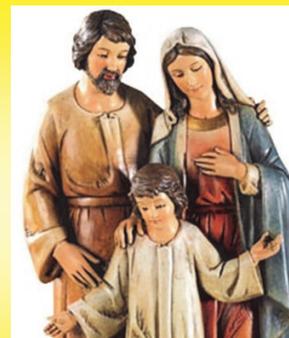




St. James Church
299 Red Oak Dr. Aitkin

*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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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

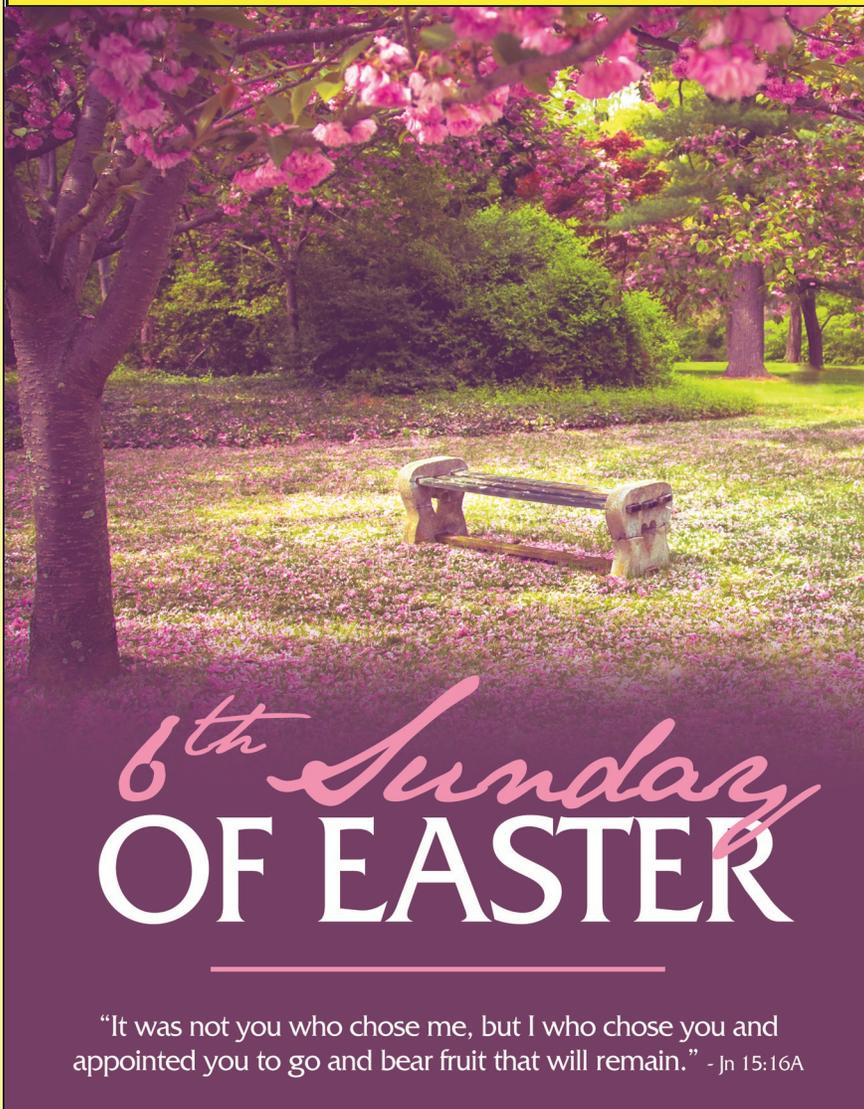
Weekend:

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 OF EASTER
MAY 9, 2021



“It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain.” - Jn 15:16A

A Message from Father David

Simpler times escape us. It's not easy to watch this unfold. Try to set up your cable so you can watch the Twins play. It used to be that Dish and Direct both had it, then one of them didn't, then neither did, then Disney owned it and then they sold it, now somebody has it but for how long and how expensive will it be for you to watch. You could spend half a paycheck every month on all the TV possibilities. Commercial television used to pay for our convenience of watching NBC, CBS, ABC (NOT PBS). Now you watch any basic cable service and not only are you paying for the service but you have to watch commercials too. Frustrating... yes. The irony is that with 100-800 channels you probably still only watch 4 channels and yet you are paying for the lot.

