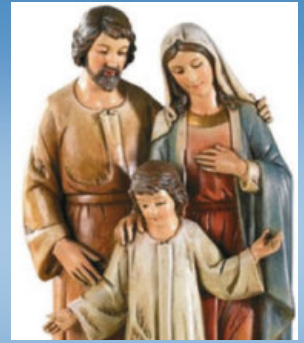




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Mass & Confession Times

Mass Schedule

Weekday*	Weekend*	
Most Mon	7:30 am (SJ)	Saturday 5:00 pm (SJ)
Tues	8:30 am (HF)	Sunday 8:00 am (HF)
Wed-Fri	8:30 am (SJ)	10:30 am (SJ)

*Pray the Holy Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet one-half hour before Holy Mass.

Pray with the Knights

Join the Knights of Columbus on Tuesday mornings at 8:00 am at St. James to pray the Holy Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet and other devotionals.

Confessions

Saturday	10:00—10:45 am	St. James
	4:00—4:40 pm	St. James
Tuesday	5:30—6:30 pm	Holy Family
Wednesday	5:30—6:30 pm	St. James
	(or by appointment)	

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THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH DECEMBER 31, 2023



THE HOLY FAMILY

The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom;
and the favor of God was upon him. - Lk 2:40

Readings of the Week

Readings for the week of December 31, 2023

Sun: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/
Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6,
8-9/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8,
11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40
Mon: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (2a)/
Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
Tues: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/
Jn 1:19-28
Wed: 1 Jn 2:29-3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/
Jn 1:29-34
Thurs: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Jn 1:35-42
Fri: 1 Jn 3:11-21/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Jn 1:43-51
Sat: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/
Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38 or 3:23, 31-34,
36, 38
Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11,
12-13 (see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/
Mt 2:1-12

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 1

7:30 am Neil Elkjer † (SJ)

Tuesday, January 2

8:30 am Jessie Latterell † (HF)

Wednesday, January 3

8:30 am Terry DeSutter † (SJ)

Thursday, January 4

8:30 am Jennifer Sullivan † (SJ)

Friday, January 5

8:30 am Lin Ritter † (SJ)

Saturday, January 6

8:30 am Don and Carla Emons (SJ)

5:00 pm For the People (SJ)

Sunday, January 7

8:00 am Don DuRose † (HF)

10:30 am Robert Lopez † (SJ)

(HF)-Holy Family • (SJ)-Saint James •

(OL) Our Lady of Fatima

Mass Intentions: Deceased †

Sacraments

Baptism

Please contact the parish office to arrange for Baptism preparation and to schedule a Baptism.

Marriage

Couples are required to contact the parish office to make arrangements at least six to eight months in advance of the planned date.

Hospital Admission

If you are admitted to the hospital, please have a friend or family member notify the parish office for visits and prayers for you.

Communion for the Sick & Homebound

Please contact the parish office to make arrangements.

Anointing of the Sick

If you are experiencing a serious illness or if someone is close to death, please contact the parish office to arrange to receive the Sacrament.

Weekly Schedule

Sunday, December 31

After 8:00 am Mass

Fellowship, Coffee and Treats (HF)

After 10:00 am Mass

Coffee and Treats (OL)

Monday, January 1

Office Closed

Tuesday, January 2

6:00 am

That Man is You (SJ)

8:00—9:00 am

Pray with the Knights (SJ)

Noon—3 pm

Food Shelf Hours (SJ)

5:30—6:30 pm

Confessions (HF)

Wednesday, January 3

9:30—10:30 am

S.A.I.L. Class (SJ)

5:30—7:00 pm

Meal/Religious Education (SJ)

5:30—6:30 pm

Confessions (SJ)

Thursday, January 4

9:00 am to 6:00 pm

Adoration (SJ)

9:30 am to 6:00 pm

Adoration (HF)

6:00—7:00 pm

OCIA Class (SJ)

Friday, January 5

8:00 am

Men's Group (HF)

Saturday, January 6

8:00 am

Rosary/Chaplet (SJ)

8:30 am

Holy Mass (SJ)

9:00—10:00 am

Adoration (SJ)

10:00 am

Confessions (SJ)

10:00 am

St. Vincent de Paul Society meeting (SJ)

Sunday, January 7

After 8:00 am Mass

Fellowship, Coffee and Treats (HF)

8:30 am—Noon

KC Family Breakfast (SJ)

Vocations Chalice Schedule

Date	St. James	Holy Family
12/31	Diane Ryan	Sue Neumann
1/7	Jennifer Cummings	Dan & Kathy Branson

Mass Intention Requests

We have days available at all parishes for your Mass intentions. Suggested offering is \$10.00 per Mass. Submit your request by calling the parish office, stopping by the office, or dropping a Mass Intention envelope in the collection basket.



