

St. James the Greater.  
Pray for us on our  
pilgrimage of Lent.



Pilgrim shell with Cross  
of St. James the Greater

Thank you, Lord, for the moisture you have given us & for protection from storm damage. Please grant us the moisture we need & safety from storms. We trust you Lord that you are all good & all powerful & that you know what is best for us. All glory to you. Amen. May God bless those who are struggling with the damaging effects of the weather near & far, especially those in Sri Lanka.



## 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 1<sup>st</sup> Street  
Mailing/Rectory: 155 N Lincoln Avenue,  
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Website: [www.stjamescortland.com](http://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](mailto:bulletinstjames@gmail.com).

**EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION ADORATION on Thursday evenings, 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm.**  
7:00 pm Exposition. (Solemn or Simple)  
7:05 pm to 7:55 pm Adoration.  
7:50p Benediction or Simple Reposition.

God is good! All the time!  
And Holy is His name!

### THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT + MARCH 8, 2026

Lord, you are truly the Savior of the world;  
give me living water, that I may never thirst again. -John 4:42, 15

#### SUNDAY MASSES:

Saturday 5:00 pm  
Sunday 8:00 am &  
10:30 am

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION MASSES: See the current bulletin.

WEEKDAY MASSES: Check the current bulletin for changes.

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday @ 7:00 am.  
Wednesday @ 6:30 pm. Saturday @ 8:00 am.

**Confessions** 30 minutes before Sunday & Holy Day Masses. 20 minutes before Weekday Mass. Also by appointment. Call to schedule 308.991.4991 *come to God who is Mercy!*

**CCD** (Religious Education)- Sundays 9:00 to 10:15 am during the school year.  
**Kindergarten thru 8<sup>th</sup> Grades** in Parish Hall. **High School Class** in North Building.

**Catholic Counseling:** Catholic Social Services of So. Nebr.- [immaculateheartcounseling.org](http://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](http://www.womenscarecenter.org/lincoln), 402-423-0533; **Birthright** 402.466.2609 (24 hrs. 1.800.550.4900); **Walking w/ Moms in Need-** <https://lincolndiocese.org/moms>

**EMERGENCY SUPPLIES** duffle bag w/ basic medical supplies is on coat rack shelf, by the women's restroom. Checked monthly. Questions to Lori J. **AED** is in a cabinet near the Holy Family statue. **AED**

#### MASS INTENTIONS

SJ- St. James Church. GCRC- Gold Crest Retirement Center

#### MASS READINGS- Follow the Church's liturgical life.

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

#### THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Sat	Mar 7	5:00 pm	SJ	Randy Eickmeier+
Sun	Mar 8	8:00 am	SJ	For the People of St. James Parish
		10:30 am	SJ	Janet Else+

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT: **First Scrutiny of the Elect** at Saturday evening Mass.  
Ex 17: 3-7/ Ps 95: 1-2. 6-7. 8-9/ Rom 5: 1-2. 5-8/ Jn 4: 5-42

Mon	Mar 9	7:00 am	SJ	Intention of Donor
Tue	Mar 10	7:00 am	SJ	Randy Eickmeier+
Wed	Mar 11	6:30 pm	SJ	All Souls Day Intentions+
Thu	Mar 12	7:00 am	SJ	Poor Souls in Purgatory+
Fri	Mar 13	7:00 am	SJ	Intention of Donor
Sat	Mar 14	8:00 am	SJ	Harold Moravec+

Lenten Weekday/ **Frances of Rome**, mw, rf: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Ps 42:2.3; 43:3.4/Lk 4: 24-30.  
Optional for any day this week: Ex 17: 1-7/ Ps 95: 1-2. 6-7ab. 7c-9/ Jn 4: 5-42

Lenten Weekday: **Dn 3: 25. 34-43/ Ps 25: 4-5ab. 6 and 7bc. 8 and 9/ Mt 18: 21-35**

