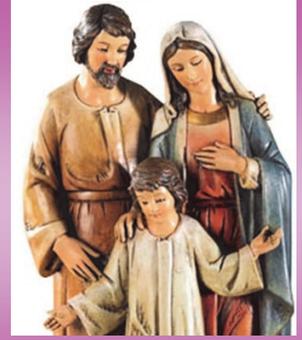




St. James Church
299 Red Oak Dr. Aitkin

Welcome to the Parishes of St. James and Holy Family Catholic Churches And Our Lady of Fatima Chapel



Holy Family Church
2 S Maddy St. McGregor

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Shirley Scollard (HF).....218-839-0754

Online opportunities

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

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

Pray the Rosary

SJ—Sat. 4:25 pm/Sun. 9:25 am/
Tues—Fri-8:05 am
HF—Sundays 7:30 am
OLOF—Sundays 9:30 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

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)

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 7, 2021



3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

Since the Passover of the Jews was near, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area. - Jn 2:13b-15a

A Message from Father David

"I don't care." Indifference or the problem of indifferentism plagues the current climate in our Country and in Catholicism. Apathy can be a deadly agent to the spiritual life of the soul, depending on what issue you are indifferent about, that is. Not caring about one's spiritual life is more dangerous than being indifferent to politics, or one's health or if our neighbor is putting his fence in too close to your property line. Our relationship to God should always be our first priority and other issues are of less importance and rank far behind it. We should care about God first. Many don't.

In my nearly 20 years of being a priest, the areas where I've seen indifference grow most in the Church are: first, connected to the lack of guilt and shame from personal sin and the use of the Sacrament of Confession; second, it is in going to Mass faithfully on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation; and third, it is in following the sexual moral teachings of the Church especially as it relates to Marriage. Those are all big, huge Catholic identity pieces, consequential to salvation and to our place in the sight of God, and yet these are easily ignored by millions upon millions of baptized Catholics in the US and throughout the World. Easily ignored because we have become our own gods, determining our own truth, our own absolutes and our own way in this world. It's the Garden of Eden playing over and over again. I will not serve, I will not listen, I will not obey. And the poisoned apple is passed on to someone else.

In order to be indifferent to the truth I believe you have to lack substantive knowledge or you are misinformed with partial truths or facts. Here's a good question to ponder. If someone asked you to teach them about the "Real Presence" of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, could you? Where would you begin? If you **can't** find a start or conjure up a few good points about the Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, then challenge yourself about what **you** really believe and question yourself then, why am I going to Mass? Who am I going to encounter there? In the case of someone not understanding the "Real Presence," it's easy to dismiss the Mass's meaning because if you don't understand one of the most crucial faith elements of the ritual, you will be **indifferent** to the whole true meaning. If you have a superstitious belief in the Eucharist (that is, it's just "Hocus Pocus") or you believe it's enough for you to be a "C and E" (Catholic attending only on Christmas and Easter), then you don't understand or believe in the Gospel of John (chapter 6) where Jesus explains His Eucharistic Presence.

We are also facing an increase in apathy and indifference concerning a host of other relevant issues as well. We are being "lulled to sleep" and "subtly beaten" by so many factors and forces in the current culture, being inundated with "slanted" messages from most every media source also in social media and definitely through what I call the "Evil" internet. There is an overload of information, and even more consequential is the presence of misinformation. So many things are happening now in governments and in culture. It's so daunting that one real response is to ignore and become deaf and dumb. The whole world is under the attack of indifferentism. We have to care, but we can't change the world by ourselves. We have to engage some how, some way.

