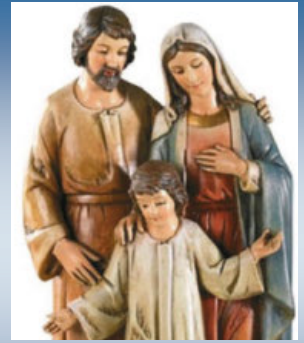




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Mass & Confession Times

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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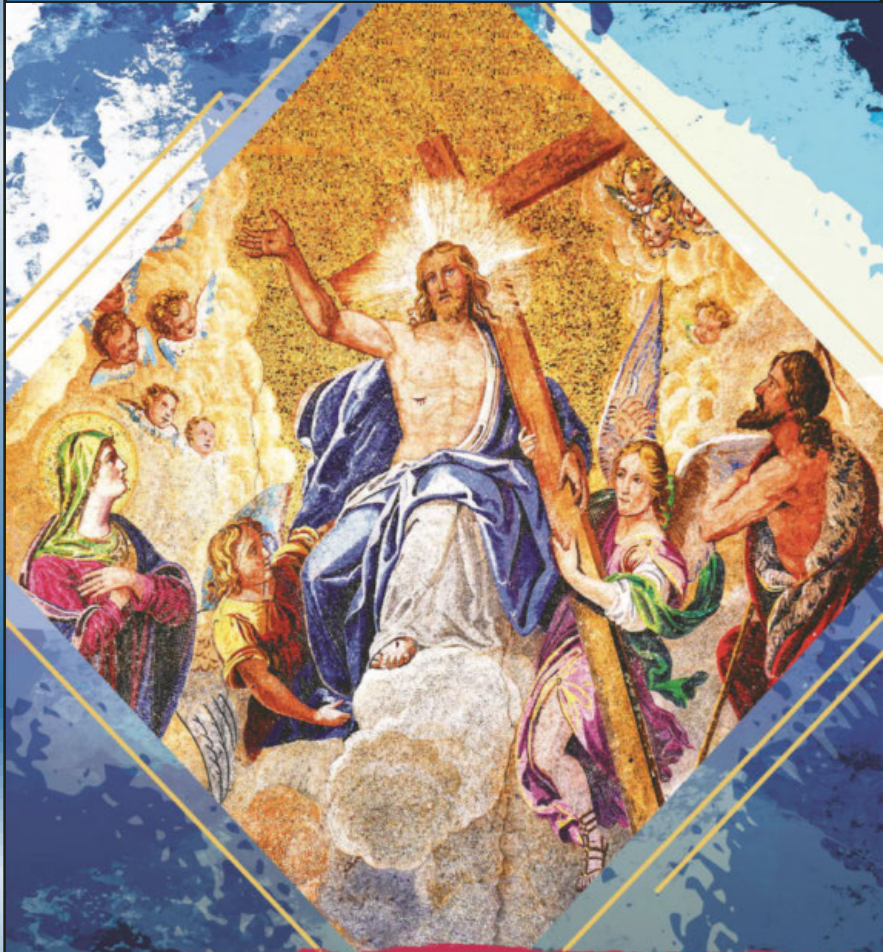
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**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 17, 2024**



5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

**“And when I am lifted up from the earth,
I will draw everyone to myself.” - Jn 12:32**

Readings of the Week

Readings for the week of March 17, 2024

Sun: 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

Mon: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or
13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Jn 8:1-11

Tues: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27
and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16,
18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Wed: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55,
56/Jn 8:31-42

Thurs: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59

Fri: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/
Jn 10:31-42

Sat: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/
Jn 11:45-56

Next Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/
Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20,
23-24 (2a)/Phil 2:6-11/
Mk 14:1-15:47 or 15:1-39

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, March 18
7:30 am Rita Thompson † (SJ)

Tuesday, March 19
No Mass

Wednesday, March 20
8:30 am Elaine Kadrlik † (SJ)

Thursday, March 21
8:30 am Karen Neubauer † (SJ)

Friday, March 22
8:30 am Steve Pasell † (SJ)

Saturday, March 23
5:00 pm Loretta Johnson † (SJ)

Sunday, March 24
8:00 am For the Parishioners (HF)
10:00 am Obele Family (OL)
10:30 am George and Fern Ince † (SJ)

