



St. James Church  
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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Director of Religious Education

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Margaret Pavlik (HF).....218-426-4997

## Pray the Rosary

**SJ**—Saturdays 4:25 pm/Sundays 9:25 am/  
Tues-Fri-8:05 am

**HF**—Sundays 7:30 am

## Bulletin Submissions

218-927-6581 or [bulletin@aitkincatholic.org](mailto:bulletin@aitkincatholic.org)

Deadline - Mondays at 4:00 pm.

**Find the Bulletin anytime at:**

[www.parishesonline.com](http://www.parishesonline.com)

[www.aitkincatholic.org](http://www.aitkincatholic.org) (SJ)

[www.mcgregorcatholicchurch.org](http://www.mcgregorcatholicchurch.org) (HF)

## Mass Schedule

### Weekday:

Tues-Fri.....8:30am....St. James

### Weekend:

Saturday.....5:00pm....St. James  
Sunday.....8:00am....Holy Family  
Sunday.....10:00am....St. James

## Confessions

St. James

Saturday.....10:00am -10:45am

Saturday.....4:00pm - 4:45pm

Holy Family

Sunday.....7:15am - 7:45am  
(or by appointment)

TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2018



**26<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

# MIRACLES

“There is no one who  
performs a mighty deed  
in my name who can at  
the same time speak  
ill of me.” - Mk 9:39b

## A Message from Fr. David

Religious Education of children and Youth continues to change and adapt with the times. It is a difficult sojourn. Priests and their staff or volunteers who concern themselves with this important ministry, constantly confront other schedules more important than the faith (it seems), and so parents enable their children (maybe not willfully, **but it happens**) to lower the priority that the Faith has vs. Everything Else! And by everything else I mean everything.

Everything that you can image will defeat a Religious Education Night or Morning for many. I've heard it all. I will spare you the list. Now there are some kids who can't even be "forced," cajoled or persuaded by rightful authorities (parents/grandparents/ foster parents) to go to Religious Education, because the choice is theirs to make. I just recently witnessed someone "negotiate" terms with their 6 year old son over a command that had been given concerning carrots. It was stated that if he ate one of three carrots left on his plate there would be a food related reward for him at morning breakfast. Of course he said "no." Why wouldn't you say no? It is a negotiation. In my childhood, I wouldn't have been caught dead (or I would have ended up dead) saying "no" to Ma or Dad when I was six. Or I would have sat at the table until the carrots had dried up and were green and moldy. And that (my friends) was just the reality of life.

Now I can't get into the differences between the 70's and the Teens or "Tensies" (as they call them these days) in terms of parenting styles and their effectiveness, but I will ask you this instead:

- o Who is more important than God?
- o What is more important than your faith?
- o Do you want to avoid Eternal Death and be brought into the Heavenly Kingdom?
- o How about your children? Saved / Don't Really Care?

Do you realize that the vast majority of us will never achieve proximity to the level of greatness that we dreamed about in our youth? For example I was going to play in the NFL, (when I planned out my life as a 4<sup>th</sup> grader) but I never even played High School Football. It's a simple truth that we don't usually fulfill our earliest dreams and aspirations and yet there is one thing that can be achieved in children, teens, adults and the elderly alike. What is this one thing? In every age (no matter how young, not matter how old) you can be...

## Holy

Who is more important than God, What is more important than your faith, Do you want to go to Heaven and have your children with you? You know the answer but are you willing to prioritize your life around the answer?

More to come . . .

