

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 where the wildfires have damaged the land.



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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Facebook: [St James Catholic Church of Cortland](https://www.facebook.com/StJamesCatholicChurchofCortland)

Fr. Thomas Lux, Pastor— Urgent: 308.991.4991

Bulletin Announcements/schedule requests:
Deadline is Wednesday, Noon (12 pm) to bulletinstjames@gmail.com.

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

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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT + MARCH 22, 2026

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will never die. —John 11:25a, 26

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

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION MASSES: See the current bulletin.
WEEKDAY MASSES: Check the current bulletin for changes.
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday @ 7:00 am.
Wednesday @ 6:30 pm. Saturday @ 8:00 am.

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

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

Catholic Counseling: *Catholic Social Services of So. Nebr.-* immaculateheartcounseling.org 402-489-1834.
For rent, utilities, & emergency assistance: CSS- 402.474.1600. Or *St Vincent de Paul Soc.-* 402.435.7968.
Unplanned pregnancy: *Women's Care Center* www.womenscarecenter.org/lincoln, 402-423-0533; *Birthingright* 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.			
SJ- St. James Church. GCRC- Gold Crest Retirement Center				Read the Sacred Scriptures before Mass. Try to join daily Mass.			
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT				FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT: <i>Third Scrutiny of the Elect</i> at Saturday evening Mass.			
Sat	Mar 21	5:00 pm	SJ	For Moisture Needed for the Land	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+	Third Scrutiny at Saturday evening Mass.		
		10:30 am	SJ	For the People of St. James Parish			
Mon	Mar 23	7:00 am	SJ	All Souls Day Intentions+	<i>Lenten Weekday/ Toribio de Mogrovejo</i> , bp: Dn 13: 1-9. 15-17. 19-30. 33-62 or 13: 41c-62/ Ps 23: 1-3a. 3b-4. 5. 6/ Jn 8: 1-11		
Tue	Mar 24	7:00 am	SJ	All Souls Day Intentions+	<i>Lenten Weekday:</i> Nm 21: 4-9/ Ps 102: 2-3. 16-18. 19-21/ Jn 8: 21-30		
Wed	Mar 25	6:30 pm	SJ	In Thanksgiving for Blessings Received	ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD , S: Is 7: 10-14; 8: 10/ Ps 40: 7-8a. 8b-9. 10. 11/ Heb 10: 4-10/ Lk 1: 26-38		
Thu	Mar 26	7:00 am	SJ	Intention of Donor	<i>Lenten Weekday:</i> Gn 17: 3-9/ Ps 105: 4-5. 6-7. 8-9/ Jn 8: 51-59		
Fri	Mar 27	7:00 am	SJ	Intention of Donor	<i>Lenten Weekday:</i> Day of abstinence from meat (age 14 & up). Jer 20: 10-13/ Ps 18: 2-3a. 3bc-4. 5-6. 7/ Jn 10: 31-42		
Sat	Mar 28	8:00 am	SJ	Judith Miller +	<i>Lenten Weekday:</i> Ez 37: 21-28/ Jer 31: 10. 11-12abcd. 13/ Jn 11: 45-56		
PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD				PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION:			
Sat	Mar 28	5:00 pm	SJ	For Moisture Needed for the Land	Procession: Mt 21: 1-11. Mass: Is 50: 4-7/ Ps 22: 8-9. 17-18. 19-20. 23-24/ Phil 2:6-11/ Mt 26: 14 -- 27: 66		
Sun	Mar 29	8:00 am	SJ	For the People of St. James Parish			
		10:30 am	SJ	??? Jeanette Else+ ?			

PANCAKE BREAKFAST TODAY, Sunday, March 22 in *St. James Catholic Parish Hall* after each Mass- **9:00 am to 12:00 Noon**. Pancakes, biscuits & gravy, ham, fruit cup, juice, water & coffee. Free will donation. Proceeds will go to a local family in need & to the St. James Building Fund. Served by our *Knights of Columbus*.

CONFIRMATION CLASS TODAY, Sunday, 3/22/26, @ 6:30 pm.
CONFIRMATION PRACTICE & PRAYERFUL PREPARATION - Sun., 4/19, 3 p.

BISHOP CONLEY will be in our parish for **CONFIRMATION** during Mass at **7:00 pm** on **Tuesday, April 21**. Please **PRAY** for all those preparing.

Created in God's image every person is sacred & reflects God's love. Our support of **CRS Rice Bowl** provides hope & opportunity to families around the world. Let's reflect on how our prayers, fasting, & almsgiving can help our sisters & brothers fulfill their potential. Visit crsricebowl.org/week-5 for a *Story of Hope*.

