



St. James Church
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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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**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
FEBRUARY 18, 2024**



**1st SUNDAY
OF LENT**

“This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand.
Repent, and believe in the gospel.” - Mk 1:15

Readings of the Week © LPI

Readings for the week of February 18, 2024

Sun: Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (see 10)/
1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15
Mon: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/
Mt 25:31-46
Tues: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/
Mt 6:7-15
Wed: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/
Lk 11:29-32
Thurs: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6/Mt 16:13-19
Fri: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/
Mt 5:20-26
Sat: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48
Next Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/
Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 (116:9)/
Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10

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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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, February 19

7:30 am Don and Carla Emons (SJ)

Tuesday, February 20

8:30 am Patricia Foster † (HF)

Wednesday, February 21

8:30 am Arleigh and Peri Nelson † (SJ)

Thursday, February 22

8:30 am Great grandchildren of
Al & RoseAnn Nentl (SJ)

Friday, February 23

8:30 am Elaine Kadrlik † (SJ)

Saturday, February 24

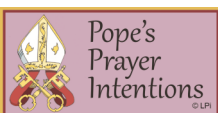
5:00 pm Schreiner Family (SJ)

Sunday, February 25

8:00 am For the People (HF)
10:00 am Souls in Purgatory † (OL)
10:30 am Adele McDonnell † (SJ)

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

Mass Intentions: Deceased †



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.

Weekly Schedule ©LPI

Sunday, February 18

After 8:00 am Mass Fellowship, Coffee and Treats (HF)
After 8:00 am Mass First Sacraments Class (HF)
After 10:00 am Mass Coffee and Treats (OL)
After 10:30 am Mass Coffee and Donuts (SJ)

Monday, February 19

6:00 pm SVdP Meeting (SJ)

Tuesday, February 20

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)

Wednesday, February 21

5:30-6:30 pm Confessions (SJ)
5:30 pm Soup Supper (SJ)
6:00 pm Stations of the Cross (SJ)
6:00–7:00 pm Religious Ed (SJ)

Thursday, February 22

9:00 am to 6:00 pm Adoration (SJ)
9:30 am to 5:00 pm Adoration (HF)
5:00 pm Stations of the Cross (HF)
6:00–7:00 pm OCIA Class (SJ)

Friday, February 23

9:00 am Stations of the Cross (SJ)

Sunday, February 25

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

Vocations Chalice Schedule

Date	St. James	Holy Family
2/18	Patsy Christensen	Terry Klosterman
2/25	Jeff and Elaine Haberkorn	Megan DuRose

Society of St. Vincent de Paul Upcoming Meeting

All are welcome to join us. We are planning twice monthly meetings to be the 1st and 3rd Mondays at 6:00 p.m. in the Large Classroom at St. James. Our next meeting date is February 19th.



Lenten Mission in Crosby and Garrison

Mary and the Eucharist

You are invited to join St. Joseph (Crosby) and Our Lady of Fatima (Garrison) parishes for a Lenten Mission: March 4-6. Fr. Elias Mary Mills, (Franciscans of the Immaculate) will present on Mary and the Eucharist.

Our Lady of Fatima: Mass at 9 am followed by Mission Talk until 10:30 am on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

St. Joseph: Adoration from 5:30–7:00 pm with Mission Talk to follow until 8:00 pm on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.



BEST LENT EVER 2.0

Sign up for Best Lent Ever at www.dynamiccatholic.com. Each day of Best Lent Ever, you'll receive a short, free video from Matthew Kelly.

The Little Black Book

6-minute meditations on the Passion according to Luke.

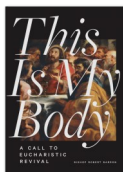
These books are available at your parish. "The idea is to find six minutes of quiet time every day for the next 50 days, and walk through this Little Book a page at a time."¹

The Little Purple Book for Children

Signs and Symbols of Our Faith

"Each page holds a special message about God and our church. Do one full page every day during Lent and you will discover symbols and signs about our Catholic Faith."²

This Is My Body



This book from Word on Fire is available at each parish. "This Is My Body: A Call to Eucharistic Revival is designed to accompany the National Eucharistic Revival. In this brief but illuminating text, Bishop Barron offers a threefold analysis of the Eucharist as sacred meal, sacrifice, and Real Presence, helping readers to understand the sacrament of Jesus' Body and Blood more thoroughly so that they might fall in love with him more completely."³

¹The Little Black Book ² The Little Purple Book for Children ³ bookstore.wordonfire.org

Black and Indian Mission Collection

Today, our parishes will take up the 140th annual National Black and Indian Mission Collection.

Our support of this collection helps build the Church in African American, Native American Indian, and Alaska Native communities from coast to coast.

Schools, parish religious education programs, and diocesan ministries depend on your generosity to help them spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ! You can help meet unmet needs with a generous contribution today. Thank you for your support.



