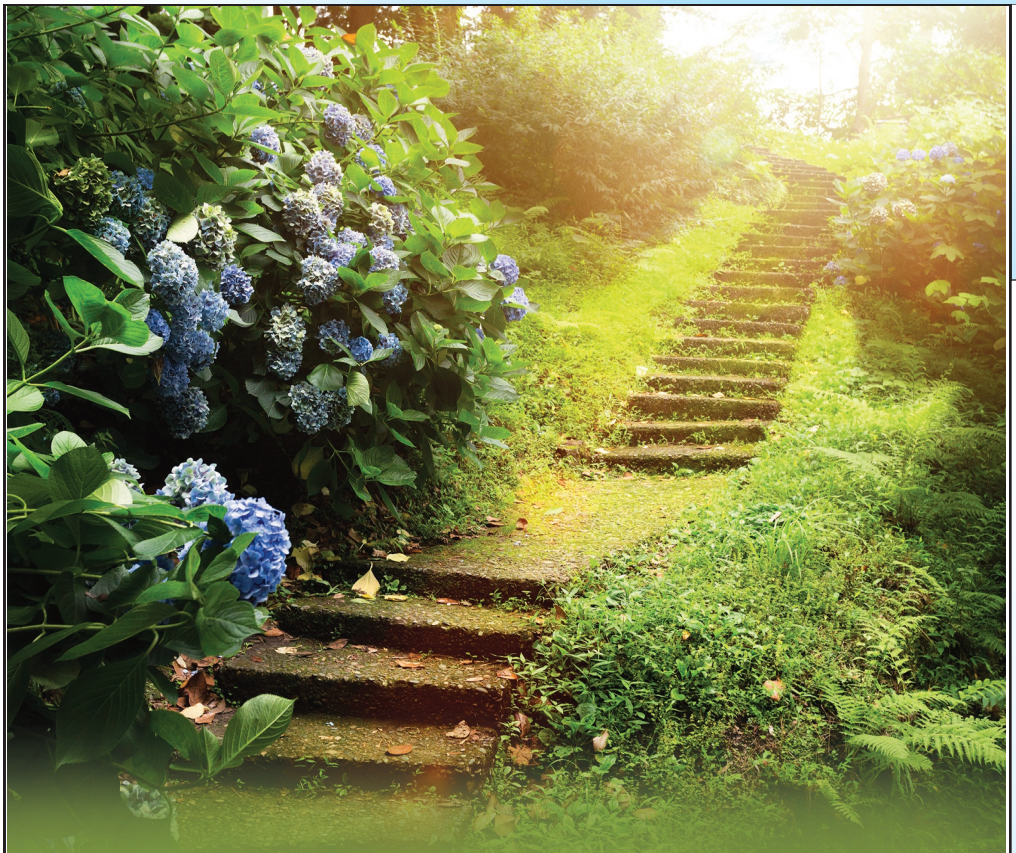
Welcome to the Catholic Churches of

Our Lady of Fatima
McGrath, MN

St. James
Aitkin, MN

Holy Family
McGregor, MN

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME • AUGUST 26, 2018



21st Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life." - Jn 6:68

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

Mass Schedule

Weekday:
St. James - Tues-Fri 8:30 am
Weekend:
St. James -
Saturday-5:00pm
Sunday.-10:00am
Holy Family -
Sunday-8:00am

Confessions

(at the following times or by appointment)
St. James
Saturday from 10:00am - 10:45am
Saturday from 4:00pm - 4:45pm
Holy Family
Sunday from 7:15am - 7:45am

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Elementary .....Open

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Find the Bulletin anytime at:
www.parishesonline.com
www.aitkincatholic.org (SJ)
www.mcgregorcatholicchurch.org (HF)

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From the Pastor's Desk

Dear friends in Christ;

Jesus tells us in Sacred Scripture, *"Wherever two or more are gathered in my name I am there in your midst."* I know you believe that prayer is needed now more than ever to stem the tide of the works of evil and injustice in this world and we need to beg for mercy and for grace to be poured out upon ourselves and others. Something I have started in my other parishes to stem the tide against the darkness, to be a school of prayer and faith is called **The Upper Room.** The title "**The Upper Room"** recalls those times when the Apostles prayed and took refuge in an upper room, waiting for the appearance of Jesus and the His Spirit. To better understand what **The Upper Room** is or what it can look like, consider the following points:

