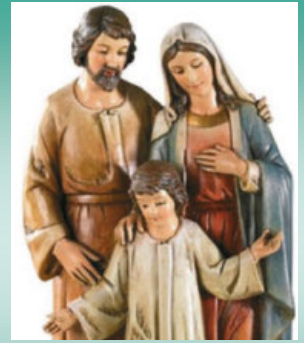




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**Mass & Confession Times**

**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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**FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
JANUARY 28, 2024**



**4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

In their synagogue was a man with an unclean spirit; he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!" Jesus rebuked him and said, "Quiet! Come out of him!" - Mk 1:23-25

# Readings of the Week

## Readings for the week of January 28, 2024

Sun: Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 (8)/  
1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28  
 Mon: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/  
Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 5:1-20  
 Tues: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3/  
Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mk 5:21-43  
 Wed: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/  
Mk 6:1-6  
 Thurs: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab,  
11d-12a, 12bcd/Mk 6:7-13  
 Fri Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Ps 24:7, 8, 9,  
10/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32  
 Sat: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13,  
14/Mk 6:30-34  
 Next Sun: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (see  
3a)/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39

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## MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday, January 29

7:30 am Mary Kaye Lacher † (SJ)

### Tuesday, January 30

8:30 am Reggie Johnson † (HF)

### Wednesday, January 31

8:30 am Gene Nardini † (SJ)

### Thursday, February 1

8:30 am Adele McDonnell † (SJ)

### Friday, February 2

8:30 am Gloria Paulbeck † (SJ)

### Saturday, February 3

8:30 am Al Nenti † (SJ)

5:00 pm For the People (SJ)

### Sunday, February 4

8:00 am Warren Johnson † (HF)

10:00 am June Pearson † (OL)

10:30 am Ann Doyle † (SJ)

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

## 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

### Sunday, January 28

After 8:00 am Mass

Fellowship, Coffee and Treats (HF)

After 10:00 am Mass

Coffee and Treats (OL)

### Monday, January 29

9:30—10:30 am

S.A.I.L. Class (SJ)

### Tuesday, January 30

6:00 am

That Man is You (SJ)

8:00—9:00 am

Pray with the Knights (SJ)

Noon—3 pm

Food Shelf Hours (SJ)

5:30—6:30 pm

Confessions (HF)

6:30/7:00 pm

KC Rosary/Meeting (Crosby)

### Wednesday, January 31

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, February 1

9:00 am to 6:00 pm

Adoration (SJ)

9:30 am to 6:00 pm

Adoration (HF)

10:00 am

CCW Meeting (HF)

6:00—7:00 pm

O CIA Class (SJ)

### Friday, February 2

8:00 am

Men's Group (HF)

### Saturday, February 3

8:00/8:30 am

Rosary/Chaplet/Holy Mass (SJ)

9:00—10:00 am

Adoration (SJ)

10:00 am

Confessions (SJ)

### Sunday, February 4

After 8:00 am Mass

Fellowship, Coffee and Treats (HF)

After 8:00 am Mass

First Sacraments Class (HF)

8:30 am—Noon

KC Family Breakfast (SJ)

After 10:00 am Mass

Coffee and Treats (OL)

## 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          |
|------|------------------------|----------------------|
| 1/28 | Mary Handt             | Tim & Debbie Johnson |
| 2/4  | Vicki and Jared Monson | Pat St. Cyr          |

**Share Your Faith: Collection for the Church in Latin America**

This weekend we take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America! Many people in Latin America and the Caribbean do not have access to Church programs and ministries because of a rising secular culture, rugged rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers. Your generosity enables our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean to share in the life of the Church and grow closer to Christ. Please be generous. To learn more, please visit [www.usccb.org/latin-america](http://www.usccb.org/latin-america).



**First Saturday Schedule**  
**February 3, 2024**

- 8:00 am Rosary /Chaplet
- 8:30 am Holy Mass
- 9:00 am Adoration
- 10:00 am Confessions

*First Saturdays Devotion explained by Catholic Answers:*

The Five First Saturdays Devotion is a request made by our Lady of Fatima. The Blessed Mother promised to assist at the hour of death with the graces necessary for salvation all who, as an act of reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, on the first five Saturdays of consecutive months:

1. Go to confession
2. Receive Holy Communion
3. Say five decades of the rosary
4. Keep Mary company for fifteen minutes meditating on the fifteen mysteries of the rosary



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All are welcome to join us. We are just learning what it means to become a member, to become Vincentians.

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At our second meeting we tentatively set our twice monthly meetings to be the 1st and 3rd Mondays at 6:00 p.m. in the Large Classroom at St. James. Next meeting dates are February 5th and 19th. Mark your calendars and join us.

