

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 1st Street
Mailing/Rector: 155 N Lincoln Avenue,
Cortland, NE 68331

Rectory Phone: 402-798-7335
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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.

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.
7:50 pm Benediction or Simple Reposition.

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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT + MARCH 15, 2026

*I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
whoever follows me will have the light of life. -John8:12*

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**

MASS INTENTIONS				MASS READINGS — Follow the Church's liturgical life. Read the Sacred Scriptures before Mass. Try to join daily Mass.			
SJ — St. James Church. GCRC — Gold Crest Retirement Center							
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT							
Sat	Mar 14	5:00 pm	SJ	Weitzel & Davis Families	FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT: <u>Second Scrutiny of the Elect</u> 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		
Sun	Mar 15	8:00 am	SJ	For the People of St. James Parish			
		10:30 am	SJ	James Folda+	Optional for any weekday this week: Mi 7:7-9/ Ps 27: 1. 7-8a. 8b-9abc. 13-14/ Jn 9: 1-41		
Mon	Mar 16	7:00 am	SJ	All Souls Day Intentions+	Lenten Weekday: Is 65: 17-21/ Ps 30: 2 & 4. 5-6. 11-12a & 13b/ Jn 4: 43-54.		
Tue	Mar 17	7:00 am	SJ	Dan Schmidt & Family	Lenten Weekday/ Patrick, bp, ms: Ez 47: 1-9. 12/ Ps 46: 2-3. 5-6. 8-9/ Jn 5: 1-16		
Wed	Mar 18	6:30 pm	SJ	Randy Eickmeier+	Lent Wkdy./ Cyril of Jerusalem, bp, dr: Is 49: 8-15/Ps 145:8-9.13cd-14. 17-18/ Jn 5:17-30		
Thu	Mar 19	7:00 am	SJ	Mabel Folda+	JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF MARY S:2 Sm 7: 4-5a. 12-14a. 16/ Ps 89: 2-3. 4-5. 27 & 29/ Rom 4: 13. 16-18. 22/ Mt 1: 16. 18-21. 24a or Lk 2: 41-51a		
Fri	Mar 20	7:00 am	SJ	Intention of Donor	Lenten Weekday: Day of abstinence from meat (age 14 & up). Wis 2: 1a. 12-22/ Ps 34: 17-18. 19-20. 21 & 23/ Jn 7: 1-2. 10. 25-30		
Sat	Mar 21	8:00 am	SJ	Intention of Donor	Lenten Weekday: Jer 11: 18-20/ Ps 7: 2-3. 9bc-10. 11-12/ Jn 7: 40-53		
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT							
Sat	Mar 21	5:00 pm	SJ	For Moisture Needed for the Land	FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT: <u>Third Scrutiny of the Elect</u> at Saturday evening Mass. Ez 37: 12-14/ Ps 130: 1-2. 3-4. 5-6. 7-8/ Rom 8: 8-11/ Jn 11: 1-45		
Sun	Mar 22	8:00 am	SJ	Randy Eickmeier+			
		10:30 am	SJ	For the People of St. James Parish			

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.

A heartfelt **THANK YOU** to everyone who helped or provided items for the **PCCW Scholarship Breakfast**. Thank you to all who supported the **PCCW Scholarship Breakfast's** success. Your generosity & teamwork mean so much. About \$1,000 was raised.

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.

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! Mark **July 19th** 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.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE & EXTRA CONFESSION TIMES are on the insert in **TODAY'S** bulletin. Plan to fully enter into this time of grace!

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

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

Pray for young women to discern a vocation to the Sisterhood in our Diocese of Lincoln Motherhouses

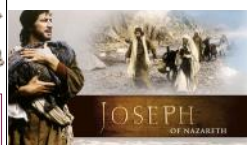
Seminarian Vocation Prayer Calendar 2025-26 - Mar 15—21

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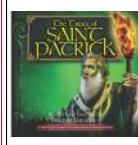
Please pray for young men discerning a call to the priesthood in the **Diocese of Lincoln**.

POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTION FOR 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.

