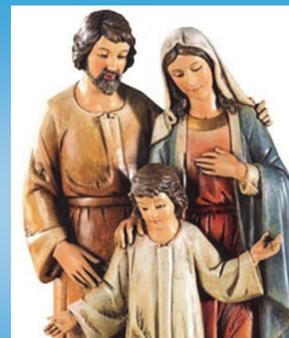




St. James Church  
299 Red Oak Dr. Aitkin

# Welcome to the Parishes of St. James and Holy Family Catholic Churches And Our Lady of Fatima Chapel



Holy Family Church  
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#### St. James

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### Online opportunities

St. James: [www.aitkincatholic.org](http://www.aitkincatholic.org)  
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 7:30 am  
OLOF—Sundays 9:30 am

### Bulletin Submissions

218-927-6581 or [bulletin@aitkincatholic.org](mailto:bulletin@aitkincatholic.org)

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[www.parishesonline.com](http://www.parishesonline.com)  
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### Mass Schedule

#### Weekday:

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

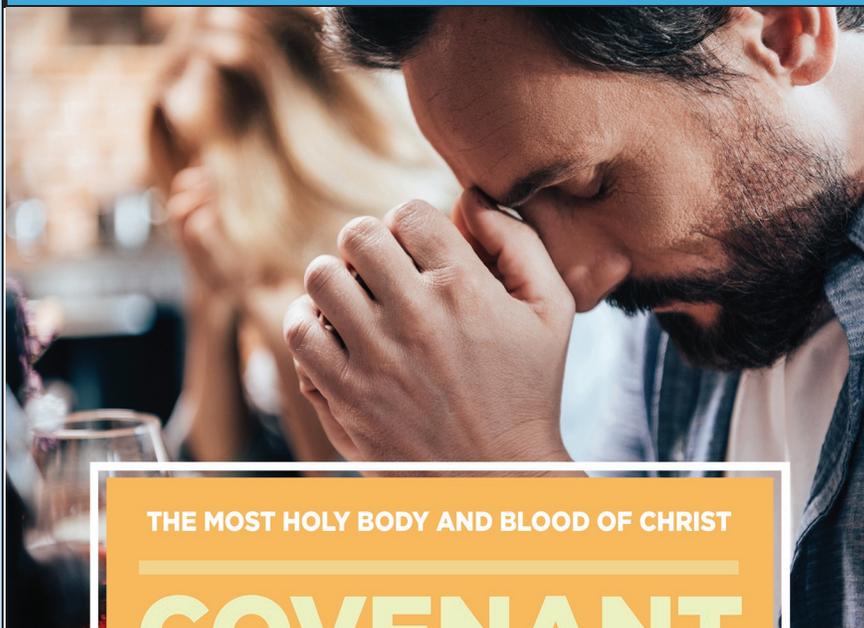
#### Weekend:

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 MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST  
JUNE 6, 2021



THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

# COVENANT

He said to them, "This is  
my blood of the covenant,  
which will be shed for  
many." - Mk 14:24

## A Message from Father David

Why bring someone to the Church or back to the Church they have left? All Churches are troubled in some way and we have had our share of trouble this last century and a half. Our biggest trouble is a lack of faith and many losing the faith on account of the world, the flesh and the devil. In some respects these factors seem to be insurmountable forces and I feel their power (as do you). The world's greatest victory is certainly the scourge of the innocence. Not just by the ravages of abortion but through human trafficking and children being sold into slavery and child abuse, both at home and around the world. The flesh is being conquered by an attack against the family unit, marriages destroyed by divorce and infidelity, drug use, crimes of man against man and finally war or human and political conflicts. The devil is sowing its seed against all of us. Our predominant faults are the constant playground he lurks in and around. He doesn't want us to go to confession and many, many don't. The time we spend away from God is really evident when we consider what we spend our time on in our contemporary society. TV, video games and the constant barrage of that small device we can't seem to stop looking at and listening for, the idol with many faces and distractions... the cell phone. Sometimes I feel worse about if I miss a call, text or email than if I missed elements of my daily prayer. How many of us are addicted to something that grips our behavior away from the good? How many are mentally ill because of traumas in our life that require the healing touch of Jesus, not only or just by medication? How many don't know what the answer is and just continue to live in the abyss just gasping for air, searching for answers in the same dull and destructive ways? I have a pretty good idea. So do you.

The answer of course is the Way, the Truth and the Life.