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

CHOIR WILL SING FOR THE PALM SUNDAY 10:30 AM MASS. *Be a part of the choir.*

FULLY ENTER INTO THIS LENTEN SEASON OF GRACE (40 days) as preparation to joyfully **CELEBRATE EASTER DAY & SEASON** (50 days)!
Go to Confession. Offered before and after each Mass this weekend & through the weekdays & next weekend & Holy Week. **Fr. Au** will hear confessions on **Holy Thursday**, 6 to 6:50 pm & after the Mass 8 to 9 pm.
Actively participate in as many of the liturgies as you can.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE & EXTRA CONFESSION TIMES were in the **insert**

Lent Stations of the Cross: St. James- Cortland

THURSDAYS 6:30 pm (before Adoration Hour at 7 pm.) 3/27.

(**Good Friday, 4/3**, at 12 Noon— Audio.)

FRIDAYS 4:30 pm (during daylight hours & after school hours) 3/26.

Good Friday Stations of the Cross audio.

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

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

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

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

Seminarian Vocation Prayer Calendar 2025-26 - Mar 22—28

Bradley Moss from St. Joseph, Lincoln

Theology 4

St. Charles Borromeo Seminary

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.

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.

MASS TIMES FOR HOLY WEEK, EASTER SERVICES & CONFESSIONS **THROUGHOUT THE DIOCESE OF LINCOLN** will be available starting **Palm Sunday** weekend at lincolndioocese.org/easter

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.



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

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

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



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: 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*.



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



The Annunciation The Angel Gabriel appeared & all of Heaven trembled in anticipation. Mary gives her fiat & our long wait is over! Generation after generation of longing & aching for a Messiah comes to fulfillment. <https://app.formed.org/app/videos/3279606/>



The Annunciation | Sacred Art Join Dr. Ben Akers & Taylor Kemp as they discuss the spiritual & theological significance of the Annunciation over a piece of Sacred Art by Elizabeth Zelasko that depicts this incredible scene. <https://app.formed.org/app/videos/2066607/>



The Annunciation: Hail Mary Join Ms. Kim as she discusses devotion to Mary & the significance of Mary's "yes." All the while, you will learn new drawing techniques as you draw the Annunciation. <https://app.formed.org/app/videos/2968619/>

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

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

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*.

St. John's-Linc. " 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. 4:30-7p. **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*.

SACRED HEART BAKED POTATO BAR! Friday, Mar. 27th from 4:30-7:00 pm In the *Sacred Heart Parish Hall*, 31st T St., Linc. Numerous toppings to choose. Choice of desserts. Coffee, & lemonade. Free will offering. Support *Sacred Heart Building Our Future Fund*.

"I am the resurrection & the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, & everyone who lives & believes in me will never die."
Do you believe that Jesus is the Lord of your marriage? Bring God into your marriage by attending 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!

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

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 Holy Family

April 10-12: *I AM* w/ Fr. Christopher Stoley

April 17 - 19: *Christianity & Creativity* w/ Dr. Jennifer Overkamp

April 28 - May 6: *Ignatian Retreat: 8-Day (& 4 Days)* w/ Meagan Gitchell, Jo Vasa, Sarina Stokes & Fr. Christopher Barak

May 8 - 9: *All or Nothing retreat for Women* w/ Janette Howe

Upcoming *Desert Days*: April 24, May 13

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



LENTEN MEDITATION ON THE ROSARY: PART 1 - THE CRUCIFIXION OF JESUS.

The winepress I have trodden alone, and from the peoples no one was with me. I looked about but there was no one to help. (Isaiah 63: 3,5)

A strangely dimming sun was climbing into a copper-colored sky when the prostrate man was thrown onto the heavy crossbeam. The dull clank of hammers hitting nails, and loud wailing and groaning, verified for the crowd that the punishment of crucifixion was taking place. Three men were being killed this day for crimes against the Roman Empire.

The Roman Centurion, who commanded the soldiers assigned to this detail, leaned on his spear, watching to make sure that the sentence was carried out quickly and efficiently. He had been ordered to oversee this post several years ago, and was accustomed to the cruelty of crucifixion, only wanting to prove himself as a good leader to his superiors; but this crucifixion was his most consequential one. It came at a particularly tense period in Jerusalem, a concurrence of religious and political unrest, when the Jewish Sabbath and the High Holy Day of Passover fell on the same day, as thousands of Jews converged on Jerusalem; and when Jewish Zealots, plotting to overthrow Rome's power, seemed to be rampant in the streets. One of these men condemned today was Jesus of Nazareth, and whether He was crucified or freed, He could be the excuse they needed for rebellion. So, in order to appease the Jewish Sanhedrin, who wanted Jesus dead, using religious pretexts, and also to quell the political turmoil on the streets, Pontius Pilate, the Governor, chose to order His crucifixion, thinking this action would secure his political position in both Jerusalem and Rome.

