

St. James Church
299 Red Oak Dr. Aitkin

*Welcome to the Parishes of
St. James and Holy Family
Catholic Churches
And Our Lady of Fatima Chapel*



Holy Family Church
2 S Maddy St. McGregor

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Mass Schedule

Weekday:

Tues-Fri.....8:30 am St. James

Weekend:

Saturday.....5:00 pm.....St. James

Sunday.....7:30 am.....St. James

.....9:00 am.....Holy Family

.....10:30 am....St. James**

**Note: 10:30 Sunday Mass at St. James will be an outdoor Mass, weather permitting. Please bring your own lawn chairs for seating.

Confessions

Sat: 10:00–10:45 am St. James
4:00- 4:45 pm St. James
(or by appointment)

Pray the Rosary

SJ–Sat. 4:25 pm/Sun. 9:55 am/
Tues-Fri-8:05 am
HF–Sundays 8:30 am

Online opportunities

St. James: www.aitkincatholic.org
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Facebook

Holy Family & Our Lady of Fatima
Chapel
www.mcgregorcatholicchurch.org

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JULY 5, 2020

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14th Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME



“Come to me, all you who labor
and are burdened, and I will give
you rest. Take my yoke upon
you and learn from me, for I am
meek and humble of heart;
and you will find rest for
yourselves. For my yoke is
easy, and my burden light.”

- Mt 11:28-30

A Message from Father David

This is the 4th of July or Independence Day Weekend. Excuse me if I seem out of sorts about it but it doesn't feel the same this year. Whining doesn't change anything and my voice is small, a few column readers and a pulpit to preach from, but the freedom of speech is still a right, as long as I don't use this right to impinge upon or eradicate the rights of others. We are all justified to use our freedom of speech.

Issue one: Inciting people to topple (white) statues of Jesus coming over the Internet is insane. These statues represent the sculpted image of Jesus as our Divine God and Word made flesh. It represents a holy thing, a very holy thing. I guess it would take a level of knowledge and understanding to get that. It's the furthest thing from a race issue that you can imagine. Jesus loved all people... even His captors and executioners.

Issue two: Continuing the legal scourge of abortion in the Country and around the world is beyond my comprehension. Did you know that most abortion mills are located in lower economic areas of bigger cities, where the under privileged live (naturally). The vast majority of abortions (33% in the US) have African Americans babies as their victims. These lives and the lives of their mothers matter. Don't they? I'm tired of nearly nobody from either majority party

standing up and speaking out for the African American mothers and the little babies and how (as communities) we aren't standing up for their rights and freedoms. Rather we sweep their problems away to the darkest, dirtiest parts of our world, the ghettos, and the slums... where we don't even feel safe to travel. Jesus loves these women, Jesus loves the little children. How deeply do we love and seek justice for them?

Issue three: In many places throughout the country people can't go to mass... still. This is also insane. Religious freedoms are being trampled upon for political reasons. Sadly, some of these rights may be subject to the political agendas of Catholic Bishops and other religious leaders in the Church. It's hard to imagine and even more difficult to try and explain, but for some religious leaders, keeping people at home and away from the Holy Sacrifice, serves a culture of dependence (not independence) which puts them and the political parties they favor, in a position of power and influence. The right to practice our religious freedoms must come into play at a certain point. I'm not

advocating stupidity but I am asking everyone to look at who gets sick and who dies. What do the numbers tell you? Should we panic? Is the worst yet to come? Should we be afraid or just better prepared? I think the safest place in the world (or at least) in Aitkin Co., is St. James, Holy Family and Our Lady of Fatima. I don't fear, I have faith.

Final issue: I wish the Pope would come out with an additional article of faith to the Nicene Creed. Catholics throughout the world would profess this as a part of our faith, our belief system, on Sundays and Solemnities. Now it is not realistic to believe something like this would ever happen so I'm just being polemical here when I say that we should profess that "ALL LIVES MATTER." A lot of people believe this and wish it - wish something "ALL PEOPLE" believed in their hearts, minds and souls. I know there are a lot of people who hold to the truths that no one section of our population should be singled out from all the others. All people matter; equal rights and justice for all people and if they don't get it we fight for them. The US is creeping ever closer to some very hazardous times and places. We need to respect all our brothers and sisters, no matter how small. We need to respect the property of our brothers and sisters and "Do unto others as we would have done unto us." We need to pray, pray, pray and return to the altar of God with our hearts afire with the Holy Spirit. And we need to act upon these words "All Lives Matter!!!" May we have the freedom to see these things come to fruition.

More to come...

