



St. James Church  
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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  
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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)	

## Pastoral Staff

### Pastor

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### Religious Education

#### St. James

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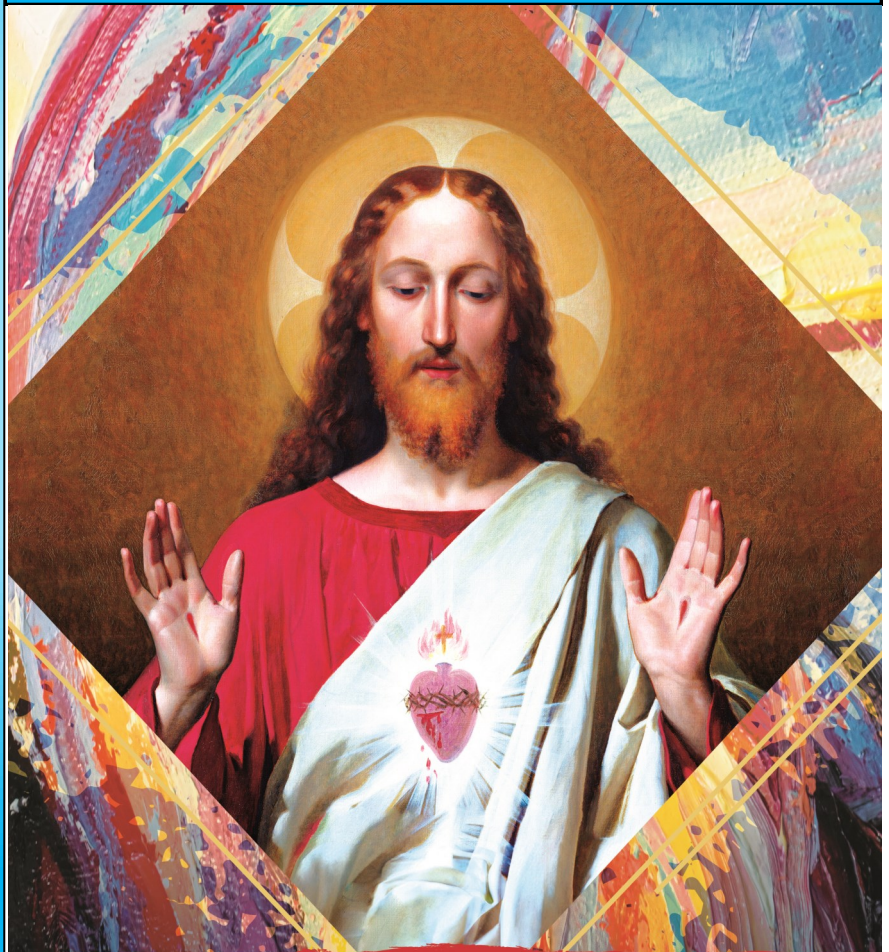
#### Holy Family

Andrea Oden ..... 763-360-2058

### Prayer Chain Requests

Jan Burt (SJ)..... 218-927-3587  
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Elaine Hill (SJ)..... 218-838-5982  
Carol Wiherski (SJ)..... 218-927-6880  
Shirley Scollard (HF)..... 218-839-0754

## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER APRIL 14, 2024



## 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

“Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day.” - Lk 24:46

# Readings of the Week EST. 1981

## Readings for the week of April 14, 2024

Sun: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 (7a)/  
1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48  
 Mon: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/  
Jn 6:22-29  
 Tues: Acts 7:51-8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and  
8a, 17 and 21ab/Jn 6:30-35  
 Wed: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/Jn 6:35-40  
 Thurs: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/  
Jn 6:44-51  
 Fri: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59  
 Sat: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/  
Jn 6:60-69  
 Next Sunday: Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118: 1, 8-9, 21-23,  
26, 28, 29 (22)/Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18

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## 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.



