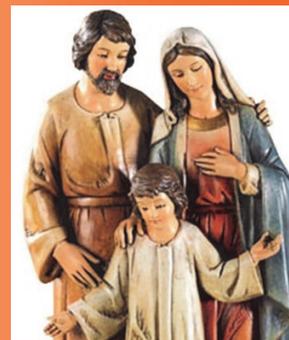


St. James Church
299 Red Oak Dr. Aitkin

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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Mailing Address: 299 Red Oak Dr., Aitkin, MN 56431

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

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Holy Family & Our Lady of Fatima
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TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
AUGUST 30, 2020

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22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.” - Mt 16:24b-25

A Message from Father David

Fr. George Zeck (a retired priest of the Diocese of Duluth, living in Crosby, MN) recently shared something that has stayed with me for a while. He said, **“Don’t waste suffering!”** I’d like to write about that in this column because there is so much suffering going on and I’m afraid that we do waste suffering’s value personally and its value to the whole world quite frequently.

Simply put we waste suffering when we do not attach it to Jesus in any way. When we fail to connect our worries and trials to Jesus through an act of faith or prayer, our suffering gets the best of us. It wins, or you could even say the devil wins. The devil wins because suffering causes chaos and sometimes fear with people and these things are at the foundation of the dark abyss of hell. On the other hand if we take our suffering and attach it to the Precious Blood of Christ from the Cross of Calvary (which is the source of all life, light and grace) we conquer our suffering overwhelmingly – **“Through Him who love us.”** Suffering in the perspective of Jesus wins the crown of salvation.

I don’t like wearing a mask. I actually have slight asthma so sometimes my lungs burn a bit as I’m wearing it. As I wear it I am reminded of the “Little Way” of St. Therese (The Little Flower) and I offer it up for the salvation of souls, taking a small thing and making it something big for God. *Don’t waste suffering.*

Couple of weeks ago I was helping Ma clean her garage. There was an air conditioner that needed moving. My back was fine then, but later on Monday evening into Tuesday, I began to deal with some excruciating back pain. I awoke early in the morning and I screamed with every movement I tried to make. I have never screamed in pain before (the cats were pretty surprised). Later that week I found out that I had a bulging disc.

Now I was afraid that night. Being by myself. Feeling like I could fall on the floor and not get to a phone. All rapid thoughts and anxious ones while my back seized and my body was drowning in pain. I made it to the freezer and found an icepack that someone **just** gave to me. I made it back to the bedroom after taking some pain pills. As I lay on the compress, relief came after what seemed like an hour was only 10 minutes. I thanked Jesus as I fell asleep. I woke up hours later in that same position. Someone kept me from moving so I could sleep. I thanked Jesus and my holy angel; surprised I could get out of bed. I shouldn’t have been able to. *Don’t waste suffering.*

Remember the reading from the Gospel a few weeks back about Peter walking on the water towards Jesus, losing faith, sinking into the water amidst the chaos of the storm and the fear in his heart? St. Peter should have been able to manage but he couldn’t, the fear of death encompassed him. What should he do? He didn’t waste the opportunity to reach for Jesus. “Jesus save me!” he cried and the Lord reached out His hand and grasped the arm of His friend and apostle and led him out of the stormy waters into the fishing boat. Peter was saved because he didn’t try to master his own world but instead he reached out for Jesus. He made great use of his suffering. Reach out to Jesus. *Don’t waste suffering.*

What it takes is a discerning spirit to efficiently use your suffering. A prayerful heart. A faithful spirit. In our moments of pain, sadness and suffering, lift up your spiritual hand and reach out to Him. **“Jesus, use my suffering for the benefit of others. As you see fit, pour out the Precious blood that flowed from your side on a world that needs redemption. May my participation in the Cross please you, and help you to transform the world. Amen.**

“More to come...

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

Fr. David’s Liturgical Schedule

Sunday, August 30

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

Tuesday, September 1

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

Wednesday, September 2

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

Thursday, September 3

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, September 4

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

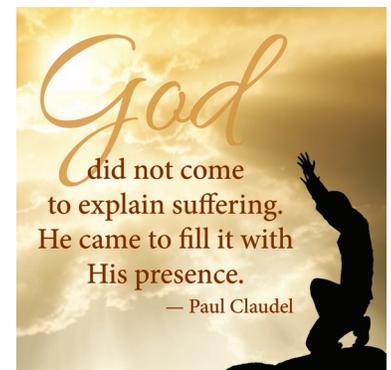
Saturday, September 5

9:15 am	Rosary/Mass (SJ)
10:00 - 10:45 am	Confession (SJ)
4:00 - 4:45 pm	Confession (SJ)
5:00 pm	Mass (SJ)

Sunday, September 6

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

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**Pope's Prayer Intentions for September:
Universal Prayer Intention –**

Respect for the Planet's Resources
We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.