There was a simpler time when children would go to school to learn and socialize, (in Catholic Schools to pray) play sports and other activities. Not so simple anymore. First of all, the schools may not be open to all the students. Across the country now public schools are being infiltrated by political agendas of the most nefarious and perfidious kind. Teachers are being asked to propagate agendas that are against what God has revealed to us through His Word (the Bible). Schools are shot up by students and others; human life in a school is not sacred. Teachers struggle to teach because the environment has changed so very much. It's difficult for them. Fewer and fewer people want to become teachers or stay as teachers. The best students and families home school and the best high school students leave their classmates to absorb college credits. Now the later point isn't necessarily bad but change is effected by those who care the most and in order to improve the school system you must have the best of the best working together.

Other examples abound, but just one more. Everyone used to go to Mass on Sunday (there was a time when there was not Mass on Saturday night); even people whose faith was weak attended Mass. People would dress up to come to Mass. Most every parishioner would financially support the Church. Socials were common after Mass and most people would stay to visit. There was one priest serving one parish (unless the parish was large), no satellite parishes. On Sunday most everything was closed, even shopping malls would be closed. This was so that people could go to Church and honor the commandment to "Keep the Lord's Day Holy." Now people are too busy for God. If attending the Holy Sacrifice is not planned for and it just happens if it fits in the schedule, then we go. Now this is not all people but the number is growing, as the faithful diminish in population. I know you have eyes to see.

Now the answer to this world which is no longer simple is (in my opinion):

- 1) Shut off the Electronics sometime
- 2) Pass on the truth you know to someone you love
- 3) Give time to God today

I will elaborate on these 3 points next week

More to come

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

Fr. David's Liturgical Schedule

Sunday, May 9

7:15-7:45 am	Confessions (HF)
8:00 am	Mass (HF)
10:00 am	Mass (SJ)
1:00 pm	Weitnauer Baptism (SJ)

Tuesday, May 11

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

Wednesday, May 12

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

Thursday, May 13

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

Friday, May 14

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

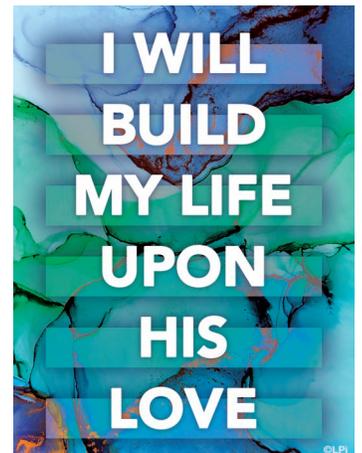
Saturday, May 15

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

Sunday, May 16

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

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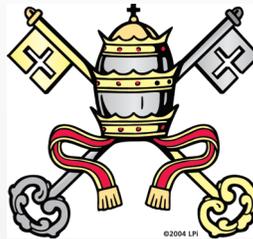
St. Vincent & The Grenadines Second Collection

The residents of our sister diocese, St. Vincent & The Grenadines, are in the midst of terrible volcanic eruptions, creating tragedy and instability for our brothers and sisters. Prime Minister Ralph Gonsalves reports: “The lives and livelihoods of our people have been terribly affected. We are in a dire situation, frankly.” 20,000 people have been evacuated and the humanitarian crisis will exist for a long time. Our diocesan administrator, Fr. James Bissonette, has spoken with Bishop County of the Diocese of St. Vincent who would appreciate any assistance we can offer. A second collection will be taken up the weekend of May 15/16th. Please be as generous as possible, so we can assist our brothers and sisters in this vulnerable area.