### Monday, April 15

7:30 am Jim Robertson † (SJ)

### Tuesday, April 16

8:30 am Tressa Morres † (HF)

### Wednesday, April 17

**No Mass**

### Thursday, April 18

8:30 am Gordon Pasell † (SJ)

### Friday, April 19

8:30 am John LaClair † (SJ)

### Saturday, April 20

5:00 pm Jake Jaeckels † (SJ)

### Sunday, April 21

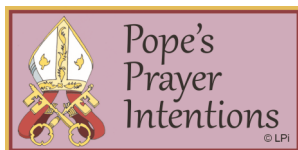
8:00 am Kaleb Dobosenski † (HF)

10:00 am Vielmina Borg † (OL)

10:30 am For the People (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.



### Sunday, April 14

After 8:00 am Mass

After 10:00 am Mass

### Monday, April 15

9:30-10:30 am

6:00 pm

### Tuesday, April 16

6:00 am

8:00-9:00 am

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5:30-6:30 pm

### Wednesday, April 17

9:30-10:30 am

5:30-6:30 pm

5:30-7:00 pm

### Thursday, April 18

9:00 am to 6:00 pm

9:30 am to 6:00 pm

### Friday, April 19

8:00 am

### Saturday, April 20

8:30 am

### Sunday, April 21

After 8:00 am Mass

After 10:00 am Mass

10:30 am

### First Communion

Fellowship, Coffee and Treats (HF)

Coffee and Treats (OL)

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

SVdP Society Meeting (SJ)

That Man Is You (SJ)

Pray with the Knights (SJ)

Food Shelf Hours (SJ)

Confessions (HF)

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

Confessions (SJ)

Meal/Religious Education (SJ)

Adoration (SJ)

Adoration (HF)

Men's Group (HF)

Dad's Group (SJ)

Fellowship, Coffee and Treats (HF)

Coffee and Treats (OL)

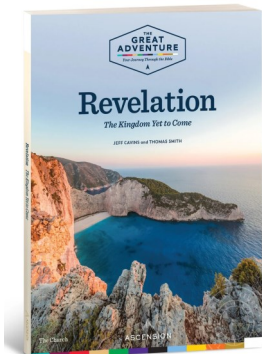
Coffee and Donuts (SJ)

## Vocations Chalice Schedule

Date	St. James	Holy Family
4/14	Mary Handt	Debbie Betram
4/21	Mary Schrupp	Sue DuRose



**Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come**



Fr. Mike will be leading a Bible Study this summer on the Book of Revelation. Ascension says “*Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come is an intriguing eleven-session study program that shows how the kingdom established by Christ in his Church is intimately connected with the kingdom of heaven. In this study, presenter Jeff Cavins pulls back the veil on the rich symbolism present in Revelation. Discover what the mysterious figures and images of Revelation mean and see how Revelation is more than an apocalyptic vision of the “end times.” Explore the Church’s teaching on the second coming of Christ and the Last Judgment. Understand how God, the Divine, Bridegroom, and the Church, his spotless bride, enter into a heavenly, holy, and mystical marriage every time we celebrate Mass.*” This study will be on Thursday evenings (June 6–August 22nd) from 6:00–7:30 pm. at St. James. Mark your calendars and email the office ([office@aitkincatholic.org](mailto:office@aitkincatholic.org)) to get signed up!

**Dad’s Group Starts This Saturday, April 20th**

8:30 am at St. James

The purpose of the Mom’s and Dad’s groups are 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. Both groups are intended for parents with kids up to and including the college ages. To sign up, please contact Fr. Mike or the parish office.

**Executive Assistant to the Office of the Bishop**

The Diocese of Duluth seeks a fulltime Executive Assistant to the Office of the Bishop. This position provides administrative support to the Bishop,



Vicar General, and Chief of Staff. This position serves as the point of contact for Diocesan employees and community members. The Executive Assistant to the Office of the Bishop will prioritize, organize and coordinate the Bishop’s communication, promotion, and outreach to the mission fields. The successful applicant will possess a college degree or equivalent relevant experience with education or experience in public relations preferred. The successful applicant will

possess an understanding and the ability to support the policies and mission of the Catholic Diocese of Duluth. This position requires successfully passing a criminal background check, proof of a favorable driving record and access to reliable transportation. A complete job description is available by emailing [john.ball@duluthcatholic.org](mailto:john.ball@duluthcatholic.org).