*God bless and have a good week everyone! Fr. David*

## Fr. David's Liturgical Schedule

### Tuesday, October 2

8:05 am Rosary (SJ)  
8:30 am Mass (SJ)

### Wednesday, October 3

8:05 am Rosary (SJ)  
8:30 am Mass (SJ)

### Thursday, October 4

8:05 am Rosary (SJ)  
8:30 am Mass (SJ)  
9:00 am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament (SJ)

### Friday, October 5

8:05 am Rosary (SJ)  
8:30 am Mass (SJ)

### Saturday, October 6

10:00 - 10:45am Confession (SJ)  
4:00 - 4:45pm Confession (SJ)  
5:00 pm Mass (SJ)

### Sunday, October 7

7:00 - 7:45 am Confession (HF)  
8:00 am Mass (HF)  
10:00 am Mass (SJ)

(HF)-Holy Family • (SJ)-Saint James



**Monday,** No Mass (SJ)

### Tuesday, October 2

8:30 am Marie E. Halbur (SJ)

### Wednesday,

8:30 am Barb Schelling (SJ)

### Thursday,

8:30 am Lyla Kosman (SJ)

### Friday,

8:30 am Chuck Bernhagen (SJ)

### Saturday,

5:00 pm Kerry Boyer (SJ)

### Sunday,

8:00 am Tom & Mary Spencer  
Mass of the Living (HF)  
10:00 am Evey Ritter (SJ)

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## UPCOMING RETREATS AT CHRIST THE KING RETREAT CENTER

**621 First Ave South – Buffalo, MN 55313**

### MEN'S SILENT WEEKEND RETREAT

"Be Patient in Affliction" Oct 26-28 \$160.00/person

### HOPE DAY RETREAT (Dealing with Loss)

Tuesday, Oct 30 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. \$40.00 (includes lunch)

### MEN & WOMEN'S SILENT WEEKEND RETREAT

"Making All Things New: Becoming a New Creation" Nov 2-4, \$175.00/person

### WOMEN'S SILENT MIDWEEK RETREAT

"Be Patient in Affliction" Nov 6-8  
\$160.00/person

### SERRA INTERNATIONAL RETREAT (Serra Members Only)

"Memento Mori: Dying Well is Loving Well" Nov 16-18 \$175.00/person



### Lakes Catholic Fall Mission

Hosted by St. Andrew's Church, Brainerd

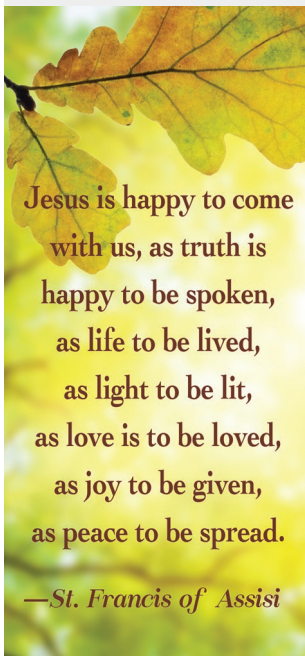
Hallie Lord and Fr. Kyle Manno will focus us on being unafraid to follow God's call for our lives and finding peace in difficult times.

Speakers are scheduled for each evening, October 8, 9 and 10 at 7:00 pm.

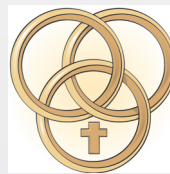
### Upcoming Diocesan Events:

- Oct 6 Anniversary Mass & Dinner, Cathedral in Duluth  
Mass at 5:00 pm/Dinner to follow. Event is free to couples celebrating milestone anniversaries. [www.dioceseduluth.org](http://www.dioceseduluth.org)
- Oct 13 Diocesan Assembly, "Made in His Image...Made for Love" Marshall School, Duluth. Cost \$30/person & \$15/spouse and/or student  
[www.dioceseduluth.org](http://www.dioceseduluth.org) (after Oct. 1, the cost increases to \$40/person.)

### Getting Married? Engaged Weekend



Are you getting married in the Diocese of Duluth in 2018 or beyond? The last 2018 Weekend for Engaged is out and registration is open. Couples marrying before February of 2019 need to register for the Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> in Hibbing two weeks before the event at [www.dioceseduluth.org](http://www.dioceseduluth.org) on the Marriage and Family Life page under departments. For questions call Betsy Kneepkens at 218-724-9111.



