



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 & Our Lady of Fatima Chapel

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

### Pray the Rosary

SJ—Sat. 4:25 pm/Sun. 9:25 am/

Tues—Fri-8:05 am

HF—Sundays 8:30 am

OLOF—Sundays 9:30 am

### Bulletin Submissions

218-927-6581 or [bulletin@aitkincatholic.org](mailto:bulletin@aitkincatholic.org)

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### Find the Bulletin anytime at:

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

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

### Mass Schedule

#### Weekday:

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

#### Weekend:

Saturday...5:00 pm.....St. James

Sunday.....8:00 am.....Holy Family

10:00 am.....St. James

### Confessions

Sat: 10:00—10:45 am St. James

4:00—4:45 pm St. James

Sun: 7:15—7:45 am Holy Family

(or by appointment)

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
OCTOBER 4, 2020



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

“What will the owner of the vineyard do to those tenants when he comes?” - Mt 21:40

**The following letter was written to Father David in recognition of Pastor Appreciation Sunday on October 11.**

I've written bulletin inserts a few times now for Pastor Appreciation Day. This day of recognition probably isn't circled on most people's calendars; it's probably not a priority observance; and it's probably not worth purchasing a card for...but it really is on all three counts. It is a significant day, and we should take time to reflect on the magnitude of what our priests and pastors offer to do, and get done for us in fulfilling their sacramental vows and vocational expectations.

I had a brother who was a priest; his name was David. Dave died recently having suffered three and a half years with a cancer that destroyed just about every life sustaining organ in his body. It was a prolonged, miserable death that took everything away from him and him away from us. And I think I've mentioned in previous inserts that I worked at the rectory of my family parish in south Minneapolis throughout my high school years and a couple college years too. That rectory housed five priests plus visiting priests on weekends to assist with the long lines of parishioners waiting to have their confessions heard, and with the celebration of our five masses. I also attended Catholic school from kindergarten through twelfth grade. My parents invited priests for dinner and Dave very often brought home other seminarians for Sunday or holiday dinners because their own homes were too far away for a day trip.

I've been around, and gotten to know many priests and two archbishops in my life; and there were huge differences among them. There were two priests when I was in elementary school, who scared me because of their tough and stern demeanor. Others who were friendly and engaging...choosing to play with us at recess, or help teach us how to plan team sports such as baseball, football, basketball, and volleyball. We were blessed with a monsignor, who on a weekly basis, anonymously had envelopes of cash (his own money), new winter coats and boots and even school uniforms delivered to the homes of parish families who needed help. Priests have been teachers, confessors, friends, and life-changing influences to me. I've known honorable, trustworthy, sensitive, intelligent and compassionate priests. Sadly, I've know some who were unkind, unfaithful, manipulative and self-indulgent. And grievously, there were three whose spiritual, physical and mental state were devastatingly polluted and corrupted by sin. I know things about a few priests that I will take to the grave, but many more things I'll keep in my heart where they can continue to refresh and sustain my faith, love of God, and affection for the gentle, holy men who put them there in the first place. They were men before they became priests; and being men, mere mortals, not a one was perfect, but the majority of those I knew sure came close, and I have deep respect and gratitude for the religious education, conferment of sacraments and moral guidance they've afforded me in my lifetime.

That brings me to another David...Fr. David Forsman. Being as old as I am, I don't think there will be but one or two priests left for me to encounter, so I can say with absolute confidence that Fr. Forsman has had the greatest, most meaningful impact as to my spiritual, religious and personal matters. My trust and admiration for his ministry and who he is, are eclipsed by only one other, my brother.

Fr. Forsman has served and administrated our Aitkin, Garrison and McGregor parishes since 2011. Though I don't think he much likes the business part of administration, I know in fact that he loves the ministry side of it. He lives to serve, and he serves to enlighten, empower and engage us spiritually and personally. He wants for us the same things God wants for us:

1. To be authentic in our faith, and faithful to the Church.
2. To love and be loved.
3. To treat and be treated with dignity and kindness.
4. To believe and be believed when we say that all lives matter; that we have faith over fear; and that there is never cause for insult, insolence, intolerance and certainly not for injustice.
5. For us all to 'practice the pause'...'When in doubt, pause. When angry, pause. When tired, pause. When stressed, pause. And when you pause, PRAY.'

