



Lent will begin on February 18, marked by Ash Wednesday. The Catholic Diocese of Lincoln regulations for the observance of Lent. **Ash Wednesday & Good Friday** are days of fasting & abstinence. **All Fridays during Lent** are considered days of abstinence. **Fasting:** consuming 1 full meal w/ 2 smaller meals that together do **not equal** a full meal. No snacks or eating btwn. meals permitted. Applies to Catholics btwn. ages 18 & 59. **Abstinence** is refraining from eating meat, as well as soup or gravy made from meat. All Catholics **over the age of 14** are required to observe abstinence. **Certain conditions** such as illness, hard manual labor, or pregnancy automatically **excuse individuals** from these obligations. The diocese emphasizes that **these requirements are serious:** "In cases of doubt or question, the priest who hears a person's confession should be consulted."

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/Rector: 155 N Lincoln Avenue, Cortland, NE 68331
Rector 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.

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME + FEBRUARY 15, 2026

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Matthew 11:25

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 *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.

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!**

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.

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

	Sat	Feb 14	5:00 pm	SJ	Jay Wischmeier+	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
	Sun	Feb 15	8:00 am	SJ	For the People of St. James Parish	
			10:30 am	SJ	All Souls Day Intentions+	Ordinary Weekday: Jas 1: 1-11/ Ps 119: 67. 68. 71. 72. 75. 76/ Mk 8: 11-13
Mon	Feb 16	7:00 am		SJ	All Souls Day Intentions+	
Tue	Feb 17	7:00 am		SJ	Intention of Donor	Ordinary Weekday/ Seven Founders of the Order of Servites, rs: Jas 1: 12-18/ Ps 94: 12-13a. 14-15. 18-19/ Mk 8: 14-21
Wed	Feb 18		7:00 am	SJ	Jack Steele+	Ash Wednesday. Begin Lenten preparation for the <i>Easter Triduum</i> . NOT a holy day of obligation. Day of fast (ages 18-59) & abstinence from meat (age 14 & up): Jl 2: 12-18/ Ps 51: 3-4. 5-6ab. 12-13. 14 & 17/ 2 Cor 5: 20 -- 6:2/ Mt 6: 1-6. 16-18
			6:30 pm	SJ	Donald Mitchell+	
Thu	Feb 19	7:00 am		SJ	Intention of Donor	Thursday after Ash Wednesday: Dt 30: 15-20/ Ps 1: 1-2. 3. 4 & 6/ Lk 9: 22-25
Fri	Feb 20	7:00 am		SJ	Jose Martinez+	Friday after Ash Wednesday. Day of abstinence from meat (age 14 & up): Is 58: 1-9a/ Ps 51: 3-4. 5-6ab. 18-19/ Mt 9: 14-15
Sat	Feb 21	8:00 am		SJ	Donna Sullivan+	Saturday after Ash Wed./Peter Damian, bp, dr: Is 58: 9b-14/ Ps 86: 1-2. 3-4. 5-6/ Lk 5: 27-32

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

	Sat	Feb 21	5:00 pm	SJ	Randy Eickmeier+	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT: Gn 2: 7-9; 3: 1-7/ Ps 51: 3-4. 5-6. 12-13. 17/ Rom 5: 12-19 or 5: 12. 17-19/ Mt 4: 1-11
	Sun	Feb 22	8:00 am	SJ	Dan Schmidt & Family	
			10:30 am	SJ	For the People of St. James Parish	

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

MAN & WOMAN HE CREATED THEM: TOGETHER W/ PURPOSE-
We honor Couples married 25 years, 50 yrs. & more at **Masses. National Marriage Week (2/7-14/26) & World Marriage Day (Sun., 2/8/26)** observances help us focus on building a culture of life & love that begins w/ supporting & promoting marriage & the family.

WALK WITH JESUS THIS LENT: Join St. James ADULT ENRICHMENT Lenten Study- **No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk Thru 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 provided by St. James, donations accepted 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.

