



St. James the Greater. Witness of the Risen Lord. Pray for us!

Jesus Christ is risen today! Alleluia!

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.

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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!**

EASTER SUNDAY: THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD + APRIL 5, 2026

Christ, our paschal lamb, has been sacrificed; let us then feast with joy in the Lord. -1 Cor 5: 7

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; **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.

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.

EASTER SUNDAY: THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Sat	Apr 4	8:15 pm	SJ	Randy Eickmeier+	Holy Saturday: Easter Vigil is an Easter Sunday Mass: Gn 1:1-2:2 or 1:1.26-31a/ Ps 104:1-2.5-6.10.12.13-14.24.35 or Ps 33:4-5.6-7.12-13.20-22/ Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2.9a.10-13.15-18/Ps 16:5.8.9-10.11/ Ex 14:15-15:1/ Ex 15:1-2. 3-4. 5-6. 17-18/ Is 54: 5-14/Ps 30:2.4.5-6.11-12.13/ Is 55:1-11/ Is 12:2-3.4.5-6/ Bar 3:9-15.32-4:4/Ps 19:8.9.10.11/ Ez 36:16-17a.18-28/ Ps 42:3.5;43:3.4 or Is 12:2-3.4bcd.5-6 or Ps 51:12-13.14-15.18-19/ Rom 6:3-11/ Ps 118:1-2.16-17.22-23/ Mt 28:1-10
Sun	Apr 5	8:00 am	SJ	Jay Wischmeier+	EASTER SUNDAY: The Resurrection of our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ: Acts 10:34a.37-43/ Ps 118:1-2.16-17.22-23/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/ Sequence <i>Victimae Paschali Laudes</i> / Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10 or, at afternoon or evening Mass, Lk 24: 13-35. <i>Easter Triduum</i> ends after Evening Prayer.
		10:30 am	SJ	For the People of St. James Parish	
Mon	Apr 6	Out of Parish.		All Souls Day Intentions+	Easter Monday: Acts 2: 14. 22-33/ Ps 16: 1-2a & 5. 7-8. 9-10. 11/ Mt 28: 8-15
Tue	Apr 7	Out of Parish.		Intention of Donor	Easter Tuesday: Acts 2: 36-41/ Ps 33: 4-5. 18-19. 20 & 22/ Jn 20: 11-18
Wed	Apr 8	6:30 pm	SJ	Intention of Donor	Easter Wednesday: Acts 3: 1-10/ Ps 105: 1-2. 3-4. 6-7. 8-9/ Lk 24: 13-35
Thu	Apr 9	7:00 am	SJ	Intention of Donor	Easter Thursday: Acts 3: 11-26/ Ps 8: 2ab & 5. 6-7. 8-9/ Lk 24: 35-48
Fri	Apr 10	7:00 am	SJ	Randy Eickmeier+	Easter Friday: Acts 4: 1-12/ Ps 118: 1-2 & 4. 22-24. 25-27a/ Jn 21: 1-14
Sat	Apr 11	8:00 am	SJ	Respect Lif	Easter Saturday: Acts 4: 13-21/ Ps 118: 1 & 14-15ab. 16-18. 19-21/ Mk 16: 9-15

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER: SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY (EASTER OCTAVE)

Sat	Apr 11	5:00 pm	SJ	Weitzel, Davis Families	SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER: Acts 2: 42-47/ Ps 118: 2-4. 13-15. 22-24/ 1 Pt 1: 3-9/ Jn 20: 19-31
Sun	Apr 12	8:00 am	SJ	For the People of St. James Parish	
		10:30 am	SJ	Mabel Folda+	
		3:00 pm	SJ	First Communicants	FIRST COMMUNION

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

JOIN IN PRAYING THE DIVINE MERCY NOVENA in preparation for **Divine Mercy Sunday** (4/12/26). More info & to join: <https://www.thedivinemercy.org/message/devotions/novena> Also fliers in entryway.



