



St. James Church
299 Red Oak Dr. Aitkin
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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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THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JANUARY 21, 2024



3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.”
- Mk 1:17

Readings of the Week ©LPI

Readings for the week of January 21, 2024

Sun: Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (4a)/
1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20
 Mon: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/
Mk 3:22-30
 Tue: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/
Mk 3:31-35
 Wed: 2 Sm 7:4-17/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/
Mk 4:1-20
 Thurs: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/
Mk 16:15-18
 Fri: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a,
10/Mk 4:26-34
 Sat: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15,
16-17/Mk 4:35-41
 Next Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9
(8)/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28

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Monday, January 22

7:30 am Terry DeSutter † (SJ)

Tuesday, January 23

8:30 am Valentine Wagner † (HF)

Wednesday, January 24

8:30 am Bernice Brown † (SJ)

Thursday, January 25

8:30 am Lin Ritter † (SJ)

Friday, January 26

8:30 am Herm Janzen † (SJ)

Saturday, January 27

5:00 pm Arnie Duerr (SJ)

Sunday, January 28

8:00 am Jean Eidem † (HF)
 10:00 am Souls in Purgatory † (OL)
 10:30 am For the People (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.



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)

Monday, January 22

9:30–10:30 am S.A.I.L. Class (SJ)

Tuesday, January 23

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)
 5:30–6:30 pm Confessions (HF)
 6:00–8:00 pm Bible Study: Matthew (HF)

Wednesday, January 24

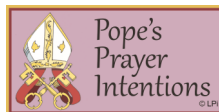
9:30–10:30 am S.A.I.L. Class (SJ)
 5:30–6:30 pm Confessions (SJ)

Thursday, January 25

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)

Sunday, January 28

After 8:00 am Mass Fellowship, Coffee and Treats (HF)
 After 10:00 am Mass Coffee and Treats (OL)



For January:

For the Gift of Diversity in the Church.
 Let us pray that the Holy Spirit helps us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.

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
1/21	Bob & Gayle Janzen	Kathie Serfling
1/28	Mary Handt	Tim & Debbie Johnson

Share Your Faith: Collection for the Church in Latin America

Next weekend we will take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America. For many in Latin America and the Caribbean, a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers all present obstacles to practicing the faith. Your support for the collection provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, and other programs to share our Catholic faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ. To learn more about how your gifts make a difference, visit www.usscb.org/latin-america.



40 Hours Devotion

March 1-3, 2024

St. Francis Church, Brainerd

40 Hours is an intentional time of Eucharistic Adoration for our entire faith community. Our theme this year is “The

Eucharist – Sacrament of Love” with special presentations by internationally known speaker Fr. Louis Merosne. Born in Haiti, Father Louis grew up in Boston MA. After completing his studies at Franciscan University of Steubenville, he responded to a call to return to his homeland, where he was ordained and now serves the church and the poor. More details and a full schedule are available at www.brainerdcatholic.org/events.

Brainerd Deanery CCW Lenten Retreat March 5, 2024

The Brainerd Deanery CCW Lenten Retreat is scheduled for March 5th at Immaculate Heart in Crosslake. Holy Mass is at 8:30 am followed by a short Lenten meditation presentation by Fr. David. Confessions from 10 until noon and also board meeting at 11 am. Lunch served at noon.

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

Through January 7, 2024	St. James	Holy Family	Our Lady of Fatima
Attendance	276	73	No Mass
Received	\$4,497	\$1,302	\$60
Fiscal Year to Date Goal	\$172,873	\$53,410	\$5,355
Fiscal Year to Date Received	\$178,370	\$54,657	\$4,609

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.



Star of the North Eucharistic Congress

May 17 & 18, 2024

The Sanford Center—Bemidji, MN

More details and opportunities coming in future bulletins!

