



LENTEN REGULATIONS FOR THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF LINCOLN.
Ash Wednesday & Good Friday are days of fasting & abstinence. **All Fridays in Lent** are considered days of abstinence.
Fasting: means eating one full meal with two smaller meals, which together do not equal the full meal. No snacks or eating between meals allowed. Fasting obliges Catholics between the ages of 18 & 59.
Abstinence means eating no meat, nor soup, nor gravy made from meat. Abstinence obliges all Catholics over the age of 14.
Sickness, hard manual labor, pregnancy, etc., automatically excuse a person from these obligations. Nevertheless, it should be pointed out that these are serious obligations. 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/Rectory: 155 N Lincoln Avenue, Cortland, NE 68331
Rectory Phone: 402-798-7335
Church Office Phone: 402-798-0255
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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.**

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT + FEBRUARY 22, 2026

One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God. Matthew 4:4b

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. **AED**

EUCHARISTIC 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.
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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT				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	
Sat	Feb 21	5:00 pm	SJ	Randy Eickmeier+	
Sun	Feb 22	8:00 am	SJ	Dan Schmidt & Family	
		10:30 am	SJ	For the People of St. James Parish	
Mon	Feb 23	7:00 am	SJ	Those Who Died by Suicide+	
Tue	Feb 24	7:00 am	SJ	All Souls Day Intentions+	
Wed	Feb 25	6:30 pm	SJ	Randy Eickmeier+	
Thu	Feb 26	7:00 am	SJ	Intention of Donor	
Fri	Feb 27	7:00 am	SJ	Intention of Donor	
Sat	Feb 28	8:00 am	SJ	For a Good Lent	
				Lenten Weekday/ Polycarp, bp, mt: Lv 19: 1-2. 11-18/ Ps 19: 8. 9. 10. 15/ Mt 25: 31-46	
				Lenten Weekday: Is 55: 10-11/ Ps 34: 4-5. 6-7. 16-17. 18-19/ Mt 6: 7-15	
				Lenten Weekday: Jon 3: 1-10/ Ps 51: 3-4. 12-13. 18-19/ Lk 11: 29-32	
				Lenten Weekday: Est C: 12. 14-16. 23-25/ Ps 138: 1-2ab. 2cde-3. 7c-8/ Mt 7: 7-12	
				Lenten Weekday/ Gregory of Narek, ab, dr. Day of abstinence from meat (age 14 and up). Ez 18: 21-28/ Ps 130: 1-2. 3-4. 5-7a. 7bc-8/ Mt 5: 20-26	
				Lenten Weekday: Dt 26: 16-19/ Ps 119: 1-2. 4-5. 7-8/ Mt 5: 43-48	

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT				SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT: Gn 12: 1-4a/ Ps 33: 4-5. 18-19. 20. 22/ 2 Tm 1: 8b-10/ Mt 17: 1-9	
Sat	Feb 28	5:00 pm	SJ	Rita Petska+	
Sun	Mar 1	8:00 am	SJ	For the People of St. James Parish	
		10:30 am	SJ	Mabel Folda+	

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

Pick up your CRS Rice Bowl & Calendar For Lent For Life!
 The **RICE BOWL** lenten program of *Catholic Relief Services*, the official international humanitarian agency of the Catholic community in the US, enables faith communities in every diocese across the US to **put faith into action** thru prayer, fasting & almsgiving. See www.crsricebowl.org

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."**



CATHOLICS TO THE CAPITOL

Click to register.

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.

WALK WITH JESUS THIS LENT: Join **St. James ADULT FAITH 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.

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

Religious Sisters Vocation Prayer Calendar 2025-26 - Feb 22—28

Sr. Joy Le from NAM, Lincoln	<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 22—28

Jaden Wilsey from St. Mary, Ashland	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*.

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.

FEBRUARY IS CATHOLIC PRESS MONTH: The *Catholic Press Collection* is for our diocesan *So. Nebr. 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 to help us provide the SNR for each household in our parish. Check out SNR Online: <https://www.lincolndioocese.org/snr>

FISH FRY FINDER: <https://spiritcatholicradio.com/fish/>. Listed alphabetically by city. Fish fries are added to this list only when submitted to us. Double-check the parish bulletin or website for the most up-to-date info. We'll continue to add more fish fries as they're submitted, check back often-share page w/ friends so everyone can scale up their Friday plans! *Spirit Catholic Radio*.

BEATRICE ST. JOSEPH'S FISH FRY: 4 Fridays, Feb. 27, & March 6, 13, & 20, at 5:30-7:00pm. In the Parish Center at 6th & High St, 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 K. of C. Council 1723.

