



St. James Church
299 Red Oak Dr. Aitkin
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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
2 S Maddy St. McGregor
www.mcgregorcatholicchurch.org

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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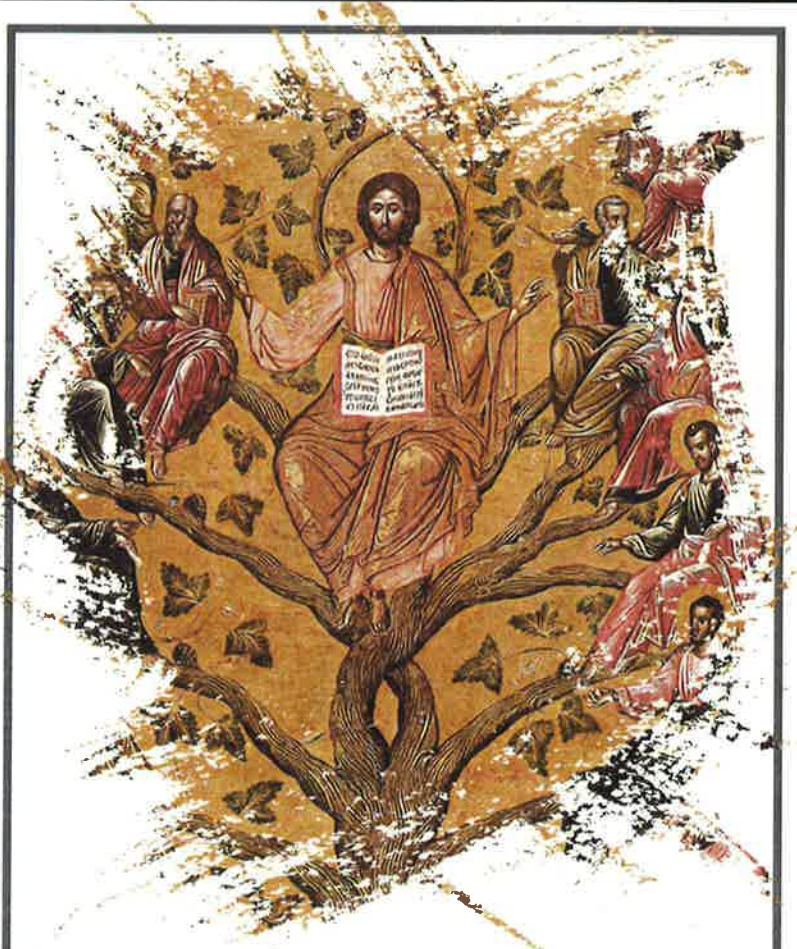
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**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 28, 2024**



"I AM THE TRUE VINE, AND MY FATHER IS THE VINE GROWER." — JN 15:1

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Readings of the Week

Readings for the week of April 28, 2024

Sun: Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 (26a)/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8
 Mon: Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26
 Tues: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/Jn 14:27-31a
 Wed: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122: 1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Jn 15:1-8
 Thurs: Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11
 Fri: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Jn 14:6-14
 Sat: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21
 Next Sunday: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 (see 2b)/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17

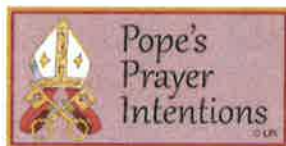
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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, April 29 No Mass
Tuesday, April 30
 8:30 am Donna Carson Gerdes † (HF)
Wednesday, May 1
 8:30 am Stanley Sticha † (SJ)
Thursday, May 2
 8:30 am Paul & Rita Maczko † (SJ)
Friday, May 3
 8:30 am Deacon Vern Anderson † (SJ)
Saturday, May 4
 8:30 am Leon & Sharon Prissel † (SJ)
 5:00 pm For the People (SJ)
Sunday, May 5
 8:00 am Alex Cash (HF)
 10:00 am June Romanowski † (OL)
 10:30 am Kevin Nentl † (SJ)

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

Mass Intentions: Deceased †



For May: For The Formation of Men and Women Religious and Seminarians

Let us pray that men and women religious and seminarians, grow in their own vocational journey through human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, that leads them to be credible witnesses of the Gospel.

