



St. James Church  
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Welcome to the Parishes of  
**St. James and Holy Family**  
Catholic Churches  
And Our Lady of Fatima Chapel

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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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**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**APRIL 21, 2024**



"I WILL LAY DOWN MY LIFE FOR THE SHEEP." —JN 10:15

4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

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# Readings of the Week

## Readings for the week of April 21, 2024

Sun: Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118: 1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 (22)/Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18  
 Mon: Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:1-10  
 Tues: Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 10:22-30  
 Wed: Acts 12:24-13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/Jn 12:44-50  
 Thurs: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/Mk 16:15-20  
 Fri: Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/Jn 14:1-6  
 Sat: Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 14:7-14  
 Next Sunday: Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 (26a)/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8

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## 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.

## MASST INTENTIONS

### Monday, April 22

7:30 am Frank and Laura Altermat † (SJ)

### Tuesday, April 23

8:30 am Robert and Louise Dobosenski † (HF)

### Wednesday, April 24

8:30 am Don Grandquist † (SJ)

### Thursday, April 25

8:30 am Dick Cooper † (SJ)

### Friday, April 26

8:30 am Esther Hoge † (SJ)

### Saturday, April 27

5:00 pm George Ince † (SJ)

### Sunday, April 28

8:00 am For the People (HF)

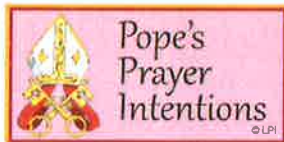
10:00 am Josh Garceau † (OL)

10:30 am Heidi Bauman † (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.

## Weekly Schedule

### Sunday, April 21

After 8:00 am Mass

Fellowship, Coffee and Food (HF)

After 10:00 am Mass

Coffee and Food (OL)

After 10:30 am Mass

Coffee and Donuts (SJ)

### Monday, April 22

9:30-10:30 am

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

### Tuesday, April 23

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 24

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 Education (SJ)

### Thursday, April 25

9:00 am to 6:00 pm

Adoration (SJ)

9:30 am to 6:00 pm

Adoration (HF)

### Saturday, April 27

10:30 am

Confirmation (SJ)

### Sunday, April 28

After 8:00 am Mass

Fellowship, Coffee and Food (HF)

After 10:00 am Mass

Coffee and Food (OL)

### Bulletin Submissions

218-927-6581 or office@aitkincatholic.org

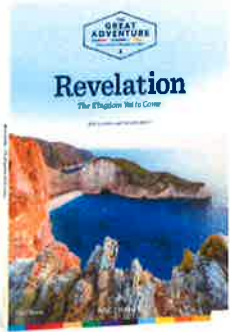
Deadline - Mondays at Noon

## Vocations Chalice Schedule

Date	St. James	Holy Family
4/21	Mary Schrupp	Sue DuRose
4/28	Betty Anderson	Megan DuRose



## All Parish News



### Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come

Fr. Mike will be leading a Bible Study this summer on the Book of Revelation. Ascension says *“Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come is an intriguing eleven-session study program that shows how the kingdom established by Christ in his Church is intimately connected with the kingdom of heaven. In this study, presenter Jeff Cavins pulls back the veil on the rich symbolism present in Revelation. Discover what the mysterious figures and images of Revelation mean and see how Revelation is more than an apocalyptic vision of the “end times.” Explore the Church’s teaching on the second coming of Christ and the Last Judgment. Understand how God, the Divine Bridegroom, and the Church, his spotless bride, enter into a heavenly, holy, and mystical marriage every time we celebrate Mass.”* This study will be on Thursday evenings (June 6–August 22nd) from 6:00–7:30 pm. at St. James. Mark your calendars and sign up by emailing the office ([office@aitkincatholic.org](mailto:office@aitkincatholic.org)) or putting your contact information on the sign-up sheet at your parish.

### In St. Francis’ Footsteps

Fr. Tony Wroblewski is leading a Pilgrimage to Italy November 7 to 16, 2024. We will spend extended time in Assisi and Rome, seeing sites important to St. Francis and St. Clare. For a detailed copy of the daily Itinerary, cost of the pilgrimage and the registration packet, please email Fr. Tony at [fr.anthony.wroblewski@duluthcatholic.org](mailto:fr.anthony.wroblewski@duluthcatholic.org) or Esther Reagan at [reaganesther@gmail.com](mailto:reaganesther@gmail.com). The deadline for signup is May 15.



