



Pilgrim shell with
Cross of St. James the
Greater

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



**Third
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
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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!**

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT + DECEMBER 14, 2025

*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me
to bring glad tidings to the poor.* Isaiah 61:1

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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sat.	Dec 13	5:00 pm	SJ	Patty Zitek+	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT: <i>Gaudete (Rejoice) Sunday.</i> Rose vestments optional. Is 35: 1-6a. 10/ Ps 146: 6-7. 8-9. 9-10/ Jas 5: 7-10/ Mt 11: 2-11
Sun.	Dec 14	8:00 am	SJ	For the People of St. James Parish	
		10:30 am	SJ	Lyle, Verna Petersen Family+	
Mon.	Dec 15	7:00 am	SJ	All Souls Day Intentions+	Advent Weekday: Nm 24: 2-7. 15-17a/ Ps 25: 4-5ab. 6 & 7bc. 8-9/ Mt 21: 23-27
Tue.	Dec 16	7:00 am	SJ	Mildred Muchlinski+	Advent Weekday: Zep 3: 1-2. 9-13/ Ps 34: 2-3. 6-7. 17-18. 19 & 23/ Mt 21: 28-32
Wed.	Dec 17	6:00 pm	SJ	Mabel Folda+	Advent Weekday (O Sapientia): Gn 49: 2. 8-10/ Ps 72: 1-2. 3-4ab. 7-8. 17/ Mt 1: 1-17
Thu.	Dec 18	7:00 am	SJ	Ray Hollman & Family	Advent Weekday (O Adonai): Jer 23: 5-8/ Ps 72: 1-2. 12-13. 18-19/ Mt 1: 18-25
Fri.	Dec 19	7:00 am	SJ	Weitzel, Davis Families	Advent Wkdy. (O Radix Jesse): Jgs 13: 2-7. 24-25a/ Ps 71: 3-4a. 5-6ab. 16-17/ Lk 1: 5-25
Sat.	Dec 20	8:00 am	SJ	Dorothy Peschel+	Advent Weekday (O Clavis David): Is 7: 10-14/ Ps 24: 1-2. 3-4ab. 5-6/ Lk 1: 26-38

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sat.	Dec 20	5:00 pm	SJ	Donald Mitchell+	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (O Oriens): Is 7: 10-14/ Ps 24: 1-2. 3-4. 5-6 (7c. 10b)/ Rom 1: 1-7/ Mt 1: 18-24
Sun.	Dec 21	8:00 am	SJ	Randy Eickmeier+	
		10:30 am	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- 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 distribution to children. Wrapping paper is appreciated.

Parish Pictorial Directories are available after Masses! Please bring your \$15. Thank you to all.

INSTALLED ACOLYTES & LECTORS are needed to assist at our parish liturgies. **Is the Lord calling you** or another man you know? **Training** will be in January. **Installation will be Sat., Febr. 14, '26** at 10 AM Mass in the *Cathedral of the Risen Christ-* Lincoln. Talk to Fr. Lux now. May God give us those we need.

Advent/Christmas Masses Schedule & Confessions Schedule				Confessions before & after Masses.
Dec. 13	Sat.	5:00 pm	3 rd Sunday of Advent Vigil Mass	4:30 to 4:55 pm & 6:00 to 6:30 pm.
Dec. 14	Sun.	8:00 am	3 rd Sunday of Advent Mass	7:30 a to 7:55 am. & 9:00 a to 9:45 am.
	Sun.	10:30 am	3 rd Sunday of Advent Mass	10:00 a to 10:20 am. & 11:30 a to 12 N.
	Sun.			2:30 to 3:30 pm Confessions available.
Dec. 15	Mon.	7:00 am	Daily Mass	6:30 to 6:55 am. & 7:30 to 8:00 am
Dec. 16	Tue.	7:00 am	Daily Mass	6:30 to 6:55 am. & 7:30 to 8:00 am
Dec. 17	Wed.	6:00 pm	Evening Daily Mass	5:30 to 5:55 pm & 6:30 to 7:00 pm
Dec. 18	Thu.	7:00 am	Daily Mass	6:30 to 6:55 am. & 7:30 to 8:00 am
Dec. 19	Fri.	7:00 am	Daily Mass	6:30 to 6:55 am. & 7:30 to 8:00 am
Dec. 20	Sat.		4 th Sunday of Advent Vigil Mass	4:30 to 4:55 pm & 6:00 to 6:30 pm.
Dec. 21	Sun.		4 th Sunday of Advent Mass	7:30 a to 7:55 am. & 9:00 a to 9:45 am.
	Sun.		4 th Sunday of Advent Mass	10:00 a to 10:20 am. & 11:30 a to 12 N.
Dec. 22	Mon.	7:00 am	Daily Mass	6:30 to 6:55 am. & 7:30 to 8:00 am
Dec. 23	Tue.	7:00 am	Daily Mass	6:30 to 6:55 am. & 7:30 to 8:00 am
Dec. 24	Wed.	4:30 pm	Vigil Mass for Christmas	Confessions 3:30 to 4:00 pm.
	Wed.	9:00 pm	Christmas Mass during the night	Confessions 8:00 to 8:30 pm.
Dec. 25	Thu	9 pm	Christmas Mass during the Day	Confessions 8:00 to 8:50 am

