK-8<sup>th</sup> grade children, maint. of health records, confidentiality, strong communication skills & a professional, positive attitude. This position involves furthering the mission of *St. Joseph Catholic School* by contributing to a positive learning environment. Please send cover letter that includes why you want to work in a Catholic school, resume, & references from supervisors, to [kevin-naumann@cdolinc.net](mailto:kevin-naumann@cdolinc.net).

RSVP now for the **CAMP KATERI STARLIT GALA, Sun., Sept. 28** begins w/ 4pm Mass. Get info & register at <https://www.campkateri.org/general-8>.

www.campkateri.org campkateriit@gmail.com



**STARLIT LILY GALA**

WE WANT TO FORMALLY INVITE YOU TO CAMP KATERI FOR A NIGHT OF APPRECIATION, FAITH, FUNDRAISING, AND COMMUNITY!

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH**

"TO FALL IN LOVE WITH GOD IS THE GREATEST ROMANCE; TO SEEK HIM, THE GREATEST ADVENTURE; TO FIND HIM, THE GREATEST HUMAN ACHIEVEMENT!" - ST. AUGUSTINE

Attending:  Register Here

Can't Come?  Donate Here

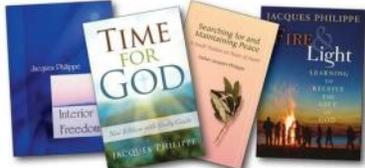


**MASSES & TEARS**--The feast of **St. Monica** is **August 27<sup>th</sup>**. The *Masses & Tears* devotion was written to hopefully help encourage parents who are praying for their children to return to the practice of the Catholic Faith. The devotion is based on the life & prayer of St. Monica. It was created by Fr. Jay Buhman, current pastor of *All Saints Parish* in Holdrege & *St. John Parish* in Smithfield, more than a decade ago. If you would like more info, including a list of materials avail. that might assist you or your loved ones & friends, please visit [massesandtears.org](http://massesandtears.org). If you'd like materials sent to you, please email [massesandtears@gmail.com](mailto:massesandtears@gmail.com)

**The Prayer**

O Almighty God, full of goodness & compassion, you mercifully accepted the prayers & tears of Saint Monica & poured an abundance of your grace upon her son, drawing him to yourself in the midst of Divine Providence. Through her intercession, I come before you now, humbly seeking the same abundant grace for my (son/ daughter). In your untiring love, restore (him/her) to Christ & Your Church, through whom you give every grace & blessing. Loving Father, I beg for myself also the grace never to part from you by my sins. Trusting in the providential care you have for all your children, I ask you to continue to draw me more securely into your Fatherly embrace. I make this prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son, who lives & reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever & ever. Amen.

Blessed Monica, you who occupy a privileged place in Heaven, by the power of your proven intercession obtain for my (son/daughter) the grace of an intimate friendship with Jesus Christ in this life & glory with Him forever in the life to come. Amen.



**ONE BOOK + ONE DIOCESE**  
Featuring Four Books by Fr. Jacques Philippe

**Book Discussion Evening**  
"Fire & Light: Learning to Receive the Gift of God" with Fr. Adam Sughroue  
Tuesday, August 26 at 6:00 p.m.  
David City Aquinas H.S.  
Refreshments provided

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




**60th Anniversary Mass**

The dedication Mass for the Cathedral of the Risen Christ was held on August 18, 1965. You are warmly invited to honor the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the mother church of the diocese at a Mass celebrated by Bishop Conroy followed by refreshments outside the church.