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, April 28

After 8:00 am Mass Fellowship, Coffee and Food (HF)
 After 10:00 am Mass Coffee and Food (OL)

Monday, April 29

9:30–10:30 am S.A.I.L. Class (SJ)

Tuesday, April 30

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)
 6:30/7:00 pm KC Rosary/Meeting (SJ)

Wednesday, May 1

9:30–10:30 am S.A.I.L. Class (SJ)
 5:30–6:30 pm Confessions (SJ)

Thursday, May 2

9:00 am to 6:00 pm Adoration (SJ)
 9:30 am to 6:00 pm Adoration (HF)

Friday, May 3

8:00 am Men's Group (HF)

Saturday, May 4 First Saturday

8:00/8:30 am Rosary/Chaplet/Holy Mass (SJ)
 9:00–10:00 am Adoration (SJ)
 10:00 am Confessions (SJ)

Sunday, May 5

After 8:00 am Mass Fellowship, Coffee and Food (HF)
 8:30 am–Noon KC Family Breakfast (SJ)
 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 |
|------|-----------------|--------------|
| 4/28 | Betty Anderson | Megan DuRose |
| 5/4 | Dani McWilliams | Emily DuRose |

All Parish News

The Ministries Appeal

Next week is commitment weekend for The Ministries Appeal and so Fr. Mike will ask you to join other Catholics in the Diocese of Duluth with a gift in support of the ministries. Throughout the week, please prayerfully discern what you have been blessed with and what you are able to offer back in support of future generations in our diocese. The Ministries Appeal focuses on the shared ministries of the Diocese of Duluth that bring our mission and vision to life. Through Education and Family, Evangelization & Outreach, and Vocation & Clergy Support, these ministries embody the Holy Spirit in our communities, bringing people closer to Jesus Christ for healing, hope and joy.



First Saturday Schedule May 4, 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



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) or putting your contact information on the sign-up sheet at your parish.



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.cyunacatholic.org/gala or by calling the St. Joseph’s parish office at 218-546-6559.



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 or Esther Reagan at reaganesther@gmail.com. The deadline for sign-up is May 15.

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

| Through April 14, 2024 | St. James | Holy Family | Our Lady of Fatima |
|------------------------------|-----------|-------------|--------------------|
| Attendance | 433 | 114 | 20 |
| Received | \$5,961 | \$2,105 | \$335 |
| Fiscal Year to Date Goal | \$259,310 | \$80,115 | \$8,033 |
| Fiscal Year to Date Received | \$257,842 | \$82,475 | \$7,357 |



Our Lady of Fatima Chapel

Holy Mass Schedule*

102 S Highway 65, McGrath

Sunday, April 28 at 10 am

Sunday, May 5 at 10 am

Sunday, May 12 at 10 am

Please note there will not be Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Chapel on Sunday, May 19th.

The Rosary will be prayed a half hour before Mass.

*Note this schedule is subject to change.

St. James

299 Red Oak Drive, Aitkin

KC Family Breakfast



The Knights of Columbus invite all to enjoy a free-will family breakfast on Sunday, May 5th. Come before Mass or after the 10:30 am Mass. Serving from 8:30 am to noon, delicious pancakes, scrambled eggs with ham, country style pork sausage, and all the fixings. All proceeds go toward nonprofit charities.

St. James Quilting

Want to get involved in a new project? The St. James quilters will be getting together Wednesday, May 8th, from 1 to 3 pm. Come and join us as we enjoy fellowship while "doing for others." No special talent is necessary. All are welcome.