Fr. Forsman loves us. He prays for us. He's not afraid to walk with us in the darkness of our despair or distress. He strives to find solutions; to bring clarity to confusion; healing to the crippling sorrows of our pasts and in the present; energy to our faith and buoyancy to our hope. He promotes and contributes to our joyful expression of prayer; will truthfully answer any question posed to him, or find the answers to ones he doesn't know; and he will be devout, courageous and persevering for us when we struggle to be those things for ourselves.

The life of a priest is complex, diverse, service-driven, and definitely not his own. He belongs to God and his parishioners, and is faithful to them. As with any life work or purpose that is predicated upon serving and ministering to others (physicians, first responders, daycare and healthcare providers, teachers, parents, and priests), the words "thank you," when spoken sincerely, are heartwarming, encouraging, gratifying and uplifting words that validate in that personal and powerful way their noble, selfless work.

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**Fr. David's Liturgical Schedule**

**Sunday, October 4**

7:15-7:45 am	Confessions (HF)
8:00 am	Mass (HF)
10:00 am	Mass (SJ)

**Tuesday, October 6**

8:00 am	Angelus (SJ)
8:05 am	Rosary (SJ)
8:30 am	Mass (SJ)

**Wednesday, October 7**

8:00 am	Angelus (SJ)
8:05 am	Rosary (SJ)
8:30 am	Mass (SJ)

**Thursday, October 8**

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

**Friday, October 9**

8:00 am	Angelus (SJ)
8:05 am	Rosary (SJ)
8:30 am	Mass (SJ)

**Saturday, October 10**

10:00 - 10:45 am	Confessions (SJ)
4:00 - 4:45 pm	Confessions (SJ)
5:00 pm	Mass (SJ)

**Sunday, October 11**

7:15-7:45 am	Confessions (HF)
8:00 am	Mass (HF)
10:00 am	Mass (SJ)

(HF)-Holy Family • (SJ)-Saint James

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We are all afflicted with the fall-out from ‘original sin.’ We will be tested, tempted and tried. We will witness pain, persecution and moral poverty. We will experience grief, gravity and loss of grace. But none of that will end us; rather, when laid before God at the end of each day, it “will be transformed in His presence for the benefit of others.” Fr. Forsman is a formidable advocate, greatly armed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit, who can help us endure, persist and prosper in faith from those trials.

I believe, too, that God literally has His hands on us at our beginning and our ending. He initiates a relationship with us upon our creation, and brings the relationship to fruition when at last He brings us home. For all the years in between, it is up to us and our priests to faithfully preserve and nurture that relationship.

So, yes, there is an abundance of reasons for us to observe Pastor Appreciation Day, and let our pastor know we are aware, we acknowledge and we are grateful for the spiritual leadership, education, counsel and companionship he so graciously provides. I further appreciate Fr. Forsman’s fervent commitment to champion our spiritual, emotional, moral and social growth, and his “it goes without saying” promise to help us bridge the space between God and us through the practice of prayer, mediation, mass attendance, religious education, and the sacrament of penance.

WISHING FR. FORSMAN A JOYFUL DAY FILLED WITH EXPRESSIONS OF GRATEFUL APPRECIATION!

**White Mass – October 18, 2020**

The annual White Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, October 18, 2020 at 10:30 AM at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Rosary (2801 East Fourth Street, Duluth) with Fr. James Bissonette presiding. There will be a blessing of health care workers at the Mass. Given the pandemic, there will be no speaker or reception, but people are encouraged to stay after Mass to pray the Rosary for health care workers.

**Bible Study begins this week at St. James!**

**The Bible and the Virgin Mary** unveils the mystery of Our Lady that is woven into the fabric of Sacred Scripture. In this beautiful and awe-inspiring series based on Dr. Scott Hahn’s book *Hail, Holy Queen*, watch the Mary of doctrine and devotion come alive in a powerful, new way! Monday, October 5th at 5:15 pm at St. James. Contact Deacon Mike Eisenbraun 218-851-8119 or [m.eisenbraun@yahoo.com](mailto:m.eisenbraun@yahoo.com) for more information.