So this is what I believe. It starts with knowledge but you must keep it simple. There are things you know and many things you don't know. Don't be afraid to admit what you don't know. Also don't assume that you can just "look it up" and know everything there is to know. Trust, but verify. Don't give over your wills and intellects to sources that claim to have absolute expertise; mistrust sources who want to influence dramatic changes in your belief systems. Hang on to the truth of God, the truth of His Word as we find it in the Bible, especially in the 10 Commandments and in the person and ministry of Jesus Christ. This is all you need to find happiness in this world and in the world to come: that it is our faith in the will of God and our belief in Him that will guide us through these times of trouble. Trust in the Holy Spirit and in your instinct to have common sense about the matters of the world. And don't give up, give in, or stop caring, because that's indifferentism.

God bless and have a good week everyone! Fr. David

Fr. David's Liturgical Schedule

Sunday, March 7

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

Tuesday, March 9

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

Wednesday, March 10

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

Thursday, March 11

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 12

8:00 am	Angelus (SJ)
8:05 am	Rosary (SJ)
8:30 am	Mass, Exposition, Stations of the Cross, Benediction (SJ)

Saturday, March 13

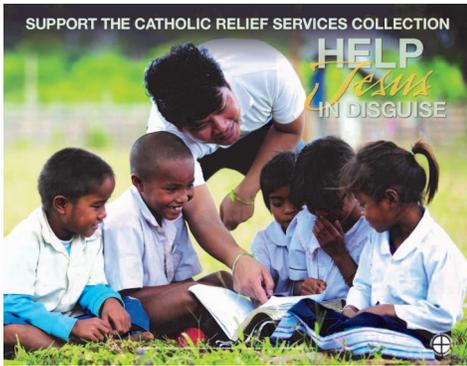
10:00 - 10:45 am	Confessions (SJ)
4:00 - 4:45 pm	Confessions (SJ)
5:00 pm	Mass (SJ)

Sunday, March 14

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

(HF)-Holy Family • (SJ)-Saint James

Catholic Relief Services



Help Jesus in Disguise
Next week our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Next week,

please give generously to the collection and help *Jesus in disguise*. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief

Father Paul Fruth Address

For those of you interested in corresponding with Father Paul Fruth, he has a new address.
35625 Ostlund Avenue #317
Crosslake, MN 56442

Invite God Into Your Marriage

Every couple needs the Lord to love them as a couple. Only in Christ and with the grace of the Holy Spirit can we live a married life full of the Love of God. In honor of National Marriage Week and as a Lenten resource, the Marriage in Christ At Home Seminar is free for couples who sign up by March 31, 2021. Once registered, access is free through May 31, 2021. This free access is made possible by a grant from Communication Center, the nations' largest distributor of Catholic religious education materials. For more information and to sign up go to: <https://marriageinchrist.com>.

Stations of the Cross

Wednesdays 6:00 pm

at St. James

Thursdays 5:00 pm

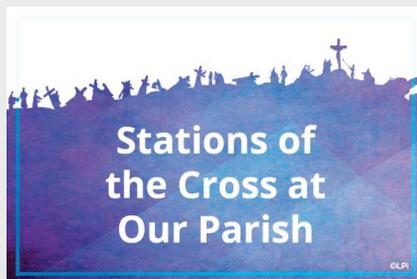
at Holy Family

Fridays After 8:30 am Mass

at St. James

Sundays 9:30 am

at Our Lady of Fatima



Communal Penance Scheduled

March 14 4:00 pm at St. Joseph
Crosby

March 25 7:00 pm at St. James
Aitkin



March 7, 2021

Sun: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/1 Cor 1:22-25/
Jn 2:13-25
Mon: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3,
4 [cf 42:3]/Lk 4:24-30
Tues: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc,
8-9 [6a]/Mt 18:21-35
Wed: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/
Mt 5:17-19
Thurs: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/
Lk 11:14-23
Fri: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab,
14 and 17 [cf. 11 and 9a]/Mk 12:28-34
Sat: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab [cf.
Hos 6:6]/Lk 18:9-14
Next Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2,
3, 4-5, 6 [6ab]/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21
Next Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Lent

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Stewardship Report



Through

February 21, 2021

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

St. James •

Attendance	221
Weekly Goal	\$5,020
Received 2/21/2021	\$5,141
Fiscal Year to date goal	\$170,687
Fiscal Year to date received	\$186,574

