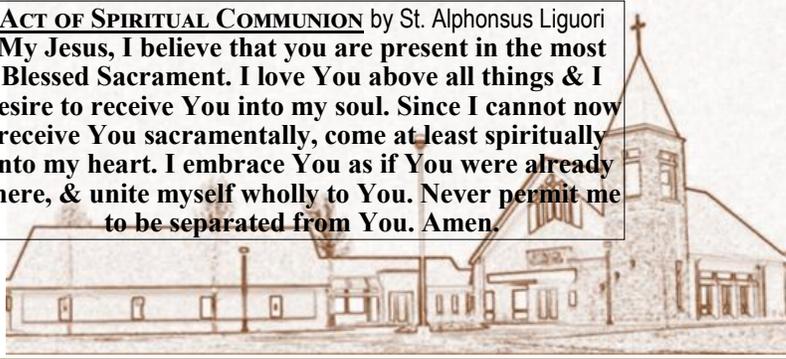




Pilgrim shell with Cross of St. James the Greater

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION by St. Alphonsus Liguori
 My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things & I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, & unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



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 1st Street
 Mailing/Rectory: 155 N Lincoln Avenue, Cortland, NE 68331

Rectory Phone: 402-798-7335
 Church Office Phone: 402-798-0255
 Office e-mail: stjamescortland@gmail.com

Website: 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.

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!

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE + NOVEMBER 23, 2025

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
 Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is to come! MARK 11:9,10

SUNDAY MASSES: Saturday 5:00 pm Sunday 8:00 am & 10:30 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.
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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 *come to God who is Mercy!*

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.

Catholic Counseling: Catholic Social Services of So. Nebr.- 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, 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. **AED**

MASS INTENTIONS SJ- St. James Church. GCRC- Gold Crest Retirement Center	MASS READINGS - Follow the Church's liturgical life. Read the Sacred Scriptures before Mass. Try to join daily Mass.
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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE		CHRIST THE KING S (Thirty-fourth & Last Sunday in Ordinary Time): 2 Sm 5: 1-3/ Ps 122: 1-2. 3-4. 4-5/ Col 1: 12-20/ Lk 23: 35-43
Sat. Nov 22 5:00 pm SJ	Joe, Mary Sullivan Family+	
Sun. Nov 23 8:00 am SJ	Rita Petska+	

10:30 am SJ	For the People of St. James Parish	
Mon. Nov 24 7:00 am SJ	All Souls Day Intentions+	Andrew Dung-Lac, p, mt, & co., mts M: Dn 1:1-6.8-20/Dn 3: 52. 53. 54. 55. 56/ Lk 21: 1-4
Tue. Nov 25 7:00 am SJ	Mabel Folda+	Ord. Wkdy./Catherine of Alexandria, v, mt: Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57.58.59. 60. 61/ Lk 21: 5-11
Wed. Nov 26 6:30 pm SJ	Andrew & Nita Hytrek+	Ord. Wkdy.: Dn 5: 1-6. 13-14. 16-17. 23-28/ Dn 3: 62. 63. 64. 65. 66. 67/ Lk 21: 12-19
Thu. Nov 27 7:00 am SJ	Ginae (Goldberry) Smith+	Ord. Wkdy./ Thanksgiving Day: Dn 6: 12-28/Dn 3:68. 69. 70. 71.72.73.74/ Lk 21: 20-28. Proper Mass in Thanksgiving to God, esp. Sir 50: 22-24/ 1 Cor 1: 3-9/ Lk 17: 11-19
Fri. Nov 28 Out of Parish	Intention of Donor	Ordinary Weekday: Dn 7: 2-14/ Dn 3: 75. 76. 77. 78. 79. 80. 81/ Lk 21: 29-33
Sat. Nov 29 8:00 am SJ	Patty Zitek+	Ordinary Weekday/ BVM: Dn 7: 15-27/ Dn 3: 82. 83. 84. 85. 86. 87/ Lk 21: 34-36

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT		FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT: Is 2: 1-5/ Ps 122: 1-2. 3-4. 4-5. 6-7. 8-9/ Rom 13: 11-14/ Mt 24: 37-44
Sat. Nov 29 5:00 pm SJ	Ray & Francis Hottovy+	
Sun. Nov 30 8:00 am SJ	For the People of St. James Parish	

CHOIR at 8:00 am Mass on next Sunday, Nov 23rd. All are welcome to come & sing! Questions to Katie W. Come enhance our sacred thanksgiving.

