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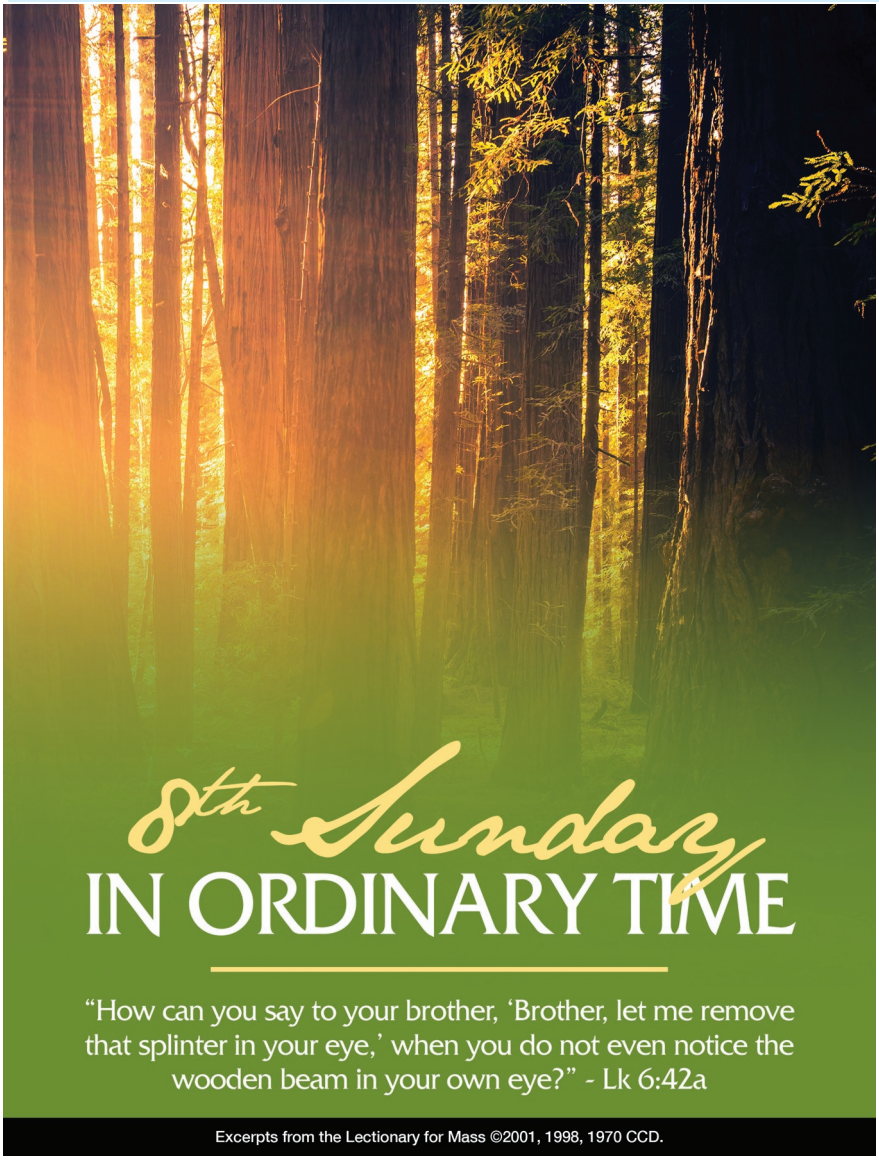
Pray the Rosary
SJ—Saturdays 4:25 pm/Sundays 9:25 am/
Tues-Fri-8:05 am
HF—Sundays 7:30 am

Bulletin Submissions
218-927-6581 or bulletin@aitkincatholic.org
Deadline - Mondays at 4:00 pm.
Find the Bulletin anytime at:
www.parishesonline.com
www.aitkincatholic.org (SJ)
www.mcgregorcatholicchurch.org (HF)

Mass Schedule	Confessions
Weekday: Tues-Fri.....8:30am....*St. James* **Weekend:** Saturday.....5:00pm....*St. James* Sunday.....8:00am....*Holy Family* Sunday.....10:00am...*St. James*	*St. James* Saturday.....10:00am -10:45am Saturday.....4:00pm - 4:45pm *Holy Family* Sunday.....7:15am - 7:45am (or by appointment)

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
MARCH 3, 2019



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A Message from Father David

And so if I had to do what I did 35 years ago to that neighborhood boy (of whom I wrote last week) and was given 100 chances, I know that I would do it the same every time. But now he has returned and 35 years has passed. We have changed so much. That neighborhood boy is on the run from the law (we suspect) because he doesn't have a mailing address, he could be homeless, we don't know. I am going to send him one of those reflective (lime green) jackets. The one he was wearing was not reflecting anything but the color "dirty". And so one is in the mail to our next door neighbor who is still friends with him, it's my "thank you" and "I'm sorry", "Wish it had gone another way" gift to him. I am not the person I was before, no one is, that we have to be reminded of that reality is a curious lesson to take from all this. But that is what I learned, that.... and be kind.