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*.

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: 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*.

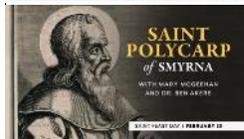
This Week On Formed- Week of February 22, 2026.



Foretold From the beginning, God had a plan to save man from sin. With Jesus, that plan was fulfilled. But he also has a specific plan for you. Watch *Foretold* to rediscover God's providential love for you.
<https://app.formed.org/app/videos/3492238/>



Saint Peter Watch the epic story of the spread of Christianity during the early years of the Church. This film follows the journey of St. Peter through his martyrdom on a cross.
<https://app.formed.org/app/videos/588407/>



St. Polycarp | Catholic Saints Join Dr. Ben Akers & Mary McGeehan as they dive into the life of St. Polycarp, a second century bishop & martyr. St. Polycarp was a student of St. John the Apostle, defended the faith against early heresies, & offered his life like Christ as a martyr.
<https://app.formed.org/app/videos/2603594/>

"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

SPIRIT CELEBRATION DINNER 2026- Saturday, February 28, 2026 • *Mid-America Center* • Council Bluffs, IA. 5 pm Social Hour. 6:00 pm Dinner & Program. We are delighted to invite you to an evening honoring faith, friendship, & the mission of Catholic radio. Speaker Dr. David Anders on **"THE TRUE GOAL OF EVANGELIZATION"**. He is host of *Called to Communion*, 1 of our listeners' favorite programs heard weekdays on *Spirit Catholic Radio* from 1-2 pm CT).

MASS w/ PRAYERS FOR HEALING- March 1, 2026 @ *John XXIII Diocesan Center*, 37th & Sheridan Blvd., Lincn. Pray for healing for yourself, your family, friends, for our Church, our Nation & for peace in our world. Blessed Salt & water will be offered to all as you leave. You may bring your own & other items to be blessed.
+*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 at 2 pm.
+*Eucharistic Exposition & Healing Prayer* after the Mass
Future dates for 2026, June 7, Sept. 6, Dec. 6

Pray for those on Marriage Encounter Feb. 20-22 in Lincoln at North American Martyrs Church. "Communication enhancing our Marriage". *This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased. Listen to Him.* Learn how to truly listen to your spouse at the upcoming **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!

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

Feb. 19-27- *Ignatian Retreat: 8-Day (& 4 Days)*

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. Gary Coulter

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

**LENTEN MEDITATION ON THE ROSARY:
THE AGONY IN THE GARDEN**

Then they came to a place named Gethsemane, and He said to His disciples, "Sit here while I pray." He took with Him, Peter, James, and John, and began to be troubled & distressed. (Mk 14: 32-33)

Jesus loved all His apostles as "friends", but singled out Simon, whom He called "Peter", which means "rock" in Latin, saying, Upon this Rock, I will build my Church. James & John He called "Sons of Thunder", & knew they would defend Him & the Church, or die trying. He understood the love & commitment of these men, & loved them too, as dear friends to whom He could share His feelings & thoughts; so he took these three with Him as he entered the olive garden of Gethsemane.

They were accustomed to His intimate prayer times, & may not have thought much more about it this night. Little did they know that this was the last private time they would spend with this 'man' they loved; this man they had finally begun to recognize as the Son of God.

Then He said to them, "My soul is sorrowful even to death. Remain here & keep watch. (Mk 14:34)

He walked a short way into the trees, fell to the ground, & prayed to His Father, Abba, Father, all things are possible to You. Take this cup away from me, ...but not what I will, ... but what You will. (Mk 14:36) His plea for deliverance, came from a 'mans' desire to live, but as the Son of God, His desire was for complete surrender to His Father's will, in sacrificing his own Body for the forgiveness of sins, the Sacrificial Lamb. Offering Himself to bear all sin, He who knew no sin was engulfed in man's foul wickedness, from the sins of Eden to the last evil of the world. In this Immolation of self, He accepted the punishment meant for us, offering it to His Father. As He prayed under the olive trees of Gethsemane, His suffering afflicted His human body. He was in such agony and He prayed so fervently that His sweat became like drops of blood falling on the ground.And to strengthen Him, an Angel from Heaven appeared to Him. (Luke 22:44,43)

He arose from prayer, returned to His apostles, &

found them sleeping. Jesus said to Peter, *Simon are you asleep? Could you not keep watch for one hour? Watch and pray that you may not undergo the test. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak..* (Mk 14:37,38) Regretful of their sleepiness, they quickly rose, rubbing their eyes. Again, Jesus left them, prostrated Himself, & communed with God, His Father. He was still in agony as He embraced His sacrifice for human sin, & the physical torment that He knew would be His, clearly envisioning each excruciating pain, from the vicious whipping, the thorns piercing His head, & the nails driven into His hands & feet. Once again He pulled Himself up from the ground, & went back to His Apostles...and found them sleeping. With pain still on His face, without waking them, He silently withdrew, & entered into loving prayer with His 'Abba'.