Lenten Weekday: Dt 4:1. 5-9/ Ps 147: 12-13. 15-16. 19-20/ Mt 5: 17-19

Lenten Weekday: Jer 7: 23-28/ Ps 95: 1-2. 6-7. 8-9/ Lk 11: 14-23

Lenten Weekday. **Day of abstinence from meat (age 14 & up):**  
Hos 14: 2-10/ Ps 81: 6c-8a. 8bc-9. 10-11ab. 14 and 17/ Mk 12: 28-34

Lenten Weekday: Hos 6: 1-6/ Ps 51: 3-4. 18-19. 20-21ab/ Lk 18: 9-14

#### FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Sat	Mar 14	5:00 pm	SJ	Weitzel & Davis Families
Sun	Mar 15	8:00 am	SJ	For the People of St. James Parish
		10:30 am	SJ	James Folda+

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT: **Second Scrutiny of the Elect** at Saturday evening Mass.  
1 Sm 16: 1b. 6-7. 10-13a/ Ps 23: 1-3a. 3b-4. 5. 6 (1)/ Eph 5: 8-14/ Jn 9: 1-41

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

#### Lent Stations of the Cross at St. James- Cortland

THURSDAYS 6:30 pm (before Adoration Hour at 7 pm.)

Dates: 3/6, 3/13, 3/20. (3/27 **Good Friday** at 12 Noon.)

FRIDAYS 4:30 pm (during daylight hours & after school hours)

Dates: 3/5, 3/12, 3/19, 3/26

**CCD STATIONS between Sunday Masses was 2/22.** Comments received it was beautiful & inspirational. Thank you to all who helped with the All CCD Stations on 2/22.

**PRIVATELY: Your day & time.** Stations booklets are available in the Church entry. Other devotional resources available digitally.

**SCHOLARSHIP BREAKFAST today, Sunday, 3/8, between Masses.** Proceeds support the **PCCW Scholarship** for graduating high school seniors for college..

**EASTER MEAL FOOD BASKETS** thru the *Norris Food Pantry*. Instructions are on the sign up sheet on the table in the church vestibule. Thank you!

#### ST. JAMES PARISH LENTEN PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY FAMILY

**SHRINE** on Sunday, March 15. The Shrine is located at 23132 Pflug Rd., Gretna. (I-80 Exit # 432). Meet at **St. James Church** at **1:30 pm** to travel as a group or to **carpool**. Plan to arrive at the Shrine at **2:30 pm** for an hour or so of **adoration** & an additional hour to **tour** the Shrine grounds & **Way of the Cross**. At **4:30 pm** we'll travel to **Parker's Steakhouse** near Ashland for supper. Sign-up sheet is located in the church entry. Questions see Ron B. @ 402-310-7803 or Fr. Lux. Hope you can join us.

**25<sup>th</sup> 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!  
Mark July 19<sup>th</sup> on your calendar. **THANK YOU** to those helping to plan. **Volunteers** are needed to help make this a wonderful celebration. **Thank you to all who are helping prepare for this celebration** Questions please contact Mary Gramann or Denise Clements.

**AROUND THE LINCOLN DIOCESE** (See also [www.lincolndioocese.org](http://www.lincolndioocese.org)) & BEYOND

**Religious Sisters Vocation Prayer Calendar 2025-26 - Mar 08—14**

<b>Sr. Kateri Toler</b> from Mobile, AL	<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 - Mar 08—14**

<b>Max Summa</b> from St. Vincent de Paul, Seward	College 2	<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 MARCH 2026:** For disarmament & peace. Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, & that world leaders choose the path of dialogue & diplomacy instead of violence.

**LENTEN REGULATIONS -CATHOLIC DIOC. OF LINCOLN:** Ash Wednesday & Good Friday are days of fasting & abstinence. All Fridays in Lent are considered days of abstinence.

**Fasting:** means eating 1 full meal w/ 2 smaller meals, which together do not equal the full meal. No snacks or eating btwn. meals allowed. Fasting obliges Catholics btwn. 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.

**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:** Fridays, March 6, 13, & 20, 5:30-7:00pm. In the Parish Center at 6<sup>th</sup> & 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** for *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](http://goodcounselretreat.org) & select Retreats, or contact [office@olgcretreat.org](mailto:office@olgcretreat.org) - 402-786-2705. Likely to fill up quickly.



