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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/Divine Mercy Chaplet
SJ—Sat. 4:25 pm/Sun. 9:25 am/
Monday—7:00 am
Tues—Fri-8:00 am
HF—Sundays 7:30 am
OLOF—Sundays 9:30 am

Bulletin Submissions
218-927-6581 or office@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—4:30 pm St. James
Sun: 7:15—7:45 am Holy Family
(or by appointment)

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JULY 24, 2022

17th Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

"And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." - Lk 11:9

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SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

"Please, let not my Lord grow angry if I speak up this last time.
What if there are at least ten there?"
He replied, "For the sake of those ten, I will not destroy it." (Gn 18:32)

PSALM:

Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me. (Ps 138)

SECOND READING:

He brought you to life along with him,
having forgiven us all our transgressions. (Col 2:13)

GOSPEL:

"And I tell you, ask and you will receive;
seek and you will find;
knock and the door will be opened to you.
For everyone who asks, receives;
and the one who seeks, finds;
and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened."
(Lk 11:9-10)

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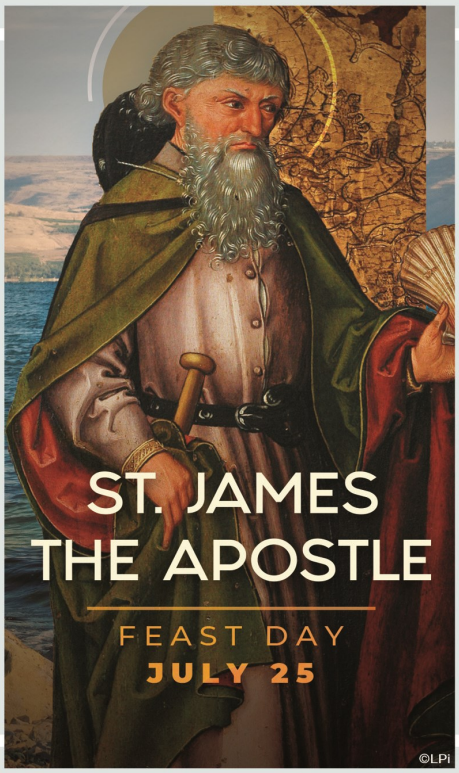
OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 24, 2022

Sunday:	17th Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Sharbel Makhluf, Priest
Monday:	St. James, Apostle
Tuesday:	Sts. Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Friday:	St. Martha
Saturday:	St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Next Sunday:	18th Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest



Saint of the Week

Saint James the Apostle is also called James, son of Zebedee, or James the Greater to distinguish him from the other James in Jesus' group of twelve. Most of what we know about Saint James is recorded in the New Testament. He and his brother John were collected by Jesus along the sea of Galilee. Matthew 4:18-22 tells the story of Jesus calling first Simon Peter and his brother Andrew and then the sons of Zebedee. In Mark 3:17 the brothers receive a nickname from Jesus who calls them "sons of thunder" because of their many extreme reactions, like that in Luke 9:54 when they offer to call down fire on a Samaritan village.
Saint James was part of Jesus' intimate circle, a witness to the Transfiguration, the resurrection of Jarius' daughter, and the agony in the garden of Gethsemane. In A.D. 44 Herod Agrippa had "James, the brother of John, killed by the sword." (Acts 12:2) He is the only apostle whose martyrdom is written of in the New Testament.
According to Spanish tradition, his body was taken to Santiago de Compostela, Spain where his relics were rediscovered in 9th century. This tradition has sometimes been attributed to a passage in the Song of Roland which tells of St. James appearing to Charlemagne in a dream, prophesying that Charlemagne would conquer the Moors in Spain. This was followed by a vision of stars which if followed would lead to the saint's lost tomb. In the Middle Ages Compostela was a hugely popular pilgrimage site. The saint's relics continue to rest in the cathedral there and one can still undertake the pilgrimage.

Scams Alert Notice

Hackers are again targeting the public with emails and texts, posing as priests, asking for money or personal information. Please be aware of these phishing (fake) emails. Please contact the parish office if you have any questions or need confirmation that it was sent to you, even if it says it is a secret. Thank you!

