



Pilgrim shell with
Cross of St. James the
Greater

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

4th Sunday of Advent
Candle of Love

Lord Jesus, as we light the fourth candle of Advent, the candle of love, we thank You for the love that came down to us in the manger. Fill our hearts with that same love, so we may share it with those around us. Help us to reflect Your love in all that we do, and prepare our hearts to welcome You with joy and peace this Christmas. 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
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Rectory Phone: 402-798-7335
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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!**

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT + DECEMBER 21, 2025

*The virgin shall conceive, and bear a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel.* Matthew 1:23

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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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	
Mon. Dec 22	7:00 am	SJ	All Souls Day Intentions+	Advent Weekday (O Rex Gentium): 1 Sm 1:24-28/ 1 Sm 2: 1, 4-5, 6-7, 8ab cd/ Lk 1:46-56 Adv. Wkdy.: (O Emmanuel), <i>John of Kanty</i> , p. Mal 3:1-4.23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab.8-9.10 & 14/Lk 1:57-66
Tue. Dec 23	7:00 am	SJ	Dan Schmidt & Family	

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST

Wed. Dec 24	4:30 pm	SJ	For the People of St. James Parish	THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD S. Holy Day of Obligation: Vigil: Is 62: 1-5/ Ps 89: 4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 (2a)/ Acts 13: 16-17, 22-25/ Mt 1: 1-25. Midnight: Is 9: 1-6/ Ps 96: 1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13/ Ti 2: 11-14/ Lk 2: 1-14. Dawn: Is 62: 11-12/ Ps 97: 1, 6, 11-12/ Ti 3: 4-7/ Lk 2: 15-20. Day: Is 52: 7-10/ Ps 98: 1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 (3c)/ Heb 1: 1-6/ Jn 1: 1-18
	9:00 pm		Randy Eickmeier+	
Thu. Dec 25	9:00 am	SJ	Robert Riddle+	
Fri. Dec 26	Out of Parish		Intention of Donor	Stephen, protomartyr F: Acts 6:8-10;7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4.6 & 8ab.16bc & 17/Mt 10:17-22 John , ap, ev F: 1 Jn 1: 1-4/ Ps 97: 1-2, 5-6, 11-12/ Jn 20: 1a & 2-8
Sat. Dec 27	8:00 am	SJ	Hochstein Family	

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, & JOSEPH

Sat. Dec 27	5:00 pm	SJ	Benefactors	HOLY FAMILY F: Sir 3: 2-6, 12-14/ Ps 128: 1-2, 3, 4-5/ Col 3: 12-21/ Mt 2: 13-15, 19-23
Sun. Dec 28	8:00 am	SJ	For the People of St. James Parish	
	10:30 am	SJ	Mabel Folda+	

O Blessed Mother, at the angel's word you went in haste to the aid of your cousin Elizabeth. Although pregnant yourself, you placed her needs before your own. By your example of radical solidarity, teach us to reverence & protect those in need, without conditions or expectations... Obtain for us the grace to bring Christ to any expectant mother who is alone & afraid.

-USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities Prayer for Radical Solidarity (www.respectlife.org/prayer-for-radical-solidarity)

CHRISTMAS OCTAVE, SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD (New Year's Day) Masses Schedule

Dec. 31	Wed.	5:00 pm	Rita Petska+
Jan. 1	Thu.	8:00 am	-
	Sun.	10:30 am	For the People of St. James Parish

Advent/Christmas Masses & Confessions Schedule				Confessions before & after Masses.
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.
	Sun.	2:30 pm	Corrected date.	2:30 to 3:30 pm Confessions available..
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 am	Christmas Mass during the Day	Confessions 8:00 to 8:50 am

Keep Christ in Christmas

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,** at 10 AM Mass in the *Cathedral of the Risen Christ-* Lincoln. Talk to Fr. Lux now. May God give us those we need.

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

Religious Sisters Vocation Prayer Calendar 2025-26 - Dec 21 - 27

Mother Teresa of Jesus, O.C.D.	70th Jubilee of Vows	<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.



Holy Hour First Friday, January 2, 2026 at 7:15 pm will be held at the **Pink Sisters' Chapel**, 1040 South Cotner Blvd. **Singing will be led by the Anima Christi Singers (Mike Zeleny).** Please help us pray for good vocations for our Diocese.