AUGUST 18 | CATHEDRAL OF THE RISEN CHRIST  
5PM | 3500 SHERIDAN BLVD

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

**You Don't Have to Walk This Alone**

12-week online Intensive Support & Healing Program  
For Catholics dealing with Separation or Divorce

- ♥ Christ-centered emotional & spiritual care
- ✝ Reconnection with God & the Church
- 👤 Small group community + Personal Coaching
- 👉 Teaching • Sharing • Coaching • Support

📅 Starts September 11 @ 7pm ET

💎 Scholarships available

🕒 Early Bird thru July 31

Info + Registration → [AboundingJoyMinistry.com/events](http://AboundingJoyMinistry.com/events)



**St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church—Gretna, NE**

**TWO SOULS UNITED IN CHRIST**  
**A MARRIAGE RETREAT**

Retreat Leaders:  
Peter & Theresa Martin have been married **24 years**, & both have graduate degrees in Theology. Peter works for the Diocese of Winona-Rochester. Theresa is the Executive Director of the *WCI*. Their book *The Rule: St. John Paul II's Rule for a Joy-filled Marriage of Divine Love* has been endorsed by Cardinal Burke, Prof. Stanislaw Grygiel, George Weigel, Christopher West, & many others!

**Contact Us**  
Wojtyla Community & Institute, Inc.  
[info@wojtylaci.com](mailto:info@wojtylaci.com)

**JP2Rule.com** ~events~ marriage retreats **Sept 12-13**



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## AROUND OUR PARISH

**PARISH WEEKLY ACTIVITIES:** <https://stjamescortland.com/>

Tuesday	Aug 19	7:30 pm	Young Adult Bible Study (Call Renae at 402-419-4491)	Parish Hall
Wednesday	Aug 20	7:00 pm	Knights of Columbus Mtg—Rosary at 7pm; Mtg at 7:30pm	Parish Hall
Thursday	Aug 21	7:00 pm	<b>Eucharistic Adoration Hour— simple exposition</b>	Church
Friday	Aug 22	8:00 pm	AA—Hall Reserved	Parish Hall
Saturday	Aug 23	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.**

**MEN OF SAINT JAMES PARISH-** This is your opportunity to **join the newly revised** videos for year 1 of **THAT MAN IS YOU (TMIY)**. The topic is **“Becoming a Man After God’s Own Heart”**. The year 1 fall semester starts on **SAT., SEPT. 6<sup>TH</sup>**, at **6:30 AM** in the **Parish Hall**. Rolls & Coffee are provided & we conclude by 7:45 AM so you can attend daily Mass at 8 AM.

**TMIY** is a 26 week interactive men’s program combining the best research from science w/ teachings of the Catholic faith & wisdom of the saints to develop the vision of **a man fully alive**. By honestly addressing the pressures & temptations that men face in our modern culture, **TMIY** seeks to form authentic leaders capable of transforming themselves, their homes & greater society. More than 150,000 Catholic men have been thru the program & the numbers are growing. Faith formation is a life long process & this class definitely gives you the tools needed to grow in your faith. More info: Mike M. (402)540-8041 or Joe V. (402)830-8338.

**ALUMINUM CANS TO RECYCLE?** Accepted at *Vinton Auto* on no. side of Cortland. Barrel is on SE corner of shop. Supports *Knights of Columbus* projects.

**JOHN KOHOUT** current address to send a card/ visit- 6120 S 34 St., Lincoln, NE 68516. Family request.

### INTERESTED IN THE CATHOLIC FAITH? **OCLIA**

class will help everyone learn more. A great opportunity to ask questions for Non-Catholics & for those already Catholic. **Classes starting Monday, September 15, at 7 pm.** Come to find out more. May God bless all of us.

### BREAKFAST IN PARISH HALL Sunday, Sep. 21.

**Proceeds** raised helps purchase supplies for our **CCD** classes throughout the year. Come enjoy some good fellowship & maybe meet a new *St. James Parish* family. A list is in the back of the church of items that we are asking to be donated and to sign up to help serve. Served by the **PCCW**.

New Parishioner form: on [St. James website](#). Thank you.

### ST. JAMES CEMETERY: If you’re interested in helping manage the sale of graves, marking graves for burial, & burial records, etc. please let us know.

