



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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**Online opportunities**

Visit our websites for the most up-to-date information and other available links.

St. James

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

Connect to St. James Church via Facebook

Holy Family & Our Lady of Fatima Chapel

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

Other sites for more information:

Diocese of Duluth: [www.dioceseduluth.org](http://www.dioceseduluth.org)

USCCB: [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)

Dynamic Catholic: [dynamiccatholic.com](http://dynamiccatholic.com)

**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**

**All public Masses are suspended until further notice. Please participate in Mass online, television or radio.**

**Confessions**

Wed: 10:30 am—Noon St. James  
Thurs: 7:30—9:00 pm St. James  
Sat: 10:00—10:45 am St. James  
Sun: 9:30—10:15 am Holy Family  
(or by appointment)

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER  
(SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY)  
APRIL 19, 2020

**BLESSED**



"Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

JOHN 20:29

## A Message from Father David

Easter Sunday was hard this year. Except for the Mass and the Eucharist of course, which I have the honor and privilege of still offering for you and the whole world, it was difficult. Easter Monday was worse. Normally I would be at home that day after celebrating an Easter meal with the family, resting after all the busyness and details of Holy Week. I haven't been home now (if I am remembering correctly) since we celebrated mother's birthday on February 22<sup>nd</sup>. Complaining isn't a holy thing but at times we just have to get it out. There are many people who have it worse than I do... many who are isolated through the years in prisons, institutions, nursing homes and by distances too far to cross. I know this and we are all taking this isolation or "shut-down" in our own ways. Monday I felt like crying. That was me, that day... not every day. But then I recall...The **Catechism of the Catholic Church** says:

**1818** *The virtue of hope responds to the aspiration to happiness which God has placed in the heart of every man; it takes up the hopes that inspire men's activities and purifies them so as to order them to the Kingdom of heaven; it keeps man from discouragement; it sustains him during times of abandonment; it opens up his heart in expectation of eternal beatitude. Buoyed up by hope, he is preserved from selfishness and led to the happiness that flows from charity.*

In a very dark time in history St. Patrick in the 4<sup>th</sup> Century wrote this comprehensive prayer and refection:

"I arise today through a mighty strength, the invocation of the Trinity, through a belief in the Threeness, through confession of the Oneness of the Creator of creation.

I arise today through the strength of Christ's birth and His baptism, through the strength of His crucifixion and His burial, through the strength of His resurrection and His ascension, through the strength of His descent for the judgment of doom.

I arise today through the strength of the love of cherubim, in obedience of angels, in service of archangels, in the hope of resurrection to meet with reward, in the prayers of patriarchs, in preaching's of the apostles, in faiths of confessors, in innocence of virgins, in deeds of righteous men.

I arise today through the strength of heaven; light of the sun, splendor of fire, speed of lightning, swiftness of the wind, depth of the sea, stability of the earth, firmness of the rock.

I arise today through God's strength to pilot me; God's might to uphold me, God's wisdom to guide me, God's eye to look before me, God's ear to hear me, God's word to speak for me, God's hand to guard me, God's way to lie before me, God's shield to protect me, God's hosts to save me from snares of the devil, from temptations of vices, from everyone who desires me ill, afar and near, alone or in a multitude.

I summon today all these powers between me and evil, against every cruel merciless power that opposes my body and soul, against incantations of false prophets, against black laws of pagandom, against false laws of heretics, against craft of idolatry, against spells of women and smiths and wizards, against every knowledge that corrupts man's body and soul. Christ shields me today against poison, against burning, against drowning, against wounding, so that reward may come to me in abundance.

**Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ on my right, Christ on my left, Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down, Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me, Christ in the mouth of every man who speaks of me, Christ in the eye that sees me, Christ in the ear that hears me.**

I arise today, through a mighty strength, the invocation of the Trinity, through a belief in the Threeness, through a confession of the Oneness of the Creator of creation". **(I arise with hope Amen... Alleluia... Amen FRDF)**

*God bless and have a good week everyone!*

*Fr. David*



### Tuesday, April 21

Gordon Pasell (SJ)

### Wednesday, April 22

Bob Hansen (SJ)

### Thursday, April 23

Fr. Richard Oberstar, MSF (SJ)

### Friday, April 24

Kannon Justen

Mass of the Living (SJ)

### Saturday, April 25

Chico Kochevar (SJ)

### Sunday, April 26

For the Parishioners (HF)

Patty Nelson (SJ)

Souls in Purgatory (OL)

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

## Father. David's Liturgical Schedule

### Wednesday, April 22

10:30 am—Noon Confession (SJ)

### Thursday, April 23

7:30—9:00 pm Confession (SJ)

