

St. James the Greater. Pray for us.



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/Rectory:** 155 N Lincoln Avenue, Cortland, NE 68331  
**Rectory Phone:** 402-798-7335  
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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!**

### TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME + SEPTEMBER 21, 2025

*Though our Lord Jesus Christ was rich, he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich.* 2 Cor 8:9

<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; *Birthingright* 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>				<b>MASS READINGS</b> — Follow the Church's liturgical life. Read the Sacred Scriptures before Mass. Try to join daily Mass.			
SJ— St. James Church. GCRC— Gold Crest Retirement Center							
<b>TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>							
Sat. Sep 20	5:00 pm	SJ	Intention of Donor	<b>TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:</b> Am 8: 4-7/ Ps 113: 1-2, 4-6, 7-8/ 1 Tm 2: 1-8/ Lk 16: 1-13			
Sun. Sep 21	8:00 am	SJ	Intention of Donor				
	10:30 am	SJ	For the People of St. James Parish				
Mon. Sep 22	7:00 am	SJ	Tawny Zach+	<b>Ordinary Weekday:</b> Ezr 1: 1-6/ Ps 126: 1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/ Lk 8: 16-18			
Tue. Sep 23	7:00 am	SJ	Intention of Donor	<b>Pio of Pietrelcina,</b> p M: Ezr 6: 7-8, 12b, 14-20/ Ps 122: 1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/ Lk 8: 19-21			
Wed. Sep 24	4:00 pm	GCRC	Good & Safe Harvest	<b>Ordinary Weekday:</b> Ezr 9: 5-9/ Tb 13: 2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8/ Lk 9: 1-6			
	6:30 pm	SJ	Ayden Davison				
Thu. Sep 25	7:00 am	SJ	Intention of Donor	<b>Ordinary Weekday:</b> Hg 1: 1-8/ Ps 149: 1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a & 9b/ Lk 9: 7-9			
Fri. Sep 26	7:00 am	SJ	Intention of Donor	<b>Ordinary Wkdy./ Cosmas &amp; Damian,</b> mts: Hg 2: 1-9/ Ps 43: 1, 2, 3, 4/ Lk 9: 18-22			
Sat. Sep 27	8:00 am	SJ	Intention of Donor	<b>Vincent de Paul,</b> p, rf M: Zec 2: 5-9, 14-15a/ Jer 31: 10, 11-12ab, 13/ Lk 9: 43b-45			
<b>TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>							
Sat. Sep 27	5:00 pm	SJ	For the People of St. James Parish	<b>TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> Am 6: 1a, 4-7/ Ps 146: 7, 8-9, 9-10 (1b)/ 1 Tm 6: 11-16/ Lk 16: 19-31			
Sun. Sep 28	8:00 am	SJ	Intention of Donor				
	10:30 am	SJ	Mabel Folda+				

**BISHOP'S APPEAL FOR VOCATIONS 2025** starts with a homily this weekend. Pledge cards will be avail next weekend, **Sept. 27-28**. Help our seminarians learn how to lay down their lives to serve God & His people.  
<https://www.givecentral.org/Diocese-of-Lincoln-BAV>. "...man, who is the only creature on earth which God willed for itself, cannot fully find himself except thru a sincere gift of himself" —*Gaudium et Spes*, no. 24.

*We want you in the NEW St. James Parish Photo Directory.*

**Please sign up NOW for your family's photo session thru September. Thank you!** A printed booklet will be avail. to purchase for \$15. Your family image will be avail. digitally, if requested. 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).

**CONFIRMATION FOR OUR PARISH** is **April 21, '26, Tue., 7:00 pm** by Bishop Conley. **THANK YOU** to the parents of those to be Confirmed for your love of your children & of the Lord & your desire to help your children grow in their love for Jesus & his church. **Thank you** to our **Confirmation preparation team** Deanne, Stacey, Ginger & Fr/. Lux who look forward to helping all to prepare. God bless all involved. Those in **Grades 5 & 6** will be confirmed. Talk to your CCD teacher or Fr. Lux if your child is in **Grade 7 or above & not confirmed**. **Please PRAY** for all those preparing.

