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

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

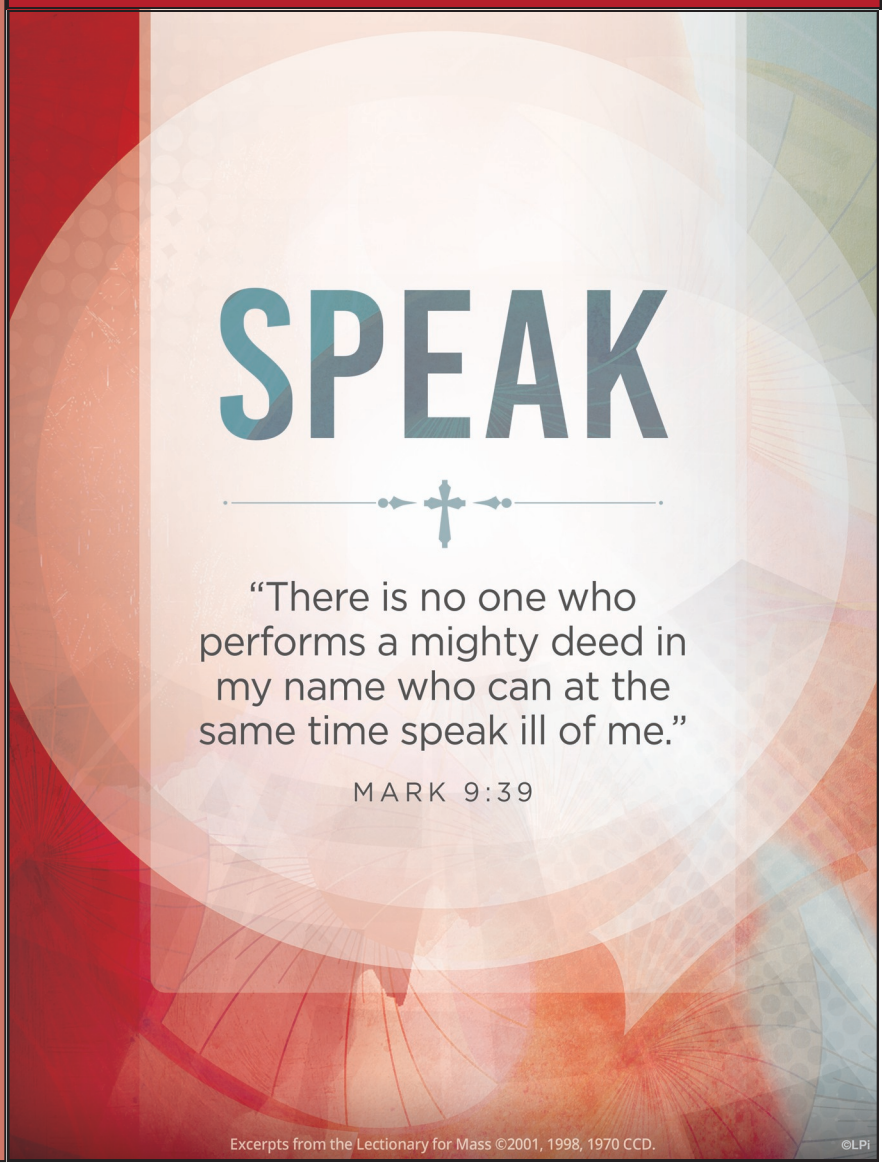
Pray the Rosary
SJ—Sat. 4:25 pm/Sun. 9:25 am/
Tues—Fri-8:05 am
HF—Sundays 7:30 am
OLOF—Sundays 9:30 am

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)

Twenty-Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time
September 26, 2021



A Message from Father David

St. James the Greater, the Apostle, the writer of the scriptural book James says:

What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister has nothing to wear and has no food for the day, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, keep warm, and eat well," but you do not give them the necessities of the body, what good is it? So also faith of itself, if it does not have works, is dead. Indeed someone may say, "You have faith and I have works." Demonstrate your faith to me without works, and I will demonstrate my faith to you from my works. (James 2:14-18)

Your spiritual life **is** dead if it is not connected to an active life of love and service. This I believe and more importantly St. James does. So it is vital to your spiritual (faith life) that you sustain an active life of works (love and service).

