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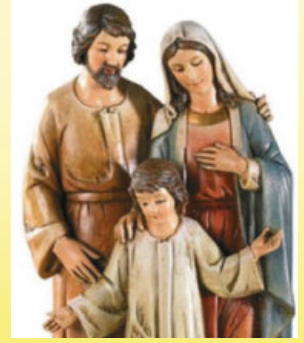
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Holy Family Church
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Mass & Confession Times

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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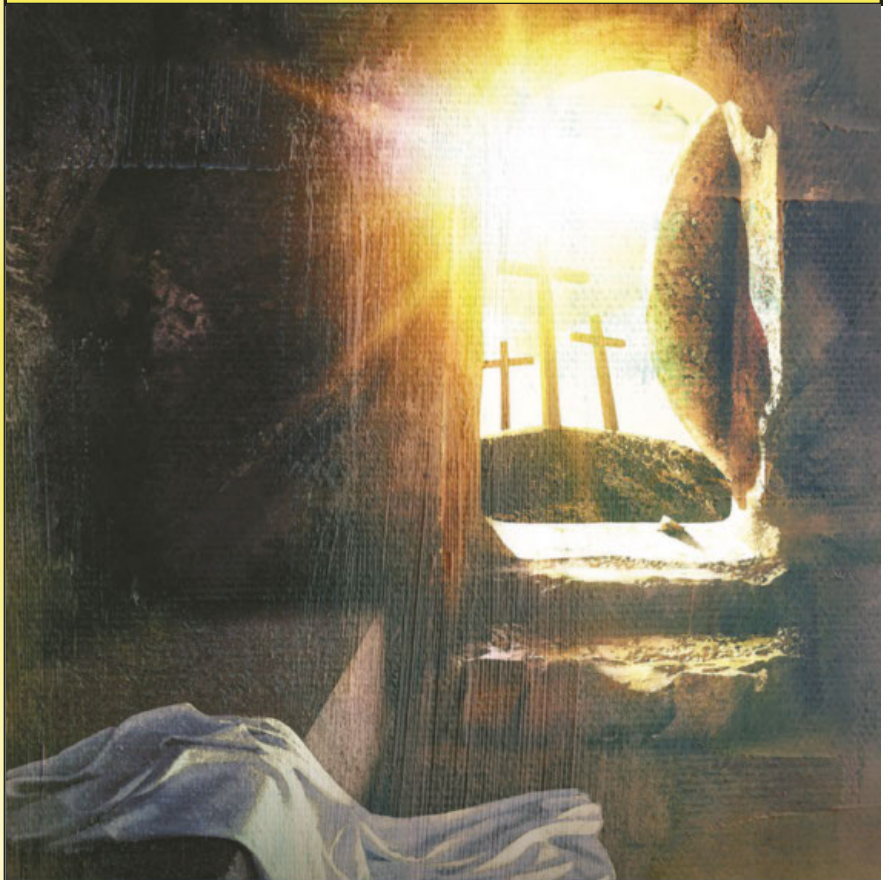
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**EASTER SUNDAY OF
THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD
MARCH 31, 2024**



EASTER SUNDAY

He bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in. When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. - Jn 20:5-7

Readings of the Week

Readings for the week of March 31, 2024

- Sun: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 (24)/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/
Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7
- Mon: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Mt 28:8-15
- Tues: Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22/
Jn 20:11-18
- Wed: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/
Lk 24:13-35
- Thurs: Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/
Lk 24:35-48
- Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2, and 4, 22-24, 25-27a/
Jn 21:1-14
- Sat: Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21/Mk 16:9-15
- Next Sunday: Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-31

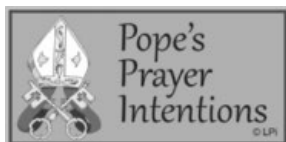
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MASS INTENTIONS