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

Religious Sisters Vocation Prayer Calendar 2025-26 - Dec. 14 - 20

Sr. Therese of McLouth, KS	<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, 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.

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!



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.**

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. 14 - 20

Caleb Hansen from St. Joseph, Lincoln	Theology 3	<i>St. Charles Borromeo 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 14, 2025.



Adventus: A Spiritual Pilgrimage This Advent, make a spiritual pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Uncover the beauty of the place where Christ was born, preparing your heart for Christ's coming so you can enter more deeply into this season. <https://app.formed.org/app/videos/1218768/>



30 Minutes BC *30 Minutes BC* creatively explores the profound emotions & intimate struggles of Mary & Joseph during the final 30 minutes before the birth of Jesus. As the clock ticks down, the couple navigates a whirlwind of hope, joy, & uncertainty, turning to God amidst it all. <https://app.formed.org/app/videos/3406817/>



Is Christmas Pagan? What Catholics Believe About Christmas Dr. Michael Barber answers some of the Internet's most asked questions about Christmas. Is Christmas a pagan holiday? Why is Christmas celebrated on December 25? What happened at the "first Christmas"? Find out the answers to these & more!
<https://app.formed.org/app/videos/3388337/>

"FIND OUR PARISH SUBSCRIPTION": Sign in / sign up. Go to formed.org. Get the **Formed App**.



THANK YOU to all who made the **Mass of the Americas** on the feast of **Our Lady of Guadalupe** (12/12) at the **Cathedral of the Risen Christ** a blessing for many. **Patroness of the Americas**. Pray for us.



O St. Bakhita, assist all those who are trapped in a state of slavery; Intercede with God on their behalf so that they will be released from their chains of captivity. Those whom man enslaves, let God set free. USCCB, "Prayer to St. Josephine Bakhita"

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.

Need the perfect gift for your spouse this Christmas? Give your spouse the gift of your time & love by taking them on a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend** to make your relationship even better than it is today! **2026 dates:** **Feb. 20-22, Lincoln:** Apr. 18-19, Lakewood, CO; **June 19-21, Golden, CO;** Aug. 7-9, Wichita, KS; **Sept. 18-20, Grand Island, NE;** Nov. 6-8, Grand Junction, CO. 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](https://www.instagram.com/worldwidemarriageencounter) on Instagram & Fb!

RETREATS YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS at Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House near Waverly.



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 & Luke, as well as the characters in the story, such as John the Baptist, Joseph, Mary, the shepherds & wise men. Fri., 8 p. Rosary & Mass to Sunday Noon lunch. Available in-person or online.

Jan. 16-18, '26 Friends of Christ in the Midst of the World w/ Bishop Robert Finn. Men of all ages are invited to a weekend of quiet, prayer, & renewal at Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House. Bishop Finn will guide participants in reflections on the Plan of Life, the call to holiness, & our identity as sons of God. The retreat begins Friday with a 7:00 p.m. conference & Rosary, & concludes Sunday with Mass & noon lunch. person or register for the virtual option.