The first work you have is your vocation in life. The three Catholic vocations are 1) the Priesthood and religious life 2) the married state 3) the single state. Work hard at doing what you have been called to do by God. Refrain from sin, seek the Kingdom of God. Never take for granted the opportunity you have on a daily basis to sacrifice yourself for a spouse or family member, parish members or religious community and friends. This most difficult work is crucial to maintaining a healthy spiritual life.

The second is more of an even mix of works and faith. That is worship. Our principal worship is the mass and you can readily say that if a Catholic doesn't go to Church and attend Sunday Mass they are lacking in faith. I would also say that if they have fallen out of the practice of going to mass this "good work" of worship has expired (in all likelihood) through laziness, ambivalence through a lack of focus on the ultimate "Good" or by lack of understanding. These possible reasons turn into excuses that lead to the person saying things like "I pray in the woods;" "I feel closer to God in nature;" "I'm more spiritual than religious." Worship is the work of the people in praise and adoration of God and it is the most important thing we do before God.

The third is Parish activity. This work is a reflection of your faith and how you believe both in God and God's Church. Parish activity is a work for the good of the few and of the many; there are many opportunities. Everyone should be involved at the parish level, volunteering in some way or being a part of some organization that has an out-reach. Eucharistic Adoration; Altar Serving; Sacristan; lector; Minister of Holy Communion; Choir; Cantor; K of C member; CCW member; That Man is You; Bible Study; Religious Education Teacher or volunteer; Cleaning the Church and Sanctuary; Funeral help with lunches; Donut Sunday; Office Volunteer; Money counter; Visits to the sick and homebound.

I am sorry if I missed a few but these are most of the ways that you can raise up your voice and be active in the life of our Church. I will say more next week.

More to come...

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

Fr. David's Liturgical Schedule

Sunday, Sept 26	
7:15-7:45 am	Confessions (HF)
8:00 am	Mass (HF)
10:00 am	Mass (SJ)
Tuesday, Sept 28	
8:00 am	Angelus (SJ)
8:05 am	Rosary (SJ)
8:30 am	Mass (SJ)
Wednesday, Sept 29	
8:00 am	Angelus (SJ)
8:05 am	Rosary (SJ)
8:30 am	Mass (SJ)
Thursday, Sept 30	
8:00 am	Angelus (SJ)
8:05 am	Rosary (SJ)
8:30 am	Mass (SJ)
9:00 am	Exposition of Blessed Sacrament (SJ)
Friday, Oct 1	
8:00 am	Angelus (SJ)
8:05 am	Rosary (SJ)
8:30 am	Mass (SJ)
Saturday, Oct 2	
9:15/9:30 am	Rosary/Mass (SJ)
10:00 - 10:45 am	Confessions (SJ)
4:00 - 4:45 pm	Confessions (SJ)
5:00 pm	Mass (SJ)
Sunday, Oct 3	
7:15-7:45 am	Confessions (HF)
8:00 am	Mass (HF)
10:00 am	Mass (SJ)

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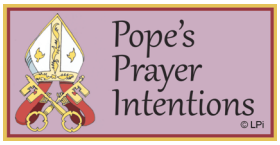
Pope's Prayer Intentions



For September: Universal Intention: An Environmentally Sustainable Lifestyle
We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.

For October: Intention for Evangelization: Missionary Disciples
We pray that every baptized person may be engaged in evangelization, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavor of the Gospel.

Priesthood Sunday, September 26, 2021

Priesthood Sunday seeks to reaffirm the priesthood of Jesus Christ and its central place in the life of the Church. This day also specifically honors priests, without whom the Holy Sacraments could not be conferred, for a single day out of the 365 days of the year during which they tirelessly serve their parishes. Celebrate and thank a priest today!

Prayer Chain How-To

If you would like to put someone on the prayer chain, please get permission from that person or from a family member. It is okay to ask someone if he/she would like prayers said for them. Call one of the coordinators listed on the front of the bulletin and she will get all the chains started. Prayers can be said for the sick, the dying, or for special needs.
Prayer is Powerful!

