



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

# Happy Easter! 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.

Church Street Address: 500 W 1st Street  
Mailing/Rectory: 155 N Lincoln Avenue, Cortland, NE 68331  
Rectory Phone: 402-798-7335  
Church Office Phone: 402-798-0255

Office e-mail: [st.james-cortland@lincolndiocese.org](mailto:st.james-cortland@lincolndiocese.org)  
Website: [www.stjamescortland.com](http://www.stjamescortland.com)  
Facebook: [St James Catholic Church of Cortland](https://www.facebook.com/StJamesCatholicChurchofCortland)

Fr. Thomas Lux, Pastor— Urgent: 308.991.4991

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

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

### FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER + MAY 3, 2026

*I am the way, the truth and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me. -John 14:6*

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

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

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

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

Catholic Counseling: Catholic Social Services of So. Nebr.- [immaculateheartcounseling.org](http://immaculateheartcounseling.org) 402-489-1834.  
For rent, utilities, & emergency assistance: CSS- 402.474.1600. Or St Vincent de Paul Soc.- 402.435.7968.  
Unplanned pregnancy: Women's Care Center [www.womenscarecenter.org/lincoln](http://www.womenscarecenter.org/lincoln), 402-423-0533; Birthright 402.466 2609 (24 hrs. 1.800.550.4900); Walking w/ Moms in Need- <https://lincolndiocese.org/moms>

**EMERGENCY SUPPLIES** duffel 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.

Tell Fr. Lux if to be/are hospitalized/homebound. Visits to Lakeview & Gold Crest Wednesday afternoon.

#### 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.

### FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sat	May 2	5:00 pm	SJ	Intention of Donor	FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER: Acts 6: 1-7/ Ps 33: 1-2. 4-5. 18-19 (22)/ 1 Pt 2: 4-9/ Jn 14: 1-12
Sun	May 3	8:00 am	SJ	Dec. Relats. of Pat & Michelle Milke+	
		10:30 am	SJ	For the People of St. James Parish	
Mon	May 4	7:00 am	SJ	Special Intention	Easter Weekday: Acts 14: 5-18/ Ps 115: 1-2. 3-4. 15-16/ Jn 14: 21-26
Tue	May 5	Out of Parish.		Intention of Donor	Easter Weekday: Acts 14: 19-28/ Ps 145: 10-11. 12-13ab. 21/ Jn 14: 27-31
Wed	May 6	6:30 pm	SJ	Weitzel, Davis Family	Easter Weekday: Acts 15: 1-6/ Ps 122: 1-2. 3-4ab. 4cd-5/ Jn 15: 1-8
Thu	May 7	7:00 am	SJ	Dan Schmidt & Family	Easter Weekday: Acts 15: 7-21/ Ps 96: 1-2a. 2b-3. 10/ Jn 15: 9-11
Fri	May 8	7:00 am	SJ	Intention of Donor	Easter Weekday: Acts 15: 22-31/ Ps 57: 8-9. 10 and 12/ Jn 15: 12-17
Sat	May 9	8:00 am	SJ	Sandy Vandewalle+	Easter Weekday: Acts 16: 1-10/ Ps 100: 1b-2. 3. 5/ Jn 15: 18-21

### SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sat	May 9	5:00 pm	SJ	Randy Eickmeier+	SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER: Acts 8: 5-8. 14-17/ Ps 66: 1-3. 4-5. 6-7. 16. 20/ 1 Pt 3: 15-18/ Jn 14: 15-21
Sun	May 10	8:00 am	SJ	For the People of St. James Parish	
		10:30 am	SJ	Mabel Folda+	



### CHARITY & STEWARDSHIP APPEAL '26 - You are the Hope!

CSA has been the backbone of diocesan ministry funding for over 50 years. This is not just the bishop's campaign, it is OUR Church's campaign. Every Catholic in the diocese is invited to be part of the mission. St. James Parish goal is \$11,450. We support 2 Catholic schools so we receive \$4,580 rebate plus any amount raised above our goal. Pledge cards

in the church entryway. Please stop & get/sign yours. *You are the hope! And you must recognize that in your hearts, in your lives, in your youth, there is hope for today & tomorrow. Hope already begins here, because Jesus walks with us. -Pope Leo XIV, 2/15/26*  
Learn more or give: [lincolndiocese.org/csa](http://lincolndiocese.org/csa).