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



Joseph of Nazareth- Celebrate the feast of Christ's foster father with even more joy & respect this year by watching a movie about him! Enter into the life of this great saint through the movie *Joseph of Nazareth!*
<https://app.formed.org/app/videos/588480/>



The Trials of Saint Patrick- *The Trials of Saint Patrick*, a powerful journey through hardship, loss, mercy, & forgiveness. With skilled actors & cinematic elements, this captivating story comes to life, stirring the imagination & sparking inspiration.
<https://app.formed.org/app/videos/582676/>



Patrick: Brave Shepherd of the Emerald Isle- Fun-loving Patrick had it easy at his parents' seaside villa. At 16, he thought he had it made for life—that is, until the day riders kidnapped him to nearby Ireland. Now a slave & shepherd, Patrick faced a bleak & uncertain future. To survive, he'd have to conquer cold, hunger, wild beasts, & even worse enemies.

<https://app.formed.org/app/videos/578443/>

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

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: Friday, 3/20, 5:30-7:00p 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 free), \$40 max price per family. By *K.ofC.Co 1723*.

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

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 & select Retreats, or contact office@olgcretreat.org - 402-786-2705. Likely to fill up quickly.

St. John's-Lincoln "All You Care to Eat Fish Fry"- Baked or Fried fish w/ Baked pot. or fries, Mac'n Ch., slaw, fruit, hush puppies. Ice cream incl. Baked desserts avail. \$15-Age 13+. \$7-Age 6-12. Free-5 & under. \$45/Fam. 4:30-7:00p. **Fridays in Lent**. Credit C. ok. Dine-in, Carry-out & Drive-Thru. Speedy service! 7601 Vine St.

FISH FRY AT ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH IN ST. MARY, NE (61518 Hwy. 41) 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*.

Forget to register for the MAGNIFICAT PRAYER MEAL MARCH 21 w/ Speaker ROSEMARY CLEMENTS? There's still time! Register by Monday March 16 at <https://www.osvhub.com/magnificatmorningstarchapter/forms/prayermealmarch21>. Please contact Coord. Rhonda L. by text at 402.525.6396 for more info. The *Morning Star Chapter of Magnificat* is celebrating our 30th Anniversary! A special thank you to Bishop Emeritus Bruskewitz for approving a *Magnificat* Chapter in our Diocese, the original *Service Team* for creating the *Morning Star Chapter* w/ Fr. Baker as our first Spiritual Advisor, & all the women of our Diocese who have supported the Ministry over the Years! Together as Mary & Elizabeth in the Visitation, we've lived *Psalm 34:4 Glorify the Lord with me. Let us together extol His Holy Name!*

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Let the Lord be the shepherd of your marriage. Attend a **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. Follow @worldwidemarriageencounter on Instagram & Fb!

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 IGNATIANT RETREATS: Details: <https://goodcounselretreat.org/our-retreats/> 4, 5, or 6-Day Options: Flexible Starting Dates. w/ Fr. Gary Coulter.

DESERT DAY w/ the Lord! Step away from the noise of daily life. Spend a quiet day in prayer, reflection, & silence w/ Jesus at *OLGC Retreat House*. Self-guided days of retreat where you can rest, reset, & reconnect w/ the Lord. Come for the full day or just a few hours- no formal schedule, just space to pray. **Dates:** 3/17, 4/24, 5/13. 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.

Mar. 16-19: <i>Ignatian Retreat: 4-Day Spring Break</i> w/ Jo Vasa & Fr. Gary Coulter	
Mar. 17: <i>Desert Day Tuesday: St Patrick / St. Joseph</i>	
Mar. 19-22: <i>Catholic Medical Retreat</i> w/ Sr. Mary Diana Dreger, OP	
Mar. 21: <i>Parish Retreat on the Road: Ashland</i> w/ Fr. Gary Coulter	
Mar. 27-29: <i>Behold the Humility of God</i> w/ Fr. Michael Zimmer	
Mar. 29- Apr. 2: <i>Ignatian Retreat: 4-Day Holy Week</i> w/ Jo Vasa & Matt Simmons	
April 2 - 4: <i>Holy Week Retreat for Young Women</i> w/ Marian Sisters of the Dioc. Linc.	
April 10-12: <i>I AM</i> w/ Fr. Christopher Stoley	
Upcoming Desert Days: April 24, May 13	
Info &/or Register @ Goodcounselretreat.org 402.786.2705 or scan QR	