Info &/or Register @ Goodcounselretreat.org 402.786.2705 or scan QR

Parents of students in 8th Grade ... Pius X Catholic High School is open its open house for prospective students at 7 pm, **Monday, Jan. 12**. Students & parents will hear a short presentation about Pius X, then have an opportunity to walk the hallways to learn about the many opportunities in academics, athletics, activities & clubs. Teachers, coaches, counselors, & administrators will be available to answer questions. Learn more at <https://PiusX.net/openhouse>.

Pray for the People of God facing persecution for their faith: 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."

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 pregnancy.

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: 



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 saltandlightlinc.com



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



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




LOW SENSORY MASS

9:30 a.m. Mass
 Stay for a light breakfast and fellowship afterward

SECOND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

IT'S FREE

JOIN US!

John XXIII Diocesan Center
 3700 Sheridan Blvd
 Lincoln, NE




2nd Annual Villa Marie Hoedown
 Presented By **Knights of Columbus**

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

STUDENT PERFORMANCE
 LED BY THE PIUS X 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.

GOD BLESS YOU...

*Christmas is a-coming. The goose is getting fat.
 Please put a penny in the old man's hat.
 If you haven't got a penny, a ha'penny will do.
 If you haven't got a ha'penny, God bless you.*
 (Old English Christmas Carol)

In a little over two weeks, Christmas will be here. Are you ready yet? Every year it seems to get here faster than before, and this year, since Thanksgiving was so late, in two blinks of an eye, it will be December 25th. So much to do! If you haven't made a list, better do it; if you haven't bought gifts, now's the time; if you haven't wrapped the gifts, they won't wrap themselves. House to decorate..tree to trim..dinner to plan..groceries to buy..cookies to make ..fattening the goose..cooking the goose. Whew! GET ON IT!

Wait. Stop.... Be truthful....How much 'free' time have you dedicated to the *Advent Season* since it began two Sundays ago: the season of the expectation of Christ? Mary knew from the moment of the angel's visitation that she was to be a mother, and not simply of a beautiful child, but the Mother of Jesus, the Son of God. **Mary had to wait and yearn, and think about the child that was coming to change her life, and by God's love, our lives too.**

Mary's heart and soul were longing for His birth for an entire nine months. In Advent, we only have one month of waiting, 'expectation' of Jesus' becoming man; and along with that expectant joy, we must use this "little lent" as a time of repentance and renewal. Instead of focusing entirely on the externals of this season, we must **allow ourselves time to become wide-eyed little children, waiting and hoping, praying and 'yearning' for the eternal gift of Jesus** becoming one of us; loving us in the flesh, and hearing our sorrowful cries, but saving us from our imperfect life of sin, and inviting us to our home with Him. This is the greatest gift of Christmas!

Reread the English Carol above. It tells us how to return that gift: Enjoy the wonderful world we are in, including the "fattened goose". Find someone to help and give what you can to brighten their lives. If you have very little to give, Prayers are without cost, and can be given indiscriminately, as much and as frequently as you wish.

So, "God Bless You, Everyone. God Bless You!"
Love in the Spirit. —Diana

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

A **REMEMBRANCE MASS** honoring **children lost thru 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.** **Mass at 7p.m.**

New names may be submitted by calling the **Office of Family Life** at 473-0620 **before 5 p.** on **Tue. Dec. 16** or in the chapel 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.*



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.

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 & resumé to Marsha Bartek at marsha-bartek@lincolndiocese.org or 3400 Sheridan Boulevard, Lincoln, NE 68506.

AROUND OUR PARISH

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

Tuesday	Dec 16	7:30 pm	Young Adult Bible Study (Call Renae at 402-419-4491)	Parish Hall
Tuesday	Dec 16	7:00 pm	Knights of Columbus Meeting moved to Tuesday this month.	Parish Hall
Wednesday	Dec 17	7:00 pm	CCD Christmas Program.	Church
Thursday	Dec 18	7:00 pm	Eucharistic Adoration Hour	Church
Friday	Dec 19	8:00 pm	AA—Hall Reserved	Parish Hall
Saturday	Dec 20	6:30 am	<i>That Man is You</i>	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.***

CHOIR will be **December 24th** at the **4:30 pm Vigil of Christmas Mass.** All are welcome to come & sing! Questions to Katie Wilken. Help beautify our liturgy.