Pick up your **CRS Calendar & CRS RICE BOWL** For Lent For Life

2ND COLLECTION FOR SRI LANKAN CATHOLICS REBUILDING at all Sunday Masses 2/21 & 22. Sri Lanka experienced its most severe flooding in decades in late November & early Dec. 2025. **Cyclone Ditwah** brought prolonged heavy rainfall, triggering landslides & widespread inundation across the country. Help provide financial assistance for disaster relief to the **Archdiocese of Colombo** to assist them in making repairs to **Church property** & to provide **material assistance** to those who are struggling to rebuild. Make **checks** out to **St. James Catholic Church**. Please give **by Mar. 1**. If you give outside the special 2nd collection, please be sure to plainly label the envelope "**Disaster Relief for Colombo**." Thank you.

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

Religious Sisters Vocation Prayer Calendar 2025-26 - Feb 15—21

Sr. Benedicta Hawkins from Runel, IA	<i>Jr. Sister</i>	<i>Marian Sisters of the Diocese of Lincoln</i>
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Please pray for new entrants in *Diocese of Lincoln* Motherhouses.

Seminarian Vocation Prayer Calendar 2025-26 - Feb 15—21

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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.

St. JOSEPH'S-BEATRICE Starlight Gala: You are invited to a special evening on **Sat., Feb. 21, 5 pm**, at *Beatrice Country Club*. Benefits *St. Joseph's School & Parish*. Social hour, delicious dinner, & silent & live auctions. Tickets are \$50 per person. Tickets: QR Code, call rectory 402.223.2923, or website <https://www.stjosephbeatrice.org/news/492-starlight-gala>.



FEBRUARY IS CATHOLIC PRESS MONTH: The *Catholic Press Collection* is for our diocesan *Southern Nebraska Register*. Parishes across the diocese collect **\$16 per household** for the SNR. This annual subscription fee makes the SNR staff's work possible! *Catholic Press* envelopes are in entryway & in your packet. Please consider giving extra over \$16 to help us provide the SNR for each household in our parish. Check out SNR Online : <https://www.lincolndioocese.org/snr>

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

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

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.

This Week On Formed- Week of February 15, 2026.



LeNT | What Catholics Believe- Join Fr. Scott Bailey, a priest in the *Archdiocese of Denver*, as he answers some of the Internet's most asked questions about Lent. What is Lent? Why is it 40 days long? Or even, what should I give up for Lent? Find out in this episode of

What Catholics Believe. <https://app.formed.org/app/videos/3526394/>



Whole 40- Sit down with Dr. Ben Akers & Dr. Elizabeth Klein to discuss the purpose of the season of Lent, how to prepare for it, & why it is such a fruitful season in our life of faith. <https://app.formed.org/app/videos/1329430/>



Heart of Prayer- *Heart of Prayer* invites participants into an intimate & peaceful retreat with Bishop Andrew Cozzens. Set in the beautiful Chateau on the Augustine Institute Campus, *Heart of Prayer* reveals the beauty & transcendence of a prayer life, as Bishop Cozzens draws from Scripture & the saints to offer guidance that is

practical & down-to-earth. <https://app.formed.org/app/videos/3927321/>

"FIND OUR PARISH SUBSCRIPTION":

Sign in / sign up. GO to formed.org. Get the *Formed* App.

GUADALUPE MISSIONS: Feb. 23-25, Scotts Watts w/ *Guadalupe Missions* will series of talks from 7-8 pm, in *St. Stephen Catholic Church- Exeter* w/ time for questions & interaction. Full size image of *Our Lady of Guadalupe* after the talk

Holy Hour to Pray for our Diocesan Priests ~ "IN THE UPPER ROOM" ~ John XXIII Diocesan Center Chapel ~ Thursday, Feb. 19, 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. ~ sponsored by *MAGNIFICAT & SEVEN SISTERS APOSTOLATE*. All are invited to join us to pray for our Priests before Jesus in His Most Blessed Sacrament with Exposition & Adoration. Father Robert Barnhill will preside. A community Rosary will be lead by the mother's of Priests, there will be a short Meditation from Fulton Sheen's book "The Priest Is Not His Own", Music, & time for silent personal prayer. Material to purchase and at no cost to assist you in praying for our Priests. Information also available for the *Seven Sisters Apostolate*. Please contact Coordinator Rhonda Litt by text at 402.525.6396 for further information.

