



St. James Church
299 Red Oak Dr. Aitkin
www.aitkincatholic.org

*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
www.mcgregorcatholicchurch.org

Mass & Confession Times

Mass Schedule

Weekday*	Weekend*	
Most Mon	7:30 am (SJ)	Saturday 5:00 pm (SJ)
Tues	8:30 am (HF)	Sunday 8:00 am (HF)
Wed-Fri	8:30 am (SJ)	10:30 am (SJ)

*Pray the Holy Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet one-half hour before Holy Mass.

Pray with the Knights

Join the Knights of Columbus on Tuesday mornings at 8:00 am at St. James to pray the Holy Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet and other devotionals.

Confessions

Saturday	10:00–10:45 am	St. James
	4:00–4:40 pm	St. James
Tuesday	5:30–6:30 pm	Holy Family
Wednesday	5:30–6:30 pm	St. James
	(or by appointment)	

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**SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JANUARY 14, 2024**



**2nd SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God." The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus. - Jn 1:35-37

Readings of the Week ©LPI

Readings for the week of January 14, 2024

- Sun: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4 7-8, 8-9, 10 (8a, 9a)/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/
Jn 1:35-42
- Mon: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mk 2:18-22
- Tues: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/
Mk 2:23-28
- Wed: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6
- Thurs: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12
- Fri: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/
Mk 3:13-19
- Sat: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21
- Next Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (4a)/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20
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Monday, January 15 **No Mass**

Tuesday, January 16
8:30 am Nevin Johnson † (HF)

Wednesday, January 17
8:30 am Deacon Vern Anderson † (SJ)

Thursday, January 18
8:30 am Dutch Lepeska (SJ)

Friday, January 19
8:30 am Julie Jonasson (SJ)

Saturday, January 20
5:00 pm Steven Jay Tetzclass † (SJ)

Sunday, January 21
8:00 am Paul Ruzynski (HF)
10:00 am For the People (OL)
10:30 am Lois Fyle † (SJ)

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

Mass Intentions: Deceased †

Sacraments

Baptism

Please contact the parish office to arrange for Baptism preparation and to schedule a Baptism.

Marriage

Couples are required to contact the parish office to make arrangements at least six to eight months in advance of the planned date.

Hospital Admission

If you are admitted to the hospital, please have a friend or family member notify the parish office for visits and prayers for you.

Communion for the Sick & Homebound

Please contact the parish office to make arrangements.

Anointing of the Sick

If you are experiencing a serious illness or if someone is close to death, please contact the parish office to arrange to receive the Sacrament.

Weekly Schedule ©LPI

Sunday, January 14

After 8:00 am Mass Fellowship, Coffee and Treats (HF)

Monday, January 15

9:30–10:30 am S.A.I.L. Class (SJ)

Tuesday, January 16

6:00 am That Man is You (SJ)

8:00–9:00 am Pray with the Knights (SJ)

9:30–11:30 am Bible Study: Matthew (HF)

Noon–3 pm Food Shelf Hours (SJ)

5:30 pm Finance Council Meeting (SJ)

5:30–6:30 pm Confessions (HF)

6:00–8:00 pm Bible Study: Matthew (HF)

Wednesday, January 17

9:30–10:30 am S.A.I.L. Class (SJ)

5:30–6:30 pm Confessions (SJ)

5:30–7:00 pm Meal/Religious Education (SJ)

Thursday, January 18

9:00 am to 6:00 pm Adoration (SJ)

9:30 am to 6:00 pm Adoration (HF)

6:00–7:00 pm OCIA Class (SJ)

Friday, January 19

8:00 am Men's Group (HF)

Saturday, January 20

10:00 am St. Vincent de Paul Meeting (SJ)

Sunday, January 21

After 8:00 am Mass Fellowship, Coffee and Treats (HF)

After 10:00 am Mass Coffee and Treats (OL)

After 10:30 am Mass Coffee and Donuts (SJ)

Mass Intention Requests

We have days available at all parishes for your Mass intentions. Suggested offering is \$10.00 per Mass. Submit your request by calling the parish office, stopping by the office, or dropping a Mass Intention envelope in the collection basket.

Vocations Chalice Schedule

Date	St. James	Holy Family
1/14	Wes & Becca Hoppe	Dan & Sue DuRose
1/21	Gayle & Bob Janzen	Kathie Serfling

Restored Weekend Retreat for Adults

Registration for the January Restored retreat is open! All adults 21 and older are invited to a retreat weekend taking place January 26-28 at Sugar Lake Lodge. Come enjoy good fellowship with people from all over the diocese, delicious food, engaging presentations, time for prayer and reflection, and be restored in both body and soul. All adults are welcome to come! More information on the weekend and registration can be found at www.dioceseduluth.org/restored-retreat.



