



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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**FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
FEBRUARY 4, 2024**



**5th SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

He told them, "Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come." - Mk 1:38

Readings of the Week ©LPI

Readings for the week of February 4, 2024

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
 Mon: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-7, 8-10/Mk 6:53-56
 Tues: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11/Mk 7:1-13
 Wed: 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40/Mk 7:14-23
 Thurs: 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40/Mk 7:24-30
 Fri: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15/Mk 7:31-37
 Sat: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22/Mk 8:1-10
 Next Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 (7)/1 Cor 10:31-11:1/Mk 1:40-45

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MASS+ INTENTIONS

Monday, February 5

7:30 am Joanne Darlow † (SJ)

Tuesday, February 6

8:30 am Nevin Johnson † (HF)

Wednesday, February 7

8:30 am Terry DeSutter † (SJ)

Thursday, February 8

8:30 am Elaine Ludowese (SJ)

Friday, February 9

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

Saturday, February 10

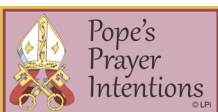
5:00 pm George & Fern Ince †(SJ)

Sunday, February 11

8:00 am For the People (HF)
 10:00 am Holy Souls in Purgatory † (OL)
 10:30 am Ken Tetrick † (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.

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, 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)

Monday, February 5

6:00 pm St. Vincent de Paul Society Meeting (SJ)

Tuesday, February 6

6:00 am That Man is You (SJ)
 8:00—9:00 am Pray with the Knights (SJ)
 9:30 am CCW Meeting (SJ)
 Noon—3 pm Food Shelf Hours (SJ)
 5:30—6:30 pm Confessions (HF)

Wednesday, February 7

5:30—6:30 pm Confessions (SJ)
 5:30—7:00 pm Meal/Religious Education (SJ)

Thursday, February 8

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, February 11

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
2/4	Vicki and Jared Monson	Pat St. Cyr
2/11	Steve Kinzer Family	Justin Handt Family

Diocesan Wide Anointing of the Sick

Next weekend, 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.

40 Hours Devotion at St. Francis Church in Brainerd

You are cordially invited to join in the 16th annual 40 Hours Devotion, March 1–March 3, 2024. The theme this year is “The Eucharist—Sacrament of Love.” Along with 40 hours of continuous adoration, there will be talks by nationally known speaker Fr. Louis Merosne. 40 Hours will begin with Opening Mass and a presentation by Fr. Louis on March 1st at 5:30 pm at St. Francis Church in Brainerd. Plan to come anytime during the weekend and spend some time in quiet adoration, hear Fr. Louis's talks and participate in communal prayer. To find the full schedule for the weekend and sign up for an hour of adoration, go to www.brainerdcatholic.org/Events.



Passage to Peace: Healing After Divorce Seminar

Passage to Peace: Healing After Divorce Seminar featuring author, speaker, and relationship and divorce recovery expert, Lisa Duffy, will occur on Sat., Feb. 17th from 9 am to noon, social hall, St. Francis, Brainerd. Open to all, the program focuses on those who are divorced, separated, adult children of divorce, and parents, siblings, and friends who support them. In addition to Lisa's talk, “The Six Keys to Healing”, the program will include real-life journeys of divorce/postdivorce and a Q&A session with Fr. Michael regarding marriage, divorce, annulment, remarriage and associated topics. More about the featured speaker can be found at www.lisaduffy.com. Food and beverage courtesy of the Secular Franciscans provided, the event is free and open to all. For questions, please email passage2peaceblcc@outlook.com.

Women of the Deanery Women's Day: Saturday, February 17

All women of the Deanery come and learn from Bishop Daniel how to be on fire to bring yourself and others closer to Jesus Christ, no matter where we may be in the journey of life. We need to be able to reveal to all that Jesus is the healing, hope and joy that we are desperately seeking in our lives, the life of our family and the community where we live. Babysitting available. RSVP by Feb. 9th to Our Lady of the Lakes parish office 218-568-4760 or ladylakes.office@duluthcatholic.org. The event takes place at St. Alice, Pequot Lakes, on Sat., Feb. 17th from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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

Through January 21, 2024	St. James	Holy Family	Our Lady of Fatima
Attendance	277	99	18
Received	\$6,391	\$4,244	\$124
Fiscal Year to Date Goal	\$185,221	\$57,225	\$5,738
Fiscal Year to Date Received	\$189,366	\$60,453	\$4,971

Collection for the Church in Latin America



Thank you for your generous support for last week's collection for the Church in Latin America. The money collected will go to share the faith with our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean, so they in turn can share the Good News in their communities. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Visit www.usscb.org/latin-america.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul Upcoming Meetings

We will be meeting the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the large classroom at St. James. February meeting dates are the 5th and 19th. All are welcome to 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. There are many weeks available at both parishes!