God bless and have a good week everyone! Fr. David

Fr. David's Liturgical Schedule

Sunday, July 5

7:30 am	Mass (SJ)
9:00 am	Mass (HF)
10:30 am	Mass (SJ)

Tuesday, July 7

8:00 am	Angelus (SJ)
8:05 am	Rosary (SJ)
8:30 am	Mass (SJ)

Wednesday, July 8

8:00 am	Angelus (SJ)
8:05 am	Rosary (SJ)
8:30 am	Mass (SJ)

Thursday, July 9

8:00 am	Angelus (SJ)
8:05 am	Rosary (SJ)
8:30 am	Mass (SJ)
9:00 am	Exposition of Blessed Sacrament (SJ)

Friday, July 10

8:00 am	Angelus (SJ)
8:05 am	Rosary (SJ)
8:30 am	Mass (SJ)

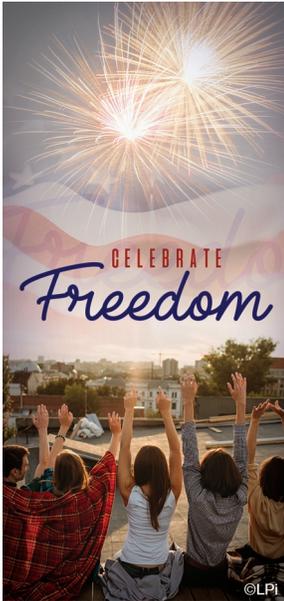
Saturday, July 11

10:00 - 10:45 am	Confession (SJ)
4:00 - 4:45 pm	Confession (SJ)
5:00 pm	Mass (SJ)

Sunday, July 12

7:30 am	Mass (SJ)
9:00 am	Mass (HF)
10:30 am	Mass (SJ)

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Are you registered?

Become a member of our family! If you are not currently registered you aren't receiving *The Northern Cross newspaper*. Once you are an adult you do need to register under your own name. Please feel free to call the parish office at 218-927-6581, pick up a registration form, or check the website aitkincatholic.org for a registration form.



July 5, 2020

- Sun: Zec 9:9-10/Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14 [cf. 1]/Rom 8:9, 11-13/Mt 11:25-30
- Mon: Hos 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Mt 9:18-26
- Tues: Hos 8:4-7, 11-13/Ps 115:3-4, 5-6, 7ab-8, 9-10 [9a]/Mt 9:32-38
- Wed: Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [4b]/Mt 10:1-7
- Thurs: Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16 [4b]/Mt 10:7-15
- Fri: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-13, 14 and 17 [17b]/Mt 10:16-23
- Sat: Is 6:1-8/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 [1a]/Mt 10:24-33
- Next Sunday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14 [Lk 8:8]/Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9

Next Sunday Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
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Stewardship Report

Peter's Pence Collection
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Thank you for your generous support in last week's Peter's Pence Collection! Our contributions will be combined with those from our brothers and sisters around the world to help Pope Francis provide essential relief to people in need. If you missed the collection, it is not too late to give. Visit: www.usccb.org/nationalcollections.



Have you heard?

Father Michel Mulloy is our Bishop-elect for the Diocese of Duluth. His ordination as Bishop will be on October 1st at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Rosary in Duluth, MN. What to know more about Bishop-Elect Mulloy? You can find more information in Father David's Bulletin column from June 28th or you can visit the Diocese of Duluth website at <https://www.dioceseduluth.org/>, including a press conference introducing Bishop-elect Mulloy.



Through June 21, 2020 (Fiscal Year: July 1, 2019- June 30, 2020) St. James •	
Attendance	294
Weekly Goal	\$5,448
Received 6/21/2020	\$6,011
Fiscal Year to date goal.....	\$277,852
Fiscal Year to date received	\$284,576
UCA 2020 Assessment	\$58,429.33
UCA 2020 Received/Pledged	\$27,141.50
Holy Family •	
Attendance	68
Weekly Goal	\$1,477
Received 6/21/2020	\$1,932
Fiscal Year to date goal.....	\$75,323
Fiscal Year to date received	\$73,929
UCA 2020 Assessment	\$13,999.20
UCA 2020 Received/Pledged	\$5,630.00
Our Lady of Fatima•	
Attendance 06/14/2020	24
Weekly Goal	\$58
Received 6/14/2020	\$174
Fiscal Year to date goal.....	\$2,942
Fiscal Year to date received	\$6,160
UCA 2020 Assessment	\$1,585.21
UCA 2020 Received/Pledged	\$673.62
Thank you for your contributions!	



LIFE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT



GOSPEL
MEDITATION -
July 5, 2020
14th Sunday in
Ordinary Time

We are all familiar
with the refrain,

“You have put on Christ. In him you have been baptized. Alleluia, alleluia!” In Baptism, we “put on” Christ. In putting on Christ, we put on all that Christ is and represents: hope, faith, and love. We are no longer bound to the sins and failures of the flesh, that part of us that resists God and relies exclusively on human means. It also means that we are not in debt to our past, complete with its sins, failures, regrets, fears, and unfulfilled dreams. There is always hope. In putting on Christ, we put on God’s vision for the world, for all of His children and for us. We have been given a road map to guide our paths and a blueprint to follow for our life’s journey.

