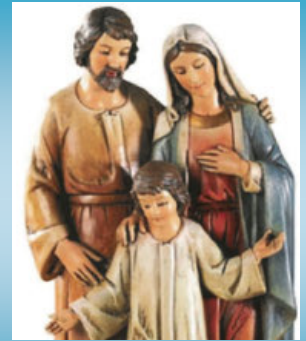


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Pray the Rosary

SJ—Sat. 4:25 pm/Sun. 9:25 am/
Tues—Fri-8:05 am
HF—Sundays 7:30 am
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Mass Schedule

Weekday:

Tues-Fri.....8:30 am St. James

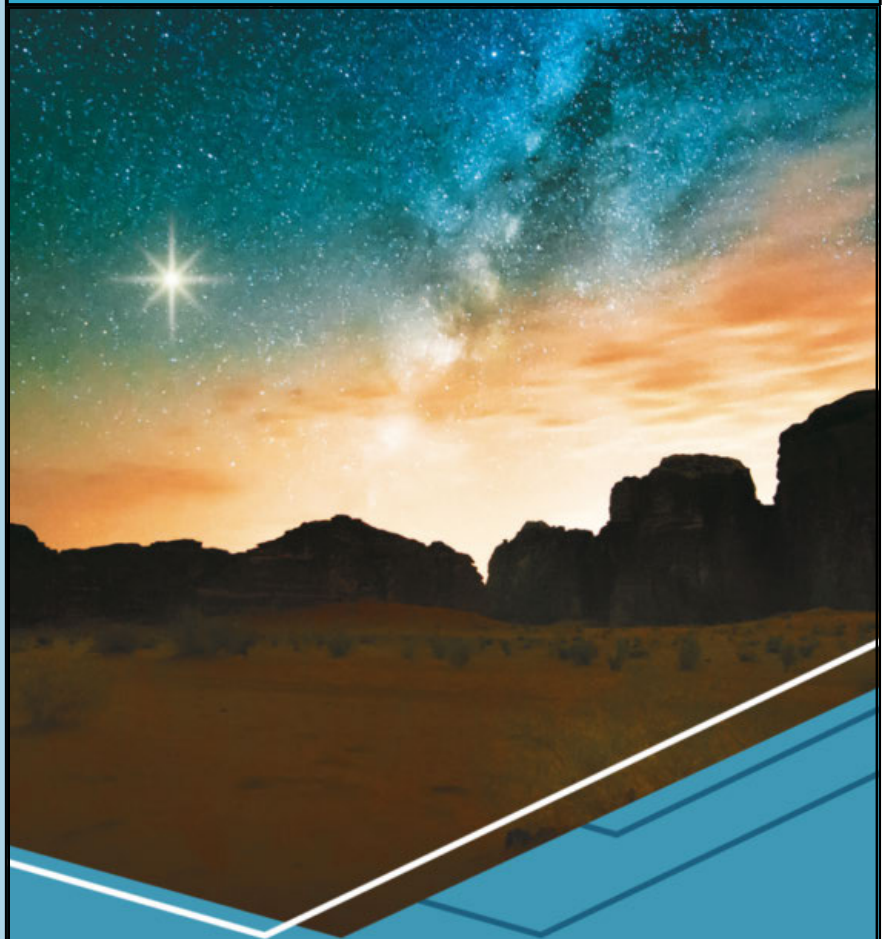
Weekend:

Saturday....5:00 pm.....St. James
Sunday.....8:00 am.....Holy Family
10:00 am.....St. James

Confessions

Sat: 10:00—10:45 am St. James
4:00—4:45 pm St. James
Sun: 7:15—7:45 am Holy Family
(or by appointment)

