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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Carol Wiherski (SJ)..... 218-927-6880
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Online opportunities
St. James: *www.aitkincatholic.org*
Connect to St. James Church via Facebook

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

Pray the Rosary
SJ—Sat. 4:25 pm/Sun. 9:25 am/
Tues—Fri-8:05 am
HF—Sundays 7:30 am
OLOF—Sundays 9:30 am

Bulletin Submissions
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)

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)

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
FEBRUARY 14, 2021

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

CLEANSED

He said to him, "See that you tell no one anything, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them." - Mk 1:44

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

Fr. David's Liturgical Schedule

Wednesday, February 17

9:00 am	Mass (HF)
6:00 pm	Mass (SJ)

Thursday, February 18

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

Friday, February 19

8:00 am	Angelus (SJ)
8:05 am	Rosary (SJ)
8:30 am	Mass, Exposition, Stations, Benediction (SJ)

Saturday, February 20

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

Sunday, February 21

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

(HF)-Holy Family • (SJ)-Saint James

Ash Wednesday Mass Times

Wednesday, February 17, 2021

9 a.m. Holy Family, McGregor
10 a.m. Our Lady of Fatima, McGrath
6 p.m. St. James, Aitkin

Penitential Disciplines of Lent

In addition to choosing their own penitential practices, Catholics are also asked to observe the practices of **fast and abstinence during the 40 days of Lent**. The Lenten Fast and Abstinence Regulations are as follows:

1. Everyone 14 years of age or over is bound to **abstain from meat** on **Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.**

2. Everyone 18 years of age and under 59 years of age is bound to **fast** on **Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.** (The obligation of fasting ceases with the celebration of one's 59th birthday.)

3. On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, only **one full meatless meal is allowed**. Two other smaller meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted on these two days, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.

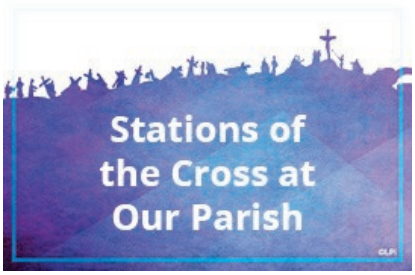
Lenten Opportunities

- ***I Thirst, 40 days with Mother Teresa*** Let the Holy Spirit lead this Lent, a book from Augustine Institute. "This ***guided meditation*** on Scripture and the teaching of Mother Teresa will lead those who read it into the heart of the mystery of God's thirst for souls, and how man can meet the Lord's thirst." (This book is available at your parish.)

- **5 minutes with the Word Lent 2021,** a booklet from Word Among Us. Spend a few minutes each day to pray and ***read the daily reflection*** inside this booklet. "Let Jesus speak to you through his word. Let the reflection remind you of Jesus' love and his sacrifice on the cross for you and for all your loved ones." (This booklet is available at your parish.)

- **Best Lent Ever,** a free daily Lent experience from Dynamic Catholic. Sign up at www.dynamiccatholic.com. **It's not What you give up, It's who you become.**

When you give up chocolate for 40 days, you lose a pound or two. When you learn how to pray and develop a daily habit of conversation with God…your whole life changes and, in fact, the person you are changes! Join Matthew Kelly on a 40-day journey through his new book *I Heard God Laugh: A Practical Guide to Life's Essential Daily Habit.*
(This book is available at your parish.)



Wednesdays 6:00 pm at St. James

Thursdays 5:15 pm at Holy Family

Fridays 9:00 am at St. James
Stations of the Cross and Benediction

All Parish News

Prayer REQUESTS

Please continue to pray for Fr. Paul Fruth in his recovery. If you would like to send a personal note, please mail it to:

Good Samaritan Society-Pine River
Room 332
518 Jefferson Ave
Pine River, MN 56474

Support the Black and Indian Mission Collection

Next week our parishes will take up the Black and Indian Mission Collection. This collection exists to help local African American and Native American Diocesan Communities throughout the United States spread the Good News of Jesus Christ and respond to real and pressing needs on the ground. Your financial support enables them to help form children in the faith, educate young people, and build hope-a hope often so hard to find in the areas their missionaries serve.

