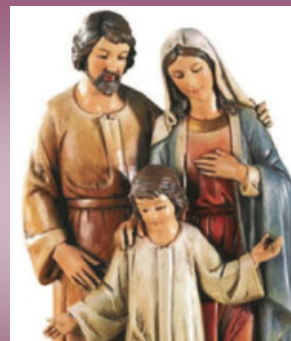




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SJ—Sat. 4:25 pm/Sun. 9:25 am/
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Mass Schedule

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 SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JANUARY 16, 2022



2nd Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to her, "Woman, how does your concern affect me?
My hour has not yet come." - Jn 2:4

A Message from Father David

Happy news for me. I am going to be able to go to LA for a retreat at my favorite place in the world, the Sacred Heart Retreat Center run by the Carmelite Sisters. Because of COVID I have not been able to go on retreat for over 2 years. It is sorely needed. I leave on February 14th and return on the 24th. I am planning on doing an 8-day Ignatius retreat while I am there and go up to the Observatory and the Hollywood Sign and maybe Balboa Park and the Beach once. I'm excited. I will be back in time for the start of Lent.

I want to thank all who helped with the recent vigil and funerals for the two young men who recently were involved in that tragic snowmobile accident. We had to confront an increase in numbers attending these services so more "hands-on-deck" were required and I thank you for doing that. Please continue to pray for the families of Westin and Isaac and the repose of their souls.

The spear-fishing season is a bust. I've told the story to a few about the interesting time I had helping to get a portable spear-house off the slushy lake. We had it on the lake for 6 days before we realized that it had to come off. Taking my four-wheeler at a certain point through foot thick slush was scary and exhilarating at the same time. In the end there's nothing like surviving certain peril. When I first drove on to the lake it was like "this is it" and when I drove off it was like "that is that." Be safe out there; the ice is crazy everywhere. Where there's slush there's danger.

May 24 is a Tuesday and Bishop Daniel will be here to confirm our students currently being made ready for this great sacrament. The Confirmation is at 7pm and it is open to all parishioners. I will be trying to get the Bishop to make a pastoral visit before 5/24/22 to Aitkin and McGregor. He has been visiting parishes since his ordination as the Bishop of Duluth.

Finally I wanted to say how proud I am of you for continuing to support the Rainy Day Fund. Recently we have made two donations, one to a private family (not Catholic) who has suffered some major financial issues from a case of COVID in the family and the other donation was to help a company who assists with the elderly and vulnerable. This local company receives clients who sometimes come with nothing but the clothes on their back. We are helping with the essentials for them like towels and washcloths, clothes and toiletries, bath-maps and light bulbs. All because of your generosity. We still have over \$6,500.00 in the fund even after these two donations. Please continue to give. We were later told by the person asking for donations for the COVID case that none of the other churches (she asked all the churches in town) gave money for this family saying simply that their churches don't give money in this way. In the end (as far as I know) only the Catholic Church gave money to feed this family and help pay their bills, to keep their heads above water. Honestly I was a little shocked by this report because of the Gospel and Jesus' love for the poor. Also the maxim that "you can't outgive God." Tithing creates wealth. Now there are two sides to every story and maybe these churches will take up a second collection or they just don't have it in the budget (for now). I do wonder though and pray that it is not indicative of something more insidious and misaligned within Christian Churches.

More to come...

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

Fr. David's Liturgical Schedule

Sunday, Jan 16

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

Tuesday, Jan 18

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

Wednesday, Jan 19

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

Thursday, Jan 20

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 21

8:00 am	Angelus (SJ)
8:05 am	Rosary (SJ)
8:30 am	Mass (SJ)
9:00 am	Vocations Holy Hour (SJ)

Saturday, Jan 22

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

Sunday, Jan 23

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.

Latin America Collection

Next week we will take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America. For many in Latin America and the Caribbean, a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers all present obstacles to practicing the faith. Your support for the collection provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, and other programs to share our Catholic faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ. To learn more about how your gifts make a difference, visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.



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Knights of Columbus Council #3473

Local Free-Throw Championship – January 30th

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 30 at Crosby-Irton High School. Registration begins at 12:30 pm and the contest begins at 1:00 pm. For questions call Justin Smith, 218-330-1431.

Please note the date change!



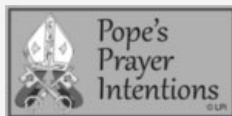
Catholic Schools Week

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



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.



January 16, 2022

- Sun: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/ 1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11
- Mon: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mk 2:18-22
- Tues: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/ Mk 2:23-28
- Wed: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6
- Thurs: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12
- Fri: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/ Mk 3:13-19
- Sat: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21
- Next Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21
- Next Sunday: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Stewardship Report



**Through
January 2, 2022**
(Fiscal Year: July 1, 2021-
June 30, 2022)
St. James •

Attendance	281
Weekly Goal	\$5,635
Received 1/2/2022.....	\$3,876
Fiscal Year to date goal.....	\$152,150
Fiscal Year to date received	\$184,130

Holy Family •

Attendance	43
Weekly Goal	\$1,523
Received 1/2/2022.....	\$452
Fiscal Year to date goal.....	\$41,123
Fiscal Year to date received	\$56,929

Our Lady of Fatima•

Attendance	No mass on 1/2/2022
Weekly Goal.....	\$156
Received 1/2/2022.....	No Mass
Fiscal Year to date goal.....	\$4,206
Fiscal Year to date received	\$4,952

Thank you for your contributions!



