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St. James: www.aitkincatholic.org
Connect to St. James Church via Facebook

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www.mcgregorcatholicchurch.org

Pray the Rosary

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

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Deadline - Mondays at 4:00 pm.

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www.parishesonline.com
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Mass Schedule

Weekday:

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

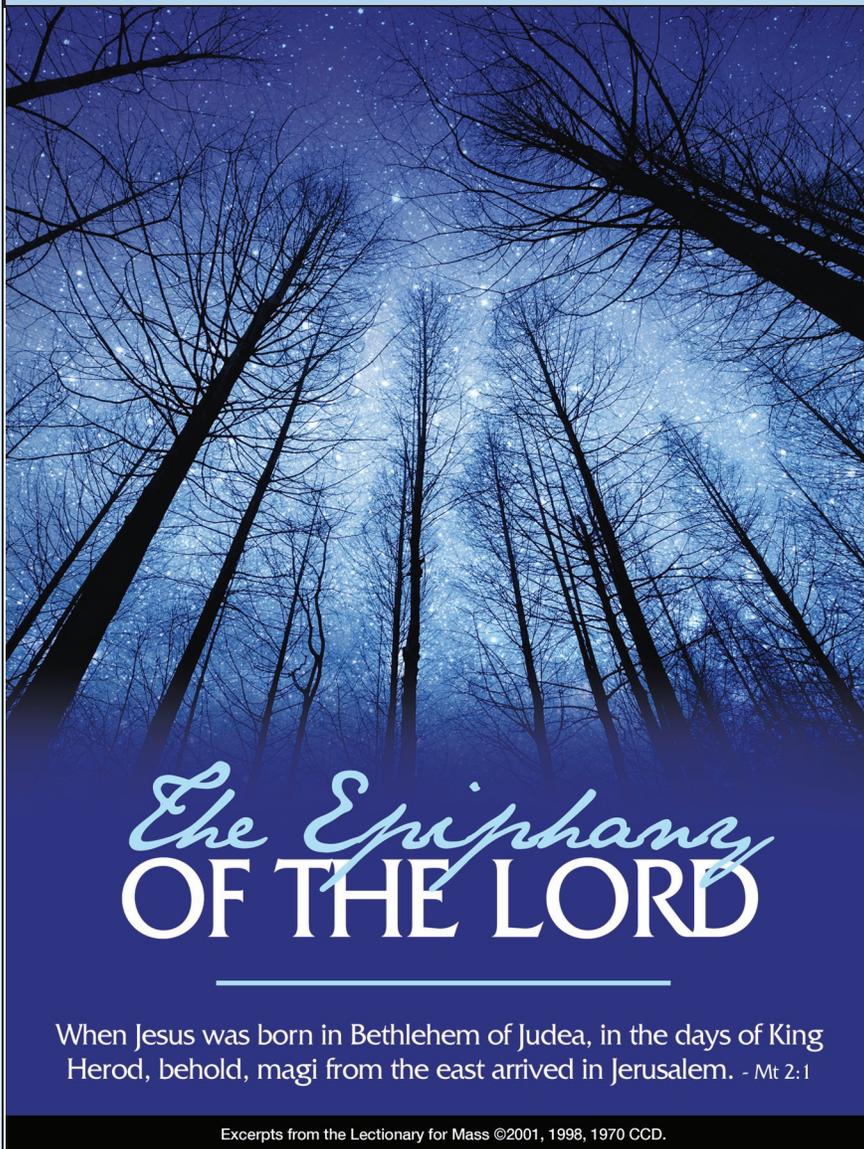
Weekend:

Saturday....5:00 pm.....St. James
Sunday.....8:00 am.....Holy Family
10:00 am.....St. James

Confessions

Sat: 10:00—10:45 am St. James
4:00—4:45 pm St. James
Sun: 7:15—7:45 am Holy Family
(or by appointment)

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
JANUARY 3, 2021



The Epiphany OF THE LORD

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem. - Mt 2:1

A Message from Father David

So grateful for all the Christmas Cards and Christmas presents, wishes of Merry Christmas and friendly exchanges in the Christmas Holiday Season. You are generous beyond belief, really, and I truly feel appreciated. I hope 2021 has much in store for you and for all... holiness, happiness and health. God bless you and keep you, now and forever.