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www.mcgregorcatholichchurch.org

Other sites for more information:
Diocese of Duluth: *www.dioceseduluth.org*
Dynamic Catholic: *dynamiccatholic.com*

Lenten Day of Centering Prayer—February 24, 2021

Join us for the practice of Centering Prayer and praying with Lectio Divina. We are invited to become still before the Indwelling Presence of God and explore the Mysteries of Lenten Scripture. Wednesday, Feb 24, 2021, 9 am to 3 pm, at Christ the King Retreat Center, Buffalo, MN. Suggested offering $40 per person, includes lunch. Call 763-682-1394 or register online at www.kingshouse.com.

Prayer of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen
-St. Alphonsus de Liguori

Readings of the Week

February 14, 2021

Sun: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [7]/ 1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45
Mon: Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21 [14a]/Mk 8:11-13
Tues: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 29:1a and 2, 3ac-4, 3b and 9c-10 [11b]/Mk 8:14-21
Wed: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17 [cf. 3a]/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/ Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thurs: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a]/Lk 9:22-25
Fri: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19 [19b]/ Mt 9:14-15
Sat: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [11ab]/ Lk 5:27-32
Next Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 10]/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15
Next Sunday: 1st Sunday of Lent

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Stewardship Report

Through January 31, 2021
(Fiscal Year: July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021)

St. James •

Attendance	198
Weekly Goal	$5,020
Received 1/31/2021	$4,557
Fiscal Year to date goal	$155,626
Fiscal Year to date received	$171,311

Holy Family •

Attendance	51
Weekly Goal	$1,410
Received 1/31/2021	$535
Fiscal Year to date goal	$43,698
Fiscal Year to date received	$44,419

Our Lady of Fatima•

Attendance	13
Weekly Goal.	$127
Received 1/31/2021	$110
Fiscal Year to date goal	$3,929
Fiscal Year to date received	$4,210

Thank you for your contributions!

St. James
299 Red Oak Drive, Aitkin

Dynamic Catholic Journals

There will be a limited number of Dynamic Catholic Journals available at the Ash Wednesday Mass to aide you during your "Best Lent Ever" Lenten Journey.

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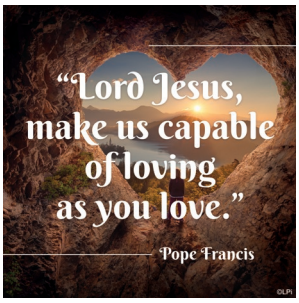
Be Bold. Be Catholic.



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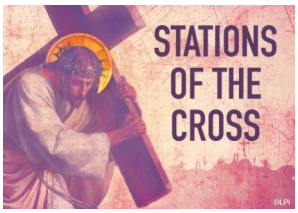
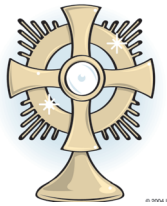
Holy Family
2 S Maddy Street, McGregor

Adoration / Holy Hour / Stations of the Cross / Benediction



Thursdays during Lent

Adoration 9:30 am-5:15 pm
Stations of the Cross 5:15 pm
Benediction 5:50 pm

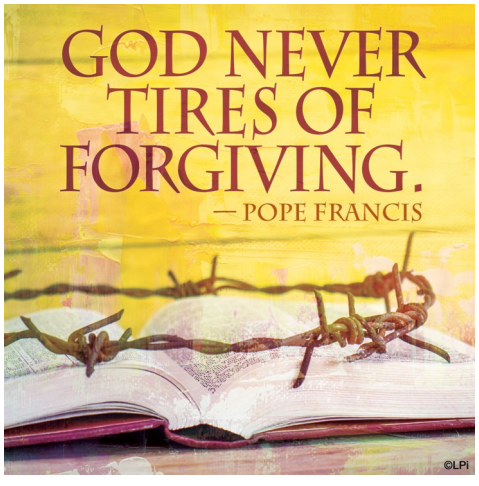


February Prayer Chain

There is an updated February Prayer Chain List available in the Narthex. Please feel free to take one. There is a beautiful "Healing Prayer" that is part of that list. Please look it over and, if you have added anyone that could now be taken off, or, if you have anyone you would like added, please let Shirley Scollard know, 218-426-3527. I would like to keep it current. Thank you and God Bless.