**flocknote** Help our parish easily & effectively communicate w/ you via email &/or text. No password or login required. Please SIGN UP: VISIT [stjamescortland.flocknote.com](http://stjamescortland.flocknote.com) & follow the instructions. OR TEXT "STJAMESCORTLAND" to 84576  
Sign up to get Catholic Diocese of Lincoln event updates via flocknote. <https://lincolndiocese.flocknote.com/>

**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:**

Sept. 21 -27	Sr. Mary Mikaelis	Professed. Holy Spirit Adoration (Pink) Sisters
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**POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTION FOR September 2025– For our relationship w/ all of creation.** Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence w/ all creatures who are loved by God & worthy of love & respect.

**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.

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**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.**

**Holy Hour Friday, Oct. 3,** at 7:15 pm will be held at the **Pink Sisters' Chapel,** 1040 So. Cotner Blvd. Singing led by the **Cathedral Children's Choir** (Amy Flaminio & Diane Hall). Please help us pray for good vocations for our Diocese.

The next **Mass at the St. Luke Czech Shrine in Loma** will be on **Sunday, Oct. 5,** at 2:00 p.m. All are welcome to join us!

**HEALTH CARE & HUMAN DIGNITY- Converging Roads Ethics Conference Oct. 11** @ Creighton Univ. for health professionals & others interested. Speakers will explore how Catholic teaching shapes medical ethics. More info: <https://forlifeandfamily.org/events/cr25-omne/>. Co-hosted by the Archd. of Omaha, Creighton University, & the St. J.P. II Foundation.

**Seminarian Vocation Prayer**

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

**This Week On Formed- Week of September 21, 2025.**

**Padre Pio: Miracle Man** This movie captures the Capuchin friar's intense faith, devotion, & deep spiritual concern for others, as well as his great compassion for the sick & suffering. It reveals the amazing details & events in Padre Pio's life as a boy & throughout his fifty years as a friar, dramatizing the frequent attacks from the devil, as well as the persecution he suffered at the hands of people, including those in the Church. <https://app.formed.org/app/videos/588446/>



**Saint Matthew | Catholic Saints Matthew, Mark, Luke, & John.** We are all familiar with the 4 Gospels, but what makes them stand out from the rest? Join Dr. Tim Gray & Dr. Michael Barber as they discuss St. Matthew, the great Apostle & evangelist. <https://app.formed.org/app/videos/1087217/>

**Padre Pio: Between Heaven & Earth** Based on the historical records & the personal testimony of his fellow friars, this is the amazing true story of the life of the famous stigmatic monk, St. Padre Pio, a contemporary saint who died in 1968. Blessed with incredible spiritual gifts, including healing, bi-location, reading of souls, & the stigmatic wounds, Padre Pio was a powerful witness for Christ, & a great spiritual guide to countless souls for over fifty years. <https://app.formed.org/app/videos/612628/>



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 Get the **Formed App**.



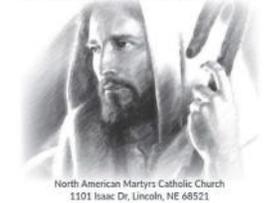
Please pray for the **WWME weekend** in **Grand Island** on **Sept. 19-21** & others across the globe. God has entrusted your spouse to your care – are you trustworthy in that care? **Learn how to respond to your spouse** on the next **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience** on: **Feb. 20-22, '26, Lincoln.** Questions: Brenda & Gary: 402-370-5839. Space limited, reserve a place now. Info: please visit [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org). Follow us on **Instagram & Facebook!**

**Day of Equipping**

This event is a separate but complementary teaching to Healing the Whole Person. A teaching presented by Bart Schuchts designed to help you live more fully into the mission of Christ. Come encounter the Father's love and increase your desire to enter deeper into God's purpose for your life.

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**April 17, 2026**

Online Registration Opens January 12, 2026 at 10 AM ET



Day of Equipping takes place on Friday from approximately 9 AM-3 PM and requires a separate registration from Healing the Whole Person.

**Blessed Mother Mary. Pray for us.**  
**St. Joseph. Pray for us.**

<p align="center"><b>WE ARE HIRING!</b></p> <p align="center"><b>FULL-TIME OFFICE &amp; PROGRAM COORDINATOR</b></p> <p align="center"><b>ARE YOU?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Passionate for our mission of sharing retreat experiences with others?</li> <li>• Able to work independently and collaborate with a team?</li> <li>• Eager to contribute ideas on how we can improve?</li> <li>• One who values: zeal for souls, docility to the Holy Spirit, charity and hospitality?</li> </ul> <p align="center">Send inquiries and resumes to <a href="mailto:director@olgcretreat.org">director@olgcretreat.org</a></p>	<p align="center"><b>WE ARE HIRING!</b></p> <p align="center"><b>PART-TIME YOUTH &amp; MINISTRY COORDINATOR</b></p> <p align="center"><b>BRING YOUR PASSION FOR MINISTRY TO LIFE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lead youth &amp; family retreats</li> <li>• Inspire the next generation in their faith</li> <li>• Plan creative programs &amp; activities</li> <li>• Work in a faith-filled, supportive environment</li> <li>• Flexible, part-time hours</li> </ul> <p align="center">Send inquiries and resumes to <a href="mailto:director@olgcretreat.org">director@olgcretreat.org</a></p>
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**Father Daughter DAY**