...they have pierced my hands and feet: they have numbered all my bones. (Psalms 22:17-18)

The Roman soldiers were working quickly to prepare the criminals. The Centurion had been given orders to have the one man, Jesus, nailed to the wood, but to have the other two tied to the cross bars with ropes; the reason given was that Jesus of Nazareth was a contentious revolutionary who claimed to be the king of the Jews against Rome, and for this He was to suffer the most violent punishment for His crime. Once the soldiers had finished nailing Him to the crossbeam, and securing the other prisoners with ropes, one at a time, they were hoisted up to the huge upright posts, and the beams shoved into the notches cut into the wood, holding them in place with ropes. An inscription, ordered by Pilate, written in Hebrew, Latin, and Greek, was nailed above Jesus' head, proclaiming to the crowd: **This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.** (Luke 23:38)

With Jesus in the middle, blood dripping from nail wounds in His hands and feet, the three crosses protruded into the darkening sky above Golgotha.....A storm was coming.

"they divide my garments among them; for my clothing they cast lots. (Psalms 22:18-19)

The sweaty soldiers had finished their work of crucifixion, and following their habit, they began dividing the clothes of the criminals among themselves. When they found Jesus blood-stained tunic, they realized that it was obviously woven from top to bottom without a seam. This was a rare find, and after some scuffling among them, they decided to cast lots to see whose it would be. While they gambled, they were crouched around the foot of Jesus' cross. On gaining the prize, the Roman soldier who had won, held it up before Jesus, and shaking it in His face, with a crude laugh he jeered at Him, "Come down, Jew, and take it back!"

Giant, dark clouds were filling the sky.

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

11:44pm - O My Jesus, forgive us our sins,.....as You suffer on the Cross for us.

Love in the Spirit. -Diana

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.

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: frcoulter.com/EasterMonday, email office@olqcretreat.org or call *Good Counsel* Retreat House at 402-786-2705.

EUCCHARISTIC PROCESSION

Tuesday, March 31st. @ 2pm-3pm- STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Good Friday April 3rd @12PM-1PM. -
on the **sidewalk in front of Planned Parenthood** at 5631 S. 48th St., Lincoln.
Parking located at *Cornerstone Christian Church* at 4849 Old Cheney Rd. **Open to the public.**
Questions, contact Mike D. 402-480-0404

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 the next **6-week session (4/16-5/21, 7-9p) @ John XXIII Dioc. Center,** 3700 Sheridan Blvd, Linc. **Register w/ Office of Family Life** at 402-473-0620. (A suggested donation of \$25 helps cover materials).

2ND ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL DAY Pius X High School Sat., 3/28, 1-4p. *Flavin Gymnasium.* **Mass at 1:00 p.** Cultural performances & food from around the world following. **Free & open to the public**

PIUS X HIGH SCHOOL currently has several **job vacancies, incl.: Para-Educator, Head Cheer Coach, Teacher, Head Baseball Coach.** Apply on the website. Questions? Call Melissa Peters at 402-488-0931

CHILDCARE MANAGER CAREER OPPORTUNITY! at Little Blessings Child Care of Catholic Social Services.

In this position, you'll lead a Christ-centered program that develops the whole child by building self-compassion, fostering learning through play and academics, and sparking imagination for learning. This is a full-time position at CSS Lincoln (2241 O St). See the full description and apply online: csshope.org/careers.

Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House is hiring for **Director of Development,** -full-time salaried position, (we might consider an hourly 25-40 hours per week). Reporting to & in partnership with the Retreat House Director, the Director of Development at *OLGCRH* will spearhead development efforts to secure philanthropic support as *OLGC Retreat House* continues to grow. All inquiries & resumes to director@olqcretreat.org.

Employment Opportunity - Music Director - Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Lincoln is seeking a skilled Director of Music Ministry to coordinate music for all liturgical celebrations of the parish, serve as organist, pianist, or cantor, & direct both the adult choir & our parish Girls' Choir. The ideal candidate has at least 1-2 years of experience in a similar role or in directing choral music & has familiarity with Catholic music. This role is part-time & pay is commensurate with experience. The parish is located at 1720 Lake St, Lincoln, 68502. Start date is June 9th or earlier with some training beforehand. Please send a cover letter & resume to fr.mike-morin@bsc.church with **MUSIC DIRECTOR** in the subject line.

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 lisaopat24@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.



AROUND OUR PARISH

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

Monday	Mar 23	7:00 pm	FINAL Adult Lenten Enrichment Study	Parish Hall
Thursday	Mar 26	7:00 pm	Exposition Eucharistic Adoration Hour	Church
Friday	Mar 27	8:00 pm	AA—Hall Reserved	Parish Hall
Saturday	Mar 28	6:30 am	That Man is You	Parish Hall
Saturday	Mar 28	8:00 am	First Communion Retreat thru lunch. Church & Parish Hall	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 **caaring for the needs of others.***

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS are avail. on the bulletin board in the church vestibule. **Due to Mike Mitchell by April 15.**

Pray for Peace in our nation & world.