And His name is Jesus.

*Now when I came to you, brothers, I did not come with any brilliance of oratory or wise argument to announce to you the mystery of God. I was resolved that the only knowledge I would have while I was with you was knowledge of Jesus and of him as the crucified Christ. I came among you in weakness, in fear and great trembling and what I spoke and proclaimed was not meant to convince by philosophical argument, but to demonstrate the convincing power of the Spirit, so that your faith should depend not on human wisdom but on the power of God. But still, to those who have reached maturity, we do talk of a wisdom, not, it is true, a philosophy of this age or of the rulers of this age, who will not last long now. It is of the mysterious wisdom of God that we talk, the wisdom that was hidden, which God predestined to be for our glory before the ages began. None of the rulers of the age recognized it; for if they had recognized it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory; but it is as scripture says: What no eye has seen and no ear has heard, what the mind of man cannot visualize; all that God has prepared for those who love him (1 Corinthians 2:1-9)*

We preach Christ Crucified that is with Jesus who has not only died to sin but has died for sinners. We do not submit to this age of destruction but to the MAN GOD who can destroy its way. Family, neighbors and friends may follow the destructive path but we can confront it and must confront them. Not with philosophical arguments and right reasons but with HIS POWER to save, with HIS WISDOM. Difficult, yes, but possible always. Because of the Holy Spirit and love.

Please re-read the scripture passage.

More to come...

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

## Fr. David's Liturgical Schedule

### Sunday, June 6

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

### Tuesday, June 8

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

### Wednesday, June 9

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

### Thursday, June 10

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

### Friday, June 11

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

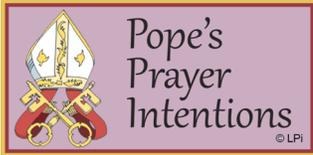
### Saturday, June 12

10:00 - 10:45 am	Confessions (SJ)
Noon	Marotz Baptism (HF)
4:00 - 4:45 pm	Confessions (SJ)
5:00 pm	Mass (SJ)

### Sunday, June 13

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

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**Pope's Prayer Intentions for June**  
*Intention for Evangelization:*  
*The Beauty of Marriage*

Let us pray for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community: may they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness and patience.

**Have you Registered?**

Do you receive the Duluth Diocese publication, *The Northern Cross*? If not, we probably don't have you listed as being registered. Please feel free to contact the office or check the website [aitkincatholic.org](http://aitkincatholic.org) for a registration form. Forms can be dropped off or mailed to the office or you may place them in the collection basket. Thanks and welcome!

**Electronic Giving**

To set up automatic direct giving, simply complete an authorization form (available for each parish) and return it to the all-parish office. If you have any questions, please call the office at 218-927-6581. Donations can be made automatically from checking or savings accounts.



**June 6, 2021**

- Sun: Ex 24:3-8/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18 [13]/Heb 9:11-15/Mk 14:12-16, 22-26
- Mon: 2 Cor 1:1-7/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [9]/Mt 5:1-12
- Tues: 2 Cor 1:18-22/Ps 119:129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 135 [135a]/Mt 5:13-16
- Wed: 2 Cor 3:4-11/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 8, 9 [cf. 9c]/Mt 5:17-19
- Thurs: 2 Cor 3:15-4:1, 3-6/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. 10b]/Mt 5:20-26
- Fri: Hos 11:1, 3-4, 8c-9/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [3]/Eph 3:8-12, 14-19/Jn 19:31-37
- Sat: 2 Cor 5:14-21/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8a]/Lk 2:41-51
- Next Sunday: Ez 17:22-24/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 [cf. 2a]/2 Cor 5:6-10/Mk 4:26-34

Next Sunday: Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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**Stewardship Report**



**Through May 23, 2021**  
 (Fiscal Year: July 1, 2020- June 30, 2021)

**St. James •**

Attendance .....	309
Weekly Goal .....	\$5,020
Received 5/23/2021 .....	\$5,465
Fiscal Year to date goal.....	\$235,949
Fiscal Year to date received .....	\$269,456
UCA 2021 Assessment .....	\$54,410.44
UCA 2021 Pledged/Received .....	\$21,894.00

**Holy Family •**

Attendance .....	96
Weekly Goal .....	\$1,410
Received 5/23/2021 .....	\$1,718
Fiscal Year to date goal.....	\$66,252
Fiscal Year to date received .....	\$71,566
UCA 2021 Assessment .....	\$14,134.36
UCA 2021 Pledged/Received .....	\$4,719.00