Communion is taken to Lakeview & Gold Crest on Wednesday.

THE GIVING TREE- Tags are on the tree for everyone to take & shop for a Christmas item for a child. All gifts are to be UNWRAPPED & NO BATTERIES. Place tag on the gift for the appropriate age level. The final date for collection is Sunday, December 14th....so get your shopping done early! The gifts will be delivered by Rob Brenner to a middle school & a elementary school in Lincoln for distribution to the young children. Wrapping Paper is also appreciated - as the gift will be wrapped by the organization. PCCW.

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION IS DECEMBER 8.

Mass Schedule at St. James will be:
Vigil Mass on Sunday, 12/7, at 5 pm.
Masses on Monday, 12/8, at 7 am & 7 pm.
 The obligation to participate in Mass remains in effect for this feast day when it falls on a Monday or a Saturday. (NB. The 2nd Sunday of Advent takes precedence liturgically over the Immaculate Conception so the readings at the vigil Mass for the Immaculate Conception on Sunday, Dec. 7, 5 pm will be the same readings as Sunday morning.) **You can fulfill your Sunday obligation** at either Mass on Sunday. You need to go to a 2nd Mass for the Holyday obligation either Sunday evening or Monday.

"We can't imagine loving a child whom we conceived more than we love Andrew. It is amazing how he fits our personalities so well... **Adopting** Andrew has made us more aware of God's power & of his love for us. We realize that he always has a perfect plan for our lives." (More at: "An Adoption Love Story" (respectlife.org/adoption-love-story), USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities)

Mass Streaming Options at <https://www.lincolndiocese.org/streaming>. **MASSES ON BROADCAST TV** via antenna: **KETV Omaha Ch. 7.5** Sunday 7:30 AM; **KPTM / Omaha Ch. 42.3** Sunday 7:30 AM. **News Channel Nebraska (NCN) @ 8 am** for Lincoln - 27, Beatrice- 21.

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

Religious Sisters Vocation Prayer Calendar 2025-26 - Nov 23-29

<i>Sr. Gemma of St. Mary Magdalene from Piedmont, OK</i>	<i>Jr. Professed Novice</i>	<i>Sisters of the Carmel of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph</i>
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Please pray for new entrants in Diocese of Lincoln Motherhouses.

Seminarian Vocation Prayer Calendar 2025-26 - Nov 23-29

Joshua Jeffrey from Cathedral of the Risen Christ, Lincoln	College 2	<i>St. Gregory the Great Seminary</i>
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Please pray for young men discerning a call to the priesthood in the Diocese of Lincoln.

POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTION FOR November 2025-

For the **prevention of suicide**- Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care, & love they need in their community, & be open to the beauty of life.

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

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.

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>.

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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THANK YOU.

MASS OF THE AMERICAS- The Catholic Diocese of Lincoln will host 1 of 12 nationwide Masses this year as part of "Project Guadalupe 2031" & in celebration of the Jubilee Year of Hope. Composed by Frank La Rocca, the *Mass of the Americas* is a unity Mass to *Our Lady of Guadalupe & Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception* commissioned by Archbishop Salvatore J. Cordileone of San Francisco. It uses texts in Spanish, English, Latin & Nahuatl. Join this beautiful Mass on **Friday, Dec. 12, '25 at 7:00 p.m.** at the **Cathedral of the Risen Christ, 3500 Sheridan Blvd., Linc.**

We also invite you to a special presentation on *Our Lady of Guadalupe* on **Monday, Dec. 1, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.** at the **Cathedral of the Risen Christ** featuring Scott Watts of Guadalupe Missions.

HEALING MASS will be held **December 7, '25, at 2:00 pm** in **John XXIII Diocesan Center Chapel, 37th & Sheridan Blvd., Linc., NE.** Salt & water will be blessed before Mass begins & will be offered to all as you leave. You may bring your own & other items to be blessed at that time. **Sacrament of Reconciliation**, beginning 1:15, **Chaplet of Divine Mercy** at 1:30 pm., **Praise & Worship** 1:40 pm., **Blessing of salt/water/religious articles** immediately before **Mass begins**. **Eucharistic Exposition & Healing Prayer** after the Mass.