**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

JPIIHEALINGCENTER.ORG



**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.

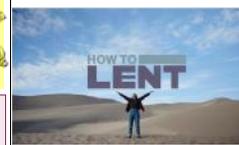
**GOOD COUNSEL RETREAT HOUSE** retreat schedule is live! Find time to rest, pray, & reconnect w/ God.  
Register: <https://goodcounselretreat.org/our-retreats/>

**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, 5/13. Learn more/register at: [goodcounselretreat.org/desert-days](http://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!*

**This Week On Formed- Week of March 8, 2026.**



**HOW TO LENT** is right around the corner. In How To Lent, you will be guided by priests and religious in the disciplines of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving so that you can make this your best Lent yet.

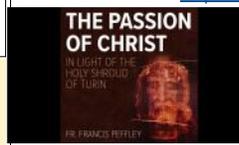
<https://app.formed.org/app/videos/3494727/>



**ST. FRANCES & LITURGICAL LIVING** Join the Tierney family as they celebrate the feast of Saint Frances of Rome, patroness of homemaking! Learn about practicing the corporal works of mercy in the home, the very Catholic Lenten history of pretzels and beer, and watch Kendra and three-year-old Barbara make something they like to call "trash can soup."

<https://app.formed.org/app/videos/2612987/>

Find this episode's feature recipes and more about liturgical living in the home at Catholic All Year. <https://catholicallyear.com/at-home/>.



**THE PASSION OF CHRIST** *THE PASSION OF CHRIST IN LIGHT OF THE HOLY SHROUD* The Holy Shroud of Turin was called the greatest relic in Christendom by Pope St. John Paul II. Fr. Peffley presents new, detailed scientific and medical evidence for the authenticity of the Holy Shroud.

<https://app.formed.org/app/videos/607949/>

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

**FISH FRY AT ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH IN ST. MARY, NE** (61518 Hwy. 41) 3/13 & 3/27. Fried pollock, butterfly shrimp, popcorn shrimp, mushrooms, hushpuppies, baked potato, green beans, coleslaw, & dinner roll. **Kolaches** for sale. **3 raffles:** Adult Prize, Children's, & Meat Bundle Raffle. Drawings held after our last fish fry (3/27). Served by *Knights of Columbus of St. Andrew- Tecumseh & St. Mary.*

**SPRING MAGNIFICAT PRAYER MEAL - MARCH 21, 9:30 a.m. to Noon** in the new *Sacred Heart Parish Center* 3127 T Street with **ROSEMARY CLEMENTS** sharing her Testimony, her Magnificat! Be a friend & bring a friend as in the Visitation when Mary & Elizabeth shared the Joy of the Holy Spirit in Gratitude & Praise of Our Lord! *The Morning Star Chapter of Magnificat* is celebrating our 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 1996-2026! A special thank you to all the women of our Diocese who have supported the Ministry! Register by **March 15** at <https://www.osvhub.com/magnificatmorningstarchapter/forms/prayermealmarch21>  
**Glorify the Lord with me. Let us together extol His Holy Name!** Ps 34:4. Please contact Coordinator Rhonda Litt by text at 402.525.6396 for further information.

Jesus told the Samaritan woman at Jacob's Well that that **whoever shall drink from the water I will give will not thirst again.** Let **Jesus fill your thirst for a blessed marriage** by participating in an upcoming **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience** in 2026: 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](http://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.

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  
April 2 - 4: **Holy Week Retreat for Young Women** w/ Marian Sisters of the Dioc. Linc.  
April 10-12: **I AM** w/ Fr. Christopher Stoley  
Upcoming Desert Days: April 24, May 13  
Info &/or Register @ [Goodcounselretreat.org](http://Goodcounselretreat.org) 402.786.2705 or scan QR

## LENTE MEDITATION ON THE ROSARY: THE CROWNING WITH THORNS

...this is your hour. the time for the power of darkness. (Luke 23:53)

The day before the Jewish Passover, began with an early morning command to the Roman Cohort assigned to the punishment and execution of criminals. Roused out of bed before dawn, the soldiers were ordered to prepare to scourge a miscreant named Jesus of Nazareth, who was arrested in the middle of the night. The word was that this man was trying to become the king of Israel by causing an insurrection and capturing the city of Jerusalem. Because of this rumor, those several men who were assigned to this flogging became even more unrestrained than usual, and thus they carried out their duty with excessive cruelty. Afterward, they revived the fainting man, roughly clothed him with his linen tunic, slowly staining with His blood, and took him into the dungeons under the Praetorium.

