



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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Connect to St. James Church via Facebook

Holy Family & Our Lady of Fatima Chapel  
[www.mcgregorcatholicchurch.org](http://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

### Bulletin Submissions

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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)

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
JANUARY 24, 2021



# 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat  
along with the hired men and followed him. - Mk 1:20

## A Message from Father David

### *The Prayer of St. Francis*

*Lord, make me an instrument of your peace,  
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
Where there is injury, pardon;  
Where there is doubt, faith;  
Where there is despair, hope;  
Where there is darkness, light;  
Where there is sadness, joy;  
O Divine Master,  
Grant that I may not so much seek  
To be consoled as to console;  
To be understood as to understand;  
To be loved as to love.  
For it is in giving that we receive;  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;  
And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.*

The Prayer of St. Francis focuses on the complexity of life (good vs. evil) and how Christians must side with virtue and goodness. In other words, this prayer charges us to confront the pestilent darkness around us with the light and grace of our Lord who is our “Divine Master.” The prayer implores that justice be done in the world not by heavy-handed forcefulness but by humble acts of service. It is the ultimate “Franciscan” Prayer.

St. Francis was perhaps the poorest of spirits, meekest of men, the most humble of our Brothers who walked the earth. He embraced the cross. A man of deep prayer. He lifted up the poor from their lowly stature and changed the focus of the entire Universal Church in doing so. He was a Saint who reformed the Church, mostly by example. Couldn't we follow his lead just a bit and achieve a kinder, nobler world?

My favorite story of St. Francis is when he hugged the leper. Now, I haven't hugged any lepers lately, but people wounded by life... absolutely! And this gesture of affection and care is meaningful. It connects us with the human condition; it demonstrates love on some level.

Think more about the St. Francis Prayer, each quality that is “a good” in this prayer can be symbolized by a loving embrace, like a hug: LOVE PARDON FAITH HOPE LIGHT JOY  
CONSOLATION UNDERSTANDING. I ask you what human action universally communicates the spirit of the St. Francis Prayer and the sense of mercy and love more than a hug? Hugging to console, to say you're sorry, to share joy or laughter, to communicate to someone that you care about them and that you empathize, sympathize and understand.

And so, find the time to pray the St. Francis prayer and give someone who needs it a hug... even if that someone is you.

**More to come...**

*God bless and have a good week everyone!*

*Fr. David*

## Fr. David's Liturgical Schedule

### Sunday, January 24

7:15-7:45 am	Confessions (HF)
8:00 am	Mass (HF)
10:00 am	Mass (SJ)
After Mass	Pro-Life Holy Hour (SJ)

### Tuesday, January 26

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

### Wednesday, January 27

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

### Saturday, January 30

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

### Sunday, January 31

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

(HF)-Holy Family • (SJ)-Saint James



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Donations are being collected from our parishes and forwarded to St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic School in International Falls. Thank you for your generosity.

**Marriage Encounter Weekend**

2020 has been incredibly difficult on all of us and marriages have suffered! Commit to 2021 being the year you to find enrichment, joy, and hope in your relationship! Register for the February 13-14 Marriage Encounter. Weekends are held at Mt Olivet Conference and Retreat Center in Farmington. Visit [www.marriages.org](http://www.marriages.org) for additional information or call 651.454.3238.



**Latin America Collection**



Support the Collection for the Church in Latin America

This weekend we take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America! Many people in Latin America and the Caribbean do not have access to Church programs and ministries because of a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers. Your generosity makes it possible for our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean to share in the life of the Church and grow closer to Christ. Please be generous to the special collection! To learn more, please visit [www.usccb.org/latin-america](http://www.usccb.org/latin-america).

**Hurting after abortion?** You are not alone. The Duluth Diocese is here to help you heal through our post abortion ministry, *Project Rachel*. This ministry offers a confidential helpline for you to speak with someone about your experience. A person willing to listen who has been specially trained to help you sort through unresolved feelings and conflict is just a confidential call away at 218-421-7110. Move beyond the pain, call today.