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:
SPRING CLEANING OF THE CHURCH March 27 -28. 3/27 between 1 p & 4:30 p. [Sign Up Genius link.](#) Let's work together to make the church beautiful for *Holy Week & Easter*. Call Denise 402-794-0216 with questions.
ENVELOPES FOR EASTER LILIES are on the back table. **Thank you** for helping us beautify the sanctuary for Easter.
PCCW DUES—\$10 can be given now. **Thank you** to those who have given which helps us

REQUEST MASSES to be offered for your intentions. **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.

do the many things we do.
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 are to be taken to *Shepherd of the Hills Church* on **Sat., Apr. 4** between **8 AM & 12 N.** Thank you!
PCCW SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS are on the bulletin board. **Due by the Apr. 8th.**

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>

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.

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 will help prepare for this celebration** Questions please contact Mary G. or Denise C.

Mass Streaming Options at <https://www.lincolndiocese.org/streaming>.
MASSES ON BROADCAST TV via antenna: **KETV Omaha Ch. 7.5** Sunday 7:30 AM; **KPTM / Omaha Ch. 42.3** Sunday 7:30 AM. **News Channel Nebraska (NCN) @ 8 am** for **Lincoln - 27, Beatrice- 21.**


There is an everyday heroism, made up of gestures of sharing, big or small, which build up an authentic culture of life... Part of this daily heroism is also the silent but effective & eloquent witness of all those 'brave mothers who devote themselves to their own family without reserve, who suffer in giving birth to their children & who are ready to make any effort, to face any sacrifice, in order to pass on to them the best of themselves'... We thank you, heroic mothers, for your invincible love! We thank you for your intrepid trust in God & in his love. We thank you for the sacrifice of your life.
(The Gospel of Life #86)


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 Communion** on Sun., **Apr. 12,** 3:00 P Mass. Also 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.

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 03/15/26	
Adult Envelopes	\$836.00
Plate	\$396.75
Combined Collection	\$331.00
Total Deposit	\$1,563.75

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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	Fifth Sunday of Lent	Palm Sunday of the Passion	EASTER	Divine Mercy Sunday	Third Sunday of Easter	Fourth Sunday of Easter	
	Mar 21-22	Mar 28-29	Sat., 4/4- 8:15pm East. Vigil	April 11-12	April 18-19	April 25-26	
Saturday 5:00 pm	Reader	Ron Eisenbarth	Diana M./Amy L.	Diana M./Michelle M.	Ron Eisenbarth	Diana McCown	Amy Larkins
	Acolyte	(volunteer)	Kurt Larkins	Chris Hytrek (volunteer)	Kim Pohlen	(volunteer)	Kurt Larkins
	Server 1	(volunteer)	Braxton Skillett	(volunteer)/(volunteer)	(volunteer)	(volunteer)	Braxton Skillett
	Server 2	(volunteer)	Easton Schilbitzki	(volunteer)/(volunteer)	(volunteer)	(volunteer)	Easton Schilbitzki
			April 5—Easter Sunday				
Sunday 8:00 am	Reader	Chris Hytrek	Michelle M./Shirley Y.	Larry Etmund	Joe Vinton	Jerry Lentfer	Chris Hytrek
	Acolyte	Tony Sullivan	Joe Vinton	(volunteer)	Chris Hytrek	Scott Osterhaus	Pat Milke
	Server 1	Sam Robinson	Jax Peterson	(volunteer)	Carson Eickmeier	Carter Stieb	Liam Dush
	Server 2	Sawyer Robinson	Drake Peterson	(volunteer)	Parker Eickmeier	Asher Stieb	Emmitt Ostrander
	Server 3		Ronan Peterson	(volunteer)	Emmitt Ostrander		Gunner Ostrander
				Gunner Ostrander			
Sunday 10:30 am	Reader	Larry Etmund	Ginger J./Cole H.	Shirley Yates	Cole Henn	Larry Etmund	Ginger Jelinek
	Acolyte	Myron Heusinkvelt	Ron Eisenbarth	Myron Heusinkvelt	Theron Troxel	Ron Boden	Myron Heusinkvelt
	Server 1	Max Jacobson	Max Troxel	(volunteer)	Sam Troxel	Max Jacobson	Max Troxel
	Server 2	Finn Jacobson	Ty Troxel	(volunteer)	Kyler Beck	Finn Jacobson	Ty Troxel
	Server 3		Andrew Troxel	(volunteer)	Dedric Dominy		Andrew Troxel
						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.	