### 2026 Charity and Stewardship Appeal Prayer

Heavenly Father, we thank You for the faithful generations who carried the light of Christ across the plains of Nebraska and built Your Church within the Diocese of Lincoln.

You have never abandoned Your people. In quiet prayers, small churches, and humble sacrifices, You have planted hope.

And now You speak to us, calling Your disciples forward: you are the hope for the lonely, the poor, and the searching heart.

Bless the gifts offered in love and stewardship. Let our charity become Your mercy in action.

Strengthen our parishes, our families, and our mission.

Holy Spirit, set our hearts on fire with courage, that hope may rise like the morning over these lands and shine until Christ comes again.

Amen

### MAY CROWNING TODAY, SUNDAY, MAY 3<sup>RD</sup>

at 8:00 am & 10:30 am Masses. The month of May is dedicated to the Queen of Heaven, as are all flowers. Early this month, a statue of the Virgin at church is crowned with a wreath of flowers, & flowers are laid at her feet. -Nat'l. Conf. of Catholic Bishops, Order of Crowning an Image of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 1987  
This ceremony highlights Mary's role as the Immaculate Conception, who was chosen in 1846 by U.S. bishops as the nation's patroness  
Last CCD class is May 3.

Remember **TOTUS TUUS** is essential to our religious ed. program- **June 13-20- Cortland.**

**CHOIR THIS SUNDAY, 5/3,** at 8 am Mass. Tentatively a choir at 5/10 10:30 am High School Senior recognition Mass.

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

**Religious Sisters Vocation Prayer Calendar 2025-26**

Pray for young women to discern a vocation to the Sisterhood

**Seminarian Vocation Prayer Calendar 2025-26**

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

**POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTION FOR MAY 2026: That everyone might have food.** Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, & to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

**One Heart in Christ-**  
Diocese of Lincoln Pastoral Plan- See <https://www.lincolndioocese.org/oneheartinchrist>

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



NebraskaCatholicDayofGiving.org

—NEBRASKA—  
**CATHOLIC**  
DAY OF GIVING

SAVE THE DATE

**05 06 26**

Month Day Year

LINCOLN Archdiocese of Omaha Grand Island

**WILD AT HEART**  
Discovering the secret of a man's soul. Come get your heart back.  
(based on the book by John Eldredge)  
A silent retreat for young men (21-39) single or married  
May 15-17 2026  
Directed by Deacon Matt Hecker, PhD  
Our Lady of Good Counsel  
Retreat Center  
[www.goodcounselretreat.org](http://www.goodcounselretreat.org)  
Space is limited. Register today. Scholarships available on request!

Please join **Her PLAN** & the **Metro Omaha Pro-Life Coalition** on **Tue., 5/5**, 10:30 am to 3:30 pm for a **pro-life day of learning**, **Her PLAN** connector training, & fellowship to be held at **Mahoney State Park - Nebraska Room**. RSVP or questions to [gtomes@herplan.org](mailto:gtomes@herplan.org).

**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](http://goodcounselretreat.org/desert-days). OR 402.786.2705.

**St. James Council KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS-Cortland** will pay part of a **Retreat Registration** for any adult or youth member of **St. James Parish**. Contact an officer or a member. Thank you **Knights of Columbus**.

**This Week On Formed- Week of May 3, 2026.**

**The Boy From Milan: Stories of Carlo Acutis** Discover the inspiring story of Carlo Acutis, the young boy from Milan. You may have heard of him, the sneaker-wearing, computer-loving "gamer saint" of our time. But beyond the headlines and hashtags, the real story of Carlo is something deeper, something the world desperately needs to hear. Known for his deep love of God, devotion to the Eucharist, and quiet acts of charity, Carlo's life was a testament to everyday holiness.



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<https://app.formed.org/app/videos/3583599/>

**St. Philip the Apostle | Catholic Saints** Dr. James Prothro and Taylor Kemp reflect upon St. Philip the Apostle. St. Philip often brought others to Jesus Christ. His feast day is May 3. Jesus shows Philip that by following Himself, he will see God the Father, and that we can be bold in our evangelization and intercession in praying for others.



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<https://app.formed.org/app/videos/2978856/>

**Carlo Acutis: God's Influencer** "Carlo Acutis: God's Influencer" is a beautifully animated film that brings to life the inspiring story of Carlo Acutis, a modern teenager who used his passion for technology to share the Catholic faith with the world.