Sponsored by the **Norfolk Area Council**

with the Marian Sisters of the Diocese of Lincoln  
 6765 N 112<sup>th</sup> St, Waverly, NE 68462

**September 19, 2025**  
**9AM-2:30PM**  
 check in begins at 8:30am

For dads and girls (grades 2nd-8th) Games, faith formation and time with sisters

Wear appropriate shoes and clothing for outdoor games. Bring a sack lunch and water bottle. No cost.

RSVP BY SEPT 14  
[fatherdaughterretreat@gmail.com](mailto:fatherdaughterretreat@gmail.com)

**LET'S Celebrate COVENANT DAY**

18 AM-12 PM +  
**OCTOBER 16, 2025**

Cor Marian Shrine  
 242 State Hwy 102  
 Clear Lake, NE 68023

Schwenstatt family, please come and join us at the shrine! We have so much to celebrate! Use the QR code to RSVP for the meal or child care, or email our retreat coordinator by October 13.

**THE 100<sup>th</sup> JUBILEE OF THE SCHWENSTATT SISTERS**

Our Sisters opened their hearts to the Lord on October 1<sup>st</sup>

**111 YEARS OF THE COVENANT OF LOVE**

111 years of entrusting our hearts to the devoted Mother and Church.

**CROWNING OF THE KING IN THE FATHER'S KINGDOM**

We are starting a new journey of prayer.

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.

**Dates:** Tues. Oct 7, Fri. Nov 21, Tues. Dec. 9.

Learn more & register at: [goodcounselretreat.org/desert-days](http://goodcounselretreat.org/desert-days). 402.786.2705.

**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/>

**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.**



**Fall 2026 Retreats at Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House near Waverly.**

*Going on a retreat is so important. It brings you closer to Christ & brings stillness to our busy lives. –Ashley*

**Sept 26-28 Magnificat Women's Life in the Spirit** with the **Living Praise Worship Team.** Stir into flame the gift of the Holy Spirit w/in you.

**Oct 3-5 Eucharistic Adoration Retreat** w/ Fr. Matthew Eickhoff & Knights of the Holy Eucharist. Come adore Him, Christ the Lord.

**Oct 24-26 The Prodigal Retreat for Men** w/ Fr. Barak, Matt Simmons, Fr. Holdren. No matter where you've been, the Father is waiting.

**Oct 31-Nov 2 Come to Me All You Who Labor & are Burdened** w/ Fr. Ryan Salisbury. Encounter the healing love of the Trinity.

**Nov 14-15 Family Become what You Are (Couples Retreat)** w/ Fr. Ben Holdren & MHSF. Strengthen your marriage. Enrich your family. Live your calling.

[Goodcounselretreat.org](http://Goodcounselretreat.org) 402.786.2705



**CRETE DEANERY COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN FALL MEETING-**

Please mark your calendar for **SATURDAY morning, Sept. 27. Mass** will begin at **8A** at **St. Joseph Catholic Church in Friend, NE, breakfast & meeting at 9A. 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, -Denice Baum**



**SURVIVING DIVORCE MINISTRY:** Have you or a loved one experienced the pain & loneliness of a broken marriage? We invite you to come find comfort & healing consistent with Catholic Church teachings. The 12-week series begins **Monday, Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> from 7-8:30pm at JXXIII**

**Diocesan Center-Lincoln.** For questions or to register please call/email the **Office of Family Life** at 402-473-0620 or [familylifeoffice@lincolndiocese.org](mailto:familylifeoffice@lincolndiocese.org)

**HEALING HEARTS GRIEF SUPPORT:** 6-wk. session helping Catholics navigate thru the grieving process after experiencing the loss of a loved one. Sessions are led by Sandy Danek & family therapist Holly Burris (both have many years' experience assisting individuals). The sessions will be weekly on **Thursday evenings beginning Oct. 16, 7<sup>00</sup>-9<sup>00</sup> p.m., at John XXIII Diocesan Center-Lincoln.** Suggested Donation: \$25 (for materials) To register, please call 402-473-0620.