HOLY HOUR Friday Dec. 5, 7:15 pm - Pink Sisters' Chapel, 1040 S. Cotner Blvd.
Singing led by *N. American Martyrs' Church Chant Choir.*

Help pray for good vocations for our Diocese.

Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House is hiring Full-time **Office & Program Coordinator.** Inquiries/resumes to director@olgcretreat.org.

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

OLGC IGNATIUS RETREATS: Details: <https://goodcounselretreat.org/our-retreats/>
4 & 8 Day Options:

Dec. 15-22. Spiritually Directed by Fr. Coulter, Jo Vasa, or Matt Simmons.

4, 5, or 6-Day Options: Flexible Starting Dates.

Dec. 28-Jan. 2. Spiritually Directed by Fr. Coulter, Jo Vasa, or

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 **OLGC 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: Fri. Nov 21, Tues. Dec. 9. Learn more & register at: goodcounselretreat.org/desert-days. 402.786.2705.**

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.*



This Week On Formed- Week of November 23, 2025.



Sacred Art: Christ the King Sit down with Dr. Ben Akers & Taylor Kemp as they explore Catholic theology through the lens of Sacred Art. In this episode, they discuss the Solemnity of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. <https://app.formed.org/app/videos/1861143/>



Who is Jesus Christ? w/ Sr. Bethany Madonna | SEEK23 Sr. Bethany Madonna from the Sisters of Life dives into the truth about who Jesus Christ is. Discover the love of Jesus for yourself & listen to Sr. Bethany Madonna! <https://app.formed.org/app/videos/2765838/>



Who is Jesus? | The Search | Episode 5 The most beautiful part of this story is this: we can know God's love, personally. This is the person of Jesus. But how did this seemingly insignificant carpenter born into poverty in a dusty corner of the Roman Empire become the most

pivotal figure in all of history?

<https://app.formed.org/app/videos/996013/>

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Nov. 10-23

T-shirts, hoodies, vests, polos & more - visit the site to see products, styles, colors, sizes and logos

[stores.inksoft.com/col/shop/home](https://www.stores.inksoft.com/col/shop/home)

MARIAN CAMP 2026
JUNE 23RD - 26TH
REGISTRATION OPENS JANUARY 10TH
VISIT [MARIANSISTERS.ORG](https://www.marian SISTERS.ORG) FOR DETAILS

ALL 2026 SUMMER CAMPS at Camp Kateri Tekakwitha are open & ready to be filled.
Go to: <https://www.campkateri.org/>

LOOKING FOR AN ADVENT ACTIVITY/DEVOTION? Consider the **Jesse Tree** as presented at https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/files/Jesse_Tree_2021_CatholicCulture.pdf. You can use all or part of it to pray as a group or individually. Go from Creation to the Nativity with God's Word.

"Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord." Rejoice in your marriage. Attend the **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience** on: **Feb. 20-22, '26, Lincoln;** Sept. 18-20, 2026, Grand Island, NE. Questions: Brenda Gary: 402-370-5839. **Spanish WWME Experience: Dec. 5-7, 2025, Omaha.** Contact: Victor & Lupita Corona: 651-343-2348. Space limited, reserve now. Info: www.wwme.org. Follow @worldwidemarriageencounter on Instagram & Fb!

Retreats You Won't Want to Miss at Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House near Waverly.

Nov. 23 Fathers Know Best: Consecration to St. Joseph: 1-day. Men & fathers to draw closer to Christ by following the example & intercession of St. Joseph.

Dec. 5-7 Waiting for Jesus with Mary- Enter into the quiet beauty of Advent w/ the **Marian Sisters** - prepare your heart for the coming of Christ. This weekend retreat for **women of all ages** offers time for rest, reflection, & renewal thru prayer, the sacraments, & inspiring talks. Come away w/ Mary to wait for Jesus & rediscover peace & joy this Advent season.

Dec. 11-14 Men's Spiritual Exercises w/ Regnum Christi Led by Fr. Fergal Ó Dúill, L.C. (*Legionaries of Christ*) **All men are invited** - encounter Christ more deeply via the *Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius*. Silence, prayer, reflection, Mass, Adoration, Confession, & spiritual direction. Thursday evening social & formation day on Friday. Avail. in-person or online.