**Christ the King Retreat Center, Buffalo, MN**

**Married Couples Retreat**

October 16-18, 2020

**Hope Day (Dealing with Loss)**

October 21, 2020, 9 am–3 pm (\$40.00 for the day, lunch included)

**Women’s Silent Midweek Retreat**

October 27–29, 2020

**Men & Women’s Silent Weekend Retreat**

November 13–15, 2020

For more information: [www.kingshouse.com](http://www.kingshouse.com), 763-682-1394



**October 4, 2020**

- Sun: Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20 [Is 5:7a]/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43
- 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 [68]/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: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

Next Sunday Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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**Stewardship Report**



**Through September 20, 2020**

(Fiscal Year: July 1, 2020- June 30, 2021)

**St. James •**

Attendance .....	252
Weekly Goal .....	\$5,020
Received 9/20/2020 .....	\$7,538
Fiscal Year to date goal .....	\$60,242
Fiscal Year to date received .....	\$60,344
UCA 2020 Assessment .....	\$58,429.33
UCA 2020 Received/Pledged .....	\$37,632.50

**Holy Family •**

Attendance .....	60
Weekly Goal .....	\$1,410
Received 9/20/2020 .....	\$1,545
Fiscal Year to date goal .....	\$16,915
Fiscal Year to date received .....	\$17,726
UCA 2020 Assessment .....	\$13,999.20
UCA 2020 Received/Pledged .....	\$8,151.00

**Our Lady of Fatima •**

Attendance 09/13/2020 .....	19
Weekly Goal .....	\$127
Received 9/13/2020 .....	\$144
Fiscal Year to date goal .....	\$1,521
Fiscal Year to date received .....	\$1,574
UCA 2020 Assessment .....	\$1,585.21
UCA 2020 Received/Pledged .....	\$1,248.62

**Thank you for your contributions!**

## Gospel Meditation for October 4, 2020 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Do you ever wonder why things never seem to come together? We see glimpses of consistency, equity, justice, peace, harmony, and wellbeing, but it always falls short. Human life is still expendable and manipulated, people are used for personal advancement, countries are at war, the economy continues to face turbulence, anger and frustration are widespread, and happiness is the possession of just a few and not the many. Could it be that we are serving the wrong kingdom? We keep trying to make our kingdom work and find ourselves still scratching our heads after repeatedly failed attempts to do so. It is almost as if people are saying, "we'll get it right this time if we do ...," as if some new and secret innovation has yet to be tried.

We serve God's kingdom. We may not like hearing that, but it is true. God did not make only a few of us.

God made all of humanity and all of humanity is called into service. How often do we defer any of our decision making to God? Secular leaders enjoy winking at the Sacred Scriptures and using them when they advance a cause, but are they really listened to? Even those who consider themselves believers tend to sift through God's Word, taking what seems to fit and apply and discarding the rest. After all, if we were really serving God's kingdom, we would see an abundance of fruit testifying to this fact. But what's growing on the vine is anything other than good Gospel-centered fruit.

Nothing in this world or the next belongs to us. We have such a hard time believing this and live our lives as if everything belongs to us. And, the fruit does not lie. Trees that are neglected and not properly fertilized reveal that fact. They cannot keep these deep secrets from being discovered. If God's kingdom was really being served, then life would have looked much differently after the crucifixion. By now, there would be plenty of fantastic fruit to harvest in abundance: faith, hope, love, prudence, temperance, justice, and fortitude. Do we see these in abundance around us? Why not?

Still we grapple with ownership, privilege, status, and the protection of our rights. It's all about us and what we want, think we need, and expect to acquire. When did this change of focus occur? We may be struggling with this since humanity's day in the garden and have never understood that the focus cannot be on us and the apple but on God and God's justice. Maybe the only answer is that the Kingdom be taken from us and given to someone who is willing to do a better job. Is that the fate we really want?

## St. James

299 Red Oak Drive, Aitkin

### Knights of Columbus Meeting

The Knights of Columbus meeting will be on Tues, Oct 6th at St. James Church in Aitkin.  
Rosary at 6:30 pm; meeting at 7:00 pm.



