Mary of the Visitation Catholic Church

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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

We, the people of Mary of the Visitation parish,
are a Catholic community
bound together by the Word of God,
sacramental worship, and the call to service.

OUR VISION STATEMENT

Through the proclamation of the Word of God and
embraced by the gifts of the Holy Spirit,
we seek to be welcoming, to grow spiritually,
to see Christ's presence in others,
and to offer our care and service to all.

OUR MOTTO

"See Christ In Others; Be Christ For Others!"

Mass Schedule

West (Becker) Campus

1st, 3rd, 5th weekends of the month
Saturday - 5:00 PM Sunday - 8:30 & 10:30 AM

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East (Big Lake) Campus

2nd, 4th weekends of the month
Saturday - 5:00 PM Sunday - 8:30 & 10:30 AM

"TODAY THIS PASSAGE IS FULFILLED IN YOUR HEARING"

"The people lead Jesus to the cliff intending to throw him down headlong" Lk 4:29

Today's Gospel continues what we heard last week, and it marks the beginning of Jesus' ministry following his forty days in the desert. Filled with the power of the Spirit, Jesus entered the synagogue of his hometown, unrolled the scroll, read from the prophet Isaiah, then declared, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing" (Luke 4:21). The people at first spoke highly of him and then, seeing only the carpenter's son, demanded, "Prove it!" When he refused, things turned ugly. But, miracle of miracles, when they were about to push him off the cliff, he "passed through the midst of them and went away" (Luke 4:30).

In his first letter to the Corinthians, St. Paul reminds us of the only three things that really matter: faith, hope, and love. And the greatest of these is what drove Jesus to the top of that cliff. If we follow his example, then maybe it won't make much difference, one way or the other, how we get down.

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"Teaching Mass" Series: Beginning February 13-14 and over a period of about 10-12 weeks (except Palm Sunday & Easter) at each of our weekend liturgies, we will highlight the various parts of the Mass. Other pastors have done the same all at once, but it was usually a weekday evening, thus, limiting the number of people able to attend. By breaking it down into smaller pieces over a number of weeks, we hope that worshipers will come to a greater understanding of why we do some of the things we do at Mass.

"Bible Time-Line" Series: Coming soon on Sunday evenings, a time-line study/journey through the Bible. Watch the bulletin and the website for details.

"Pre-Lenten Retreat": Next Saturday-see inside for details!

Year of Mercy "To Do" List

Over the next several weeks one of the corporal or spiritual works of mercy will be highlighted here offering some practical ways for us to consider by making them real in our faith journey. This week:

Feed The Hungry

First, we might want to begin by trying to understand what does it mean to 'feel' hungry?

*Skip lunch, a snack or the candy/pop machine and donate the money to a food shelf.

*Understand and accept that more than enough food is produced every day for everyone to eat and much is thrown away, yet millions of people go hungry because they do not have the land or resources to get food.

Second, what are some ways, right here and right now, that we can "feed" someone?

*Support of our local food shelves. Bring non-perishable food items to church each week. We will take it to the food shelf for you. Or volunteer to help staff them.

***SouperBowl Sunday** is next weekend; join people across the nation and drop extra cash donations in large kettles that our youth will be holding at the end of each liturgy.

*Help pack for "Feed My Starving Children" February 13; ride our bus (limited to 40 people) to Coon Rapids.

*Plan to prepare or serve a meal when we host the Great River Family Promise (Church of the Week) the week of February 20-27.

*Many grocery stores have a "food bank" cart where you can drop a few items when shopping.

*Who else in our lives is "hungry"? ...the lonely, bereaved...

There is a lot we can do to make this Work of Mercy more real, and we need not look very far to do so! *Fr. Geno Doyle*
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STEWARDSHIP of our Finances

Parish Operations as of Jan. 24

Budgeted Offering for Jan. (Adult, Loose, Youth, Children)…$ 40,442.00
Received Offering for Jan. (Adult, Loose, Youth, Children)…$ 37,647.75

Parish Debt

Diocesan Loan ($ 181,888.45) + Interest payable ($ 60,173.29)
Total Debt = $ 242,061.74
Debt Offering received (through Jan. 24) … $ 2,806.50

*Note: $3,000 is paid monthly on the debt. The Finance Council reviews the contributions and ***quarterly*** determines a larger amount to be paid.

Youth of Truth / U-JAM / Kids for Christ

MotV Youth Ministry Mission Statement:
To inspire Youth to develop their relationship with Jesus Christ and empower discipleship through prayer, service and community.