LENTEN MEDITATION ON THE ROSARY: THE CARRYING OF THE CROSS

Seized and condemned, He was taken away. (Isaiah 53:8)

Led to the dusty street! Blinded by the sunlight & by the blood dripping into His eyes from the thorns, He could not see the heavy crossbeam, but He felt the weight of it, thrown onto His beaten shoulders, causing weltd flesh to bleed anew. Hearing the command, 'March!', He took one step with His bare feet, treading on the rough stones of the road. He took another step; His body was crushed down by the wooden beam, & He could hardly force his legs to handle the load. Through His pain, He vaguely heard the sound of the gathering crowd. He moved into the street....Step,... by step, ... by step,....Jesus knew He was on the path to Golgotha & crucifixion.

Bowing His head under the weight, He could finally see, but only the dirty sand between the stones, all the while the painful plodding of His bruised feet matched the cries of the crowd He had heard in the Praetorium.

Crucify Him! Crucify Him!..... We have no king but Caesar! (John 19:15)

Unable to balance the crossbeam, Jesus stumbled, & fell to His knees. His hands, gripping tightly to keep the wood on His shoulders, were unable to stop His fall, & His face struck the stones of the road. Struggling to rise, with the weight still on His back, He winced at the whips of the soldiers lashing His legs to force Him to get up & go on; & with great effort, He heaved Himself to His feet. The rough wood of the cross gouged into His shoulder at every step He took. It made the increasing steepness of the road all the more agonizing, so that finally the pain & loss of blood caused Him to nearly lose consciousness, & Jesus fell for the second time.

The Roman soldiers, accustomed to the weakness of tortured prisoners, immediately moved into the crowd & grabbed the first able-bodied man they found.

...they took hold of a certain Simon, a Cyrenian, who was coming in from the country, and after laying the cross on him, they made him carry it behind Jesus. (Luke 23:26)

Simon had come to Jerusalem with his two young sons to celebrate the Passover, & suddenly he was thrust into a crucifixion procession & forced to carry the criminal's cross. The moment He shouldered the crossbeam, relieving Jesus of the weight, a shudder ran through him, causing him to look into eyes that held a calm he had never seen before. How could a condemned man, who had been punished to near death, look at him with such compassion, & yet authority? Simon took on the cross for the rest of the way, but the mystery of this man consumed his thoughts.

The crowd of people following Jesus grew, some of whom were shouting for His death, while others were "mourning & lamenting" Him, including many women. From His own pain & suffering, He felt pity for them.

Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep instead for yourselves & for your children.

(Lk. 23:28)

Jesus had wept for Jerusalem, grieving that it would be destroyed by the Romans; that most of it's faithful Jews would be murdered in the streets,...men, women, & children.

They were nearing the top of the hill where large rocks & debris were scattered on the road. One of the soldiers, wanting to hurry things up as a storm seemed to be approaching, shoved Him in the back, & Jesus fell among the rocks. The soldier pulled Him to His feet & dragged Him up to the heights of Golgotha, the place of the skull.

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

4:17am. - From pain & suffering, come Joy! Only our Lord Jesus, through His death, can save us for the Joy of Heaven. *Love in the Spirit. -Diana*

SACRED HEART BAKED POTATO BAR! Friday, Mar. 27th from 4:30-7:00 pm In the Sacred Heart Parish Hall, 3127 T St., Linc. Numerous toppings to choose. Choice of desserts. Coffee, & lemonade. Free will offering. Support Sacred Heart Building Our Future Fund.

EVENING PRAYER ("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.