### St. Joseph’s Gala

“Raise the Roof,” the 2nd annual building fundraiser gala for St. Joseph’s in Crosby will be held on Friday, May 10, 2024, at the Northern Pacific Center in Brainerd. Fr. Mike Schmitz will be the keynote speaker. Table and event sponsorships are still available. Learn more about sponsorship opportunities or reserve your seat online at the Gala website [www.cuyunacatholic.org/gala](http://www.cuyunacatholic.org/gala) or by calling the St. Joseph’s parish office at 218-546-6559.

### Northland FertilityCare

Northland Fertility Care offers a free virtual introductory session on the Creighton Model FertilityCare System every second Monday of the month. To register, please visit [www.nortlandfertilitycare.com](http://www.nortlandfertilitycare.com). Additional virtual or in-person options are available.

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

Through April 7, 2024	St. James	Holy Family	Our Lady of Fatima
Attendance	336	133	19
Received	\$5,072	\$2,561	\$250
Fiscal Year to Date Goal	\$253,136	\$78,208	7,841
Fiscal Year to Date Received	\$251,881	\$80,370	\$7,022

### St. Scholastica

#### Monastery Books and Gifts

St. Scholastica Monastery Books and Gifts is open Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 1:00-3:30p.m. or by appointment. A destination for First Communion and Confirmation cards and gifts, books, icons, greeting cards, rosaries, medals, Fair Trade items, and more. Located within the Monastery at 1001 Kenwood Ave, Duluth. 218.723.7009. Thank you!



#### Executive Assistant to the Office of the Bishop

The Diocese of Duluth seeks a fulltime Executive Assistant to the Office of the Bishop. This position provides administrative support to the Bishop, Vicar General, and Chief of Staff. This position serves as the point of contact for Diocesan employees and community members. The Executive Assistant to the Office of the Bishop will prioritize, organize and coordinate the Bishop’s communication, promotion, and outreach to the mission fields. The successful applicant will possess a college degree or equivalent relevant experience with education or experience in public relations preferred. The successful applicant will possess an understanding and the ability to support the policies and mission of the Catholic Diocese of Duluth. This position requires successfully passing a criminal background check, proof of a favorable driving record and access to reliable transportation. A complete job description is available by emailing [john.ball@duluthcatholic.org](mailto:john.ball@duluthcatholic.org). To apply, submit a letter of intent, resume, and references to John Ball, Director of Human Resources, Diocese of Duluth, 2830 E. 4th St, Duluth, MN 55812 or [john.ball@duluthcatholic.org](mailto:john.ball@duluthcatholic.org). This position will remain open until filled.

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**The Unborn Child & Spiritual Adoption Follow-Up**

“While we are profoundly grateful for the Pro-Life victory of the Supreme Court’s overturning of Roe v. Wade, we are also mindful that the scourge of abortion still exists.” -St. Paul Center.

Back in January our local Knights of Columbus Council asked our parishioners to adopt and pray for an Unborn Child (or Children) that they may be spared from abortion. We thank you for pledging to pray for them. The following is the Unborn Child’s growth information from six(6) to thirteen (13) weeks: the Baby’s brain now coordinates movements. All external and internal organs are developing and functioning; brain waves are recorded; the skeleton changes from cartilage to bone; the Baby’s central nervous system is functioning; and the Baby has permanent individual fingerprints. This baby now has a sense of touch (comfort/pain); he/she can smile, suck his/her thumb and make a fist. Thank you and please continue to pray for these Unborn Children so that they are allowed to live and grow to full term. Our Knights will keep you posted as to the growth progress of these Unborn Children. Additional prayer/adoption cards are available. ~ Cuyuna Range KOC Council #3473



**Thank you**

St. James Catholic Homeschool Co-op, Lux Mundi, would like to extend a heartfelt THANK YOU to all those who supported us during our recent bake sale and breakfast fundraiser! It was a big success and we are truly grateful for all those who donated. We will use the proceeds to help purchase some of the curriculum for us to continue our faith-based education. Thanks again, Lux Mundi.

**Field Trip to St. Paul Cathedral**

Lux Mundi is doing a field trip to St. Paul Cathedral on April 26th at 1pm. Any parishioner wishing to join us is welcome. We will meet inside the cathedral at the Tour desk for our guided tour. There is a suggested donation of \$2/person. Any questions please contact Amber Woodrow at 218-831-5799.