He returned to them a final time in haste, ...and found them sleeping. *Are you still sleeping & taking your rest? Behold the hour is at hand when the Son of Man is to be handed over to sinners! Get up, let us go. Look, My betrayer is at hand!* (Luke 26:45-46)

WTD-NIGHT MUSINGS (when ones' wakeful mind becomes a receiver of thoughts, not a controller of them.)

3:02 am - My 1st Lenten article is on my mind tonight. I wonder why Jesus, in the midst of His suffering in the garden, left his prayers & returned to His Apostles three times during that long night. Each time, He found them asleep, even though he asked them to "keep watch". Why was it so important that He go to them? Love? Compassion? His concern & love for them seems to coincide with His Sacrificial Passion: the lost sheep who need a shepherd to lead them, including even the Apostles, who followed Him for three years. You & I are lost sheep also. We need a shepherd & Redeemer. Talk with Jesus. Ask Him to live with you. Learn His words & heart through Scripture. Lord Jesus, help us to "undergo the test" that we all face in our lives here on earth.

What I say to you, I say to all. Watch! (Mk 13:37)
Love in the Spirit. -Diana

ST. PATRICK'S FESTIVAL on Sat., March 14th 11:00am-4:00pm at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Linc. Bake sale, bingo, live music & raffles for kids & adults. 2 meal options: 1. **Corned Beef** or 2. **Ham**. Include scalloped potatoes, cole slaw, dinner roll & dessert. Cost: \$15/Adult.; \$10/Child. The adult raffle drawing will be at 4:30pm while the kids' raffles will be throughout the day.

Join Fr. Coulter for an **EASTER MONDAY PILGRIMAGE** to **Conception Abbey & Clyde Monastery** on **Monday, April 6**. Meet at St. Michael, Linc. at 7:30am. Mass & Prayers through the day, see the **Relic Chapel** w/ over 550 relics of Saints, return by 5:30pm. Cost \$70/person incl. snacks & lunch. Make **reservations** early online: frcoulter.com/EasterMonday, email office@olgcretreat.org or call *Good Counsel* Retreat House at 402-786-2705.

DAY OF REFLECTION St. Michael Parish, Thiesen Hall, **Hastings, Saturday, March 21**, 9:30am – 4:00pm / 4:30pm (St. Michael Parish has a 5:00pm Vigil Mass). All are welcome. **God wants us to live abundantly** (Jn 10:10) ... are we? As Easter approaches, it is a good time to reflect on how we are living our lives, as well as the way God wants us to live. Questions, contact: Greg V. (308-530-7587), John & Kathy S. (402-580-1367), Fr. Bernard Lorenz (308-414-1195). Sponsored by *Lincoln Diocese Cursillo*

EVENING PRAYER (aka "Vespers") recited on **Sundays during Lent @ 4:30 PM in Saint Teresa's Church** at 36th & Randolph St., Lincoln. Offered by *Ecclesial Carmelite Movement*. All are welcome regardless of familiarity. More info email CarmeliteMovement@gmail.com

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-father-daughter-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
• Highly venerated with:
• prayer - spiritual direction - talks by Sisters - practical discernment advice from Sisters -
• details and registrations are here (as well as through the QR code or e-mail)
www.sisters.org discernment@stobias.org



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 lispap24@aol.com or 402.525.9360

sidewalkadvocates.org

Sacred Heart of Jesus. Have mercy on us.

Blessed Mother Mary. Pray for us.

St. Joseph. Pray for us.

Jesus, I Trust in You



Get Your Boots On AND SCOOT ON OVER FOR THE ST. JOHN'S Barn Dance

Saturday, February 21
6:30-10:30 PM
7600 PANAMA RD. HICKMAN, NE 68372
SEVEN WILLOWS BARN

LIMITED SPOTS - MUST REGISTER ONLINE
\$15/PERSON

Register & more info HERE!