### Northland Family Programs

Northland Family Programs is offering a Free Introductory Session this **October** for the FertilityCare™ System, a natural and effective family planning method. Learn how to avoid or achieve pregnancy safely and naturally with a proven method that's 98% effective and 100% natural. It will be held at Essentia Health, St. Joseph's Medical Center in Brainerd on **October 9** at 7:00 pm. Pre-registration is necessary for all sessions. To pre-register or for more information call Jessica at 218-828-6201 or 218-251-5755 or Anna at 1-800-842-0279

### Week of Sept 30, 2018

- Sun: Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 [9a]/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48
- Mon: Jb 1:6-22/Ps 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7 [6]/Lk 9:46-50
- Tues: Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23/Ps 88:2-3, 4-5, 6, 7-8 [3]/Mt 18:1-5, 10
- Wed: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/Ps 88:10bc-11, 12-13, 14-15 [3]/Lk 9:57-62
- Thurs: Jb 19:21-27/Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14 [13]/Lk 10:1-12
- Fri: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Ps 139:1-3, 7-8, 9-10, 13-14ab [24b]/Lk 10:13-16
- Sat: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130 [135]/Lk 10:17-24
- Next Sunday: Gn 2:18-24/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [cf. 5]/Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time  
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## Stewardship Report



### Through Sept 16, 2018

(Fiscal Year: July 1, 2018-June 30, 2019)

#### St. James •

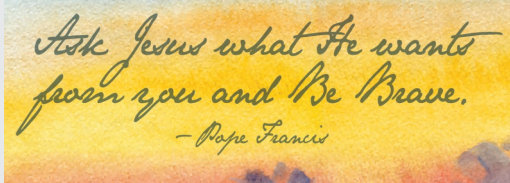
Attendance ..... 415  
Received 9/16/2018 ..... \$7,013  
Fiscal Year needs to date ..... \$77,836  
UCA 2018 Assessment ..... \$47,336.37  
2018 UCA Received/Pledged. \$34,840.82

#### Holy Family •

Attendance ..... 125  
Received 9/16/2018 ..... \$1,183  
Fiscal Year to date received ..... \$20,977  
UCA 2018 Assessment ..... \$15,032.79  
2018 UCA Received/Pledged. \$8,094.00

**Thank you for your contributions!**

**Please note:** Donations for Our Lady of Fatima can be designated on your envelope or check with "Our Lady of Fatima". Please make this distinction so your donation can be accounted for properly.



## St. James

299 Red Oak Drive, Aitkin

### Thank You!

I would like to thank everyone at St. James for all your phone calls, visits, cards, concerns and especially prayers. My recovery from esophageal cancer is slow but with your prayers we have progress. I am cancer free and no chemo or radiation, so prayers are being answered. Joy Janzen

### Thank you from CHUM

"Thank you for your congregational contribution of quilts and school supplies to CHUM. Your gift has been designated for Distributive Services. Your gift to CHUM allows us to provide items to our guests which otherwise we would not be able to offer. Together we are making a difference in the lives of those who come to CHUM for assistance."

Scott Van Daele, Distributive Services Director

*CHUM (Churches United in Ministry) is people of faith working together to provide basic necessities, foster stable lives and organize for a just and compassionate community.*

### St. James Food Shelf

**Oct 6 & 7** Canned meat, tuna, chicken, spam

**Oct 13 & 14** Food Share Weekend  
Thank you for generosity.

### Women of St. James

The leaves are falling – school has started— a new season is beginning. Come together with other Women of St. James on Thursday, October 4 in the St. James Parish Hall. Come for 8:30 daily Mass, and/or join us afterward (9:00 am) for conversation, coffee/tea and goodies. Decision for our future and volunteer opportunities will be offered. All are welcome!

*Betty Larson,  
Council of Catholic Women*



### Knights of Columbus

Knights of Columbus meeting will be on Tuesday, October 2 at St. James in Aitkin. Rosary at 6:30 pm, 7:00 meeting, fellowship and refreshments to follow.