**And the soldiers wove a crown out of thorns and placed it on His head, and clothed Him in a purple cloak...** (John 19:2)

Once within the darkness of the dungeons, they called for the entire Cohort, of about 200 men, to join them in gleeful torment of this 'king' of the Jews. By the light of torches, Jesus was thrown onto a seat carved out of the rock, and binding his hands, they carried out their ideas of humiliating Him. One man was sent to cut branches from the thorn trees growing along the hedge rows, and to weave them into a crown for the 'king'. When he returned, his fingers bleeding from the 'wrath' of the spines, another soldier, using a stick to avoid being jabbed, forced the thorny crown onto Jesus' bowed head. When they saw the blood dripping from His hair, and the pain the thorns caused Him, their appetite for abuse grew, and they began to taunt their victim by throwing a purple cloak over His shoulders and putting a reed into his right hand, for a scepter:

**They began to salute Him with, "Hail, King of the Jews!", and kept striking His head with the reed, and spitting on Him. They knelt before Him in homage!** (Mark 15:16)

**And they struck Him repeatedly.** (John 19:3)

During the entire ignoble spectacle, Jesus head was bowed. He suffered through the scornful shouting and mocking, the spitting and violent buffeting of His face and body,....with silence.

If He had raised his head, and the soldiers had seen his eyes, they would have fallen back in fear. Through the blood streaming down His face, and the bruising from the hardened fists, His eyes shone with an unearthly light, piercing the dark of the dungeon, outshining the flame of the torches, looking beyond the walls of the Praetorium,...seeing God, His Father.

**...Father, the hour has come. Give glory to your Son, so that your Son may glorify You.** (John 17:1)

## MID-NIGHT MUSINGS

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

12:35am - How can I think of the Passion of Jesus without feeling the weight of my own sins? Each time I turned away from God to do something I knew was wrong, but did it anyway, I took my eyes off of Jesus on the Cross, purposely not seeing the unearthly suffering He endured for me. How can I bear it, except for His mercy.

*Love in the Spirit. -Diana*

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

**St. John's-Lincoln "All You Care to Eat Fish Fry"**- Baked or Fried fish w/ Baked potato or fries, Mac'n Cheese, coleslaw, fruit, hush puppies. Ice cream incl. Baked desserts avail. \$15- Ages 13+. \$7 -Ages 6-12. Free - Ages 5 & under. \$45/Family. **4:30-7:00pm. Fridays in Lent.** Credit cards accepted. Dine-in, Carry-out & Drive-Thru. Our service is speedy! 7601 Vine St.

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

**THE HEART OF PRAYER** w/ Bp. Andrew Cozzens reflection on prayer & its place in our spiritual life. <https://www.eucharisticcongress.org/streaming>

*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
- Enjoy a weekend with:
  - prayer - spiritual direction - talks by Sisters - practical discernment advice from Sisters -
- Details and registration are located (as well as through the QR code or e-mail) [www.knights.org](http://www.knights.org) [dk-secrtares@dnckinc.net](mailto:dk-secrtares@dnckinc.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](http://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 [lisapal24@aol.com](mailto:lisapal24@aol.com) or 402.525.9360

[sidewalkadvocates.org](http://sidewalkadvocates.org)

**Sacred Heart of Jesus.**

**Have mercy on us.**

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

**St. Joseph. Pray for**

Jesus, I Trust in You

**PIUS X HIGH SCHOOL** currently has several **job vacancies**, including:

- Administrative Assistant–
- Counseling Center
- Para-Educator
- Head Cheer Coach
- Teacher
- Head Baseball Coach

Interested candidates can apply on the website. Questions? Call Melissa Peters at 402-488-0931

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 2<sup>nd</sup> to [patrickgess@yahoo.com](mailto:patrickgess@yahoo.com) is appreciated.