Pope’s Prayer Intentions For May

Universal Intention: The World of Finance
Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.



Ordination and installation set for the Cathedral

The ordination and installation of Bishop-elect Daniel Felton will take place at 11 a.m. May 20 at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Rosary in Duluth. The evening before, Vespers will be celebrated at the Cathedral at 5 p.m. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 restrictions, in-person attendance at these events is by invitation only. However, the ordination will be livestreamed by the Cathedral and available at www.diocesedulth.org. Bishop-elect Felton is also planning to celebrate Masses in each of the diocese’s five deaneries in the coming months to meet the faithful.



PRAYER FOR MOTHERS

Heavenly Father,
from the beginning you have chosen to entrust the human person to mothers in a special way. We thank and praise you for the gift of mothers; for their tenderness, care, and compassion, for their intuition and encouragement, for commitment and sacrifice.
Bless all mothers this day.
Keep, strengthen, and refresh them in your loving care.
May they be blessed by our open-hearted love and gratitude.
Amen.

May 9, 2021

- Sun: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 [cf. 2b]/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17
- Mon: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Jn 15:26–16:4a
- Tues: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [7c]/Jn 16:5-11
- Wed: Acts 17:15, 22–18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15
- Thurs: Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [cf. 2b]/Jn 16:16-20 Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20
- Fri: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [8]/Jn 15:9-17
- Sat: Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-10, 10 [8a]/Jn 16:23b-28

Next Sunday: Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20

Next Sunday: The Ascension of the Lord

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Stewardship Report



Through April 25, 2021

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

St. James •

Attendance.....	271
Weekly Goal	\$5,020
Received 4/25/2021.....	\$7,370
Fiscal Year to date goal.....	\$215,868
Fiscal Year to date received.....	\$248,814

Holy Family •

Attendance.....	84
Weekly Goal	\$1,410
Received 4/25/2021.....	\$1,716
Fiscal Year to date goal.....	\$60,613
Fiscal Year to date received.....	\$65,149

Our Lady of Fatima•

Attendance.....	24
Weekly Goal.....	\$127
Received 4/25/2021.....	\$631
Fiscal Year to date goal.....	\$5,449
Fiscal Year to date received.....	\$6,857

Thank you for your contributions!





**GOSPEL
MEDITATION
May 9, 2021**

“Remain in my love,” and, “I call you friends,” are powerful words that are

found in John’s Gospel. Most of us probably have them committed to memory or have at least heard them proclaimed dozens of times. They are words that can easily become trite and quickly glossed over without fully pondering and digesting their profound beauty. When we take the time to immerse ourselves in them, they can radically change our lives and our relationships. They can open up new doors of adventure and hold countless possibilities for meaning. The essence of love and friendship are things that can easily be taken for granted. They have always been there and are a significant part of our lives. Many would say that they could not live without love and friendship, and they put a great deal of care into preserving, deepening and sustaining them. Love and friendship share a mutual relationship with each other that deserves more reflection.

Where does love come from? We can consider relationships that have not succeeded and conclude that they were somehow due to our “failures in love.” In doing so, we assume that human beings are the ones responsible for love, its success and also its failure.

While our weakness, emotional composition and sinfulness can easily impact our ability to love, its origin is not human. God is love. God is love’s author and origin. When we love, it is God who loves in and through us. It is because of this divine closeness that Jesus is able to call us friends! It is not because of anything we have done but simply because of who we are. Realizing and contemplating this awesome reality becomes a game changer across the board. It gives us reason to clear the table of anything that can adversely affect the way we love so that we can open the door for its author to shine forth.

Coming upon this truth is what leads folks like St. Francis of Assisi to leave that which is comfortable and worldly and live a radical life. They relate with the love of God that radiates in and through all living things and appreciate their sacredness. It was having an intimate experience of God’s love and friendship that propelled

St. Francis and others to embrace simplicity, act nonviolently, pursue humility, love enemies, care for the earth and open up avenues for true justice.

