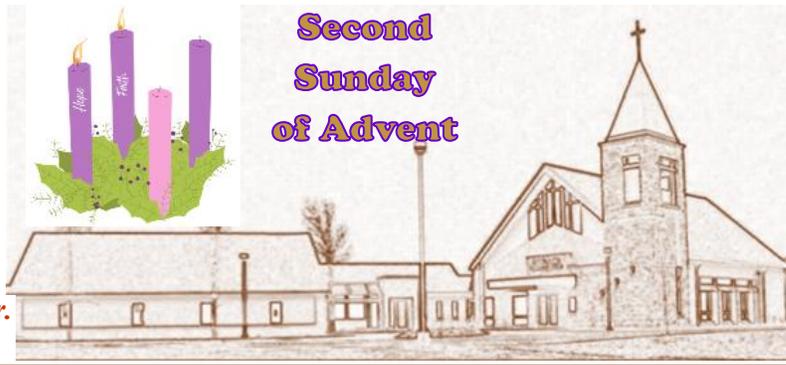




Pilgrim shell with
Cross of St. James the
Greater

**St. James the Greater.
Pray for us.**



**Second
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](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!**

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT + DECEMBER 7, 2025

*Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:
all flesh shall see the salvation of God. Luke 3:4,6*

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.

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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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| Sat. | Dec 6 | 5:00 pm | SJ | Ginae (Goldsberry) Smith+ |
| Sun. | Dec 7 | 8:00 am | SJ | Dr. Robert Quick+ |
| | | 10:30 am | SJ | For the People of St. James Parish |

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

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

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| Sun. | Dec 7 | 5:00 pm | SJ | Diocese of Lincoln |
| Mon. | Dec 8 | 7:00 am | SJ | All Souls Day Intentions+ |
| | | 7:00 pm | SJ | For the People of St. James Parish |
| Tue. | Dec 9 | 7:00 am | SJ | Dan Schmidt & Family |
| Wed. | Dec 10 | 6:00 pm | SJ | Randy Eickmeier+ |
| Thu. | Dec 11 | 7:00 am | SJ | Ann Gardner+ |
| Fri. | Dec 12 | 7:00 am | SJ | Bernie & Mary Matthies |
| Sat. | Dec 13 | 8:00 am | SJ | Phil & Rita+ Baumel |

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
Advent Weekday/ Juan Diego, h: Is 40: 1-11/Ps 96: 1-2.3 & 10ac.11-12. 13/Mt 18:12-14
Advent Wkdy./ Our Lady of Loreto: Is 40: 25-31/ Ps 103: 1-2. 3-4. 8 & 10/ Mt 11: 28-30
Advent Weekday/ Damasus I, pp: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145: 1 & 9.10-11.12-13ab/Mt 11:11-15
Our Lady of Guadalupe F: Zec 2: 14-17 or Rv 11: 19a; 12: 1-6a, 10ab/ Jdt 13: 18bcde,
19/ Lk 1: 26-38 or Lk 1: 39-47 or any from the *Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
Lucy, v, mt M: Sir 48: 1-4. 9-11/ Ps 80: 2ac & 3b. 15-16. 18-19/ Mt 17: 9a. 10-13

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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| Sat. | Dec 13 | 5:00 pm | SJ | Patty Zitek+ |
| Sun. | Dec 14 | 8:00 am | SJ | For the People of St. James Parish |
| | | 10:30 am | SJ | Lyle, Verna Petersen Family+ |

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT:
Is 35: 1-6a. 10/ Ps 146: 6-7. 8-9. 9-10/ Jas 5: 7-10/ Mt 11: 2-11

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

Communion is taken to *Lakeview & Gold Crest* on Wednesday.

THE GIVING TREE- take a tag from the tree to shop for a Christmas gift for a child.
Gifts are to be unwrapped & no batteries. Place tag on the gift for the appropriate
age level. Last date to put under the tree is **Sun., Dec. 14.** Gifts will be delivered
by Rob Brenner to a middle school & an elementary school in Lincoln for distribu-
tion to children. Wrapping paper is appreciated. Thank you from the *PCCW.*

BREAKFAST IN OUR PARISH HALL THIS WEEKEND, Sunday, 12/7, served from
9 AM to 12 NOON. Pancakes, Biscuits, & Gravy, Ham, Coffee & juice.
Served by the *Knights of Columbus.*

Parish Pictorial Directories are available during the Breakfast this weekend!

INSTALLED ACOLYTES & LECTORS are needed to assist at our parish liturgies.
Training will be in January. **Installation** will be **Saturday, February 14, 2026**
at 10 AM in the *Cathedral of the Risen Christ-* Lincoln. **Is the Lord calling you**
or another man you know? Talk to Fr. Lux now. May God give us those we need,

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 preced-
ence 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 ful-**
fill your Sunday obligation at any Mass Sun-
day. You need to go to a 2nd **Mass for the**
Holyday obligation either Sun. eve or Mon.

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

Religious Sisters Vocation Prayer Calendar 2025-26 - Dec. 7 - 13

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| Sr. Elizabeth of Groton, MA | <i>Postulant</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.