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
JANUARY 2, 2022



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Mt 2:10-11

A Message from Father David

In years past the local Catholic Church has had a lot on its plate, much controversy and trial. Namely, the sexual misconduct issues along with bankruptcy, also the untimely and very despairing nature of Bishop Paul Sirba's death; and recently four (4) priests have taken a leave from active ministry. One priest was a first cousin of mine, two are very good priest friends and one is my neighbor. On the other hand, Fr. Ben has been getting more and more involved in sacramental ministry despite the physical limitations (from his strokes) and he remains for me a sign of a great and shining hope. And then there is the Pandemic. It has taken over so much power and influence in our families and within our community and nation. It has become politicized and the media has made it a "play-thing" of sorts. It makes me sad to think of how things were before the pandemic and where they are now. Such a drastic change to our lives and to the world. These past two years have been a different kind of Hell. Not a fire and brimstone type, but an isolating, jail-cell (wondering when you're going to get out) kind of hell; and you have one fly in your cell that you can't kill and it bothers you when you stop thinking about it, kind of hell.

This new year we have a new bishop, we have gotten past bankruptcy (legally), the other issues aforementioned loom a bit. I know there is hope for the four priests to return (some much greater than others) and the Pandemic (well) it keeps changing on us and we are in the experimental phase of the shots and all, but the virus appears diminished in some ways (that's my understanding - I'm not a doctor) so that is good news.

It's amazing how conditioned we are by our circumstances. We are really affected by our environment; it's almost scary. We can go from good mood or bad mood, bad mood to good mood in a split second. This past deer hunting season I had to have spent 30+ hours in the woods and on fence-lines looking at next-to-nothing. Birds, trees, snow on the ground, a few red squirrels, barely a doe, never a buck until the last day the second to last hour 3:10pm. The Vikings had just finished beating the Packers in our annual home Super Bowl and I was going to stretch my legs and glass the field behind me. A field I couldn't see from this ground blind position. "Boom" the only buck I'd seen in all that time, crazy and now I'm elated, I feel elation, and gratitude and even a little inordinate pride. From this, a simple thing I waited for, I experience joy. Really... wow.

To wait for joy, to be surprised by it, is one thing, but to expect it - is a whole other thing. That is where we need to be... to expect joy even while we wait for it to appear. So often we can find reason to lose hope quickly, years without a bishop, Bankruptcy dragging on, Pandemic woes and times of priesthood desperation. But then it appears, "Joy" and then something remarkable happens. This great author puts it with genius.

*"All Joy reminds. It is never a possession, always a desire for something **longer ago or further away or still about to be.**" -C.S. Lewis*

You can spend a few minutes ruminating on this truth in your head. Pray about it and take this revelation into the New Year. See about making 2022 a year of **New Joy** by expecting it.

More to come...

God bless and have a good week everyone! Fr. David

Fr. David's Liturgical Schedule

Sunday, Jan 2

7:15-7:45 am	Confessions (HF)
8:00 am	Mass (HF)
10:00 am	Mass (SJ)

Tuesday, Jan 4

8:00 am	Angelus (SJ)
8:05 am	Rosary (SJ)
8:30 am	Mass (SJ)

Wednesday, Jan 5

8:00 am	Angelus (SJ)
8:05 am	Rosary (SJ)
8:30 am	Mass (SJ)

Thursday, Jan 6

8:00 am	Angelus (SJ)
8:05 am	Rosary (SJ)
8:30 am	Mass (SJ)
9:00 am	Exposition of Blessed Sacrament (SJ)

Friday, Jan 7

8:00 am	Angelus (SJ)
8:05 am	Rosary (SJ)
8:30 am	Mass (SJ)

Saturday, Jan 8

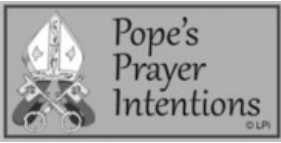
10:00-10:45 am	Confessions (SJ)
4:00-4:45 pm	Confession (SJ)
5:00 pm	Mass (SJ)

Sunday, Jan 9

7:15-7:45 am	Confessions (HF)
8:00 am	Mass (HF)
10:00 am	Mass (SJ)

(HF)-Holy Family • (SJ)-Saint James





Papal Intentions for the Month of January

For true human fraternity:

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

That Man is You

The spring semester of That Man is You begins January 11th at 6:00 am with breakfast. All men of the parishes are welcome to attend.