Someone avail. to go to the cemetery as needed is best. Thank you. **Thank you to JoAnn & Ray Vrbka & may God bless them** for serving our cemetery well & generously. They enjoyed serving. They are passing these duties on.

**THANK YOU** to all who gathered for the **P.C.C.W. MEETING** (*St. James Parish Cncl. of Catholic Women*) last Wednesday. It was good to gather as sisters in Christ- familiar faces & new faces!

Meetings are the **2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month** (August to May) at **7:00 pm** unless a message is sent out on Facebook. We get to know each other & have projects to serve the Lord & His people. **All women of the parish are welcome.**

**CRETE DEANERY COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN FALL MEETING-** Please mark your calendar for **SATURDAY** morning, **SEPTEMBER 27**. Mass will begin at **8:00 AM**, breakfast & meeting beginning at **9:00 AM** at **St. Joseph Catholic Church in Friend, NE**. **Open to all women in the deanery.** This is my 1<sup>st</sup> meeting as Crete Deanery president. Please feel free to invite any **PCCW** members from your parish to attend! Thank you & God Bless, *-Denise Baum*

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## 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 8/10/25

Adult Envelopes	\$970.00
Plate	\$344.00
Peter’s Pence	25.00
Mission Co-Op	\$200.00
<b>Total Deposit</b>	<b>\$1,539.00</b>

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**Directory. Please sign up NOW for your family’s photo session from Aug. 24 thru September. Thank you!** A printed booklet will be published & available to purchase for \$15. Your family image will be avail. digitally, if requested. Direct questions to Liz K. & Denise C. To **sign up scan the QR code or go to [www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4EA5A82AA0F8CF8-54829665-stjames](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4EA5A82AA0F8CF8-54829665-stjames)**.

Liturgical Ministers for Sundays & Holy Week						
		August 16-17	August 23-24	August 30-31	September 6-7	Sept 13-14
Saturday 5:00 pm	Reader	Ron Eisenbarth	Diana McCown	Amy Larkins	Ron Eisenbarth	Diana McCown
	Acolyte	(volunteer)	(volunteer)	Kurt Larkins	Randy Eickmeier	(volunteer)
	Server 1	(volunteer)	(volunteer)	(volunteer)	Braxton Skillett	(volunteer)
	Server 2	(volunteer)	(volunteer)	(volunteer)	Easton Schilbitzki	(volunteer)
Sunday 8:00 am	Reader	Joe Vinton	Jerry Lentfer	Chris Hytrek	Michelle Milke	Joe Vinton
	Acolyte	Pat Milke	Tony Sullivan	Joe Vinton	Chris Hytrek	Scott Osterhaus
	Server 1	Sam Robinson	Jax Peterson	Carson Eickmeier	Carter Stieb	Liam Dush
	Server 2	Sawyer Robinson	Drake Peterson	Parker Eickmeier	Asher Stieb	Kyler Beck
	Server 3					
Sunday 10:30 am	Reader	Larry Etmund	Ginger Jelinek	Shirley Yates	Larry Etmund	Ginger Jelinek
	Acolyte	Myron Heusinkvelt	Ron Boden	Theron Troxel	Myron Heusinkvelt	Ron Eisenbarth
	Server 1	Sam Troxel	Max Jacobson	Max Troxel	Sam Troxel	Max Jacobson
	Server 2	(volunteer)	Finn Jacobson	Ty Troxel	(volunteer)	Finn Jacobson
	Server 3					
	Server 4					
Commentator	Lydia Dominy	Paige Anderson	Lydia Dominy	Paige Anderson	Lydia Dominy	
Collection Counters	Julie Pflingsten / Lauren Ehmen	Jeanne Egger / Lori Johnson	Jim Fuhrman / Theron Troxel	Randy&Colleen Eick- meier/ Amy Argo	Julie Pflingsten / Lauren Ehmen	

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