2026 Easter Lily Donations List is on the insert in today's bulletin.

POPE LEO ASKS OUR PARISH to support the **PONTIFICAL GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION**, to help Christians in the Holy Land, who are now less than 2% of the population. Your support is essential to help the Church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools, & offer religious education. This Collection also helps preserve the sacred shrines of Christianity, in Jerusalem, Nazareth, & Bethlehem, to name only a few. The pandemic hit Christians in the Holy Land particularly hard. Most of them depend on pilgrimages for work. The war & the Iranian conflict have made their situation more dire. The Collection is necessary to meet the basic needs of the People of God still living in this Land & to maintain a Christian presence where the Church was born. Join w/ Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. PLEASE BE GENEROUS! Make checks to "St. James Catholic Church". More info re: Holy Land Christians, visit www.myfranciscan.org.

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

Religious Sisters Vocation Prayer Calendar 2025-26 - Apr 5—11

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

Seminarian Vocation Prayer Calendar 2025-26 - Apr 5—11

Collin Kuzelka from St. Cecilia, Hastings	College 2	St. Gregory the Great Seminary
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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 APRIL 2026: For priests in crisis. Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need & that communities may support them with understanding & prayer.

The *Lincoln Diocesan Council of Catholic Women* **65TH BIENNIAL CONVENTION**
April 17-18, Hastings, NE. Friday, 4/17, Banquet & Saturday, 4/18, Convention - *Saint Michael Catholic Church*, 715 Creighton Ave, Hastings .
[Registration 2026](https://form.jotform.com/260467553004049) (<https://form.jotform.com/260467553004049>)

THEME: *It is not you who chose me but I chose you.*

Friday, April 17 (\$25/person)

- 6:00-6:45 PM Registration & Social Hour-Adult beverages & snacks provided
- 7:00 PM Banquet (Italian Meatless Meal, wine, coffee, tea)
- Speaker Fr Jeremy Hazuka
- Spouses & friends are welcome to attend



Saturday, April 18 (\$30/person)

- 7:30 AM Registration Opens
- 8-8:30 AM Divine Mercy Chaplet
- 8:30-9 AM Coffee & rolls served
- 9:00 AM Prayer, Welcome, & Convention Opening
- 11:15 AM Mass with Bishop Conley & Installation of officers
- 12:15 Catered Lunch
- 1:00-3:00 PM Business meeting, basket silent auction, raffle ticket winners announced, door prizes

Join **MORE MERCY** for their **ecumenical workshop** on **Saturday, April 25** at *Catholic Social Services*, 2241 O St. Mass begin at 8:30 a., breakfast & workshop follow. For info/to RSVPs sarah@moremercylincoln.org.

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 available at *Good Counsel Retreat House*, Waverly. See goodcounselretreat.org & select Retreats, or contact office@olgcretreat.org - 402-786-2705. Likely to fill up quickly.

Healing the Whole Person
This uniquely engaging format will help you see and experience God's healing love through teaching, prayer, personal reflection, adoration and the Sacraments. Join us Thursday & Friday evening and all-day Saturday.
SAVE THE DATE
April 16-18, 2026
Online Registration Opens January 12, 2026 at 10 AM ET
North American Martyrs Catholic Church
1101 Isaac Dr, Lincoln, NE 68521
JPIIHEALINGCENTER.ORG

Day of Equipping
This event is a separate but complementary teaching to Healing the Whole Person. A teaching presented by Bart Schuchts designed to help you live more fully into the mission of Christ. Come encounter the Father's love and increase your desire to enter deeper into God's purpose for your life.
SAVE THE DATE
April 17, 2026
Online Registration Opens January 12, 2026 at 10 AM ET
North American Martyrs Catholic Church
1101 Isaac Dr, Lincoln, NE 68521
Day of Equipping takes place on Friday from approximately 9 AM-3 PM and requires a separate registration from Healing the Whole Person.

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

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*.