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

Pray for our **STUDENTS PREPARING FOR FIRST CONFESSION**, Sat., Feb. 28, 10:00 am & for **FIRST COMMUNION** Sunday, 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.** Mass by Bishop Conley. Thank you.

Confessions available before & after every Mass during the rest of Advent. See the Schedule for extra Advent times for Confession on page one. Come to God who is Mercy!

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!

Practice will be: **Sun., 12/14 - CCD time (9:05-10:10am)** Students not in program will be in their classrooms.
Practice for PRESCHOOL (meet in Kinderg. room): **Sun., 12/14 - 9:00 am- 9:15am**

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.**

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.
PCCW MEETING thank you to all who joined for a fun-filled evening with food & fellowship.
***Dec.- St. Joseph's circle - a fun surprise for the kids** after their **Christmas Program.**

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 12/07/25	
Adult Envelopes	\$875.00
Plate	\$724.25
Building Fund	\$5,000.00
Donation	\$15,000.00
Mass Stipends—Nov	\$330.00
Cloistered Sisters	\$50.00
Immaculate Conception	\$669.00
Total Deposit	\$22,648.25

ParishSOFT Giving is our new, secure, online giving platform!
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.

ST. JAMES BUILDING EXPANSION PLANNING— Pray for our parish to make progress toward more classroom space.

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 13-14	Dec 20-21	Dec 24— 4:30 pm	Dec 27-28
Saturday 5:00 pm	Reader	Ron Eisenbarth	Diana McCown	Amy Larkins	Ron Eisenbarth
	Acolyte	(volunteer)	(volunteer)	Kurt Larkins	(volunteer)
	Server 1	(volunteer)	Braxton Skillett	(volunteer)	(volunteer)
	Server 2	(volunteer)	Easton Schilbitzki	(volunteer)	(volunteer)
				Dec 24— 9:00 pm	
Sunday 8:00 am	Reader	Chris Hytrek	Michelle Milke	Joe Vinton	Jerry Lentfer
	Acolyte	Scott Osterhaus	Tony Sullivan	Chris Hytrek	Joe Vinton
	Server 1	Jax Peterson	Carson Eickmeier	Carter Stieb	Liam Dush
	Server 2	Drake Peterson	Parker Eickmeier	Asher Stieb	(volunteer)
	Server 3				
				Dec 25— 9:00 am	
Sunday 10:30 am	Reader	Shirley Yates	Larry Etmund	Ginger Jelinek	Cole Henn
	Acolyte	Myron Heusinkvelt	Theron Troxel	Ron Eisenbarth	Ron Boden
	Server 1	Sam Troxel	Max Jacobson	Max Troxel	Sam Troxel
	Server 2	Kyler Beck	Finn Jacobson	Ty Troxel	Kyler Beck
	Server 3				
Server 4					
Collection Counters		Jeanne E. / Lori J.	Jim F. / Theron T.		Randy & Colleen E./ Amy A.

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2026 Summer Camp Dates

Current Grades Spring 2026

<div style="background-color: #444; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">CATHOLIC ADVENTURE CAMP: (3rd - 4th Grade)</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Western 1: July 6th - 7th • Western 2: July 8th - July 9th 	<div style="background-color: #444; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">SKY GAMES: (7th - 8th Grade)</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Games 1: June 17th - 20th • Games 2: June 29th - July 2nd
<div style="background-color: #444; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">SKY CAMPS: (4th - 6th Grade)</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Session 1: May 28th - 30th • Session 2: May 31st - June 2nd • Session 3: June 7th - 9th • Session 4: June 14th - 16th 	<div style="background-color: #444; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">SKY HIGH: (8th - 12th Grade)</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SKY HIGH Men's: June 2nd - 5th • SKY HIGH Women's: June 9th - 12th
<div style="background-color: #444; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">FAMILY CAMP: (All Ages)</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family Camp: June 27th - 28th 	

All summer camps are open & ready to be filled for Summer 2026! Experience Freedom, Joy, & Adventure! Campers will hike, zipline, ax throw, shoot archery, compete, & more in the beauty of creation. Meet campers from all over the diocese & make friends who will stay with you your whole life long!