EASTER MONDAY PILGRIMAGE to Conception Abbey & Clyde, MO Monastery- Fr. Coulter on Mon., 4/6. Meet- St. Michael, Linc. at 7:30am. Mass & Prayers thru the day, see the Relic Chapel w/ over 550 Saint relics, return by 5:30pm. Cost \$70/person incl. snacks & lunch. Make reservations early online: frcoultter.com/EasterMonday, email office@olgcpretreat.org or call Good Counsel Retreat House at 402-786-2705.

The Schoenstatt Family Invites Everyone to Come! Family MOVIE NIGHT Saturday, March 21st Cor Marie Schoenstatt Center From 8:00pm-9:00pm

Join us to honor St. Joseph and our fathers with a pizza meal and a movie!

Featured Movie title: "DAVID"

RSVP and pay using the QR Code above (put # addressing in note), or email name and number attending to: cor.marise.choe@gmail.com

LENTEN 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 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.- 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 for more info & to register or call 402-641-7132.

HEALING HEARTS - Diocese of Lincoln - a Catholic apostolate created to meet the needs of those who are bereaved & provides a safe, loving & spiritual atmosphere in which to recover from the loss of a loved one. We welcome you to register for the next 6-week session (April 16-May 21, 7-9 pm) @ John XXIII Dioc. Center, 3700 Sheridan Blvd, Linc. by contacting the Office of Family Life at 402-473-0620. (A suggested donation of \$25 helps cover materials).

LINCOLN DIOCESE COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN BIENNIAL CONVENTION April 17-18 in Hastings, NE. *It is not you who chose me but I chose you.* All women are welcome. For more info & to Register - <https://www.jotform.com/form/260467553004049>

Responding to the Heart of the King
A Silent Discernment Retreat

- Women ages 18-35
- March 13-15, 2024 (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 sk-retreats@shclinc.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 lisapal24@aol.com or 402.525.9380

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

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

AROUND OUR PARISH

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

Monday	Mar 16	7:00 pm	Adult Lenten Enrichment Study	Parish Hall
Wednesday	Mar 18	6:30 pm	Knights of Columbus Meeting—Mass at 6:30pm; meeting follows	Parish Hall
Thursday	Mar 19	7:00 pm	Exposition Eucharistic Adoration Hour	Church
Friday	Mar 20	8:00 pm	AA—Hall Reserved	Parish Hall
Saturday	Mar 21	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**.

Find: Examination of Conscience & How to go to Confession on insert in this bulletin.

REQUEST MASSES to be offered for your intentions.

MAGNIFICAT SUBSCRIPTIONS. It's time to sign-up & pay for the next subscription of the *Magnificat Magazine*. As a parishioner, you have the opportunity to save money on your annual subscription by utilizing our **group order**. The **sign-up sheet** is at the back of the church. **Deadline for sign-up & payment to St. James Parish is April 10th.**

PARISH COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN:
ENVELOPES FOR EASTER LILIES are on the back table. Thank you for helping us beautify the sanctuary for Easter.
PCCW SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS are on the bulletin board. Due by the **Apr. 8th**.
SPRING CLEANING OF THE CHURCH March 27-28. A *Sign Up Genius* will go out soon. Let's work together to make the church beautiful for **Holy Week & Easter**.
EASTER MEAL FOOD BASKETS: St. James Catholic Parish has committed to provide 12 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* on **Sat., Apr. 4** between **8:00 AM & N**. Thank you!
PCCW DUES—\$10 can be given now. Thank

CRETE DEANERY CCW SPRING OPEN MEETING Denton- St. Mary, April 25. Begin w/ Mass at 8:30, followed by a light breakfast, a guest speaker & a meeting. All women are invited.

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.

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 03/08/26

Adult Envelopes	\$1,116.00
Plate	\$724.00
Sri Lanka Relief	\$100.00
Southern NE Register	\$20.00
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We are facing an enormous & dramatic clash between good & evil, death & life, the 'culture of death' & the 'culture of life'. We find ourselves not only 'faced with' but necessarily 'in the midst of' this conflict: we are all involved & we all share in it, with the inescapable responsibility of choosing to be unconditionally prolife (The Gospel of Life 28).

