

St. James the Greater. Pray for us.



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
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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!

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME + FEBRUARY 1, 2026

Rejoice and be glad; your reward will be great in heaven. -Matthew 12:5a

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 *me 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

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sat	Jan 31	5:00 pm	SJ	Randy Eickmeier+
Sun	Feb 1	8:00 am	SJ	For the People of St. James Parish
		10:30 am	SJ	All Souls Day Intentions+
Mon	Feb 2	7:00 am	SJ	Intention of Donor
Tue	Feb 3	7:00 am	SJ	Mabel Folda+
Wed	Feb 4	6:30 pm	SJ	Donald Mitchell+
Thu	Feb 5	7:00 am	SJ	Intention of Donor
Fri	Feb 6	7:00 am	SJ	Poor Souls in Purgatory+
Sat	Feb 7	7:00 am	SJ	Religious Brothers & Sisters

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sat	Feb 7	5:00 pm	SJ	Rita Petska+
Sun	Feb 8	8:00 am	SJ	Jose Martinez+
		10:30 am	SJ	For the People of St. James Parish

MASS READINGS- Follow the Church's liturgical life.

Read the Sacred Scriptures before Mass. Try to join daily Mass.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:

Zep 2: 3; 3: 12-13/ Ps 146: 6-7. 8-9. 9-10/ 1 Cor 1: 26-31/ Mt 5: 1-12a

PRESENTATION OF THE LORD F: Mal 3:1-4/ Ps 24:7. 8. 9. 10/ Heb 2:14-18/ Lk 2:22-40

Ord. Wkdy./Blase, bp, mt/*Ansgar*, bp, ms: 2 Sm 18: 9-10. 14b. 24-25a. 30 ? 19: 3/ Ps 86: 1-2. 3-4. 5-6/ Mk 5: 21-43

Ordinary Weekday: 2 Sm 24: 2. 9-17/ Ps 32: 1-2. 5. 6. 7/ Mk 6: 1-6

Agatha, v, mt M: 1 Kgs 2: 1-4. 10-12/ 1 Chr 29: 10. 11ab. 11d-12a. 12bcd/ Mk 6: 7-13

Paul Miki, p, mt, & co., mts M: Sir 47: 2-11/ Ps 18: 31. 47 & 50. 51/ Mk 6: 14-29

Ordinary Weekday/ BVM: 1 Kgs 3: 4-13/ Ps 119: 9. 10. 11. 12. 13. 14/ Mk 6: 30-34

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:

Is 58: 7-10/ Ps 112: 4-5. 6-7. 8-9 (4a)/ 1 Cor 2: 1-5/ Mt 5: 13-16

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

25TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. JAMES CHURCH BUILDING DEDICATION

celebration Sunday, **July 19**, at 3pm Mass with Bishop Conley & many of the priests who have served our parish. Catered meal following. All parishioners are invited & encouraged to attend!
Please put July 19th on your summer calendar.

PLANNING MEETING for the celebration of the **ST. JAMES CHURCH BUILDING DEDICATION 25TH ANNIVERSARY** on **THIS Wednesday, Feb. y 4th, at 7:00 pm-** after the 6:30 PM (eve.) Mass. We ask volunteers to please attend the meeting to help make this a wonderful celebration.

Questions please contact Mary Gramann or Denise Clements

CANDLEMAS is officially called the *Feast of the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple* celebrating *Mary & Joseph* bringing baby Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem 40 days after His birth. A Jewish custom, part of the purification of Mary, as well as the dedication of Jesus as the firstborn son. Elderly *Simeon* recognized Jesus as the promised Savior, calling Him "a light for revelation to the Gentiles" (Lk 2:32). Jesus as a light is central to the feast

& why candles are such an important symbol. Here are some simple ways to participate: Attend a Mass with candle blessings & bring home a candle for your family. Light a candle during prayer as a reminder that Jesus is the light in your life. Reflect on Mary's faithful example & consider ways to offer your own "little Jesus" to God—your time, talents, or prayers. Share the story of the presentation of Jesus with your children or friends, keeping the tradition alive for the next generation.