I am not an expert but I will try to explain the morality of taking the Covid-19 Vaccine. First, you must understand that the “ends do not justify the means,” which means we are forbidden to do something immoral (directly) or participate in that which is immoral indirectly, (unless it fits under the Principle of Double Effect) **even if** that action ends with a “good” consequence. This relates to the overarching moral issue affecting taking the Covid-19 Vaccine, namely drug companies’ use of aborted baby fetal parts and cells to manufacture their vaccine. The Church’s position is that it is wrong to take fetal (human) body parts and use them to make vaccines (even if) that can save the lives of 10’s of thousands, to 100’s and someday maybe even millions of lives. The ends do not justify the means. With the reverse logic, a slippery slope is established, that is, if you believe that the ends **do** justify whatever means you take, chaos ensues and the moral fabric of society erodes. Every war that’s ever existed, the subjugation of religious freedom, the invasion of one’s privacy, politics (in general), abortion (of course) and artificial means of birth control; these are all examples of justifying what we do (even if it is immoral) because of the results we are attempting to achieve.

Now to the very practical side of this. Pfizer is the company that is providing the vaccine currently in most States and it is safe to take the shot from them. No fetal parts. The company Moderna is still waiting for approval and they too have **not used** fetal parts in production of the vaccine. There are some reports that say with these companies there was a very remote chance their vaccine was tainted with fetal material (proving it one way or another is difficult). On the other side of the spectrum, AstraZeneca in cahoots with Oxford University has really “crossed the line” with their manufacturing and are directly using or have used fetal parts. I don’t believe (I’m no expert, but) this vaccine probably won’t make it into our medical system, but if it does, I would not choose to take their shot. Another good vaccine is called Sanofi, but it probably will not enter our system either. At this point it is Pfizer as the moral choice and so Catholics in good conscience can receive their shot.

Finally, should I get the shot at all? Everyone has their own reasons and mine relate only to the elderly. I miss my ministry to them; I also miss Mom and Mary. I will take my chances with whatever comes my way (with side effects) in order to go home and to go to the homebound, Nursing Homes and Assisted Living places. Now that is just me. I have conservative values and I believe you can make decisions for yourself, given what information you have. I believe you may have reasons to take the shot or not take the shot. At this point we are in an experimental phase. Medicine is ultimately a practice. There may be some uncertainty now about side effects and effectiveness, but I hope and have to believe that we are working towards certainty and health for the whole world.

I hope this helps. From time to time I will update my information on the Covid-19 vaccination in regards to the fetal matter issue.

More to come...

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

Fr. David’s Liturgical Schedule

Sunday, January 3

7:15-7:45 am	Confessions (HF)
8:00 am	Mass (HF)
10:00 am	Mass (SJ)

Tuesday, January 5

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

Wednesday, January 6

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

Thursday, January 7

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, January 8

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

Saturday, January 9

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

Sunday, January 10

7:15-7:45 am	Confessions (HF)
8:00 am	Mass (HF)
10:00 am	Mass (SJ)

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Retreat



**2021 Men & Women's
Silent Retreats
"A Listening Heart"
Christ the King Retreat Center
Buffalo, MN**

All is Grace. All is Gift. "From his fullness we have all received grace upon grace." (John 1:16). Each human being must embrace the reality of life. But the spiritual pilgrim knows that the meaning of this reality is shaped by the gift of a listening heart. Each of us is called by God to see all of life as a gift and blessing. Are we able to look beyond the obvious to see the sacred?