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.**

Calvary Catholic Cemetery is seeking to hire a **Family Services Representative**—To apply, cover letter & resume to Mr. Jerry Ficke at jerry-ficke@lincolndioocese.org or to **Calvary Cemetery**, 3880 L Street, Lincoln, NE 68510

Seminarian Vocation Prayer Calendar 2025-26 - Dec. 21 - 27

Daniel Stara from St. Mary, David City	Propaedeutic Stage	<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 21, 2025.

The Story of Christmas | Benjamin Cello Christmas Special In this special hour-long television event, Benjamin Cello & his friends travel to Pennywhistle Park for a spectacular shadow puppet retelling of "The Story of Christmas" by Brother Joseph & "The Shadow of His Wings" puppet theater. <https://app.formed.org/app/videos/3026666/>

Christmas | Sacred Art Join Dr. Ben Akers & Taylor Kemp as they look at the painting Adoration of the Shepherds by Gerard van Honthorst to celebrate the Nativity of our Lord. This famous painting reveals the Christ Child as the light that has come into the world & also depicts the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph, & the shepherds to be models of adoration to our humble Lord who came as a helpless baby. <https://app.formed.org/app/videos/1896794/>

What Catholics Believe About Christmas: Traditions, Santa Claus & the 12 Days Join Dr. Michael Barber as he answers some of the Internet's most popular questions about Christmas. What are the 12 days of Christmas? Was Santa Claus a real person? What is Advent? <https://app.formed.org/app/videos/3388336/>

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



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

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.

The battle is real.

You and your family are living in the midst of spiritual warfare. But God wants to equip you and give you power.

Battle for the Family

THURSDAYS
January 8, 15, 22

Join us for a three-part series.

START
6:00-7:30 P.M.
St. Michael commons area

with Fr. Kennett, Fr. Weerackoon, Joy Martin

teaching • discussion • prayer

SPECIAL NEEDS PARENT SURVEY- Villa Marie Home & School for Exceptional Children is currently undergoing **strategic planning** & is seeking input from **parents of children with special needs** — regardless of where your child attends school (public, private, homeschool, specialized programs), or if you have a younger or adult child with disabilities. Your voice matters. Please take a few minutes to complete the survey: <https://forms.gle/rvLQ4RrhVw8GzHqU9> Questions? Contact Sasha Kelly at sasha-kelly@cdolinc.net

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



OLGC IGNATIANT RETREATS: Details: <https://goodcounselretreat.org/our-retreats/>
4, 5, or 6-Day Options: Flexible Starting Dates.
Dec. 28-Jan. 2. Spiritually Directed by Fr. Coulter, Jo Vasa, & Sarina Stokes.
January 15 - 23, 2026- Ignatian Retreat: 8-Day (& 4 Days) w/ Fr. Gary Coulter.

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. **January 3.** Thu., **1/ 22-** Desert Day- **Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children.** 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.**



MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER EXPERIENCE- Feb. 20-22 in Lincoln at **North American Martyrs Church.** "Communication enhancing our Marriage". Register right-away to save a place. Call/Text 402-370-5839.

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

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.



Jan. 24 - 25- The Joy of Forgiveness w/ Sandy Hoenig.
Jan. 30 - 31- LDCCW Winter Symposium w/ **Lincoln Diocesan Council of Catholic Women**
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>.

Pius X High School is seeking an accountant. This position plays a key role in supporting the financial health & stewardship of both the School & the Foundation. The accountant will be responsible for recording day-to-day accounting transactions in the general ledger, preparing accurate & timely reconciliations, supporting audits, & assisting with the maintenance of internal controls. For questions, please contact Melissa Peters at Melissa.Peters@PiusX.net. To apply, please visit our website: piusx.net/jobs.

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."

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:



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

www.campkateri.org 402-410-0611
CAMP KATERI TEKAKWITHA
2026 Summer Camp Dates
Current Grades Spring 2026

CATHOLIC ADVENTURE CAMP: (3rd - 4th Grade)

- Western 1: July 6th - 7th
- Western 2: July 8th - July 9th

SKY GAMES: (7th - 8th Grade)

- Games 1: June 17th - 20th
- Games 2: June 29th - July 2nd

SKY CAMPS: (4th - 6th Grade)

- Session 1: May 28th - 30th
- Session 2: May 31st - June 2nd
- Session 3: June 7th - 9th
- Session 4: June 14th - 16th

SKY HIGH: (9th - 12th Grade)

- SKY HIGH Men's: June 2nd - 5th
- SKY HIGH Women's: June 9th - 12th

FAMILY CAMP: (All Ages)

- Family Camp: June 27th - 28th

Register here 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!