Thought for the week:
Assumptions are the termites of relationships!!

2015-2016 Youth Groups

"Kids for Christ"—Grades 3-5
6 meetings a year from 3:00–5:00 @ Youth Center.

"U-JAM"—Grades 6-8
2 meetings a month on Wednesdays from 6:30-8:00 on dates in which there is no Journey of Faith.

"Youth of Truth"—Grades 9-12
Meetings will be on all Wednesdays from 8:00-9:30, except the first Wednesday of month.

"Youth Leadership Team"—Grades 11 & 12
For Youth desiring more leadership opportunities in the parish and diocese. Meets on 1st Wed. at 8:15.

Upcoming Meetings & Events:

⇒ **Sun. Jan. 31— "Chill & Spill"**
All Youth Group Gathering featuring a separate MS and HS Broomball Tourney followed by Worship and Guest Speakers!
Registration at 2:30pm & Tourney from 3:00-4:00
Worship, Speakers and snacks from 4:00-5:00
Location: Cox Residence; 13152 97th St, Becker

⇒ Wed. Feb. 3—Youth Leadership Team Meeting
8:15pm in 1st Grade classroom in Becker

⇒ **Feb. 6 & 7—"Souper Bowl of Caring"**
Collection after all Masses this weekend.
All money raised will go to the Becker and Big Lake Food Shelves.

⇒ Wed. Feb. 10—**Ash Wednesday—No Youth Group**

⇒ **Sat. Feb. 13—"Feed My Starving Children" Trip**
Bus leaves Becker @ 7:45am & Big Lake @ 8:00
Pizza in Big Lake upon return (around noon)!!

Christ's Peace to All, Doug Watercott

MUSIC & LITURGY NOTES

Ash Wednesday Ministry Sign-up: Ash Wednesday is ***February 10 and Masses will be at 8:00 am and 7:00 pm in Big Lake*** and ***5:00 pm in Becker***. If you serve in any area of liturgical ministry and are available, please sign up on the sheets in the annex/narthex. *Thank you!*

Cantors: If you are available to sing for either the 8:00 am or 5:00 pm Mass on Ash Wednesday, please let me know. Thank you!

Collecting of Palms: Each year old palms from previous celebrations of the Palm Sunday liturgy are collected. These palms are then burned and the ashes used on Ash Wednesday. If you have any palms to contribute, please place them in the large boxes by the entrances.

Diocesan Choir Opportunities: Festival Choirs are being formed for two upcoming liturgies in the St. Cloud diocese. The Rite of Election, for those participating in formation to enter the Catholic church, will be celebrated on Sun., February 14, at 3:00 pm. The Chrism Mass will be celebrated on Thurs., March 17, at 7:00 pm. Both of these liturgies will take place at the cathedral in St. Cloud and singers from around the diocese are invited to participate in the choirs for these celebrations. If you are interested, contact Gretchen for rehearsal details or visit worship.stcdio.org for more information.

Liturgy Committee: Next meeting is Wed., February 17—7:00 pm, at the East Campus (Big Lake).

Rehearsal Reminders—Please note rehearsal location!

Wed., February 3
—Youth Ensemble, 5:15-6:15 pm (East—BL)

Thurs., February 4
—Children's Choir, 5-6 pm (West—BE)
—Cantor Practice, 6:15-7 pm (West—BE)
—Adult Choir, 7-8:30 pm (West—BE)

In Christ, *Gretchen Roe*

Rotating Mass Schedule

January

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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February

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29					

YELLOW = West (Becker) Location (1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays)
RED = East (Big Lake) Location (2nd & 4th Sundays)

WHAT'S IN THE BIBLE?

FEBRUARY – MORALITY:
Where Does Your Compass Lead You?

On what do we base our choices? How do we treat people? What are the consequences for our actions? Throughout the Gospels, Jesus offers us direction for living in community. Will you follow your moral compass, or veer off the path?

FEBRUARY sessions

WEST (Becker)
February 3, 5pm & 7pm
February 17, 6:30 pm

EAST (Big Lake)
February 3, 6:30 pm
February 17, 6:30 pm

ALL ADULTS WELCOME!

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What's Your Catholic IQ? (answer below)

"Fasting and abstinence" on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday means _____.

a) No fun
b) No food
c) Limited food andno meat as a form of penance, sacrifice, and self-denial
d) Only drinks

QUESTION OF THE WEEK
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Based on the second reading (1 Corinthians 13:4-13)

Theme: Jesus' word and love are for everyone!