We worked on a mailing to fallen away Catholics on our registration lists. It was a simple handwritten note inviting them back to greater activity in the Church. If you hear from someone who received a card, just encourage them to come to Mass more frequently. We all need Jesus and where the Catholic believes they receive Jesus is at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and through Holy Communion (The Eucharist). More follow up will be required, which is where you play a part by being an encouraging and positive influences in the lives of the people you know who need a renewed personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

Lent is all about renewal. I ask you to consider a change with sights on the long-term, not the short term sacrifice that you will quickly re-introduce to your life come Eastertime. I don't want you to give something up (or add something) unless you do this forever. For this Lent let's decide on making a change that will affect forever, not just 40 Days. Next Lenten Season you can go back to your typical, ordinary, temporary ways. This year ask for the inspiration of the Holy Spirit to guide you towards that one thing that needs to be different come Ash Wednesday and for every day after. Suggestions might be....

Pray the rosary
Fast every Friday
Apologize to a former friend or hurt relative/ renew a lost relationship
Read the Bible regularly
Go to daily Mass (daily or occasionally)
Sign up for Eucharistic Adoration
Volunteer somewhere
Increase your tithe to the Church or other Charities
Rest on Sunday
Commit to spiritual reading daily
Make use of the Sacrament of Confession
Pray for your priest

Have a great Lent everyone.

Fr. David

Fr. David's Liturgical Schedule

Sunday, March 3
7:00 - 7:45 am Confession (HF)
8:00 am Mass (HF)
10:00 am Mass (SJ)

Tuesday, March 5
8:00 am Angelus (SJ)
8:05 am Rosary (SJ)
8:30 am Mass (SJ)

Wednesday, March 6—Ash Wednesday
8:00 am Mass (HF)
7:15 pm Mass (SJ)

Thursday, March 7
8:00 am Angelus (SJ)
8:05 am Rosary (SJ)
8:30 am Mass (SJ)
9:00 am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament (SJ)

Friday, March 8
8:00 am Angelus (SJ)
8:05 am Rosary (SJ)
8:30 am Mass (SJ)
9:00 am Stations & Benediction (SJ)

Saturday, March 9
10:00 - 10:45am Confession (SJ)
4:00 - 4:45pm Confession (SJ)
5:00 pm Mass (SJ)

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

(HF)-Holy Family • (SJ)-Saint James

Monday, March 4 **No Mass** (SJ)

Tuesday, March 5
8:30 am Otto Gulbranson (SJ)

Wednesday, March 6—Ash Wednesday
8:00 am Bill Aniers (HF)
10:00 am Dennis Petrick (OL)
7:15 pm Echo Welshons (SJ)

Thursday, March 7
8:30 am Lyla Kosman (SJ)

Friday, March 8
8:30 am Tom Magee (SJ)

Saturday, March 9
5:00 pm Bev Leonard (SJ)

Sunday, March 10
8:00 am For the Parishioners (HF)
10:00 am Tudy Anthony (OL)
10:00 am Linda Cummings (SJ)

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

All Parish News

Ash Wednesday—March 6th Mass Times

8:00 a.m. Holy Family, McGregor
10:00 a.m. Our Lady of Fatima, McGrath
7:15 p.m. St. James, Aitkin

The Pope's Prayer Intentions for March

Evangelization: That Christian communities, especially those who are persecuted, feel that they are close to Christ and have their rights respected.

CCW Lenten Retreat

St. James is hosting the Brainerd Deanery 2019 Lenten Retreat on Tuesday, March 12, from 8:30 – 2:00 pm. Fr. David Forsman will be the speaker. Mass will be celebrated at 11:00 am, with lunch to follow. There will be time for confessions and adoration. Registration ($10.00) from 8:30-9:00 am. Please call Dolores Wickham at 218-549-3158 to sign up, so we can plan accordingly.

Men of Faith – Men Bearing Witness Conference

Final day to register online is March 4th, www.duluthcatholicmen.org for the Men of Faith conference scheduled for Saturday, March 9 at Marshall School in Duluth. Registration fee is $40 for adults, $15 for students. Paul George of Adore Ministries is the featured speaker. Contact Deacon John Weiske at 218-390-3032 with any questions.