This Week On Formed- Week of April 5, 2026.



What Catholics Believe About the Resurrection: Was Jesus a Ghost? Join Dr. Michael Barber as he answers some of the Internet's most popular questions about the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Did the Resurrection actually happen? Was Jesus a ghost when he appeared to the apostles? & what's the deal with the Easter Bunny?
<https://app.formed.org/app/videos/3156669/>



Easter & the Resurrection | The Augustine Institute Show Alleluia! He is Risen! Join Fr. Brian Larkin, Pastor at Our Lady of Lourdes parish in Denver, Colorado, as he discusses the Resurrection & the Easter season with Dr. Tim Gray on the Augustine Institute Show.
<https://app.formed.org/app/videos/1443249/>



The Resurrection In this episode, Mark Hartfiel & other experts unpack the mystery of the Resurrection, going back to the historical places where these world-changing event happened.
<https://app.formed.org/app/videos/3619636/>

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

MAGNIFICAT MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTIONS- Sign-up & pay for the next subscription of the *Magnificat*. 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.**

MEN'S HOLY HOURS FOR VOCATIONS
HOLY HOUR 5:30 PM
SACRED HEART CHURCH
DINNER & DISCUSSION: 6:30 - 8:00 PM
With Fr. Timothy Danek
3128 S Street, Lincoln, NE
16 APR
BREASTPLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS
REGISTER HERE

Join the Knights of the Holy Eucharist for a holy hour for vocations led by Fr. Timothy Danek at Sacred Heart Church 3129 S St, Lincoln on April 16. The holy hour will begin at 5:30 p.m., followed by dinner & discussion until 8 p.m.

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).

Happy Easter! He has risen! Let us welcome Jesus even more into our marriages by participating in 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.

April 10-12: <i>I AM</i> w/ Fr. Christopher Stoley	
April 17 - 19: <i>Christianity & Creativity</i> w/ Dr. Jennifer Overkamp	
April 28 - May 6: <i>Ignatian Retreat: 8-Day (& 4 Days)</i> w/ Meagan Gitcher Sarina Stokes & Fr. Christopher Barak	
May 8 - 9: <i>All or Nothing retreat for Women</i> w/ Janette Howe	
May 15 - 17: <i>Wild at Heart retreat for Young Men</i> w/ Deacon Matthew Hecker	

May 15-22: *Ignatian Retreat: 8-Day (& 4 Days)* w/ Fr. Coulter & Matt Simmons
Info &/or Register @ Goodcounselretreat.org 402.786.2705 or scan QR

EASTER SUNDAY MEDITATION G A F R F V Q - H C Q S Q A F P Q R * Q M L M D E M B * Q ? T Q / P

Yes, Lord, You know that I love You. (John 21:15)

HCQSQ, "The divine name may not be spoken by human lips, but by assuming our humanity, The Word of God hands it over to us & we can invoke it: "JESUS," "YHWH" saves". ...To pray "Jesus" is to invoke Him & to call Him within us. His name is the only one that contains the presence it signifies. Jesus is the Risen One, & whoever invokes the name of Jesus is welcoming the Son of God, Who loved Him & Who gave Himself up for Him." (CCC 2666)

As we celebrate Easter, we affirm our most basic beliefs in God the Father, God the Son, & God the Holy Spirit. God the Father promised to our fathers in faith that He would send His only begotten Son, Jesus, Who would redeem us from our sins by His death, & would rise from the dead, giving us the grace of the Holy Spirit to also share in His Resurrection.

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep....for as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. (1Cor 15:20-22)

For this gift of Love & Mercy from God the Father, we give You thanks.
For this gift of Love & Sacrifice from Jesus, God the Son, we give You thanks.
For this gift of Love & Grace from God the Holy Spirit, we give You thanks.

We praise you, O Lord, & we thank you, for by your Cross & Resurrection, you have set us free.