Jericho Prayer Walk for Freedom

Sunday, October 3rd—October 9, 2021, each evening at 5:30. Meet at the blue pole at the courthouse in Aitkin, MN. Please set aside one hour each day you plan to participate. We will walk around the courthouse and school each evening covering both with prayer.

POWERFUL PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle.
Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do Thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host - by the Divine Power of God - cast into hell, satan and all the evil spirits,who roam throughout the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

St. Michael's Feast Day is September 29

Call on this mighty warrior to help defend you in the struggle against evil.

Readings of the Week

September 26, 2021

Sun: Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 [9a]/ Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48
Mon: Zec 8:1-8/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23 [17]/Lk 9:46-50
Tues: Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 [Zec 8:23]/Lk 9:51-56
Wed: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/ Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5 [1]/Jn 1:47-51
Thurs: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [9ab]/Lk 10:1-12
Fri: Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9 [9]/ Lk 10:13-16
Sat: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Ps 69:33-35, 36-37 [34]/Mt 18:1-5, 10
Next Sunday: Gn 2:18-24/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [cf. 5]/Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

Next Sunday: Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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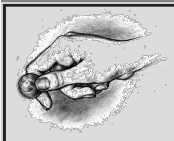
Stewardship Report



Through Sept 12, 2021
(Fiscal Year: July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022)

St. James •

Attendance	308
Weekly Goal	$5,635
Received 9/12/2021	$6,105
Fiscal Year to date goal	$61,987
Fiscal Year to date received	$73,671
UCA 2021 Assessment	$54,410.44
UCA 2021 Pledged/Received	$33,685.00

Holy Family •

Attendance	100
Weekly Goal	$1,523
Received 9/12/2021	$2,583
Fiscal Year to date goal	$16,754
Fiscal Year to date received	$25,484
UCA 2021 Assessment	$14,134.36
UCA 2021 Pledged/Received	$8,654.00

Our Lady of Fatima•

Attendance	21
Weekly Goal.	$156
Received 9/12/2021	$211
Fiscal Year to date goal	$1,713
Fiscal Year to date received	$2,106
UCA 2021 Assessment	$1,212.22
UCA 2021 Pledged/Received	$1,206.41

Thank you for your contributions!

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Upcoming Quilting Dates
Anyone interested in starting a new hobby? Come and join the quilters Wednesday, October 13th and October 27th from 1:00 to 3:00 pm as they enjoy fellowship while "doing for others" and make quilts. No special talent is necessary. All are welcome.

Knights of Columbus Meeting: Sept 28
The next KC Meeting will be held September 28th at St. Joseph's in Crosby beginning with the Rosary at 6:30 pm and meeting at 7:00 pm.

KC Pancake Breakfast
The St. James Knights of Columbus will host a pancake breakfast, Sunday, October 3rd, serving from 8:30 am—Noon. All welcome, free-will offering. Serving pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, juice, milk and coffee. Gluten-free option available. All proceeds go to support local charities.

Council of Catholic Women News

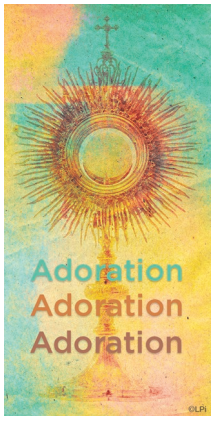
Did you miss the last CCW meeting? That's okay, you can still help. On October 11th at 11:00 am, help bake cookies in the kitchen at St. James. We will be baking and individually packaging the cookies to donate to the Community Meal at First Lutheran Church. Beginning the end of October, weekly help is needed to take care of the altar linens at St. James. Please contact the St James office or Betty Larson to volunteer or for more details. Thank you in advance for your assistance.