December 19-21 Great Marian Saints & Prophets w/ Fr. Elias Mary, F.I. "Of Mary, one can never say enough." A weekend retreat exploring the lives & prophetic messages of great Marian saints- St. Louis de Montfort, St. Maximilian Kolbe, & Bl. William Chaminade- & how their devotion to Our Lady leads us closer to Christ. Friday, 8 p.m. Rosary & Mass to Sunday Noon lunch. Available in-person or online.



Info &/or Register @ [Goodcounselretreat.org](https://www.goodcounselretreat.org) 402.786.2705

NOTE: UPDATED DATE FOR FATHER/SON PROGRAM!

FATHER/SON PROGRAM

IN HIS IMAGE

Saturday, December 13, 2025

St. Joseph Catholic Church
1940 S. 77th St. 10:00 am - 12:30 p.m.

Includes lunch
\$30 includes father and son
<https://lincolndiocese.regfox.com/01-father-son-program-fall-2025>



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
1:15 PM Confessions Begin
1:30 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet
1:50 PM Blessing of Articles
2:00 PM Healing Mass

JUBILEE OF CHOIRS- 22 - 23 November 2025 Let us recognize all who help us enhance the sacred liturgies of our parish by singing in the choir: **Thank you** to those who use their musical gifts to lead music at weekend Masses. Let us pray for choirs in this parish, in our families, in the wider community, & those who remain distant from the faith, that they may share their gifts to bring glory to God & joy into the world.

NOTABLE MUSICAL SAINTS & BLESSEDS- **St. Cecilia** (c.200-c.235, feast day November 22), patron of music & musicians. It is recounted that while the musicians played at her wedding, Cecilia sang in her heart to the Lord. **St. Ephrem the Syrian** (306-373, feast day June 9) wrote over 400 hymns. He was called the Harp of the Spirit. He used his prolific hymn writing to teach the faith & correct errors.

St. Nicetas of Remesiana (333-414) was a composer of many hymns for use during the liturgy. Some scholars believe he composed the *Te Deum*, which is prayed on feasts, solemnities, & most Sundays in the Liturgy of the Hours. **St. Benignus of Armagh** (392-467, feast day November 9) was chieftain in Ireland. He was a disciple of St. Patrick, & the beauty of his singing earned him the nickname "Patrick's psalm-singer." He prepared choral services & eventually became a bishop. **St. Venantius Fortunatus** (535-605) was a wandering bard for many years. He converted to the faith & eventually became a bishop. Some of his poetry & hymns are still used in the liturgy today. Read more at www.usccb.org/resources/Jubilee%20Pilgrims%20on%20the%20Way%20of%20Hope%20Choirs.pdf

"Gratitude and joy at the incomparable dignity of the human person impel us to bring the Gospel of life to the hearts of all people and make it penetrate every part of society."

The Gospel of Life: A Brief Summary

The faithful care of human life until its natural end is entrusted to every person.

See: [The Witness of the Good Samaritan: Palliative Care and Hospice | USCCB](https://www.usccb.org/resources/witness-good-samaritan-palliative-care-and-hospice) at <https://www.usccb.org/resources/witness-good-samaritan-palliative-care-and-hospice>

LOLEK NEBRASKA HIGH SCHOOL PILGRIMAGE- Sophomores & older (inc. recent grads) are invited to join students from the *Diocese of Lincoln* on a pilgrimage to **Rome & Assisi, June 6-16, '26**. Pilgrims will stay in religious guest houses, walk in the footsteps of the saints, & visit sacred sites inc. *St. Peter's Basilica*, the *Vatican Museums*, & *Assisi*. Estimated land-only cost is \$2,600-\$2,900 (airfare addl.). For details & updates- www.lolekpilgrimage.org/nehs2026.



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

VILLA MARIE SCHOOL HOEDOWN fundraiser **Friday, February 6**. More info scan QR code or email sasha-kelly@cdolinc.net.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT VILLA MARIE! We're so grateful for everyone who supports our mission- & we'd love to welcome even more helping hands! We need **Volunteers** in the classrooms any day, esp. on **Tuesdays** while Miss Rita is away for the winter. No classroom experience needed. Also, someone to help **iron chapel linens** every other week & **clean bathrooms** on Fridays or Saturdays. If you'd like to share your time & talents, please email villamarieinfo@cdolinc.net.