Pizza will be provided by the Knights of Columbus after the program

FATHER/SON PROGRAM

## IN HIS IMAGE

Saturday, April 18, 2026

St. Joseph Catholic Church  
1940 S. 77<sup>th</sup> St. 10:00 am - 12:30 p.m.  
\$30 includes father and son



## LENTE PILGRIMAGE- KANSAS & OKLAHOMA SAINTS!

**Mar. 23-25 to Pilsen, KS,** to Ven. Emil Kapaun's parish & museum. Tour & have **Mass**. Overnight Monday in Wichita, KS, at the *Drury Plaza Broad-view* 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.-** comp. brkfst. & 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 Nebr. Wed. night, 3/25.** Cost is \$359/ double occup., singles \$469. Incl. motor coach, lodging, admission to museum, \$20 GC to *Cracker Barrel* & gratuities. See **fliers in church entry** Check out [www.travelswithdoris.org](http://www.travelswithdoris.org) for more info & to register or call 402-641-7132.

**EASTER MONDAY PILGRIMAGE** to *Conception Abbey & Clyde Monastery*- Join Fr. Coulter on **Mon., April 6.** Meet at *St. Michael, Linc.* at 7:30am. Mass & Prayers thru 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](http://frcoulter.com/EasterMonday), email [office@olqcretreat.org](mailto:office@olqcretreat.org) or call *Good Counsel Retreat House* at 402-786-2705.

## AROUND OUR PARISH

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

Monday	Mar 09	7:00 pm	Adult Lenten Enrichment Study	Parish Hall
Wednesday	Mar 11	6:30 pm	PCCW Meeting—Mass at 6:30pm; meeting follows	Parish Hall
Thursday	Mar 12	7:00 pm	<b>Exposition Eucharistic Adoration Hour</b>	Church
Friday	Mar 13	8:00 pm	AA—Hall Reserved	Parish Hall
Saturday	Mar 14	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.***

### 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.**

**Holy Hour for Peace in our nation & world. Monday, Mar. 16 7:30 p.m. Lincoln Central Deanery in Cristo Rey Church-Linc. Other deaneries are scheduled across the diocese. All are invited to pray for peace & for our nation.**

**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.

**EASTER MEAL FOOD BASKETS:** St. James Catholic Parish has committed to provide some Easter Meal Baskets for families thru the **Norris Food Pantry.** Instructions are on the sign up sheet on the table in the church vestibule. The baskets need to be taken to **Shepherd of the Hills Church**

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### 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 03/01/26	
Adult Envelopes	\$1,336.00
Plate	\$578.00
Cloistered Sisters	\$50.00
Southern NE Register	\$55.00
February Mass Stipends	\$620.00
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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.

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**WALK WITH JESUS THIS LENT:** 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 . **5 sessions** on **Mondays, at 7pm** in the **Parish Hall,** from **2/23 to 3/23.** Please bring your Bible. Study materials provided by St. James, **donations** accepted to help cover the costs. Text Diana M. - 402-432-7099 or Fr. Lux. 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.**