Newly registered parishioners:
Wesley and Judith Friesner Family

St. James Liturgical Ministers*

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

Saturday, May 4 at 5:00 pm

Sacristan/Server Bob Cummings
Lector Jennifer Cummings
EOM Dolores Wickham
Ushers Mark Greninger, Brian Avery,
Martin Schmitt, volunteer

Sunday, May 5 at 10:30 am

Sacristan Hugh Janzen
Servers Luke Workman, Isabel McWilliams
Lector Hugh Janzen
EOM Bernie Novak
Ushers Kirk Peysar, Mark Ritter,
Roger Stippel, KC volunteer

Holy Family

2 S Maddy Street, McGregor



Congratulations to those who received their First Holy Communion last Sunday:

- * Cheyenne Blumer
- * Delaney Moen

Prayer Shawls Available

We have some prayer shawls available for those who are going through an illness or rough time. A very comforting prayer card is enclosed with each shawl. Please give Shirley Scollard a call, 218-426-3527, if you would like to receive one of these hand-made prayer shawls.



Mary Ellen Kangas who passed away this past Monday and her bereaved family and friends. May her soul and the souls of all the faithfully departed rest in peace.

Brainerd Deanery CCW "Spring Conference"

The Brainerd Deanery Council of Catholic Women "Spring Conference" is May 21, 2024, at Immaculate Heart Church, Crosslake. Guest speaker is Fr. Nick Nelson. Pre-registration by May 17; cost \$20.00 includes morning treats and lunch. See notices on bulletin boards.



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.

Can You Help?

Woodland Cemetery, south of downtown McGregor on County Road 8, could use your help, especially with spring clean-up.

Feel free to bring a friend or neighbor and work whatever amount of time you can spare. This year spring clean-up day is Saturday, May 11th. Anytime of the day will work. Any branches, etc. can be disposed of at the city compost site that is to the west of the buildings on the west side of County Road 8.

If you would like to make a donation to the cemetery, please make checks payable to Union Woodland Cemetery and mail them to Hedy Hietalati, 15582 370th ST, McGregor, MN 55760.



thank you

As the 2023-24 Religious Education year comes to an end, there are many people to thank for a successful year.

First: Students and parents for your attendance., and your help throughout the year!

Second: Teachers Bethany and Karsten, Melody and Anne, Rebecca and parent helpers, Marie, Lito, Jen, Jessica and Michelle, Dani and Kathy, Gina and Eric and Steve. We thank you for your guidance and willingness to help our young people grow their faith.

Third: Father Mike

Fourth: All of our volunteers. Betty and Joe and the rest of the CCW and Knights of Columbus for helping with meals all year!

Together, we have made the religious education year fun and educational for our students at St. James.

Religious Education resumes in the fall of 2024! Enjoy your summer and be sure to register for Vacation Bible School (see below) being held in June.

Vacation Bible School: Come to the Table!
Grades Pre-K-Grade 6
June 9-13 Evenings 5-7:30 pm

Have you registered yet? Now is the time to register! Please turn in your registration forms ASAP. Thank you! They can be found on the website, were sent home with religious ed kids, or you can contact Jen for a form.

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



Mom's and Dad's

Our Catholic parishes here in Aitkin County are having a Mom's Group and Dad's Group. The Mom's Group meets the second Saturday at St. James at 8:30 am for about an hour. The Dad's Group meets the third Saturday at 8:30 am at St. James. If you are interested in joining, please contact Fr. Mike or the parish office. If you signed up and didn't get your book yet, please stop by the parish office to get one. New members welcome. Both groups are intended for parents with kids up to and including the college ages. 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.

A Prayer for Our Country

O Most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Mercy, at this most critical time, we entrust the United States of America to your loving care.

Most Holy Mother, we beg you to reclaim this land for the glory of your Son. Overwhelmed with the burden of the sins of our nation, we cry to you from the depths of our hearts and seek refuge in your motherly protection.

Look down with mercy upon us and touch the hearts of our people. Open our minds to the great worth of human life and to the responsibilities that accompany human freedom.

Free us from the falsehoods that lead to the evil of abortion and threaten the sanctity of family life. Grant our country the wisdom to proclaim that God's law is the foundation on which this nation was founded, and that He alone is the True Source of our cherished rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

O Merciful Mother, give us the courage to reject the culture of death and the strength to build a new Culture of Life. Amen.

The above prayer is from Men of the Sacred Hearts. Copies of the prayer card are available at: www.menofthesacredhearts.org