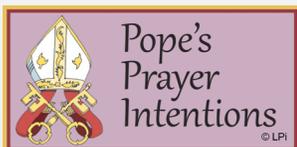
Women's
Jan 29-31
Feb 16-18
Feb 26-28
Mar 2-4

Married Couples
Mar 5-7

Men's
Jan 15-17
Jan 22-24
Feb 5-7
Mar 12-14

Suggested offering: \$160 per person, married couples \$320. Register online at www.kingshouse.com or call Christ the King Retreat Center at 763-682-1394.

Pope's Prayer Intentions for January:
Intention for Evangelization



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Prayer
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May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

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January 3, 2021

Sun: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
 Mon: 1 Jn 3:22-4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a [8ab]/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
 Tues: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:34-44
 Wed: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:45-52
 Thurs: 1 Jn 4:19-5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17 [cf. 11]/Lk 4:14-22a
 Fri: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/Lk 5:12-16
 Sat: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Jn 3:22-30
 Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Mk 1:7-11 or Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 (3)/1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11

Next Sunday The Baptism of the Lord
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Stewardship Report



**Through
December 20, 2020**
(Fiscal Year: July 1, 2020-
June 30, 2021)
St. James •

Attendance204
 Weekly Goal \$5,020
 Received 12/20/2020 \$10,612
 Fiscal Year to date goal..... \$125,505
 Fiscal Year to date received \$127,078
 UCA 2020 Assessment \$58,429.33
 UCA 2020 Received/Pledged \$52,263.50

Holy Family •

Attendance46
 Weekly Goal \$1,410
 Received 12/20/2020 \$2,208
 Fiscal Year to date goal..... \$35,240
 Fiscal Year to date received \$35,045
 UCA 2020 Assessment \$13,999.20
 UCA 2020 Received/Pledged \$8,926.00

Our Lady of Fatima•

Attendancenot available
 Weekly Goal\$127
 Received 12/20/2020not available
 Fiscal Year to date goal..... \$3,168
 Fiscal Year to date received \$3,187
 UCA 2020 Assessment\$1,585.21
 UCA 2020 Received/Pledged\$1,663.21

Thank you for your contributions!

January 3, 2021
The Epiphany of the Lord

“Where is that thing?” mumbled Bob as he searched frantically on his dimly lit desk for the current electric bill. “I know I put it right on top of these papers this morning!” Growing in frustration and bordering on anger, he flies stuff around, moves books and opines why simple tasks need to be so hard. Enter his wife, who calmly says, “Maybe it would help if you put the light on, dear.” The desk light goes on and lo and behold, there is the electric bill right where Bob left it earlier. All it took was a little light!

We stubbornly refuse to turn on the lights! Either we are distracted, determined, disinterested, preoccupied, stubborn, apprehensive, or all of the above. Or perhaps, we fail to do the obvious. We would rather live our lives with the dimmest of lights or even in total darkness. Why are we afraid to do something so that we can actually see? It might help us to find quicker and better answers to problems, the meaning of life, relationships, happiness, and what is ultimate truth. Yet, we stumble along, moving things from one side to the other, getting angry, feeling cheated, being unsettled, resigning ourselves to the agony of defeat once again.

“And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was.” The light has come into the world in the person of Jesus Christ! We no longer have to fumble in the darkness. We have been gifted with the illumination we need to see our way through things and find what we really are looking for. All these years later, however, so many are still reluctant to accept him. Perhaps they are unconvinced, disinterested, preoccupied, stubborn, apprehensive, or all of the above. Everyone has their own reason for not wanting to turn on the switch.

But there are so many answers to so many of our problems in this humble Child of Nazareth. A simple birth teaches us about God’s tender wedded relationship with humanity. It speaks to the expanse of God’s salvation across the globe, and the incarnate Divine wonders and blessings that are a part of our life moment to moment. It calls us to understand the design of world order God intended as found in the Beatitudes, the sacredness of every human life and all of creation and the meaning of things we struggle with most, like suffering and death. We have a lot of Good News to share, not just with a privileged few but with all the world. All races and creeds can receive God’s healing word. God continues to manifest himself even now! Use the light to find what you are really looking for!