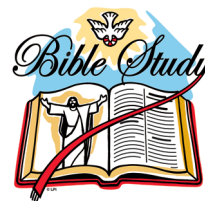
### Rosary for Respect for Life & Children



On Thursday mornings from 7:30-7:50 a.m. a Rosary is prayed for the sanctity of life and youth of our community. Everyone is welcome to join in prayer before our busy days at school, work and home.

### The Turning Point Bible Study Begins Oct 1st

Deacon Mike Eisenbraun will be leading a unique Bible study experience created by Dynamic Catholic! The Turning Point is not your typical Bible study. It focuses on eight encounters with Jesus in the Gospel of John. Transformed by their experiences, the individuals in these stories invite us to encounter Jesus in our everyday lives. We will meet on Mondays at 6PM at St. James beginning **Oct 1st**. There will be nine sessions total.



### Holy Hour for Vocations

All are welcome Please come.  
Thursday, October 4th, from 7 – 8 p.m.

Sponsored by "Gate of Heaven" Legion of Mary, Aitkin Chapter



## Holy Family

2 S Maddy Street, McGregor

### CCW Collection

In October the Council of Catholic Women (CCW) begins their annual donation request. Look for your donation envelope or one you will find in the church pews during the month of October. Throughout the year CCW provides Holy Family Parish with many donations to projects which provide assistance with church and rectory maintenance and upgrades, funeral lunches, religious education programs and so many more. Please consider a donation which will benefit the men, women and youth of our parish faith community in so many ways.

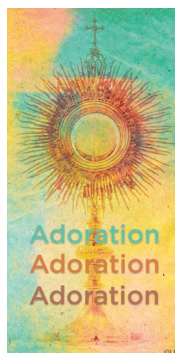
### Volunteer Needed:

- Holy Family is looking for someone to be the Prayer Chain contact volunteer. Please contact Margaret Pavlik 218-426-4997 to volunteer or for more information.
- Holy Family/OLF is in need of two people to step up and work as a team to coordinate funerals for our church. Please call Margaret Pavlik at 218-426-4997 if you would like to help people in their time of need.



### Adoration and Vespers

Holy Family will now offer a Holy Hour every Thursday evening from 5-6 p.m. This hour will include quiet time to be with the Lord, Vespers and Benediction. You may come for the whole hour or just stop in for a few minutes to pray.



### The Rescue Tour

You are invited to a Gospel and Hymn Concert by Dave Anderson & Roger Walck. The Fund, Food and Fellowship will be presented on

October 17th at 6:30pm at Our Savior Lutheran Church in McGregor. A free-will offering will benefit Shepherd's Canyon Retreat.

### Free Harvest Luncheon – Oct 9, 2018

Grace Lutheran Church, McGregor, is hosting a free harvest luncheon. Registration & Silent Auction is at 11 am with lunch at 11:30. Come for fellowship, food, fun & entertainment. RSVP to Grace Church 218-426-3343.





## Religious Education

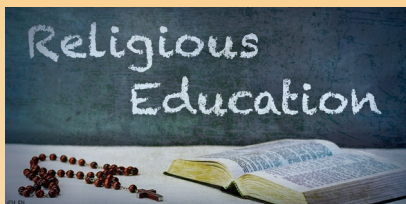
### Little Gobblers Sunday School

No Little Gobblers Sunday School today ( September 30). See you in two weeks! October 14th is the date of our next class.

Upcoming Schedule for Little Gobblers Classes

October 14th  
October 28th  
November 11th  
November 18th

Need to register? We are happy to have you anytime. Stop by the church for a registration form, find one on the parish website or contact Jen [elementary@aitkincatholic.org](mailto:elementary@aitkincatholic.org) for a copy.



### CAGE Night begins!

CAGE Night begins on October 3 at 6:30 with registration and Holy Hour, followed by snacks. Parents should plan to attend with their students.