**ST. JOHN'S CHURCH HARVEST FESTIVAL**  
Lincoln- **Sun., 9/21,** from 11 am-4 pm.

**Wahoo- St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church Fall Festival** is **Sun., 9/28,** from 10 A to 2 P. Enjoy a hearty **roast beef & mashed potato dinner w/ dessert & beverage included.** game tickets, raffle prizes & more.

**ROAST BEEF DINNER** at **St. Joseph's Catholic Church- Colon, NE** on **Sun., Oct. 5.** See bulletin board.

**Luxury BINGO**  
*The Event of the Year!*  
**Wednesday, October 1st**  
The Lincoln Station Great Hall

Our **Knights of Columbus** have sponsored a table! You are invited to be their **guest.** Speak to **Ed Zach by 9/15.** Good food, great company, a good cause, & a fun night.

Women's Care Center provides **free** pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, counseling, and parenting support. In the past year, they supported over **900** women and conducted over **1,300** ultrasounds. Remarkably, **9** out of **10** women choose life!

We invite you to join us for our annual event, promising a truly unique night where guests play bingo to win luxury prizes!

Questions? Please contact Paul Mach at [paul@supportwcc.org](mailto:paul@supportwcc.org) or 402-587-1577  
Learn more: [www.supportwcc.org](http://www.supportwcc.org)

**Sidewalk Advocates FOR LIFE**  
Lincoln, NE

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

Join us at our next training where you will learn how to be the hands and feet of Christ, offering loving, life-affirming alternatives to all present at Planned Parenthood of Lincoln, thereby eliminating demand and helping end abortion in Nebraska.

**Saturday, October 18 | 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 at [lisapal24@aol.com](mailto:lisapal24@aol.com) or 402.525.9360  
[sidewalkadvocates.org](http://sidewalkadvocates.org)

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE**

YOU CAN PROTECT MOTHERS AND CHILDREN by using the medical abortion to pray and fast for, as well as abstain.

THROUGH PRAYER AND FASTING, powerful light and heavenly assistance, 40 days for life can prevent 1,000,000 abortions!

Help Save Lives in Lincoln

Learn more, get involved, and sign up to pray [40daysforlife.com/Lincoln](http://40daysforlife.com/Lincoln)

**KICKOFF EVENT**  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 | 6:00 PM  
Lincoln Right to Life | 5634 S. 48th St.  
Please join at Cornerstone Christian Church

Our guest speaker for this kickoff will be Pastor Steve Christopfer, Pastor Emeritus at the Last Place of Calvary Community Church in Lincoln. He is a social proponent for the pro-life movement both in the local community and from the pulpit.

Lincoln Right to Life will provide shipping pens so please bring a sock, shirt, or dress to size. \$500 to Cully of 402-202-1414 with your name and how many you attend.

Sponsored by Lincoln Right to Life

**SAVE THE DATE! "In The Upper Room", a Holy Hour for our Priests! Thursday, Oct. 16. Magnificat of Lincoln & Seven Sisters Apostolate** are sponsoring at **John XXIII Chapel** from 7 to 8 a.m. on the Feast of St Margaret Mary Alacoque.

**Seven Sisters Apostolate Day of Renewal~ Sat., Oct. 18~ St Gregory the Great Seminary~** w/ Janette Howe, Apost. Foundress. All are invited, those who are **Seven Sisters** & also those who want to learn more. There are **Fasting Brothers Groups** avail. for men who'd like to support our Priests. Mark your calendars to attend & learn more re: this important Apostolate of Holy Hours for our Priests!

The **UNL Thomistic Institute chapter** brings leading **Catholic scholars** to campus for **lectures, study groups, & conversation.** This fall's speakers include Dr. Nathaniel Peters (**Sept. 25**), Prof. Lee Oser (**Oct. 16**), & Prof. Joseph Capizzi (**Nov. 6**). Open to students & the public, these events explore the Catholic intellectual tradition where faith & reason meet. The 1<sup>st</sup> talk on Sept. 25 is scheduled at 5 p in **Pioneers Suite** on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of Willa Cather Dining Hall on **UNL** campus.

**JUBILEE OF CATECHISTS — September 26-28, 2025**

A catechist is a "Christian who receives a particular calling from God that, when accepted in faith, empowers him for the service of the transmission of faith & for the task of initiating others into the Christian life" (*Directory for Catechesis*, no. 112).