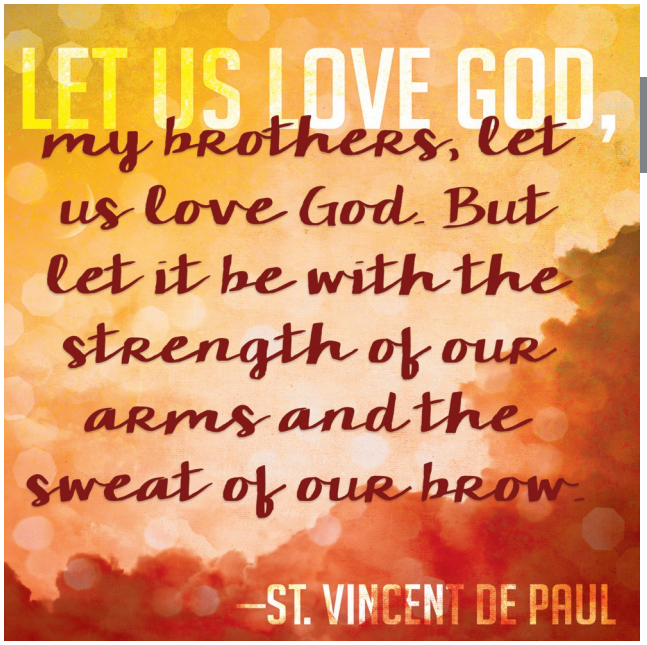
Holy Family
2 S Maddy Street, McGregor

Harvest Luncheon

You are invited to attend a Harvest Luncheon at Grace Lutheran Church, Tuesday, October 19, 2021. Registration starts at 11:30 a.m., lunch is at 12:00. Please RSVP by October 15th to Shirley Scollard (218-426-3527) so she can phone the reservations in to Grace. There is no charge for this luncheon.
Grace Lutheran is located at 48115 Lake Avenue, McGregor, just east of Sather's Store on Co Road 14.

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. If willing to be on a substitute list, 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, October 10, 2021 at 10 am
Sunday, October 17, 2021 at 10 am

Join us for Coffee & Treats after Mass.

Religious Education

Little Gobblers

We are very excited to begin the new year with Little Gobbler's Religious Education! Once again we will be using the Family Formation Program, which incorporates both student and parent education at our in-person sessions and home lessons for families each week.

We begin September 29th, from 5:15-6:30 pm. The registration form has been updated. Feel free to download and bring a copy with you on the 29th or fill out a form when you arrive. See you on the 29th!

CAGE Class Dates

CAGE classes begin on October 27th.

Mass INTENTIONS

Tuesday, September 28
8:30 am — Marion and Stanley Sticha (SJ)

Wednesday, September 29
8:30 am — Michelle Magee (SJ)

Thursday, September 30
8:30 am — Deacon Bill Stein
Mass of the Living (SJ)

Friday, October 1
8:30 am — Jim Schroeder (SJ)

Saturday, October 2
9:30 am — Ed Spiel (SJ)
5:00 pm — Peter Switala (SJ)

Sunday, October 3
8:00 am — For the Parishioners (HF)
10:00 am — Elaine Zappa (SJ)

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This Week

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Sunday, September 26
After 8:00 am Mass — Fellowship, Coffee and Treats (HF)
After 10:00 am Mass — Coffee and Treats (OL)

Monday, September 27
5:15 pm — Bible Study (SJ)

Tuesday, September 28
6:30 am — That Man is You (SJ)
Noon — 3 pm — Food Shelf Hours (SJ)
6:30/7:00 pm — KC Rosary/Meeting in Crosby

Wednesday, September 29
5:15 — 6:30 pm — Little Gobblers Religious Ed (SJ)

Thursday, September 30
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)

Saturday, October 2
9:15/9:30 pm — First Saturday Rosary/Mass (SJ)

Sunday, October 3
After 8:00 am Mass — Fellowship, Coffee and Treats (HF)
8:30 am — Noon — KC Pancake Breakfast (SJ)

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Saturday, October 2 at 5:00 pm (SJ)
Sacristan/Server ..... Pat O'Connor
Lector ..... LaVonne Anderson
EOMs ..... (MOB) Jan Burt, Dolores Wickham
Ushers ..... Gary Tibbitts, three volunteers

Sunday, October 3 at 8:00 am (HF)
..... Please see the green binder in narthex.

Sunday, October 3 at 10:00 am (SJ)
Sacristan ..... Terry Stein
Servers ..... Ella Janzen, Noah Janzen
Lector ..... Adam James
EOMs ..... (MOB) Tom Provost, Roger Stippel
Ushers ..... Mark Greninger, Duane Gross
..... Chad Larson, Frank Zappa

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