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, 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

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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.**

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR STUDENTS preparing for **First Confession**, Sat., Feb. 28, 10:00 am & for **First Communion** Apr. 12, 3:00 PM Mass. Please also pray for all who are helping them prepare. Thank you.

PRAY FOR OUR CONFIRMANDS & all those helping them prepare for **CONFIRMATION** on **April 21, '26, Tue., 7:00 p.** Thank you.

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.

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, January 3, January 22.**
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 - Dec. 7 - 13

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| Eli Reiter from St. Peter, Bellwood | Pre Theology 1 | <i>St. Gregory the Great Seminary</i> |
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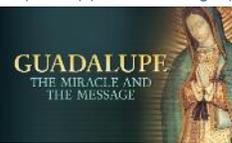
Please pray for young men discerning a call to the priesthood in the Diocese of Lincoln.

This Week On Formed- Week of December 7, 2025.

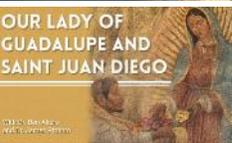


What Is the Immaculate Conception? Join Drs Tim Gray & John Sehorn as they examine Mary under her title of the Immaculate Conception. This dogma of the Catholic faith, promulgated in 1854 by Pope Pius IX, speaks of Mary's conception & what it means to the Church.

<https://app.formed.org/app/videos/1212732/>



Guadalupe: The Miracle & the Message Enjoy this film narrated by Jim Caviezel that walks us through our Mother's miraculous appearance to Juan Diego, an encounter that has influenced the conversion of millions of people. <https://app.formed.org/app/videos/578780/>



Our Lady of Guadalupe & Saint Juan Diego | Catholic Saints Dr. Ben Akers sits down with Dr. James Prothro to discuss Mary's apparition to Saint Juan Diego on Tepeyac hill under the title of Our Lady of Guadalupe. <https://app.formed.org/app/videos/1214206/>

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stores.inksoft.com/cdol/shop/home

MARIAN CAMP 2026
JUNE 23RD - 26TH
REGISTRATION OPENS JANUARY 10TH
VISIT MARIANSISTERS.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.

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.

Dec. 19-21 **A Light Shining in the Darkness** w/ Fr. Gary Coulter who pointed out "Advent is a time to prepare." "The season of longing & waiting heightens our expectation, & the retreat will be a time to focus on the Christmas message. We have heard the stories many times, but do we recognize them as a chance to encounter Jesus face-to-face?" Retreatants will be invited to read & meditate on the Gospel narratives of Jesus' birth from Matthew as well as the characters in the story, such as John the Baptist, Joseph the shepherds & wise men. Fri., 8 p. Rosary & Mass to Sunday Noon. Available in-person or online.



Jan. 16-18, '26 **Friends of Christ in the Midst of the World** w/ 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>



Pray for the People of God in Nigeria: The Pope invited everyone to pray that churches & schools might never be the target of violence: "Let us pray for these brothers & sisters of ours, that churches & schools may always & everywhere remain places of safety & hope."

ADVENT THOUGHTS - December 6, 2025

...AND BECAME MAN.

Advent has just begun: a time of waiting for the celebration of the birth of Jesus. He became human in the form of a tiny baby, accepting the normal birth of all human beings. His baby voice, crying or cooing, reverberated from the walls of the cave in which He was born, delighting & thrilling the hearts of all who heard Him. He needed to be fed, sometimes in the middle of the night; He needed to be changed, from one set of 'swaddling' clothes to another; He needed to be held, wrapped tight in loving arms & kissed. He was a baby in every way.

And surprise..surprise! We celebrate his birth every Sunday when we say the *Nicene Creed* during Mass. This statement of our belief in the Catholic Church, set forth by the *Councils of Nicaea & Constantinople* in the 4th Century, made clear to unbelievers the fact that Jesus was the Son of God & not simply another holy man. The *Creed* is full of action: making, begetting, birthing, suffering, crucifying, dying, burying, rising, ascending, judging, adoring, forgiving, resurrecting. In Mass, somewhere, in the middle of our recitation, we say what sounds like a 'throw-away' line without a lot of action. But it's an action so calm that we miss the impact of what it says; three gentle words that make the Jesus we know possible for us.

"by the power of the Holy Spirit He was born of the Virgin Mary, & became man."

Why did Jesus become a human like us? Why didn't He just wave at the Heavens, & say "Be saved. I forgive you. I love you." I think He told us why, in John 15:13: "*Greater love has no one than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.*" He became man to love us greatly, with a love we can barely imagine; our Creator God, laying down His life to save each of us, His creatures,... His friends.

St. Thomas Aquinas has given us the most thought provoking answer of all, "*Jesus became man that He might make man divine.*"

When you recite the words of the *Creed* the next time at Mass, focus on those gentle words.

Spend a moment in the midst of your testament to God, to ponder the meaning of the gift you have received.