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<https://app.formed.org/app/videos/3764391/>

**"FIND OUR PARISH SUBSCRIPTION":** Sign in/up.

**CK SISTERS OUTDOOR SPRING WORKDAY- Sat., May 9, 1:30-4:30 p.** Plant our veg. garden, clean up brush & cut trees. Helpful to bring: wheelbarrows, shovels, gloves, pruning/lopping shears/saws, hoes, pickups & chainsaws. Children welcome! Mark your calendar & contact [sr.mary-angela@cdolinc.net](mailto:sr.mary-angela@cdolinc.net) if you'd like to help. Please also print & complete a liability form (1 / adult; add child to adult form.) **Villa Regina Motherhouse**, 4100 SW 56<sup>th</sup> St., ~2 mi. W. & S. of Pioneers Park. (Walk-ins OK.)

**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).

**THE PAIN OF A PAST ABORTION NEED NOT ENDURE FOR A LIFETIME.** There will be a **Rachel's Vineyard Retreat in Spanish** for men & women in the **Lincoln area** on **July 24-26**. This retreat is confidential. Allow our Lord to transform the pain of the past into hope. The cost is \$220 - partial scholarships avail. Find more info at [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org). You Email [vinedo.raquel.omaha@gmail.com](mailto:vinedo.raquel.omaha@gmail.com) or call / text Sonia 531-215-3608 for more details.

**Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes in me will do the works that I do...** Let the Lord into your marriage to do His works. Learn how your Sacrament can be a light to the world by attending the next **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience** on: **June 19-21, Golden, CO;** Aug. 7-9, Wichita, KS; **Sept. 18-20, Grand Island, NE;** Nov. 6-8, Grand Junction, CO. Info: Brenda/Gary: 402-370-5839. **Spanish WWME Experience:** Contact: Victor/Lupita C.: 651-343-2348. Space limited, reserve now. Info: [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org). Follow [@worldwidemarriageencounter](https://www.instagram.com/worldwidemarriageencounter) on Instagram & Fb!

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

- 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
  - May 15 - 17: Wild at Heart retreat for Young Men** w/ Deacon Matthew Hecker
  - May 15-22: Ignatian Retreat: 8-Day (& 4 Days)** w/ Fr. Coulter & Matt Simmons
  - June 19-21: Back to the Garden Women's Retreat** w/ Sarina Stokes & Fr. Kennett
  - June 22 - 30: Ignatian Retreat: 8-Day (& 4 Days)** w/ Jo Vasa, Matt Simmons, Fr. Christopher Barak & Fr. Gary Coulter
- Info &/or Register @ [Goodcounselretreat.org](http://Goodcounselretreat.org) 402.786.2705 or scan QR

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

**WHAT BINDS MARRIAGE FOREVER**

MAY 28, 2026 | 7 PM

ST. TERESA'S CATHOLIC CHURCH  
735 S. 36TH ST. LINCOLN, NE

Tom Venzor, Nebraska Catholic Conference; Jennifer Bryson, Lincoln Author and Scholar; Marian Miner, Nebraska Catholic Conference; Msgr. Fulcinio, Pastor, Cathedral of the Most Christ

A panel discussion featuring local Lincoln author and scholar Jennifer Bryson and Msgr. Thomas Fulcinio exploring the theological, political, & cultural implications of marriage.

**COME TO NAZARETH** ALL AGES WELCOME!

A Retreat for the Whole Family

**SUNDAY AUG 2**  
**2PM-7PM**  
OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL RETREAT HOUSE

**ACTIVITIES & WHAT TO EXPECT**

- Welcome & Opening Activity
- Breakout Sessions for All Ages
- Strength in the Family - Therese Chohon (older kids & parents)
- Mary - Josh Burks (younger children)
- Family Olympics & Snacks
- Procession & Outdoor Adoration
- Supper & Campfire

For more details, visit: [goodcounselretreat.org](http://goodcounselretreat.org) or call 402-786-2705



# Healthcare Retreat

Renewal for your ministry!