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Holy Family
2 S Maddy Street, McGregor

CCW Meeting

There will be a CCW Meeting on 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 parishioner:
• Rueben Aubid

St. James Liturgical Ministers*

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

Saturday, February 10 at 5:00 pm

Sacristan/Server Tim Ryan
Lector Jeffrey Schmitt
EOM Bradley McCusker
Ushers Pam Landgren, 3 volunteers

Sunday, February 11 at 10:30 am

Sacristan Terry Stein
Servers Luke Workman, Allie Ostrowski
Lector Carroll Janzen
EOM To Be Determined
Ushers Kirk Peysar, Tom Druar,
Tom Lundberg, vol.

Ash Wednesday, February 14 at 6:00 pm

Sacristan Adam James
Servers Tyce Jorgensen, Jerome Joerger
Lector Dolores Wickham
EOMs Irmgard Boyer, Fran Kohanek
Ushers Hugh Janzen, Mark Ritter,
Colton Varner, vol.



Group Rate Tickets Available for
Star of the North
Eucharistic Congress

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

For those interested in attending the Star of the North Eucharistic Congress and wanting to save money by not having to pay the Ticketmaster Fees for individual tickets, we can order group rate tickets. Please call or email the office (office@aitkincatholic.org) by February 13th in order to be included on our parishes' order. Tickets are \$40 for adults, \$30 for youth (ages 7-17) and free for children 6 and under. Check out last weekends bulletin insert for more information about the upcoming events scheduled.

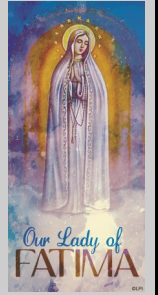
Sign up today!

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



The rosary will be prayed a half an hour before Holy Mass.

Sunday, February 4, 2024 at 10 am
Sunday, February 11, 2024 at 10 am
Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2024 at 10 am

*Note this schedule is subject to change.

Ash Wednesday Mass Times
Wednesday, February 14, 2024

10 am at Our Lady of Fatima, McGrath

6 pm at Holy Family, McGregor

6 pm at St. James, Aitkin



LENTEN DISCIPLINES OF
FASTING & ABSTINENCE

Catholics in good health ages 18 to 59 are required to fast and to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Fasting consists of eating one meal, with the possibility of two smaller meals that do not add up to a single full meal.

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

Youth / Religious Education

Religious Education: February 7

Meal for students and families beginning at 5:30 pm. Classes for Pre-K through Confirmation meets from 6:00-7:00pm. Parent Education class begins at 6:00pm in the Social Hall.



Upcoming Schedule

Religious Education classes are scheduled:

February 7, 21, & 28

March 6, 13, & 20

March 27-No class

April 3, 10, 17 & 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.



Just for Kids.....Catholic Trivia

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

Answer: Ash Wednesday, the dedication of a church building, and the consecration of an altar.



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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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Lent Opportunities

Below are some Lenten opportunities available at our parishes. Prayerfully consider which one God is calling you to explore this Lenten season.

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 full of profound spiritual insight and intensely practical ways to apply the consecration to your life. Consecration means to dedicate yourself to God and make yourself 100 percent available to Him. With three simple daily steps, you can prepare your heart, mind, and soul for this powerful surrender.”¹

The Little Black Book

6-minute meditations on the Passion according to Luke.

These books are available at your parish. Please pick one up to help you on your journey this Lent. “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. Six minutes. That’s within reach. And it’s an investment that will pay big returns.”²

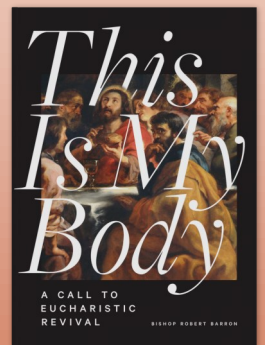
The Little Purple Book for Children

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.”³

This Is My Body

This book from Word on Fire is a parish gift to parishioners. “*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.”⁴



¹ dynamiccatholic.com/lent

² The Little Black Book

³ The Little Purple Book for Children

⁴ bookstore.wordonfire.org