



Pilgrim shell with Cross of St. James the Greater



Hope First Sunday of Advent

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

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!

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT + NOVEMBER 30, 2025

Show us Lord, your love; and grant us your salvation. Psalm 85:8

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

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.

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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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sat. Nov 29 5:00 pm SJ	Ray & Francis Hottovy+	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
Sun. Nov 30 8:00 am SJ	For the People of St. James Parish	
10:30 am SJ	August & Hannah Boden+	
Mon. Dec 1 7:00 am SJ	All Souls Day Intentions+	Advent Weekday: Is 4: 2-6/ Ps 122: 1-2. 3-4b. 4cd-5. 6-7. 8-9/ Mt 8: 5-11
Tue. Dec 2 7:00 am SJ	Weitzel & Davis Families	Advent Weekday: Is 11:1-10/ Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/ Luke 10:21-24
Wed. Dec 3 6:30 pm SJ	Justin Hollman & Family	Francis Xavier, p, ms M: Is 25: 6-10a/ Ps 23: 1-3a. 3b-4. 5. 6/ Mt 15: 29-37
Thu. Dec 4 7:00 am SJ	Intention of Donor	Adv. Wkdy./John of Damascus,p,r,dr: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 & 8-9.19-21.25-27a/Mt 7:21.24-27
Fri. Dec 5 7:00 am SJ	Intention of Donor	Advent Weekday: Is 29: 17-24/ Ps 27: 1. 4. 13-14/ Mt 9: 27-31
Sat. Dec 6 8:00 am SJ	Donald Mitchell+	Adv. Wkdy./Nicholas, bp: Is 30:19-21.23-26/ Ps 147:1-2. 3-4. 5-6/ Mt 9: 35 10:1.5a. 6-8

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sat. Dec 6 5:00 pm SJ	Ginae (Goldsberry) Smith+	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT: Is 11: 1-10/ Ps 72: 1-2. 7-8. 12-13. 17/ Rom 15: 4-9/ Mt 3: 1-12
Sun. Dec 7 8:00 am SJ	Dr. Robert Quick+	
10:30 am SJ	For the People of St. James Parish	

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Sun. Dec 7 5:00 pm SJ	Diocese of Lincoln	IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY S. Holy Day of Obligation. Gn 3: 9-15. 20/ Ps 98: 1. 2-3ab. 3cd-4/ Eph 1: 3-6. 11-12/ Lk 1: 26-38
Mon. Dec 8 7:00 am SJ	All Souls Day Intentions+	
7:00 pm SJ	For the People of St. James Parish	

DURING ADVENT the Communion music will be soft instrumental or silence.

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. Gifts are to be unwrapped & no batteries. Place tag on the gift for the appropriate age level. Final date for putting under the tree is Sun., Dec. 14th. The gifts will be delivered by Rob Brenner to a middle school & a elementary school in Lincoln for distribution to the children. Wrapping paper is also appreciated- as gifts will be wrapped by the organization. Thank you from the PCCW.

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION (DEC. 8)

Mass Schedule is above. The obligation to participate in Mass remains for this feast day when it falls on Monday or Saturday. (NB. The 2nd Sunday of Advent has liturgical precedence over the Immaculate Conception so the readings at the vigil Mass for the Immaculate Conception on Sun., 12/7, 5 pm will be the same readings as Sun. morning.) You can fulfill your Sunday obligation at either Mass Sun. You need to go to a 2nd Mass for the Holyday obligation either Sun. eve or Mon.

CLOISTERED SISTERS serve our diocese w/ prayer & presence. Carmelite Sisters at the Carmel of Jesus, Mary & Joseph are in rural Agnew www.lincolndiocese.org/directory/religious/217-carmelite-sisters. Sister Servants of the Holy Spirit of Perpetual Adoration (Pink Sisters) Adoration Convent of Christ the King are in Lincon www.lincolndiocese.org/directory/religious/230-sister-servants-of-the-holy-spirit-of-perpetual-adoration. Thanksgiving is our opportunity to support them with prayer & financially. There is a Coistered Sisters in envelope in the packets.

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

Religious Sisters Vocation Prayer Calendar 2025-26 - Nov 30-Dec 06

<i>Sr. Bridget of Fort Wayne, IN</i>	<i>Postulant</i>	<i>Sisters of the Carmel of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph</i>
Please pray for new entrants in <i>Diocese of Lincoln</i> Motherhouses.		

POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTION FOR DECEMBER 2025- For **Christians in areas of conflict**- Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, & hope.