Step One: As you hear this reading, what words or phrases strike you? What in this reading touches your heart? What lingers in your memory?

Step Two: Reflect and discuss:

Question for Children: What ways do you show God's love to someone who is lonely or hurting?

Question for Youth: Who are the people in your life who mean the most to you? How do you show them how important they are to you?

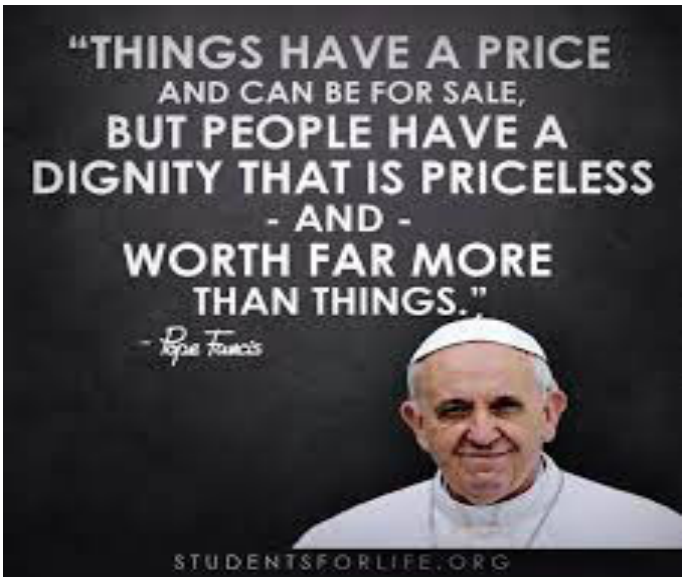
Question for Adults: What is a way you show members of your family your love for them?

Faith Formation Office is at the West Campus
Barb Olson - bolson@maryofthevisitation.org
Katy Hager - khager@maryofthevisitation.org

LENT

Getting Ready for a Spirit-Filled Lent

How will you prepare for Lent? Everyone is invited to a pre-Lenten Retreat on Saturday, February 6, from 1 - 4:30 pm at our West (Becker) campus. Our retreat will be led by Sr. Margaret Michaud from St. Ben's Spirituality Center. Please RSVP to Barb or Katy, or go to our website to register online.



Catholic IQ answer:

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c) **Fasting** *means eating only one full meal. Other food eaten during the day should not add up to a full meal.* **Abstinence** *means not eating meat. Visit usccb.org and search for "fasting and abstinence."*

Liturgical Ministers

NOTE: Please remember that you are responsible for your ministry when scheduled.
You are asked to find a replacement for your ministry when you are unavailable to serve.

WEST (BECKER) CAMPUS

Saturday, February 6, 5:00 pm Mass
Euch. Ministers: Brenda & Vern Jurek, Deb Lindboe, Lorene Loscheider, Dan Smith, **Volunteer (2)**
Greeters: Lucy & Steve Pearson
Ushers: Emma Henneman, Les & Ronny Hinrichs, Luke Ingram, Norb Vossen, **Volunteer (1)**
Servers: Coy & Rose Bailey
Lectors: Jody Bailey, Phil Henneman
Sacristan: Deb Lindboe

Sunday, February 7, 8:30 am Mass
Euch. Ministers: Daren & Kelly Berglund, Linda Buchholz, Darla & Dave Euteneuer, Becky Grandalen, Dean Moeller
Monticello NH: Keith Klein, Marcel Osowski
Shepherd of Grace: Deb Goenner
Greeters: Dwight & Janice Beltrand
Ushers: Alexander, Andrew & Kate Berglund, Bridget Buchholz, Hunter Malisheski, Joan Morical
Servers: Nicholas Berglund, Austin Clemen
Lectors: Garth Gideon, Linda Rose
Sacristan: Mary Kimmes

Sunday, February 7, 10:30 am Mass
Euch. Ministers: Burt Arrigoni, Carol Brunn, Dan Casey Sandra Hart, Charlotte Lumley, Greg Scherber, Doug Watercott
Greeters: MaryAnn Perman, Noah Scherber
Ushers: Noah & Ruth Arrigoni, Megan Gamble, Adam, Alexzander & Kelli Lumley
Servers: Isaac Howell, Ella Scherber
Lectors: Jerry Brunn, Terry Perman
Sacristan: Carol Brunn / Teri Dullinger

Minister Needs for February:
Saturday, Feb. 6 / Euch. Ministers (2) and Usher (1)
Saturday, Feb. 13 / Euch. Minister (1)
Saturday, Feb. 20 / Euch. Ministers (2)
Sunday, Feb. 21 / 10:30 Mass / Euch. Minister (1)
Saturday, Feb. 27 / Euch. Ministers (2) and Usher (1)

Please contact Danette at dtoenies@maryofthevisitation.org or 763-447-3339 if you are able to assist so you can be added to the schedule (to receive the weekly reminder and inform the Sacristan of who is serving). Thank you!