*Christ is risen from the dead! Dying, He conquered death;
To the dead, He has given life.* (CCC 638)

MID-NIGHT MUSINGS

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

3:53am - Many thoughts are coming to me this night, but mostly thanks for all the good & holy reflections I have received in recounting Jesus' Passion through the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary, within these Lenten Articles. Thanks also to those who read these meditations & derived some good from them. My intention was to accompany you through your Lenten journey in growing closer to Jesus & loving Him with all your heart.

HAPPY EASTER, DEAR FRIENDS!

Love in the Spirit. -Diana



"OUR LADY AT THE CENTER" Film Showing- Meet the executive producer & producer of this award-winning documentary & watch the story of *Our Lady of La Vang* & her 1798 apparition in Vietnam. Discover how *Our Lady of La Vang*, 1 of the world's fascinating Marian apparitions, serves as a unifying message of healing, hope, joy, miracles & faith. Also, learn more about the shrine in the U.S. built in her honor. **Free showings on Sunday, April 26 at 12:30 p.m. at North American Martyrs Church in Lincoln** & later that day at 6:00 p.m. at the *Hastings Museum Theatre* in Hastings. If plan to attend the Hastings showing, seating is limited so you must register in advance at <https://lincolndiocese.regfox.com/07-dio-ol-at-the-center-film>. (Those attending the Lincoln event do not need to pre-register).

Ambassador of Human Kindness at St. Elizabeth Hospitality Room! Volunteers needed in the Hospitality Room on the 2nd & 4th Wednesday of each month at 12p-3p. A wonderful opportunity to serve patients, families & staff. To apply please click this link: <https://www.chihealth.com/patients-visitors/volunteer-services>. Questions please contact Tawnya Hansen, Volunteer Services Manager, at 402-219-7111 or at tawnya.hansen@commonspirit.org. Thank you!

Lincoln Marathon Pasta Feed! Saturday, May 2, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. **St. Mary's Catholic Church (Linc.)** will offer a special blessing for runners & host a pasta dinner in partnership with **YES CHEF**. This free meal will provide the carbohydrates marathon runners & their families need to fuel up for the Lincoln Marathon or Half Marathon the following day. Dinner will be served east of *St. Mary's* on *Centennial Mall*, between K & M Streets. A free-will donation is appreciated. Preregistration is not required, but it is helpful for planning purposes: <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/free-pre-race-meal-praise-and-pasta>

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 & academics, & sparking imagination for learning. This is a full-time position at CSS Lincoln (2241 O St.). See the full description & apply online: csshope.org/careers.

Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House is hiring a **Director of Development**, -full-time salaried position, (might consider 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 *OLGCRH* Retreat House continues to grow. All inquiries & resumes to director@olgcretreat.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.

CAMP KATERI REGISTRATION DISCOUNT DAY!

Who: Campers in 3rd - 12th grade & families

What: 10% discount on *SKY High Camps*,
5% discount on all other camps!

Where: www.campkateri.org

When: April 6th (Easter Monday)

Discount code: **HEISRISEN**

We want to invite YOU to send your children to *Camp Kateri* this summer! Invite your friends, family, strangers, & everyone else you meet to sign their children up for Camp! Camp is a commitment that can change lives. We offer high adventure, competition, & transformative faith experiences. This is necessary in displaying to our campers that our faith is not boring, but alive & full of joy! Help your camper fall in love with Jesus & their faith & send them to Camp Kateri this summer! We hope to see you there!

FATHER/SON PROGRAM
IN HIS IMAGE
Saturday, April 18, 2026
St. Joseph Catholic Church
1940 S. 77th St. 10:00 am - 12:30 p.m.
\$30 includes father and son

SCAN ME

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

CK Sisters Outdoor Spring Workday
Sat., May 9, 1:30-4:30 p.m. We will be planting our vegetable garden, cleaning up brush & cutting trees. Helpful items to bring include wheelbarrows, shovels, gloves, pruning/lopping shears/saws, hoes, pickups & chainsaws. Children are also welcome! Mark your calendars now & contact Sister Mary Angela at sr.mary-angela@cdolinc.net if you would like to come & help. Please also print & complete a liability form (1 per adult; children added to adult form.) **Villa Regina Motherhouse**, 4100 SW 56th St., about 2 miles west & south of Pioneers Park. (Walk-ins also welcome.)