THAT MAN IS YOU

The Fall session of 'That Man is You' will start Tuesday, September 22nd. More details to come. Contact Deacon Mike Eisenbraun for more information.



Early Bulletin Deadline

Please note, there is an Early deadline for September 13th bulletin. Please have all bulletin items to the office by 4:00pm on September 3. You can also email those items to bulletin@aitkincatholic.org



Retreats at Christ the King Retreat Center

Several retreats are being offered through Christ the King Retreat Center in Buffalo, MN. You can find more information about upcoming

retreats at

www.kingshouse.com.

Register online or by calling 763-682-1394



August 30, 2020

- Sun: Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [2b]/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27
- Mon: 1 Cor 2:1-5/Ps 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102 [97]/Lk 4:16-30
- Tues: 1 Cor 2:10b-16/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14 [17]/Lk 4:31-37
- Wed: 1 Cor 3:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21 [12]/Lk 4:38-44
- Thurs: 1 Cor 3:18-23/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [1]/Lk 5:1-11
- Fri: 1 Cor 4:1-5/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40 [39a]/Lk 5:33-39
- Sat: 1 Cor 4:6b-15/Ps 145:17-18, 19-20, 21 [18]/Lk 6:1-5
- Next Sunday: Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20

Next Sunday Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
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Stewardship Report



Through

August 16, 2020

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

St. James •

Attendance	244
Weekly Goal	\$5,020
Received 8/16/2020	\$4,403
Fiscal Year to date goal.....	\$35,141
Fiscal Year to date received	\$33,495
UCA 2020 Assessment	\$58,429.33
UCA 2020 Received/Pledged	\$33,182.50

Holy Family •

Attendance	92
Weekly Goal	\$1,410
Received 8/16/2020	\$891
Fiscal Year to date goal.....	\$9,867
Fiscal Year to date received	\$9,302
UCA 2020 Assessment	\$13,999.20
UCA 2020 Received/Pledged	\$6,826.00

Our Lady of Fatima•

Attendance	21
Weekly Goal	\$127
Received 8/16/2020	\$100
Fiscal Year to date goal.....	\$887
Fiscal Year to date received	\$963
UCA 2020 Assessment	\$1,585.21
UCA 2020 Received/Pledged	\$1,025.62

Thank you for your contributions!

GOSPEL MEDITATION - August 30

Secular pursuits only bring a temporary amount of satisfaction and fulfillment. As much as we may think that achieving worldly success, economic security, personal well-being, and self-fulfillment are worthy goals to obtain, they all are dependent on external variables and can lead to emptiness. We are trained to be very pragmatic and productive. Unless we are able to check off all of the boxes or comply with specific measurable requirements, our value and worth becomes questionable. Corporations, educational institutions, systems, structures, and secular ideology rarely consider deeper, more spiritual, and human contributions a person can and needs to make.

To the secular mind, the wisdom and ideals of the Gospel are making less and less sense. Consider for a moment this question: "What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?" While Jesus is asking this very challenging question to people who are considering his message, many in our world are in a quite different place. Whether we realize it, many folks are asking a much different question. Why would you not want to gain the whole world and secure your life? If you look at where a lot of folks are investing their time, energy, and resources, it becomes obvious where current priorities rest.

Modern day comforts and possibilities are backing us out of our relationship with God. The fire burning in every human heart is trying to find its satisfaction in the things that humans have created and not God. Being altruistic and offering compassion for those most in need becomes a political responsibility or responsible gesture. We realize that our hearts need to be centered on something and someone who calls us out of ourselves, but we struggle and battle with naming the source of that call. God places the desire to seek, find, and love Him in the core of every soul. We are not abandoned and left to fend for ourselves. But we can easily get confused. We know that when we extend ourselves to another self-sacrificially, we are doing what is just and right. We know that we can work through suffering and loss and come out better and more whole on the other side.

Our minds need to be renewed so that they can begin to understand that there is much more to who we are, and that faith plays a pivotal role in achieving our true and everlasting goals. It is when we see that it is only faith that can bring us to this heightened awareness of ourselves and God that it will begin to make sense. Then, we can put things in proper perspective and consider being a disciple.

