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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

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218-927-6581 or bulletin@aitkincatholic.org

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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)

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JULY 10, 2022



15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"A man fell victim to robbers as he went down from Jerusalem to Jericho. They stripped and beat him and went off leaving him half-dead. A priest happened to be going down that road, but when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side. But a Samaritan traveler who came upon him was moved with compassion at the sight." - Lk 10:30b-31, 33

A Message from Father David

So this is it, the last column. I've written down so many words through the years and yet probably not expressed enough theological gravitas for my readers. (Like I've never used the term "theological gravitas" before... see?) I mentioned before that in my columns I have penned more total words than what is contained in the entire Bible (I'm pretty proud of that).

And so I leave you with what defines my time here, and these are not my words but from a Priest named Jean-Baptiste Henri Lacordaire. He was a French ecclesiastic, preacher, journalist, theologian and political activist. He re-established the Dominican Order in post-Revolutionary France. Lacordaire was reputed to be the greatest pulpit orator of the nineteenth century. He lived from 1802-1861.

To live in the midst of the world with no desire for its pleasures; to be a member of every family, yet belonging to none; to share all sufferings; to penetrate all secrets, to heal all wounds; to daily go from men to God to offer Him their homage and petitions; to return from God to men to bring them His pardon and hope; to have a heart of fire for charity and a heart of bronze for chastity; to bless and to be blest forever. O God, what a life, and it is yours, O Priest of Jesus Christ! Amen.

Johnny Carson would have an illustration in between segments that always said "More to come." I'm sure you noticed that I would always end my bulletin column with this phrase. Today I don't close with this because there won't be "more to come." I end with something my Dad said at his father's funeral because my Grandpa had a hard time saying good bye. Grandpa Arthur Forsman was an orphan at an early age and didn't get to say goodbye when his Mom and Dad died and so I use these words as mine.

Until we meet again...

Fr. David



Fr. David's Liturgical Schedule

Sunday, July 10
10:00 am

Mass (SJ)

**There will not be daily Mass Tuesday-Thursday,
July 12-14, 2022.**

(HF)-Holy Family • (SJ)-Saint James

Fr. Mike's Liturgical Schedule

Friday, July 15

8:00 am

8:05 am

8:30 am

Angelus (SJ)

Rosary (SJ)

Mass (SJ)

Saturday, July 16

10:00 - 10:45 am

4:00 - 4:45 pm

5:00 pm

Confessions (SJ)

Confessions (SJ)

Mass (SJ)

Sunday, July 17

7:15-7:45 am

8:00 am

10:00 am

Confessions (HF)

Mass (HF)

Mass (SJ)



Keep Us in the Loop

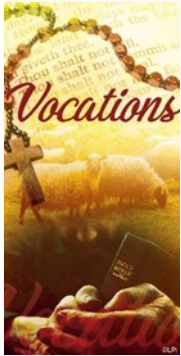
Have you switched totally from a land line to a cell phone? Remember to contact the church. If we need to contact you, even for reasons you might not think of, we have no way to without the number.

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.

Daily Prayers for Vocations

Duluth Diocesan Vocation Prayer

Almighty Father, we beg You for an increase in Religious vocations and holy marriages in our diocese. Help us to be generous to Your call. Choose from our homes those who are needed for Your work and strengthen us with the courage to say “yes” and to follow You. Help us as a diocese, as a parish, as families to encourage and foster vocations to the priesthood, permanent diaconate and consecrated life. We commend our prayers to our patroness, Mary, Queen of the Rosary, and ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

What Jesus Doesn't Say

“If Jesus wanted us to (fill in the blank), he would have said so.”

We hear this argument applied to every controversial topic under the sun — and even some not-so-controversial topics, too. Whenever someone is trying to make a case for a decision they have already made, they call in Jesus' scriptural silence on the matter as their expert, unimpeachable witness.

And sure, there's much Jesus doesn't talk about in the Gospels. But by this logic, we would have to assume that Jesus doesn't care, for instance, if we drive well over the speed limit (he doesn't discuss cars and highways in the Bible) or what we do online (he never mentions the Internet or websites at all!), when we know that certainly is just not the case.

Like the scholar of the Jewish law who challenges Jesus to define who exactly his “neighbor” is, we can argue semantics all we want. But if we rest in prayer and look deep into our hearts, we know what path we need to take, and it's usually not the easy one.