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Knights of Columbus Special Celebration

There will be a special Knights of Columbus meeting on Tuesday, January 5th at St. James. We anticipate 5-7 members joining the Knights on this night. In place of our normal meeting we will have a review of the Knights of Columbus core principles. Knights and their spouses are welcome. Rosary 6:30 pm, celebration 7:00 pm.



Holy Hour for Vocations

Thursday, January 7th from
7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
All are welcome.

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.

Holy Family

2 S Maddy Street, McGregor



**Adoration / Holy Hour /
Benediction**

Anyone is welcome to visit the Lord in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament on 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.

Our Lady of Fatima

102 S Highway 65 McGrath

OLOF Chapel Mass Schedule

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

Sunday, January 10, 2021 at 10 am
Sunday, January 17, 2021 at 10 am
Sunday, January 24, 2021 at 10 am



Religious Education

All regular Religious Education classes are canceled until further notice. Please look for updates in this column for information about when classes will be meeting in person again.



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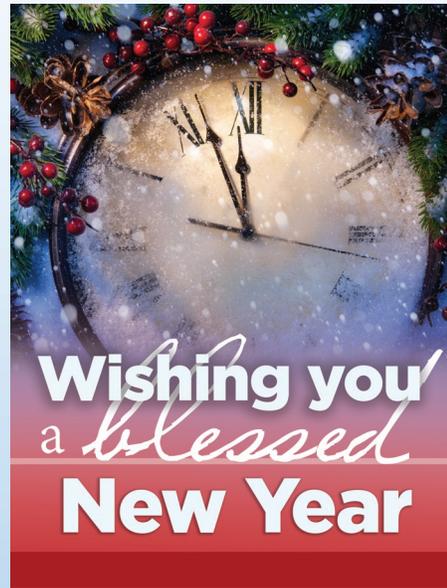
Tuesday, January 5	8:30 am	Steve Pasell (SJ)
Wednesday, January 6	8:30 am	Tom and Marian Magee (SJ)
Thursday, January 7	8:30 am	Leo Kosman (SJ)
Friday, January 8	8:30 am	Dawson VanPortfliet (SJ)
Saturday, January 9	5:00 pm	Schreiner Family (SJ)
Sunday, January 10	8:00 am	Stuart Demenge (HF)
	10:00 am	Jack Schreiber (OL)
	10:00 am	For the Parishioners (SJ)

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This Week

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Tuesday, January 5	6:30/7:00 pm	KC Rosary/Celebration (SJ)
Thursday, January 7	7:30 am	Rosary (SJ)
	9:00 am to 8:00 pm	Adoration (SJ)
	9:30 am to 5:50 pm	Adoration (HF)
	5:50 pm	Benediction (HF)
	7:00 pm	Holy Hour for Vocations (SJ)
Sunday, January 10	After Mass	Confirmation Prep Class (SJ)



Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, January 9 at 5:00 pm (SJ)	
Sacristan/Server.....	Terry Stein
Lector.....	Judy Ryan
EOMs.....	(MOB) Tom and Jodie Provost
Ushers.....	Raija, Tiffany, TJ, Thomas Gustin
Sunday, January 10 at 8:00 am (HF)	
.....	Please see the green binder in narthex.
Sunday, January 10 at 10:00 am (OL)	
.....	Volunteers needed.
Sunday, January 10 at 10:00 am (SJ)	
Sacristan.....	Hugh Janzen
Servers.....	Ella and Noah Janzen
Lector.....	Laura Eisenbraun
EOMs.....	(MOB) Tim Anderson, Adam James
Ushers.....	Karen Born, Tom Lundberg
.....	Kirk Peysar, Mark Ritter

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