Mass Intention How-To

To request that a Mass be said for someone, the intention can be placed in the collection basket or mailed to/dropped off at the Parish Office. Indicate if the person is deceased or if this is for a special intention. Include if you would like a specific date, and we will try to schedule that, but please allow time, as this information is submitted to the bulletin about 2 weeks ahead. Checks should be made out to St. James Church. The suggested offering for each Mass is $10.00, which is set by the Diocese. Feel free to call the office with any questions.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

July 24, 2022
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Meister Eckhart asks, "Who is the man whose prayers God always hears?" He answers, "God hears the man who appeals to God as God. When, however, man appeals to God, hoping for some worldly good, he is not appealing to God at all, but to what he is asking of God. He is trying to make God his servant. On this point, St. Augustine says: 'You pray to what you love, for true whole prayer is nothing but love!' Thus, we pray to what we love, and no one rightly prays to God but he who prays for God and has nothing on his mind but God." We struggle with what we want God to do and how we want our prayer validated. Meister Eckhart is correct. We often want God to be our servant. We further struggle with trusting that God knows what we need and that His will is best.

God's will is not some predetermined outcome of events that we must simply suggest. "Thy will be done" is not an invocation beckoning us to accept a particular state of affairs passively. Rather, it is the humble and confident placement of ourselves in the presence of the God we seek, whom we call "Father." We must remember that God is the God of life and light. It is from nothing that God brings something and from the darkness that God brings life. Prayer allows us to seek the One we love with the assurance that all will be well regardless of what course the events of our lives take. God is not about passive submission but the humble trust of love.

That's what makes the Lord's Prayer the perfect prayer. It provides us with proper disposition and focus, putting in line all of the essential relationships of our lives. It celebrates and fosters the ever-deepening relationship of trust we have with our Creator. It also calls us to keep open the doors of love between our brothers and sisters with the power that comes with forgiveness. If in one's darkest hour they can find the resolve to fervently pray this perfect prayer of Jesus' conviction, then there is no doubt that God will hear their plea, reach out in love, and bring them ever closer to His heart. What more does one need to weather the storms of life besides faith, hope, and love? These are God's most perfect gifts and all we really need. ©LPi

Stewardship Report

Through June 26, 2022
(Fiscal Year: July 1, 2022-June 30, 2023)

St. James •

Attendance (no Saturday count)	335
Weekly Goal	$6,020
Received 7/10/2022	$10,015
Fiscal Year to date goal	$12,040
Fiscal Year to date received	$16,207
UCA 2022 Assessment	$56,149.01
UCA 2022 Received	$24,779.56

Holy Family •

Attendance	152
Weekly Goal	$1,729
Received 7/10/2022	$1,823
Fiscal Year to date goal	$3,459
Fiscal Year to date received	$4,193
UCA 2022 Assessment	$15,606.21
UCA 2022 Received	$5,191.00

Our Lady of Fatima•

Attendance	24
Weekly Goal.	$178
Received 7/10/2022	$199
Fiscal Year to date goal	$356
Fiscal Year to date received	$568
UCA 2022 Assessment	$1,595.54
UCA 2022 Received	$1,183.19

Thank you for your contributions!

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299 Red Oak Drive, Aitkin

- Shirley Yunker
- Brielle Seguin

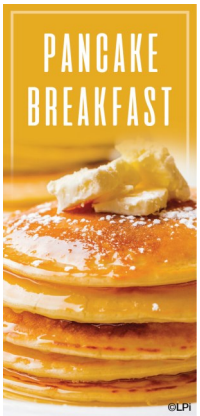
and their bereaved family and friends. May their souls and the souls of all the faithfully departed rest in peace.

St. James Quilting

Want to get involved in a new project? We will be getting together this Wednesday, July 27th from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Come and join us as we enjoy fellowship while "doing for others." No special talent is necessary. All are welcome.

Family Breakfast

Everyone is welcome to the family breakfast on Sunday, August 7th from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. at St. James. The Knights of Columbus will be serving: French toast, scrambled eggs, sausage links, homemade maple syrup, fruit cup, beverages, and coffee. Come join us, free will offering.



Holy Family
2 S Maddy Street, McGregor

Congratulations & Welcome to the Faith

Callum Quade, son of Logan and Hannah, who was baptized at Holy Family on June 12, 2022.

