



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](http://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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**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT  
MARCH 10, 2024**



**4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT**

For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God. - Jn 3:20-21

# Readings of the Week EST. 1981

## Readings for the week of March 10, 2024

Sun: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 (6ab)/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21  
*Scrutiny:* 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/  
 Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/Eph 5:8-14/  
 Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Mon: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/Jn 4:43-54

Tues: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16

Wed: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/  
 Jn 5:17-30

Thurs: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/  
 Jn 5:31-47

Fri: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Sat: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/  
 Jn 7:40-53

Next Sunday: Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 (12a)/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33  
*Scrutiny:* Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7)/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

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### Monday, March 11

7:30 am Delores Matlock (SJ)

### Tuesday, March 12

8:30 am Al & RoseAnn Nentl † (HF)

### Wednesday, March 13

8:30 am Dick Cooper † (SJ)

### Thursday, March 14

8:30 am Kevin Nentl † (SJ)

### Friday, March 15

8:30 am Gene Cummings † (SJ)

### Saturday, March 16

5:00 pm Souls in Purgatory † (SJ)

### Sunday, March 17

8:00 am Arleigh and Peri Nelson † (HF)

10:00 am Bob Obele (OL)

10:30 am For the Parishioners (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, March 10

After 8:00 am Mass

9:30 am

After 10:00 am Mass

### Monday, March 11

9:30—10:30 am

### Tuesday, March 12

6:00 am

8:00—9:00 am

9:30 am

Noon—3 pm

5:30—6:30 pm

### Wednesday, March 13

9:30—10:30 am

5:30—6:30 pm

5:30 pm

6:00 pm

6:00—7:00 pm

### Thursday, March 14

9:00 am to 6:00 pm

9:30 am to 5:00 pm

5:00 pm

6:00—7:00 pm

### Friday, March 15

8:00 am

9:00 am

5:00—6:30 pm KC Walleye Dinner (American Legion, Aitkin)

### Sunday, March 17

After 8:00 am Mass

9:30 am

After 10:00 am Mass

After 10:30 am Mass

1:00 pm

Fellowship, Coffee and Treats (HF)

Stations of the Cross (OL)

Coffee and Treats (OL)

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

That Man is You (SJ)

Pray with the Knights (SJ)

Rosary Makers (SJ)

Food Shelf Hours (SJ)

Confessions (HF)

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

Confessions (SJ)

Soup Supper (SJ)

Stations of the Cross (SJ)

Religious Ed (SJ)

Adoration (SJ)

Adoration (HF)

Stations of the Cross (HF)

OCIA Class (SJ)

Men's Group (HF)

Stations of the Cross (SJ)

Fellowship, Coffee and Treats (HF)

Stations of the Cross (OL)

Coffee and Treats (OL)

Coffee and Donuts (SJ)

KC Ham Bingo (SJ)

## Vocations Chalice Schedule

Date	St. James	Holy Family
3/10	Maurice & Pamela Brule	Ellen Cyrus
3/17	Shannan & Rachel Bridgeford	Sandy Demenge



**Catholic Relief Services Collection**

This weekend we take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection to reveal Christ's love to our brothers and sisters in need. This collection makes grants to six Catholic agencies that provide relief and support for struggling communities and work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters, both here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more about the collection at [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief).



**Walleye Dinner – March 15, 2024**

The Knights of Columbus Cuyuna Range Council will be serving a Walleye Dinner on Friday, March 15th at the Aitkin American Legion. Serving from 5:00–6:30 pm. Meal will consist of walleye filet, potato, salad, vegetable, dessert, and a drink for \$16. Cash, check or credit cards accepted. Open to the public, please stop in and support the Knights of Columbus.



**Ham Bingo – March 17, 2024**

Mark the date! The Knights of Columbus invites you, your family and friends to a fun afternoon of ham bingo at St. James Church on Sunday, March 17th at 1 PM. 20 games for \$10, \$2 for coverall. Delicious free-will lunch provided. Fun for the whole family.

**Introducing our Mom's Group and Dad's Group**

I am excited to announce that our Catholic parishes here in Aitkin County will start having a monthly Mom's Group and Dad's Group. Both groups are intended for parents with kids up to and including the college ages. As true disciples of Jesus Christ, we recognize the spiritual battles that we all must go through, especially in a post-Christian country. Jesus never said it was going to be easy, but He certainly promised to be with us!

The purpose of these two groups is to provide support in the context of our faith within the specific calling of family life, to be a place of learning, discernment, and growth. The Mom's Group will meet on the second Saturday morning of each month at St. James at 8:30 am. The Dad's Group will meet on the third Saturday morning of each month at St. James

at 8:30 am. Both groups will begin their meetings this coming April.

Please sign up by contacting either myself or Becky at the office.

Hope to see you there!