New members are welcome!



Keep Us in the Loop

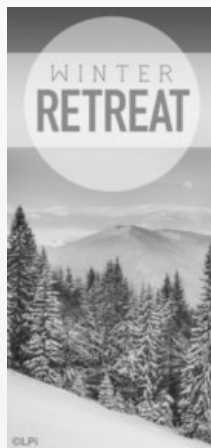
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Restored Retreat for Adults

All adults, 21 and older, are invited to come to the diocesan Restored retreat! Come be restored in both body and soul. Enjoy good food, time with others in good community, thought-provoking talks, time for relaxation, and an opportunity for Adoration, Mass, and Confession. The retreat will be taking place January 21 - 23 at Sugar Lake Lodge near Grand Rapids. The link to register and more information can be found at www.dioceseduluth.org/Restored. Spots are very limited due to COVID, so register today!



Hurting after abortion?

You are not alone. The Duluth Diocese is here to help you heal through our post abortion ministry, *Project Rachel*. This ministry offers a confidential helpline for you to speak with someone about your experience. A person willing to listen who has been specially trained to help you sort through unresolved feelings and conflict is just a confidential call away at 218-421-7110. Move beyond the pain, call today.

January 2, 2022

Sun: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf.11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Mon: 1 Jn 3:22-4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tues: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44

Wed: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52

Thurs: 1 Jn 4:19-5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a

Fri: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16

Sat: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30

Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Next Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord

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Through Dec. 19, 2021
(Fiscal Year: July 1, 2021- June 30, 2022)

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Attendance	296
Weekly Goal	\$5,635
Received 12/19/2021	\$5,638
Fiscal Year to date goal	\$140,880
Fiscal Year to date received	\$158,602
UCA 2021 Assessment	\$54,410.44
UCA 2021 Pledged/Received	\$50,585.00

Holy Family •

Attendance	73
Weekly Goal	\$1,523
Received 12/19/2021	\$2,154
Fiscal Year to date goal	\$38,077
Fiscal Year to date received	\$53,588
UCA 2021 Assessment	\$14,134.36
UCA 2021 Pledged/Received	\$10,114.00

Our Lady of Fatima•

Attendance 12/8/2021	16
Weekly Goal	\$156
Received 12/8/2021	\$321
Fiscal Year to date goal	\$3,894
Fiscal Year to date received	\$4,449
UCA 2021 Assessment	\$1,212.22
UCA 2021 Pledged/Received	\$1,287.41

(Excess will be applied to 2022)

Thank you for your contributions!

From Tammy Novak

Malachi Novak was born prematurely (23 weeks) on Sept. 24, 2021. He weighed just a little over a pound and was barely a foot long. His parents (Isaac & Allie Novak) and grandparents (Bernie & Tammy Novak) are asking for prayers and have set up a caring bridge site in his name. Their journey has been a long and at times stressful one. Many over-night stays at the Ronald McDonald house as well as trips back and forth to Children's hospital has been the new norm for this family. Malachi has undergone surgery to repair a hole in his heart and has battled 2 infections which almost took his life. By the Grace of God he is still alive. He now weighs 4 lbs. 3 oz and is 13 inches long.

Just recently Malachi's breathing tube was removed and his cry was heard for the first time by his parents and grandparents. Not a dry eye was in the room when this happened. He is now breathing with the assistance of continuous positive airway pressure. His latest brain scan came back normal and his eyes are maturing. They are asking for prayers to help keep the breathing tube out, and for continued growth and development of his body, lungs, brain and eyes. They are hopeful that Malachi will be able to come home sometime in the next month or two, barring any unforeseen complications.