Love in the Spirit. —Diana

Remembrance Mass: A remembrance Mass honoring children lost through miscarriage, stillbirth, infant death or abortion will be celebrated on **Sunday, Dec. 28th** at *John XXIII Diocesan Chapel*, 3700 Sheridan Blvd. Reading of names will begin at **6:30 p.m.** with **Mass at 7p.m.** New names may be submitted by calling the Office of Family Life at 473-0620 **before 5 p.m.** on **Tues. Dec. 16th** or in the vestibule prior to 6:30 p.m. If you placed your child's name previously, it will remain on the list. All names will be permanently placed on a memorial banner.

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



Victim Assistance Coordinator Needed- The *Catholic Diocese of Lincoln* is seeking a **Victim Assistance Coordinator** to provide outreach, advocacy, & pastoral care to individuals & families affected by sexual abuse by Church personnel. This as-needed position requires a background in psychology, social work, or counseling & a commitment to the mission of the Catholic Church. To apply, please send a cover letter & résumé to Marsha Bartek at marsha-bartek@lincolndiocese.org or 3400 Sheridan Boulevard, Lincoln, NE 68506.

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.

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 saltandlightlnk.com



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.

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:

LOW SENSORY MASS

9:30 a.m. Mass **SECOND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH**

Stay for a light breakfast and fellowship afterward

JOIN US! IT'S FREE

John XXIII Diocesan Center
3700 Sheridan Blvd
Lincoln, NE

VILLA MARIE SCHOOL HOE-DOWN fundraiser Friday, Feb. 6. More info scan QR code or email sasha-kelly@cdolinc.net.

2nd Annual Villa Marie HOEDOWN
Fundraiser for Essential Children

Presented By **Knights of Columbus**

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 6 SANDHILLS GLOBAL EVENT CENTER
DOORS OPEN AT 0800PM

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

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.

AROUND OUR PARISH

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

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| Tuesday | Dec 09 | 7:30 pm | Young Adult Bible Study (Call Renae at 402-419-4491) | Parish Hall |
| Wednesday | Dec 10 | 6:30pm | PCCW Meeting—Mass at 6:30pm; meeting follows | Parish Hall |
| Thursday | Dec 11 | 7:00 pm | Eucharistic Adoration Hour | Church |
| Friday | Dec 12 | 8:00 pm | AA—Hall Reserved | Parish Hall |
| Saturday | Dec 13 | 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**.

REQUEST MASSES be offered for your intentions. 2026 **Calendar** is here. Dates requested- 1st come. \$10. **ST. JOSEPH- BEATRICE** will start church interior restora-

tion 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** 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!

*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!

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)*

PCCW MEETING will be **THIS 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.

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.

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)

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| Parish Offering 11/30/25 | |
| Adult Envelopes | \$565.00 |
| Plate | \$219.00 |
| Matt Talbot Donation | \$100.00 |
| Cloistered Sisters | \$25.00 |
| Total Deposit | \$909.00 |



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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.

Liturgical Ministers for Sundays & Holy Week

| | | | | | | Christmas |
|---------------------|----------|----------------------|---|---------------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| | | Dec 6-7 | Immaculate Conception— December 8 | Dec 13-14 | Dec 20-21 | Dec 24— 4:30 pm |
| Saturday 5:00 pm | Reader | Diana McCown | Dec. 7, Sun. @ 5 pm - Amy Larkins | Ron Eisenbarth | Diana McCown | Amy Larkins |
| | Acolyte | (volunteer) | Kurt Larkins | (volunteer) | (volunteer) | Kurt Larkins |
| | Server 1 | (volunteer) | (volunteer) | (volunteer) | Braxton Skillett | (volunteer) |
| | Server 2 | (volunteer) | (volunteer) | (volunteer) | Easton Schilbitzki | (volunteer) |
| | | | | | | Dec 24— 9:00 pm |
| Sunday 8:00 am | Reader | Joe Vinton | 12/8, Mon., 7:00am —Jerry Lentfer | Chris Hytrek | Michelle Milke | Joe Vinton |
| | Acolyte | Chris Hytrek | Patrick Milke | Scott Osterhaus | Tony Sullivan | Chris Hytrek |
| | Server 1 | Sam Robinson | (volunteer) | Jax Peterson | Carson Eickmeier | Carter Stieb |
| | Server 2 | Sawyer Robinson | (volunteer) | Drake Peterson | Parker Eickmeier | Asher Stieb |
| | Server 3 | | | | | |
| Server 4 | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | Dec 25— 9:00 am |
| Sunday 10:30 am | Reader | Cole Henn | 12/8, Mon., 7:00pm —Ginger Jelinek | Shirley Yates | Larry Etmund | Ginger Jelinek |
| | Acolyte | Ron Eisenbarth | Ron Boden | Myron Heusinkvelt | Theron Troxel | Ron Eisenbarth |
| | Server 1 | Max Jacobson | Max Troxel | Sam Troxel | Max Jacobson | Max Troxel |
| | Server 2 | Finn Jacobson | Ty Troxel | Kyler Beck | Finn Jacobson | Ty Troxel |
| | Server 3 | | | | | |
| Server 4 | | | | | | |
| Collection Counters | | Julie P. / Lauren E. | | Jeanne E. / Lori J. | | Jim F. / Theron T. |