**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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

Liturgical Ministers		Third Sunday of Lent	Fourth Sunday of Lent	Fifth Sunday of Lent	Palm Sunday of the Passion	EASTER	Divine Mercy Sunday
		Mar 7-8	Mar 14-15	Mar 21-22	Mar 28-29	Sat., 4/4- 8:15pm East. Vigil	April 11-12
<b>Saturday 5:00 pm</b>	Reader	Amy Larkins	Cole Henn	Ron Eisenbarth	Diana M./Amy L.	Diana M./(volunteer)	Ron Eisenbarth
	Acolyte	Kurt Larkins	(volunteer)	(volunteer)	Kurt Larkins	(volunteer)/(volunteer)	Kim Pohlen
	Server 1	(volunteer)	(volunteer)	(volunteer)	Braxton Skillett	(volunteer)/(volunteer)	(volunteer)
	Server 2	(volunteer)	(volunteer)	(volunteer)	Easton Schilbitzki	(volunteer)/(volunteer)	(volunteer)
						<b>April 5—Easter Sunday</b>	
<b>Sunday 8:00 am</b>	Reader	Joe Vinton	Jerry Lentfer	Chris Hytrek	Michelle M./tbd	(volunteer)	Joe Vinton
	Acolyte	Scott Osterhaus	Pat Milke	Tony Sullivan	Joe Vinton	(volunteer)	Chris Hytrek
	Server 1	Rylan Hochstein	Brayden Kuhlman	Sam Robinson	Jax Peterson	(volunteer)	Carson Eickmeier
	Server 2	Reid Hochstein	Hudson Kuhlman	Sawyer Robinson	Drake Peterson	(volunteer)	Parker Eickmeier
	Server 3		Emmitt Ostrander		Ronan Peterson	(volunteer)	
<b>Sunday 10:30 am</b>	Reader	Ginger Jelinek	Shirley Yates	Larry Etmund	Ginger J./Cole H.	Shirley Yates	Cole Henn
	Acolyte	Ron Boden	Theron Troxel	Myron Heusinkvelt	Ron Eisenbarth	(volunteer)	Ron Boden
	Server 1	Max Troxel	Sam Troxel	Max Jacobson	Max Troxel	(volunteer)	Sam Troxel
	Server 2	Ty Troxel	Kyler Beck	Finn Jacobson	Ty Troxel	(volunteer)	Kyler Beck
	Server 3	Andrew Troxel	Dedric Dominy		Andrew Troxel	(volunteer)	Dedric Dominy
Server 4	Jude Jelinek						
<b>Collection Counters</b>		Jeanne E./Lori J.	Jim F./Theron T.	Kassie E./Amy A.	Julie P./Lauren E.	Jeanne E./Lori J.	Jim F./Theron T.

## St. James Parish Council and Finance Council Joint Meeting Minutes

February 25, 2026

St. James Parish Council and Finance Council met February 25, 2026. Those in attendance were Father Thomas Lux, Karl Gramann, Ray Vrbka, Pat Milke, Jenny Oelke, Brad Wilkens, Denise Clements, Joe Vinton and Grace Benes.

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

Pat Milke gave the building and grounds report. Pat contacted Don Hinds for a consultant on the heating and air in the choir loft which gets extremely warm. Pat will also contact *CTS* to confirm that we are on schedule with the concrete work this spring. Father Lux reported that new door mats are needed for the church.

Jenny Oelke gave the financial update as of January 31, 2026. The checking account balance was \$59,183.71. Several deposits were made to the DIAL savings account. Jenny is reconciling to break out building fund deposits from regular savings. The interest rate on *Diocesan Investment and Loans* savings accounts was reduced to 3.25% for the coming year.

*St. James* has received an assessment of \$75,000 for *Pius High School Forward in Faith and Excellence Campaign* to be paid by December 2029. Goals are Faith Formation, Academic Achievement, Community Impact, & Fiscal Sustainability. Parishioners will be encouraged to give to this important opportunity to support Catholic education. *St. James* supports 2 Catholic schools- *St. Michael & Pius*. Students from our parish attend each of these. We receive 80% of our annual *Charity & Stewardship* Pledges back to our parish.

Brad Wilkens discussed next steps for our parish expansion project. Several names were suggested for the building committee and Brad will contact these people to see if they are willing to serve. Current building estimates are \$350.00 per square foot. The size of the building needed to fit our growing needs is necessary to put together estimates of cost. A letter to Bishop Conley is needed describing the scope of the project before a feasibility study, capital campaign, or an architect and contractors can be hired.

Father Lux received quotes on two larger sized outbuildings to use as a high school *FYS* classroom next school year until we complete building. We could sell our current building. No action was taken on purchase.

Deanne Stieb emailed the *CCD* report:

- Eucharistic Adoration between Masses is set for every Sunday in March; all are welcome, not just the *CCD* students/families! -First Confession for eight 2<sup>nd</sup> graders this Saturday, Feb 28 @ 10am.