THANK YOU to those who helped fill the **PRO-LIFE BABY SHOWER** cradle during January & to those who delivered it to the *Willow Center* in Beatrice.



1 ROSE- 1 LIFE Prayer Cards & donation envelopes were distributed by our *Knights of Columbus Council* members last weekend. Please pray for the protection of human life at all stages.

Consider donating to the *K of C* to support their pro-life activities incl. *Women's Care Center- Lincoln* & ultrasound machines across Nebraska. Thank you!

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

Religious Sisters Vocation Prayer Calendar 2025-26 - Feb 1-7

Sr. Mary Francis
from Witchita, KS

Jr. Sister

*Marian Sisters of the
Diocese of Lincoln*

Please pray for new entrants in Diocese of Lincoln Motherhouses.

Seminarian Vocation Prayer Calendar 2025-26 - Feb 1-7

McGivney Swanson from
St. Cecilia, Hastings

Propaedeutic
Stage

St. Gregory the Great Seminary

Please pray for young men discerning a call to the priesthood in the Diocese of Lincoln.

POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY 2026: For children with incurable diseases. Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases & their families receive the necessary medical care & support, never losing strength & hope.

The Schoenstatt Shrine is open daily from dawn to dusk. Contact us to reserve a time for your group to use the shrine, the Father Katenich Hall, or receive a tour.

402.826.3346

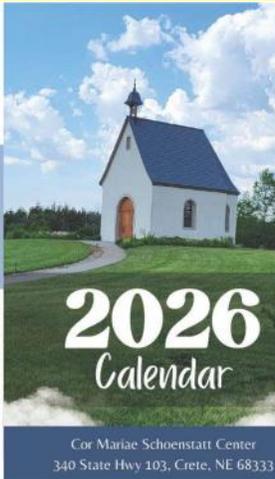
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Receive a Jubilee Indulgence for the 100th Anniversary of the Schoenstatt Sisters of Mary!

The Holy Father has granted a jubilee indulgence to all who visit a Schoenstatt shrine of the community between October 1, 2025 - November 4, 2026. To obtain the indulgence the usual conditions must be fulfilled: sacramental confession, Holy Communion, and prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father.



For more information about events, prices, and to RSVP visit schoenstatt-nebraska.com or scan the QR Code.



Cor Mariae Schoenstatt Center
340 State Hwy 103, Crete, NE 68333



Jesus, I Trust in You

Sacred Heart of Jesus.
Have mercy on us.
Blessed Mother Mary.
Pray for us.
St. Joseph.
Pray for us.

This Week On Formed- Week of February 1, 2026.



The Presentation The Presentation is already foreshadowing the Cross. The offering Mary makes at the Presentation in the Temple becomes manifested & reaches its fulfillment at Calvary. <https://app.formed.org/app/videos/3279962/>



The Martyrs | Littlest Saints When a young Christian girl is arrested & imprisoned in ancient Rome, she hears stories of martyrs like St. Catherine of Alexandria & St. Lawrence the Deacon—will she find the strength to make the ultimate sacrifice for her faith? <https://app.formed.org/app/videos/3346368/>



Martyrs & Monastics Dr. Ben Akers sits down with Dr. Elizabeth Klein, Professor of Theology at the Augustine Institute Graduate School, to discuss her Short Course: Martyrs & Monastics. Who are the early Church martyrs? What fueled their witness to the faith? How did monasticism develop? These questions & more are addressed in this show. <https://app.formed.org/app/videos/1355348/>

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

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN or **Healing the Whole Person**, April 16-18 at **North American Martyrs**, Lincoln. The **JPII Healing Center** brings restoration, healing, & deeper intimacy with Jesus Christ. Conference Lodging is available at *Good Counsel Retreat House*, Waverly. See goodcounselretreat.org & select Retreats, or contact office@olgcretreat.org - 402-786-2705. Likely ill fill up quickly.