McGregor Area Clothing Closet

After being closed the month of December, McGregor Area Clothing Closet (MACC) is open. 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.



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.
Ash Wednesday, February 17, 2021 at 10 am
Sunday, February 21, 2021 at 10 am
Sunday, February 28, 2021 at 10 am

Religious Education

Little Gobblers

The next Little Gobbler Religious Education will be February 24th beginning at 5:15 pm. K-3 will meet in the Social Hall with parents and 4-6 will meet in the large classroom.

If you have not already done so, please pick up your home packets for February. There is a lot of good information to take home to discuss with your kids this month. As a bonus, there is information about activities and ideas for the Lenten season that families can do together.

If you have any questions, please contact Jen or Marie.

CAGE Class Dates

February 17—Mass for Ash Wednesday at 6:00 pm followed by class.
For Wednesday CAGE Night classes, students should arrive by 6:25 pm. Please note Stations of the Cross starts at 6 pm. Everyone is encouraged to attend.
February 24
March 3

Sunday, March 7-After Mass
(Mandatory Confirmation Prep for juniors and sponsors)

Mass Intentions

Wednesday, February 17
9:00 am — Felicia Forder (HF)
10:00 am — Ronald Miller (OL)
6:00 pm — For the Parishioners (SJ)

Thursday, February 18
8:30 am — Albert and Renee Seguin
Mass of the Living (SJ)

Friday, February 19
8:30 am — Allen Franz (SJ)

Saturday, February 20
5:00 pm — For the Parishioners (SJ)

Sunday, February 21
8:00 am — Walt Scollard
Mass of the Living (HF)
10:00 am — Jack Schreiber (OL)
10:00 am — Larry Daml (SJ)

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This Week

Tuesday, February 16
6:30 am — That Man is You (SJ)

Ash Wednesday, February 17
6:30 pm — CAGE night (SJ)

Thursday, February 18
7:30 am — Rosary (SJ)
9:00 am to 8:00 pm — Adoration (SJ)
9:30 am to 5:15 pm — Adoration (HF)
5:15 pm — Stations of the Cross (HF)
5:50 pm — Benediction (HF)

Friday, February 19
After 8:30 am Mass — Exposition, Stations of the Cross, Benediction (SJ)

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Liturgical Ministers

Ash Wednesday, February 17 at 9:00 am (HF)
..... Please see the green binder in narthex.

Ash Wednesday, February 17 at 10:00 am (OL)
..... Volunteers needed.

Ash Wednesday, February 17 at 6:00 pm (SJ)
Sacristan..... Deacon Mike Eisenbraun
Server ..... Jerome Joerger
Lector..... CAGE Students
EOMs .....(MOB) Laura Eisenbraun, Adam James
Ushers ..... Russ and Ellie Hoppe, Landon and Jeremy Janzen

Saturday, February 20 at 5:00 pm (SJ)
Sacristan/Server..... Pat O'Connor
Lector..... Carol Wiherski
EOMs .....(MOB) Jodie and Tom Provost
Ushers .....Gary Newman, John Pierson, two volunteers

Sunday, February 21 at 8:00 am (HF)
..... Please see the green binder in narthex.

Sunday, February 21 at 10:00 am (OL)
..... Volunteers needed.

Sunday, February 21 at 10:00 am (SJ)
Sacristan .....Adam James
Servers ..... Ella and Noah Janzen
Lector..... Francis Dierickx
EOMs .....(MOB) Laura Eisenbraun, Marie James
Ushers .....John Appel, Kirk Peysar
.....Betty and Harlan Ninow

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