- Monday, April 1** **No Mass**
- Tuesday, April 2**
8:30 am Paul Ruzynski (HF)
- Wednesday, April 3**
8:30 am Marion Sticha † (SJ)
- Thursday, April 4**
8:30 am Bishop Peter Muhich † (SJ)
- Friday, April 5**
8:30 am Doug Hensel † (SJ)
- Saturday, April 6**
8:30 am Conrad Schneider † (SJ)
5:00 pm For the Parishioners (SJ)
- Sunday, April 7**
8:00 am Nathan Keller † (HF)
10:00 am William Stumpf † (OL)
10:30 am Emily Herringshaw † (SJ)

(HF)-Holy Family • (SJ)-Saint James •
(OL) Our Lady of Fatima

Mass Intentions: Deceased †



For April: For The Role of Women

Let us pray that the dignity and worth of women be recognized in every culture, and for an end to the discrimination they face in various parts of the world.

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

- Monday, April 1** **Office Closed**
9:30–10:30 am S.A.I.L. Class (SJ)
6:00 pm Society of SVdP Meeting (SJ)
- Tuesday, April 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, April 3**
9:30–10:30 am S.A.I.L. Class (SJ)
5:30–6:30 pm Confessions (SJ)
5:30–7:00 pm Meal/Religious Ed (SJ)
- Thursday, April 4**
9:00 am to 6:00 pm Adoration (SJ)
9:30 am to 6:00 pm Adoration (HF)
10:00 am CCW Meeting (HF)
6:00 pm First Communion Class (SJ)
- Friday, April 5**
8:00 am Men's Group (HF)
- Saturday, April 6** **First Saturday**
8:00 am Rosary/Chaplet (SJ)
8:30 am Holy Mass (SJ)
9:00 Adoration (SJ)
10:00 am Confessions (SJ)
- Sunday, April 7**
After 8:00 am Mass Fellowship, Coffee and Treats (HF)
8:30 am–Noon KC Family Breakfast (SJ)
After 10:00 am Mass Coffee and Treats (OL)

Vocations Chalice Schedule

Date	St. James	Holy Family
3/31	Aggie Lacore	Deacon Mike & Julie Barta
4/7	Kay Deblock Johnson	Matt & Sheila Higgins

First Saturday Schedule – April 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

Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP) Meeting

The next meeting date is Monday, April 1, 2024, at 6:00 pm in the large classroom at St. James. New members are welcome.

Join us as we work to grow in holiness and to help provide spiritual and material assistance to our neighbors in need.



**Duluth Diocesan Council of Catholic Women
Spring Convention**

The Spring Convention will be held Wednesday, April 24, 2024 at St. John the Evangelist Church in Duluth beginning with Holy Mass at 8:00 am with Bishop Felton. Registration at 8:45 am, closing prayer at 3:00 pm. Please register in advance by April 17 to your local CCW president.



The FORMED app or watch.formed.org offers the following:

- Daily Reflections
- Eucharistic Miracles
- The Shroud of Turin
- Mary of Nazareth
- Littlest Saints Series

You have FREE ACCESS to the FORMED platform through our parish. Sign up for FORMED by going to signup.formed.org and enter parish zip code (56431), then enter your name and email address.

Dynamic Catholic

These programs can be found at www.dynamiccatholic.com.

- Daily Reflections That Feed Your Soul
- Gospel Reflections



Mom's Group and Dad's Group

Our Catholic parishes here in Aitkin County will start having a monthly Mom's Group and Dad's Group.

Both groups are intended for parents with kids up to and including the college ages. As true disciples of Jesus Christ, we recognize the spiritual battles that we all must go through, especially in a post-Christian country. Jesus never said it was going to be easy, but He certainly promised to be with us!

The purpose of these two groups is to provide support in the context of our faith within the specific calling of family life, to be a place of learning, discernment, and growth. The Mom's Group will meet on the second Saturday morning of each month at St. James at 8:30 am. The Dad's Group will meet on the third Saturday morning of each month at St. James at 8:30 am.

Please sign up by contacting either myself or Becky at the office.