7th Annual Women of Faith Conference—*"Fearless"*

Saturday, March 23, 2019, 7:30 a.m.—4:15 p.m. Marshall School, Duluth. "Spiritual Caffeine" will feature a panel of religious sister living out their vocation in a "Fearless" manner. Also Sonja Corbitt, an accomplished author, speaker and broadcaster. Early registration ends March 8th. Sign up at www.dioceseduluth.org or call diocese at 218-724-9111. $30 registration includes breakfast, lunch, snack and materials. ($10 late fee added after March 8th.) **Ride on a coach bus to the conference; leaving St. James at 6:45 a.m.** Bus cost is $10. Call St. James office (927-6581) to sign up.

Pacem in Terris—Hermitage Retreat Center

26399 Hwy 47, Isanti, MN 55040

Come to Pacem in Terris for a transforming Lenten Retreat. Allow God's love to heal, nourish and transform your life. Find rest in body, mind and spirit in this hermitage sanctuary. No schedules or daily distractions. Pacem in Terris offers guests an environment of silence to pray and enter into an intimate union with God. Make reservations by calling 763-444-6408. Paceminterris.org.

2019 Gift of Self- Healing Series for the Separated and Civilly Divorced

The Office of Marriage, Family, & Life is seeking to assist the faithful who are currently experiencing separation or civil divorce and who are in need of healing. This group will use Maria Pia Campanella's "The Gift of Self," a six week program for accompanying separated and divorced faithful. The series will run Sunday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. starting March 10 and finishing April 14 at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Rosary in Duluth. If you know of someone that can benefit from this series please invite them to attend. There is no charge, and those interested can find more information & register at www.dioceseduluth.org . If you have questions please call Betsy Kneepkens at 218-724-9111.

Readings of the Week

March 3, 2019

Sun: Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 [cf. 2a]/ 1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45
Mon: Sir 17:20-24/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 [11a]/ Mk 10:17-27
Tues: Sir 35:1-12/Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14 and 23 [23b]/ Mk 10:28-31
Wed: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17 [cf. 3a]/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thurs: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [40:5a]/ Lk 9:22-25
Fri: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19 [19b]/ Mt 9:14-15
Sat: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [11ab]/ Lk 5:27-32
Next Sunday: Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 [cf. 15b]/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13

Next Sunday 1st Sunday of Lent

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Stewardship Report

Through February 17, 2019
(Fiscal Year: July 1, 2018-June 30, 2019)

St. James •

Attendance	252
Weekly Goal	$5,182
Received 2/17/2019	$12,304
Fiscal Year to date needs	$176,179
Fiscal Year to date received	$204,540

Holy Family •

Attendance	75
Weekly Goal	$1,481
Received 2/17/2019	$1,019
Fiscal Year to date needs	$50,346
Fiscal Year to date received	$49,543

Our Lady of Fatima•

Attendance 2/3, 2/10, 2/17/2019	19, 20, 14
Weekly Goal	$147
Received 2/3, 2/10, 2/17/2019	$555
Fiscal Year to date needs	$5,002
Fiscal Year to date received	$4,778

Thank you for your contributions!

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Stations of the Cross

Friday after 8:30 a.m. Mass will be Stations of the Cross & Benediction. Also starting March 13th, Wednesdays at 6 p.m. during Lent.

Baby Bottle Drive to support the Christ Child Society

So far we have collected $1,917.97. If you haven't already turned in your baby bottle to the cradle, please do so.

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.

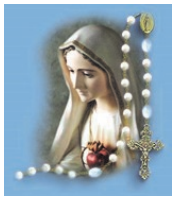
Weekend Flowers

Flowers by the altar the weekend of 2/23-24 were from Carroll and Joy Janzen. They wished to share the joy of celebrating their 46th wedding anniversary.

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.

Holy Hour for Vocations



All are welcome Please come. *Thursday, March 7th*, from 7– 8 p.m. *Sponsored by "Gate of Heaven" Legion of Mary, Aitkin Chapter*

Knights of Columbus Meeting

The Knights of Columbus meeting is Tues., March 5th at St. Joseph Church in Deerwood. Rosary @ 6:30; meeting @ 7 pm. Fellowship and refreshments to follow.

Holy Family
2 S Maddy Street, McGregor

Stations of the Cross, Adoration And Vespers

Stations of the Cross and adoration will be during Holy Hour from 5-6 p.m. on Thursday evenings.

CCW Meetings Update

The next "formal" CCW meeting at Holy Family will be Friday, May 10th, at 10 a.m. in the Social Hall. If anyone would like to have a meeting before that date for any needs that arise, please let Margaret Pavlik know and a meeting will be scheduled. Thanks to all who participate and keep our organization alive in our church.