ST. JOSEPH'S-BEATRICE Gala: You are invited to a special evening, to benefit **St. Joseph's School & Parish** in Beatrice on **Saturday, Feb. 21**, at the **Beatrice Country Club** at **5:00 pm**. **Social hour, delicious dinner, & silent & live auctions.**

Tickets are \$50 per person. To buy tickets, use QR Code, our website, <https://www.stjosephbeatrice.org/news/492-starlight-gala>, or call the rectory 402.223.2923.



Collection for Sri Lanka Catholics rebuilding will be February 21-22.

JOHN PAUL II Healing Center
Transformation to 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 to 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

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

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.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Let us begin with having peace in our marriage. Learn to have the best marriage by attending the next **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience** in 2026: Feb. 16-March 23, Monday evenings, virtual & in Grand Junction, CO & Billings, MT; 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: Contact: Victor & Lupita Corona: 651-343-2348.

Space limited, reserve now. Info: www.wwme.org. Follow @worldwidemarriageencounter on Instagram & Fb!

A Scriptural Parish Retreat with Fr. Gary Coulter, director of *Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House*, at **St Mary, Denton - Sat., Feb 7, 8 a-3 p.** A silent day of reflection teaching you to meditate on scripture & encounter God through Ignatian Prayer. \$10 includes lunch. Register at goodcounselretreat.org, select Retreats then Parish Retreats or contact office@olgcretreat.org or 402-786-2705



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. w/ Fr. Gary Coulter.

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*. 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: 2/18, 3/17, 4/24. Learn more/register at: goodcounselretreat.org/desert-days. OR 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*.



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

Feb. 7- Parish Retreat on the Road: Denton w/ Fr. Gary Coulter

Feb. 14- Parish Retreat on the Road: Palmyra w/ Fr. Gary Coulter

Feb. 14- Valentine's Date Night 2026 w/ Missionaries of the Holy Spirit in the Family & Fr. Robert Matya

Feb. 18- Ash Wednesday Desert Day Reflection
Feb. 19-27- Ignatian Retreat: 8-Day (& 4 Days)



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

...SHARE THE WARMTH OF DIVINE LOVE...

The other cold winter morning, I chanced to look out of my kitchen window at the large evergreen bush a short distance from our house. I noticed some strange objects tucked away in the thick boughs. I thought for a moment that the high winds of last night had blown some large debris into the branches, but as I watched I saw movement, & realized that I was watching the ruffling of feathers of small birds hiding among the foliage to keep warm. Grey Juncos, winter birds in Nebraska, were protected from the icy north wind by being shielded with the encircling pine leaves so thick around them. I noticed the birds were not in a group, huddling together for warmth, as you might think, but were perched alone, by themselves, in different parts of the bush.

As I thought about it, still in meditation from my morning prayers, a small revelation, or at least an inkling of one, occurred to me. In the same way that those birds didn't share their body heat with each other, most of us don't share the the 'warmth' of what we believe deeply.

We keep our Faith to ourselves! In fact, we rarely express it, even to those dear ones who are near us, or to those others for whom we pray.

It seems strange that we expect priests, bishops, & especially the Pope, to illustrate their Faith to us in everything they do, so we can see it in action & benefit from it, but we don't feel the necessity, as lay Catholics to live our own Faith outwardly, to allow others to see & hear about the Faith we believe in & hold so close to our hearts. What is there in us that we disregard Jesus' command to go out to the world & proclaim the gospel to every creature; that Jesus loves us with a merciful love, & wants all of us to come home & live with Him forever.

Pope Francis said that sharing the faith is not just giving the best argument, nor saying the perfect thing to convince someone, but it is "offering a treasure". Does our Faith mean just our personal relationship with Jesus, our own little space of love for God, or does it include sharing this 'treasure' with every one of God's children? Is our sojourn in this earthly life intended to get *only* us to Heaven, or could it be that God has put us in this place, & at this time, to bring as many others as possible to His loving face?

With the gift of God's grace, we are called by Jesus himself to give that gift to our fellow pilgrims; to give in the best way possible, & not only by 'acting' like a good Catholic. Be aware that your actions will speak louder when accompanied with words. Don't just show your faith,..speak of it,.. tell of it,.. say it; let your dear ones, & the persons you interact with, *hear* your story of your love for God, & how you live it in your daily life.