(HF)-Holy Family • (SJ)-Saint James •
(OL) Our Lady of Fatima
Mass Intentions: Deceased †

Vocations Chalice Schedule

Date	St. James	Holy Family
3/17	Shannan & Rachel Bridgeford	Sandy DeMenge
3/24	Josh & Becky Joerger	Shirley Scollard

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, March 17

After 8:00 am Mass Fellowship, Coffee and Treats (HF)
9:30 am Stations of the Cross (OL)
After 10:00 am Mass Coffee and Treats (OL)
After 10:30 am Mass Coffee and Donuts (SJ)
1:00 pm KC Ham Bingo (SJ)

Monday, March 18

9:30–10:30 am S.A.I.L. Class (SJ)
6:00 pm St. Vincent de Paul Society Meeting (SJ)

Tuesday, March 19

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 pm Finance Meeting (SJ)
5:30–6:30 pm Confessions (HF)

Wednesday, March 20

9:30–10:30 am S.A.I.L. Class (SJ)
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, March 21

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)
6:00–7:00 pm First Communion Class (SJ)

Friday, March 22

9:00 am Stations of the Cross (SJ)

Sunday, March 24

After 8:00 am Mass Fellowship, Coffee and Treats (HF)
9:30 am Stations of the Cross (OL)
After 10:00 am Mass Coffee and Treats (OL)

EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINE

March 20th is the deadline for the
March 31st bulletin

Lent Confession Times

St. James: Wed. 5:30–6:30 pm, Sat. 10–10:45 am and 4–4:45 pm
 Wednesday, March 27th 5:30–6:30 pm (2 priests available)

Holy Family: Tuesdays 5:30–6:30 pm
 Tuesday, March 26th 5:30–6:30 pm (2 priests available)

Holy Week Schedule

Holy Thursday Holy Mass, March 28

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

Good Friday Service, March 29

- 10 am at Our Lady of Fatima Chapel
- Noon at Holy Family
- 3:00 pm at St. James

Holy Saturday Holy Mass, March 30

- 8:30 pm at St. James

Easter Sunday Holy Mass, March 31

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



Men’s Lenten Retreat – March 23, 2024

Men of St. Joseph in Crosby is hosting a Men’s Lenten Retreat on Saturday, March 23 from 8am-5pm. Mass will be celebrated at 4 pm. Speakers include Bishop Daniel Felton, Fr. Scott Padrnos, Fr. Eli Gieske and Dan Johnson. Please register at www.cyunacatholic.org/retreat so we know how many to expect for breakfast and lunch. \$25/person. Pay at the door. Cash or check preferred. Students in high school and college are free.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul Meeting

Monday, March 18th at 6 pm at St. James in the large classroom
 New members welcome. Join us as we work to grow in holiness and to help provide spiritual and material assistance to our neighbors in need.

Northland FertilityCare

Northland FertilityCare™ offers a free virtual Introductory Session on the Creighton Model FertilityCare™ System every second Monday of the month. To register, please visit www.northlandfertilitycare.com. Additional virtual or in-person options are available.

St. Joseph’s “Raise the Roof” Gala

“Raise the Roof,” the 2nd annual building fundraiser gala for St. Joseph’s (Crosby) will be held on Fri., May 10th at the Northern Pacific Center in Brainerd. Fr. Mike Schmitz will be the keynote speaker. More information can be found at: www.cyunacatholic.org/gala.

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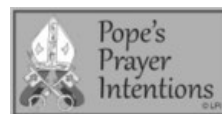
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Physician-Assisted Suicide

Comments from The Minnesota Catholic Conference:

Physician-assisted suicide target the elderly

Elderly in Minnesota have a higher rate of suicide than any other age group—double the teen suicide rate. Yet a proposed physician-assisted suicide bill does not require a mental health evaluation to screen for depression. Assisted suicide isn’t compassionate, it’s deadly. Tell your state legislators: NO assisted suicide. Visit mncatholic.org/pas



For March: For New Martyrs Let us pray that those who risk

their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world might imbue the Church with their courage and missionary drive.