I find that I do this plenty in ways that are far more subtle. I lament that the situation facing me is not sufficiently “black and white.” I become frustrated by the shades of moral grey and toss up my hands, claiming I don't know what the right answer is, insisting that I can't be blamed for the ramifications of whatever decision I make.

What I need to be doing in these situations is asking God for His guidance, even if it makes me nervous. I need to be like the scholar. He was brave enough to ask, even though I think he knew he wouldn't particularly like the answer. Let's strive for that same courage.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPI

July 10, 2022

Sun: Dt 30:10-14/Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37 or Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [9])/ Col 1:15-20/Lk 10:25-37
Mon: Is 1:10-17/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/ Mt 10:34-11:1
Tues: Is 7:1-9/Ps 48:2-3a, 3b-4, 5-6, 7-8/ Mt 11:20-24
Wed: Is 10:5-7, 13b-16/Ps 94:5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 14-15/Mt 11:25-27
Thurs: Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19/Ps 102:13-14ab and 15, 16-18, 19-21/Mt 11:28-30
Fri: Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8/Is 38:10, 11, 12abcd, 16/Mt 12:1-8
Sat: Mi 2:1-5/Ps 10:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 14/ Mt 12:14-21
Next Sunday: Gn 18:1-10a/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 5 [1a]/ Col 1:24-28/Lk 10:38-42
Next Sunday: Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Stewardship Report



**Through
June 26, 2022**
(Fiscal Year: July 1, 2021-
June 30, 2022)

St. James •

Attendance	432
Weekly Goal	\$5,635
Received 6/26/2022	\$6,111
Fiscal Year to date goal	\$293,030
Fiscal Year to date received	\$329,859
UCA 2022 Assessment	\$56,149.01
UCA 2022 Received	\$23,681.56

Holy Family •

Attendance	135
Weekly Goal	\$1,523
Received 6/26/2022	\$1,590
Fiscal Year to date goal	\$79,200
Fiscal Year to date received	\$102,039
UCA 2022 Assessment	\$15,606.21
UCA 2022 Received	\$5,008.00

Our Lady of Fatima•

Attendance	25
Weekly Goal	\$156
Received 6/26/2022	\$411
Fiscal Year to date goal	\$8,100
Fiscal Year to date received	\$10,254
UCA 2022 Assessment	\$1,595.54
UCA 2022 Received	\$970.19

Thank you for your contributions!

GOSPEL MEDITATION

July 10, 2022
15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

We can learn a great deal from Mister Rogers. Remember him? He was the gentle soul who found his way into living rooms worldwide starting as far back as 1968. Mister Rogers' Neighborhood was a beloved program that celebrated and exalted people, especially children. He taught us that we are neighbors and that everyone has a place. Everyone matters. He had a vision, born of his relationship with God that highlighted every human life's innocence, beauty, and uniqueness. To that end, he called us to be responsible for each other, saying nothing different than what Jesus said. Viewers quickly learned that life is not just about me.

"We live in a world in which we need to share responsibility. It's easy to say, 'It's not my child, not my community, not my world, not my problem.' Then there are those who see the need and respond. I consider those people my heroes (Fred Rogers)." It is so easy to look the other way. After all, I'm not the one who needs to leave home out of fear and try to find somewhere safe. I am not the one who is hungry and without shelter or food. I am not the one who has a child being bullied or ridiculed because of the way they dress or act. I am not the one being threatened with violence or unable to find meaningful work. The distress and agony of our neighbors are our distress and agony. We cannot walk by it with an attitude of indifference, especially if we call ourselves believers. When we no longer care, we have suffocated our souls. This is a great sin.

God's law "is something very near to you, already in your mouths and in your hearts; you have only to carry it out." We all have a need for love and acceptance. That's why Mister Rogers' television show was so popular. It spoke to something deeper, something sacred about humanity. God didn't give us his law in a book. He wrote it on our hearts. We know what we need to do. It's a matter of choice. Love is sacred. When we love another human being, especially without regard for ourselves, it is a holy moment. These moments are often missed due to our self-serving agendas and rules.

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Welcome!

Welcome Father Mike Patullo

Join us for coffee and donuts after Mass next weekend, Sunday, July 17th, and welcome Father Mike to St. James.