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. **Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds & glorify your heavenly Father.** Let the light of your marriage sacrament shine for all. Make your light bright 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!

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



OLGC IGNATIAN 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 of Columbus*.



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



Feb. 18- Ash Wednesday Desert Day Reflection
Feb. 19-27- Ignatian Retreat: 8-Day (& 4 Days)
Feb. 20-22- Unbound: Freedom in Christ with Fr. William Holoubek
Feb. 27- Mar. 1- Living the Good Life w/ Fr. Nicholas Kipper
Mar. 16-19- Ignatian Retreat: 4-Day Spring Break w/ Jo Vasa & Fr. Gar
Mar. 17- Desert Day Tuesday: St. Patrick / St. Joseph
Mar. 19-22- Catholic Medical Retreat w/ Sr. Mary Diana Dreger, OP
Mar. 21- Parish Retreat on the Road: Ashland w/ Fr. Gary Coulter
Mar. 27-29- Behold the Humility of God w/ Fr. Michael Zimmer
Mar. 29- Apr. 2- Ignatian Retreat: 4-Day Holy Week w/ Jo Vasa & Matt Simmons
Info &/or Register @ Goodcounselretreat.org 402.786.2705 or scan QR



LET GOD BE ON YOUR MIND....

Lent begins next week on Ash Wednesday. Hopefully you have begun thinking about the Season of Lent and what it means to you in your spiritual life... what you are happy with, and what you may want to change; and how you will spend 40 days realizing and practicing possible resolutions. In deciding what you will do, you must also have a goal in mind, some ultimate objective as a result of your intentions to make a good Lent.

Last weekend, my 15 year old granddaughter, in the midst of a casual conversation, asked me what I thought she should do for Lent. Surprised at the question, I said, "What do you want to do?" She said, "Fast!" Surprised even more, I asked her if she knew what that would involve, especially since she is so slender already. As we talked, I found that she had spiritual reasons for fasting, and had already made a plan that would work for her. Also, she said that she should give up something else, and asked me again what I thought. Being a teenager, her cell phone always seemed to be permanently attached to her hand, so I pointed at it, and suggested "fasting" from the 'device' she was holding. At first, she laughed at my suggestion, but then wanted to know how she could do it without having to give it up completely. I asked her when she liked to use it the most, because that would be the hardest time to give up her phone, and the best way to offer it up to Jesus. After thinking for a moment, she said maybe she could turn off her phone for 1 hour each day after school, during the most popular social media time. In her young mind, that would be a real sacrifice.

Our wonderful, little conversation allowed me to realize what a thoughtful and giving person she has become. I don't know what she has decided to do, but I am so pleased that she took the initiative to prepare for a penitential Lent, and I'm sure she has chosen to do this to love God more.

MIDNIGHT MUSINGS (when one's wakeful mind becomes a receiver of thoughts, not a controller of them.)

When sleep left me that night at about 2:30, I began to recall the wonderful conversation I had with my sweet granddaughter and her cell phone time. My thoughts carried me to the idea that we all want to put God into certain moments or proscribed times, when we could focus on Him alone, without that time impinging on other requirements of our day. Our lives are so busy and our focus so divided among multiple necessities that we barely have time for rest or relaxation. How can we think about God alone, unless we put Him into a special time slot in our agenda for the day? A Holy hour, a holy minute, a holy passing thought?

This is the conundrum of this Midnight Musing, the puzzle that we have to solve on our own. When Lent is here, we practice Holy Resolutions of what we will do or will not do, as a sacrifice to Jesus in reparation for His Sacrifice for us. SO...If you have chosen certain times to think of Jesus because you are so busy, consider increasing your sacrificial choices for Lent by practicing another Resolution:

Let God Be On Your Mind Always, Because You Are Always On His.

Love in the Spirit. -Diana

BEATRICE ST. JOSEPH'S FISH FRY: Four Fridays, Feb. 27, & March 6, 13, and 20, at 5:30-7:00pm.