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

Through March 3, 2024	St. James	Holy Family	Our Lady of Fatima
Attendance	303	95	16
Received	\$4,867	\$1,238	\$165
Fiscal Year to Date Goal	\$222,265	\$68,670	\$6,885
Fiscal Year to Date Received	\$219,908	\$69,532	\$6,056



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.

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.



Holy Family

2 S Maddy Street, McGregor

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.

Prayer Requests

The prayer requests are available in the Narthex. There is also 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 who are on our prayer chain.



Ham Bingo – March 17, 2024

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.



KC Family Breakfast – April 7, 2024

Knights of Columbus Family Breakfast will be on Sunday, April 7th from 8:30 to Noon. More details in upcoming bulletins.

St. James Liturgical Ministers*

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

Holy Thursday, March 28 at 7:00 pm

Sacristan Hugh Janzen
Servers Allie Ostrowski, volunteer
Lector Laura Eisenbraun
Ushers Gary Tibbitts, Kirk Peysar, Hugh Janzen, vol.

Good Friday, March 29 at 3:00 pm

Sacristan Adam James
Servers Bentley Host, Isabel McWilliams
Lector Gary Tibbitts
EOM Marie James
Ushers Russ Hoppe, Ellie Hoppe,
John Appel, Elaine Hill

Holy Saturday, March 30 at 8:30 pm

Sacristan Bob Cummings
Servers Tyce Jorgensen, Jerome Joerger
Lectors Julie Barta, Theresa Jacobs, Nancy Jenniges
EOM Irmgard Boyer
Ushers Martin Schmitt, Josh Joerger,
Kevin Hoge, Pete Nelson

Easter Sunday, March 31 at 10:30 am

Sacristan Terry Stein
Servers Luke Workman, Isabel McWilliams
Lector Colton Varner
EOMs Kirk Peysar, Betty Anderson
Ushers Hugh Janzen, Chad Larson
Carroll Janzen, volunteer

Our Lady of Fatima Chapel

Holy Mass Schedule*

102 S Highway 65, McGrath

Sunday, March 17, 2024

Sunday, March 24, 2024

Good Friday Service, March 29, 2024

Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024

Stations of the Cross at 9:30 during Lent and Holy Mass at 10 am

*Note this schedule is subject to change.



Last Week of Stations of the Cross

St. James:

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

9:00 am—Friday following morning Mass

Holy Family

5:00 pm—Thursday

Our Lady of Fatima

9:30 am—Sunday prior to Holy Mass



Sign-Up Calendar Available for Vocations Chalice

Please sign up on the Vocations Chalice 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!

Youth / Religious Education



Religious Education Class March 20

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 20

March 27—No class

April 3, 10, 17 & 24

First Communion—April 14

Confirmation—April 27

Vacation Bible School Assistance Needed!

Unfortunately this year, the diocese is not able to offer a Totus Tuus team for us at St. James. So....our plan B is to plan our own Vacation Bible School! That means I need some help planning our program for the summer.

I have the program already, "Come to the Table" (About the Eucharist) and I need help to make it happen.



Would you like to help plan VBS for this summer? I am having a brief meeting on Mar 20 (after rel ed) from 7-7:30

to get things started. Let me know if you are interested. Thanks. ~Jen



Attention First Communion Students

Spring classes are scheduled for March 21, (this week) 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.

Please pray for Confirmation Students

Please pray for our Confirmation Students as they attend their Confirmation Retreat this weekend!



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 Opportunities

Mom's Group and Dad's Group

Starting in April

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. Please sign up by contacting either myself or Becky at the office. Hope to see you there!

-Fr. Mike Patullo



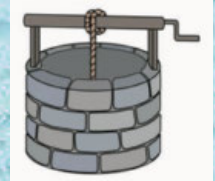
Diocese of Duluth Restored Retreat

All adults 21 and older are invited to a retreat weekend taking place April

5-7 at Giant's Ridge in Biwabik. Come enjoy good fellowship with people from all over the diocese, delicious food, engaging presentations, time for prayer and reflection, and be restored in both body and soul. All adults are welcome to come! More information on the weekend and registration can be found at

www.dioceseduluth.org/restored-retreat.

Cross Catholic Outreach WELLS OF SALVATION



Our Parish's Lenten Outreach

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