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

Join us for
Schoenstatt Spring Cleaning DAY!
SATURDAY, APRIL 25
beginning at 10 a.m.
Bring gloves and tools if you have them!
Cor. Marisa Drive
340 State Highway 303, Crofton, NE
Lunch will be provided

AROUND OUR PARISH

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

Wednesday	Apr 08	6:30 pm	PCCW Meeting—Mass at 6:30pm; meeting follows	Parish Hall
Thursday	Apr 09	7:00 pm	Exposition Eucharistic Adoration Hour	Church
Friday	Apr 10	8:00 pm	AA—Hall Reserved	Parish Hall
Saturday	Apr 11	6:30 am	<i>That Man is You</i>	Parish Hall

*Each week, we choose what will be done w/the 168 hours we have available to us. Good **stewardship of time** means we will share some of that time w/God in prayer, praise & thanksgiving, & some time **caring for the needs of others**.*

THANK YOU to all helping with the **HOLY WEEK LITURGIES!**

THANK YOU to those joining to sing in **Choir** for *Palm Sunday* 10:30 am Mass.

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

Pray for Peace in our nation & world.

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

CALLED TO SHARE BREAD FOR LIFE :Holy Week, the heart of the liturgical year, invites us to journey with Christ thru his Passion, Death & Resurrection. The Last Supper & Jesus’ gift of the Eucharist reminds us of our **call to be bread broken for others**. Let us draw strength from the **Bread of Life** & dedicate ourselves to serve our sisters & brothers who bear heavy crosses. Bring hope & resurrection to the world. Put **CRS Rice Bowl** money in the **Holy Thursday collection** or a **Sunday Mass collection**. Make checks to “St. James Catholic Church”. See crsricebowl.org/holy-week.

Parish Hall. Info: Mike 402-540-8041 or Joe.

PARISH COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN (PCCW) PCCW APRIL MEETING is on **Wednesday, April 8th** after the 6:30 pm Mass.

PCCW SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS are on the bulletin board. **Due by Apr. 8th**.

LIST OF DONORS FOR EASTER LILIES & those remembered or honored is on the insert in today’s bulletin. **Thank you** for helping us beautify the sanctuary for Easter.

THANK YOU to all who helped Clean Church!

THANK YOU to all who helped provide **EASTER MEAL FOOD BASKETS**.

PCCW DUES— \$10 can be given now. **Thank you** to those who have given which helps us do the many things we do.

ST. JAMES CIRCLE will provide cookies for the Reception after Confirmation on April 21. The St James Circle leaders will send out more detail. Please watch for this in your email.

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.**

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. See page 3 of this bulletin to register.

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.

Like us, Christ entered the world through the womb of a woman. He willingly experienced the fullness of human suffering. He breathed his last on the Cross at Calvary in order that He might save us. Therefore, ‘God is the foundation of hope: not any god, but the God who has a human face & who has loved us to the end’

(*Spe salvi* 31). USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, “*Respect Life Reflection: Christ Our Hope in Every Season of Life*” (citing Pope Benedict XVI, *Spe salvi* © 2007, Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission. All rights reserved.)

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**, 3⁰⁰ P Mass. Also for all who are helping them prepare. Thank you.