**Our Lady of Fatima•**

Attendance .....	24
Weekly Goal .....	\$127
Received 5/23/2021 .....	\$190
Fiscal Year to date goal.....	\$5,956
Fiscal Year to date received .....	\$7,464
UCA 2021 Assessment .....	\$1,212.22
UCA 2021 Pledged/Received .....	\$547.41

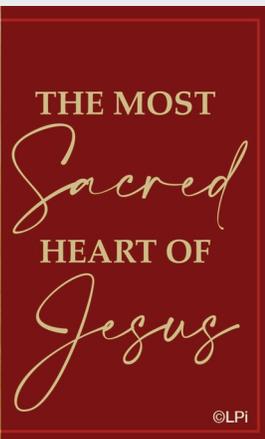
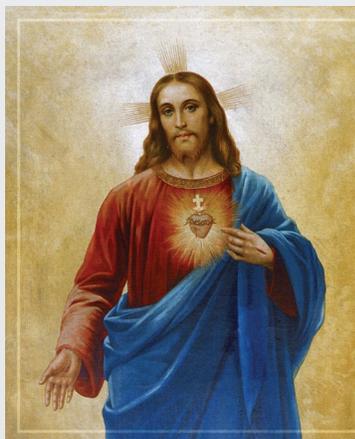
**Thank you for your contributions!**



**Corpus Christi Procession**

**June 6**

All are invited to join in a Eucharistic procession on the feast of Corpus Christi on June 6th. The procession will begin at St. Benedict Church in Duluth after the noon Mass and end at the Cathedral of Our Lady. There will be a bus leaving the Cathedral at 1:00 pm to transport participants to St. Benedict's. Don't miss this opportunity to give glory to our Eucharistic King in a very public way.



## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

As our world faces so much turmoil and change, it is now more important than ever to remember who God is, who we are and where we are going. It is easy to get distracted and lose focus, especially when we are being pulled in so many directions. We can not only lose sight of God but one another. Maintaining our well developed and mature relationships with God and one another is essential to continuing to live, healthy, happy, and focused lives. In a message to young people, Pope Benedict XVI said, "the happiness you are seeking, the happiness you have a right to enjoy has a name and a face: it is Jesus of Nazareth, hidden in the Eucharist." What is true for those who are younger is even truer for those who are older. Regardless of how the particulars of life change over time, human beings are still hard-wired to seek the fullness of life and happiness. How we embark on this journey and what we choose along the way will indicate whether we meet success.

There is so much brokenness and pain in our world.

Many people are lost, feeling lonely, anxious, marginalized, victimized, isolated, oppressed, and abused. Every time we receive the Body of Christ, we have an opportunity to become what we eat. The power and presence of Christ in the Eucharist becomes present in us and effects change in ourselves and in the lives of those we meet. We are given the grace to become temples of justice and peace, carrying God's sacred Presence within us wherever we go. Our faith community is ignited with the fire of God's love and stands out as a beacon of hope in a world that is lost.

This is the only way we can discover peace-filled resolutions to violence and create innovative solutions to what is fueling its need in the first place. True happiness, for the young and old alike, becomes an obtainable goal.

St. John Maria Vianney says it so well. "There is nothing so great as the Eucharist. If God had something more precious, he would have given it to us." Only the

Eucharist has the ability to connect, sustain, strengthen, and properly orient us, not only on the road of this life but the road to life eternal. Knowing this, when life gets challenging, unsettling, and difficult, we can rely on and cling to this gift we have in the Real Presence of Christ. This actual encounter with God celebrates God's unconditional love for us and grounds us to the truth of who we are in a way nothing else is able to do. Because

through the Eucharist we really do become the Body of Christ, we are also bonded together in a most perfect way to one another as that

Body. Nourished, united, and strengthened by the Eucharist, let us individually and collectively, bring this wonderful gift to all we meet, especially the poor with whom we have a special connection.



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## St. James

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### Attention Quilters

Come and join us for an organizational meeting on Wednesday, June 9th from 1–3 pm. New members welcome. Questions, call Pauline at 218-927-4373.