Holy Family Religious Education Class

Religious education March class dates are March 3, 10, and 17.

Immediate Confirmation Prep Class

The next class will be March 10 at St. James in Aitkin, Mass at 10 am, class to follow.

Please Join Us for "The Best Lent Ever" Book Study

This Dynamic Catholic Study will focus on the book that you received from the parish at Christmas time. Studying *"The Biggest Lie in the History of Christianity"* will help you to become TRANSFORMED during your Lenten journey.

We invite you to join us on Sunday afternoons (4:30PM) or Tuesday mornings (9:30AM) for the book study led by Deacon Mike Eisenbraun at St. James. (If there is an interest, child care may be arranged for the Sunday afternoon sessions). There will be 5 sessions beginning the first week of Lent. Please sign up in the gathering space or call Deacon Mike. Also please take a study guide so that you will be prepared for the first session.

For those of you in McGregor, please call the parish office and we will get you registered and send the study guides. We also highly encourage you to register for Dynamic Catholic's Best Lent Ever program that will be focusing on the same book and will enhance your study.

See information below to sign up and let's make this "the best Lent ever"!

Religious Education

Little Gobblers Sunday School

Sunday School will be held today, March 3rd. A reminder that children have class beginning at 9:30. Parents should attend Mass with their children at 10:00 and after Mass a session for students is held until 11:30.

New copies of the Magnifikid! are available. Let Jen know if you need one.

The year is winding down and the schedule is as follows:
March 3 March 17 March 31
April 7 (Last day of Sunday School)

CAGE Night Schedule for March

March 13 March 20 March 27

Confirmation Prep Classes

March 10 March 24 April 7

Our Lady of Fatima

102 S Highway 65 McGrath

Coffee and Treats After Mass

Please join us for Coffee and Treats after Mass.

OLOF Chapel Mass Schedule

All Mass times are at 10:00 a.m. The Rosary will be prayed at 9:30 am on days when Mass is scheduled.

March 3, 2019
March 6, 2019 (Ash Wednesday)
March 10, 2019
March 17, 2019
March 24, 2019
March 31, 2019
April 7, 2019

This Week

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Sunday, March 3

After 8:00 am Mass	Fellowship & Treats (HF)
9:30-11:30 am	Little Gobblers Sunday School (SJ)
After 10:00 am Mass	Coffee & Treats (OL)

Tuesday, March 5

6:00 am	That Man Is You (SJ)
6:30/7:00 pm	KC Rosary / Meeting, Deerwood

Wednesday, March 6—ASH WEDNESDAY

Thursday, March 7

7:30 am	Rosary (SJ)
9:00 am to 8:00 pm	Adoration (SJ)
5:00-6:00 pm	Stations and Holy Hour (HF)
5:30 pm	Legion of Mary (SJ)
7:00 pm	Vocation Holy Hour (SJ)

Friday, March 8

After 8:30 am Mass	Stations and Benediction (SJ)

Sunday, March 10

After 8:00 am Mass	Fellowship & Treats (HF)
After 10:00 am Mass	Coffee & Treats (OL)
After 10:00 am Mass	Coffee & Rolls , Raffle winner #7 (SJ)
After 10:00 am Mass	Confirmation Prep (SJ)
4:30 pm	Lenten Book Study (SJ)

Thank our advertiser OF THE WEEK

Liturgical Ministers

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Saturday, March 9 at 5:00 pm (SJ)

Music ..... Jim
Greeters..... Mary Aarness, Helen Mary Wagner
Sacristan/Server..... Carroll Janzen
Lector.....Carol Wiherski
EOMs .....(MOB) Julie Carlson, Carol Hoge
.....(MOC) Dave Thompson, Jan Burt
Ushers ..... Kevin Hoge, Brian Carlson
..... Gary Newman, TJ Gustin

Sunday, March 10 at 8:00 am (HF)

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

Sunday, March 10 at 10:00 am (OL)

..... Volunteers needed.

Sunday, March 10 at 10:00 am (SJ)

Music .....Alec
Greeters.....John and Rose Appel
Sacristan .....Larry and Roseann Johnson
Servers ..... Noah and Landon Janzen
Lector.....Becky Joerger
EOMs ..... (MOB) Bonnie O'Neil, Jodie Johnson
..... (MOC) Mike and Judy Walsh, Nancy Lamke, Adam James
Ushers ..... Ed Spiel, Tom Lundberg
.....Chad Larson, Josh Joerger

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