PRAYER LIST

Prayer is a powerful gift from God. Prayer can be used to give praise, in thanksgiving or when in need.

For an intention to be placed on the Prayer Line, contact:
- Irene Ring at 763-261-4565

For an immediate prayer request (Prayer Chain), contact:
- Rose Knowlton at 763-207-8330
- Vicki Cote at 763-263-3030

Guidelines to have a person placed on the bulletin prayer list:
- Names are placed on the list for three weeks.
- Names can be listed as often as requested, but the request must be renewed each cycle.
- The person on the list must give permission and/or be informed that his/her name is listed.
- Call Danette at 763-447-3339 to put a name in the bulletin.

Week 1	*Week 2*	*Week 3*
Gabby Gingras	Vincent Benassi	Mary Domka
Harper Sanford	Tara Josewski	Denny Doyle
Hannah Sipe	Jack Kloss	Kay Fisher
	Angela Mohler	Bernie Kasper
	Dennis Pfannenstein	Jason Treptau
	Richard Roe	Cindy Woolhouse
	Suzanne Smith	
	Ryder Toth	
	Dan Winters	

Members in Military Service

Sam Adams
Nicholas Caouette
Debbi Erickson
Cameron Halsted
Mitchell Henrich
Jake Howell
David Johnson

The February Ministry Schedule has been emailed to those families who have provided an email address. Paper copies are also available in the Annex and Narthex. You may also find the current schedule on our website. If you did not receive the February schedule via email, please check your "junk" or "clutter" folder. If you still cannot find an electronic copy, please contact me so I can verify your email address. If you wish to be added to the list to receive the schedules/reminders electronically, please let me know.

Danette
763-447-3339 or dtoenies@maryofthevisitation.org

HAPPENINGS IN OUR AREA

Holy Spirit Parish Mardi Gras
Friday, February 5, 2016 / 6:30 pm—1:00 am
Eagles Club / 730 41 Avenue North / St. Cloud, MN
Activities include: Silent Auction, Attendance Prizes, Cash Bar, Casino Games, Trivia Games and Raffle Drawing. Roast Beef and Turkey Baskets available for purchase throughout the evening. Total proceeds go to support educational programs.

Mass for Healing
Monday, February 8, 2016
St. Mary's Cathedral / 25 8th Ave. S. / St. Cloud, MN 56301
United with Pope Francis, we will observe the World Day of Prayer for Healing at a Mass for Healing on Monday, Feb. 8. Holy Hour begins at 4:00 pm with the Sacrament of Reconciliation following at 6:00 pm. Mass, including the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, will be at 7:00 pm with Bishop Donald Kettler presiding. Prayers for healing will follow Mass. All are invited to receive the healing hands of God.

St. Andrew Catholic School Invites New Enrollment
Catholic parishioners are welcome and encouraged to find out more about Catholic education at St. Andrew Catholic School, Elk River for the 2016-2017 academic year. St. Andrew provides an option of academic excellence infused with spiritual values, community service, and parental involvement. Tuition assistance available for Catholic parishioners who are active church members. ***Parent meetings for Kindergarten are at the school on Sunday, February 7th at noon, and Monday, February 8th at 6:30 p.m. Preschool/PreKindergarten meetings are Thursday, February 18th at 6:30 p.m. and Sunday, March 6th at noon.*** Contact me directly if you have questions about the school. I look forward to discussing the blessings and benefits of Catholic education for you and your family.
Susan Scipioni, Principal
sscipioni@saint-andrew.net 763-441-2216 x327

Catholic Men's Conference
Saturday, February 13, 2016
St. John's University / Collegeville, MN
8:00 am to 5:00 pm / 8:00 am–Registration in Great Hall
Join catholic men from around the diocese for this year's Catholic Men's Conference. Take the time to listen to how Christ is calling you to follow Him. Set aside this one day to reflect on your chosen vocation and how being a man of integrity impacts those around you. This year's keynote speaker is Fr. Larry Richards, the founder of "The Reason for Our Hope Foundation." His topic is **Men of Integrity: Men of Mercy**. For more information on the keynote speaker, workshops, or to register, go to www.stcdio.org/mensconference or contact the Office of Marriage & Family at 320-252-4721.