Mary, Holy Mother of God

Mass at 7:30 am

St. James

Aitkin

Because January 1st (Mary, Mother of God) falls on Monday this year, the obligation to attend Holy Mass is abrogated (i.e. this year Mary, Mother of God, is not a Holy Day of Obligation).

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

For those interested in pursuing the St. Vincent de Paul Ministry, our first meeting will be on Saturday, January 6th at 10 am at St. James. At this meeting we will learn more about the ministry, plan for Vincentian formation and the development of the Aitkin County Conference. We hope to see you there.



Vocations Chalice

Last February Fr. Mike introduced to our parishes the Vocations Chalices. They have been traveling to many of our parishioners' homes over the past few months. If you want to learn more about this, please pick up an information sheet at your parish. If interested in hosting the vocations chalice in your home for a week, please fill out one of the sign-up cards and put it in the basket or send it to the parish office or email the parish office. We will then reach out to you and schedule a week of hosting the vocations chalice in your home.



First Saturday Schedule

January 6, 2024

8:00 am Rosary /Chaplet

8:30 am Holy Mass

9:00 am Adoration

10:00 am Confessions

First Saturdays Devotion explained by Catholic Answers:

The Five First Saturdays Devotion is a request made by our Lady of Fatima. The Blessed Mother promised to assist at the hour of death with the graces necessary for salvation all who, as an act of reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, on the first five Saturdays of consecutive months:

1. Go to confession
2. Receive Holy Communion
3. Say five decades of the rosary
4. Keep Mary company for fifteen minutes meditating on the fifteen mysteries of the rosary

Stewardship Report (Fiscal Year: July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024)

Through December 17, 2023	St. James	Holy Family	Our Lady of Fatima
Attendance	307	74	20
Received	\$8,115	\$1,605	\$150
Fiscal Year to Date Goal	\$154,351	\$47,688	\$4,781
Fiscal Year to Date Received	\$153,260	\$46,007	\$4,097
UCA 2023 Assessment	\$62,107.18	\$19,202.13	\$1,927.75
UCA 2023 Received	\$62,408.18	\$10,671.10	\$1,937.65
	(Excess will be transferred to 2024.)		(Excess will be transferred to 2024.)



For January:
For the Gift of Diversity in the Church.

Let us pray that the Holy Spirit helps us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.

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Liturgical Schedule February – April

The liturgical schedule for February thru April 2024 is being created. Current liturgical ministers, please enter your unavailable dates into MSP or call/email the office with those dates. Deadline is January 10, 2024. If you are interested in becoming a liturgical minister, please contact the office, 218-927-6581.



Knights of Columbus Family Breakfast

Knights of Columbus Family Breakfast, Sunday, January 7th, serving from 8:30 AM to Noon. Pancakes, scrambled eggs with ham, country style sausage links, and all the fixings, juice, milk, coffee. Free-will offering. All are welcome.

Honduras Medical Mission Request

Hello, My name is Rachel Bridgeford and I have been a member of St. James since I moved to Aitkin in Dec. 2020. I am excited to be part of a medical mission team going to Rio Viejo, Honduras March 2-9, 2024. Our medical mission team will partner with Healing Hands Global and the Jungle Hospital to bring health, hope and healing to people in the mountains of northern Honduras, home to 20,000 people, many who are living in poor rural areas with very limited access to healthcare. Our team of 22 medical and dental professionals along with interpreters and support staff will minister to people through outreach clinics in Rio Viejo and surrounding villages. Previous teams have provided care to over 400 patients during these clinics. I feel privileged to be able to use my background in nursing to bring the healing love of Jesus to Honduras. Please prayerfully consider contributing financially towards the cost of my trip. Each medical team member must raise \$2,995 which includes a percentage to purchase our medical supplies. No amount is too small. You can make a tax deductible donation at <https://rivervalley.managedmissions.com/MyTrip/rachelbridgeford1>. I appreciate you taking the time to read this and for your prayers and support for Global Team Honduras!

St. James Liturgical Ministers*

***For the latest updates, check Ministry Scheduler Pro (MSP)**

Saturday, January 6 at 5:00 pm

Sacristan/Server Tim Ryan
Lector Larry Switala
EOMs Laura Eisenbraun, Jan Burt
Ushers Pam Landgren, Brian Carlson, Kevin Hoge, vol.