-Fr. Mike Patullo



**Men's Lenten Retreat – March 23, 2024**

This one-day retreat is on Saturday, March 23rd at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Crosby. Men of all ages are encouraged to attend. Registration fee of

\$25/person is due the morning of the event. Students are free. Breakfast and lunch included. Register online at [www.cyunacatholic.org](http://www.cyunacatholic.org) or the morning of the event. Flyers available at each parish with more details.

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

Through February 25, 2024	St. James	Holy Family	Our Lady of Fatima
Attendance	262	87	18
Received	\$5,154	\$1,166	\$160
Fiscal Year to Date Goal	\$216,091	\$66,763	\$6,694
Fiscal Year to Date Received	\$215,041	\$68,294	\$5,891

**Lent Confession Times**

St. James

Wednesdays 5:30–6:30 pm

Saturdays 10–10:45 am

Saturdays 4–4:45 pm

Wed., March 27th 5:30–6:30 pm

(2 priests available)

Holy Family

Tuesdays 5:30–6:30 pm

Tues., March 26th 5:30–6:30 pm

(2 priests available)



**Physician-Assisted Suicide**

Comments from The Minnesota Catholic Conference:

What actually happens in a physician-assisted suicide?

A doctor prescribes a lethal drug cocktail that a person picks up at the local pharmacy, grinds up into soft food, and ingests. The person may not die for hours or even days.

There are no requirements for a witness or notification of family.

Assisted suicide isn't dignified; it's deadly. Tell your Minnesota legislators: NO assisted suicide. Visit

[mncatholic.org/pas](http://mncatholic.org/pas)

**Old Palms**

Please bring in your old palms and put them in the container at church.



They will be used to start the fire on Holy Saturday at the Easter Vigil Mass.

**EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES**

Bulletin Date	Deadline
March 24	4 pm on March 13
March 31	4 pm on March 20

## St. James

299 Red Oak Drive, Aitkin

### Easter Flowers

Parishioners are invited to take part in the Holy Easter celebration by providing a lily or blooming plant in memory/honor of loved ones or for a special intention.

Plants will again cost \$22.00 each this year. Please call Renee Irwin at 218-513-7544 to reserve a plant. Leave a message with Renee. If there is no answer, she will get back to you as soon as possible.

Deadline for orders is March 19, 2024.



### Rosary Makers

St. James Rosary Makers are meeting this Tuesday, March 12th at 9:30 am in the social hall. New members welcome.



### The Unborn Child & Spiritual Adoption Follow-up

"While we are profoundly grateful for the Pro-Life victory of the Supreme Court's overturning of Roe V. Wade, we are also mindful that the scourge of abortion still exists." -St. Paul Center. Back in January (50th anniversary of Roe v. Wade), our local Knights of Columbus Council asked our Parishioners to adopt and pray for an Unborn Child (or Children) that they be spared from abortion. We thank you for pledging to pray for them. The following information will give you the growth progress for the Unborn children. After three weeks the brain, spinal cord and nervous system are laid; the heart begins to beat and the eyes and ears begin to develop. During the four to five week period-arms and legs make their appearance, and the mouth and nose start to develop. At six weeks-the brain is now divided into three (3) parts. Thank you and please continue to pray for these Unborn Children so they can continue to live and grow to full term. Additional prayer/adoption cards are available.

~Cuyuna Range Knights of Columbus Council 3473.

## St. James Liturgical Ministers\*

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

**Saturday, March 23 at 5:00 pm**

Sacristan/Server Jeffrey Schmitt

Lector Jennifer Cummings

EOM Julie Carlson

Ushers Brian Carlson, Kevin Hoge, 2 vol.

**Sunday, March 24 at 10:30 am**

Sacristan Carroll Janzen

Servers Jerome Joerger, Evelyn Anderson

Lector Francis Dierickx

EOM Colton Varnier

Ushers Tom Druar, Mark Ritter, Josh Joerger, vol.

## Holy Family

2 S Maddy Street, McGregor



### Holy Family Men's Group

All men are invited to be a part of the Holy Family's men's group. We will be meeting this Friday, March 15th at 8:00 a.m.

### Thank You

A Great Big "THANK YOU" to all who volunteered to staff The Clothing Closet during the month of February. We couldn't continue to support our community without the help of our wonderful volunteers. God Bless!

### Holy Family Easter Flowers

If you are interested in providing an Easter lily in memory/honor of a loved one this Easter season, please place your donation in the collection basket. The cost is \$20. Checks should be made out to Holy Family with a note in the memo line for flowers.

### Our Lady of Fatima Chapel

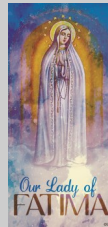
#### Holy Mass Schedule\*

102 S Highway 65, McGrath

Sunday, March 10, 2024

Sunday, March 17, 2024

Sunday, March 24, 2024



#### **Stations of the Cross at 9:30 and Holy Mass at 10 am**

\*Note this schedule is subject to change.