In the **Parish Center** at 6th & High Street, enter at the northeast school doors. Fried & baked fish, cole slaw, french fries, green beans, mac & cheese, baked potato, & deserts. \$12 per adult, \$6 kids 4-10 (under 4 eat free), \$40 max price per family. Sponsored by the *Knights of Columbus Council 1723*.

Now Hiring: FAMILY SERVICES REPRESENTATIVE: *Calvary Catholic Cemetery* in **Lincoln** is seeking a compassionate & organized *Family Services Representative* to serve families w/ dignity & care. This role includes assisting w/ burial arrangements, guiding families thru Catholic cemetery traditions, maintaining records, & coordinating memorial markers. To Apply please send resume & cover letter to jerry-ficke@lincolndiocese.org.

CATHOLICS @ THE CAPITOL
LINCOLN, NEBRASKA + MARCH 4TH, 2026

NEBRASKA CATHOLIC CONFERENCE go to <https://necatholic.org/> for *Catholics at the Capitol*. schedule & info on *how to attend*. Help shape culture & law on this day of education, advocacy & prayer for the common good. Visit the Leg. & your Senator.

FEARFULLY AND wonderfully MADE
Mother/Daughter Program for 9-13 year old girls and a mother or other supportive adult female
SATURDAY, MARCH 7
10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
JOHN XXIII DIOCESAN CENTER
3700 SHERIDAN BLVD
TO REGISTER GO TO <https://lincolndiocese.org/fox.com/01-floor-motherdaughter-program-march-2026> or scan the QR Code

FATHER/SON PROGRAM
IN HIS IMAGE
Sunday, March 8, 2026 Nebraska
St. Benedict Catholic Church
411 5th Rue, Nebraska City
3:00-5:00 pm
There is no charge for this program, but an RSVP by March 2nd to patrickgress@yahoo.com is appreciated.
Pizza will be provided by the Knights of Columbus after the program

LENTEN PILGRIMAGE- KANSAS & OKLAHOMA SAINTS!
A 3-day pilgrimage (Mar. 23-25) to **Pilsen, KS**, to Venerable Emil Kapaun's parish & museum. Tour & have **Mass** there. Overnight Monday in Wichita, KS, at the *Drury Plaza Broadview* w/ free dinner & drinks. **TUE.**- comp. breakfast. Go to **Oklahoma City** to the *Blessed Stanley Rother Shrine, Mass*, lunch, & visit the *National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum*. *Sleep Inn* Hotel in OKC, dinner at *Cracker Barrel*. **WED.**- complimentary breakfast & visit the *Oklahoma City Bombing Memorial* w/ **Mass** at *St. Joseph Old Cathedral* & head home, w/ stop at *Pops 66* in Arcadia, OK. **Home in Nebraska Wed. night**, Mar. 25th. Cost is \$359/double occup., singles \$469. Incl. motor coach, lodging, admission to museum, \$20 GC to *Cracker Barrel* & gratuities. Check out www.travelswithdoris.org for more info & to register or call 402-641-7132. See fliers in church entry .

Responding to the Heart of the King
A Silent Discernment Retreat
• Women ages 18-35
• March 13-15, 2026 (Fri evening - Sat afternoon)
• Held at Villa Regina Motherhouse—Lincoln, NE
• Entry is minimal with:
• prayer - spiritual direction - talks by Sisters - practical discernment advice from Sisters
• Details and registration are here (as well as through the QR code or e-mail)
www.sisters.org dk-secreters@stobskinc.net

40 DAYS FOR LIFE
SPRING 2026 CAMPAIGN:
February 18-March 29
TAKE PART IN 40 DAYS FOR LIFE IN LINCOLN:
• **Prayer vigil location:**
Planned Parenthood
5631 South 48th Street
• **Vigil hours:** 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM daily
• **Contact:** Catherine Turner, 402.202.1614
• **Learn more, get involved, and sign up for prayer times** by visiting our campaign at the web address below!
40daysforlife.com/Lincoln

