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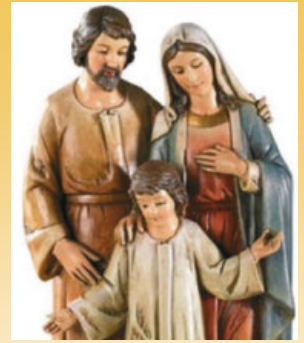
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Mass & Confession Times

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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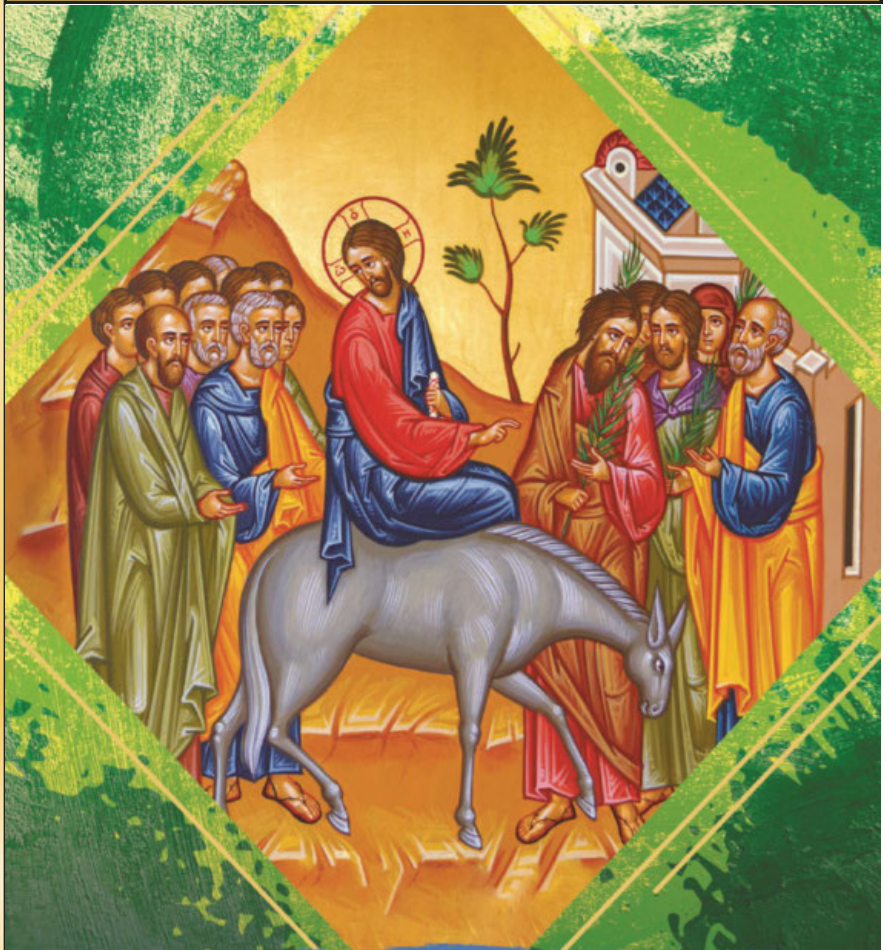
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Shirley Scollard (HF)..... 218-839-0754

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD MARCH 24, 2024



PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

“Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord!” - Mk 11:9

Readings of the Week

Readings for the week of March 24, 2024

Sun: 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

Mon: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11

Tues: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17/
Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wed: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34/
Mt 26:14-25

Thurs: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc,
17-18 (see 1 Cor 10:16)/1 Cor 11:23-26/
Jn 13:1-15

Fri: Is 52:13-53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17,
25 (Lk 23:46)/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/
Jn 18:1-19:42

Sat: *Easter Vigil*: Gn 1:1-2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps
104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 (30) or Ps
33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 (5b)/Gn 22:1-18 or
22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11
(1)/Ex 14:15-15:1/ Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18
(1b)/Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13
(2a)/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (3)/Bar 3:9-
15, 32-4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/Ez
36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 (42:2)/
Rom 6:3-11/Mk 16:1-7

Next Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17,
22-23 (24)/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/
Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, March 25 **No Mass**

Tuesday, March 26
8:30 am Ray and Alma Horwath † (HF)

Wednesday, March 27
8:30 am Darrel Nelson (SJ)

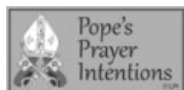
Thursday, March 28 **Holy Thursday**
Mass of the Last Supper
7:00 pm June Pearson † (SJ)

Saturday, March 30 **Easter Vigil**
8:30 pm For the Parishioners (SJ)

Sunday, March 31 **Easter**
8:00 am Gary Lamke † (HF)
10:00 am Lorraine and Rod (OL)
10:30 am Fr. Roger Thoennes † (SJ)

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

Mass Intentions: Deceased †



For April: For The Role of Women
Let us pray that the dignity and worth
of women be recognized in every
culture, and for an end to the discrimination they
face in various parts of the world.

