



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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## 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-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
OCTOBER 7, 2018



# 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

“From the beginning of creation, God made them male and female.”  
- Mk 10:6

## A Message from Father David

So prioritizing your life to the noble end of becoming a Saint is everything and all that this life is about here on earth. Preparing oneself in every way to do God's will (above all things) is the key to happiness. Avoiding near occasions of sin and the choices to inflict evil upon anyone or even upon oneself is a daily task. Knowing the difference between good and evil and having a well formed conscience to make moral decisions is set firmly upon the training of our childhood, not only from our parents and grandparents but from our school teachers too.

It is safe to say that the passing on of the Catholic Faith through Catholic Schools and Catholic Educators has dropped down on our priorities lists in the last 3 or 4 decades. **Firstly**, there has developed a problem of faith. The Faith just isn't as important to people as it has been. This is a simple truth. **Second**, for many, the cost and time commitment to a private, Catholic education for their children is more than they can bear financially. When public school is "free" and the faith doesn't mean as much to the constituents over all, the choice is easy. **Third**, because of the resources the public system has, their teachers are getting paid better and the public school is able to offer more diverse and individualized programs to the students. **Finally**, there is also the reality of parents who choose home-schooling over the other two options. This group of dedicated individuals is becoming more populous especially in rural areas. Most homeschoolers do a great job of handing on the faith and even though it is their right to educate their children it has had an adverse effect on Catholic Schools (in some way).

Training to become a Saint is not an easy task without help. Within the Catholic School setting one's environment is conducive for growth through prayer, discipline, correction and study. Standards of behavior are set that have as their foundation the Commandments, the Bible and Church Teachings. And then there is prayer. Within the Catholic School opportunities to go to Mass and confession, to pray devotional prayers like the Rosary or Stations and to pray in the classroom together are all present. The spiritual muscle exercised in Catholic Schools is the major difference between us and the public schools.

I know there is more to be said about this but for this week I want to leave you with a thought about St. Thomas Aquinas Elementary School in International Falls, MN and Fr. Ben Hadrach. Last weekend he presided at our Masses and gave a pitch about the school he shepherds on the border. I know that he touched some of you because he left here with \$2,400.00 for his scholarship program. We didn't expect that at all. **Thank You!!!** Our two parishes in Aitkin County are being called to consider how we can help this school's mission and ministry in a far-away place. Do you share a concern for them and why?

Finally, like all schools, St. Thomas Aquinas in the Falls has a mascot for their school community, they are known as the... **SAINTS.**  
More to come...

*God bless and have a good week everyone!*

*Fr. David*

## Fr. David's Liturgical Schedule

### Sunday, October 7

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

### Tuesday, October 9

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

### Wednesday, October 10

8:05 am	Rosary (SJ)
8:30 am	Mass (SJ)
1:30 pm	Mass @ Aicota

### Thursday, October 11

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

### Friday, October 12

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

### Saturday, October 13

10:00 - 10:45 am	Confession (SJ)
11:00 am	Lammers Baptism (SJ)
3:00 pm	Wedding (Garrison)
4:00 - 4:45 pm	Confession (SJ)
5:00 pm	Mass (SJ)

### Sunday, October 14

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

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### Monday, October 8

No Mass (SJ)

### Tuesday, October 9

8:30 am	Kelly Mishler (SJ)
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### Wednesday, October 10

8:30 am	Marge Johnson (SJ)
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### Thursday, October 11

8:30 am	Terry Mickley (SJ)
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### Friday, October 12

8:30 am	Sara Dotzler (SJ)
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### Saturday, October 13

5:00 pm	Dawson VanPortfliet (SJ)
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### Sunday, October 14

8:00 am	For the Parishioners (HF)
10:00 am	Brad Irwin (SJ)

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## Scholarships for St. Thomas Aquinas School in I. Falls

A special thank you to Father Ben for celebrating Mass with us this past weekend. Any donations you'd like to make to St. Thomas Aquinas School for student scholarships should be made out to your parish with notation. St. James and Holy Family will forward our donations.

## Food Share Weekend

Next weekend is our Food Share weekend. Food items can be placed in the containers provided. If you would like to make a cash donation, please make a notation on your check or use a Food Share envelope. Your generosity is much appreciated by those in need.