Upcoming Weekend for the Engaged

Registration is now open for two upcoming in-person Weekend for the Engaged. The first scheduled will be at the Cathedral of Our Lady in Duluth on February 24th and 25th, and the next at St. Joseph's in Crosby on April 28th and 29th. A June Engaged Weekend is also planned for Duluth at St. Benedict; the date will be determined.

Engaged couples, please register as soon as possible because weekends fill up. Engaged Weekends are part of the preparation for couples as they prepare and approach the Sacrament of Matrimony. If you know a couple getting married in the Catholic church within the next two years, invite them to register. More information and to register can be found at www.dioceseduluth.org/marriage-and-family-life

From the MN Catholic Conference

Parents, are you ready for Tax Day? The Minnesota Catholic Conference is excited to remind you about the **new Minnesota Child Tax Credit**. Getting money back to our Minnesota families through this tax credit was an integral goal achieved by the Catholic Conference's Families First Project last year. The credit encourages and supports strong families by providing a tax break to eligible families. It's as simple as filing a tax return, claiming the tax credit benefits, and receiving cash back. To ensure you don't miss out, visit www.FamiliesFirstProject.com/CTC where you can learn more about the child tax credit and access additional tax resources.

Tell every parent you know to file their taxes to receive this credit. Together we will support and strengthen the families in our communities.

Stewardship Report (Fiscal Year: July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024)

Through December 31, 2023	St. James	Holy Family	Our Lady of Fatima
Attendance	342	91	19
Received	\$15,948	\$2,847	\$289
Fiscal Year to Date Goal	\$166,699	\$51,503	\$5,164
Fiscal Year to Date Received	\$173,872	\$53,355	\$4,549
UCA 2023 Assessment	\$62,107.18	\$19,202.13	\$1,927.75
UCA 2023 Received	\$64,365.18	\$10,926.10	\$1,937.65
	(Excess will be transferred to 2024.)		(Excess will be transferred to 2024.)

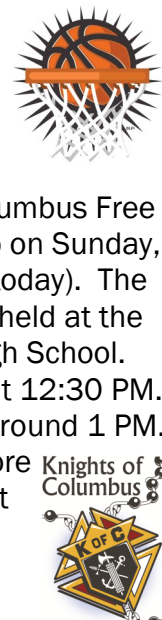


Star of the North Eucharistic Congress
May 17 & 18, 2024

The Sanford Center—Bemidji, Registration and details can be found at CrookstonEucharist.org. This site states that "The Congress is a collaboration between the Diocese of Crookston and the Diocese of Duluth, preceding the May 19 commencement of the Marian Route of the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage at the headwaters of the great Mississippi River in Itasca State Park. Join Bishops and pilgrims from across Minnesota, the Dakotas and Wisconsin, as we gather to celebrate and glorify Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. The Star of the North Eucharistic Congress will inspire pilgrims to increase their devotion in the Eucharist while learning ways to share the many graces of this great Sacrament through powerful talks and witness testimonies, panels, fellowship, praise and worship, Mass, adoration, confession, and a Eucharistic Procession. The Star of the North Eucharistic Congress is for the entire family. All are welcome!"

KC Free Throw Competition

Boys and girls ages 9-14 are invited to participate in the 2024 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship on Sunday, January 14, 2024 (today). The competition will be held at the Crosby-Ironton High School. Registration begins at 12:30 PM. Competition begins around 1 PM. For entry forms or more information, contact Justin Smith at 218-330-1431.



Francis Basket Update

Thanks to your generous donations to the Francis Basket. In 2022 we were able to help a total of 321 families and 841 individuals and in 2023 we helped 349 families and 926 individuals.



Christmas Poinsettias

If you helped provide flowers for Christmas, these flowers are ready to go home with you. Please feel free to take a poinsettia or two.

St. James Liturgical Ministers*

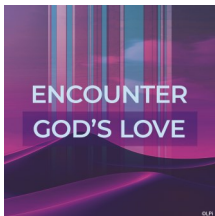
*For the latest updates, check Ministry Scheduler Pro (MSP)

Saturday, January 20 at 5:00 pm

Sacristan/Server Bob Cummings
Lector Dolores Wickham
EOMs Carol Hoge, Julie Carlson
Ushers Brian Carlson, Kevin Hoge, John Appel, vol.