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 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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Prayer cards in pews & at <https://www.usccb.org/prolife/nationwide-invitation-prayer>. 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:** 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.*

Seminarian Vocation Prayer Calendar 2025-26 - Nov 30-Dec 06

Jackson Schaefer from St. Cecilia, Hastings, NE	Propaedeutic Stage	<i>St. Gregory the Great Seminary</i>
Please pray for young men discerning a call to the priesthood in the <i>Diocese of Lincoln.</i>		

This Week On *Formed*- Week of November 30, 2025.

Rooted: Rediscover the Jesse Tree This Advent | Trailer Hosted by Dr. Scott Helffingler, *Rooted* guides Catholics through a daily Advent reflection using the Jesse Tree model traditionally practiced by families. Each seven-minute episode introduces the ancestors of Jesus Christ, shares a Scripture passage, & offers an engaging, practical reflection.



<https://app.formed.org/app/videos/2961726/>
Week One | Adore: Advent with Fr. John Burns Join Fr. John Burns as he journeys deeper into the theme for week one: watchfulness. <https://app.formed.org/app/videos/1887660/>

Week One | Encountering Emmanuel with Heather Khym In week one, Heather speaks about the first reason for the Incarnation—Jesus saves us. Heather helps us to give our sorrows to Jesus, & open our hearts to the saving power of Christ. <https://app.formed.org/app/videos/3387254/>

"FIND OUR PARISH SUBSCRIPTION": Sign in / sign up. GO to [formed.org](https://www.formed.org). Get the *Formed* App.



<p>NOW AVAILABLE: DIOCESE OF LINCOLN MERCHANDISE</p> <p>SHOP ONLINE Nov. 10-23</p> <p>T-shirts, hoodies, vests, polos & more - visit the site to see products, styles, colors, sizes and logos stores.inksoft.com/cdol/shop/home</p>	<p>MARIAN CAMP 2026 JUNE 23RD - 26TH REGISTRATION OPENS JANUARY 10TH VISIT MARIANSISTERS.ORG FOR DETAILS</p>	<p>ALL 2026 SUMMER CAMPS at Camp Kateri Tekakwitha are open & ready to be filled. Go to: https://www.campkateri.org/</p>
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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.

Take time to thank God for the gift of your marriage by participating in a **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.
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.

January 16-18, '26 *Friends of Christ in the Midst of the World* with Bishop Robert Finn.
 Info &/or Register @ [Goodcounselretreat.org](https://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

Join **Catholic Social Services** in our Christmas & New Year's giving programs. Your support will provide needed items for our client-based programs, financial assistance thru cash donations & gift cards, food market items, & personal care items for our homeless & walk-in clients. To help, visit csshope.org/holidaygiving for each CSS regional office's info. Your participation in any of our programs will inspire hope & love this holiday season. God bless you for supporting HOPE IN THE GOOD LIFE!



Are you a young adult age 21-39? Then you are invited to join the Diocesan Salt + Light Young Adult Community! They offer opportunities to grow in faith & fellowship with other young adults while helping each other glorify the Lord! Get connected by going to their website at saltandlightink.com



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



LOW SENSORY MASS

9:30 a.m. Mass
SECOND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH
Stay for a light breakfast and fellowship afterward
IT'S FREE
JOIN US!

John XXIII Diocesan Center
3700 Sheridan Blvd
Lincoln, NE

WE'RE HIRING 2026 TOTUS TEAM MEMBERS!

- Paid training
- In parishes June 6 - July 24
- Interviews held Dec. 11th from 4-9 p.m. at Newman

More Info or Apply Here:

CAROLE FEST—the largest fundraiser for the **St. Gianna Home for Women**—will be held **Sunday, December 14, 2025, at 3:00 p.m.** at **St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church (Newman Center)**. The **St. Gianna Program** offers safe shelter, compassionate support, & a path toward healing for women & children who have survived domestic violence or are facing under-supported pregnancies. Every dollar raised through **Carole Fest** directly supports these families in need.

DIVORCE MINISTRY SUPPORT: Are you separated, divorced, or struggling in your marriage & searching for hope & support? You're not alone—and you don't have to walk this road without guidance. Beginning Thursday, Jan. 22, 2026 & held via Online Zoom Sessions. Experience a 12-week virtual healing journey to peace, strength, & spiritual renewal. **Register by Dec. 31st** to receive the early bird discount. Go to aboundingjoyministry.com/events for more info.

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.