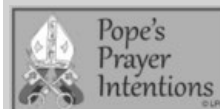


**Sign-Up Calendar Available for Vocations Chalice**

Please notice the Vocations Chalice sign-up calendar at Holy Family and St. James. We need parishioners to volunteer to host the vocations chalice in their home for a week. You may sign up on any open week for the 2024 year. Every Sunday a different parishioner takes the chalice and displays it in their home as a reminder to pray for vocations.

**Diocesan Wide Anointing of the Sick**

The weekend of February 10/11 falls on the Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes and World Day of the Sick. In light of this, along with the call from Bishop Daniel's Pastoral Letter to bring the Healing of Jesus to all in our communities, Bishop Daniel is asking that all parishes in our diocese offer a communal celebration of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick so that those who are truly in need of this sacrament may be able to receive it after each of our masses that weekend.



**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.

**For February:**

For the Terminally Ill.  
Let us pray that the sick who are in the final stages of life, and their families, receive the necessary medical and human care and accompaniment.

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

| Through January 14, 2024     | St. James | Holy Family | Our Lady of Fatima |
|------------------------------|-----------|-------------|--------------------|
| Attendance                   | 264       | 73          | 18                 |
| Received                     | \$4,605   | \$1,552     | \$238              |
| Fiscal Year to Date Goal     | \$179,047 | \$55,318    | \$5,546            |
| Fiscal Year to Date Received | \$182,975 | \$56,209    | \$4,847            |

## St. James

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### 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.



### CCW Meeting

There will be a CCW Meeting, Tuesday, February 6th at 9:30 am in the St. James Parish Hall. Come join us and get involved in the future. Treats provided!



Newly registered parishioners:

- Judy McDonald
- Alec Kinzer
- Daniel and Shelley Olson

## St. James Liturgical Ministers\*

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

### **Saturday, February 3 at 5:00 pm**

Sacristan/Server Pat O'Connor  
 Lector Jennifer Cummings  
 EOMs Julie Carlson  
 Ushers Brian Carlson, Elaine Hill, 2 volunteers

### **Sunday, February 4 at 10:30 am**

Sacristan Hugh Janzen  
 Servers Bentley Host, Isabel McWilliams  
 Lector Hugh Janzen  
 EOMs Kirk Peysar  
 Ushers Chad Larson, Carroll Janzen, Roger Stippel, KC volunteer

### **January 28, 2024 Gospel Meditation** 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

I love movies about exorcisms. Apparently, so do many others. The 2023 movie “Nefarious” features a possibly possessed inmate on death row. Critics were not impressed, but audiences scored it at 97% on the website Rotten Tomatoes. Most people have an appreciation for the demonic realm, even if cultural elites are generally embarrassed about it. As is standard in exorcism movies, the afflicted person (in this case, a man named Edward Brady) thinks and acts like *multiple* persons. He is someone besides himself. We know what that is like. We feel *fake* sometimes, not ourselves.

The same dynamic is on dramatic display this week in the Gospel. Jesus the Exorcist approaches a possessed man who utters, “**What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth?**”



## Holy Family

2 S Maddy Street, McGregor

### Men’s Group Meets This Friday

The Holy Family Men’s Group will be meeting this Friday at 8 am in the social hall. All men are invited!



### CCW Meeting

There will be a CCW Meeting this Thursday, Feb. 1st 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.

### McGregor Area Clothing Closet

#### Volunteers Needed

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 28, 2024

Sunday, February 4, 2024

Sunday, February 11, 2024

**Join us for treats after Mass.**



\*Note this schedule is subject to change.

Notice the plural, *us*. The basic effect of the demonic is division. The man’s identity is fractured, divided, and thus many. Jesus powerfully expels the spirit by saying, “**Quiet! Come out of him!**” Jesus’ word has the power to restore the man’s singularity — *him* — and indeed it does.

All this helps us to dismiss childish images of demons sporting red goat tails. Equally, it overcomes the cultured aloofness that dreams demons are mere metaphors for evil. We see instead that fallen angels are conscious and intelligent beings who orient their agency toward division. They bring about schism where there should be unity, e.g., in persons, families, communities, politics, and so on. Thankfully, Jesus commands demons to flee from all these places to restore wholeness and peace. What if we made room for his word where we need it?

— Father John Muir

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## Youth / Religious Education

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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#### Religious Education: January 31st

Meal for students and families beginning at 5:30 pm.

Classes for Pre-K through Confirmation meets from 6:00-7:00pm. Our next Parent Education 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**

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

#### Just for Kids.....Catholic Trivia

**Question:** What are the three occasions where ashes are used liturgically?

Can you find the answer? The answer will appear in an upcoming edition of the bulletin.



#### 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.

#### 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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