## Diocesan Assembly: Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>

It's not too late! Register today for your opportunity to pray, learn, and worship with your diocesan Church family on Sat., Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>. Join Bishop Paul Sirba at Marshall School in Duluth as international speaker Colin MacIver, LIVE from Ascension Press, presents "Made in His Image... Made to Love." Newly added: Rosary for reparation for our Church led by Bishop Sirba and others at the end of the lunch hour (*optional*). Also added is the Mothers' Room with live-streaming of the auditorium in case babies need extra attention. Have trouble discussing with others and understanding complex moral topics? Want to better understand God's plan to for love? Want to know why *Humanae Vitae* is important (and how to pronounce it)? Join the club! Cost after Oct. 1: \$40 general, \$25 to add a spouse, \$25 for students (college students or ages 16+ with parent), free for clergy and religious. Walk-ins welcome! Lunch and materials are not guaranteed after Oct. 1. The day concludes with Vigil Mass celebrated by Bishop Sirba at 4:00pm. Register at [www.dioceseduluth.org](http://www.dioceseduluth.org) or call 218-724-9111. See you at our church family reunion as we come to support each other, pray, and learn together. God bless you!

An awesome marriage is not when a "perfect couple" comes together ~ it's when an imperfect couple learns to celebrate their differences! Register for the October 13-14 *Marriage Encounter* at [www.marriages.org](http://www.marriages.org) and begin creating the marriage of your dreams!



October is **RESPECT LIFE** Month



## Have you Registered?

Do you receive the Duluth Diocese publication, *The Northern Cross*? If not, we probably don't have you listed as being registered. Please contact the office or fill out a registration form and drop it in the collection basket.

## Week of October 7, 2018

Sun: Gn 2:18-24/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [cf. 5]/Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16  
 Mon: Gal 1:6-12/Ps 111:1b-2, 7-8, 9 and 10c [5]/Lk 10:25-37  
 Tues: Gal 1:13-24/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15 [24b]/Lk 10:38-42  
 Wed: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Lk 11:1-4  
 Thurs: Gal 3:1-5/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75 [69]/Lk 11:5-13  
 Fri: Gal 3:7-14/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 [5]/Lk 11:15-26  
 Sat: Gal 3:22-29/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [8a]/Lk 11:27-28  
 Next Sunday: Wis 7:7-11/Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [14]/Heb 4:12-13/Mk 10:17-30

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
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## Stewardship Report



Through  
**Sept. 23, 2018**

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

### St. James •

Attendance ..... 455  
 Received 9/23/2018 ..... \$4,632  
 Fiscal Year to date received ..... \$82,468  
 UCA 2018 Assessment ..... \$47,336.37  
 2018 UCA Received/Pledged.. \$36,065.82

### Holy Family •

Attendance ..... 142  
 Received 9/23/2018 ..... \$741  
 Fiscal Year to date received ..... \$21,718  
 UCA 2018 Assessment ..... \$15,032.79  
 2018 UCA Received/Pledged.... \$8,114.00

**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.



**For October**  
 The Mission  
 of Religious

That consecrated religious men and women may bestir themselves, and be present among the poor, the marginalized, and those who have no voice.

## St. James

299 Red Oak Drive, Aitkin

### Please Pray For . . .

Larry Fischer and his bereaved family and friends. May his soul and the souls of all the faithfully departed rest in peace.

### October is membership & support month for the Council of Catholic Women (CCW)

Monies collected are used to finance the works of the CCW at several levels: Diocesan, Deanery, Parish, Provincial, and National. All Women of St. James are members. Please use the CCW envelopes in the pews to submit your membership. St. James men are encouraged to submit a membership in memory of a beloved female family member. Please see Bulletin insert letter from Bishop Sirba for further information.

### Be sure to get your ticket!

\$20,000.00 Raffle

Only 400 tickets sold.

10 - \$2,000 Winners.

\$100.00 Ticket

Split a ticket with your friend(s).

Proceeds go towards Maintenance Reserve. Drawing on 10/28/18.

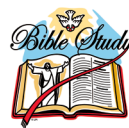


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### The Turning Point Bible Study

On Mondays at 6PM at St. James, Deacon Mike Eisenbraun is 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. There will be nine sessions total. The next session is October 15th.



