



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

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Holy Family Church
2 S Maddy St. McGregor

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

Connect to St. James Church via Facebook

Holy Family & Our Lady of Fatima Chapel

www.mcgregorcatholicchurch.org

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
AUGUST 2, 2020

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218-927-6581 or bulletin@aitkincatholic.org

Deadline - Mondays at 4:00 pm.

Find the Bulletin anytime at:

www.parishesonline.com

www.aitkincatholic.org (SJ)

www.mcgregorcatholicchurch.org (HF)



18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, who in turn gave them to the crowds. They all ate and were satisfied. - Mt 14:19c-20

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

August 2, 2020

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Many people in our world are hungry and thirsty. This hunger and thirst go well beyond physical needs for food, security, and shelter. Many are emotionally and spiritually parched, too. Behind every act of violence is a soul who hungers. People live with relationships that actually starve them. They are abused, exploited, disrespected, laughed at, and marginalized. There is a lot of confusion and inner pain that needs to be acknowledged and expressed. We all long to be understood and loved, even when our inner demons or who I am make it difficult to be. Do you live with inner confusion and pain? Folks often wander through life without any real direction or purpose and take their cues from what seems satisfying or popular at the moment. The deeper dots of our lives can easily remain unconnected, and we can find ourselves without grounding, purpose, or real happiness. Life becomes shallow and without real purpose as we hunger and thirst for an ultimate love.

It's easier to see the physical hungers and thirsts. We try to respond to these as best we can. Much more needs to be done. With all that God's earth can provide, nobody ought to face sleep at night with a belly that's empty. It's sinful. It's unjust. But isn't all hunger unjust? It doesn't need to be, and it should not be. Just as no one ought to be physically hungry and thirsty, there is really no need to be emotionally or spiritually deficient either. If we have more privileges at our fingertips, it is easier to try to satisfy our emotional and spiritual hungers and thirst by acting on impulse or self-indulgence, carelessly following passions, or by seeking self-destructive ways to dull the ache of emptiness.

Folks need to know where to look for nourishment and need the right friends to help them find it. We may not think that we have enough to respond to and to satisfy all of the needs, but we do. It doesn't take much. Five loaves and two fish provided for a huge crowd. With God, all things are possible. Our faith provides the direction for where God's children must go to find the nourishment they seek. It also tells us how to structure life so that justice and equity can be a reality for all. It also tells us how to respond to pain, sinfulness, and confusion. Come to the water and then help another get there.

Fr. David's Liturgical Schedule

Wednesday, August 5

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

Thursday, August 6

8:00 am	Angelus (SJ)
8:05 am	Rosary (SJ)
8:30 am	Mass (SJ)
9:00 am	Exposition of Blessed Sacrament (SJ)
7:00 pm	Vocations Holy Hour (SJ)

Friday, August 7

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

Saturday, August 8

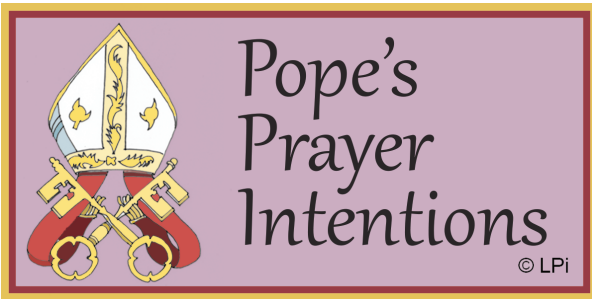
10:00 - 10:45 am	Confession (SJ)
4:00 - 4:45 pm	Confession (SJ)
5:00 pm	Mass (SJ)

Sunday, August 9

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

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For August:
Universal
Prayer
Intention –
*The Maritime
World*

We pray for all those who work and live from the sea,
among them sailors, fishermen, and their families.

Annual Reports

The financial reports for the fiscal year ended
June 30, 2020 are available. Feel free to take
one with you. If you have any questions, please
call the parish office.



Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Make plans for a fall get away with the one you love! A
Marriage Encounter Weekend is a private weekend away
from life's distractions that allows a husband and wife to
focus on each other. The next available weekends are
Sept. 25-27, 2020 in Windom, MN and Oct. 9-11, 2020 in
Buffalo, MN. Early registration is highly recommended.
For more information visit northmnwwme.org or contact
Alan and Missy at 888-455-3496 or
applications@northmnwwme.org.