There is no need for regret, and we are not tethered to our past. Is there anything in your past that you regret? Any decision or memory that continues to haunt you? We have all made mistakes, and we have this uncanny ability to continue beating ourselves up over things we can no longer do anything about, except learn from them. To put on Christ means that I can now bring God’s unconditional love to my hurtful memories and sinful choices. With each new moment and every new choice, I can start clean and live in freedom.

Imagine adults when the disciples were preaching and baptizing. They came to baptism not really knowing who they were, with pasts that were broken, seeking to live the joy of the Gospel they heard spoken to them and wanting the love they saw witnessed in the lives of those who believed.

What tremendous celebrations their baptisms must have been! They could now have the support of a community, full participation in the sacraments of the church, focus for their disordered lives, consolation, healing, and an understanding of what life is really all about.

Our lives are meant to be celebrations of the Spirit we have received in Baptism. How does that joy get expressed in and through you? When we truly understand that we have put on Christ, our burdens can become much lighter. It is odd that so many Christians look like they are carrying the weight of the world on their shoulders. Wouldn’t it be wonderful if those weights could be lifted and joy experienced!

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Rosary for Respect for Life & Children

On Thursday mornings from 7:30-7:50 a.m. a Rosary is prayed for the sanctity of life and youth of our community. Everyone is welcome to join in prayer before the start our busy days.



St. James Food Shelf

July 11/12 Food Share Weekend



Next weekend is our Food Share weekend. Food items can be placed in the containers provided. If you would like to make a cash donation, please make a notation on your check or use a Food Share envelope. Your generosity is much appreciated by those in need.

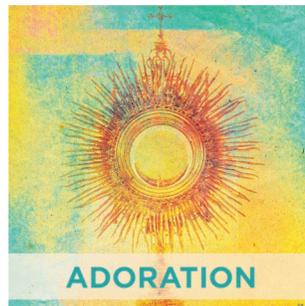
Knights of Columbus Meeting

The Knights of Columbus meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 7th in the church basement at St. Joseph’s Catholic Church in Crosby. Rosary 6:30 pm, meeting 7:00 pm. Fellowship and refreshments to follow.



Holy Family

2 S Maddy Street, McGregor



Adoration at Holy Family

Thursdays from 6:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. If you are interested in an hour to sit with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament please contact Andrea at 763-360-2058, call or text.

Our Lady of Fatima

102 S Highway 65 McGrath

OLOF Chapel Mass Schedule

The Rosary will be prayed half hour before Mass times. Please note this schedule is subject to change due to Fr. Solors availability.

Sunday, July 5, 2020 at 10 am
Sunday, July 12, 2020 at 10 am
Sunday, July 19, 2020 at 10 am



Religious Education

Check your shelves...Got Books? And/or DVDs?

Did you borrow a movie or a book from the library in the Gathering space? Now is the time to search your home for anything you may have borrowed. There are several movies and books that are missing from our library. Please return so that I can inventory our



books and movies. Thank you!



This Week

Thursday, July 9

6:00 am-5:00 pm
7:30 am
9:00 am to 8:00 pm
5:00-6:00 pm

Adoration (HF)
Rosary (SJ)
Adoration (SJ)
Holy Hour (HF)



Tuesday, July 7

8:30 am Tom & Marian Magee (SJ)

Wednesday, July 8

8:30 am Bob Hansen (SJ)

Thursday, July 9

8:30 am Patty Nelson (SJ)

Friday, July 10

8:30 am Francis & Marge Johnson (SJ)

Saturday, July 11

5:00 pm Paul Hoge (SJ)

Sunday, July 12

7:30 am Dick Ryan (SJ)

9:00 am Martin Romero

Mass of the Living (HF)

10:00 am LaVilla Hatten (OL)

10:30 am For the Parishioners (SJ)

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Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, July 11 at 5:00 pm (SJ)

Sacristan/Server..... Terry Stein
Lector..... Larry Switala
EOMs Irmgard Boyer, Jean Abeln (MOB)
Ushers Pete & Pam Landgren, volunteers

Sunday, July 12 at 7:30 am (SJ)

Sacristan/Server..... Tim Ryan
Lector..... Carroll Janzen
EOMs Dolores Wickham, Kathy Ryan (MOB)
Ushers Pauline & Tim Anderson, volunteers

Sunday, July 12 at 9:00 am (HF)

..... Please see the green binder in narthex.

Sunday, July 12 at 10:00 am (OL)

..... Volunteers needed.

Sunday, July 12 at 10:30 am (SJ)

Sacristan Deacon Mike
Servers Jeremy Justen
Lector..... Peg Lundberg
EOMs Jodie Johnson, volunteer (MOB)
Ushers Russ and Ellie Hoppe, Betty & Harlan Ninow

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