Jubilee of Hope concludes Jan. 06
 w/ **CLOSING OF THE HOLY DOOR** of St. Peter's Basilica & Holy Mass.



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.

...Friends...As I lay sleepless the other night, my prayers to ease my waking mind became thoughts of the article for this week. I think the Holy Spirit to whom I was praying, without my input, whispered the first words of a poem to me. Suddenly I 'heard' the opening phrase, & also got a vague idea of what should be described. I turned on my phone, & under the sheets, so I would not wake my husband, keyed in, (not to forget) "The purple black of lightless night...."

After more thoughts & a few more words, I fell asleep, & the rest that you see below followed in time.

REVELATION AT CHRISTMAS

The purple black of lightless night
 fills cavern hollows deep;
 And stony walls reflect the sounds
 of beasts in peaceful sleep.

Outside a far-flung star beams bright
 on fields and hills below;
 On midnight men who guard their sheep
 within the fires' glow.

A grace-filled woman and virtuous man
 inhabit the cave's warm clime;
 Watching and waiting for the Son on High
 to be born in human time.

The star's light dims as Dawn begins
 to light the sky to dusky mauve;
 Then pink and peach and red flow out,
 coloring the clouds above.

And then He comes, a babe in flesh,
 our Lord and God of Love;
 At first a breath, then a whispering cry,
 like the cooing of a dove.

The new day blooms, as the sun's great light
 fills the heavens with glory and praise.
 This baby born of Mary is Jesus, God's Son,
 Who will set our hearts ablaze.

Love in the Spirit. —Diana

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. 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.

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

DIVORCE MINISTRY SUPPORT: Are you separated, divorced, or struggling in your marriage & searching for hope & support? You're not alone- & you don't have to walk this road without guidance. **Beginning Thu., 1/22**, & 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 & résumé to Marsha Bartek at marsha-bartek@lincolndiocese.org or 3400 Sheridan Boulevard, Lincoln, NE 68506.



2nd Annual Villa Marie Hoedown
 Presented By **Knights of Columbus**
FRIDAY FEBRUARY 6 SANDHILLS GLOBAL EVENT CENTER
 DOORS OPEN AT 0600PM
STUDENT PERFORMANCE
 LED BY THE PIUS X THIRD GRADERS & ACCOMPANIED BY THE ST. MICHAEL 8th GRADERS

AROUND OUR PARISH

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

Tuesday	Dec 23	7:30 pm	Young Adult Bible Study (Call Renae at 402-419-4491)	Parish Hall
Thursday	Dec 25	7:00 pm	NO Exposition Eucharistic Adoration Hour	Church
Friday	Dec 26	8:00 pm	AA—Hall Reserved	Parish Hall
Saturday	Dec 27	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.***

CHOIR will sing **December 24th** at the **4:30 p Vigil of Christmas** Mass. **Caroling** starts at 4. please join if you are attending & would like to come on up! Questions to Katie Wilken. *Help beautify the liturgy.*

Here are the song choices:

Opening - *O Come All Ye Faithful*

Offertory - *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

Communion- *What Child is This & Silent Night*

Closing- *Joy to the World. **THANK YOU!***

PICK UP A 2026 PARISH CALENDAR in the Church entry, **REQUEST MASSES** be offered for your intentions. **2026 Calendar** is here. Dates requested- 1st come. \$10.

PARISH COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN INFORMATION

POINSETTIA DONATION to decorate the church for *Christmas*— Envelopes on the table in church entry for a \$10 donation towards poinsettias in honor or in memory of

A PRAYER AT CHRISTMAS TIME FOR COUNTRY LIVING LORD Jesus Christ, when, on a winter's night I look up through the clear air at the stars, I can be very close to You & to Your native Bethlehem. It was at night that You first came to this earth. It was under the same stars that now gleam in this night sky that Mary first held You in her arms. It was by the faint light of these stars still shining tonight that the shepherds found their way to the stable, & discovered You, as the angels had said they would, lying in a manger. Dear Christ, it is especially at Christmas time that I see & understand how close You are to those who live on the land. We have so many reminders of You! The stars & moon at night & the sun by day—the same stars under which You were born; the same moon that shone that night on Bethlehem; the same sun that brightened Your first days on

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.