New Finance Council Members

The two open seats on the Finance Council will be filled without benefit of an election. Tim Woodrow agreed to serve another term after finishing out Tim Anderson's term. Because no other nominations were received, Father David appointed Steve Kinzer to fill the second position. Both will begin their 3-year terms in September. Thank you, Tim and Steve, for your willingness to serve our parish.

Holy Family

2 S Maddy Street, McGregor

Rosary Making – July 14th

Our next rosary making will be July 14th from 10:30 am–Noon. We currently have 10 women making rosaries for our mission rosaries. Please come and join us. Contact Andrea if you have any questions 763-360-2058. To learn more about these missionary rosaries: <https://www.olrm.org/>



Camp Survive Scholarship Available

Holy Family is offering a scholarship for a student (grades 6-8) 2021-22 school year to attend "Camp Survive" at Big Sandy Camp in McGregor. Sessions are 5-days either: July 25-29 or Aug. 1-5. For more info, call Shirley Scollard, 218-426-3527.

The Chosen (second season) - Episode 5

The fifth episode, "Spirit" will be shown on Wed., July 13th at 6pm at Holy Family followed by a short, casual discussion. This series will continue with new episodes each Wednesday evening through Aug. 3rd. Come to one or come to all...just "Come and see!"

Our Lady of Fatima

102 S Highway 65 McGrath

OLOF Chapel Mass Schedule

The Rosary will be prayed a half hour before Mass. Please note this schedule is subject to change.
Sunday, July 17, 2022 at 10 am
Sunday, July 24, 2022 at 10 am

There will not be Mass on July 31st.



Religious Education

Religious Education:
Helps to build a strong foundation



Little Gobblers Attention: 3-6 year olds!

We are very pleased to offer a Summer Bible School experience just for you! Scheduled for Wednesdays during the month of July, we will meet from 4:15 pm until 5:15 pm at St. James.

There will be bible stories, songs, crafts, activities, fun and learning. Each class will end with a meal for the kids and their families. Families are welcome to join us at 5:00 pm for the meal.

We would like you to register, so that we have an idea of how many to expect.

To register or if you have questions, contact Jen or Marie
elementary@aitkincatholic.org
Or call 218-839-0344



This Week

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Sunday, July 10

After 8:00 am Mass
After 10:00 am Mass
After 10:00 am Mass

Fellowship: Coffee and Treats (HF)
Coffee and Treats (OL)
Father David's Farewell Party (SJ)

Tuesday, July 12

Noon—3 pm
7:00 pm

Food Shelf Hours (SJ)
Oremus Bible Study (HF)

Wednesday, July 13

1:00-3:00pm
4:15—5:15 pm
6:00 pm

Quilters (SJ)
Little Gobblers Preschool Class (SJ)
The Chosen series (HF)

Thursday, July 14

10:30—Noon
9:30 am to 5:50 pm
5:50 pm

Rosary Making (HF)
Adoration (HF)
Benediction (HF)

Friday, July 15

8:00 am

Men's Group (HF)

Sunday, July 17

After 8:00 am Mass
After 10:00 am Mass
After 10:00 am Mass

Fellowship, Coffee and Treats (HF)
Coffee and Treats (OL)
Coffee and Donuts (SJ)

July

Month of the *Precious Blood*

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Friday, July 15

8:30 am Rita Thompson (SJ)

Saturday, July 16

5:00 pm John and Mary Solien (SJ)

Sunday, July 17

8:00 am For the Parishioners (HF)
10:00 am Jean Gelhar (OL)
10:00 am David Schoepf (SJ)

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Liturgical Ministers

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Saturday, July 16 at 5:00 pm (SJ)

Sacristan/Server..... Dave Thompson
Lector..... Glenda Flier
EOMs (MOB) Jan Burt, Jean Olson
Ushers James Peterson, Elaine Hill, 2 volunteers

Sunday, July 17 at 8:00 am (HF)

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

Sunday, July 17 at 10:00 am (OL)

..... Volunteers needed.

Sunday, July 17 at 10:00 am (SJ)

Sacristan Adam James
Servers Jerome Joerger, TBD
Lector..... Nancy Jenniges
EOMs (MOB) Marie James, Bernie Novak
Usher..... Kirk Peysar, Tom Lundberg, Bob Wander, volunteer

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