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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR STUDENTS preparing for **First Communion** on Sun., **Apr. 12**, 3:00 P Mass. Also for all who are helping them prepare. Thank you.

Liturgical Ministers		Fourth Sunday of Lent	Fifth Sunday of Lent	Palm Sunday of the Passion	EASTER	Divine Mercy Sunday	Third Sunday of Easter
		Mar 14-15	Mar 21-22	Mar 28-29	Sat., 4/4 8:15pm East. Vigil	April 11-12	April 18-19
Saturday 5:00 pm	Reader	Cole Henn	Ron Eisenbarth	Diana M./Amy L.	Diana M. (volunteer)	Ron Eisenbarth	Diana McCown
	Acolyte	(volunteer)	(volunteer)	Kurt Larkins	(volunteer)/(volunteer)	Kim Pohlen	(volunteer)
	Server 1	(volunteer)	(volunteer)	Braxton Skillett	(volunteer)/(volunteer)	(volunteer)	(volunteer)
	Server 2	(volunteer)	(volunteer)	Easton Schilbitzki	(volunteer)/(volunteer)	(volunteer)	(volunteer)
					April 5—Easter Sunday		
Sunday 8:00 am	Reader	Jerry Lentfer	Chris Hytrek	Michelle M./Shirley Y.	(volunteer)	Joe Vinton	Jerry Lentfer
	Acolyte	Pat Milke	Tony Sullivan	Joe Vinton	(volunteer)	Chris Hytrek	Scott Osterhaus
	Server 1	Brayden Kuhlman	Sam Robinson	Jax Peterson	(volunteer)	Carson Eickmeier	Carter Stieb
	Server 2	Hudson Kuhlman	Sawyer Robinson	Drake Peterson	(volunteer)	Parker Eickmeier	Asher Stieb
	Server 3	Emmitt Ostrander		Ronan Peterson	(volunteer)	Emmitt Ostrander	
Server 4	Gunner Ostrander				Gunner Ostrander		
Sunday 10:30 am	Reader	Shirley Yates	Larry Etmund	Ginger J./Cole H.	Shirley Yates	Cole Henn	Larry Etmund
	Acolyte	Theron Troxel	Myron Heusinkvelt	Ron Eisenbarth	Myron Heusinkvelt	Theron Troxel	Ron Boden
	Server 1	Sam Troxel	Max Jacobson	Max Troxel	(volunteer)	Sam Troxel	Max Jacobson
	Server 2	Kyler Beck	Finn Jacobson	Ty Troxel	(volunteer)	Kyler Beck	Finn Jacobson
	Server 3	Dedric Dominy		Andrew Troxel	(volunteer)	Dedric Dominy	
Server 4							
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.	

THE ORDER FOR RECONCILING INDIVIDUAL PENITENTS



The Reception of the Penitent

The Priest welcomes the penitent. Together, they make the Sign of the Cross.

✠ **In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

The Priest invites the penitent to have trust in God, in these or similar words:

Priest: May God, who has shone his light in our hearts grant that you may truly know your sins and his mercy.

Penitent: Amen.

The Reading of the Word of God

(Optional)

The Confession of Sins and the Acceptance of Satisfaction

The penitent confesses sins. The Priest may offer suitable counsel.

The Priest proposes a work of penance and the penitent accepts it to make satisfaction for sin and amend his(her) life.

The Prayer of the Penitent

The Priest then invites the penitent to express his (her) contrition, using the prayer below or other options. One's own words may also be used.

Penitent: O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended you, and I detest all my sins because of your just punishments, but most of all because they offend you, my God, who are all good and deserving of all my love.

I firmly resolve, with the help of your grace, to sin no more and to avoid the near occasions of sin. Amen.

Absolution

Then the Priest, extending his hand(s) over the penitent's head, says:

Priest: God, the Father of mercies, through the Death and Resurrection of his Son has reconciled the world to himself & poured out the Holy Spirit for the forgiveness of sins; through the ministry of the Church may God grant you pardon and peace. **And I absolve you from your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, ✠ & of the Holy Spirit.**

Penitent: Amen.