Though the official celebration of the Jubilee of Catechists in Rome includes the institution of men & women in the ministry of catechist on Sunday, September 28, it should be noted that the Jubilee of Catechists includes those catechists who are not called to be part of the instituted ministry of catechist.

"The Church was founded so that by spreading Christ's kingdom throughout the world to the glory of God the Father, every man & woman may share in the saving work of redemption, & so that through them the entire world may be truly directed towards Christ" (*Apostolicam Actuositatem*, no. 2). The Church teaches us that "in the building up of Christ's Body various members & functions have their part to play.

There is only one Spirit who, according to his own richness & the needs of the ministries, gives his different gifts for the welfare of the Church" (*Lumen Gentium*, no. 7). One of these roles, present in the Church from her earliest beginnings, is that of catechist. The call to be a catechist is rooted in a person's Baptism, strengthened by Confirmation & by regular participation in the Eucharistic Sacrifice.

Catechists must recognize that the teaching they hand on is not their own but Christ's. Through their words & life catechists proclaim the kerygma, & they make known Jesus' teachings & life to those whom they catechize (see *Catechesi Tradendae*, no. 6). This time of Jubilee set aside for catechists is a reminder of the ongoing role that many of the Christian faithful have in supporting the Church's mission to "Go, therefore, & make disciples of all nations..." (*Mt 28:19*).

For ideas on how to celebrate the Jubilee of Priests in your parish, click [here](#).

**A Prayer for Catechists**  
*Loving Father,*

*We pray today for our catechists. We thank you for their gift of ministry in your Church.*

*Grant them your wisdom that they may grow in the understanding & teaching of your Word.*

*Grant them also your love that they may be fruitful heralds of your Word & lead others to love you. Pour forth your Holy Spirit upon them to grant them wisdom about what is important; knowledge of the truths of faith; understanding of their meaning; right judgement about how to apply them in life; courage to persevere even in the face of adversity; reverence before all that is sacred & holy; & that loving zeal which leads others to a transforming encounter with your Son.*

**A study on Dr. Bob Schuch's book Be Healed begins Thur., Sept. 25, at 7 p. in St. Michael Catholic Church in Hastings** (715 Creighton Ave.). Everyone is welcome. 6 sessions, ending 10/30 Questions, contact St. Michael's parish office (402-463-1023). Plan on the *Healing the Whole Person* wknd. 4/16-18/26 in Lincoln. Regis. for April event begins in January: <https://jpiihealingcenter.org/event/healing-the-whole-person-weekend-2026-lincoln-ne/>

**Broken Mary: The Kevin Matthews Story.** Kevin Matthews was a wild DJ in the late 80s & 90s and, after his health crumbles & fame begins to fade, he finds redemption next to a dirty dumpster from an unlikely source: a statue of the Virgin Mary. **One-night only theatrical release: October 7.** After the film, join Kevin Matthews in praying the Rosary - on the Feast of the Most Holy Rosary. **Showing at the Marcus Lincoln Grand Cinemas** (1101 P Street, Lincoln, NE 68508) at 630pm on October 7.

[www.campkateri.org](http://www.campkateri.org) [campkaterit@gmail.com](mailto:campkaterit@gmail.com)

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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? Can't Come?

Register Here Donate Here

## AROUND OUR PARISH

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

Tuesday	Sept 23	7:30 pm	Young Adult Bible Study (Call Renae at 402-419-4491)	Parish Hall
Thursday	Sept 25	7:00 pm	<b>Eucharistic Adoration Hour</b>	Church
Friday	Sept 26	8:00 pm	AA—Hall Reserved	Parish Hall
Saturday	Sept 27	6:30 am	<i>That Man is You</i> — New videos for Year 1. Come join us!	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**.*

### 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 9/14/25

Adult Envelopes	\$780.00
Plate	\$641.86
<b>Total Deposit</b>	<b>\$1,421.86</b>

### IMPORTANT PARISH EVENTS COMING UP

**SEPT 20-21<sup>ST</sup> — CATECHETICAL SUNDAY** is THIS weekend. We will recognize & bless our Catechists at each Mass.

**TODAY, 9/21- BREAKFAST IN PARISH HALL.** Proceeds help purchase supplies for our **CCD** classes. Come enjoy some good fellowship & meet a new St. James Parish family. **Thank you** to all who have donated items & time.

**OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup> —** Saint James Knights of Columbus Council has **sponsored** a table for 8 at the *Woman's Care Center* Luxury Bingo fundraiser on this day at the *Lincoln Station Great Hall* in the Haymarket district of Lincoln. Contact Council Treasurer Ed Zach at 402-525-2345 to see if seats are still available. *Food, fun, prizes!*

**OCTOBER 7<sup>TH</sup> — Faith Direct online giving** will change to **ParishSOFT online giving**. No action is required on your part, as your gift schedules & payment details will all transfer for you! **See insert in today's bulletin.**

**NOVEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup> — ST. JAMES ANNUAL SOUP SUPPER** FROM 4:30 TO 7:30 PM. IN THE PARISH HALL. BOTH DINE-IN & TO-GO ORDERS WILL BE AVAILABLE. TO ALL TALENTED PARISHIONERS...START THINKING ABOUT YOUR RAFFLE DONATIONS! MORE INFO TO COME... WATCH THE BULLETIN! SERVED BY THE *PCCV*.

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST** BY *KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS* SUNDAY, **DECEMBER 7, 9 AM TO NOON.**



### New Opportunities to Serve at St. James!

*Please prayerfully consider taking up one of these needed ministries!*

**ST. JAMES CEMETERY**— Thank you to those who have expressed interest in the St. James Cemetery record keeping, etc.

**OUTDOOR PLANTERS**—The two planters outside the church front doors have been beautifully arranged by a volunteer for years. She is retiring. You or a team of people would be in time for designing & planting a new creation for the autumn season! *Help beautify our church entry!*

**ALTAR LINENS**—New help is needed in the monthly (or less often as needed) washing & ironing of the purificators & corporals used during Mass.

### ONGOING AT ST. JAMES

**Young Adult Bible Study** meets on Tuesdays evenings at 7:30pm in the Parish Hall. Contact Renae at 402-419-4491 for more information. Sometimes the meeting location changes.

**OCIA CLASSES** begin at 7:00pm on **Monday** evenings in the Parish Hall for those interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, whether you are already Catholic or inquiring. Come ask questions! This class can help everyone learn more.

**Mowing at St. James** continues through October. **We need you!** **Thank you** to all who have mowed/trimmed & to all who will. Help God's House look the best in town. **Sign up now** at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4AAEA823A3FCC61-49023719-stjames>

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

**MEN OF SAINT JAMES PARISH**— Come see 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 group meets on **Saturday mornings 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 an 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. Faith formation is a life long process & this class gives you the tools needed to grow in your faith. Info: Mike M. 402-540-8041 or Joe V. 402-830-8338.

Liturgical Ministers for Sundays & Holy Week						
		Sept 20-21	Sept 27-28	Oct 4-5	Oct 11-12	Oct 18-19
Saturday 5:00 pm	Reader	Amy Larkins	Ron Eisenbarth	Diana McCown	Amy Larkins	Ron Eisenbarth
	Acolyte	Kurt Larkins	(volunteer)	(volunteer)	Kurt Larkins	Randy Eickmeier
	Server 1	(volunteer)	(volunteer)	Braxton Skillett	(volunteer)	(volunteer)
	Server 2	(volunteer)	(volunteer)	Easton Schilbitzki	(volunteer)	(volunteer)
Sunday 8:00 am	Reader	Jerry Lentfer	Chris Hytrek	Michelle Milke	Joe Vinton	Jerry Lentfer
	Acolyte	Pat Milke	Tony Sullivan	Joe Vinton	Chris Hytrek	Scott Osterhaus
	Server 1	Andrew Oelke	Rylan Hochstein	Brayden Kuhlman	Simon Robinson	Jax Peterson
	Server 2	Cooper Mason	Reid Hochstein	Hudson Kuhlman	Spencer Robinson	Drake Peterson
	Server 3					
Sunday 10:30 am	Reader	Shirley Yates	Larry Etmund	Ginger Jelinek	Shirley Yates	Larry Etmund
	Acolyte	Ron Boden	Theron Troxel	Ron Eisenbarth	Myron Heusinkvelt	Ron Boden
	Server 1	Max Troxel	Sam Troxel	Max Jacobson	Max Troxel	Sam Troxel
	Server 2	Ty Troxel	(volunteer)	Finn Jacobson	Ty Troxel	(volunteer)
	Server 3					
Collection Counters	Jeanne E. / Lori J.	Jim F. / Theron T.	Kassie E./Amy A.	Julie P. / Lauren E.	Jeanne E. / Lori J.	