PIUS X HIGH SCHOOL is seeking an **Accounting Specialist** to manage daily accounting tasks, with a primary focus on accounts payable. This role also supports accounts receivable, general ledger, payroll, & cash management. Responsibilities include assisting with benefits billing & ensuring accurate financial reporting through month-end reconciliations, journal entries, & accruals. More information or to apply visit our website: piusx.net/jobs.

Women's Care Center- Lincoln is hiring for full-time or part-time **LPN/RN/Ultrason Tech**. Nursing deg. OR ultrasonography required. Spanish-speaking is a plus! Email barb@womenscarecenter.org.

JOHN PAUL II Healing Center
Transformation in the Heart of the Church

Healing the Whole Person

This uniquely engaging format will help you see and experience God's healing love through teaching, prayer, personal reflection, adoration and the Sacraments. Join us Thursday & Friday evening and all-day Saturday.

SAVE THE DATE
April 16-18, 2026

Online Registration Opens January 12, 2026 at 10 AM ET

North American Martyrs Catholic Church
1101 Isaac Dr, Lincoln, NE 68521

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JOHN PAUL II Healing Center
Transformation in the Heart of the Church

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.

DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT being sought by the **Catholic Diocese of Lincoln** to lead stewardship & fundraising efforts to support **Catholic education & diocesan ministries**. Dir. will work closely w/ Bishop . Conley & diocesan leadership to strengthen the **Good Shepherd Scholarship Fund**, the **Bishop's Appeal for Vocations**, & other key initiatives. Qualified candidates will have fundraising experience, strong communication skills, & a heart for the mission of the Church. The applicant must be a practicing Catholic in good standing. Please send a cover letter & resumé to: Marsha Bartek, H.R. Manager marsha-bartek@lincolndiocese.org. Deadline for applications is **Dec. 5**.

AROUND OUR PARISH

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

Tuesday	Nov 25	7:30 pm	Young Adult Bible Study (Call Renae at 402-419-4491)	Parish Hall
Thursday	Nov 27	7:00 pm	Eucharistic Adoration Hour	Church
Friday	Nov 28	8:00 pm	AA—Hall Reserved	Parish Hall
Saturday	Nov 29	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**.

DECEMBER 7TH- PANCAKE BREAKFAST—9 am to Noon.
Served by *Knights of Columbus*.

THANK YOU TO THE Lectors & Acolytes for meeting for the Adoration & Benediction of the Holy Eucharist last Thursday, November 20th.

REQUEST MASSES be offered for your intentions. **2026 Calendar** is here. Dates requested- 1st come. \$10.

ST. JOSEPH- BEATRICE will start church interior restoration in February. We will host their 1st Communion, Sunday, April 19, 1:00 pm Mass & Confirmation, Tuesday, April 28, 7:00 pm Mass.

ST. JAMES YOUTH CHRISTMAS PROGRAM will be Wednesday, **Dec 17 at 7:00 pm** in *St. James Church*. We ask **all of our talented youth, 3 years & older** (HS,

too), to participate in the **preschool program, prelude music/talents** prior to the start of the play, &/or **program participation!**

Practices will be:

- Sun., 12/7** - CCD time (9:05-9:45am)*
- Wed., 12/10** - @ 6:30pm-8 (immed. after 6pm Mass).
- Sun., 12/14** - CCD time (9:05-10:10am)*

*Students not in program will be in their classrooms.

Practices for PRESCHOOL (meet in *Kinderg.* room):

- Sun., 12/7** - 9:00am-9:20am
- Sun., 12/14** - 9:00 am- 9:15am

Please **sign up** your child for the *St. James Youth Christmas program* at the [link](#) ASAP so we can know who to plan for. Thanks so very much!

THANK YOU TO THE CONFIRMATION TEAM, STUDENTS, PARENTS & SPONSORS preparing for our **April 21, '26, Tue., 7:00 p** Confirmation. **Thank you to all who are supporting them with your ongoing prayers.**

STUDENTS are preparing for **First Confession**, Saturday, February 28, 10:00 am &

First Communion April 12, 3:00 PM Mass. **Thank you to all who are supporting them with your ongoing prayers.**

PARISH COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN INFORMATION

THANK POINSETTIA DONATION – Envelopes are on the table in church entry for a **\$10.00 donation** towards poinsettias in **honor or in memory of a loved one**. Just drop it in the collection basket. Help decorate the church for Christmas. Thank you.