### St. James Food Shelf

Oct 10/11 Food Share Weekend  
Oct 17/18 Macaroni and cheese, pork and beans  
Oct 24/25 Rice, dry beans

Money is always welcome. Thanks for all you do to help those in need.



Congratulations to Hannah Janzen and Logan Quade who were married September 26, 2020 at St. James.

## Holy Family

2 S Maddy Street, McGregor

### Pick-Your-Prize Fundraiser!

Coming in October! A Pick-Your-Prize fundraiser for St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic School, International Falls.



### October is Council of Catholic Women (CCW) Membership Month

Why support CCW? CCW has been an integral part of our parish community in many important ways. In spite of the fact that we could not have our sloppy joe luncheon nor sell raffle tickets this year, we were still able to make some significant contributions within our parish and the surrounding community. For the past few years we have supported Sr. Kathleen through her journey as a novitiate and her final vows. We recently sent a donation to Birthright and the Christ Child Society, which Fr. David's mother is president of. We also recently purchased the beautiful chalice, ciborium, and paten for the altar. We help with funerals and any other special activity that requires our help. We ask you to please use the blue envelope found in your packet marked Council of Catholic Women, or place a donation envelope in the collection basket marked CCW. (Note: men are also welcome to support CCW). Thanks and God Bless.

## Our Lady of Fatima

102 S Highway 65 McGrath

### OLOF Chapel Mass Schedule

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

Sunday, October 11, 2020 at 10 am  
Sunday, October 18, 2020 at 10 am  
Sunday, October 25, 2020 at 10 am



## Religious Education

### CAGE Religious Education

#### Junior High and Senior High Students

October 7, 2020 at 6:30 pm Information Night / Registration /  
Question and Answer / Prayer  
Mandatory for parents and students

### Little Gobblers Religious Educaiton

The first night of Little Gobblers Religious Education has been completed! The packets of home lessons and classroom lessons are ready for pick up if you were unable to attend or if you have chosen to participate at home. Videos of last Wednesday's classes are available for you to view and assist with the classroom lesson at home.

If you have not yet registered and would like to, please sign up as soon as possible. We order materials for classes weeks in advance and your registration will assist us in having materials prepared timely for everyone. Our next classroom lesson is scheduled for October 28th!

Thank you!! Jen and Marie

## This Week

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### Monday, October 5

5:15 pm Bible Study (SJ)

### Tuesday, October 6

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

### Wednesday, October 7

6:30 pm CAGE (SJ)

### Thursday, October 8

7:30 am Rosary (SJ)  
9:00 am to 8:00 pm Adoration (SJ)  
9:30 am to 5:50 pm Adoration (HF)  
5:50 pm Benediction (HF)

RESPECT  
LIFE  
Sunday



### Tuesday, October 6

8:30 am Deacon Bob Hansen (SJ)

### Wednesday, October 7

8:30 am Tom and Marian Magee (SJ)

### Thursday, October 8

8:30 am Mike and Georgia Thomé (SJ)

### Friday, October 9

8:30 am Dodi Jones (SJ)

### Saturday, October 10

5:00 pm Paul Hoge (SJ)

### Sunday, October 11

8:00 am For the Parishioners (HF)

10:00 am Gladys Paquette (OL)

10:00 am Amy Iverson (SJ)

Mass of the Living

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(OL) Our Lady of Fatima

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### Saturday, October 10 at 5:00 pm (SJ)

Sacristan/Server.....Dave Thompson  
Lector..... Judy Ryan  
EOMs .....(MOB) Jodie and Tom Provost  
Ushers ..... Gary Newman, Gary Tibbitts, two volunteers

### Sunday, October 11 at 8:00 am (HF)

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

### Sunday, October 11 at 10:00 am (OL)

..... Volunteers needed.

### Sunday, October 11 at 10:00 am (SJ)

Sacristan ..... Hugh Janzen  
Server ..... Jerome Joerger  
Lector..... Steve Wilkowski  
EOMs ..... (MOB) Kathy and Tim Ryan  
Ushers ..... Pauline and Tim Anderson  
..... Kirk Peysar, Dick Schaaf

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