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Offers *Restore: Lent with Sr. Miriam James Heidland, S.O.L.T.*

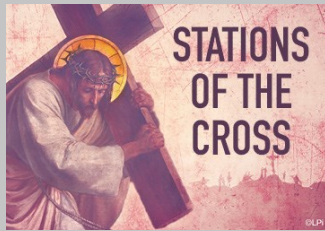
Parishioners can go deeper into what the Lord is calling them to this Lenten season with *Restore: Lent with Sr. Miriam James Heidland, S.O.L.T.* Each week, Sr. Miriam guides viewers away from their wounds and toward a God who heals and makes all things new. With an emphasis on mercy, love, freedom, and forgiveness, this is a wonderful opportunity for

Lenten prayer. Visit watch.formed.org/restore

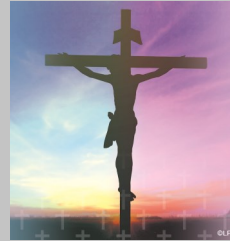


Stewardship Report (Fiscal Year: July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024)

Through February 4, 2024	St. James	Holy Family	Our Lady of Fatima
Attendance	234	81	19
Received	\$4,627	\$1,615	\$214
Fiscal Year to Date Goal	\$197,569	\$61,040	\$6,120
Fiscal Year to Date Received	\$197,919	\$63,741	\$5,429



Stations of the Cross opportunities available for all parishes



LENTEN DISCIPLINE REMINDER

Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent.

St. James:

Stations of the Cross: 6:00 pm Wednesdays (Feb 21-March 20)
Soup Supper held each Wednesday at 5:30 pm
Stations of the Cross: 9:00 am-Fridays following morning Mass (February 16-March 22)

Holy Family:

Stations of the Cross: 5:00 pm Thursdays (February 15-March 21)

Our Lady of Fatima Chapel:

Stations of the Cross: 9:30 am prior to Sunday Mass (February 18-March 17)

St. James
299 Red Oak Drive, Aitkin

Holy Family
2 S Maddy Street, McGregor

KC Family Breakfast

The Knights of Columbus and the Lux Mundi Homeschool Co-op are having a family breakfast, Sunday, March 3rd from 8:30 am until noon.



Serving pancakes, scrambled eggs with ham, country style link sausages and all the fixings.

Lux Mundi volunteers will be assisting the Knights. The Knights of Columbus will donate to Lux Mundi the funds

generated from this breakfast. In conjunction with the breakfast will be a



bake sale to raise funds for the Lux Mundi Homeschool Co-op. All are welcome!

Prayer REQUESTS

Prayer Chain

There are updated prayer requests available in the Narthex. This comes with a beautiful "healing" prayer.

Please feel free to take one and, if you have a request, give Shirley Scollard a call (218-839-0754). Prayer is a powerful tool and we have many who are praying for people on our prayer chain.

Our Lady of Fatima Chapel

Holy Mass Schedule*

102 S Highway 65, McGrath

During Lent, Stations of the Cross will be at 9:30 am before Holy Mass.

- Sunday, February 18, 2024 at 10 am
- Sunday, February 25, 2024 at 10 am
- Sunday, March 3, 2024 at 10 am



*Note this schedule is subject to change.

St. James Liturgical Ministers*

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

Saturday, February 24 at 5:00 pm

- Sacristan/Server Jeffrey Schmitt
- Lector Dolores Wickham
- EOM Chris McCusker
- Ushers Brian Carlson, Gary Tibbitts, 2 volunteers

Sunday, February 25 at 10:30 am

- Sacristan Carroll Janzen
- Servers Evelyn Anderson, Luke Workman
- Lector Colton Varner
- EOM Erin Ryan
- Ushers Tom Druar, Hugh Janzen, Pete Nelson, volunteer



Youth / Religious Education



Religious Education Class February 21

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

Pre-K through Confirmation meets from 6:00-7:00pm. Parent Education meets this week, February 21st at 6:00pm in the Social Hall.

Upcoming Religious Education Schedule

February 21 & 28

March 6, 13 & 20

March 27—No class

April 3, 10, 17 & 24

First Communion—April 14

Confirmation—April 27

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.



Just for Kids....Catholic Trivia

Question: Which prayer is also called the Angelical Salutation?

Answer: The Hail Mary

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Attention First Communion Students

Spring classes are scheduled for March 21, April 4 and April 11 from 6-7pm. Books and letters will be distributed through Wednesday night religious ed. Please let Jen know if you have any questions.



Holy Family Religious Education

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

- ◆ 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.

Upcoming Events

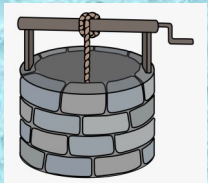
40 Hours Devotion at

St. Francis Church in Brainerd

For your Lenten retreat, plan to join us at St. Francis Church in Brainerd for 40 Hours Devotion, the first weekend of March. The featured speaker is Father Louis Merosne, a priest from Haiti, who is passionate about Jesus, Mary, and the Eucharist.

Come for any part of the weekend that fits your schedule. Go to brainerdcatholic.org under Events to learn more and to sign up for an hour of adoration.

Cross Catholic Outreach WELLS OF SALVATION



Our Parish's Lenten Outreach

As stated in last week's bulletin insert regarding Wells of Salvation:

Lent is a season of prayer, fasting and almsgiving, a tradition that draws us closer to Christ as we unite in sacrifice. This Lent, we are joining Catholic parishes across the U.S. to drill and repair 109 hand pump wells in Zambia and Malawi in sub-Saharan Africa—blessing 49,000 people with safe, clean water. Visit CrossCatholic.org/Lent for more information. To make a donation, make any check out to your church, and write Wells of Salvation in the memo line. Thank you.

National Eucharistic Revival

May 17 & 18, 2024

The Sanford Center—Bemidji, MN
Star of the North Eucharistic Congress

To register, visit

www.crookstoneucharist.org/register.

Tickets are \$40 for adults, \$30 for youth (ages 7-17) and free for children 6 and under.

May 20, 2024

St. Joseph Catholic Church—Grand Rapids, MN
5:30 pm Potluck dinner
6:30 pm Presentation
7:15—8:15 pm Eucharistic Adoration with music