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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Holy Family Church
2 S Maddy St. McGregor

Mass Schedule

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

Weekend:
Saturday.....5:00 pm.....St. James
Sunday.....7:30 am.....St. James
.....9:00 am.....Holy Family
.....10:30 am....St. James**

**Note: 10:30 Sunday Mass at St. James will be an outdoor Mass, weather permitting. Please bring your own lawn chairs for seating.

Confessions

Sat: 10:00—10:45 am St. James
4:00- 4:45 pm St. James
(or by appointment)

Pray the Rosary

SJ—Sat. 4:25 pm/Sun. 9:55 am/
Tues-Fri-8:05 am
HF—Sundays 8:30 am

Online opportunities

St. James: www.aitkincatholic.org
Connect to St. James Church via Facebook

Holy Family & Our Lady of Fatima Chapel
www.mcgregorcatholichchurch.org

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JUNE 21, 2020

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Bulletin Submissions

218-927-6581 or bulletin@aitkincatholic.org
Deadline - June 25th at 4:00 pm.

Find the Bulletin anytime at:

www.parishesonline.com
www.aitkincatholic.org (SJ)
www.mcgregorcatholicchurch.org (HF)

12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ACKNOWLEDGE

"Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father. But whoever denies me before others, I will deny before my heavenly Father." - Mt 10:32-33

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A Message from Father David

We in Aitkin County and throughout Minnesota are very fortunate to be able to attend mass (with restrictions); many parts of the Country are not having mass at all for the people on the weekends. (Like for my two sisters in the Archdiocese of Washington D.C.) There is no end in sight for many and sadly this continued lunacy is marked by an extraordinary ability from leaders to misalign the truth. It seems as the virus's numbers plummet downwards throughout the country, political and religious leaders are not responding to the truth. It's troubling, it's unsettling, and it's actually weird. Common sense is gone in these states and fear is the foundation of a new norm that seemingly intelligent people who make the policies for county, State, Country are propagating. Now there does need to be a real cause for concern for vulnerable adults and people with pre-existing conditions. Those in charge of caring for them need to care for themselves too and protect themselves judiciously for their loved ones' health. Those who are healthy must go out of their way to assist the needy and those on the front line when they can. Isn't this true to say: common sense is the measure with which we should measure when it comes to Covid?

What do we do if and when this happens again? Can our spiritual lives afford to just roll over again? I would like you to think about this and get back to me at my email address. (fatherforsman@gmail.com) I would like to use some of your comments (direct quotes with anonymity) and write a bulletin column on what we should do next time. I know there are a lot of intangibles, factors we can't predict to say this is how it's going to be or that. I want you to focus your remarks on our Constitutional right to express religion in this Country freely, without constraint or government influence. Can we trust ourselves to make the right decision next time? How do you weigh all the evidence concerning prudential policies and who do you trust? How do religious and political leaders deny the Eucharist (or the Holy Sacrifice, or religious services) to the faithful, like what has been and is still being done? Again what do you think we can do **if** this happens? Share your thoughts.

Fr. David's Liturgical Schedule

Sunday, June 21	
7:30 am	Mass (SJ)
9:00 am	Mass (HF)
10:30 am	Mass (SJ)
Tuesday, June 23	
8:00 am	Angelus (SJ)
8:05 am	Rosary (SJ)
8:30 am	Mass (SJ)
Wednesday, June 24	
8:00 am	Angelus (SJ)
8:05 am	Rosary (SJ)
8:30 am	Mass (SJ)
Thursday, June 25	
8:00 am	Angelus (SJ)
8:05 am	Rosary (SJ)
8:30 am	Mass (SJ)
9:00 am	Exposition of Blessed Sacrament (SJ)
Friday, June 26	
8:00 am	Angelus (SJ)
8:05 am	Rosary (SJ)
8:30 am	Mass (SJ)
Saturday, June 27	
10:00 - 10:45 am	Confession (SJ)
4:00 - 4:45 pm	Confession (SJ)
5:00 pm	Mass (SJ)
Sunday, June 28	
7:30 am	Mass (SJ)
9:00 am	Mass (HF)
10:30 am	Mass (SJ)

(HF)-Holy Family • (SJ)-Saint James

Last weekend we celebrated Corpus Christi Sunday. We had a special celebration of First Communion. Unfortunately it was tainted by the whole Covid thing. Social distancing affected the group picture and the children sitting together. But did they receive their Lord? Did He become one with them for the first time in the Blessed Sacrament? Were their sins forgiven the day before so as to prepare their hearts, making their souls pure through the sacrament of Confession? Yes. Did I have a choice to do it another way. No, unless I thought to be disobedient would serve a greater good. I couldn't rationalize that because the greatest good was being done and I know that the kids realize that too. May their thoughts and prayers lift us up to all that is good and holy and true. And may their reception of Christ's Body and Blood never be interrupted again. Amen.