### Saturday, April 25

10:00 - 10:45 am Confession (SJ)

### Sunday, April 26

9:30 - 10:15 am Confession (HF)

Looking for a Mass to follow?  
Check out EWTN

<https://www.ewtn.com/tv/shows/sunday-mass-live>

Or

Bishop Barron saying Daily Mass

<https://www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass/>



Office hours: Mon—Fri 9 am—5 pm

Church open:

St. James: Mon—Fri 9 am—9 pm

Saturday; 10 am—9 pm

Sunday: Noon—9 pm

Holy Family:

Mon—Fri 9:30 am—6 pm

Sunday 10 am—11 am

### Tuesday, April 21

5:00 pm

Finance Council (SJ)

### Thursday, April 23

6:00-am to 5:00 pm

Adoration (HF)

9:00 am to 9:00 pm

Adoration (SJ)

5:00 pm -6:00 pm

Holy Hour (HF)

**Prayer of Spiritual Communion**

My Jesus, I believe that you are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen  
-St. Alphonsus de Liguori

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**Adoration**

Thursday, April 23, 2020  
St. James— 9 a.m. until 9 p.m.  
Holy Family—6 a.m. until 5 p.m.

**PRAYER FOR A NEW BISHOP**

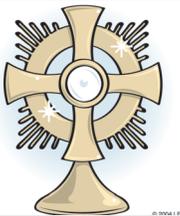
God our Father, In Jesus, your Son, You have given to your Church the perfect model of priest, prophet and king, and so You have blessed us through His sacrifice, taught us through His Word, and guided us through His rule. We thank You for the previous bishops who have cared for the people of the Diocese of Duluth. We ask You, Father, to guide and enlighten those who will be tasked with helping to choose the next bishop of our diocese. May the man they choose be a man of deep and true prayer, a man of compassionate heart and firm resolve, and a man of joy and peace, who desires above all to do Your will. We entrust our prayers to our Patroness, Mary, Queen of the Rosary, and ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**St. James Parishioners: Need help?**

Need help getting medications, food, or supplies during this COVID-19 crisis? The St. James' "That Man is You" men are willing to help pick up and deliver items to your home if you are not able to get out yourself. Please call the parish office if you need help, 218-927-6581.

**Adoration at Holy Family**

Adoration will be offered at Holy Family on Thursdays 6:00am-5:00pm. We are keeping it to 1-2 people at time to maintain safe social distancing. This will be your hour to spend it as you wish. If you are interested in an hour to sit with the Jesus In the Blessed Sacrament please contact Andrea 763-360-2058, call or text.



**Religious Education**

All activities will be suspended until further notice. Watch for emails and / or check out our website and Facebook page for additional information and resources.

**Little Gobblers-Grades K-6:** Family Formation Packets for April & May are available for pick up at the office. Contact Jen with any questions.

**CAGE & students Grade 5 & Up:** Family Upper Room Materials are available through the website and also through the St. James Facebook page.

**April 19, 2020**

Sun: Acts 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31  
Mon: Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9 [cf. 11d]/ Jn 3:1-8  
Tues: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 [1a]/ Jn 3:7b-15  
Wed: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [7a]/ Jn 3:16-21  
Thurs: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20 [7a]/Jn 3:31-36  
Fri: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [cf. 4abc]/ Jn 6:1-15  
Sat: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17 [2]/ Mk 16:15-20  
Next Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [11a]/1 Pt 1:17-21/ Lk 24:13-35

Next Sunday 3rd Sunday of Easter  
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**Stewardship Report**



**Through April 5, 2020**

(Fiscal Year: July 1, 2019- June 30, 2020)

**St. James •**

Weekly Goal ..... \$5,448  
Received through 4/5/2020 ..... \$4,830  
Fiscal Year to date goal ..... \$217,923  
Fiscal Year to date received ..... \$218,683

**Holy Family •**

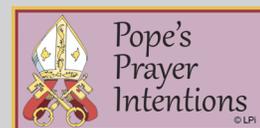
Weekly Goal ..... \$1,477  
Received through 4/5/2020 ..... \$695  
Fiscal Year to date goal ..... \$59,077  
Fiscal Year to date received ..... \$58,910

**Our Lady of Fatima •**

Weekly Goal ..... \$58  
Received through 4/5/2020 ..... \$125  
Fiscal Year to date goal ..... \$2,308  
Fiscal Year to date received ..... \$4,416

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Please continue to give by direct giving, mailing your contribution or dropping it off at the office.



**FOR APRIL:** Universal prayer intention— Freedom from Addiction. We pray that those suffering from addiction may be helped and accompanied.