

JULY 26, 2026
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Weekend Mass Schedule

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

Weekday Mass Schedule

See Mass Intentions for this Week's Schedule

Confessions

30 minutes before Sunday and Holy Day Masses
20 minutes before Weekday Mass or by appt.

Bulletin deadline NOON on Wednesdays
Email: bulletinstjames@gmail.com

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, July 25	5:00 pm	All Souls Day Intentions
Sunday, July 26	8:00 am	<i>The People of St. James Parish</i>
	10:30 am	+John Kohout
Monday, July 27	7:00 am	<i>No Mass – Out of Office</i>
Tuesday, July 28	7:00 am	+Randy Eickmeier
Wednesday, July 29	6:30 pm	+Harold and Effie Johnson
Friday, July 31	7:00 am	All Souls Day Intentions
Saturday, August 01	8:00 am	Grace Hunke
Saturday, August 01	5:00 pm	+Donald Mitchell
Sunday, August 02	8:00 am	All Souls Day Intentions
	10:30 am	<i>The People of St. James Parish</i>

Baptism: Parents are asked to attend baptism preparation class. Call the rectory office to schedule.

Anointing/Hospital Visits: Please notify the pastor when you go to the hospital or are homebound and wish a visit.

Matrimony: Contact the parish 6 to 12 months ahead.

Knights of Columbus: Steve Medill, Grand Knight

PCCW: Denise Clements, President

Religious Ed: Deanne Stieb, CCD coordinator

EMERGENCY SUPPLIES: A duffle with basic medical supplies is on the coat rack shelf, opposite the women's restroom.

An **AED** is in a cabinet near the *Holy Family* statue.

SATURDAY, JULY 25TH FEAST OF ST. JAMES THE APOSTLE

O glorious Apostle, Saint James,
who by reason of thy fervent and generous heart
was chosen by Jesus to be witness of His glory on
Mount Tabor, and of His agony in Gethsemane;
thou, whose very name is a symbol of warfare and
victory; obtain for us strength and consolation in the
unending warfare of this life, that, having constantly and
generously followed Jesus, we may be victors in the strife
and deserve to receive the victor's crown in heaven.
Amen.



AROUND THE DIOCESE AND BEYOND

Holy Hour to Pray for our Diocesan Priests "IN THE UPPER ROOM"

at the John XXIII Diocesan Center Chapel on Thursday, August 6th, the Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. This is sponsored by MAGNIFICAT and SEVEN SISTERS APOSTOLATE.

All are invited to join us to pray for our priests before Jesus in His Most Blessed Sacrament with Exposition and Adoration.

Father Joseph Steele will preside. A community Rosary will be led by the mothers of priests, there will be a short meditation from the St. Pope John Paul II book "On the Fiftieth Anniversary of my Priestly Ordination," music and time for silent personal prayer.

Please contact Coordinator Rhonda Litt by text at 402.525.6396 for further information.



***Our Lady of Good Counsel Desert Days:
come for a whole or half-day retreat as
your schedule allows:
10am Confessions, 11am Mass, 1pm Talk***

Thurs, Aug 27th – St Monica/St Augustine

✦ Religious Sisters Vocation Prayer Calendar ✦

This week please pray for Sr. Juanita Marie from the Philippines, Professed with Holy Spirit Adoration (Pink) Sisters

DIOCESAN JOB OPENINGS

The Diocese of Lincoln is seeking a full-time **Accounting & Payroll Specialist** to support parish and school accounting, payroll, financial reporting, and training throughout the Diocese.

Qualifications: Bachelor's degree in Accounting, Finance, or related field; 3–5 years of accounting or payroll experience; strong organizational and communication skills; proficiency with Microsoft Office (Sage Intacct experience preferred); ability to support the mission of the Catholic Church.

The Diocese is also seeking a part-time, detail-oriented **Accounts Payable Specialist** to join the Finance Office. Responsibilities include processing invoices, reimbursements, vendor payments, ACH transactions, credit cards, and maintaining accurate financial records.

Schedule: 20 hours per week. Applicants should have a high school diploma/GED and two years of applicable accounting experience or an associate's degree in accounting. Strong attention to detail and Microsoft Office skills required; Sage Intacct experience preferred.

To apply for either position, please send your resume to: marsha-bartek@lincolndiocese.org

Seven Sisters Apostolate Day of Renewal

at St. Gregory the Great Seminary on Saturday August 22nd, the Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary! Janette Howe, Apostolate Foundress, will be speaking along with our priests and others. More information, including registration instructions, to follow next weekend. Until then questions can be directed to Rhonda Litt at 402.525.6396.