CAGE Schedule for October

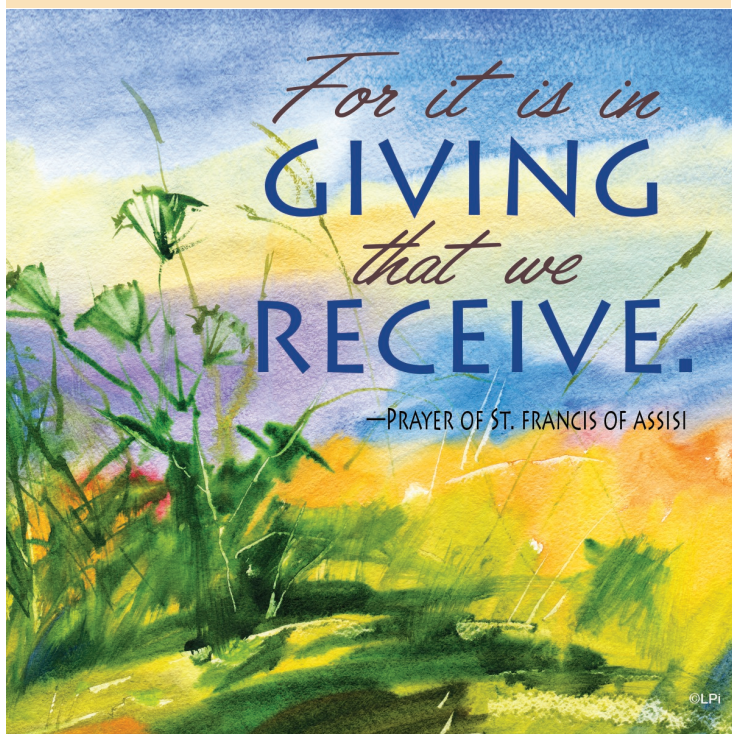
October 10th  
October 24th

### Attention Confirmation Students

Confirmation classes will be held after Mass on

October 7th  
October 21st

Confirmation practice will be held on October 27th in the morning.



## This Week

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### Monday, October 1

6:00 pm Bible Study (SJ)

### Tuesday, October 2

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

### Wednesday, October 3

1:00-3:00 pm Quilters (SJ)  
5:00 pm Choir practice (SJ)  
6:30-8:00 pm Holy Hour/CAGE Night (SJ)

### Thursday, October 4

7:30 am Rosary (SJ)  
9:00 am CCW Coffee/Conversation (SJ)  
9:00 am to 9:00 pm Adoration (SJ)  
5:00-6:00 pm Adoration (HF)  
5:30 pm Legion of Mary (SJ)  
7:00 pm Vocations Holy Hour (SJ)

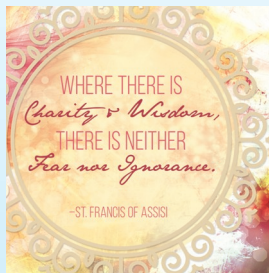
### Saturday, October 6

6:00 pm Alzheimer's Dinner (SJ)

### Sunday, October 7

After Mass Confirmation (SJ)

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That Man is You  
will meet next on  
October 2nd

### Saturday, October 6 at 5:00 pm (SJ)

Music ..... Jim  
Greeters..... Darlene Seguin, Larry Switala  
Sacristan/Server..... Pat O'Connor  
Lector..... Joan Diedrich  
EOMs ..... (MOB) Jan Burt, Delores Wickham  
..... (MOC) Mary Jo Stark, Irmgard Boyer  
Ushers ..... Pete & Pam Landgren, Gary Tibbitts, Jerry Sullivan

### Sunday, October 7 at 8:00 am (HF)

..... Please see the green binder in narthex.

### Sunday, October 7 at 10:00 am (SJ)

Music ..... Choir  
Greeters..... KCs  
Sacristan ..... Terry Stein  
Servers ..... Noah Janzen, Jerome Joerger  
Lector..... Carroll Janzen  
EOMs ..... (MOB) Frank Zappa, Tim Anderson  
..... (MOC) Adam James, Harvey Lamke,  
..... Tom Provost, Volunteer  
Ushers ..... Roger Stippel, Ed Spiel, Chad Larson, Josh Joerger

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