**St. James Liturgical Ministers\***

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

**Saturday, April 27 at 5:00 pm**

Sacristan/Server Jeffrey Schmitt  
Lector Carol Wiherski  
EOM Dolores Wickham  
Ushers Martin Schmitt, Gary Tibbitts, 2 volunteers

**Sunday, April 28 at 10:30 am**

Sacristan Carroll Janzen  
Servers Evelyn Anderson, Tyce Jorgensen  
Lector Rose Wacker  
EOM Terry Stein  
Ushers Hugh Janzen, Tom Lundberg, Kirk Peysar, volunteer

**Holy Family**

2 S Maddy Street, McGregor

**Congratulations**

The following students received their First Holy Communion on April 14th at Holy Family:



- \* Angel Defoe
- \* Antwaun Boswell Nadeau
- \* Luvi Defoe
- \* Emmett Demenge

**Fellowship and Food**

Join us for fellowship and coffee after Sunday Mass in the social hall.



**Our Lady of Fatima Chapel**

**Holy Mass Schedule\***

102 S Highway 65, McGrath



- Sunday, April 21 at 10 am
- Sunday, April 28 at 10 am
- Sunday, May 5 at 10 am



The Rosary will be prayed a half hour before Mass.

\*Note this schedule is subject to change.

**Catholicism and Civil Government**

Brought to our attention by the MN Catholic Conference is the State of Minnesota Equal Rights Amendment (H.F. 173/S.F. 37). The Conference has asked us to oppose this amendment because of what it stands for.

As stated by the MN Catholic Conference:

“The Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) is unnecessary, as discrimination in all forms, including sexual orientation and gender identity, is prohibited in state and federal law. In both cases, however, there are free speech and religious liberty accommodations to protect those who embrace God’s design for sexual identity.

Instead, overriding pluralism,<sup>1</sup> the proposed state constitutional amendment’s main purpose is to create a legal tool to suppress and persecute those who dissent from the imposition of transgender ideology in every sphere of life. It will allow judges, the state’s human rights commissioner, and the attorney general to override other protected rights such as free speech, religious liberty, and parental rights, as well as rights of conscience in licensed professions and in the workplace.”

<sup>1</sup>Notably, DFL state lawmakers in 2023 removed several religious liberty exemptions from the state Human Rights Act related to sexual orientation and gender identity, signaling broader intent to coerce the consciences of those who hold to Christian anthropology.



## Youth / Religious Education



Congratulations to our First Communion Class!  
Pictured above are Father Keith, Mateo, Chase, Jackson, Avery, John, Finn, Deacon Mike, Father Mike. In the front are Rosalyn, Brooke, Claire, Stella and Joshua.

### Last Day of Religious Education Class April 24

Meal for students and families beginning at 5:30 pm.  
Classes 6:00-7:00 pm.

### Vacation Bible School: Come to the Table!

June 9-13 Evenings 5-7:30 pm



This summer religious education will offer a Summer VBS program called "Come to the Table!" The program will run evenings from 5-7:30 pm, June 9-13 for grades Pre-K through Grade 6. Registration forms are available online and at the church.



Help is needed! I need parents, adults and teens to help with our program to make it a success. Please contact Jen to volunteer.



### Confirmation

Please pray for our Confirmation Students as they prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation on April 27th.

Practice-April 24—6-7 pm  
Confirmation-April 27—10:30 am

## Upcoming Event

### **Star of the North Eucharistic Congress**

May 2024 Updated information:

May 17-18: Sanford Center, Bemidji

May 19: Kickoff Mass for Eucharistic Pilgrimage, Itasca State Park



**Monday, May 20: Evening Event—**

**St. Joseph Catholic Church, Grand Rapids**  
5-7 pm Potluck dinner, 7:15-8 pm Presentation,  
8-9 pm Eucharistic Adoration with music,  
continued overnight adoration

**Tuesday, May 21: Mass and Procession—**  
**St. Joseph Catholic Church, Grand Rapids .**  
8 am: Morning Mass, 9 am: Begin Eucharistic  
Procession from St. Joseph to Itasca County  
Fairgrounds, 12 pm: Arrive at Longyear Park in  
Coleraine; process to Mary Immaculate Catholic  
Church followed by adoration and luncheon,  
2:15 pm: Benediction and departure

More information on events can be found at  
[www.crookstoneucharist.org](http://www.crookstoneucharist.org) and/or  
[www.itascacatholic.org](http://www.itascacatholic.org)

### **Prayer for the United States**

God our Father, Giver of Life, we entrust the United States of America to Your loving care. You are the rock on which this nation was founded.

You alone are the true source of our cherished rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

Reclaim this land for Your glory and dwell among Your people.

Send your Spirit to touch the hearts of our nation's leaders.

Open their minds to the great worth of human life and the responsibilities that accompany human freedom.

Remind Your people that true happiness is rooted in seeking and doing Your will.

Through the intercession of Mary Immaculate, Patroness of our land, grant us the courage to reject the "culture of death".

Lead us into a new millennium of life.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

~Amen