**January 24, 2021**

Sun: Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [4a]/  
1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20

Mon: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc,  
2 [Mk 16:15]/Mk 16:15-18

Tues: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3,  
7-8a, 10 [3]/Mk 3:31-35

Wed: Heb 10:11-18/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/  
Mk 4:1-20

Thurs: Heb 10:19-25/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/  
Mk 4:21-25

Fri: Heb 10:32-39/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24,  
39-40 [39a]/Mk 4:26-34

Sat: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72,  
73-75 [cf. 68]/Mk 4:35-41

Next Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7,  
7-9 [8]/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28

Next Sunday: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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**Stewardship Report**



**Through  
January 10, 2021**  
(Fiscal Year: July 1, 2020-  
June 30, 2021)  
**St. James •**

Attendance .....	209
Weekly Goal .....	\$5,020
Received 1/10/2021 .....	\$4,467
Fiscal Year to date goal.....	\$140,565
Fiscal Year to date received .....	\$155,921

**Holy Family •**

Attendance .....	50
Weekly Goal .....	\$1,410
Received 1/10/2021 .....	\$1,137
Fiscal Year to date goal.....	\$39,469
Fiscal Year to date received .....	\$40,816

**Our Lady of Fatima•**

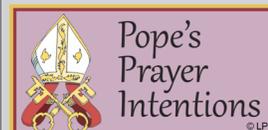
Attendance .....	No Mass
Weekly Goal .....	\$127
Fiscal Year to date goal.....	\$3,548
Fiscal Year to date received .....	\$3,734

**Thank you for your contributions!**

**For January: Intention for Evangelization**

**Human Fraternity**

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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**Gospel Meditation  
for January 24, 2021  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in  
Ordinary Time**

It was a normal day  
by all accounts, but  
John just wasn't

feeling himself. He was a little lightheaded and out of sorts. Later in the afternoon, he experienced a sharp pain in his chest and arm. Quick thinking and action brought John to the emergency department with a diagnosis of a significant heart attack. Surviving this ordeal, he found himself face to face with his cardiologist, having an honest conversation about things that needed to change. "I came close to death," John found himself thinking. Then came the remorse. He was a young man with a loving wife and children who were very close to facing life without him. John found himself with intense sorrow for living an unchecked and self-indulgent life that almost brought him to his demise. He wanted to change.

We all have our wake-up calls. We have experiences and encounters that force us to really think twice about choices we have made and directions we have taken. Often, we find ourselves looking at those we have hurt square in the eye and wallowing in our foolishness. We regrettably realize that we have allowed our needs to lure us into making some cruel mistakes. We impulsively say things and flippantly do things that reveal our unredeemed and unhealed self. It is a self we stumble over and try to tame but can't quite seem to master and control. Help!

We spin our wheels, naively thinking that we will somehow, perhaps through persistence, get ourselves unstuck. But, we don't. We just get out of the car, feeling very helpless, and ignorantly look at the mess we got ourselves into. Did we ever think to ask someone for help? Or, taken the advice of One who is wiser and avoid this route altogether? "Come after me," are words that Jesus says to all of us. In order to heed his invitation, we must leave our ego-self behind and follow.

When we really see and understand the freedom, peace, justice, and love he offers, we find ourselves with such sorrow in our hearts for how foolish and silly we have been. All the misguided choices and sinful actions come full view and we see how risky our random impassioned behaviors really have been. Repentance is beautiful. When done with a sincere and contrite heart, it directs us to the glory that can be ours, ignites us with the challenge of living a life in service of others and reminds us that all is well.

**St. James**

299 Red Oak Drive, Aitkin



Welcome to our Faith  
Community!  
Marjorie Helmin,  
daughter of Stanley  
and Cierra, who was

baptized on January 17, 2021.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

**Unborn Child & Spiritual Adoption Program**

Forty-eight years ago (Jan. 1973), a Supreme Court Decision (Roe v. Wade) was rendered which legalized abortion throughout the entire nine months of pregnancy. The Cuyuna Range Knights of Columbus are going to remember "those children who were not born", they too are a work of God's hands and need to be remembered.