Sunday, January 21 at 10:30 am

Sacristan Adam James
Servers Evelyn Anderson, Tyce Jorgensen
Lector Peg Lundberg
EOMs Colton Varner, Terry Stein
Ushers Tom Lundberg, Chad Larson, Tom Druar, vol.



January 14, 2024 Gospel Meditation

As a priest, I'm amazed how happily married couples remember the tiniest details of their earliest encounters. They effortlessly report things like: "he wore a blue shirt," "we ordered brussels sprouts," "her hair was up in a bun," and "he spilled shrimp cocktail sauce at my family's open front door when it was ten degrees below zero," (that one's courtesy of my mom). We delight in remembering and speaking of when our new life of love began. The little details are glorious reminders that it's all *real*.

It's similar for John the Apostle. He tells us of the two disciples who followed Jesus into his house, "**...they stayed with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon.**" Why does that tiny detail matter? Because

Volunteers Needed

McGregor Area Clothing Closet

February is Holy Family's month to staff the Clothing Closet (MACC).

The store is open Tuesdays and Saturdays 10 am –2 pm, and you will be working with another volunteer. By volunteering at MACC, you are giving back to our community. Please give Ramona Hooper a call at 218-426-3344, to volunteer Tuesday(s) or Saturday(s).



CCW Meeting

There will be a CCW Meeting, Thursday, February 1, 2024, in the social hall at 10 am. Two important topics will be discussed and we value your input: A new parish directory is being planned; also plans for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion.

All are welcome; we hope to see you there.

Men's Group

The Holy Family Men's Group meets this Friday, January 19th at 8 am in the social hall.

All men are invited.

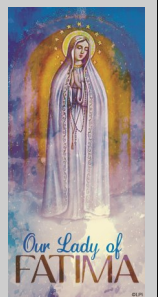
Our Lady of Fatima Holy Mass Schedule*

102 S Highway 65, McGrath

There will not be Holy Mass at Our Lady of Fatima on January 14th. Please join a nearby parish.

Holy Mass is scheduled for Sunday, January 21st.

*Note this schedule is subject to change.



that's the time of day when they encountered the love of Jesus the Messiah in their lives. Our religion is not primarily about abstract truths about God, no matter how true or sublime. It is about God meeting and saving us in our human nature. It's about a *human* relationship.

What was the time of day when you first recall encountering Christ and his Church? Who was there? What did you feel? How did things look and smell? What happened? Take some time to recall it in detail. For me, it was inside an old, rickety church on a hillside in Jerome, Arizona. It was about 9 p. m. on a Saturday evening. I was with my friends Jenny, Brad, and Laura. We were praying, singing, and laughing. When was it for you? Remembering the details isn't empty nostalgia. It reminds us now that God's love for us in our humanity is real.

-Father John Muir

Youth / Religious Education



Religious Education: Wednesday, January 17

Meal for students and families beginning at 5:30pm.
Class for Elementary (Pre-K through Grade 6) and
Jr/Sr High (7-11) will meet 6:00 to 7:00pm



Upcoming Schedule

Religious Education
classes are scheduled:

January 17 & 31

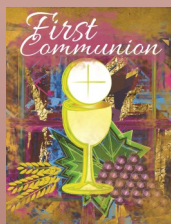
February 7, 21, & 28

Note: No class on January 24

February 14 is Ash Wednesday, parents should attend
Holy Mass with children

Attention Confirmation Students

A mandatory Confirmation
Retreat is scheduled for
March 15-17 at Big Sandy Camp in McGregor. Please go to
the Diocese of Duluth website to register. All Confirmation
students who will be confirmed in the spring must attend
this retreat. Please contact Jen if you have any questions.



First Communion Classes

Classes for First Communion will begin in the
spring. If you are not already registered for
First Communion classes, please contact Jen.

Holy Family Religious Education

Classes for First Reconciliation and
First Communion prep will be on Sundays

- ◆ February 4th
- ◆ February 11th
- ◆ February 18th
- ◆ February 25th

at 9 am in the basement of Holy Family. A light
breakfast will be provided for kids and parents.
Any questions, call Andrea at 763-360-2058.



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The Catholic Parent encourages moms and dads as
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ing stories of spouses and families living out the
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OCIA

OCIA classes are held on Thursdays at St. James from
6-7 pm. They are taught by Fr. Mike. OCIA is for those
who are interested in becoming Catholic, for adults who
are Catholic but never been
confirmed and for all those
who want to learn significant-
ly more about their Catholic
faith. Newcomers welcome!