Needless to say, the costs incurred by this young family are phenomenal. Donations of any amount would be appreciated. Please drop off your donation to Aggie in the parish office or place in an envelope with Malachi's name on it and simply drop it in the offertory basket in the upcoming weeks. If donations are not something you can handle at this time, then please pray for Malachi and his entire family.

Thank you and God Bless You!



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Adoration on Thursdays

All are welcome to come to adoration on Thursdays at St. James (available 9 am until 8 pm). Stay for an hour or a couple minutes. You don't have to be scheduled to come and spend some time with the Lord.

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2 S Maddy Street, McGregor

Adoration / Holy Hour / Benediction

Anyone is welcome to visit the Lord in the presence of the Blessed

Sacrament on Thursdays between 9:30 am and 6 pm with benediction beginning at 5:50 pm. If willing to be on a substitute list, please call or text Andrea at 763-360-2058.



Fellowship and Treats

Come and join us for fellowship and treats after Sunday Mass. Get to know your parish community and meet your neighbors. Volunteers are needed to bring treats. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex or talk to Deacon Mike or Julie. Thanks!

Our Lady of Fatima

102 S Highway 65 McGrath

OLOF Chapel Mass Schedule

The Rosary will be prayed a half hour before Mass. Please note this schedule is subject to change based on Fr. Solors' availability.

Sunday, January 2 at 10:00 am

Sunday, January 9 at 10:00 am

Join us for coffee & treats after Mass.

Please note there will not be Mass on January 16th at Our Lady of Fatima.

Religious Education

Little Gobblers Schedule for January

Next Class January 5th

Family Formation 5:15-6:25 pm.

Home packets for January lessons will be ready for pick-up after Wednesday's class. You can find them on the table in the Gathering Space.

Other January class dates are: January 12 and January 26 (Family Formation)

CAGE January Schedule

January 5

January 12

January 19

January 26

TOBIT Retreat for youth in grades 9-12

TOBIT (Theology of the Body Immersion for Teens) retreat will tentatively be held Friday, January 7th through Saturday, January 9th at Big Sandy Camp near McGregor. For more information, check out St. James website or the Diocese of Duluth website.





Tuesday, January 4

8:30 am Gerald Wiener (SJ)

Wednesday, January 5

8:30 am Shirley Bryant (SJ)

Thursday, January 6

8:30 am Magee Family (SJ)

Friday, January 7

8:30 am John Wickham (SJ)

Saturday, January 8

5:00 pm Dawson Vanportfliet (SJ)

Sunday, January 9

8:00 am For the Parish (HF)

10:00 am Ashley Oothoudt (OL)

10:00 am Mike Walsh (SJ)

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This Week

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Sunday, January 2

After 8:00 am Mass

8:30 am—11:30 am

After 10:00 am Mass

Fellowship, Coffee and Treats (HF)

KC Pancake Breakfast (SJ)

Coffee and Treats (OL)

Thursday, January 6

7:30 am

9:00 am to 8:00 pm

9:30 am to 5:50 pm

5:50 pm

Rosary (SJ)

Adoration (SJ)

Adoration (HF)

Benediction (HF)

Sunday, January 9

After 8:00 am Mass

After 10:00 am Mass

11:00 am

Fellowship, Coffee and Treats (HF)

Coffee and Treats (OL)

Confirmation Prep (SJ)



They were
overjoyed at
seeing the star.

Matthew 2:10

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Saturday, January 8 at 5:00 pm (SJ)

Sacristan/Server.....Bob Cummings

Lector..... Larry Switala

EOMs (MOB) Mary Jo Newman, Dave Thompson

Ushers TJ Gustin, Tiff Gustin, two volunteers

Sunday, January 9 at 8:00 am (HF)

..... Please see the green binder in narthex.

Sunday, January 9 at 10:00 am (OL)

..... Volunteers needed

Sunday, January 9 at 10:00 am (SJ)

Sacristan Terry Stein

Servers Hayden Workman, Luke Workman

Lector..... Laura Eisenbraun

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