St. James

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Unborn Child & Spiritual Adoption Program

Fifty-one years ago (Jan. 1973), a Supreme Court Decision (Roe

v. Wade) was rendered which legalized abortion throughout the entire nine months of pregnancy. The

Cuyuna Range Knights of Columbus are going to remember “those children who were not born”, they too are a work of God’s hands and need to be remembered. Additionally, the Knights of Columbus will be asking parishioners to renew their commitment to the “Spiritual Adoption Program” - prayers to spare the lives of unborn babies in danger of abortion.

Spiritual Adoption Prayer cards for the unborn (who are in danger of being aborted) are available.



KC Family Breakfast

Knights of Columbus Family Breakfast is scheduled for Sunday, February 4th, serving from 8:30 am until noon. French toast, pancakes, scrambled eggs with ham, country style sausage links, all the fixings, orange juice, milk, coffee. Free-will offering. All are welcome, plan on joining us.

Holy Family

2 S Maddy Street, McGregor

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.



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).



Our Lady of Fatima

Holy Mass Schedule*

102 S Highway 65, McGrath

Sunday, January 21, 2024

Sunday, January 28, 2024

Sunday, February 4, 2024

Coffee, treats and socializing after Mass.
Everyone welcome.

*Note this schedule is subject to change.

St. James Liturgical Ministers*

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

Saturday, January 27 at 5:00 pm

Sacristan/Server Terry Stein

Lector Carol Wiherski

EOMs Fran Kohanek, Pat O’Connor

Ushers Martin Schmitt, Gary Tibbitts, Elaine Hill, vol.

Sunday, January 28 at 10:30 am

Sacristan Carroll Janzen

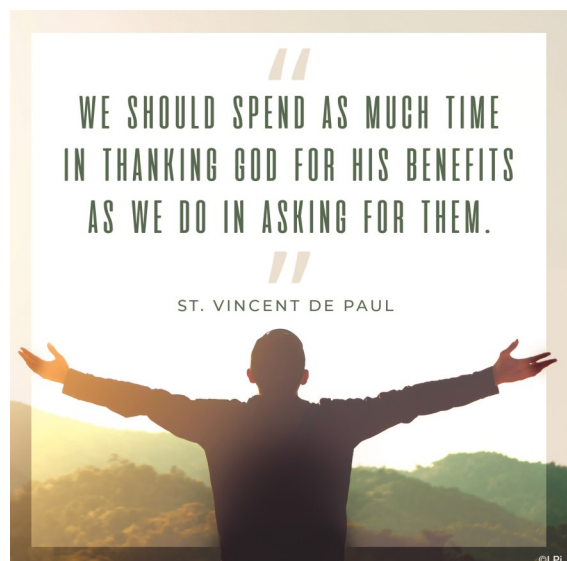
Servers Evelyn Anderson, Jayden Janzen

Lector Colton Varner

EOMs Adam James, Erin Ryan

Ushers Kirk Peysar, Mark Ritter, Ellie and

Russ Hoppe



Youth / Religious Education



No Religious Education: This Week (Jan 24)!

We will resume our regular class schedule next week on January 31st. Parent Education classes are being offered throughout the rest of the year.

Our next class is February 7th at 6:00pm in the Social Hall.

Upcoming Schedule

Religious Education classes are scheduled:

January 31

February 7, 21, & 28

March 6, 13, & 20

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

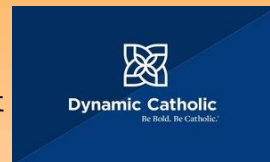
at 9 am in the basement of Holy Family. A light breakfast will be provided for kids and parents. Any questions, call Andrea at 763-360-2058.

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With three seasons of exciting adventures and musical storytelling, Benjamin Cello is an engaging, entertaining show for kids of all ages. Whether it's journeying to Pennywhistle Park or reading in the Book Endless Book Tower, each episode reveals the importance and excitement of imagination and creativity while also sharing the goodness of virtue and faith in everyday life.

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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 significantly more about their Catholic faith. Newcomers welcome!