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 24

After 8:00 am Mass
After 10:00 am Mass

Fellowship, Coffee and Treats (HF)
Coffee and Treats (OL)

Monday, March 25

9:30-10:30 am
5:30 pm

S.A.I.L. Class (SJ)
Chrism Mass (Duluth Cathedral)

Tuesday, March 26

6:00 am
8:00-9:00 am
9:30 am
Noon-3 pm
5:30-6:30 pm

That Man is You (SJ)
Pray with the Knights (SJ)
CCW Meeting (SJ)
Food Shelf Hours (SJ)
Confessions (HF)

Wednesday, March 27

9:30-10:30 am
5:30-6:30 pm

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

Thursday, March 28

After 7:00 pm Mass until 10:00 pm

Holy Thursday

Adoration (SJ)

Friday, March 29

Good Friday

Office Closed

Vocations Chalice Schedule

Date	St. James	Holy Family
3/24	Josh & Becky Joerger	Shirley Scollard
3/31	Aggie Lacore	Deacon Mike & Julie Barta

Holy Week Schedule

Holy Thursday, March 28

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

Good Friday, March 29

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

Holy Saturday, March 30

- 8:30 pm Easter Vigil Mass at St. James

Easter Sunday, March 31

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



Lent Confession Schedule:

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 (extra priest available)

Holy Family: Tuesdays 5:30–6:30 pm

Tuesday, March 26th 5:30–6:30 pm (extra priest available)

Holy Thursday Collection – Operation Rice Bowl

CRS Rice Bowl is the Lenten program of Catholic Relief Services, the official relief and development agency of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. Faith communities in dioceses throughout the United States put their faith into action through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Lenten alms donated through CRS Rice Bowl support the work of CRS in more than 100 different countries each year.

The Pontifical Good Friday Collection

Pope Francis has asked our parishes to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land, where they are now less than 2% of the population. Your support is essential to help the Church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools, and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines of Christianity, including in Jerusalem, Nazareth, and Bethlehem, to name only a few. The pandemic hit Christians in the Holy Land particularly hard. Most of them depend on pilgrimages for work. The war made their situation even more dramatic. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection is necessary to meet the basic needs of the People of God still living in this Land and to maintain a Christian presence where the Church was born. When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. Please be generous! For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit www.myfranciscan.org or www.custodia.org.



On **Good Friday**, only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other smaller meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted on this day, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.



**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!

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

Through March 10, 2024	St. James	Holy Family	Our Lady of Fatima
Attendance	274	86	22
Received	\$4,387	\$3,707	\$164
Fiscal Year to Date Goal	\$228,439	\$70,578	\$7,076
Fiscal Year to Date Received	\$224,295	\$73,239	\$6,220



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.

Holy Family
2 S Maddy Street, McGregor

CCW Meeting

There will be a CCW Meeting on Thursday, April 4th at 10 am in the social hall. Planning for First Communion, Sunday, April 14th. All are welcome.



Ryan and Leigha Oihus
Family who recently
registered at Holy Family.

Please remember to pray for those who will be receiving their First Holy Communion on Sunday, April 14th.



Please note there will be no Adoration March 28th at Holy Family—it's Holy Thursday.

Good Friday Service will be at Noon on March 29, 2024.



Our Lady of Fatima Chapel
102 S Highway 65, McGrath

Holy Mass Schedule*

Sunday, March 17, 2024 at 10 am
Sunday, March 24, 2024 at 10 am
Good Friday Service, March 29, 2024 at 10 am
Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024 at 10 am



The Rosary will be prayed a half hour before Holy Mass.

*Note this schedule is subject to change.

St. James

299 Red Oak Drive, Aitkin

St. James Women

The next meeting will be Tuesday, March 26th. We will meet in the parish hall at 9:30. Coffee and goodies provided. Come join us....and bring a friend!

KC Family Breakfast – April 7, 2024

Knights of Columbus Family Breakfast will be on Sunday, April 7th from 8:30 to Noon. Serving Texas style French toast, scrambled eggs with ham, country sausage pork links, all the fixings, juice, milk and coffee. Free-will offering. Everyone welcome.



Mary Skaj who recently registered at St. James.

Trap Shooting League

Interested in shooting trap, skeet or sporting clays and socializing with some of your fellow parishioners? There has been interest in creating a St. James team to take part in the Wealthwood Rod and Gun Club 2024 League. Contact the office or Bill Fayo, 218-429-1581.

Liturgical Schedule May-July

The liturgical schedule for May thru July is being created. Current liturgical ministers, please enter your unavailable dates into MSP or call/email the office with those dates. If you are interested in becoming a liturgical minister, please contact the office, 218-927-6581. Deadline is April 4th.

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

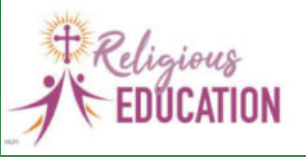
Holy Saturday, March 30 at 8:30 pm

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

Youth / Religious Education



Religious Education Class
No Class this Week
Classes resume after Easter
on April 3.

Upcoming Religious Education Schedule

April 3, 10, 17 & 24
First Communion Classes
April 4 & 11 (6-7pm)

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? Let me know if you are interested. Thanks.

~Jen



Remember First Communion Classes
April 4 & 11 from 6-7 pm

Contact Jen if you have any questions.



Adult Opportunities

Mom's Group and Dad's Group

Starting in April

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

Holy Week Content on FORMED

- Bread of Life

A five-part series that Dr. Tim Gray "leads viewers to discover how the profound mystery of the Eucharist is present and prefigured throughout Christ's ministry, and how we are invited into this mystery at the sacrifice of the Mass each day."¹

- Understanding Palm Sunday

"Entering into the biblical narrative, Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. Ben Akers discuss Jesus' triumphal arrival in Jerusalem, the significance of the donkey and palm branches, the singing of Hosanna, and how this event shaped and led to the redemption of the world."¹

¹ Information taken from the INFORMED March 2024 newsletter

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 for more information."¹ To make a donation, make any check out to your church, and write Wells of Salvation in the memo line. Thank you.

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

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