To apply, submit a letter of intent, resume, and references to John Ball, Director of Human Resources, Diocese of Duluth, 2830 E. 4th St, Duluth, MN 55812 or [john.ball@duluthcatholic.org](mailto:john.ball@duluthcatholic.org). This position will remain open until filled.

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

Through March 31, 2024	St. James	Holy Family	Our Lady of Fatima
Attendance	500	124	18
Received	\$9,310	\$1,483	\$296
Fiscal Year to Date Goal	\$246,962	\$76,300	\$7,650
Fiscal Year to Date Received	\$246,809	\$77,809	\$6,772

**Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP)**



In this Sunday’s Gospel, Jesus

explains that the meaning of the scriptures, like the disciples, when we offer and receive forgiveness our hearts burn because we encounter the risen Christ within us. Have you considered answering the call to “help the poor find forgiveness and healing in their life” by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul? The SVdP Mother Cabrini Conference is being formed at St James and Holy Family. Next meeting is April 15<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM in the large classroom at St James. New members are welcome.

**St. Joseph’s Gala**

“Raise the Roof,” the 2nd annual building fundraiser gala for St. Joseph’s in Crosby will be held on Friday, May 10, 2024, at the Northern Pacific Center in Brainerd. Fr. Mike Schmitz will be the keynote speaker.

Table and event sponsorships are still available. Learn more about sponsorship opportunities or reserve your seat online at the Gala website [www.cyunacatholic.org/gala](http://www.cyunacatholic.org/gala) or by calling the St. Joseph’s parish office at 218-546-6559.

## St. James

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### Please Pray for REC

The REC (Residents Encounter Christ) team will be working at the Aitkin County Jail on April 19th, 20th and 21st. Please pray for a successful weekend.



## Holy Family

2 S Maddy Street, McGregor



Please pray for our First Communion students who will receive their First Communion this weekend.

### Stay Active and Independent for Life (SAIL)

SAIL is a strength, balance, and fitness program for adults. This class is designed to reduce the risk of falling by teaching participants how to perform exercises that improve strength, balance, and fitness. Come join us! Terry Stein is our S.A.I.L. Leader. The class is held on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:30 am to 10:30 am in the Parish Hall. For more information call 218-927-1383.

### Fellowship and Food

Join us for fellowship and treats after Sunday Mass in the social hall.



## St. James Liturgical Ministers\*

**\*For the latest updates, check Ministry Scheduler Pro (MSP) Saturday, April 20 at 5:00 pm**

Sacristan/Server Tim Ryan  
Lector Larry Switala  
EOM Kathleen Ryan  
Ushers Brian Avery, John Appel, 2 volunteers

**Sunday, April 21 at 10:30 am**

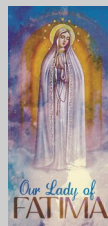
Sacristan Adam James  
Servers Isabel McWilliams, Allie Ostrowski  
Lector Francis Dierickx  
EOM Shirley Gravelle  
Ushers Ellie Hoppe, Russ Hoppe, Chad Larson, Tom Druar

## Our Lady of Fatima Chapel

### Holy Mass Schedule\*

102 S Highway 65, McGrath

Sunday, April 14 at 10 am  
Sunday, April 21 at 10 am  
Sunday, April 28 at 10 am



The Rosary will be prayed a half hour before Mass.

Please join us for coffee and treats after Mass.

\*Note this schedule is subject to change.



## *Catholicism and Civil Government*

Brought to our attention by the MN Catholic Conference is the State of Minnesota Equal Rights Amendment (H.F. 173/S.F. 37). The Conference has asked us to oppose this amendment because of what it stands for.