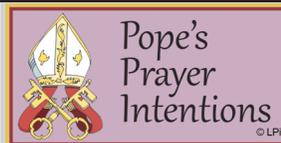
Holy Family •

Attendance	68
Weekly Goal	\$1,410
Received 2/21/2021	\$2,096
Fiscal Year to date goal	\$47,927
Fiscal Year to date received	\$48,295

Our Lady of Fatima •

Attendance	16
Weekly Goal	\$127
Received 2/21/2021	\$335
Fiscal Year to date goal	\$4,309
Fiscal Year to date received	\$4,625

Thank you for your contributions!



March Prayer

Intention

*Intention for
Evangelization:*

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Let us pray that we may experience the Sacrament of Reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.



**Gospel
Meditation
for
March 7,
2021**
**3rd Sunday of
Lent**

Many prefer a “create as you go” approach to life where laws and protocols primarily exist to secure and protect liberties rather than dictate and outline proper and right behavior. There are no real benchmarks for acceptable ethical and moral behavior, with a “you can’t tell me what to do” attitude prevailing. Parents are even limited in what they can request of their children, and dealing with threatening behaviors, especially from adults, are a challenge as well. Acceptable and expected conduct seems to amount to safeguarding each other’s space rather than increasing awareness of necessary relationships that require a more refined and higher response.

We have lost our axis to the world of “anything goes” and no longer see the Ten Commandments as practical and wise guideposts to effective living. We live on “relativism island” where only a possible suggestion to “love and do not harm” may be the only standard able to be preached.

While Jesus most certainly emphasized love above anything else, it was never about warm fuzzy feelings or halfhearted humanitarian efforts. The love of which Jesus spoke establishes an intimate connection with God, neighbor, self, and creation. Because this love, who is God

Himself, is at the foundational core of our lives, it demands actions and attitudes that serve to build up, increase, and free up those relationships. Love requires proper conduct. Preserving and enhancing these love centered relationships is at the heart of the Ten Commandments (and the Beatitudes) and the reason for Jesus’ display of anger in the temple.

The Ten Commandments can save the world from turmoil and conflict by instilling basic moral and relational principles within us. They also hold a healthy sense of sin in balance and always remind us of our relationship with God and the freedom God offers. Our faith preserves these jewels of truth that we often look beyond, dismiss altogether, or seek to remove from public view. Human beings can be so arrogant at times. Our Lenten journey, especially when embarked upon with sincerity and resolve, can restore all of our essential relationships. When we get absorbed in life’s preoccupations and demands, things can quickly get distorted and we can find ourselves way off track. In short, we find ourselves in sin. Humanity is losing a sense of both grace and sin. We need both to understand what is real and true. Until we do, the oppressive systems and ideologies that hurt so many will never change. We will never change. We are grateful for those courageous souls who willingly embrace the conversion and hard work Lent demands and stand against antiquated systems and ideologies. They give us hope that all is not lost.

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Carl and Virginia Leadens and their bereaved family and friends. May their souls and the souls of all the faithfully departed rest in peace.

St. James Food Shelf



Mar 13/14 Food Share Weekend

Mar 20/21 Macaroni & Cheese,
Pork & Beans, Chili

Mar 27/28 Potatoes, instant
mashed, au gratin, scalloped

Thanks for all you do to help those in need.

Easter Flowers



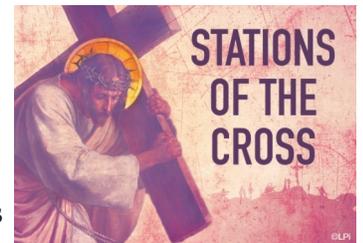
Parishioners are invited to take part in the Holy Easter celebration by providing a lily or blooming plant in memory/honor of loved ones or for a special intention. Plants will cost \$18.00 each. Please call Renee Irwin at 218-513-7544 to reserve a plant.