### Stations of the Cross

#### **St. James:**

6:00 pm—Wednesdays (soup supper at 5:30 pm)

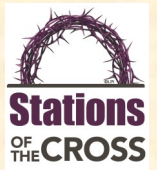
9:00 am—Fridays following morning Mass

#### **Holy Family**

5:00 pm—Thursdays

#### **Our Lady of Fatima**

9:30 am—Sundays prior to Holy Mass



### Holy Week Schedule

*Holy Thursday, March 28*

- 7:00 pm Mass at St. James (Adoration after Mass until 10 pm)

*Good Friday, March 29*

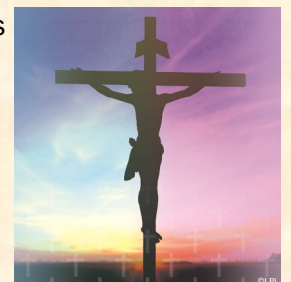
- Noon Service at Holy Family
- 3:00 pm Service at St. James

*Holy Saturday, March 30*

- 8:30 pm Mass at St. James

*Easter Sunday, March 31*

- 8:00 am at Holy Family
- 10:00 am at Our Lady of Fatima
- 10:30 am at St. James

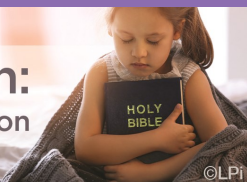




## Youth / Religious Education

### Religious Education:

Helps to build a strong foundation



#### Religious Education Class March 13

Meal for students and families beginning at 5:30 pm.  
Classes for Pre-K through Confirmation meets from 6:00-7:00pm. Parents are encouraged to attend Stations of the Cross at 6:00.

#### Upcoming Religious Education Schedule

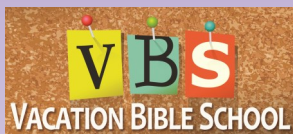
March 13 & 20

March 27—No class

April 3, 10, 17 & 24

First Communion—April 14

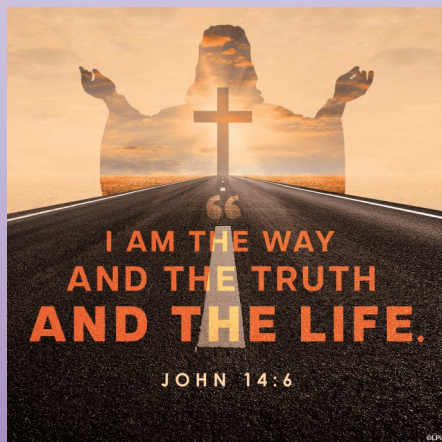
Confirmation—April 27



*Coming Soon...  
Information about Vacation  
Bible School!*

#### Attention First Communion Students

Spring classes are scheduled for March 21, April 4 and April 11 from 6-7 pm. Books and letters have been distributed through Wednesday night religious ed. If you need to pick up a book, please contact 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.

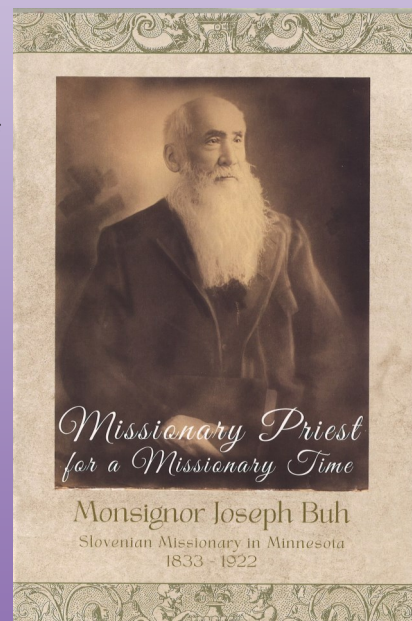


## Adult Faith Formation

### Missionary Priest for a Missionary Time Monsignor Joseph Buh

These booklets are available at all parishes.

Bishop Felton states, “Thus, we have an incredible opportunity to learn from and be inspired by a missionary priest of our diocese who was profoundly calling people to know, care, and believe in the person of Jesus in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries in Northeastern Minnesota.



As you read this short treatise on Msgr. Buh, allow the spirit of his life to inspire you to grow closer to Jesus as you are called to be a missionary disciple.”

#### Cross Catholic Outreach WELLS OF SALVATION



#### Our Parish's Lenten Outreach

“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](http://CrossCatholic.org/Lent) for more information.”<sup>1</sup> To make a donation, make any check out to your church, and write Wells of Salvation in the memo line. Thank you.

<sup>1</sup> Information taken from Cross Catholic Outreach flyer that was inserted in the 2/11/2024 bulletin