As stated by the MN Catholic Conference:

“The Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) is unnecessary, as discrimination in all forms, including sexual orientation and gender identity, is prohibited in state and federal law. In both cases, however, there are free speech and religious liberty accommodations to protect those who embrace God’s design for sexual identity.

Instead, overriding pluralism,<sup>1</sup> the proposed state constitutional amendment’s main purpose is to create a legal tool to suppress and persecute those who dissent from the imposition of transgender ideology in every sphere of life. It will allow judges, the state’s human rights commissioner, and the attorney general to override other protected rights such as free speech, religious liberty, and parental rights, as well as rights of conscience in licensed professions and in the workplace.”

Please see the bulletin insert.

<sup>1</sup>Notably, DFL state lawmakers in 2023 removed several religious liberty exemptions from the state Human Rights Act related to sexual orientation and gender identity, signaling broader intent to coerce the consciences of those who hold to Christian anthropology.

## Youth / Religious Education

### Religious Education Class April 17

Meal for students and families beginning at 5:30 pm.  
Classes for Pre-K through Confirmation meets from  
6:00-7:00 pm.

Parents will meet from 6-7 with Father Mike!

### Last Day of Religious Education!

April 24

### First Communion Today, April 14



Please pray for our First Communion Students this weekend.

### Confirmation

Please pray for our Confirmation Students as they prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation on April 27th.



Practice-April 24—6-7 pm  
Confirmation-April 27—10:30 am



### Vacation Bible School: Come to the Table!

June 9-13 Evenings 5-7:30 pm  
Assistance Needed!

This summer religious education will offer a Summer VBS program called "Come to the Table!" The program will run evenings from 5-7:30 pm, June 9—13 for grades Pre-K through Grade 6.



Help is needed! I need parents, adults and teens to help with our program to make it a success. There are many ways to help. What can you do? Food preparer/helper, Classroom helper, Classroom teacher, Drama (act out the story for the day), Arts and Crafts, Etc.

Let me know if you are interested.  
Watch for registration forms at Religious Education classes!  
Thanks. ~Jen

## Adult Opportunities

### Upcoming Retreats at Christ the King Retreat Center-Buffalo, MN

Women's Silent Midweek or Weekend Retreat - Do This in Memory of Me, presented by King's House Retreat Staff

April 23-25, 2024 (midweek) or  
May 10-12, 2024 (weekend)

These words of Jesus remind us of The Last Supper shared with His disciples and the gift of His presence as He becomes the Bread of Life and the Cup of Salvation. The disciples remember many things from that night. It is these memories that will guide our retreat. Includes Mass, personal prayer time, reconciliation, scriptural rosary, and a healing service. Per person: \$50 deposit at registration and suggested donation of \$195; includes 2 overnights, private accommodations and 6 meals.

### "Preparing for Pentecost" Day Retreat for Men and Women

Thursday, May 16, 2024

"Pentecost" is Greek for "fiftieth" and is 50 days after the Resurrection. In the Acts of the Apostles 1:4-5, Jesus explains that he is going to send the Holy Spirit.

The Greek word for "Holy Spirit" translates to Paraclete, meaning advocate, intercessor, teacher, helper, comforter. All of these describe the third Person of the Trinity. These meanings show us why it's important to meditate on the profound impact of Pentecost. It will change the way we view God and improve the way we live. Join us as we explore the meaning of Pentecost. Lunch included. Suggested donation \$60.

Register online at [www.kingshouse.com](http://www.kingshouse.com) or call 763-682-1384.

**MATER DEI APOSTOLATE'S**

# Spring Benefit Dinner

Featuring Guest Speaker: **Dr. Ray Guarendi**  
**May 3, 2024 @ Ivy Black**

5:30 SOCIAL 6:30 DINNER 7-9 PROGRAM

To Register.

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Join us to support the growth of Catholic high school education in the Cloquet Deanery of the Diocese of Duluth!