ST. JOSEPH- BEATRICE 1st Communion Mass- Sun., **Apr. 19**, 1⁰⁰ pm & **Confirmation** Mass- Tue., **Apr. 28**, 7⁰⁰ 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 03/29/26	
Adult Envelopes	\$1,031.00
Plate	\$425.00
Building Fund	\$20.00
Combined Collection	\$5.00
March Mass Intentions	\$20.00
CRS Rice Bowl	\$80.00
Total Deposit	\$1,581.00

flocknote can help *St. James Parish* communicate w/ you via **email** &/or **text**. No password or login required. Please **SIGN UP: TEXT “STJAMESCORTLAND”** to **84576** & follow instructions **OR Visit** stjamescortland.flocknote.com & enter your name & email address. Emails will always come from: mail@flocknote.com. You can unsubscribe at any time. The *Diocese of Lincoln* subscribes for us.

Parish Group leaders contact the *St. James Parish* office to **learn how to send messages** to your group members.

Thank you to those who are adopting this.

Liturgical Ministers	EASTER		Divine Mercy Sunday	3 rd Sunday of Easter	4 th Sunday of Easter	5 th Sunday of Easter	6 th Sunday of Easter
	Sat., 4/4- 8:15pm	East. Vigil	April 11-12	April 18-19	April 25-26	May 2-3	May 9-10
Saturday 5:00 pm	Reader	Diana M./Michelle M.	Ron Eisenbarth	Diana McCown	Amy Larkins	Ron Eisenbarth	Diana McCown
	Acolyte	Chris H. (volunteer)	Kim Pohlen	(volunteer)	Kurt Larkins	Kim Pohlen	(volunteer)
	Server 1	(volunteer)/(volunteer)	(volunteer)	(volunteer)	Braxton Skillett	(volunteer)	(volunteer)
	Server 2	(volunteer)/(volunteer)	(volunteer)	(volunteer)	Easton Schilbitzki	(volunteer)	(volunteer)
April 5—Easter Sunday							
Sunday 8:00 am	Reader	Larry Etmund	Joe Vinton	Jerry Lentfer	Chris Hytrek	Michelle Milke	Jerry Lentfer
	Acolyte	(volunteer)	Chris Hytrek	Scott Osterhaus	Pat Milke	Tony Sullivan	Joe Vinton
	Server 1	(volunteer)	Carson Eickmeier	Carter Stieb	Liam Dush	Andrew Oelke	Rylan Hochstein
	Server 2	(volunteer)	Parker Eickmeier	Asher Stieb	Emmitt Ostrander	Cooper Mason	Reid Hochstein
	Server 3	(volunteer)	Emmitt Ostrander	Gunner Ostrander			
Sunday 10:30 am	Reader	Shirley Yates	Cole Henn	Larry Etmund	Ginger Jelinek	Shirley Yates	Larry Etmund
	Acolyte	Myron Heusinkvelt	Theron Troxel	Ron Boden	Myron Heusinkvelt	Ron Eisenbarth	Theron Troxel
	Server 1	(volunteer)	Sam Troxel	Max Jacobson	Ty Troxel	Sam Troxel	Max Jacobson
	Server 2	(volunteer)	Kyler Beck	Finn Jacobson	Andrew Troxel	Kyler Beck	Finn Jacobson
	Server 3	(volunteer)	Dedric Dominy		Jude Jelinek	Dedric Dominy	
Collection Counters	Jeanne E./Lori J.	Jim F./Theron T.	Kassie E./Amy A.	Julie P./Laureen E.	Jeanne E./Lori J.	Jim F./Theron T.	



What kind of stone sealed the tomb of Jesus? Was it a round (disk-shaped) stone or a square (cork-shaped) stone? While both kinds of blocking stones are attested in Jerusalem tombs from the time of Jesus, square (cork-shaped) stones are much, much more common than round (disk-shaped) ones. www.biblicalarchaeology.org/daily/archaeology-today/biblical-archaeology-topics/how-was-jesus-tomb-sealed/

**THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW-
CHAPTER 20**

^{1a} After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning,^{*} Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb.

^{2*} ^b And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, approached, rolled back the stone, and sat upon it.