2nd Annual **Villa Marie HOEDOWN**
Hosted by Knights of Columbus
Presented By Knights of Columbus Nebraska State Council

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 6 SANDHILLS GLOBAL EVENT CENTER
DOORS OPEN AT 06:00PM

STUDENT PERFORMANCE
LED BY THE PEOX & THUNDERBOLTS & ACCOMPANIED BY THE ST. MICHAEL 8th GRADERS

VILLA MARIE SCHOOL HOEDOWN fundraiser Friday, Feb. 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.

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

JPIIHEALINGCENTER.ORG

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

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

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

AROUND OUR PARISH

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

Tuesday	Dec 02	7:30 pm	Young Adult Bible Study (Call Renae at 402-419-4491)	Parish Hall
Thursday	Dec 04	7:00 pm	Eucharistic Adoration Hour	Church
Friday	Dec 05	8:00 pm	AA—Hall Reserved	Parish Hall
Saturday	Dec 06	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*.

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.

MASS FOR HOMEBOUND OPTIONS: Attending Mass in person is the only way to fulfill the Sunday obligation - watching online does not fulfill your Sunday obligation. However, if you are unable to attend in person due to serious reasons such as illness or duty, you are excused from the Sunday obligation & watching Mass online can provide spiritual benefits. Those who are **shut-in** should contact their local par-

ish to have someone bring them **Communion**. **Lincoln Diocese** website has [Mass Streaming Options](https://www.lincolndiocese.org/streaming) at <https://www.lincolndiocese.org/streaming>
MASSES ON BROADCAST TV available *Via antenna* on:
KETV from **Omaha Ch. 7.5** Sunday 7:30 AM;
KPTM from **Omaha Ch. 42.3** Sunday 7:30 AM
NEWS CHANNEL NEBRASKA (NCN) @ 8:00 am. look for **Lincoln - 27, Beatrice- 21.**

ST. JAMES YOUTH CHRISTMAS PROGRAM - Wed., 12/17 at 7:00 pm in St. James Church. All of our talented youth, 3 yrs. & older (HS, too), are invited to be in the preschool program, prelude music/talents before the play, &/or program!

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

PARISH COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN INFORMATION

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.

*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!

PCCW MEETING will be Wed., Dec. 10th– after 6:00 pm Mass. A meal will be provided. To participate in the ornament 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>.



ONGOING AT ST. JAMES

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.
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.
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.

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 11/23/25	
Adult Envelopes	\$1,155.00
Plate	\$668.50
Building Fund	\$20.00
Cloistered Sisters	\$100.00
Total Deposit	\$1,943.50



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 **Parish-SOFT 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!

Liturgical Ministers for Sundays & Holy Week

		Nov 29-30	Dec 6-7	Immaculate Conception— December 8	Dec 13-14	Dec 20-21
Saturday 5:00 pm	Reader	Ron Eisenbarth	Diana McCown	Dec. 7, Sun. @ 5 pm - Amy Larkins	Ron Eisenbarth	Diana McCown
	Acolyte	Chris Hytrek	(volunteer)	Kurt Larkins	(volunteer)	(volunteer)
	Server 1	Braxton Skillett	(volunteer)	(volunteer)	(volunteer)	Braxton Skillett
	Server 2	Easton Schilbitzki	(volunteer)	(volunteer)	(volunteer)	Easton Schilbitzki
Sunday 8:00 am	Reader	Michelle Milke	Joe Vinton	12/8, Mon., 7:00am—Jerry Lentfer	Chris Hytrek	Michelle Milke
	Acolyte	Joe Vinton	Chris Hytrek	Patrick Milke	Scott Osterhaus	Tony Sullivan
	Server 1	Brayden Kuhlman	Sam Robinson	(volunteer)	Jax Peterson	Carson Eickmeier
	Server 2	Hudson Kuhlman	Sawyer Robinson	(volunteer)	Drake Peterson	Parker Eickmeier
	Server 3					
Sunday 10:30 am	Reader	Larry Etmund	Cole Henn	12/8, Mon., 7:00pm—Ginger Jelinek	Shirley Yates	Larry Etmund
	Acolyte	Myron Heusinkvelt	Ron Eisenbarth	Ron Boden	Myron Heusinkvelt	Theron Troxel
	Server 1	Sam Troxel	Max Jacobson	Max Troxel	Sam Troxel	Max Jacobson
	Server 2	Kyler Beck	Finn Jacobson	Ty Troxel	Kyler Beck	Finn Jacobson
	Server 3					
Server 4						
Collection Counters		Kassie E. /Amy A.	Julie P. / Lauren E.		Jeanne E. / Lori J.	Jim F. / Theron T.