**GOSPEL MEDITATION -
January 16, 2022
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

God delights in you. How do you feel when you hear that? Delight usually comes with an exuberant flow of joy that seemingly arises from one's toes with the expression of great glee. Reflecting upon the deep measure of joy God has in us can be a source of joy for ourselves. Delight is infectious. A very young brother and sister were playing on the beach when the all too familiar ice cream truck made its daily rounds. The boy shook with excitement and delight as he took his sister's hand and exclaimed, "The ice cream man is here, isn't it great!" As they ran off toward the truck, one could hear the girl reply, "Yeah, I can't wait!" The experience of a child's delight in something so simple as ice cream, lifts our spirits from our burdens and transports us to the lighter, more innocent side of life.

Life is not meant to be a burden. Believe it or not, God actually wants us to be happy! In fact, the wedding feast at Cana shows us that God even puts His blessing on our happiness. It is okay to celebrate the wonder of ourselves and others. Life is good. It is always interesting to note that Jesus saves the good wine until last.

You would think it would be the other way around. The superb quality of Jesus' wine points to the superior quality of life we find in Christ. It is not a life of burdens but a life of wonder and delight! In Christ, we are lifted from the superficial and mundane to a life of purpose, hope, and love.

God is with us through the long haul, through the challenges and sorrows as well as the successes and accomplishments. In spite of the fact that we often wander from the path, God's celebratory delight in us remains. As spouses are asked to remain faithful to each other through whatever life brings, God remains faithful too. This promise remains through this life and into the next. All we have to do is take the advice of Jesus' mother to heart when she says, "Listen to him." This wisdom saves us

from foolishly giving in to the illusion that we can make better wine than Jesus.



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- Isaac Fulton
- Westin Justen
- Betty Ann Huston

and their bereaved family and friends. May their souls and the souls of all the faithfully departed rest in peace.

St. James CCW

Your help is needed! The local **March for Life** will begin @ 1 pm on Sunday, January 23rd at St. James.

The CCW will be supplying refreshments afterwards. Please call the parish office or Betty Larson if you can help bake, serve, or cleanup. Thank you!!



Holy Family

2 S Maddy Street, McGregor



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., pjplaisance@msn.com.

McGregor Area Clothing Closet

Volunteers needed: February is Holy Family's month to staff the Clothing Closet (MACC). MACC is open Tuesdays and Saturdays 10–2 and is located right across the street from the church in the ANGELS building. MACC is a non-profit and supports many local organizations including the McGregor food shelf, McGregor school supplies, McGregor school scholarships, etc. Please give Ramona Hooper a call at 218-426-3344 and sign up for a Tuesday or Saturday. By volunteering you are helping to support your community. Thanks and God Bless.



Please welcome newly registered parishioner Patricia Boyd.

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

Please join us for coffee and treats after Mass.



Religious Education

Little Gobblers

Home lessons for January are available in the Gathering Space for pick-up. Please pick them up soon .

Our next Family Formation is January 26 at 5:15 pm.

CAGE Class Dates

CAGE classes begin at 6:30.

January 19 & 26

February 2 & 9

Confirmation Prep

Sunday, January 23

Sunday, February 6-

Sunday, February 20

“The time is always right
to do what is right.”

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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Tuesday, January 18

8:30 am Bill Elkin (SJ)

Wednesday, January 19

8:30 am Chuck Fiedler (SJ)

Thursday, January 20

8:30 am Richard Monteleone (SJ)

Friday, January 21

8:30 am Julie Hughes
Mass of the Living (SJ)

Saturday, January 22

5:00 pm Kenneth Tetrick (SJ)

Sunday, January 23

8:00 am Les Peterson
Mass of the Living (HF)
For the Parishioners (OL)
10:00 am Donna Appel (SJ)

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This Week

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Sunday, January 16

After 8:00 am Mass

Fellowship, Coffee and Treats (HF)

After 10:00 am Mass

Coffee and Rolls (SJ)

Tuesday, January 18

6:00 am

That Man is You (SJ)

Noon—3 pm

Food Shelf Hours (SJ)

5:00 pm

Finance Council (SJ)

Wednesday, January 19

6:30 pm

CAGE (SJ)

Thursday, January 20

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)

Friday, January 21

9:00 am

Vocations Holy Hour (SJ)

Sunday, January 23

After 8:00 am Mass

Fellowship, Coffee and Treats (HF)

After 10:00 am Mass

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Sunday, January 23 at 8:00 am (HF)

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

Sunday, January 23 at 10:00 am (OL)

..... Volunteers needed.

Sunday, January 23 at 10:00 am (SJ)

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Lector.....Becky Joerger
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