More to come…

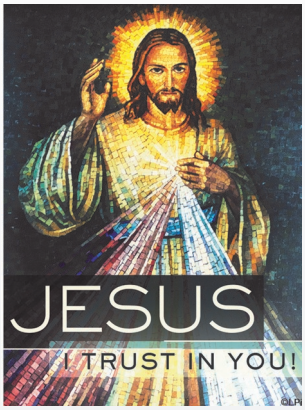
God bless and have a good week everyone!

Fr. David

Peter's Pence Collection

Be a Witness of Charity

Next week, we will take up the Peter's Pence Collection, which provides Pope Francis with the funds to carry out his charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please be generous. For more information, visit *www.usccb.org/peters-pence.*



"So do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows. Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father. But whoever denies me before others, I will deny before my heavenly Father."
- Mt 10:31-33

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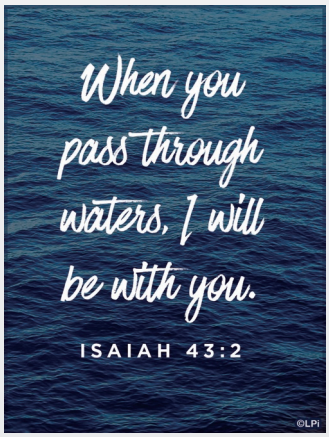
Early Bulletin Deadline

The Bulletin Deadline for the July 5th bulletin is June 25 at 4:00 pm. Please plan accordingly. Thank you!



A Prayer for Fathers

Blessed is the *Father* who lets the *Lord* be his guiding hand, whose faith brings his family courage, whose wisdom comes from *God* and whose children stand and honor *Him*.

Pope's Prayer Intentions for June: evangelization–
The Way of the Heart
We pray that all those who suffer may find their way of life, allowing themselves to be touched by the Heart of Jesus.

Readings of the Week

June 21, 2020

Sun: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35 [14c]/Rom 5:12-15/Mt 10:26-33
Mon: 2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18/Ps 60:3, 4-5, 12-13 [7b]/Mt 7:1-5
Tues: 2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36/Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 10-11 [cf. 9d]/Mt 7:6, 12-14
Wed: Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1-3, 13-14, 14-15 [14a]/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80
Thurs: 2 Kgs 24:8-17/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9 [9]/Mt 7:21-29
Fri: 2 Kgs 25:1-12/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [6ab]/Mt 8:1-4
Sat: Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19/Ps 74:1b-2, 3-5, 6-7, 20-21 [19b]/Mt 8:5-17
Next Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a/Ps 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19 [2a]/Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/Mt 10:37-42

Next Sunday Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Stewardship Report

Through June 7, 2020
(Fiscal Year: July 1, 2019-June 30, 2020)

St. James •

Attendance	247
Weekly Goal	$5,448
Received 6/7/2020	$5,793
Fiscal Year to date goal	$266,956
Fiscal Year to date received	$272,330
UCA 2020 Assessment	$58,429.33
UCA 2020 Received/Pledged	$24,783.50

Holy Family •

Attendance	68
Weekly Goal	$1,477
Received 6/7/2020	$2,126
Fiscal Year to date goal	$72,369
Fiscal Year to date received	$70,273
UCA 2020 Assessment	$13,999.20
UCA 2020 Received/Pledged	$5,065.00

Our Lady of Fatima•

Attendance 5/31/20	15
Weekly Goal.	$58
Received 5/31/2020	$150
Fiscal Year to date goal	$2,827
Fiscal Year to date received	$5,776
UCA 2020 Assessment	$1,585.21
UCA 2020 Received/Pledged	$578.62

Thank you for your contributions!

5 Ways to Celebrate a Catholic Dad on Father's Day

This year celebrate your Father's Day with a little Catholic pizzazz…

1. PRAY with and for him

Give Dad a bouquet of white lilies, the symbol of Saint Joseph, protector of the family together with a spiritual bouquet (collection of all the prayers you have prayed or will pray for him). Gather as a family and pray a prayer to Saint Joseph for Dad and his intentions. Have a Mass offered for Dad and attend it together as a family.

2. Make a Catholic Moments Pilgrimage

Visit important places in Dad's life as a Catholic and a Dad either through a photo slideshow or by really going to the various places – examples of places to "visit": where he received Baptism, 1st Communion, Confirmation, Marriage, house where he lived growing up, schools he attended, place he met Mom, first place Mom and Dad lived when newly married, etc. Ask Dad to share a story/memory at each place and pray a prayer for him at each place.

3. Make a Love of the Father Video / Photo Montage

Take the time to tell your Dad how you see him making the love of God the Father visible and/or felt. Use your cell phone to take pictures or short videos that express all the reasons you (and your siblings – if you have them, or your children if you are Mom) are grateful for Dad and for all that he does.