PCCW MEETING will be Wednesday, **December 10th**— after **6:00 pm** Mass. A **meal** will be provided. There will be an **ornament exchange**. If you would like to participate in the exchange, bring a 5.00-\$10.00 ornament/gift. A fun-filled evening with food & fellowship.

***Dec.- St. Joseph's circle** - a **fun surprise for the kids** after their Christmas Program.

ONE LIFE TO GIVE- BISHOP'S APPEAL FOR VOCATIONS '25- Our parish has pledged **\$9,715** to help to help with some of the cost of the expenses for our future priests, in their **studies, training, & formation**.

Thank you. You may still pledge/give. To give **online** see: <https://www.givecentral.org/Diocese-of-Lincoln-BAV>.



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 11/16/25

Adult Envelopes	\$1,160.00
Plate	\$170.00
Total Deposit	\$1,330.00



ParishSOFT Giving is our new, secure, online giving platform! Current online donors' gift schedules & payment details were securely transferred. For previous *Faith Direct* users, log in to **ParishSOFT Giving** using the same credentials. **Please consider online giving to our Parish.** Get started at <https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/FD-1020> or see **Online Giving** on the Parish Website. Thank you.

flocknote can help *St. James Parish* communicate w/ you via **email** &/or **text**. No password or login required. Please **SIGN UP**: **TEXT "STJAMESCORTLAND"** to 84576 & follow the instructions **OR VISIT** stjamescortland.flocknote.com & follow the prompts to enter your name & email address. Emails will always come from: mail@flocknote.com. You can unsubscribe at any time. The *Diocese of Lincoln* subscribes for us. **Parish Group leaders** contact the *St. James Parish* office to **learn how to send messages to your group members**. Thank you to those who are adopting this.

Confessions available before every Mass.
Come to God who is Mercy!

ONGOING AT ST. JAMES

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

THAT MAN IS YOU (TMIY) revised videos "Becoming a Man After God's Own Heart" continue. **Sat., 6:30a** in the **Parish Hall**. Info: Mike 402-540-8041 or Joe.

OCIA CLASSES 7 pm 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.

ALUMINUM CANS TO RECYCLE? Accepted at *Vinton Auto* on n. side of Cortland. Barrel is on SE corner of shop. Donations support *Knights of Col.* Projects.

Liturgical Ministers for Sundays & Holy Week

		Nov 22-23	Nov 29-30	Dec 6-7	Immaculate Conception-Holy Day Dec 8	Dec 13-14
Saturday 5:00 pm	Reader	Amy Larkins	Ron Eisenbarth	Diana McCown		Amy Larkins
	Acolyte	Kurt Larkins	Chris Hytrek	(volunteer)	<i>Vigil Mass</i>	Kurt Larkins
	Server 1	(volunteer)	Braxton Skillett	(volunteer)	<i>to be determined</i>	(volunteer)
	Server 2	(volunteer)	Easton Schilbitzki	(volunteer)		(volunteer)
Sunday 8:00 am	Reader	Chris Hytrek	Michelle Milke	Joe Vinton	Mon., 7:00am —Jerry Lentfer	Chris Hytrek
	Acolyte	Tony Sullivan	Joe Vinton	Chris Hytrek	Patrick Milke	Scott Osterhaus
	Server 1	Rylan Hochstein	Brayden Kuhlman	Sam Robinson	(volunteer)	Jax Peterson
	Server 2	Reid Hochstein	Hudson Kuhlman	Sawyer Robinson	(volunteer)	Drake Peterson
	Server 3					
Server 4						
Sunday 10:30 am	Reader	Shirley Yates	Larry Etmund	Cole Henn	Mon., 7:00pm —Ginger Jelinek	Shirley Yates
	Acolyte	Theron Troxel	Myron Heusinkvelt	Ron Eisenbarth	Ron Boden	Myron Heusinkvelt
	Server 1	Max Troxel	Sam Troxel	Max Jacobson	Max Troxel	Sam Troxel
	Server 2	Ty Troxel	Kyler Beck	Finn Jacobson	Ty Troxel	Kyler Beck
	Server 3					
Server 4						
Collection Counters	Jim F. / Theron T.	Kassie E. / Amy A.	Julie P. / Lauren E.			Jeanne E. / Lori J.