^{3c} His appearance was like lightning and

*He is risen as he said! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Happy Easter!*



2026 EASTER LILY DONATIONS	
DONOR	IN MEMORY OR IN HONOR OF
Mike & Shirley Yates	Deceased members of Winter & Yates Family
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Tess Lentfer	Angela Gaffney (grandmother of Tess Lentfer)
Jerry & Tess Lentfer	All Lentfer Family Members
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Greg & Sharon Turner	Bill & Carol Fleischman, Eddie Turner & Joann Barth
JoAnn & Ray Vrbka	Deceased members of JoAnn & Ray Vrbka Family
Colleen Eickmeier	Randy Eickmeier
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The Hermrecks	Geneva Doebele
Eric & Stacy Eickmeier Family	Eickmeier/Eller & Hesnard/Struble Family Members

his clothing was white as snow.

⁴The guards were shaken with fear of him and became like dead men.

⁵Then the angel said to the women in reply, “Do not be afraid! I know that you are seeking Jesus the crucified.

^{6*} He is not here, for he has been raised just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay.

^{7d} Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ Behold, I have told you.”

⁸Then they went away quickly from the tomb, fearful yet overjoyed, and ran to announce^{*} this to his disciples.

^{9*} ^e And behold, Jesus met them on their way and greeted them. They approached, embraced his feet, and did him homage.

¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid. Go tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me.”

The Report of the Guard.*

¹¹While they were going, some of the guard went into the city and told the chief priests all that had happened.

¹²They assembled with the elders and took counsel; then they gave a large sum of money to the soldiers,

¹³telling them, “You are to say, ‘His disciples came by night and stole him while we were asleep.’”

¹⁴And if this gets to the ears of the governor, we will satisfy [him] and keep you out of trouble.”

¹⁵The soldiers took the money and did as they were instructed. And this story has circulated among the Jews to the present [day].

The Commissioning of the Disciples.*

^{16f} The eleven^{*} disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them.

^{17*} When they saw him, they worshiped, but they doubted.

^{18*} ^g Then Jesus approached and said to them, “All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

^{19h} Go, therefore,^{*} and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit,

²⁰ⁱ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.^{*} And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.”

St. James PCCW Meeting Minutes

March 11, 2026

St. James PCCW met March 11, 2026, with Father Lux and four members present. The meeting was opened with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Correspondence included thank you notes from the Willow Center in Beatrice, Villa Marie School and the Women's Care Center in Lincoln. Julie Pfungsten gave the treasurer's report. Income was from the February bake sale and additional dues received. Expenses were for World Marriage Day.

Father Lux will order a new Roman Missel for Mass. The Lincoln Diocese Council of Catholic Women Convention will be held April 17th and 18th in Hastings. All women are welcome. Valerie Abel, the new LDCCW president will be installed at the convention. The Crete Deanery CCW Open Spring Meeting will be held in Denton April 25th. All women are welcome.

Julie reported that 60 women have paid their dues.

The First Communion Retreat will be March 28th. PCCW will provide breakfast and lunch. First Communion will be April 12th. Deanne Stieb has ordered First Communion kits. There are eight children making their First Communion this year.

Confirmation is April 21st. There are 32 students making their confirmation this year. Deanne will order the *YOUCAT for Kids* for each confirmand as a gift. PCCW will serve heavy hors d'oeuvres for Bishop Conley and the priests attending Confirmation. St. James Circle will provide the cookies for the reception following Mass.

Easter lily donation envelopes are now available.

The Norris Food Pantry Easter dinner basket list of 12 families is available.

The church cleaning dates are March 27th and 28th. The *SignUpGenius* with jobs needing completion is ready on St. James *facebook* page (*St James Catholic Church of Cortland*).

The celebration of the 25th anniversary of the dedication of the current St. James Church will be held July 19th.

There was discussion on our building expansion and our need for more classroom space.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer. The next meeting will be April 8, 2026.

Respectfully submitted: Grace Benes, Secretary,