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www.mcgregorcatholicchurch.org

Pray the Rosary

SJ—Sat. 4:25 pm/Sun. 9:25 am/
Tues—Fri-8:05 am
HF—Sundays 7:30 am
OLOF—Sundays 9:30 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 BAPTISM OF THE LORD JANUARY 9, 2022



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. - Lk 3:21-22a

A Message from Father David

Please pray this prayer for the Fulton and Justen families. Their sons were involved in a tragic snowmobile accident on Sunday 1/2. At the publication of this bulletin (Tuesday 1/4) many details about many things related to funerals and other issues is unknown. Please just pray.

Lord, we pray for those who have been devastated by recent tragedies. We remember those who have lost their lives so suddenly. We hold in our hearts the families forever changed by grief and loss. Bring them consolation and comfort. Surround them with our prayers for strength. Bless those who have survived and heal their memories of trauma and devastation. May they have the courage to face the days ahead.

Help us to respond with generosity in prayer, in assistance, and in comfort to the best of our abilities. Keep our hearts focused on the needs of all the community. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Read and meditate on this Psalm number 27:

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom should I fear? The LORD is my life's refuge; of whom should I be afraid? When evildoers come at me to devour my flesh, These my enemies and foes themselves stumble and fall. Though an army encamp against me, my heart does not fear; Though war be waged against me, even then do I trust. One thing I ask of the LORD; this I seek: To dwell in the LORD's house all the days of my life, To gaze on the LORD's beauty, to visit his temple. For God will hide me in his shelter in time of trouble, He will conceal me in the cover of his tent; and set me high upon a rock. Even now my head is held high above my enemies on every side! I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and chant praise to the LORD. Hear my voice, LORD, when I call; have mercy on me and answer me. "Come," says my heart, "seek his face"; your face, LORD, do I seek! Do not hide your face from me; do not repel your servant in anger.

You are my salvation; do not cast me off; do not forsake me, God my savior! Even if my father and mother forsake me, the LORD will take me in. LORD, show me your way; lead me on a level path because of my enemies. Do not abandon me to the desire of my foes; malicious and lying witnesses have risen against me. I believe I shall see the LORD's goodness in the land of the living. Wait for the LORD, take courage; be stouthearted, wait for the LORD!

More to come...

God bless, Fr. David

Fr. David's Liturgical Schedule

Sunday, Jan 9

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

Tuesday, Jan 11

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

Wednesday, Jan 12

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

Thursday, Jan 13

8:00 am	Angelus (SJ)
8:05 am	Rosary (SJ)
8:30 am	Mass (SJ)
9:00 am	Exposition of Blessed Sacrament (SJ)
10:30 am	Mass at Aicota

Friday, Jan 14

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

Saturday, Jan 15

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

Sunday, Jan 16

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

(HF)-Holy Family • (SJ)-Saint James



March for Life to be held in Aitkin

Please join us for the Annual March for Life on Sunday, January 23, 2022 from 12:45-3:30 pm. Dress warm. Gather at St. James Church at 12:45. At 1:00 PM, we will begin with Prayer & Statement of Peace and then Walk 1.7 miles to the

Courthouse. A short program will be held at the Courthouse and at 2:00 pm, we will walk back to St. James, where light refreshments will be served @ 2:45. Participants are encouraged to bring infant and toddler items for the Women's Care Center of Duluth.

Attention: That Man Is You

Spring Semester begins January 11th

The St. James "That Man Is You" program is looking for Men of Faith who want to experience



fellowship, learn about their faith, and grow closer to God. T.M.I.Y. meets at 6:30 am every Tuesday morning starting on January 11, 2022. Come early for breakfast at 6:00 am. Contact Deacon Mike Eisenbraun for more information. New members from all parishes are welcome!

Knights of Columbus Council #3473

Local Free-Throw Championship

The annual Knights of Columbus local Free-Throw Championship for girls and boys ages 9-14 (as of January 1st), will be held on Sunday, January 23 at Crosby-Ironton High School. Registration begins at 12:30 pm and the contest begins at 1:00 pm. For questions call



Justin Smith, 218-330-1431.