AROUND OUR PARISH

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

Monday	Feb 23	7:00 pm	Adult Lenten Enrichment Study	Parish Hall
Thursday	Feb 26	7:00 pm	Exposition Eucharistic Adoration Hour	Church
Friday	Feb 27	8:00 pm	AA—Hall Reserved	Parish Hall
Saturday	Feb 28	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.***

HOLY HOURS FOR PEACE are scheduled across the **DIocese of LINCOLN** The date for our **Crete Deanery** is this **Friday 2/27 2:00 to 3:00 pm** in **Sacred Heart Church- Crete. All are invited to pray for peace & for our nation.** The hour of **Eucharistic Adoration** will include Scripture readings & the **Litany of Peace.** (See the Diocese Social Media for other dates and places.)

CHOIR will sing for the Sunday, **March 1st, 8:00 am Mass.** Questions to Katie W.

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.**

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.

REQUEST MASSES to be offered for your intentions in 2026.

FOOT CLINIC FOR THE HOMELESS
MARCH 21ST
RSVP HERE

SCHEDULE
10:00 Street Walk with Homeless in downtown Lincoln (optional)
11:30-1:00 Foot Clinic with "Lunch in the Lot" at CSS

ITEMS TO DONATE
• SOCKS
• LOTION

LOCATIONS TO DONATE
• NEBRASKA HEART HOSPITAL
• HOLY FAMILY CLINIC
• CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES

2241 O STREET LINCOLN, NE 68510
QUESTIONS? CONTACT: MEG.CATHOLICNURES@DOMAIL.COM

PARISH COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN: COFFEE & ROLLS - February 22. Served by **St. Ann's Circle.** **MARCH 8TH - SCHOLARSHIP BREAKFAST** in between Masses only. **Sign-up** now in the Church entryway to donate/to help serve.

ENVELOPES FOR EASTER LILIES are on the back table. **PCCW SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS** are on the **bulletin board.** **Due by April 8** meeting.

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.

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>

"The essence of our identity is that we are created in God's image & likeness & loved by Him. Nothing can diminish the priceless worth of any human life. Every person is cherished." -USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities Respect Life Reflection: Cherished, Chosen, Sent usccb.org/cherished-chosen-sent-reflection

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.

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 02/15/26	
Adult Envelopes	\$3,231.00
Plate	\$872.25
Building Fund	\$6,600.00
Southern NE Register	\$242.00
Total Deposit	\$10,945.25

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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		First Sunday of Lent	Second Sunday of Lent	Third Sunday of Lent	Fourth Sunday of Lent	Fifth Sunday of Lent	Palm Sunday of the Passion
		Feb 21-22	Feb 28-Mar 1	Mar 7-8	Mar 14-15	Mar 21-22	Mar 28-29
Saturday 5:00 pm	Reader	Ron Eisenbarth	Diana McCown	Amy Larkins	Cole Henn	Ron Eisenbarth	sign-up coming
	Acolyte	(volunteer)	(volunteer)	Kurt Larkins	(volunteer)	(volunteer)	Kurt Larkins
	Server 1	(volunteer)	Braxton Skillett	(volunteer)	(volunteer)	(volunteer)	Braxton Skillett
	Server 2	(volunteer)	Easton Schilbitzki	(volunteer)	(volunteer)	(volunteer)	Easton Schilbitzki
Sunday 8:00 am	Reader	Chris Hytrek	Michelle Milke	Joe Vinton	Jerry Lentfer	Chris Hytrek	sign-up coming
	Acolyte	Joe Vinton	Chris Hytrek	Scott Osterhaus	Pat Milke	Tony Sullivan	Joe Vinton
	Server 1	Liam Dush	Andrew Oelke	Rylan Hochstein	Brayden Kuhlman	Sam Robinson	Jax Peterson
	Server 2	(volunteer)	Cooper Mason	Reid Hochstein	Hudson Kuhlman	Sawyer Robinson	Drake Peterson
	Server 3		Emmitt Ostrander		Emmitt Ostrander		Ronan Peterson
	Server 4		Gunner Ostrander		Gunner Ostrander		
Sunday 10:30 am	Reader	Larry Etmund	Cole Henn	Ginger Jelinek	Shirley Yates	Larry Etmund	sign-up coming
	Acolyte	Myron Heusinkvelt	Ron Eisenbarth	Ron Boden	Theron Troxel	Myron Heusinkvelt	Ron Eisenbarth
	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	Dedric Dominy		Andrew Troxel	Dedric Dominy		Andrew Troxel
	Server 4			Jude Jelinek			
Collection Counters		Kassie E./Amy A.	Julie P./Lauren E.	Jeanne E./Lori J.	Jim F./Theron T.	Kassie E./Amy A.	Julie P./Lauren E.