



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)	

Pastoral Staff

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**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
JANUARY 7, 2024**



**THE EPIPHANY
OF THE LORD**

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Mt 2:10-11

Readings of the Week ©LPI

Readings for the week of January 7, 2024

Sun: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
 Mon: Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 (3)/1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11
 Tues: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28
 Wed: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39
 Thurs: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45
 Fri: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12
 Sat: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-17
 Next Sunday: 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

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Monday, January 8

7:30 am Elizabeth Nuss † (SJ)

Tuesday, January 9

8:30 am Tressa Morres † (HF)

Wednesday, January 10

8:30 am RoseAnn Nentl † (SJ)

Thursday, January 11

8:30 am Dutch Lepeska † (SJ)

Friday, January 12

8:30 am Fern Ince † (SJ)

Saturday, January 13

5:00 pm David Schoepf † (SJ)

Sunday, January 14

8:00 am Kaleb Dobosenski † (HF)

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 7

After 8:00 am Mass
8:30 am—Noon

Fellowship, Coffee and Treats (HF)
KC Family Breakfast (SJ)

Monday, January 8

9:30—10:30 am

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

Tuesday, January 9

6:00 am

That Man is You (SJ)

8:00—9:00 am

Pray with the Knights (SJ)

9:30 am

SJ Rosary Makers (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 10

9:30—10:30 am

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

5:30—7:00 pm

Meal/Religious Education (SJ)

5:30—6:30 pm

Confessions (SJ)

Thursday, January 11

9:00 am to 6:00 pm

Adoration (SJ)

9:30 am to 6:00 pm

Adoration (HF)

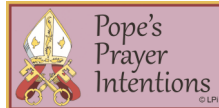
6:00—7:00 pm

OCIA Class (SJ)

Sunday, January 14

After 8:00 am Mass

Fellowship, Coffee and Treats (HF)



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
1/7	Jennifer Cummings	Dan & Kathy Branson
1/14	Wes & Becca Hoppe	Dan & Sue DuRose



**Star of the North
Eucharistic Congress**

May 17 & 18, 2024
The Sanford Center—Bemidji, MN

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

You are invited to participate in the 2024 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship on Sunday, January 14, 2024. There are twelve divisions of boys and girls ages 9-14. Note: Age as of January 1, 2024; You are required to provide proof of age and have a written parental consent. 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. **Please note: personal basketballs will not be allowed in the school.*

**Keep Us in
the Loop**

Are you traveling south for the winter or have you switched



totally from a land line to a cell phone? Please contact the church office and let us know, 218-927-6581 or email office@aitkincatholic.org.

If we need to contact you, even for reasons you might not think of, we have no way to contact you without the updated information. Thanks.

Vocations Chalice

The Vocations Chalices of St. James and Holy Family have been traveling to our parishioners’ homes for almost a year now. If you have not hosted the vocations chalice and would like to do so, please fill out one of the sign-up cards and put it in the basket, send it to the parish office or email us. If you have already hosted the vocations chalice and would like to do so again, please also let us know. We will contact you to schedule a week.



There are information sheets available at your parish to learn more about the history of the vocations chalices.

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

Through December 24, 2023	St. James	Holy Family	Our Lady of Fatima
Attendance	248	85	17
Received	\$4,664	\$4,501	\$163
Fiscal Year to Date Goal	\$160,525	\$49,595	\$4,973
Fiscal Year to Date Received	\$157,924	\$50,508	\$4,260
UCA 2023 Assessment	\$62,107.18	\$19,202.13	\$1,927.75
UCA 2023 Received	\$62,958.18	\$10,876.10	\$1,937.65
	(Excess will be transferred to 2024.)		(Excess will be transferred to 2024.)

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Thank you to the families and individuals who donated, peeled and cooked the potatoes for the community Christmas dinner.

Liturgical Schedule February – April

The liturgical schedule for February thru April 2024 is being created. Current liturgical ministers, please enter your unavailable dates into MSP or call/email the office with those dates. Deadline is January 10, 2024. If you are interested in becoming a liturgical minister, please contact the office, 218-927-6581.

Rosary Makers

St. James Rosary Makers will be meeting on Tuesday, January 9th at 9:30 a.m. New members are welcome. If you have any questions, call Roseann at 218-927-2505.