Big Lake Community Food Shelf (BLCFS)—In Need of "Food Rescue" Drivers
- Every Saturday the BLCFS is BLESSED to receive donations from Target in Otsego and Coborn's in Big Lake.
- On the days the food shelf is open (2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month), the pick up would need to be at 7:30am at Target and then afterwards at Coborn's, with the food back to the food shelf as close to 8:30am as possible to put away before clients arrive. On the 1st and 3rd Saturdays, time is more flexible, but still needs to be done in the morning before 9:00 am.
- Anyone interested would go through volunteer training at the food shelf (approx. 30 minutes). Then they would ride along with a current Food Rescue Driver on one or two trips to become comfortable with the process. Prior to the Food Rescue Driver's first trip, a copy of their driver's license and proof of car insurance would be required.

If you have questions or are interested in being a Food Rescue Driver, please contact Ali Noble at blexdir@gmail.com.

Attention Knitters and Crocheters!
Fairview Northland Medical Center is in need of more people to knit or crochet baby hats for our newborns and chemo caps for those who are receiving treatments at Northland. If you are interested, or have questions, please contact Jackelyn Bekius, Volunteer and Community Coordinator, 763-389-6565 or jbekius1@fairview.org or stop in the Fairview Northland Auxiliary Gift Shop.

Faith in Action's 9th Annual Gala: "Dreams & Destinations"
Friday, February 19 / the Crown Room Banquet Center
20500 Diamond Lake Road, Rogers
Saturday, February 20 / Coyote Moon Banquet Room
480 55th Avenue SE, St. Cloud
5:30 pm Social Hour / 6:00 pm Dinner / 7:00 pm Program
- Listen to motivational speaker, JERRID SEBESTA, former KARE 11 Meteorologist.
- Your support of this event will benefit Faith in Action's programs which helps older adults and their caregivers to remain living in their community, aging in place, through a combined effort of both our professional and volunteer services.
- Cost of Tickets: $50. To purchase a ticket, donate a silent auction basket, or make a donation, contact the office at 763-263-4277.

2016 *Live*Family! EXPO / Church of St. Raphael, Crystal, MN
Learn and develop skills to transform your marriage, family and ministry.
Friday, April 8 / 6:30 – 10 p.m.
- Mass with Bishop Andrew Cozzens
- Keynote by Randy Raus: *Reaching Out to Today's Family*

Saturday, April 9 / 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- Mass with Bishop Donald Kettler
- Keynote by Dr. Stephen Grundman and Dr. Harvey Payne: *The Psychology of Mercy*
- Ministry Workshops

For questions, contact Madalyn at 763-898-8728. For more information or to register, go to: www.livefamilyexpo.com.

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Bulletin Deadline
Please have articles submitted to Danette two weeks prior to bulletin date.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3:2-7; Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]

Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10-12; Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Sir 47:2-11; Ps 18:31, 47, 50, 51; Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9-14; Mk 6:30-34

Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8; Ps 138:1-5, 7-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11 [3-8, 11]; Lk 5:1-11

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Dawn Schoborg 320-240-6379

HAPPENINGS AT MOTV

We continue to take donations on behalf of the following organizations:

Community Food Shelves—Our food shelves in both Becker and Big Lake are always in need of donations. Suggested items include: boxed dinners, canned fruit/meat/vegetables, cereal, pancake mix, soaps, soups, spaghetti sauce, syrup, toothpaste, etc.

Lions Recycle For Sight—Used eyeglasses, sunglasses and hearing aids can be recycled to provide aid to those in need in our communities.

Soles 4 Souls—Used/old shoes become valuable to those in poorer countries where they are repaired (thus providing employment for the local residents in those countries) and then put to good use. Please be sure that the footwear is attached in pairs and somewhat clean.

Containers for these items are available in both the Annex and Narthex. Thank you!

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$100 Raffle Winners for the weekend are:

January 30, 2016 — Vonnie Novak

January 31, 2016 — Donna Forge

The Serra Club of St. Cloud asks that we pray for priests and seminarians of the diocese throughout the year.