SATURDAY,  
MAY 9<sup>TH</sup>  
9:00-12:00



Talk by Dr. DeFrees

President of CHI St. Mary's speaks on caring for the whole person



At St. Benedict's

Parish

411 5th Rue,  
Nebraska City,  
NE 68410



Adoration

RSVP Here:

9:00 Mass  
9:30 Light breakfast  
10:00 Talk  
11:00  
Adoration/Confessions



Questions? Email [necatholicnurses@gmail.com](mailto:necatholicnurses@gmail.com)

**VILLA MARIE** is gearing up for our upcoming **golf fundraiser** & want to personally invite you to be part of something truly special. **June 22, 2026** at *Woodland Hills*. 8:00 AM shotgun start. This event is not only a fun day on the course, but also a meaningful way to invest in providing a life changing Catholic education for children w/ special needs. If you are able, please consider becoming a sponsor or registering a team. Every level of support has a direct impact on our mission. Learn more or sign up at <https://events.golfstatus.com/event/2026-dawson-scrabble>

**Summer Camp registration for Pius X Catholic High School** is open at [WWW.PiusX.net/camps](http://WWW.PiusX.net/camps). Camps range from the arts to academics to athletics, & from kindergarteners to high school seniors, there is sure to be a camp your child will love. 1<sup>st</sup> week of camps start May 26.

**26<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MIDWEST CATHOLIC FAMILY CONFERENCE** July 31 to Aug. 2 at *Century 2 Convention Center* in Wichita, KS. 1 speaker is **Dr. Gianna Emanuela Molla!** St. Gianna Beretta Molla's 4<sup>th</sup> child. A living relic! In 1961, St. Gianna was pregnant w/ her 4<sup>th</sup> child when she developed a fibroma in her uterus, meaning she was carrying both a baby & a tumor. St. Gianna chose the removal of the fibroma, gave birth to Gianna & 1 week later she died from septic peritonitis. She gave up her own life to save her child & that child will be W/ US AT THE CONFERENCE! For more info or to register, please go to <https://www.catholicfamilyconference.org/>.

The *Lincoln Curia Legion of Mary* will be hosting a **Marian Congress** on **August 22, 2026**. To register or for more information, go to <https://www.lincolndiocese.org/mariancongress>

The **Women's Care Center in Lincoln** is currently hiring for **two full-time Bilingual Counselors**. The successful candidates should be passionate about the pro-life mission, Spanish and English-speaking, and a Bachelor's degree is preferred. For more information and to apply, please email Barb Stoyell-Mulholland at [barb@womenscarecenter.org](mailto:barb@womenscarecenter.org) or visit our website: [www.womenscarecenter.org/](http://www.womenscarecenter.org/) If you know someone who might be a good fit, please share this announcement with them! Join us in serving our community and new mothers.

**PIUS X HIGH SCHOOL job vacancies, incl.: Teacher, Para-Educator, Head Cheer Coach, 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*. You'll lead a Christ-centered program that develops the whole child by building self-compassion, fostering learning thru play & academics, & sparking imagination for learning. Full-time position at *CSS Lincoln* (2241 O St). Full description & apply online: [csshope.org/careers](http://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 hrs. / wk.). Reporting to & in partnership w/ Retreat House Director, the Dir. of Dev. at *OL-GCRH* will spearhead development efforts to secure philanthropic support as *OLGC Retreat House* continues to grow. All inquiries & resumes to [director@olgcretreat.org](mailto:director@olgcretreat.org).

**Now Hiring: Family Services Representative Calvary Catholic Cemetery** in Lincoln is seeking a compassionate & organized Family Services Representative to serve families w/ dignity & care. This role includes assisting w/ burial arrangements, guiding families thru Catholic cemetery traditions, maintaining records, & coordinating memorial markers. To Apply please send resume & cover letter to [jerry-ficke@lincolndiocese.org](mailto:jerry-ficke@lincolndiocese.org).

**Schoenstatt Girl's Day Camp Holy Springtime for the Church**

CELEBRATING FAITH, FAMILY AND FUN IN OUR 250<sup>TH</sup> YEAR!

COR MARIAE SHRINE, 320 HWY. 103, CRETE, NE

THURSDAY, JULY 16, 10 A.M. - 5 P.M.  
MASS AND DINNER OPTIONAL  
BEGINNING AT 6 P.M.  
\$30 PER GIRL

TO REGISTER: TO PAY:

**2026 DIOCESAN CANOE TRIP DOWN THE NIOBRARA**

Open to this years, Freshmen, Sophomores, Juniors, Seniors, and HS graduates. No incoming Freshman

**Opportunities:**

- Daily Mass
- Confessions
- Talks
- Private Reflection time
- and other opportunities for youth to grow in their relationship with Christ.