Hope to see you there!
-Fr. Mike

The Little White Book

6-minute reflections on the Resurrection Narrative according to Matthew

“This *Little White Book* is meant to help you *Spend some quiet time with the Lord* each day over these next 50 days of the Easter season.”¹

These books are available at your parish.

Please help yourself.

¹ Little Books of the Diocese of Saginaw, Inc.

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

Through March 17, 2024	St. James	Holy Family	Our Lady of Fatima
Attendance	256	81	18
Received	\$7,697	\$1,316	\$140
Fiscal Year to Date Goal	\$234,613	\$72,485	\$7,268
Fiscal Year to Date Received	\$231,992	\$74,555	\$6,360

Happy Easter

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St. James

299 Red Oak Drive, Aitkin

KC Family Breakfast – April 7, 2024

Knights of Columbus Family Breakfast will be on Sunday, April 7th from 8:30 to Noon.

French toast, scrambled eggs with ham, country style sausage links, all the fixings, juice, milk and coffee. Free-will offering.

Everyone welcome.



Trap Shooting League

Interested in shooting trap, skeet or sporting clays and socializing with some of your fellow parishioners? There has been interest in creating a St. James team to take part in the Wealthwood Rod and Gun Club 2024 League. Contact the office or Bill Feyo, 218-429-1581, with questions or if interested.



Liturgical Schedule May-July

The liturgical schedule for May thru July is being created.

Current liturgical ministers, please enter your unavailable dates into MSP or call/email the office with those dates. If you are interested in becoming a liturgical minister, please contact the office, 218-927-6581. Deadline is April 4th.

St. James Liturgical Ministers*

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

Saturday, April 6 at 5:00 pm

Sacristan/Server Terry Stein

Lectors Dolores Wickham

EOM Carol Hoge

Ushers Elaine Hill, Brian Avery, 2 volunteers

Sunday, April 7 at 10:30 am

Sacristan Hugh Janzen

Servers Bentley Host, Evelyn Anderson

Lector Steve Kinzer

EOMs Adam James

Ushers Roger Stippel, Kirk Peysar, Chad Larson, KC volunteer

Holy Family

2 S Maddy Street, McGregor

CCW Meeting

There will be a CCW Meeting on Thursday, April 4th at 10 am in the social hall. Planning for First Communion, Sunday, April 14th. All are welcome.

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.



Holy Family Men's Group

All men are invited to be a part of our men's group. The next meeting will be this Friday, April 5th at 8 a.m. in the social hall.

Spring Tea

Grace Lutheran Church invites women of all ages to a "Spring Tea" Saturday, April 13, 11:00-2:00. There will be lunch, sweet treats, tea, music, and more. Come for the fellowship and fun. There is no charge for this event, but please



RSVP to gracelutheranlogchurch@gmail.com, (218-426-3343). The church is located at 48115 Lake Avenue, McGregor (just east of Sather's on County Road 14).

Our Lady of Fatima Chapel

Holy Mass Schedule*

102 S Highway 65, McGrath

Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024 at 10 am

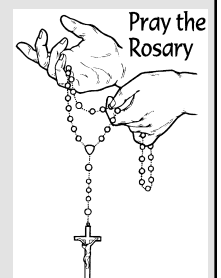
Sunday, April 7 at 10 am

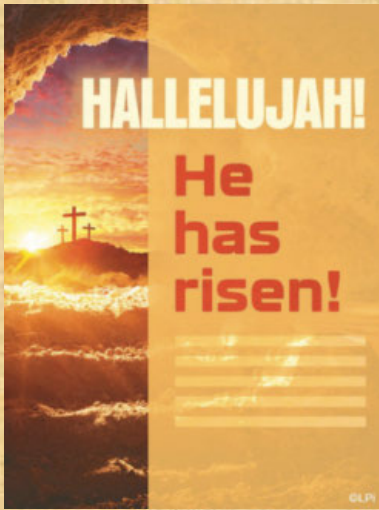
Sunday, April 14 at 10 am



The Rosary will be prayed a half hour before Mass.