Additionally, the Knights of Columbus will be asking parishioners to renew their commitment to the "Spiritual Adoption Program" - prayers to spare the lives of unborn babies in danger of abortion. Spiritual Adoption Prayer cards for the unborn (who are in danger of being aborted) are available.

**Holy Family**

2 S Maddy Street, McGregor

**McGregor Area Clothing Closet**

After being closed the month of December, McGregor Area Clothing Closet (MACC) is opening up again in January. February is Holy



Family's month to staff the store. Masks are required and, to allow for social distancing, only 2 customers will be allowed in the store at a time. Hand Sanitizer and Wipes are available. The store is open Tuesdays and Saturdays - 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Please give Ramona Hooper a call, 218-426-3344, to volunteer.

**Adoration / Holy Hour / Benediction**

Thursdays between 9:30 am and 6 pm  
with benediction at 5:50 pm.

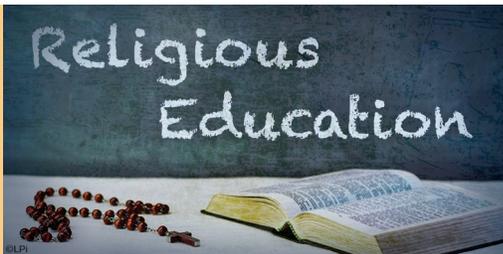
***Our Lady of Fatima***

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 31, 2021 at 10 am  
Sunday, February 7, 2021 at 10 am  
Sunday, February 14, 2021 at 10 am



### Little Gobblers

Wednesday, Jan. 27th Little Gobblers Religious Education will be meeting in person. We will continue meeting in person until otherwise noted. We will also be following the schedule and format from the fall. K-3 will meet with their families in the Social Hall, 4-6 will meet in the Big Classroom. Class begins at 5:15 and will conclude at 6:00.

Thank you in advance for washing hands, wearing masks and practicing social distancing. By using these precautions, we will be able to continue to meet in person.

Home lessons will be available for pick up at Wednesday's class or after Wednesday's class for those choosing to use at home learning.

**Second Grade Students and families:** We will soon begin class for First Communion. Please watch your email/text for information about upcoming classes required for First Communion. Thank you.

Questions? Please contact Jen or Marie .

### CAGE Class Dates

**Sunday, February 7-After Mass**

(Mandatory Confirmation Prep for juniors and sponsors)

For Wednesday CAGE Night classes, students should arrive by 6:25 pm.

February 3      February 10



### Tuesday, January 26

8:30 am      Deacon Vern Anderson (SJ)

### Wednesday, January 27

8:30 am      Pauline Beumer (SJ)

### Thursday, January 28

8:30 am      Beverly Ferdelman (SJ)

### Friday, January 29

8:30 am      Michelle Magee (SJ)

### Saturday, January 30

5:00 pm      Judy Duerr (SJ)

### Sunday, January 31

8:00 am      For the Parishioners (HF)

10:00 am      Dodi Jones (OL)

10:00 am      Nic Justen (SJ)

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# This Week

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### Sunday, January 24

After Mass

Pro-Life Holy Hour (SJ)

### Wednesday, January 27

5:15 pm

Little Gobblers (SJ)

### Thursday, January 28

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)



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## Liturgical Ministers

### Saturday, January 30 at 5:00 pm (SJ)

Sacristan/Server..... Terry Stein  
Lector..... Dolores Wickham  
EOMs ..... (MOB) Bernie Novak, Jan Burt  
Ushers ..... Brian Carlson, Kevin Hoge, 2 volunteers

### Sunday, January 31 at 8:00 am (HF)

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

### Sunday, January 31 at 10:00 am (OL)

..... Volunteers needed.

### Sunday, January 31 at 10:00 am (SJ)

Sacristan ..... Deacon Mike Eisenbraun  
Server ..... Jeremy Justen  
Lector..... Pauline Anderson  
EOMs ..... (MOB) Tim Anderson, Laura Eisenbraun  
Ushers ..... Hugh Janzen, Carroll Janzen  
..... Tom Lundberg, Kirk Peysar

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