**Adult Volunteers Need:**

- Provide transport to and from Sparks, NE
- Prepare/serve meals at the campsite
- Chaperone on and off the water (must know how to swim)

Student cost: \$120.00

Questions: Contact Fr. Homes 402-873-4569  
REGISTER AT [www.lincolndiocese.org/canoe](http://www.lincolndiocese.org/canoe)

5-7 JULY CAMP 1  
7-9 JULY CAMP 2

**Journey of Faith TOURS**

**11-Day Classic Italy Pilgrimage**

with St. Joseph Catholic Church, Lincoln

October 13 - 23, 2026

SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR:  
  
REV. MICHAEL MCCABE  
PASTOR

MORE INFORMATION/ REGISTRATION  
DOUBLE OCCUPANCY \$6,475 PER PERSON  
[WWW.JOURNEYOFFAITHTOURS.COM/SJIT26](http://WWW.JOURNEYOFFAITHTOURS.COM/SJIT26)  
CAROLYN NORBUT | 732-216-8073 | CAROLYN@JOURNEYOFFAITHTOURS.COM

**PILRIMAGE TO THE ABBEY OF ST. WALBURGA** IN VIRGINIA DALE, COLORADO (36 miles N. of Fort Collins, CO). July 27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Call Fr. Bernard Lorenz 308-414-1195 for pilgrimage info. Info on *Abbey* at <https://walburga.org>.

**Schedule/Details: Monday, July 27:** Meet in Fort Collins. Each make their own reservation at *La Quinta Inn & Suites by Wyndham* at 3709 East Mulberry Street, **Fort Collins**. **Holy Mass at 5:00 pm** at the hotel followed by the final details & explanation of pilgrimage. Go out together for supper, each pays for self. Enjoy evening, go to bed early.

**Tue., July 28<sup>th</sup>** rise early to be on the road at 5:53 am (Sunrise). A beautiful drive to the *Abbey* together & arrive for **Morning Prayers & Mass**. Spend the day at the *Abbey*, praying, walking the grounds, investigating the gift shop & listening to **Sister Asunta** tell us all about life in the *Abbey*. Our day at the *Abbey* will conclude with **night prayer at 7:30p**. Return to Fort Collins hotel.

**Wed., July 29,** **Holy Mass** early at the hotel & share reflections / inspirations. Pilgrimage concluded.

**Cost:** you make & pay for your own rooms, your own meals, & your own transportation. A **donation is very appreciated at the Abbey** for the good Sisters.

**JOB OPPORTUNITIES St. Joseph's School- Lincoln is seeking: Beyond the Bell Staff:** after-school program support staff for 26-27 school year! Part-time, perfect for a high school student w/ a free period at the end of the school day or a college student. Monday-Friday from 3:00-5:30 pm when school is in session w/ occasional 1:00-5:30 pm days. Staff assist the BTB director w/ childcare, child safety, preparing snacks, supervising indoor & outdoor activities, & facilitating a safe, encouraging environment for students ranging in age from preschool through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade. Previous childcare experience appreciated but not required. Start date is August 2026. To apply, email a resume & references to [carrie-finson@cdolinc.net](mailto:carrie-finson@cdolinc.net), or call 402-489-0341 w/ questions.

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher**

St. Joseph School in Lincoln is seeking a faith filled, dynamic teacher for a full-time 5th grade teaching position for the 2026-2027 school year. Strong collaboration and experience with diverse learning needs are key qualities desired. The position involves furthering the mission of St. Joseph Catholic School by contributing to a positive learning environment. Please send resume, references from education supervisors, philosophy of education, and explanation of why you would like to teach in a Catholic school to [kevin-naumann@cdolinc.net](mailto:kevin-naumann@cdolinc.net)

**Part-Time Nurse**

St. Joseph School in Lincoln is seeking a faith filled individual for a part-time school nurse position. The position requires compassion and skill in responding to medical needs of children in Pre-K-8th grades, maintenance of health records, confidentiality, strong communication skills, and a professional, positive attitude. This position involves furthering the mission of St. Joseph Catholic School by contributing to a positive learning environment. Please send a cover letter that includes why you want to work in a Catholic school, resume & references from supervisors to [kevin-naumann@cdolinc.net](mailto:kevin-naumann@cdolinc.net)

## AROUND OUR PARISH

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

Thursday	May 07	7:00 pm	<b>Exposition Eucharistic Adoration Hour</b>	Church
Friday	May 08	8:00 pm	AA—Hall Reserved	Parish Hall
Saturday	May 09	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.***

**PRAY FOR PEACE** in our nation & world.

**PRAY FOR OUR HOLY FATHER Pope Leo XIV. Fast & pray in reparation** for offenses against the Vicar of Christ & all successors of the Apostles.