Chase Hadrich, son of Andrew and Michelle, who was baptized at Holy Family on July 4, 2022.

Clothing Closet Volunteers Needed

August is Holy Family's month to staff the Clothing Closet (MACC). The Closet is open Tuesday and Saturdays, 10:00-2:00. Please give Ramona Hooper a call, 218-426-3344, to volunteer. We strive to have two volunteers work together so, if you are a first-time volunteer, we will pair you up with someone who has worked the store before. MACC is a non-profit and maintained by the churches and organizations throughout our community, each taking a turn to staff the store. By volunteering you are helping to raise funds supporting various causes within our community. Please consider volunteering for this worthwhile organization. Thank you for your support and God Bless our volunteers!

Pancake Breakfast and Father Mike Welcome

Pancake breakfast Sunday, July 31st after the 8:00 a.m. Mass to welcome Father Mike.

The Chosen (second season) - Episode 7

The seventh episode, "Reckoning" will be shown on Wed., July 27th at 6 pm 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!"

Wild Rice Day Raffle Tickets

Due to postal regulations, we cannot mail out Wild Rice Day Raffle Tickets, so they have been placed at each entrance to the church. They are still $1.00 each and may be dropped in the collection basket in an envelope marked CCW Raffle Tickets. Wild Rice Day and our Sloppy Joe luncheon will be Saturday, September 3. More information to follow.

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 24, 2022 at 10 am
Sunday, August 7, 2022 at 10 am

No Mass at OLOF on July 31, 2022.

Coffee & Treats After Sunday Mass

Please join us for coffee and treats after Mass.

Religious Education

Little Gobblers
3-6 year olds!

Our final day of Bible School is scheduled for Wednesday, July 27. We will meet from 4:15 pm until 5:15 pm at St. James.

If you have not yet had a chance to participate, we would love to have you join us for the last session. If you have questions, contact Jen or Marie elementary@aitkincatholic.org or call 218-839-0344.

Mass INTENTIONS

Monday, July 25
7:30 am — Magee Family † (SJ)
Tuesday, July 26
8:30 am — Lorraine Taylor † (SJ)
Wednesday, July 27
8:30 am — Tim Anderson † (SJ)
Thursday, July 28
8:30 am — Paul Hisdhal † (SJ)
Friday, July 29
8:30 am — Mike Hill † (SJ)
Saturday, July 30
5:00 pm — Mary Henke † (SJ)
Sunday, July 31
8:00 am — For the Parishioners (HF)
10:00 am — Buddy McKinney † (SJ)

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Mass Intentions: Deceased †

This Week

Sunday, July 24
After 8:00 am Mass — Fellowship: Coffee and Treats (HF)
After 10:00 am Mass — Coffee and Treats (OL)

Tuesday, July 26
Noon—3 pm — Food Shelf Hours (SJ)
7:00 pm — Oremus Bible Study (HF)
6:30/7:00 pm — KC Rosary/Meeting (Crosby)
Wednesday, July 27
1:00-3:00pm — Quilters (SJ)
4:15—5:15 pm — Little Gobblers Preschool Class (SJ)
6:00 pm — The Chosen series (HF)
Thursday, July 28
9:00 am to 8:00 pm — Adoration (SJ)
9:30 am to 5:50 pm — Adoration (HF)
5:50 pm — Benediction (HF)
Sunday, July 31
After 8:00 am Mass — Pancake Breakfast and Father Mike welcome (HF)

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, July 30 at 5:00 pm (SJ)
Sacristan/Server.....Pat O'Connor
Lector.....Judy Ryan
EOMs.....(MOB) Carol Hoge, Julie Carlson
Ushers.....Gary Tibbitts, 3 volunteers

Sunday, July 31 at 8:00 am (HF)
.....Please see the green binder in narthex.

Sunday, July 31 at 10:00 am (SJ)
Sacristan.....Deacon Mike Eisenbraun
Servers.....Luke and Hayden Workman
Lector.....Cindy Lent
EOMs.....(MOB) Kathy Ryan, Tim Ryan
Usher.....Dick Schaaf, Ellie and Russ Hoppe, volunteer

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