- I purchased 4 universal remotes (\$18 total) for the TV's in the classrooms. The 2<sup>nd</sup> grade remote went missing in early January (I think), so I gave them the spare I had. It was discovered on Sunday 2/22 that the 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade remotes are missing. Teachers do not use the TVs every week, so they are not sure at what point they disappeared. I have some heavy duty Velcro to attach the remotes to the back of the TVs in each classroom; hope that will help in them not getting misplaced.

Denise Clements gave the *PCCW* report. Married couples were honored in February. The Scholarship breakfast will be held March 8<sup>th</sup>. The pro life baby shower gifts were delivered to Willow Center in Beatrice. *St James* will participate in the Norris Food Pantry Easter Dinner basket again this year.

Father Lux stated that *Stations of the Cross* will be held on Thursday at 6:30 pm. and Fridays at 4:30 pm. *Good Friday* stations will be at 12 Noon. *St. James Parish* will do a pilgrimage to the *Shrine of the Holy Family* in Gretna on March 15<sup>th</sup>. *Holy Week* is March 29 to April 4<sup>th</sup>.

Denise gave an update on the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the church dedication celebration to be held July 19, 2026. The *Cortland Community Center* has been reserved for the meal. The meal will be catered by Lucky's from Wilber. Bishop Conley, former priests who served *St. James*, deanery priests, Fathers Michael & Matthew Zimmer & their parents will be invited.

Respectfully submitted: Grace Benes, Secretary

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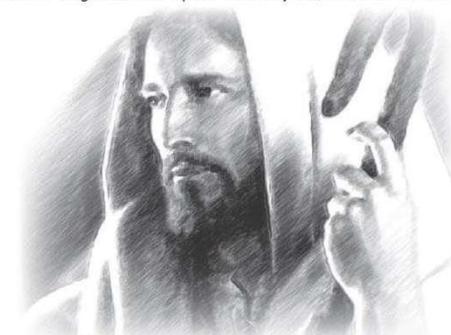


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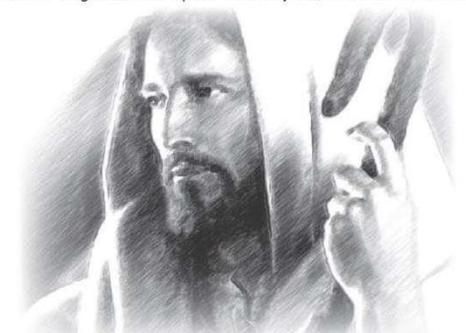


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## St James PCCW Meeting Minutes

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The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Correspondence included thank you notes from the high school CCD students, Slim and Janet Ragland, JoAnn Vrbka, and Colleen Eickmeier and a request for assistance with Easter Food Baskets from the Norris Food Pantry. Julie Pffingsten gave the treasurer's report. Income was from the January bake sale and PCCW dues. Expenses included LDCCW dues, Crete Deanery dues, kitchen supplies and St James Church 4th quarter expenses. PCCW pays for altar candles, altar bread and a new altar cloth.

Flowers and prayer cards have been ordered for World Marriage Day celebration for Sunday February 15.

First Confession for the First Communion class will be February 28. The First Communion Retreat will be March 28 and First Communion will be April 12. Confirmation will be April 21. PCCW will provide breakfast and lunch for the retreat and cookies and drinks for the confirmation reception. PCCW will provide a meal for Bishop Conley and the priests attending confirmation.

Scholarship applications are available for St James seniors.

The pro life baby shower was a success and the gifts were delivered to the Willow Center in Beatrice.

St Ann's Circle is in charge of the bake sale on February 22nd.

St Mary's Circle is in charge of the Scholarship Breakfast to be held March 8th.

There will be no bake sale in March. St James Circle will be asked to provide the cookies for the Confirmation reception.

St James Church was first in the number of diapers provided in the deanery diaper drive.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer.

The next meeting will be March 11, 2026

Respectfully submitted: Grace Benes, Secretary