St. James Liturgical Ministers*

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

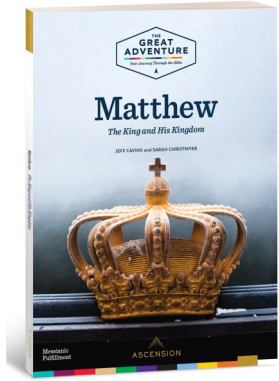
Saturday, January 13 at 5:00 pm

- Sacristan/Server Jeffrey Schmitt
- Lector Gary Tibbitts
- EOMs Bradley and Chris McCusker
- Ushers Brian Avery, Elaine Hill, Gayle Janzen, vol.

Sunday, January 14 at 10:30 am

- Sacristan Terry Stein
- Servers Isabel McWilliams, Allie Ostrowski
- Lector Steve Kinzer
- EOMs Betty Anderson, Marie James
- Ushers Colton Varner, Pete Nelson, Mark Ritter, vol.

Holy Family
2 S Maddy Street, McGregor



Matthew: The King and His Kingdom Study Resumes

The study Matthew: The King and His Kingdom will resume on Tuesday, January 9th. As a reminder class times are Tuesday mornings at 9:30 or Tuesday evenings at 6. This is the second half of the 24-session program.

For questions, call/email Pam at 763-412-5748, pjplaisance@msn.com.

Capital Campaign – Siding Update

As of December 24, 2023, the total amount raised, net of expenses, was \$85,590. Thank you to everyone who contributed!



Our Lady of Fatima

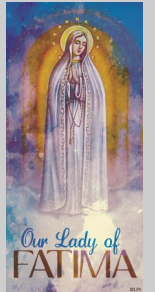
Holy Mass Schedule*

102 S Highway 65, McGrath

There will not be Holy Mass at Our Lady of Fatima on Sundays, January 7th, 14th, or 21st.

Please join a nearby parish these weekends.

*Note this schedule is subject to change.



Upcoming Retreats:
Christ the King Retreat Center-Buffalo, MN



Day Retreat - "Lenten Day of Prayer"
February 28, 2024, 9 am to 3 pm

We take time today to reflect on select scriptures of Christ's journey leading up to Holy Week. Take this time to grow in your spiritual life and relationship with Christ the Savior. The day will include presentations and opportunities for individual prayer time. The sacrament of Reconciliation will also be available. We conclude the day with the celebration of Mass. Lunch is included.

"Jesus Heals" Weekend Retreat for Men & Women
March 15-17, 2024

God has a plan for your life, but many things keep us from living the life God planned for us. Fr. Greg Paffel's conferences will offer ways to identify the distractions in your life keeping you from God's Plan for you, help you to learn to believe in His Plan, forgive those who have harmed you and receive Blessings in the Name of Jesus.

Go to www.kingshouse.com for more information about these and other retreats being offered.



Religious Education: Wednesday, January 10

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

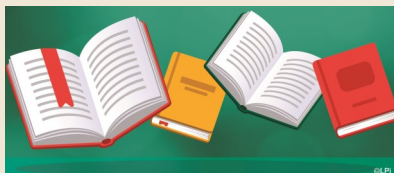
Religious Education classes are scheduled:

January 10, 17 & 31
February 7, 21, & 28

Note: No class on January 24
February 14 is Ash Wednesday, parents should attend
Holy Mass with children

Please Return Books and Movies

If you borrowed an Advent/Christmas movie or book from
the lending library, please
return those
as I will be putting these
away for the year soon.
Thank you! Jen



Holy Family Religious Release

Religious Release on Wednesdays!
• 1st–3rd grades will be from 1–2 pm
• 4th–6th grades will be from 2–3 pm

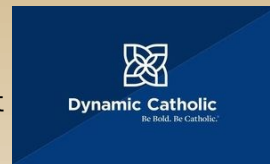
If you have any questions,
call Andrea at 763-360-2058.



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The Littlest Saints series captures the lives of saints through the artful and creative storytelling of children. In this episode, kids can learn about two saints who were family: St. Benedict and St. Scholastica. Following their lives, viewers can learn about the beauty of holiness within the family and perseverance in faith.

The Wonderful World of Benjamin Cello

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!