The Proclamation of Praise of God

Priest: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good.

Penitent: For his mercy endures for ever.

Dismissal of the Penitent

Priest: The Lord has forgiven your sins. Go in peace.

(Optional- Penit. may say: Thanks be to God. &/or Thank you Father.)

EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE

1. I am the Lord your God. You shall not have strange gods before me.

- Do I give God time every day in prayer?
- Do I seek to love Him with my whole heart?
- Have I been involved with superstitious practices or have I been involved with the occult?
- Do I seek to surrender to God's Word as taught by the Church?
- Have I ever received communion in the state of mortal sin?
- Have I ever deliberately told a lie in Confession or withheld a mortal sin from the priest in Confession?
- Are there other "gods" in my life? Money, Security, Power, People, etc.?

2. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.

- Have I used God's name in vain: lightly or carelessly?
- Have I been angry with God?
- Have I wished evil upon any other person?
- Have I insulted a sacred person or abused a sacred object?

3. Remember to keep holy the Lord's Day.

- Have I deliberately missed Mass on Sundays or Holy Days of Obligation?
- Have I tried to observe Sunday as a family day & a day of rest?
- Do I do needless work on Sunday?

4. Honor your father & your mother.

- Do I honor & obey my parents?
- Have I neglected my duties to my spouse & children?
- Have I given my family good religious example?
- Do I try to bring peace into my home life?
- Do I care for my aged & infirm relatives?

5. You shall not kill.

- Have I had an abortion or encouraged or helped anyone to have an abortion?
- Have I physically harmed anyone?
- Have I abused alcohol or drugs?
- Did I give scandal to anyone, thereby leading him or her into sin?
- Have I been angry or resentful?
- Have I harbored hatred in my heart?
- Have I mutilated myself through any form of sterilization?
- Have I encouraged or condoned sterilization?
- Have I engaged, in any way, in sins against human life such as artificial insemination or in vitro fertilization?
- Have I participated in or approved of euthanasia?

6. You shall not commit adultery.

- Have I been faithful to my marriage vows in thought & action?
- Have I engaged in any sexual activity outside of marriage?
- Have I used any method of contraception or artificial birth control in my marriage?
- Has each sexual act in my marriage been open to the transmission of new life?
- Have I been guilty of masturbation?
- Do I seek to control my thoughts & imaginations?
- Have I respected all members of the opposite sex, or have I thought of other people as mere objects?
- Have I been guilty of any homosexual activity?
- Do I seek to be chaste in my thoughts, words, actions?
- Am I careful to dress modestly?

7. You shall not steal.

- Have I stolen what is not mine?
- Have I returned or made restitution for what I have stolen?
- Do I waste time at work, school, & home?
- Do I gamble excessively, thereby denying my family of their needs?
- Do I pay my debts promptly?
- Do I seek to share what I have with the poor?
- Have I cheated anyone out of what is justly theirs, for example creditors, insurance companies, big corporations?

8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

- Have I lied? Have I gossiped?
- Do I speak badly of others behind their back?
- Am I sincere in my dealings with others?
- Am I critical, negative or uncharitable in my thoughts of others?
- Do I keep secret what should be kept confidential?
- Have I injured the reputation of others by slanders?

9. You shall not desire your neighbor's wife.

- Have I consented to impure thoughts?
- Have I caused them by impure reading, movies, television, conversation or curiosity?
- Do I pray at once to banish impure thoughts & temptations?
- Have I behaved in an inappropriate way with members of the opposite sex: flirting, being superficial, etc.?

10. You shall not desire your neighbor's goods.

- Am I jealous of what other people have?
- Do I envy the families or possessions of others?
- Am I greedy or selfish?
- Are material possessions the purpose of my life?

EXTRA LENTEN CONFESSION TIMES in Preparation for Easter *Come to the Mercy of God! .*

Extra Confessions for the last weeks of Lent- Confessions before and after each Mass until Easter.