*Note this schedule is subject to change.



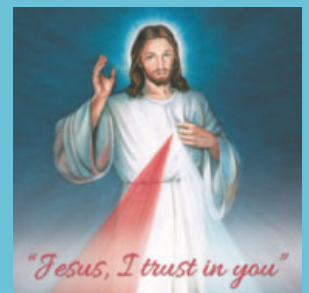


Divine Mercy Sunday is Sunday, April 7, 2024. Continue the Divine Mercy Chaplet Novena that started on Good Friday.

The special graces of Divine Mercy Sunday were promised directly by our Lord, through a prophetic revelation given to St. Faustina (see Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska, 699). The Church has not officially ruled that this particular promise was an authentic supernatural revelation (and no Catholic is required to believe it as a matter of faith), but the Church has discerned, in various ways, that there is nothing that violates Catholic doctrine in this promise.

Briefly, here are the other main differences between the "special graces" promised by Jesus for Divine Mercy Sunday, and the plenary indulgence offered by the Church for special devotions to the Divine Mercy on Mercy Sunday:

- 1) To receive special graces that our Lord promised for Divine Mercy Sunday, the only condition is to receive Holy Communion worthily on Divine Mercy Sunday (or the Vigil celebration) by making a good Confession beforehand and staying in the state of grace and trusting in His Divine Mercy. Any plenary indulgence granted by the Church, on the other hand, involves the fulfilment of a number of conditions, including prayer for the Holy Father's intentions, Confession and Holy Eucharist, and the carrying out of the special indulgenced work (in this case: participating in public devotions to the Divine Mercy on Divine Mercy Sunday itself).
- 2) The special graces promised by our Lord for Divine Mercy Sunday can be received by a soul in a state of grace, but with imperfect love for God, and imperfect contrition for sin-as long as the soul merely trusts in the mercy of God, and clings to Him because of His promised benefits. A plenary indulgence, however, can only be obtained through the performance of an indulgenced work as an expression of pure love for God. If the intentions of one's indulgenced work are not pure (say, the work is done in part out of fear of hell or purgatory, and loathing for oneself - or the desire to impress one's friends and relatives! - rather than purely out of love for God) then the indulgence obtained will be only partial, not plenary.
- 3) The special graces that our Lord promised for Mercy Sunday can only be received for oneself, through the devout reception of Holy Communion on Mercy Sunday (as stated in #1 above). A plenary indulgence, however, can be offered for oneself, or for souls suffering in purgatory.
- 4) The most special grace promised by our Lord for Mercy Sunday is nothing less than the equivalent of a complete renewal of baptismal grace in the soul: "complete forgiveness (remission) of sins and punishment." Such a measure of grace can only be received otherwise through baptism itself, or through making a sacramental confession as an act of perfect contrition for sin, out of pure love for God.



Youth / Religious Education

Religious Education Class April 3



Meal for students and families beginning at 5:30 pm.
Classes for Pre-K through Confirmation meets from 6:00-7:00pm.

Religious Education Schedule

April 3, 10, 17 & 24

First Communion Classes
April 4 & 11 (6-7pm)

First Communion—April 14
Confirmation—April 27

Vacation Bible School: June 9-13 Assistance Needed!

Unfortunately this year, the diocese is not able to offer a Totus Tuus team for us at St. James.



However, we will offer a Summer VBS program from June 9-13, evenings from 5-7:30 pm. This will be our elementary program.

I do need your help. I need parents, adults and teens to help with our program to make it a success. There are many ways to help. Let me know if you are interested. Thanks.
~Jen

Remember First Communion Classes

April 4 & 11 from 6-7 pm
Let me know if you have any questions.

Jen



Robert Stackpole, STD, is director of the John Paul II Institute of Divine Mercy, an apostolate of the Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception. His latest book is Divine Mercy: A Guide from Genesis to Benedict XVI (Marian Press).

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