Share the warmth of divine love!

Love in the Spirit. Diana

A Resolution for Lent

Early every Saturday morning, a small group of men & women meet in the Church Hall at 6:30am for That Man is You (TMIY). First we watch a short video on different aspects of our Faith, centering on how each of us is responsible for leading others into holiness on earth, with the goal of living with our Lord for eternity. After the video, we talk about our personal experiences & opinions about living & sharing our Catholic life. Mass follows at 8am. Get up early. Devote your Saturday morning to Lent this year.

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.

St. John's invites women of all ages to a **Women's Retreat on Saturday, February 28, from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM at St. John's Church— Lincoln.** Join us for a meaningful day of prayer, reflection, and fellowship, with guided reflections by Fr. Matthew Rolling, Academic Dean at St. Gregory the Great Seminary. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. A suggested donation of \$35 helps cover costs. Register at <https://stjohnslincoln.flocknote.com/signup/240043>. Sponsored by St. John's Women at the Well.

AROUND OUR PARISH

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

Thursday	Feb 05	7:00 pm	Exposition Eucharistic Adoration Hour	Church
Friday	Feb 06	8:00 pm	AA—Hall Reserved	Parish Hall
Saturday	Feb 07	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.***

FEBRUARY IS CATHOLIC PRESS MONTH in the United States:

The Catholic Press Collection for our diocesan newspaper the *Southern Nebraska Register*, is **February 7-8**. Parishes across the diocese will collect **\$16 per household** for the SNR. This annual subscription fee makes the SNR staff's work possible! **Catholic Press envelopes** are available. Please consider giving extra over \$16 to help us provide the SNR for every household in our parish. **Thank you for helping share the Good News of Christ—and our local Church.** Thank you!

Check out SNR Online :

<https://www.lincolndiocese.org/snr>

PARISH COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN INFORMATION

THANK YOU to those who served the Coffee & Rolls bake sale last Sunday.

TRAINING of CANDIDATES to be **Installed Acolytes & Lectors** for our **parish** continues **Sundays, thru 2/1, 2:30 p-5:30 p.** in our Parish Hall & Church. **Pray** for men to hear the Lord's call. Talk to Fr. Lux now. Installation on **Sat., 2/14, 10 A Mass** in Linc. *Cathedral of the RC.* May God give us those we need.

PARISH PICTORIAL DIRECTORIES are available! Contact the office. Please bring your \$15. Thank you to all.

REQUEST MASSES to be offered for your intentions in **2026**. Dates can be requested- 1st come. \$10.

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' Projects.*

2025 PCCW DUES are \$10 for each lady in *St. James Parish.* You can either use **ParishSOFT**

Giving (note that it is for dues) or use an envelope & put in the collection basket.

WALK WITH JESUS THIS LENT: Join *St. James ADULT ENRICHMENT Lenten Study - No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion.* Dr. Edward Sri takes us on a walk w/ Jesus thru His Passion in the Holy Land. Watch a DVD & have group discussion on workbook questions. **5 sessions on Mondays, at 7pm** in the Parish Hall, from **February 23 until March 23.** Please bring your Bible. Study materials will be provided by *St. James*, however, **donations** may be made, if you wish, to help cover the costs. A **sign-up sheet** can be found in the vestibule, or text Diana M. - 402-432-7099 or Fr. Lux. Thank you. Love in the Spirit.

Catholic Considerations for Our Earthly Passing- *Read the full version at <https://www.respectlife.org/end-of-life-considerations>.* We prepare for eternal life by choosing to love and follow God. Our journey with Christ includes equipping our consciences to make morally good judgments at the end of life. While no summary can substitute for thorough catechesis, one thing is clear: we are entrusted by God with the gift of life. This obliges us to make use of appropriate, effective medical care. The Church affirms the inviolable dignity of every person, regardless of the duration or extent of the person's incapacity. Nothing diminishes the sanctity of a person's life, or the obligation to protect and care for it. Those who are sick should not be alone and, even after death, accompaniment continues by praying for those who have passed. This is a summary of a USCCB Respect Life Program article by the same name & is reprinted w/ permission. © 2019, USCCB, Wash., D.C. All rights reserved.