- Prayer meetings happen once a month (the date can vary with your schedules).
- **Upper Room** members should make every attempt to be present at the monthly meeting. If there are members missing it really affects the dynamic of the group.
- No need or expectation for the host home to provide refreshments, you are more importantly asked to gather for prayer and discussion in **The Upper Room.**
- Some socializing before or afterwards is ok but I want people to feel free to come just for the prayer-time and leave if they must right after. If there is socializing, I would try limit it to 30 minutes.
- Leaders will receive a packet describing the theme and the structure of the prayer meeting. It will have all the readings (usually) and all the discussion questions as well. The **Upper Room** packet will be mailed or e-mailed (depending on your preference) to the leaders on or before the 5th of each month.
- Host home leaders do not need to physically lead the entire prayer meeting if you do not want to - you can break up the responsibilities, if you wish amongst, the members (i.e. readings from the bible).
- Making copies of the different parts of the packet would be your responsibility if you wish to do that.
- In the space where you host **The Upper Room** in your home, an altar or votive area should be created with religious articles (candles, statues, pictures, holy cards, crucifixes etc.) to act as a visual centering point.
- It will be the leader's responsibility to invite other members to be a part of your **Upper Room**.
  - Friendship or at least some kind of affinity with the members you invite is a plus, but you can invite perfect strangers, even Non-Catholics to **The Upper Room.**
  - Travel distance – try to invite people in the neighborhood (not imperative, however – they can come from anywhere!).
  - Faith – what will be witnessed will be the Catholic expression of faith and The faith will not be "watered down" doctrinally, for example when the theme is Mary, the Rosary or parts of it will be prayer.
  - Invite no more members than the space you plan on using for prayer will accommodate (i.e. dining room table, living room, screen porch). All spaces should be conducive for prayer and comfortable for the members.
- **The Upper Room** will stay in the host home for at least a year and maybe longer. I don't have a vision for it to move about really. Stability in your house of prayer (**Upper Room**) is a positive thing, I think.

If there is interest in the Holy Family and Our Lady of Fatima communities, I will schedule an organizational meeting to field any questions you may have. Currently there are 13 **Upper Rooms** meeting in the Aitkin, Garrison and Bulldog Lake communities. Talk to me personally or give your information to Aggie by calling the Church Office. More to come...

God bless and have a good week everyone!

Fr. David

Fr. David's Liturgical Schedule

Sunday, August 26
7:00 - 7:45 am — Confession (HF)
8:00 am — Mass (HF)
10:00 am — Mass (SJ)

Tuesday, August 28
8:05 am — Rosary (SJ)
8:30 am — Mass (SJ)

Wednesday, August 29
8:05 am — Rosary (SJ)
8:30 am — Mass (SJ)

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

Friday, August 31
8:05 am — Rosary (SJ)
8:30 am — Mass (SJ)

Saturday, September 1
10:00 - 10:45am — Confession (SJ)
4:00 - 4:45pm — Confession (SJ)
5:00 pm — Mass (SJ)

Sunday, September 2
7:00 - 7:45 am — Confession (HF)
8:00 am — Mass (HF)
10:00 am — Mass (OL)
12:00 pm — Atkinson Baptism (HF)

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, August 27 — **No Mass** (SJ)

Tuesday, August 28
8:30 am — Gordy Pasell (SJ)

Wednesday, August 29
8:30 am — Michelle Magee (SJ)

Thursday, August 30
8:30 am — Gladys Paquette (SJ)

Friday, August 31
8:30 am — Laraine Paulsen (SJ)

Saturday, September 1
5:00 pm — For the Parishioners (SJ)

Sunday, September 2
8:00 am — Michelle Buttler (HF)
10:00 am — Barb Schelling (SJ)
10:00 am — Lu Rich (OL)

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Stewardship Report

Through August 12, 2018

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

St. James •

Attendance	550
Received 8/12/2018	$6,258
Fiscal Year to date received	$42,510
UCA 2018 Assessment	$47,336.37
2018 UCA Received/Pledged	$30,671.82

Holy Family •

Attendance	183
Received 8/12/2018	$11,540
UCA 2018 Assessment	$15,032.79
2018 UCA Received/Pledged	$7,429.00

Thank you for your contributions!

All Parish News

Hurting after abortion? You are not alone. The Duluth Diocese is here to help you heal through our post abortion ministry, ***Project Rachel***. This ministry offers a confidential helpline for you to speak with someone about your experience. A person willing to listen who has been specially trained to help you sort through unresolved feelings and conflict is just a confidential call away at 218-421-7110.

Christ the King Center Retreats

Please call (763) 682-1394 for a registration form and more information or visit www.kingshouse.com. Christ the King Retreat Center is located in Buffalo, MN.

Women's Silent Weekend Retreat "Be Patient in Affliction"
Presented by: King's House Preaching Team
Three Retreat weekends available
Sept 7-9, Sept 14-16, Sept 27-29
$160.00/person

Men's Silent Weekend Retreat "Be Patient in Affliction"
Presented by: King's House Preaching Team
September 21-23, 2018
$160.00 per person

Serenity (12-Step) Retreat "The Spirituality of the 12 Steps"
Presented by: Bob Martin
September 28-30, 2018
$175.00/person

Married Couples Retreat "Be Patient in Affliction"
Presented by: King's House Preaching Team
October 12-14, 2018
$320.00/*couple*

Papal Intentions for August *The Treasure of Families:* That any far-reaching decisions of economists and politicians may protect the family as one of the treasurers of humanity.