EXTRA HOLY WEEK CONFESSION TIMES- Before & After each Mass. Other times also-

Palm Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Easter Sunday
7:30 to 7:50 a 9:15 to 10:20 a 11:45a to 12:15p	6:30a to 6:50a 7:30a to 8:00a	6:30 a to 6:50 a 7:30 a to 8:00 a	1:00 to 1:30 p	10:00 a to 10:30 a Father Au: 6:00 p to 6:50 p 8:00p to 9:00 p	12:15 noon to 12:45p	10:00a to 10:30a	7:30 a to 7:50 a 10:00 a to 10:20 a
4:00 to 5:00 pm (No Mass)			6:00 to 6:30 p 7:00 to 7:30 p	9:00 p to 9:30 p 10:00 to 10:30 p	6:00p to 6:30p 8:00p to 8:30p	1:00p to 1:30p 4:30p to 5:00p	

Holy Week 2026 Schedule for St. James Catholic Parish

SJ= St. James Church. GCRC= Gold Crest Retirement Community-Adams

Sat.	Apr 28	5:00 pm	SJ	Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion Mass	Procession from vestibule. Passion Gospel by multiple readers.
Sun.	Mar 29	8:00 am	SJ	Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion Mass	Procession from Parish Hall. Passion Gospel by multiple readers.
		10:30 am	SJ	Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion Mass	Procession from vestibule. Passion Gospel by multiple readers.
Mon.	Mar 30	7:00 am	SJ	Monday of Holy Week Morning Mass	
		4:00 pm	GCRC	Chrism Mass at the <i>Cathedral of the Risen Christ</i> in Lincoln. (Note new time this year.)	All are welcome. Bishop Conley. Priests of the diocese. People of the diocese.
Tue.	Mar 31	7:00 am	SJ	Tuesday of Holy Week Morning Mass	
Wed.	Apr 1	3:00 pm		Wednesday of Holy Week Communion to Lakeview & Gold Crest	
		6:30 pm	SJ	Evening Mass	
Thu.	Apr 2	7:00 pm	SJ	Holy Thursday: Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper	Begin Easter Triduum of the Lord's Passion, Death & Resurrection. thru Easter Sunday Evening Prayer
		8:00 pm	SJ	Adoration at Altar of Repose	You are welcome to spend time after Mass until Midnight.
Fri.	Apr 3	12:00 pm	SJ	Good Friday Stations of the Cross audio	
		7:00 pm	SJ	Good Friday Passion Liturgy - Passion Gospel by multiple readers. Veneration of the Cross, Petitions, Communion.	Day of fast (ages 18-59) & abstinence from meat (age 14 & up). Mass is not celebrated today.
Sat.	Apr 4	8:15 pm	SJ	Holy Saturday Easter Vigil. Liturgy of the Easter Vigil: The vigil must begin <u>after sunset</u> .	Service of Light- Easter Fire is lit, blessed, used to light/bless the newly decorated Paschal Candle , this pillar of light leads the procession, <i>Christ Our Light</i> is intoned, people's processional candles are lit, Exsultet is chanted. Liturgy of the Word- Vigil readings (Old Testament readings #2, 3, 4 & 6 w/ responses). Gloria intoned. Altar candles lit. New Testament reading. Triple Alleluia with verses. Gospel. Sacraments of Initiation: after homily. Easter Water is blessed. This water used for Baptisms during Easter Season. 2026- 1 Baptism, Confirmation, & 1st Communion. Baptism Promises are renewed. Easter Water is Sprinkled (Asperges Rite) Liturgy of the Eucharist: Offertory, Eucharistic Prayer, and the Communion Rite Concluding Rite three-part prayer over the people and blessing. The dismissal, too, is solemn: "The Mass is ended, go in peace, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia"
Sun.	Apr 5	8:00 am	SJ	Easter Sunday	Baptism Promises are renewed. Easter Water is Sprinkled (Asperges Rite)
		10:30 am	SJ	Easter Sunday	Baptism Promises are renewed. Easter Water is Sprinkled (Asperges Rite)

Plan to celebrate the most holy liturgies of the entire year!