PILGRIMAGE AND MISSION TRIP TO MEXICO CITY
OCTOBER 22-27, 2026

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

This five-day journey will be a life-changing encounter with Christ through service, prayer, and pilgrimage. We will serve the poorest of the poor alongside the ministry Hope of the Poor, where you will meet Jesus in every person. We will also have extended times at the Basilica with Our Lady of Guadalupe, daily Mass, and teachings about Juan Diego's tilma.

FULL DETAILS AND REGISTRATION:
stmaryashland.org/events/missiontrip

The cost is \$850/person, which covers transportation, lodging, and meals in Mexico City (flight, personal expenses, and travel insurance not included).

QUESTIONS? Mollie Sundermeier: agme.outreach@gmail.com, 402-450-5903

AROUND OUR PARISH



Help Mow our Parish/Rectory Grounds for the 2026 Season!

Sign-up slots are available for weeks of 8/5 and 8/12. Please consider signing up one of these weeks, thank you! Volunteers should plan to mow between Wednesday and Saturday of each week signed up. [SIGNUP](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4AAEA823A3FCC61-49023719-stjames) at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4AAEA823A3FCC61-49023719-stjames> *Thanks in advance* for your participation, as many hands make light work!

>> ON VACATION <<

Father McCabe will return from vacation on Monday afternoon, July 27th.

MISSIONARY COOPERATIVE – THIS WEEKEND

Fr. Louis Cecilia Adu-Poku from Ghana, West Africa will be visiting us THIS weekend, July 25-26th. All missionary priests who speak have great needs for which they give the appeal. ***Please be generous!*** Note that some may ask for *additional* support to their appeal at Mass, such as sponsoring a seminarian or religious. Our diocesan regulations *do not allow* for this so that people will be able to support the needs of other missionaries in the future. **Missionary envelopes are available at the back of church.**

FOCUS MISSIONARY BAILEY CLEMENTS

Bailey Clements grew up at St. James, is a recent college graduate and now a FOCUS missionary! Her FOCUS team will be serving college students at Pitt State, living as Jesus and the Apostles did and following their model for evangelization and discipleship on campus. If you are interested in learning more about this mission or supporting it, please see her display at the back of church, scan the QR code or contact her at (531) 739-6448. For info on FOCUS, see focus.org.

Visit My Page
(this is also where you can support)

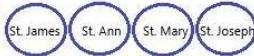


St. James will be serving supper at the Matt Talbot Kitchen in Lincoln **THIS THURSDAY**, July 30th at 5:30 PM. We need people to serve the meal and donate different food items. Please make sure to have the items in the kitchen *before noon* on Thursday. Contact Kassie Ebbers with any questions. Her information is on the bottom of the sign-up sheet at the back of church.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

"Every man is called to holiness. Every man is on a journey to get there — to know, love and imitate Jesus, so he can be a more faithful husband, father, friend and brother to the ones he loves. Let's do it together." FROM KOFC.ORG



PCCW 

Hope all are enjoying these summer days! Mark your calendars for the next meeting, August 12th.

THAT MAN IS YOU!

BECOMING A MAN AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART

Meets **Saturday mornings at 6:30 am** in the Parish Hall.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AT ST. JAMES!

St. James Religious Education K-12 registration is now open! You can find the registration form on the St. James website (under Youth), on our Facebook page or [click here](#). For more information, contact Deanne Stieb @ dstieb@gmail.com. There is a **teacher meeting** set for Wednesday, July 29th at 7:00 pm, in the parish hall.



Thank you to all who worked so hard to make the 25th Anniversary Celebration such a success! Special thanks to Mary Gramann and Denise Clements for coordinating the event; to Michelle Milke for her work with the photos, to Grace Kisling for decoration of the church; to Diana McCown for being emcee at the Community Center reception and to ALL who signed up and helped in any capacity! Also, thank you to Mary Jo Bean for all the extra cleaning in the church and parish hall. God is so good!



Forming Catholics for life!

St. James has a community subscription to Formed and it is FREE for our parishioners!

Go to <https://formed.org> and click on "Find your parish subscription" at the upper right. Create an account and begin enjoying *thousands of movies, studies, audio talks and e-books* for you and your family!



Interested in receiving and responding to parish messages via email or text? St. James uses Flocknote to communicate with parishioners. *It's free and you can unsubscribe at any time!* There are two ways to sign up: Visit stjamescortland.flocknote.com and follow the instructions, OR text the word **STJAMESCORTLAND** to **84576** and follow the prompts.

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 07/19/26

Adult Envelopes	\$2,591.00
Plate	\$2,642.00
Matt Talbot Kitchen Donation	\$100.00
Total Deposit	\$5,333.00

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is our secure, **online giving** platform!