Understanding this profound truth will also help us find peaceful solutions to world’s problems, restore relationships with our sisters and brothers, bring the grace of loving stewardship to creation and heal many wounds. Once we begin to see how wonderfully holy all of life really is, we discover joy. We lose our need for fear, develop a fierce fortitude, act prudently and seek justice. There is great power in love because it comes from God. It will never fail. It also enjoys the company of two other friends who are eager to become our friends as well: faith and hope. These are just as important to have and to share.

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St. James

299 Red Oak Drive, Aitkin

St. James Food Shelf

- May 8/9 Food Share Weekend
- May 15/16 Ensure, juice, coffee
- May 22/23 Personal care items, toothpaste, shampoo, soap, toilet paper

Thanks for all you do to help those in need.



Rosary for Respect for Life & Children

On Thursday mornings from 7:30-7:50 a.m. a Rosary is prayed for the sanctity of life and youth of our community. Everyone is welcome to join in prayer before the start of our busy days.

Volunteer Opportunity!!

There is currently an opening for someone to sign-up to pray at Adoration on the Second Thursday of each month from 2:00-3:00pm. There is also need for volunteers willing to serve as substitutes. Please contact the office if you would like to volunteer.



Holy Family

2 S Maddy Street, McGregor



Congratulations

- Hope Grace Leo Henry
- Lacey May Henry
- Brynn Leigh Henry

who were baptized at Holy Family on May 1st.

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.



Our Lady of Fatima

102 S Highway 65 McGrath

The Rosary will be prayed half hour before Mass.

Please note this schedule is subject to change due to Fr. Solors’ availability.

- Sunday, May 16, 2021 at 10 am
- Sunday, May 23, 2021 at 10 am

Our Lady of Fatima Feast day is May 13th.



Religious Education

Little Gobblers

Little Gobblers Religious Education in-person classes have ended for the year. Home packets are available for the month of May and can be found on the table in the Gathering Space. Thank you for a good year with Religious Education! Look for information about summer opportunities coming soon to this bulletin column.

Jen and Marie

CAGE Class Dates

Sunday, May 9 After Mass (today)

(Mandatory Confirmation Prep for juniors and sponsors)

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

May 12

Confirmation at St. James will be on May 19th at 6:30 pm.

This Week

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Sunday, May 9

After Mass

Confirmation Prep (SJ)

Tuesday, May 11

Noon—3:00 pm

Food Shelf Hours (SJ)

Wednesday, May 12

6:30 pm

CAGE night (SJ)

Thursday, May 13

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)

“I remember my mother’s prayers and they have always followed me. They have clung to me all my life.”

Abraham Lincoln

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Mass INTENTIONS

Tuesday, May 11

8:30 am lone Vogel (SJ)

Wednesday, May 12

8:30 am Fran Dreher (SJ)

Thursday, May 13

8:30 am Ed Spiel (SJ)

Friday, May 14

8:30 am Shirley and Ray Johnson (SJ)

Saturday, May 15

5:00 pm For the Parishioners (SJ)

Sunday, May 16

8:00 am Roger Cunnien (HF)

10:00 am Fran Splittstoser (OL)

10:00 am Brad Irwin (SJ)

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Liturgical Ministers

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Saturday, May 15 at 5:00 pm (SJ)

Sacristan/Server..... Terry Stein
Lector..... James Peterson
EOMs (MOB) Fran Kohanek, Mary-Jo Newman
Ushers Gary Newman, John Pierson, two volunteers

Sunday, May 16 at 8:00 am (HF)

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

Sunday, May 16 at 10:00 am (OL)

..... Volunteers needed.

Sunday, May 16 at 10:00 am (SJ)

Sacristan Adam James
Server Jerome Joerger
Lector..... Steve Kinzer
EOMs (MOB) Laura Eisenbraun, Bernie Novak
Ushers Harlan and Betty Ninow, two volunteers

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