### Have you noticed . . . ?

A few months ago the mailbox was moved. It used to be in front of the rectory but is now in front of church by the Mass times sign. Please do not park in front of the mailbox (from approximately 10:00 to 1:00), or mail will not be delivered that day. Thanks.

### From the Women's Care Center in Duluth:

*"Thank you so much for your recent donation! All the blankets are so cute - our mamas will surely enjoy them! Thank you for taking the time to make all the items given. It means so much!"*

### We Have Adopted a Seminarian!

The Bishop Baraga Apostolate is an initiative of the Brainerd Deanery which seeks to support vocations within our Deanery by praying for vocations daily and supporting Priests, Deacons, and Seminarians through collaborative efforts. Our parish has adopted a Seminarian from the Diocese of Duluth. We are seeking individuals, groups or families to sign up for one month to pray daily for this individual and send a small care package (nothing elaborate) along with a note of encouragement. Please contact Laura Eisenbraun 218-851-6604 if you are interested in this very worthwhile mission to support our adopted Seminarian, Peter Specht, who is at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary in Winona, Minn.

### A Big Booya Thank You

The Booya Committee wants to extend a huge thank you to all of those persons who helped make this year's Booya a tremendous success. A special thanks to the Booya Cutting crew, who volunteered their time, Paulbeck's County Market and Hometown Building Supply for all their help. The proceeds are earmarked for the Flowers for the Altar Fund. Thanks again. We hope everybody enjoyed the Booya!!

## Holy Family

2 S Maddy Street, McGregor

### Adoration and Vespers

Holy Family now offers 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.



### Volunteers 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.

### CCW Meeting for Holy Family and Our Lady of Fatima

Will be on Friday, Oct. 12th at 10 a.m. in the upper social hall.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF  
CATHOLIC WOMEN

### 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.



## Religious Education

### Little Gobblers Sunday School

No Little Gobblers Sunday School today (October 7).

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 Schedule for October

October 10th

October 24th

### Attention Confirmation Students

Confirmation classes will be held after Mass on

October 7th (today)

October 21st

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



Parishioners who participated in the bus trip to attend the Matthew Kelly event at the Minneapolis Convention Center on Saturday, September 29, 2018.



## This Week

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### Sunday, October 7

After Mass

Confirmation Class (SJ)

### Tuesday, October 9

6:00 am

"That Man Is You" (SJ)

5:00 pm

Finance Council (HF)

### Wednesday, October 10

9:15 am

CCW Funeral Chairpersons Mtg (SJ)

6:30 pm

CAGE (SJ)

### Thursday, October 11

7:30 am

Rosary (SJ)

9:00 am to 9:00 pm

Adoration (SJ)

5:00-6:00 pm

Holy Hour (HF)

5:30 pm

Legion of Mary (SJ)

### Friday, October 12

10:00 am

CCW Meeting (HF)

### Sunday, October 14

9:30-11:30 am

Food Share Weekend  
Little Gobblers Sunday School (SJ)

After 10:00 am Mass

Coffee & Rolls (SJ)

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### Saturday, October 13 at 5:00 pm (SJ)

Music ..... Jim  
Greeters..... Bob and Gayle Janzen  
Sacristan/Server..... Dave Thompson  
Lector..... Glenda Flier  
EOMs ..... (MOB) Julie Carlson, Bernie Novak  
..... (MOC) Brad and Chris McCusker  
Ushers ..... Kevin Hoge, Brian Carlson  
..... John Pierson, volunteer

### Sunday, October 14 at 8:00 am (HF)

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

### Sunday, October 14 at 10:00 am (SJ)

Music ..... Mary Jo, Betty, Jen  
Greeters..... Clint and Dorothy Host  
Sacristan ..... Larry and Roseann Johnson  
Servers ..... Johnny Ryan, Quintin Christy  
Lector..... Laura Eisenbraun  
EOMs ..... (MOB) Tim and Kathy Ryan  
..... (MOC) Terry Stein, Wendie Bunnell  
..... Mike and Judy Walsh  
Ushers ..... Frank Zappa, Tom Lundberg  
..... John Appel, Al Ebnet

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