Sunday, January 7 at 10:30 am

Sacristan Hugh Janzen
Servers Isabel McWilliams, Luke Workman
Lector Russ Hoppe
EOMs Adam James, KC Volunteer
Ushers Carroll Janzen, Roger Stippel, Kirk Peysar, KC vol.

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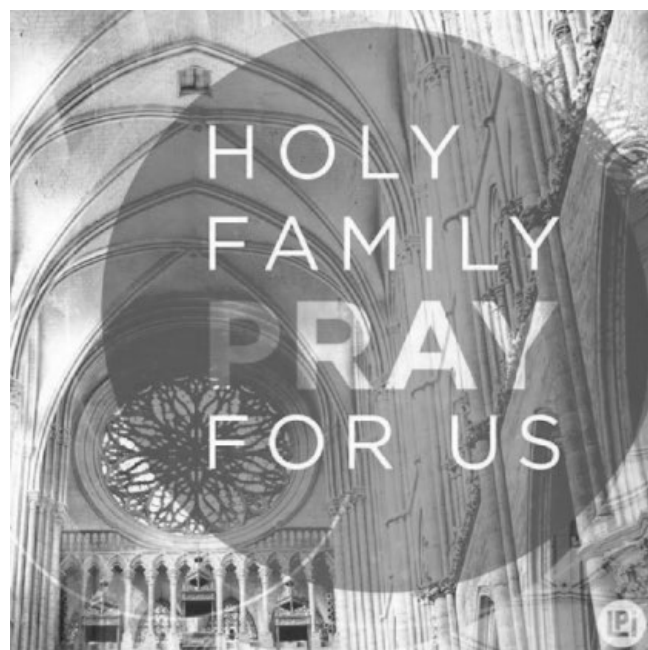


Thank You

The Giving Tree was another success this year and we are humbled by the generosity of our parishioners. Your kindness has made it possible for three families in our community to learn of the goodness of GOD.
-With my gratitude,
The CCW committee

Men's Group Meets This Friday

The Holy Family Men's Group will be meeting this Friday at 8 am in the social hall. All men are invited!



Our Lady of Fatima
Holy Mass Schedule*

102 S Highway 65, McGrath

All Masses are at 10 a.m.
Sunday, December 31

There will not be Holy Mass at Our Lady of Fatima on Sundays, January 7th, 14th, or 21st.

Please join a nearby parish these weekends.

*Note this schedule is subject to change.



Youth / Religious Education



Religious Education: Wednesday, January 3

Meal for students and families beginning at **5:30pm**.

Class for Elementary (Pre-K through Grade 6) and
Jr/Sr High (7-11) will meet **6:00 to 7:00pm**

Upcoming Schedule

Religious Education classes are scheduled:

January 3, 10, 17 & 31

February 7, 21, & 28

Note: No class on January 24

*February 14 is Ash Wednesday, parents should attend
Holy Mass with children*

Please Return Books and Movies

If you borrowed an Advent/Christmas movie or book from the lending library, please return those as I will be putting these books away for the year soon.
Thank you! Jen

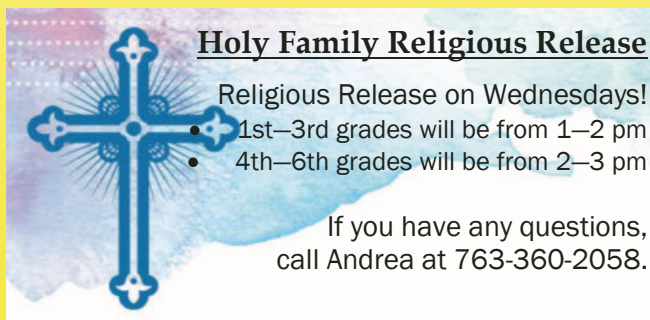


Holy Family Religious Release

Religious Release on Wednesdays!

- 1st–3rd grades will be from 1–2 pm
- 4th–6th grades will be from 2–3 pm

If you have any questions,
call Andrea at 763-360-2058.



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OCIA

OCIA classes are held on Thursdays at St. James from 6-7 pm. They are taught by Fr. Mike. OCIA is for those who are interested in becoming Catholic, for adults who are Catholic but never been confirmed and for all those who want to learn significantly more about their Catholic faith. Newcomers welcome! For any questions, please call the office, 218-927-6581.

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