Holy Hour for Vocations

All are welcome. Please join us on
Thursday, August 6th at
7 pm at St. James in Aitkin.

August 2, 2020

Sun: Is 55:1-3/Ps 145:8-9, 15-16,
17-18 [cf. 16]/Rom 8:35, 37-39/
Mt 14:13-21
Mon: Jer 28:1-17/Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95,
102 [68b]/Mt 14:22-36
Tues: Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22/Ps 102:16-18,
19-21, 29 and 22-23 [17]/Mt 14:22-36 or
Mt 15:1-2, 10-14
Wed: Jer 31:1-7/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab,
13 [cf. 10d]/Mt 15:21-28
Thurs: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6,
9 [1a, 9a]/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9
Fri: Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7/Dt 32:35cd-36ab,
39abcd, 41 [39c]/Mt 16:24-28
Sat: Hb 1:12-2:4/Ps 9:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 [11b]/
Mt 17:14-20
Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9, 10,
11-12, 13-14 [8]/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33
Next Sunday 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
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Stewardship Report



Through July 19, 2020

(Fiscal Year: July 1, 2020-
June 30, 2021)

St. James •

Attendance (no 10:30 count)	164
Weekly Goal	\$5,020
Received 7/19/2020	\$5,262
Fiscal Year to date goal	\$15,061
Fiscal Year to date received	\$13,842
UCA 2020 Assessment	\$58,429.33
UCA 2020 Received/Pledged	\$29,745.5

Holy Family •

Attendance	86
Weekly Goal	\$1,410
Received 7/19/2020	\$1,298
Fiscal Year to date goal	\$4,229
Fiscal Year to date received	\$4,196
UCA 2020 Assessment	\$13,999.20
UCA 2020 Received/Pledged	\$5,995.00

Our Lady of Fatima•

Attendance 7/12/2020	24
Attendance 7/19/2020	19
Weekly Goal	\$127
Received 7/12/2020	\$149
Received 7/19/2020	\$84
Fiscal Year to date goal	\$380
Fiscal Year to date received	\$387
UCA 2020 Assessment	\$1,585.21
UCA 2020 Received/Pledged	\$838.62

Thank you for your contributions!

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

The Power of a Simple Action

I remember seeing a story on a morning news program about a little girl who wanted to give an elderly man in a grocery store a hug. She had no way of knowing that this man had just lost his wife of many years and now felt so very alone and depressed. Her reaching out to the man seemed odd to her mom at first, but the girl was so insistent about giving a hug she moved the shopping carts close together so the exchange could take place. No one knew that from that moment on the little girl would ask to visit her new friend at least once a week for the next four years until he passed away. In an interview soon after the initial encounter, the man said, "I haven't been this happy in some time." Imagine the joy that relationship brought to them both over the years!

It was just a moment. It was a simple gesture. Yet, it had a large impact that no one could have predicted. You never know what will result when we give just a little of ourselves. That uncertainty too often leads us to hold back or refrain from the simple actions of love or gestures of generosity that could come so easily for us if we wanted. We should never doubt the power of a simple random act of kindness. Generosity does not need to be grand to make a big difference. The time is now, and the opportunity presents itself often to plant a small seed that God can water and nourish so that something beautiful can grow.

– Tracy Earl Welliver



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St. James

299 Red Oak Drive, Aitkin



KC Meeting

The Knights of Columbus meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 4th at St. James Church in Aitkin. Rosary 6:30 pm; meeting 7:00 pm. Fellowship and refreshments to follow.

St. James Food Shelf

Food Share Weekend

Flour, sugar, baking items

Personal care items, toothpaste, shampoo, soap, toilet paper

August 8/9

August 15/16

August 22/23

Money is always welcome. Thanks for helping those in need.

Liturgical Minister's Schedule

The schedule for lectors, EOMS, ushers, altar servers, etc. is being prepared for Sept 12, 2020-Jan 1, 2021. If you will be unavailable on certain dates, please email

bulletin@aitkincatholic.org or call the Parish office so the schedule can be prepared with that in mind. Also feel free to enter your unavailable times on MSP (Ministry Scheduler Pro). If you would like to help and are not currently scheduled, feel free to contact the office to add your name to the list so we can schedule any required training. Deadline is August 7.

Liturgical Ministers



Holy Family

2 S Maddy Street, McGregor

Adoration / Holy Hour / Benediction

Thursdays between 9:30 am and 6 pm with benediction beginning at 5:50 pm. There is still a need for individuals to sign up for an hour or be on a substitute list. If interested please call or text Andrea at 763-360-2058.