Catholic Schools Week

January 30th-February 5th is Catholic Schools Week. Donations are being collected from our parishes and forwarded to St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic School in International Falls. Thank you for your generosity.



January 9, 2022

- Sun: 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
- Mon: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19/ Mk 1:14-20
- Tues: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/ Mk 1:21-28
- Wed: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39
- Thurs: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/ Mk 1:40-45
- Fri: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/ Mk 2:1-12
- Sat: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-17
- Next Sunday: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

Next Sunday: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Stewardship Report



Through

Dec. 31, 2021

(Fiscal Year: July 1, 2021- June 30, 2022)

St. James •

Attendance Christmas & 12/26.....	496 & 152
Weekly Goal.....	\$5,635
Received 12/20–12/31/2021.....	\$21,652
Fiscal Year to date goal.....	\$146,515
Fiscal Year to date received.....	\$180,254
UCA 2021 Assessment.....	\$54,410.44
UCA 2021 Received.....	\$54,448.00
<i>(Excess will be applied to 2022)</i>	

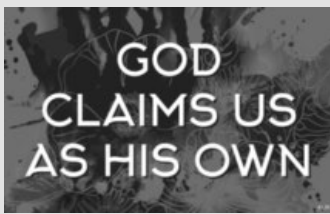
Holy Family •

Attendance Christmas & 12/26.....	88 & 67
Weekly Goal.....	\$1,523
Received 12/20–12/31/2021.....	\$2,889
Fiscal Year to date goal.....	\$39,600
Fiscal Year to date received.....	\$56,477
UCA 2021 Assessment.....	\$14,134.36
UCA 2021 Received.....	\$10,229.00

Our Lady of Fatima•

Attendance 12/19-12/25-12/26.....	20/19/15
Weekly Goal.....	\$156
Received 12/19-12/25-12/26/2021.....	\$503
Fiscal Year to date goal.....	\$4,050
Fiscal Year to date received.....	\$4,952
UCA 2021 Assessment.....	\$1,212.22
UCA 2021 Received.....	\$1,287.41
<i>(Excess will be applied to 2022)</i>	

Thank you for your contributions!



GOSPEL
MEDITATION

January 9, 2022
The Baptism of
the Lord

*"We are called to live our baptism every day, as new creatures, clothed in Christ."
— Pope Francis*

What reference point do you use when making decisions? Many times, impulse takes control and decisions are made based solely on emotion and desire. We all know that these types of decisions can often get us into trouble. When a person has a confident sense of who they are and a real understanding of what is important and of value, the likelihood of kneejerk impulsive choices diminishes. Baptism gives us what we need to make well informed and purposeful decisions. By this simple gesture, God claims us as His own and provides us with the identity and purpose we need to properly live life.

It is tremendously reassuring, when we truly embrace this revelation and realize that we no longer have to wonder about the purpose of our lives or struggle to find our way. The answer of who we are in God has been given to us. We no longer have to fumble around, trip over ourselves or walk aimlessly about. Issues surrounding the sacredness of life, the meaning of death, the protection of those most vulnerable, care for the weak and the poor, offering hospitality to those in search of a home, the purpose and proper place of work, how to create a just social order, caring for creation, and understanding our roles as heralds and stewards are just a few of the wonderful gifts baptism brings. When we make decisions based on things such as these core Gospel truths we really act as Christ himself, revealing to others the new creations that we are. This is how we live our baptism.

It is difficult to walk against the tide. Yet, that is precisely what baptism calls us to do. Although we are sinners, in need of mercy and far from perfection we are called to order our life and make decisions based upon the wisdom and guidance of Almighty God. He alone is the one who can claim us as His sons and daughters. Standing up for our principles will not make us popular. But who ever said Christianity is a popularity contest? Baptism calls us to stand up for that which goes against the grain of secularism. Standing in line with other sinners, we have our anchor to steady us in the tempests of life and God is very pleased. Forge ahead. There is nothing to fear.