**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.

**THANK YOU** to all who helped our parish serve supper at **MATT TALBOT KITCHEN** last Thursday.

**ST. JOSEPH- BEATRICE** priests & people express their appreciation for the use of our buildings for their 1<sup>st</sup> Communion & Confirmation.

### ST. JAMES BUILDING EXPANSION PLANNING—

Pray for our parish as a committee is being formed as we seek to meet identified needs: more classroom space, a dedicated parish hall, improved kitchen, office space & storage.

Please mark your calendars to join us on **July 19<sup>th</sup>** to celebrate the **25<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEDICATION OF ST. JAMES CHURCH.** Invitations will be mailed soon, so keep an eye out.

**3pm Mass** offered by Bishop James Conley w/ many of the priests who have served our parish. Meal following catered by *Lefty's* from Wilber. All parishioners are invited & encouraged to attend! **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.

We are also **putting together a special PHOTO COLLECTION** for the celebration. If you have pictures from parish events, milestones, or memories over the years, we would love to include them. Please email photos to: Michele Milke – [pm91843@windstream.net](mailto:pm91843@windstream.net)

**EASTERTIDE** is the 50 days from Easter to Pentecost. Celebrate all 50 days! He is risen! Alleluia! Happy Easter! Make your **Easter duty** during this time. This is a **Precept of the Church**: Be sure to make a good confession & be in the state of grace before going to Holy Communion. The **PRECEPTS OF THE CHURCH** are 5 in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* paragraphs number 2041 to 2043. "the obligatory character of these positive laws decreed by the pastoral authorities is meant to guarantee to the faithful the indispensable minimum in the spirit of prayer & moral effort, in the growth in love of God & neighbor".

1. You shall attend **Mass on Sundays & holy days of obligation & rest** from servile labor .
2. You shall **confess your sins** at least once a year.
3. You shall receive the sacrament of the **Eucharist** at least during the **Easter** season.
4. You shall observe the **days of fasting & abstinence** established by the Church .
5. You shall help to **provide for the needs of the Church.**

**16 or 7 Precepts** have been listed over time. The other 2 are in the *Catechism* in other places though not listed as precepts. They are:

- Obey the laws of the Church concerning **Matrimony.**
- Participate in the **Church's mission of Evangelization of Souls.**

The precepts are also in the *Code of Canon Law.*

Bp. Conley invites all to join the Catholic Lawyers Guild at the **RED MASS** praying for all in the legal profession: **Monday, 5/4, 7 am** at **St. Mary Cath. Church**, 1420 K St, Linc. Afterwards is 8 a breakfast & presentation (Free & open to the public). RSVP encouraged: [lincolndiocese.org/lawyers](http://lincolndiocese.org/lawyers)

**PARISH COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN (PCCW) HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR RECOGNITION WILL BE MAY 10<sup>th</sup>** at 10:30 Mass. Seniors can wear their gowns but are not required to.

**THANK YOU** to all who helped with **Coffee & Rolls** last Sunday.

**THE NEXT PCCW MEETING** will be **MAY 13<sup>th</sup>**, 7:10 pm (after Wednesday 6:30 pm Mass).

## 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)

<b>Parish Offering 04/26/26</b>	
Adult Envelopes	\$871.00
Plate	\$314.00
Building Fund	\$20.00
April Online Giving	\$8,675.00
<b>Total Deposit</b>	<b>\$9,880.00</b>

**flocknote** helps St. James Parish communicate w/ you w/ email &/or text. No password or login required. Please **SIGN UP: TEXT "STJAMESCORTLAND"** to 84576 & follow instructions **OR Visit** [stjamescortland.flocknote.com](http://stjamescortland.flocknote.com) & enter your name & email address. Emails will always come from: [mail@flocknote.com](mailto: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.