### St. James Food Shelf

June 12/13 Food Share Weekend  
June 19/20 Brownie & Cake mixes, Cookies, Frosting

**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.

### Finance Council Members Needed

In September there will be two open seats on the Finance Council. If you are a registered member of St. James and are interested in running for election or if you would like to nominate another parishioner, please contact the office or one of the following Finance Council members: Carol Hoge-218-549-3337, Pam Landgren 218-927-6294, Chad Larson 218-851-2423, Kirk Peysar 218-851-2453 or the office.

## Holy Family

2 S Maddy Street, McGregor

### The Chosen Series

You are invited to join Deacon Mike and Julie Barta as we host *The Chosen*, the hit series about Jesus and his disciples. This series will run 8 Thursday evenings – June 10<sup>th</sup> – July 29<sup>th</sup>. We will begin with episode 1 on Thursday, June 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:15pm in the social hall downstairs, with light discussion to follow. Each episode is about 45 minutes long. We love this series! We think you will too! There is no cost. Come for one, or come for all.

### Adoration / Holy Hour / Benediction

Anyone is welcome! Thursdays between 9:30 am and 6 pm, benediction 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

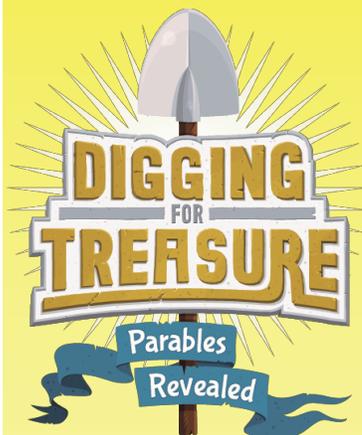
The Rosary will be prayed half hour before Mass. Please note this schedule is subject to change due to Fr. Solors' availability.

Sunday, June 13, 2021 at 10 am  
Sunday, June 20, 2021 at 10 am  
Sunday, June 27, 2021 at 10 am

## Religious Education

### SUMMER ACTIVITIES

Plans are being made to offer Vacation Bible School this summer. Unfortunately, we will not be offering Totus Tuus, but we are planning to offer a Religious Education experience for our students this summer. Please mark your calendars for evenings the week of July 11-15.



While we are still in the planning stages, we know we will need lots of adult and teen volunteers to help with the program. Are you available to assist? Let us know that you are willing and able to help and we will find a job for you and your availability! Let's make this a great week for our youth while we are "Digging for Treasure" this summer!

Thank you. Please contact Marie (218-839-0680), Jen (218-839-0344) or [elementary@aitkincatholic.org](mailto:elementary@aitkincatholic.org) for more information or to volunteer.

## This Week

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**Sunday, June 6**  
8:00 am First Communion Mass (HF)

**Tuesday, June 8**  
Noon—3 pm Food Shelf Hours (SJ)

**Wednesday, June 9**  
1:00—3:00 pm Quilters Meeting (SJ)

**Thursday, June 10**  
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)  
6:15 pm *The Chosen* series (HF)



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**Tuesday, June 8**  
8:30 am Tom Gravelle  
Mass of the Living (SJ)

**Wednesday, June 9**  
8:30 am Don Burt (SJ)

**Thursday, June 10**  
8:30 am Buddy McKinney (SJ)

**Friday, June 11**  
8:30 am Elaine Zappa (SJ)

**Saturday, June 12**  
5:00 pm Vern and Loretta Worms (SJ)

**Sunday, June 13**  
8:00 am Richard (Bud) Johnson (HF)  
10:00 am Jack Schreiber (OL)  
10:00 am For the parishioners (SJ)

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**Saturday, June 12 at 5:00 pm (SJ)**  
Sacristan/Server.....Bob Cummings  
Lector.....Jean Abeln  
EOMs ..... (MOB) Kathy and Tim Ryan  
.....(MOC) Chris and Brad McCusker  
Ushers ..... Kevin Hoge, Brian Carlson, 2 volunteers

**Sunday, June 13 at 8:00 am (HF)**  
..... Please see the green binder in narthex.

**Sunday, June 13 at 10:00 am (OL)**  
..... Volunteers needed.

**Sunday, June 13 at 10:00 am (SJ)**  
Sacristan ..... Hugh Janzen  
Server ..... Jerome Joerger  
Lector..... Francis Dierickx  
EOMs ..... (MOB) Shirley Gravelle, Jodie Johnson  
.....(MOC) Laura Eisenbraun, Bernie Novak  
Ushers ..... Dick Schaaf, Chad Larson  
..... Mark Ritter, volunteer

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