Leave a message with Renee if there is no answer and she will get back to you as soon as possible. Deadline for orders will be March 28, 2021. Thank you.

Holy Family
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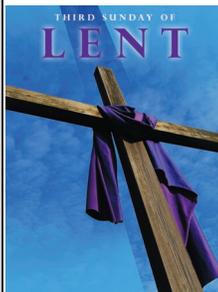
Adoration / Stations of the Cross / Benediction

Anyone is welcome to visit the Lord in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament on Thursdays between 9:30 am and 5:00 pm with Stations of the Cross at 5:00 followed by Benediction. There is still a need for individuals to sign up for an hour or be on a substitute list. If interested please call or text Andrea at 763-360-2058.



Our Lady of Fatima
102 S Highway 65 McGrath

Rosary, Stations of the Cross and Mass Schedule

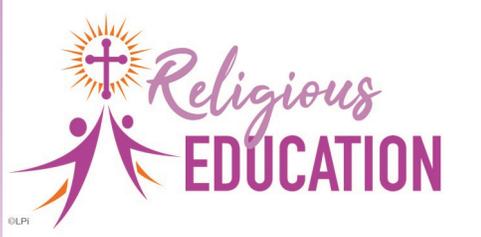


The Rosary will be prayed at 9:00 am, Stations of the Cross at 9:30 and Mass will be at 10 am on Sundays. Please note this schedule is subject to change due to Fr. Solors’ availability.
Sunday, March 14, 2021
Sunday, March 21, 2021

Religious Education

Little Gobblers

Remember to pick up your Family Formation Home Packets if you have not already done so. They are ready for you in the Gathering Space.



Contact Jen or Marie if you have any questions..

CAGE Class Dates

Sunday, March 7th-After Mass

(Mandatory Confirmation Prep for juniors and sponsors)

For Wednesday CAGE Night classes, students should arrive by 6:25 pm.

March 10
March 17
March 24

This Week

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Sunday, March 7

After Mass

Confirmation Prep Class (SJ)

Tuesday, March 9

6:30 am

That Man is You (SJ)

Wednesday, March 10

6:00 pm

Stations of the Cross (SJ)

6:30 pm

CAGE night (SJ)

Thursday, March 11

7:30 am

Rosary (SJ)

9:00 am to 8:00 pm

Adoration (SJ)

9:30 am to 5:00 pm

Adoration (HF)

5:00 pm

Stations of the Cross & Benediction (HF)

Friday, March 12

After 8:30 am Mass Stations of the Cross & Benediction (SJ)

Thursday, March 11

9:30 pm

Stations of the Cross & Benediction (OL)

“Love is never defeated.”

St. John Paul II

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Tuesday, March 9

8:30 am

Jim Schroeder (SJ)

Wednesday, March 10

8:30 am

Edwin Kraemer (SJ)

Thursday, March 11

8:30 am

Jean Bartl (SJ)

Friday, March 12

8:30 am

Joyce Gustin (SJ)

Saturday, March 13

5:00 pm

Dawson VanPortfliet (SJ)

Sunday, March 14

8:00 am

Cecilia Domino (HF)

10:00 am

Jack Schreiber (OL)

10:00 am

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Saturday, March 13 at 5:00 pm (SJ)

Sacristan/Server.....Tim Ryan
Lector..... Gary Tibbitts
EOMs (MOB) Mary-Jo Newman, Terry Stein
UshersRaija, Tiffany, TJ, Thomas Gustin

Sunday, March 14 at 8:00 am (HF)

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

Sunday, March 14 at 10:00 am (OL)

..... Volunteers needed.

Sunday, March 14 at 10:00 am (SJ)

Sacristan Hugh Janzen
Servers Ella and Noah Janzen
Lector.....Peg Lundberg
EOMs(MOB) Laura Eisenbraun, Adam James
UshersJeremy and Landon Janzen
..... Tom Lundberg, Mark Ritter

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