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Deacon Vern Anderson and his bereaved family and friends. May his soul and the souls of all the faithfully departed rest in peace.

Knights of Columbus Meeting

The Knights of Columbus meeting will be on Tuesday, September 1st in the church basement at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Crosby. Rosary at 6:30 p.m., meeting at 7 p.m. Fellowship and refreshments to follow.

Alzheimer's Association Fundraiser

Tickets available for quilt raffle on Labor Day Weekend (Sept 5 & 6) before & after Masses on Saturday and Sunday. Proceeds go to the Alzheimer's Association.



Barb Spaeth who has recently registered at St. James.

Holy Family

2 S Maddy Street, McGregor

McGregor Area Food Shelf Monetary Donations Needed!

The McGregor Area Food Shelf is in need of monetary donations to purchase food for their food shelf. Please place your donation in the collection basket or mail it to the office (299 Red Oak Dr, Aitkin, MN 56431). Make checks out to Holy Family with notation stating food shelf. Questions, contact Sharon Bruggman at 218-426-3330.

CCW Meeting

There will be a CCW meeting, Friday, September 11th at 10 a.m. in the social hall (mark the date). We haven't met in quite awhile and there are some items to get caught up on. There are some updates on what is and what isn't happening with CCW during this pandemic year. Everyone is welcome to attend. Hope to see you there.

Thank You

A Great Big "Thank You" to all who helped staff the McGregor Area Clothing Closet during the month of August. Your time given is very much appreciated and helps support causes within our community. We couldn't do it without your help. 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. This schedule is subject to change due to Fr. Solors availability.

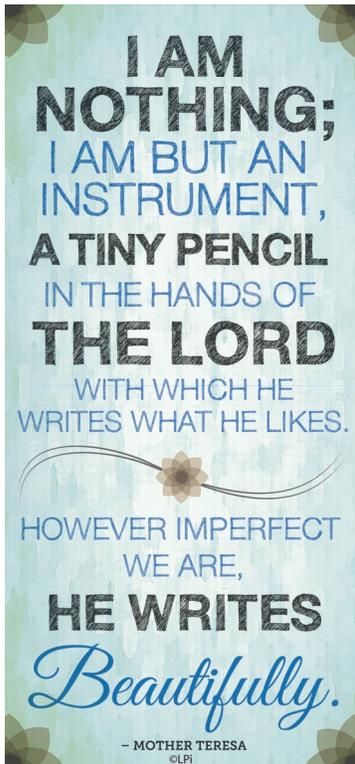
Sunday, Sept 6, 2020 at 10 am

Sunday, Sept 13, 2020 at 10 am

Sunday, Sept 20, 2020 at 10 am

Religious Education

Registration information and information about the 2020-2021 year will be available soon. Thank you for your patience!



Tuesday, September 1	
8:30 am	Howard Michels (SJ)
Wednesday, September 2	
8:30 am	Jim Spaeth (SJ)
Thursday, September 3	
8:30 am	Gib Rowe (SJ)
Friday, September 4	
8:30 am	Terry Mickley (SJ)
Saturday, September 5	
9:15 am	Bev Leonard (SJ)
5:00 pm	Edwin Kraemer (SJ)
Sunday, September 6	
7:30 am	For the Parishioners (SJ)
9:00 am	Phil and Joyce Tyson (HF)
10:00 am	Jack Schreiber (OL)
10:30 am	Nic Justen (SJ)

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This Week

Thursday, September 3

7:30 am	Rosary (SJ)
9:00 am to 8:00 pm	Adoration (SJ)
9:30 am-5:50 pm	Adoration (HF)
5:50 pm	Benediction (HF)
7:00 pm	Holy Hour for Vocations (SJ)

Saturday, September 5

9:15 am	First Saturday Rosary/Mass (SJ)
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Saturday, September 5 at 5:00 pm (SJ)

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

Sunday, September 6 at 7:30 am (SJ)

Sacristan	Hugh Janzen
Servers	Hugh Janzen
Lector.....	Becky Joerger
EOMs	(MOB) Tim and Kathy Ryan
Ushers	Pauline and Tim Anderson, two volunteers

Sunday, September 6 at 9:00 am (HF)

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

Sunday, September 6 at 10:00 am (OL)

..... Volunteers needed.

Sunday, September 6 at 10:30 am (SJ)

Sacristan	Deacon Mike E.
Servers	Jeremy Justen
Lector.....	Russ Hoppe
EOMs	(MOB) Adam James, Ed Spiel
Ushers	Duane Gross, Mark Greninger
.....	Tom Provost, Bob Wander

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