Have You Registered?
One indication that we probably don't have you listed as being registered is that you don't receive the Duluth Diocese publication, *The Northern Cross*. Please feel free to contact the office or check the website aitkincatholic.org for a registration form. Forms can be dropped off or mailed to the office or you may place them in the collection basket. Thanks, and welcome!

Northland Family Programs
Northland Family Programs is offering a Free Introductory Session this **September** for the Fertility*Care*™ 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 **Sept 11th** 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.

Save the Date: October 13 The 13th Annual Diocesan Assembly will be held Saturday, October 13th at Marshall School in Duluth. Colin MacIver, international speaker from Ascension Press, will present "Made in His Image…Made for Love." 50 Years after *Humanae Vitae*, rediscover God's plan for love. Registration will open soon at www.dioceseduluth.org.

Electronic Giving To set up automatic direct giving, simply complete an authorization form (available for each parish) and return it to the tri-parish office. If you have any questions, please call the office at 218-927-6581. Donations can be made automatically from checking or savings accounts.

2018 Anniversary Mass & Dinner

Couples celebrating a marriage year milestone of 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 60 or more are invited to our 5th annual Anniversary Mass & Dinner on 10/6 with Bishop Sirba. The event sponsored by the Diocese of Duluth Office of Marriage, Family and Life will begin with 5:00 pm Mass at the Cathedral of Our Lady & FREE dinner to follow at Holy Rosary School for the celebrating couples (there is a charge for additional family members). All are welcome to Mass; space for dinner is limited to the first 150 registered. Registration can be found at www.dioceseduluth.org . Registration ends Sept 30. Questions can be directed to Betsy Kneepkens, 218-724-9111.

The Advertisers on our Bulletin pay for the printing of our weekly bulletin. It is from their generosity, and support of our community, that we are able to keep you up-to-date. We ask that you please support our advertisers!

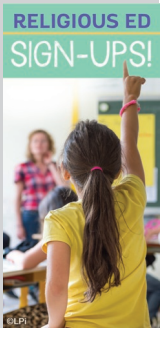
Religious Education

Attention St. James K-6 Students!

Little Gobblers Sunday School begins September 16 beginning at 9:30. Sunday School will include:

Mass Prep: *9:30-10:00*
Attending Mass with your parents: *10:00-11:00*
After Mass Discussion *11:00-11:30*

A letter was sent to all families K-6, who were registered last year. If you are new to the parish, new to Sunday School, or did not receive the Sunday School letter and would like a copy, please contact Jen at elementary@aitkincatholic.org or 218-839-0344. Sunday School registration forms were included with the letters, please fill out and return to St. James office. Need a form? Forms are available at the Church or by contacting Jen.



Saint James
299 Red Oak Drive, Aitkin

Booya is Coming Soon
Perfected by Bohemians in the dark forests of Central Europe in the Middle Ages, Booya is coming to St. James September 29th and 30th. The recipe used for the Booya was handed down to the Parish's present Booya master from a St. Paul Bohemian family in the 1980s with the express promise that it could never be revealed! The Booya will be sold starting after the 5:00 pm Mass on Saturday, September 29th and continuing after Mass on September 30th. Come taste **the mystery.** See you there!

Cuyuna Range Knights of Columbus Meeting
The Knights of Columbus meeting is scheduled on Tuesday, September 4th at St. Joseph Church in Deerwood. Rosary begins at 6:30 pm and Meeting at 7:00. Fellowship and refreshments to follow.

Please keep the bereaved family of Thomas Schoepf in your prayers. May his soul and all the souls of the faithfully departed rest in the Peace of God.

Welcome New Parishioners

Gary & Sandy Hornig, who have recently registered at St. James.

St. James Food Shelf

Sept 1 & 2	Spaghetti sauce and pasta
Sept 8 & 9	Food Share Weekend
Sept 15 & 16	Chili, Macaroni & Cheese

Matthew Kelly Event
Please join us on September 29, 2018, at the Minneapolis Convention Center Auditorium, 7-10 pm to listen to Matthew Kelly. A bus will leave from St. James Church around 2:30 and return after the event. The cost is $60/person. Please contact the office or Deacon Mike Eisenbraun and get signed up today! Seating is limited. Don't miss out on this great opportunity.

Rosary for Respect for Life & Children
On Thursday mornings from 7:30-7:50 am at St. James, 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.

That Man is You coming to St. James in the Fall
'That Man is You', a spiritual program for men will begin in the fall. Watch the bulletin and information in the gathering space at St. James for more details about the start date. Thank you, Deacon Mike Eisenbraun

Holy Family
2 S Maddy Street, McGregor

Please note: Any correspondence for Holy Family McGregor should be sent to ***299 Red Oak Drive, Aitkin, MN 56431.***

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.