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St. James
299 Red Oak Drive, Aitkin



Please pray for Jim Ryan and his bereaved family and friends. May his soul and the souls of all the faithfully departed rest in peace.

Ushers Needed!!!!

We are in NEED of ushers, especially for Saturday 5 p.m. Mass. If you would be willing to help, please contact the church office, 218-927-6581.

Funeral Co-Chairs Meeting

There is a meeting for the funeral co-chairs on Tuesday, January 11th at 9:00 am at St. James.

Holy Family
2 S Maddy Street, McGregor

Thursdays 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. There is still a need for individuals to sign up for an hour or be on a substitute list. If interested please call or text Andrea at 763-360-2058.

Fellowship and Treats

Get to know your parish community and join us for fellowship and treats after Sunday Mass. If interested in bringing treats, please talk to Deacon Mike or Julie or see the sign-up sheet in the narthex. Thank you!



Bible Study

Plans are to form a Bible Study group – to begin in February. If you are interested, please sign up after Mass on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex. For any questions, contact Pam, who will be the facilitator: 763-412-5748.

Our Lady of Fatima
102 S Highway 65 McGrath

OLOF Chapel Mass Schedule

The Rosary will be prayed half hour before Mass. Please note this schedule is subject to change due to Fr. Solors' availability.
Sunday, January 23, 2022 at 10 am
Sunday, January 30, 2022 at 10 am

Join us for coffee & treats after Mass.

There will not be Mass on Sunday, January 9 or 16, 2022. Please plan to attend a nearby parish.



Religious Education

Little Gobblers Schedule for January

Home lessons for January are available in the Gathering Space for pick-up. Please pick them up soon unless you have already done so.

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

CAGE January Schedule

January 12
January 19
January 26

Confirmation Prep Class Schedule

January 9 & January 23 after 10 am Mass

TOBIT Retreat for youth in grades 9-12

TOBIT (Theology of the Body Immersion for teens) retreat will tentatively be held Friday, January 15 through Saturday, January 16th at Big Sky Camp near McGregor. For more information, check out St. James website or the Diocese of Duluth website.

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8:30 am		Tom Rains (SJ)
Wednesday, January 12		
8:30 am		Ruth Fudala (SJ)
Thursday, January 13		
8:30 am		Richard Flier (SJ)
10:30 am		Harold Joerger (Aicota)
Friday, January 14		
8:30 am		Mike Hill (SJ)
Saturday, January 15		
5:00 pm		Judy Duerr (SJ)
Sunday, January 16		
8:00 am		Shirle Sherrick (HF)
10:00 am		For the Parishioners (SJ)

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(OL) Our Lady of Fatima

This Week

Sunday, January 9

After 8:00 am Mass Fellowship, Coffee and Treats (HF)
After 10:00 am Mass Confirmation Prep Class (SJ)

Tuesday, January 11

6:00 am That Man is You (SJ)
9:00 am Funeral Co-Chairs meeting (SJ)
Noon-3 pm Food Shelf Hours (SJ)

Wednesday, January 12

5:15-6:25 pm Little Gobblers (SJ)
6:30 pm CAGE (SJ)

Thursday, January 13

7:30 am Rosary (SJ)
9:00 am to 8:00 pm Adoration (SJ)
9:30 am to 5:50 pm Adoration (HF)
5:50 pm Benediction (HF)

Sunday, January 16

After 8:00 am Mass Fellowship, Coffee and Treats (HF)
After 10:00 am Mass Coffee and Rolls (SJ)



Saturday, January 15 at 5:00 pm (SJ)

Sacristan/Server.....Tim Ryan
Lector.....Glenda Flier
EOMs (MOB) Jan Burt, volunteer
Ushers Pam Landgren and 3 volunteers

Sunday, January 16 at 8:00 am (HF)

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

Sunday, January 16 at 10:00 am (SJ)

SacristanAdam James
ServersElla Janzen, Evelyn Anderson
Lector.....Peg Lundberg
EOMs(MOB) Betty Anderson, Marie James
UshersJeremy and Landon Janzen
..... Tom Lundberg, volunteer

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