THANK YOU to all who helped make the *Light in the darkness* St. James Youth Christmas Program an opportunity to reflect, laugh, & pray about the wonder of the Birth of our Savior!

THANK YOU to all who helped with *The Giving Tree.*

a loved one. drop it in the collection. Thank you.

THANK YOU to St. Joseph's Circle for the cookies & a fun surprise for the kids after the *CCD Christmas Program.*

THANK YOU to the Clements family for resurrecting the outdoor nativity scene made by Fr. Seiker's dad.

earth. The stable, & the farm animals that shared their quarters & their warmth with You, their creator. The sheep & the shepherds that came to adore You—rough men, but good, truthful, honest, & sincere. O Jesus, Son of the everlasting God, You are so wonderfully made one of us at Christmas time! You are our God, but You are our Brother, too. You are our King, but You come as a helpless little baby, longing for our love. Help us today & always to see You in all those with whom we come in contact. Let us never forget Your own instruction, that whatever we do for the least of those around us, we do for You. Help us always to serve You in the generous, selfless spirit of this season, & we shall then be real Christians—more & more like You—other Christs. Amen.
<https://catholicruralife.org/a-prayer-at-christmas-time-for-country-living/>

From the *CRL Rural Life Prayer Book*, orig. published in 1956.

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 12/14/25

Adult Envelopes	\$1,400.00
Plate	\$5,281.00
Building Fund	\$10,000.00
Immaculate Conception	\$20.00
Total Deposit	\$16,701.00

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.

As you prayerfully consider your **year-end giving**, we kindly invite you to consider making a gift in support of our parish mission. Your generosity helps ensure **St. James** can continue to serve all who rely on us.

Our supporters can choose to give in a variety of meaningful ways, including:

- **Donations of stock**
- **Donor-Advised Funds (DAFs)**
- **IRA charitable distributions**
- **Grain or other non-cash gifts**

If you have questions or would like assistance in designating your gift, the **Catholic Foundation for Southern Nebraska** is also available to help guide you through the process, or email <https://catholicgift.org/>.

Liturgical Ministers - Sundays & Holy Days		Christmas	Holy Family	New Year's Day	Epiphany	The Lord's Baptism
		Dec 20-21	Dec 24— 4:30 pm	Dec 27-28	Dec 31— 5:00 pm	Jan 3-4
Saturday 5:00 pm	Reader	Diana McCown	Amy Larkins	Ron Eisenbarth	Diana McCown	Amy Larkins
	Acolyte	(volunteer)	Kurt Larkins	(volunteer)	(volunteer)	Kurt Larkins
	Server 1	Braxton Skillett	(volunteer)	(volunteer)	(volunteer)	Braxton Skillett
	Server 2	Easton Schilbitzki	(volunteer)	(volunteer)	(volunteer)	Easton Schilbitzki
		Dec 24— 9:00 pm		Jan 1— 8:00 am		
Sunday 8:00 am	Reader	Michelle Milke	Joe Vinton	Jerry Lentfer	Chris Hytrek	Michelle Milke
	Acolyte	Tony Sullivan	Chris Hytrek	Joe Vinton	Pat Milke	Scott Osterhaus
	Server 1	Carson Eickmeier	Carter Stieb	Liam Dush	(volunteer)	Andrew Oelke
	Server 2	Parker Eickmeier	Asher Stieb	(volunteer)	(volunteer)	Cooper Mason
	Server 3					
Server 4						
		Dec 25— 9:00 am		Jan 1— 10:30 am		
Sunday 10:30 am	Reader	Larry Etmund	Ginger Jelinek	Cole Henn	Shirley Yates	Larry Etmund
	Acolyte	Theron Troxel	Ron Eisenbarth	Ron Boden	Myron Heusinkvelt	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	Jim F. / Theron T.		Kassie E. / Amy A.		Julie P. / Lauren E.	Jeanne E. / Lori J.