Religious Education Holy Family is in need of a new Elementary Religious Education Coordinator for the 2018-19 school year. Please call Margaret Pavlik at (218-) 426-4997 if you would like to bless the next generation of our church.

Funeral Coordinators Needed 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.

Assistance Requested Holy Family/OLF is looking for someone to take on the responsibility of laundering and ironing the church linens twice a month. If you are interested, please call Deacon Mike Barta at 218-768-4401.

Wild Rice Days *UPDATES*
Sloppy Joe Lunch: The Sloppy Joe lunch along with pie and ice cream WILL be held September 1 at Holy Family. Proceeds will go to the Holy Family youth activities fund. Please support this fundraiser by donating pies and/or volunteering to serve. Contact Sue Kern (651) 307-5062.

Bake Sale at Holy Family! – Bakers and goodie makers needed for the Wild Rice Days bake sale! Please consider donating a batch of your treasured treats, family favorites, or even your garden produce! Volunteers also needed to help with selling the goodies. Proceeds go to the youth activities fund. Contact Julie Barta for more info, 768-4401. Thank you!

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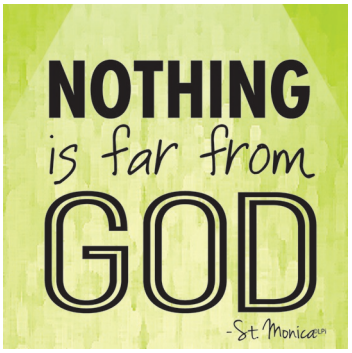
Mass at Our Lady of Fatima
There will be Mass Labor Day Weekend on Sunday, Sept 2, at 10:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Fatima in McGrath.



Event Calendar

Pray the Rosary
SJ—Saturdays 4:25 pm/Sundays 9:25 am/Tues-Fri-8:05 am
HF—Sundays 7:30 am

Thursday,

7:30 am	Rosary (SJ)
9:00 am to 9:00 pm	Adoration (SJ)
5:30 pm	Legion of Mary (SJ)

Saturday, Sept 1
Bake Sale and Lunch at Holy Family McGregor

Sunday, Sept 2
10:00 am Mass @ Our Lady of Fatima-McGrath

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Bulletin Submissions
— 218-927-6581 or bulletin@aitkincatholic.org
Bulletin Deadline - Mondays at 4:00 pm.

Readings

for the Week of August 26, 2018

Sun: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23 [9a]/ Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69
Mon: 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 4-5 [3]/Mt 23:13-22
Tues: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13 [13b]/ Mt 23:23-26
Wed: 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18/Ps 128:1-2, 4-5 [1]/ Mk 6:17-29
Thurs: 1 Cor 1:1-9/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [1]/Mt 24:42-51
Fri: 1 Cor 1:17-25/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11 [5]/Mt 25:1-13
Sat: 1 Cor 1:26-31/Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20-21 [12]/ Mt 25:14-30
Next Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 [1a]/ Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23
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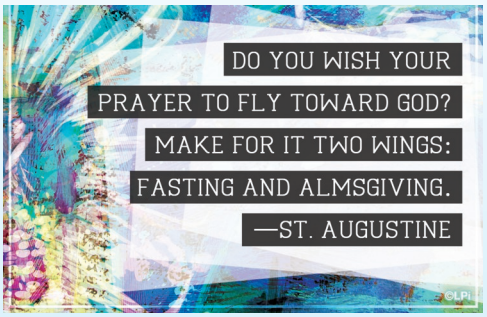

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, September 1 at 5:00 pm (SJ)
Music ..... Choir
Greeters..... Mary Aarness, Helen Mary Wagner
Sacristan/Server..... Dave Thompson
Lector..... Joan Diedrich
EOMs .....(MOB) Julie Carlson, Irmgard Boyer
.....(MOC) Mary Jo Stark, Dolores Wickham
..... Brad & Chris McCusker
Ushers ..... Gary Tibbitts, Scott Sherman
..... Gene & Donna Nardini

Sunday, September 2 at 8:00 am (HF)
..... Please see the green binder in narthex.

Sunday, September 2 at 10:00 am (SJ)
Music ..... Choir
Greeters..... KCs
Sacristan ..... Terry Stein
Servers ..... Landon & Ella Janzen
Lector..... Russ Hoppe
EOMs .....(MOB) Carroll Janzen, Pat O'Connor
.....(MOC) Bob Janzen, Tom Provost
..... Roger Stippel, Ed Spiel
Ushers .....Frank Zappa, Mark Greninger
..... Al Ebnet, Mark Ritter

Sunday, September 2 at 10:00 am (OL)
..... Please volunteer

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