



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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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 3, 2024



3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

Since the Passover of the Jews was near, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area. - Jn 2:13b-15a

Readings of the Week

Readings for the week of March 3, 2024

Sun: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25
Scrutiny: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/
 Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Mon: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3,4/
 Lk 4:24-30

Tues: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/
 Mt 18:21-35

Wed: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/
 Mt 5:17-19

Thurs: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23

Fri: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab,
 14 and 17/Mk 12:28-34

Sat: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/
 Lk 18:9-14

Next Sunday: 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

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Monday, March 4

7:30 am Barb Klebel † (SJ)

Tuesday, March 5

8:30 am Tressa Morres † (HF)

Wednesday, March 6

8:30 am Deacon Vern Anderson † (SJ)

Thursday, March 7

8:30 am Coleen Raymond † (SJ)

Friday, March 8

8:30 am Bishop Peter Muhich † (SJ)

Saturday, March 9

5:00 pm Fr. Lloyd Mudrak † (SJ)

Sunday, March 10

8:00 am For the Parishioners (HF)

10:00 am Kevin Lacore (OL)

10:30 am Adele McDonnell † (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 3

After 8:00 am Mass Fellowship, Coffee and Treats (HF)
 8:30 am—Noon KC Family Breakfast &
 Lux Mundi Homeschool Co-op Bake Sale (SJ)
 9:30 am Stations of the Cross (OL)
 After 10:00 am Mass Coffee and Treats (OL)

Monday, March 4

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

Tuesday, March 5

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, March 6

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 7

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 pm Music Meeting (SJ)

Friday, March 8

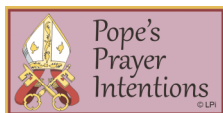
9:00 am Stations of the Cross (SJ)

Sunday, March 10

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)

Vocations Chalice Schedule

Date	St. James	Holy Family
3/3	Larry & Roseann Johnson	Debbie Bertram
3/10	Maurice & Pamela Brule	Ellen Cyrus



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.

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



Ham Bingo – March 17, 2024

Mark the date! Knights of Columbus Ham Bingo, Sunday, March 17th at 1 PM at St. James. Tell your friends. Win a ham for Easter dinner. 20 games for \$10, \$2 for coverall. Delicious free-will lunch provided. Fun for the whole family.



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.

Lenten Healing Mass at the National Shrine of St. Odilia

The Crosier Fathers and Brothers invite you to join them for a Lenten Healing Mass at the National Shrine of St. Odilia in Onamia on Sunday, March 10, at 9 am (coincides with the onset of daylight savings time). The Mass will include the Anointing of the Sick and a ritual blessing with the relic of St. Odilia. Coffee and rolls will be served in Holy Cross Center following the Mass. For further information, call the Crosiers at: 320.532.3103. Reservations are not required. All are welcome!

Crosier Fathers & Brothers



Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP)

The next meeting dates are March 4th and 18th at 6:00 pm in the Large Classroom at St. James. New members are welcome. Join us as we work to grow in holiness and to help provide spiritual and material assistance to our neighbors in need.



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)

Catholic Relief Services Collection

Next weekend our parishes will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection and reveal Christ's Love to those most in need. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

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

Through February 18, 2024	St. James	Holy Family	Our Lady of Fatima
Attendance	300	74	19
Received	\$7,334	\$1,527	\$144
Fiscal Year to Date Goal	\$209,917	\$64,855	\$6,503
Fiscal Year to Date Received	\$209,887	\$67,128	\$5,731



Our Lady of Fatima Chapel

Holy Mass Schedule*

102 S Highway 65, McGrath

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

Sunday, March 3, 2024
Sunday, March 10, 2024
Sunday, March 17, 2024

Please join us for coffee and treats after Mass.

*Note this schedule is subject to change.

Holy Family

2 S Maddy Street, McGregor

Adoration and Stations of the Cross

Thursdays during Lent

Adoration 9:30 am – 5:00 pm
Stations of the Cross at 5:00 pm



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.

St. James

299 Red Oak Drive, Aitkin

Stations of the Cross and Soup Suppers

Stations of the Cross will begin at 6:00 pm on Wednesday nights. Soup supper

will be before Stations at 5:30 pm. Come and join us as we journey through Lent.



There is also Stations of the Cross on Friday mornings at 9 am, following 8:30 am Holy Mass.

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 will be March 19, 2024.

Fellowship and Treats

Come and join us for fellowship and treats after Sunday Mass.

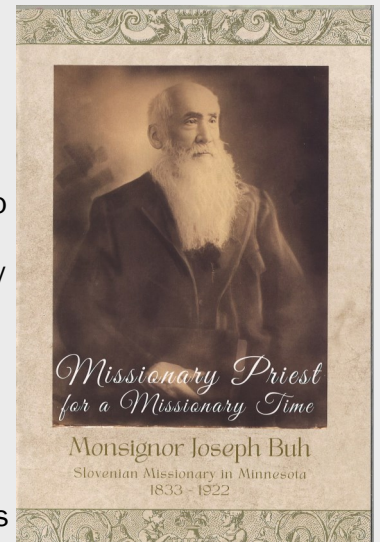
Get to know your parish community and meet your neighbors.



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."

St. James Liturgical Ministers*

***For the latest updates, check Ministry Scheduler Pro (MSP) Saturday, March 9 at 5:00 pm**

Sacristan/Server Pat O'Connor
Lector Gary Tibbitts
EOM Jeffrey Schmitt
Ushers Pam Landgren, Martin Schmitt, 2 vol.

Sunday, March 10 at 10:30 am

Sacristan Terry Stein
Servers Evelyn Anderson, Bentley Host
Lector Steve Kinzer
EOM Theresa Jacobs
Ushers Colton Varner, Pete Nelson, Tom Druar, vol.

Youth / Religious Education

Religious Education: Helps to build a strong foundation



Religious Education Class March 6

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 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. If you have not

already registered, please contact Jen. All Confirmation students who will be confirmed in the spring must attend this retreat. Please contact Jen if you have any questions.

Attention First Communion Students

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



Coming Soon...
Information about
Vacation Bible School!

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.

Lenten Opportunities



Dynamic Catholic
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Dynamic Catholic

These programs can be found at www.dynamiccatholic.com.

- Daily Gospel Reflections That Feed Your Soul
 - 33 Days to Eucharistic Glory
 - Today's Saint

FORMED

The FORMED app or watch.formed.org offers the following:

- Daily Reflections
 - Restore
- Forgiven: The Transforming Power of Confession
 - Fearless: A 7-week Lenten Video Series
 - Whole 40: Making a Spiritual Plan for Lent
 - Saint Peter (movie)
- St. Therese The Little Flower (Littlest Saints series)
- The Temptation of Jesus (Drawing Closer to God)

You have FREE ACCESS to the FORMED platform through our parish. Sign up for FORMED by going to signup.formed.org and enter parish zip code (56431), then enter your name and email address.

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