Sidewalk Advocates FOR LIFE
Lincoln, NE
We need both sidewalk advocates and prayer partners for our ministry!
Join us at our next training where you will learn how to be the hands and feet of Christ, offering loving, life-affirming alternatives to all present at Planned Parenthood of Lincoln, thereby eliminating demand and helping end abortion in Nebraska.
Saturday, March 21 | 11:00 AM-5:00 PM
There is a \$15 fee to cover the cost of the workbook and training expenses.
Please register in advance:
Contact Lisa McInerney at lisaap24@aol.com or 402.525.9360
sidewalkadvocates.org

Get Your Boots On AND SCOOT ON OVER FOR THE ST. JOHN'S Barn Dance
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21
6:30-10:30 PM
7800 PANAMA RD. HICKMAN, NE 68392 SEVEN WILLOWS BARN
LIMITED SPOTS - MUST REGISTER ONLINE
\$15/PERSON
Reserve & more info
18 YEARS AND OLDER (OUT OF HIGH SCHOOL)

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

AROUND OUR PARISH

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

Wednesday	Feb 18		Ash Wednesday Masses —7:00am and 6:30pm	Church
Thursday	Feb 19	7:00 pm	Exposition Eucharistic Adoration Hour	Church
Friday	Feb 20	8:00 pm	AA—Hall Reserved	Parish Hall
Saturday	Feb 21	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.***

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS are now available on the bulletin board in the church vestibule. College Scholarship applications must be turned in to Mike Mitchell by April 15.

CONGRATULATIONS to the newly installed acolytes for our parish: **Nate B. & Rico Z.**

THANK YOU to all of our installed acolytes & lectors & our extraordinary readers.

THANK YOU to the 9 boys newly trained as altar servers.

PARISH COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN INFORMATION COFFEE AND ROLLS - February 22

ENVELOPES FOR EASTER LILIES are on the back table. Served by St. Ann's Circle.

MARCH 8TH - SCHOLARSHIP BREAKFAST in between masses only.

PCCW SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS are on the bulletin board. **Due by April 8** meeting.

THANK YOU to those who gathered for PCCW Meeting last Tuesday.

25TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. JAMES CHURCH DEDICATION celebration Mass w/ Bishop Conley & many of the priests who have served our parish on Sunday, **July 19, at 3pm**. Meal following catered by *Lefty's* from Wilber. All parishioners are invited & encouraged to attend! Summer- Mark **July 19th** on your calendar

THANK YOU to those at the planning meeting. **Next planning meeting is March 4** after evening Mass.

Volunteers are needed to help make this a wonderful celebration. **Questions** please contact Mary Gramann or Denise Clements.

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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR STUDENTS preparing for **First Confession** on Sat., **Feb. 28**, 10 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.

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. Thank you to those who have made requests.

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 no. side of Cortland. Barrel is on SE corner of shop. Donations support *Knights' Projects*.

THE HEART OF PRAYER— is an intimate & peaceful retreat w/ **Bp. Andrew Cozzens** (Crookston, MN & Chair for *Natl. Euch. Congress*). 8 sessions of **teaching & reflection on prayer & its place in our spiritual life.** *THoP* reveals the beauty & transcendence of a prayer. Insights from Scripture & the saints offer **practical & down-to-earth** guidance. *All episodes avail. on Manna on Ash Wed, 2/18.* Quiet your heart & mind to hear the voice of God calling. <https://www.eucharisticcongress.org/streaming>

CRS RICE BOWL— the Lenten program of *Catholic Relief Services*, the official internatl. humanitarian agency of the Catholic community in the US. Faith communities in every diocese across the US put faith into action thru prayer, fasting & almsgiving. See www.crsricebowl.org

"We often assume parenthood happens easily after 'I do,' but for many married couples, it does not. For some, the joy of conception never happens. Others suffer repeated miscarriages. Still others experience secondary infertility... If you experience difficulty bringing a child into your family, know that you are not alone. God is with you, & his Church desires to walk with you... God has a beautiful plan for your life as a married couple." —USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "Seven Considerations While Navigating Infertility" respectlife.org/navigating-infertility

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 02/08/26

Adult Envelopes	\$1,131.00
Plate	\$2,750.00
Southern NE Register	\$220.00
Total Deposit	\$4,101.00



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.

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