### Help Mow our Parish Grounds- 2026 season

slots are designated **Wednesday to Saturday** each week. We have **28 slots** to fill for this season. Volunteers should plan to complete the mowing between the Wed. & Sat. dates of each week for which you sign up. The church's **2 mowers** are serviced & ready to go for the season. Mowing time is about 1.5 hrs. Ideally we'd like to have 13-14 different church families pick 2 weeks, thru the year. So the time would be minimal for everyone involved. **Thanks in advance** for your participation as many hands make light work.

Thank you to those who've mowed already. **SIGNUP** at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4AAEA823A3FCC61-49023719-stjames>.

In this **Year of Saint Francis**, may he help us to see the beauty of life in all of creation, in particular, in the weakest & most vulnerable among us. Together, let us pray for the protection of human life & the courage to defend it. -USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "Saint Francis: Visionary of Life"

Liturgical Ministers	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter May 2-3	6 <sup>th</sup> Sun. of Easter May 9-10	Ascension Thursday May 13-14	7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter May 16-17	Pentecost Sunday May 23-24	Most Holy Trinity Sun. May 30-31	
Saturday 5:00 pm	Reader	Ron Eisenbarth	Diana McCown	<b>Wed., 5/13, 7 PM-</b> Amy L.	Ron Eisenbarth	Diana McCown	Amy Larkins
	Acolyte	Kim Pohlen	(volunteer)	Kurt Larkins	(volunteer)	Kim Pohlen	Kurt Larkins
	Server 1	(volunteer)	(volunteer)	(volunteer)	(volunteer)	(volunteer)	Braxton Skillet
	Server 2	(volunteer)	(volunteer)	(volunteer)	(volunteer)	(volunteer)	Easton Schilbitzki
Sunday 8:00 am	Reader	Michelle Milke	Jerry Lentfer	<b>Thu., 5/14, 7 AM-</b> Joe Vinton	Chris Hytrek	Michelle Milke	Jerry Lentfer
	Acolyte	Tony Sullivan	Joe Vinton	Chris Hytrek	Scott Osterhaus	Tony Sullivan	Pat Milke
	Server 1	Andrew Oelke	Rylan Hochstein	(volunteer)	Brayden Kuhlman	Simon Robinson	Jax Peterson
	Server 2	Cooper Mason	Reid Hochstein	(volunteer)	Hudson Kuhlman	Spencer Robinson	Drake Peterson
	Server 3						Ronan Peterson
Sunday 10:30 am	Reader	Shirley Yates	Larry Etmund	<b>Thu., 5/14, 7PM-</b> Ginger J.	Shirley Yates	Larry Etmund	Ginger Jelinek
	Acolyte	Ron Eisenbarth	Theron Troxel	Ron Boden	Myron Heusinkvelt	Ron Eisenbarth	Ron Boden
	Server 1	Sam Troxel	Max Jacobson	Max Troxel	Sam Troxel	Max Jacobson	Ty Troxel
	Server 2	Kyler Beck	Finn Jacobson	Andrew Troxel	Kyler Beck	Finn Jacobson	Andrew Troxel
	Server 3	Dedric Dominy		Jude Jelinek	Dedric Dominy		Jude Jelinek
Collection Counters	Jeanne E./Lori J.	Jim F./Theron T.		Kassie E./Amy A.	Julie P./Laureen E.	Jeanne E./Lori J.	

## St. James PCCW Meeting Minutes

April 8, 2026

St. James PCCW met April 8, 2026, with Father Thomas Lux and seven 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. Denise Clements gave the treasurer's report in the absence of the treasurer. Income was from the scholarship breakfast, additional dues received and Easter lily donations. There were no expenses paid. Outstanding expenses are Easter flowers, First Communion retreat, church expenses and gifts for first communicants and confirmands.

Father Lux has ordered a new Roman Missel, but it is back ordered. The LDCCW meeting is in Hastings on April 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. The Crete Deanery open spring meeting is in Denton on April 25<sup>th</sup>. All PCCW members may attend both meetings.

PCCW served breakfast and lunch for the First Communion Retreat. Fern Sullivan made a beautiful cake for the retreat. First Communion will be April 12<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 P.M.

Twelve Easter dinner baskets were delivered to Shepherd of the Hills food pantry on Holy Saturday.