McGregor Clothing Closet: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

McGregor Area Clothing Closet (MACC) is now open, with restrictions, and August is Holy Family's month to staff the store. MACC is open Tuesdays and Saturdays from 10:00-2:00.

Everyone, including the workers, must wear a mask. Please call Shirley Scollard, 218-426-3527, or Ramona Hooper, 218-426-3344 to volunteer. By volunteering at MACC you are also helping our community. Thanks, and God Bless.

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, August 2, 2020 at 10 am

Sunday, August 9, 2020 at 10 am

Sunday, August 16, 2020 at 10 am

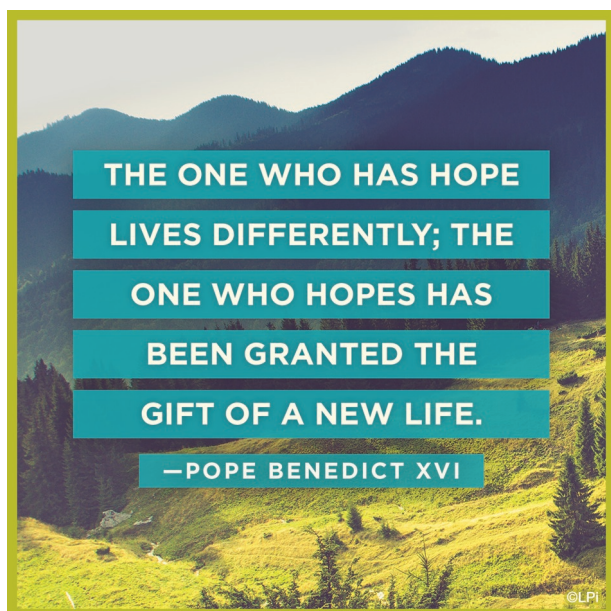


Religious Education

Ideas for families for August

- Come see Stations Field.
- Come to Mass together (10:30 am on Sunday is usually outside, so bring your lawn chairs and blankets)
- Come to church to pray or pray together at home
- Come to Adoration on Thursdays from 9am to 8 pm
- Make a donation to the Food Shelf
- Read or watch one of the books or movies you borrowed from St. James and then return it to our library

There are lots of ways to enjoy family time this summer. Just do something to enjoy God's blessings with your children!



Tuesday, August 4	
8:30 am	Mike Cummings (SJ)
Wednesday, August 5	
8:30 am	Fr. George Zeck Mass of the Living (SJ)
Thursday, August 6	
8:30 am	Leo Kosman (SJ)
Friday, August 7	
8:30 am	Tom and Marian Magee (SJ)
Saturday, August 8	
5:00 pm	Lovina Hobson (SJ)
Sunday, August 9	
7:30 am	Doug Mingus (SJ)
9:00 am	SueZanne Reuvers (HF)
10:00 am	Ronald Miler (OL)
10:30 am	For the Parishioners (SJ)

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This Week

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Tuesday, August 4

6:30 / 7:00 pm

KC Rosary / KC Meeting (SJ)

Thursday, August 6

7:30 am

Rosary (SJ)

9:00 am to 8:00 pm

Adoration (SJ)

9:30 am to 6:00 pm

Adoration (HF)

5:50 pm

Benediction (HF)

7:00 pm

Vocations Holy Hour (SJ)

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Saturday, August 8 at 5:00 pm (SJ)

Sacristan/Server..... Terry Stein
Lector..... James Peterson
EOMs (MOB) Julie Carlson, Carol Hoge
Ushers Brian Carlson, Kevin Hoge
..... John Pierson, volunteer

Sunday, August 9 at 7:30 am (SJ)

Sacristan/Server..... Hugh Janzen
Lector..... Becky Joerger
EOMs (MOB) Tim and Kathy Ryan
Ushers Tim and Pauline Anderson
..... Carroll Janzen, volunteer

Sunday, August 9 at 9:00 am (HF)

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

Sunday, August 9 at 10:00 am (OL)

..... Volunteers needed.

Sunday, August 9 at 10:30 am (SJ)

Sacristan Deacon Mike Eisenbraun
Servers Hayden and Luke Workman
Lector..... Laura Eisenbraun
EOMs (MOB) Jodie Johnson, volunteer
Ushers Landon and Jeremy Janzen
..... Dick Schaaf, volunteer

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