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

ST. JOSEPH- BEATRICE 1st Communion Mass- **Sun., Apr. 19, 1:00 pm** & **Confirmation** Mass- **Tue., Apr. 28, 7:00 p** will be in *St. James-Cortland* due to their church interior restoration starting in February.

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 01/25/26	
Adult Envelopes	\$1,376.00
Plate	\$159.00
Building Fund	\$7,120.00
Total Deposit	\$8,655.00



ParishSOFT Giving is our secure, online giving platform!

See **Online Giving on+ the Parish Website.**

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 instructions

Or Visit stjamescortland.flocknote.com & 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.

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.

Liturgical Ministers-	Ordinary Time Jan 31-Feb 1	Ordinary Time Feb 7-8	Ordinary Time Feb 14-15	First Sunday of Lent Feb 21-22	Second Sunday of Lent Feb 28-Mar 1	Third Sunday of Lent Mar 7-8	
Saturday 5:00 pm	Reader	Cole Henn	Diana McCown	Amy Larkins	Ron Eisenbarth	Diana McCown	Amy Larkins
	Acolyte	(volunteer)	(volunteer)	Kurt Larkins	(volunteer)	(volunteer)	Kurt Larkins
	Server 1	Braxton Skillett	(volunteer)	(volunteer)	(volunteer)	Braxton Skillett	(volunteer)
	Server 2	Easton Schilbitzki	(volunteer)	(volunteer)	(volunteer)	Easton Schilbitzki	(volunteer)
Sunday 8:00 am	Reader	Michelle Milke	Joe Vinton	Jerry Lentfer	Chris Hytrek	Michelle Milke	Joe Vinton
	Acolyte	Scott Osterhaus	Pat Milke	Tony Sullivan	Joe Vinton	Chris Hytrek	Scott Osterhaus
	Server 1	Jax Peterson	Carson Eickmeier	Carter Stieb	Liam Dush	Andrew Oelke	Rylan Hochstein
	Server 2	Drake Peterson	Parker Eickmeier	Asher Stieb	(volunteer)	Cooper Mason	Reid Hochstein
	Server 3						
Sunday 10:30 am	Reader	Larry Etmund	Ginger Jelinek	Shirley Yates	Larry Etmund	Cole Henn	Ginger Jelinek
	Acolyte	Myron Heusinkvelt	Ron Boden	Theron Troxel	Myron Heusinkvelt	Ron Eisenbarth	Ron Boden
	Server 1	Sam Troxel	Max Jacobson	Max Troxel	Sam Troxel	Max Jacobson	Max Troxel
	Server 2	Kyler Beck	Finn Jacobson	Ty Troxel	Kyler Beck	Finn Jacobson	Ty Troxel
	Server 3						
Server 4							
Collection Counters	Julie P./Laureen E.	Jeanne E. / Lori J.	Jim F. / Theron T.	Kassie E./Amy A.	Julie P./Laureen E.	Jeanne E./Lori J.	

St James Parish Council and Finance Council Joint Meeting Minutes

January 28, 2026

St James Parish Council and Finance Council met January 28, 2026. Those in attendance were Father Thomas Lux, Ray Vrbka, Pat Milke, Jenny Oelke, Denise Clements, Deanne Stieb and Grace Benes.

The meeting was opened with prayer. The minutes of the October meeting were read and approved.

Father Lux and Pat Milke gave an update on Parish grounds. Pat reported that CTS suggested that the cement work in front of the church be delayed until spring. Jindra Irrigation blew out the underground sprinkler system for winter. ABC Seamless came in January and repaired the siding on the church tower. Father Lux reported that Action Heating came and checked the furnaces. He said there is an issue with the lighting control boxes and the one in the sacristy is broken. Denise Clements reported that she got three bids for cleaning the church windows inside and out. Fish Cleaning was \$702, Will was \$775 and WinCare was \$801. A decision to hire window cleaning was delayed until spring.