4. Make a Catholic Dad Calendar

Make a daily or monthly calendar with personal photos and scriptural or Saint quotes as well as memories of good times together, your thoughts about his good points/virtues, etc.

5. Give him a retreat!

Send him on a Men's Retreat, a great way to give him time away to be renewed in his faith and strengthened as a Catholic Dad.

If you have a Catholic Dad, no matter what you do for Father's Day, remember to thank him for the gift of faith!

Happy Father's Day!

St. James

299 Red Oak Drive, Aitkin

Melissa Courier and her bereaved family and friends. May her soul and the souls of all the faithfully departed rest in peace.

St. James Food Shelf

June 27/28 *Spaghetti sauce, pasta, ramen noodles*
July 4/5 *Macaroni and cheese, pork & beans*

The Unborn Child and Spiritual Adoption-Follow-Up

Back in January, our local Knights of Columbus Council asked our parishioners to adopt and pray for an Unborn child (or children) that they be spared from abortion. We again thank you for pledging to pray for them. The following is growth information up to 5 months. This Unborn Child can squint, swallow, and move its tongue. Fingernails and toenails are forming. He/she had its own set of fingerprints and can grasp an object. This Unborn Child's brain has begun maturing, its taste buds are now working, and fine hair starts to grow on its head, eyebrows and eyelashes. This Unborn Child is very active and its mother can feel it move, stretch and kick. Your Unborn Child is approximately 12 inches tall and at the half way point to birth. Thank you and please continue to pray for these Unborn Children so that they are allowed to continue to live and grow to full term.

~Cuyuna Range Knights of Columbus Council 3473

Holy Family

2 S Maddy Street, McGregor

Holy Hour

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.

Adoration at Holy Family

Thursdays from 6:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. If you are interested in an hour to sit with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament please contact Andrea at 763-360-2058, call or text. We are looking for substitutes from 9:30 am-5:00 pm.

Our Lady of Fatima

102 S Highway 65 McGrath

OLOF Chapel Mass Schedule

The Rosary will be prayed half hour before Mass times. Please note this schedule is subject to change due to Fr. Solors availability.

Sunday, June 21, 2020 at 10 am
Sunday, June 28, 2020 at 10 am
Sunday, July 5, 2020 at 10 am

Religious Education

Camp Survive Canceled

Camp Survive has been canceled for this summer. Think about it for next summer and watch for information about Camp Survive 2021 next spring.

Congratulations
First Communicants

Shelby Anderson
Aiden Asmus
Nathan Betley
Maharlika Burgos
Bennett Christy
Sawyer Johnson
Bryden Melz
Levi Munsterteiger
Michael Olsen
Zachary Prethish
Holden Spolarich

on receiving your First Holy Communion on June 14th.

Mass INTENTIONS

Tuesday, June 23
8:30 am — Dick Ryan (SJ)
Wednesday, June 24
8:30 am — Fr. Gerald LaPatka (SJ)
Thursday, June 25
8:30 am — Pat Cummings (SJ)
Friday, June 26
8:30 am — Jim Schroeder (SJ)
Saturday, June 27
5:00 pm — Jim Spaeth (SJ)
Sunday, June 28
7:30 am — For the Parishioners (SJ)
9:00 am — Angela and McKenzie Mass of the Living (HF)
10:00 am — Jean Bartl (OL)
10:30 am — Glen Simons (SJ)

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This Week

Tuesday, June 23
5:00 pm — Finance Council Meeting (SJ)

Thursday, June 25 — **Deadline for July 4th bulletin**
6:00 am-5:00 pm — Adoration (HF)
7:30 am — Rosary (SJ)
9:00 am to 8:00 pm — Adoration (SJ)
5:00-6:00 pm — Holy Hour (HF)

Thank our advertiser OF THE WEEK
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Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, June 27 at 5:00 pm (SJ)
Sacristan/Server ..... Terry Stein
Lector ..... Glenda Flier
EOMs ..... (MOB) Pat and Nancy O'Connor
Ushers ..... Gary Newman, James Peterson
..... Gary Tibbitts, volunteer

Sunday, June 28 at 7:30 am (SJ)
Sacristan/Server ..... Hugh Janzen
Lector ..... Dolores Wickham
EOMs ..... (MOB) Carroll Janzen, Jan Burt
Ushers ..... Tom Lundberg, Don Lent
..... Pauline and Tim Anderson

Sunday, June 28 at 9:00 am (HF)
..... Please see the green binder in narthex.

Sunday, June 28 at 10:00 am (OL)
..... Volunteers needed.

Sunday, June 28 at 10:30 am (SJ)
Sacristan ..... Deacon Mike Eisenbraun
Servers ..... Noah and Ella Janzen
Lector ..... Steve Kinzer
EOMs ..... (MOB) Judy Walsh, volunteer
Ushers ..... Jeremy Janzen, Landon Janzen
..... Karen Born, Dick Schaaf

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