Sun., January 31	Rev. Alexander Ludwig
Mon., February 1	Rev. Anthony Kroll
Tue., February 2	Rev. Nicholas Landsberger
Wed., February 3	Rev. Gregory Lieser
Thu., February 4	Rev. Edward Vebulun, OSB
Fri., February 5	Rev. Laurn Virnig
Sat., February 6	Rev. William Vos

HAPPENINGS AT MOTV

Getting Ready for a Spirit-Filled Lent
Saturday, February 6 / 1:00—4:30 pm / West Campus
Everyone is invited to a pre-Lenten Retreat which will be led by Sr. Margaret Michaud from St. Ben's Spirituality Center. Please RSVP to Barb or Katy, or go to our website to register online.

Omelet Breakfast
Sunday, February 7, 2016 / 7:30 am-Noon / West Campus
Hosted by: Knights of Columbus

Are you looking for a great Outreach Opportunity?!
If so, please plan to take part in Feed My Starving Children, which will be hosted by the Outreach Committee on **Sat., February 13th.** We will take a bus to Coon Rapids to participate in packing meals to feed God's starving children. We are scheduled to pack from 9a-11a. The bus will leave Becker at 7:45a and Big Lake at 8:00a. There will be pizza served in Big Lake upon return (approx. 12 noon). A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex in Becker, and in the Annex in Big Lake. Space is limited to 40 people, sign up soon!

Book Club Meeting / Thursday, February 18
2:00 pm / Café Pawz in Becker
The book being read this month is *Whitethorn Woods* by Maeve Binchy. Meet for discussion and refreshments.

500 Card Tournament / Saturday, February 20
West Campus / Following the 5 pm Mass
Bring your own drinks and an appetizer or dessert to share. Cost is $5.00 for couples / $3.00 for singles. Please register by **Thursday, February 18th**. Sign-up sheets can be found in the narthex and annex. For more information or questions, please call Tom or Nancy Lee at 763-262-7366.

Baptism Preparation Class
Tuesday, March 1st / 6:30 pm / West Campus
If you have not taken the class in the past five years and are expecting a baby, please plan to attend. You can register online via our website (www.maryofthevisitation.org, select Sacraments, select Baptism, complete the form and submit) or call Danette at 763-447-3339.

HOLIDAY - VACATION I am taking some vacation time in Florida this week to do a little fishing, possibly visit Bishop Kinney and catch up with some friends. A Crosier priest is covering for me next weekend. If there is an emergency, Brenda has the cell phone **763-250-0233.** Fr. Kevin Anderson from Christ Our Light will be available if a priest is needed during the week. I will be back late February 8. ***Fr. Geno***

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, February 1		
Becker	5am-midnight	Adoration
Big Lake	7:00 pm	AA & Al Anon Meeting
Becker	7:00 pm	Women's Bible Study
Tuesday, February 2		
Big Lake	7:00 pm	BackPack Buddies
Wednesday, February 3		
Becker	5:00 pm	Journey of Faith / Session 1
Big Lake	5:15 pm	Youth Ensemble
Big Lake	6:30 pm	Journey of Faith / Session 1
Becker	7:00 pm	Journey of Faith / Session 2
Becker	8:15 pm	Youth Leadership Team
Thursday, February 4		
Becker	9:30 am	Staff Meeting
Becker	5:00 pm	Children's Choir
Becker	6:15 pm	Cantor Practice
Becker	7:00 pm	Adult Choir
Becker	8:00 pm	AA Meeting
Saturday, February 6		
Becker	1:00-4:30 pm	Lent Retreat

"Souper Bowl of Caring" after all Masses on Feb. 6th/7th.

MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Monday, February 1, Weekday		
Becker & Big Lake		No Liturgy
Tuesday, February 2, The Presentation of the Lord		
Big Lake	5:00 pm	No Mass
Wednesday, February 3, Weekday, St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; St. Ansgar, Bishop		
Big Lake	8:00 am	Word & Communion Service
Becker	8:15 am	No Mass
Thursday, February 4, Weekday		
Big Lake	8:00 am	Word & Communion Service
		Rosary follows
Becker	8:15 am	No Mass
Friday, February 5, St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr		
Big Lake	8:00 am	Word & Communion Service
	8:30 am	Bible Study
		No Exposition & Adoration
Saturday, February 6, St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs		
Becker	2:00 pm	No Reconciliation
Saturday, February 6 – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time		
Becker	5:00 pm	† Joan Kolbinger
Sunday, February 7		
Becker	8:30 am	† Dick Schueller
Becker	10:30 am	Mass for the People

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

First & Third Saturdays / 2:00 pm - West (Becker)
Second & Fourth Saturdays / 2:00 pm - East (Big Lake)
There are no Confessions if there is a 2:00 pm Wedding