Jenny Oelke gave the financial report as of December 31, 2025. The checking account balance was \$57,368.07. The DIAL Savings account balance was \$512,917.65. The parish began setting aside funds for building expansion in August 2019 when the church loan was paid off. The balance in the saving account at that time was \$33,720.75. The income statement reflects a YTD net income of \$59,574.19.

The parish expansion was discussed. Father Lux reviewed some of the diocesan requirements for building. Denise will contact Brad Wilkens to see if the building committees have been formed.

Deanne Stieb gave the CCD report. Adoration for the students was held in January. Deanne said she would like to see a larger adult attendance at these events as an example for the children. During Lent, Stations of the Cross will be held for the CCD students on Sunday, February 22. Adoration and confessions for the students will be held on the March Sundays of Lent. Different classes will go on separate Sundays.

Denise Clements gave the PCCW report. The Giving Tree was a huge success with toys being donated to two Lincoln schools. There was a good turnout to the soup supper in November. The cradle is up for the pro-life baby shower. The gifts will be donated to the Willow Center in Beatrice for Moms in need.

Father Lux reported the Knights of Columbus will have a pancake breakfast on March 22nd. St James' Pius assessment will increase by 3% in 2026. One person taking the Monday night OCIA

class and may join the church at Easter. There are two men training to be acolytes and a new parishioner who is already an acolyte at his former parish. There are four boys training to be altar servers. Don and Julie Hinds have volunteered to help with the cemetery. The Lincoln Diocese sent someone to digitize the cemetery records.

July 19th is the celebration of our Church building's 25th anniversary. Mary Gramann has consented to chair the committee to organize the celebration. A meeting will be held Wednesday, February 4th at 7:00 P.M. following the 6:30 Mass. All members of the parish are welcome to come and provide input.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer. The next meeting will be February 25, 2026;

Respectfully submitted: Grace Benes, Secretary.

St James PCCW Meeting Minutes

January 14, 2026

St James PCCW met January 14, 2026, with Father Thomas Lux and six members present. New member, Jane Pohlen, joined us. Welcome, Jane. Grace Benes presided over the meeting in the absence of President Denise Clements. The meeting was opened with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The minutes of the last meeting were read. Correspondence was a thank you note from Jeanne Egger. Julie Pffingsten gave the treasurer's report. Income was from the poinsettia donations. Expenses were for Santa and the Christmas party and a donation to the church building fund.

Father Lux reported that the Knights have purchased a table at the Pro Life Gala and there is still room at the table if anyone would like to attend. Contact Joe Vinton if interested. The Gala is Friday night, January 30 and the pro life walk is Saturday, January 31st. The LDCCW Symposium is also January 30 and 31st.

The Giving Tree was well supported. The gifts were delivered to two Lincoln schools.

Mary Gramann reported that the Christmas program was very good. Santa came to visit the children after the program.

The cradle is up to collect items for the pro life baby shower. The gifts will be delivered to the Willow Center in Beatrice to assist Moms in need.

World Marriage day was discussed. It was decided to purchase Holy Family prayer cards and flowers for our married couples.

The updated circle lists have been E-mailed to the women of the parish.

PCCW donations were discussed. Mary Gramann made a motion to donate \$250.00 each to Villa Marie School, Good Shepherd Scholarship Fund and Women's Care Center. The motion was seconded by Kassie Ebbers. The Women's Care Center is opening another location in downtown Lincoln close to the university.

St Joseph's Circle will be in charge of the rolls and coffee for Sunday, January 25th.

First Communion will be celebrated April 12th. The First Communion Retreat will be March 28th. PCCW will furnish breakfast and lunch. Confirmation will be April 21st.

Kassie Ebbers reported that St James has the Matt Talbot supper January 29th. The sign up sheet for donations is out.

Mary Gramann discussed the church dedication anniversary celebration to be held Sunday, July 19th. Mary has agreed to chair the committee. The first meeting will be held Wednesday, February 4th at 7:00P.M. All members of the parish are welcome to attend and offer input.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer. The next meeting will be TUESDAY, February 10, 2026.

Respectfully submitted: Grace Benes, Secretary