CCD teacher recognition and May Crowning will be Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Senior recognition will be May 10<sup>th</sup> at the 10:30 Mass. Five scholarship applications have been received. Scholarships will be \$200.00 each this year.

Confirmation will be Tuesday, April 21<sup>st</sup>. Thirty two students will be confirmed this year. PCCW will serve a meal to Bishop Conley and the priests attending. St. James Circle will serve cookies and drinks following the Mass.

Totus Tuus will be held at St. James June 13<sup>th</sup> through the 19<sup>th</sup>.

St. James is in charge of the Matt Talbot evening meal on Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup>. Sign up sheet for donations and help is on the table in the vestibule.

St. Mary's Circle is in charge of coffee and rolls following the Masses on April 26<sup>th</sup>.

The 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our church building is scheduled for July 19<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer.

The next meeting will be a wine and salad supper on May 13<sup>th</sup>. We will not meet in June and July.

Respectfully submitted: Grace Benes, Secretary

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

April 22, 2026

St. James Parish Council and Finance Council met April 22, 2026. Those in attendance were Fr. Thomas Lux, Pat Milke, Denise Clements, Melissa Wallman and Grace Benes.

The meeting was opened with prayer. The minutes of the February meeting were read. Father Lux made a correction to the minutes regarding the return to St. James from the Charity and Stewardship Appeal. St. James receives a return of 80% of the goal because we support two Catholic schools and 100% received over the goal.

Pat Milke gave the building and grounds report. CTS is scheduled to do the concrete work in front of the church in the first two weeks of May depending on the weather. Pat is waiting to hear back regarding the overheating in the furnace room off the choir loft. The lighting control lcd panel in the sacristy is cracked. The control box in the mechanical room contains a floppy disc that can be re-programmed. The cost would be approximately \$800.00 to replace the panel & re-program the settings in Omaha. On site service would be an additional \$800.

Father Lux said the older refrigerator in the parish hall is not cooling. Pat will check on a replacement. One oven is not getting hot enough. Pat will arrange service. Father also said the faucet in the men's restroom is leaking. Father will arrange Hier plumbing to repair.

Melissa Wallman gave the financial report. The checking account balance as of March 31, 2026, was \$55,232.54. The DIAL savings account balance was \$586,540.00. Third quarter interest has not been posted.

Brad Wilkens was unable to attend the meeting. He emailed information regarding the parish expansion:

**“Based on feedback from the last meeting, my opinion is that we need a space about twice the size of the current hall. There are several ways to do that, including remodeling, adding on, or building a separate structure. Looking at the existing building and site layout, an addition to the west seems worth considering.**

**The attached concepts are based on that direction. We could nearly mirror the existing hall space to the west and have it work fairly well. The kitchen could be expanded next to its current location, more hall and gathering space could be added in the middle, and additional classrooms could be placed on the outside next to the current ones. The mechanical room could also be expanded beside its current location.**

**We may find that more space is needed for offices, classrooms, restrooms, storage, or other uses, but these concepts are meant as a starting point.**

**The existing space appears to be about 4,500 square feet based on the aerial. I have not measured it yet. For now, we can assume a 4,500-square-foot addition could meet the need.**

**The cost per square foot is very rough, but using a guestimate of \$300 to \$400 per square foot puts the project cost at about \$1.35 million to \$1.8 million. (\$1.5million avg)**

**I have a few people committed to the building committee and would like to convince a few more to join. I will have that list to you once it is finalized.”**

Discussion of the expansion by the council members suggested we would need more square footage than the existing parish hall.

Denise Clements gave the PCCW report. Coffee and rolls will be served Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>. May Crowning and CCD Teacher recognition will be May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Senior recognition will be at 10:30 Mass on May 10<sup>th</sup>. Five scholarship applications were received. The Crete Deanery open spring meeting will be April 25<sup>th</sup> in Denton. The last PCCW meeting will be May 13<sup>th</sup> with a wine and salad supper.

Father Lux is being transferred to St. Joseph's parish in Lincoln as a Senior Parochial Vicar. Father Michael McCabe is being transferred to St. James as pastor. The move date for the priests is June 15<sup>th</sup>.

The 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the dedication of St. James Church will be July 19<sup>th</sup> with a 3 pm Mass & catered meal to follow. Father McCabe has a previous engagement and has asked Father Lux and Father Michael Morin to assist.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 27, 2026.

Respectfully submitted: Grace Benes, Secretary