Through online giving you can make a *one-time gift* or set up automatic donations and easily change the timing or the amount of your gift. **It's also an easy way to pay Knights/PCCW dues or CCD registrations!**

See **Online Giving** on the Parish Website

POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTION FOR JULY 2026: For respect for human life

Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from God.

Note: The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on August 15th is not obligatory this year, since it falls on a Saturday.

Liturgical Ministers		17 th Sun of Ord. Time July 25-26	18 th Sun of Ord. Time August 1-2	19 th Sun of Ord. Time August 8-9	20 th Sun of Ord. Time August 15-16	21 st Sun of Ord. Time August 22-23
Saturday 5:00 pm	Reader	Diana McCown	Ron Eisenbarth	Ron Eisenbarth	Diana McCown	Amy Larkins
	Acolyte	(volunteer)	(volunteer)	(volunteer)	(volunteer)	Kurt Larkins
	Server 1	(volunteer)	(volunteer)	(volunteer)	(volunteer)	Braxton Skillett
	Server 2	(volunteer)	(volunteer)	(volunteer)	(volunteer)	Easton Schilbitzki
Sunday 8:00 am	Reader	Jerry Lentfer	Joe Vinton	Chris Hytrek	Michelle Milke	Jerry Lentfer
	Acolyte	Scott Osterhaus	Tony Sullivan	Pat Milke	Joe Vinton	Chris Hytrek
	Server 1	Jax Peterson	Carson Eickmeier	Carter Stieb	Liam Dush	Andrew Oelke
	Server 2	Drake Peterson	Parker Eickmeier	Asher Stieb	Emmitt Ostrander	Cooper Mason
	Server 3		Ronan Peterson		Gunner Ostrander	
	Server 4					
Sunday 10:30 am	Reader	Shirley Yates	Larry Etmund	Ginger Jelinek	Shirley Yates	Larry Etmund
	Acolyte	Ron Boden	Theron Troxel	Myron Heusinkvelt	Ron Eisenbarth	Ron Boden
	Server 1	Sam Troxel	Max Jacobson	Max Troxel	Sam Troxel	Max Jacobson
	Server 2	Kyler Beck	Finn Jacobson	Andrew Troxel	Kyler Beck	Finn Jacobson
	Server 3	Dedric Dominy		Jude Jelinek	Dedric Dominy	
	Server 4					
Collection Counters		Jeanne E./Lori J.	Jim F./Theron T.	Kassie E./Amy A.	Julie P./Laureen E.	Jeanne E./Lori J.



What are Abortion Pills?

Most abortions are no longer done by surgery in clinics, but by taking pills.

The rate of women taking abortion pills is increasing (and is at hundreds of thousands per year).

The first pill (mifepristone) kills preborn babies by cutting them off from blood and oxygen. A second pill (misoprostol) then helps push the babies' remains out. While these drugs can have other uses, they are a deadly combination for preborn children.

In addition to ending the lives of babies, abortion pills are dangerous for the mothers who take them.

They have been found to cause four times as many complications as surgical abortions. A 2025 study found that 10 percent of women who take abortion pills need to get urgent treatment for problems afterward like infections, hemorrhages, or remains of the baby not having come out.

But the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has taken shortcuts over the years and removed guardrails around the pills. This allows the abortion industry to push the abortion pill more and more.

In 2021, the FDA made the abortion pill available even without an in-person doctor visit.

That means a woman might be taking the pill dangerously late in her pregnancy, or during a complicated pregnancy where it would be unsafe, and a doctor wouldn't know.

Being able to get abortion pills by a "telehealth" video appointment and mailed to your home, or at your local pharmacy, also means abortions are now

happening everywhere and anywhere, often with women suffering through the trauma of delivering their dead baby alone.

This easier access to abortion pills also increases the chances of their being used by abusive partners or sex trafficking criminals against a woman's will.

Because abortion pills can be sent through the mail, they are also often being sent from states with pro-abortion laws to women in states with pro-life laws. That means the pro-life states don't have the ability to protect life and women in need like they were supposed to after the Supreme Court finally overturned *Roe v. Wade* in 2022.

Some women who take the first abortion pill may have time to change their mind with an "abortion pill reversal" process, but some states are trying to block access to this last chance for life.

What can you do to help protect women and babies from abortion pills?

1. Pray for women who are deceived by the abortion industry.
2. Share the risks of the abortion pill with your friends.
3. Sign up for Respect Life Prayer and Action to help protect women and babies from these dangerous drugs at respectlife.org/prayer-and-action.

If you or someone you know has participated in abortion, know that mercy, hope, and healing are available through diocesan Project Rachel Ministry. Learn more at HopeAfterAbortion.com.

For sources of data, see https://www.usccb.org/resources/What_Are_Abortion_Pills_Sources.pdf.
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