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!"

West (Becker) Campus
1st, 3rd, 5th weekends of the month
Saturday - 5:00 pm / Sunday - 8:30 & 10:30 am

Mass Schedule

East (Big Lake) Campus
2nd, 4th weekends of the month
Saturday - 5:00 pm / Sunday - 8:30 & 10:30 am

Be grateful.

- The Gospel reading today tells the story of a healing.
- The ingratitude of the other lepers is a surprising account, but the fact that the one grateful returnee was a Samaritan was possibly more shocking at the time.
- The Samaritan is not only healed, he is also saved through wholeness and a proper relationship to God.

Choose one of the following activities as a way to further reflect on the Sunday readings:

- To help your family focus on giving thanks, ask each member to write a thank-you note to every other family member, thanking the family member for some of the good things he or she has done during the past year. Distribute the notes to the appropriate people. Close with a prayer thanking God for your family.
- Write a family prayer of thanksgiving. Have each member contribute by telling at least one thing for which they are thankful. Pray this prayer at mealtime each night this week.
- Make a list of people who serve you every week, for example, the mail carrier, store clerks, teachers, parish staff. How often do you say thank-you to those people? This week may be a good time to write short thank-you notes to them.
- Prepare a basket of fruit to give away. Have family members decide who to give it to in gratitude for what that person has done for your family. Make sure to include with the fruit basket a personalized note that expresses your gratitude.

Paws to Contemplate

If you've been to the Becker campus recently you might have met the newest member of Mary of the Visitation staff. She may seem shy—to some "stand-off-ish"—but once you have a chance to get to know her, you realize she views the world differently than most, which gives her a unique perspective on life. I sat down with her to get her thoughts and reactions to her new parish…

What is your impression of the members of Mary of the Visitation? – Mary of the Visitation is purrrfect—a place where all are welcome. Even Pokeman Go players come and visit!

What are you most impressed with? – That two parishes were merged into one new parish and that some members have to travel a distance to go to Mass or be part of programs, etc., and yet they do just that! I'm impressed by that. I suspect they recognize that their parish, their home, the people and the mission that matters—not the address. It's taken me lots of addresses and lives to learn that lesson!

What opportunities do you see? – It's amazing all of the ways in which you can be a part of this parish! SeptemberFest was a wonderful example of the entire community working together to make this parish's festival the success it was! Lots of workers put in lots of time and energy preparing--and many, many more came and enjoyed the day. Also, do you know that it takes at least 70 individuals to fill the liturgical minister positions needed for the weekend Masses?

What challenges do you see? – Well, I've met lots of nice service people lately: lawn and flower, fire sprinkler system, water heater, furnace/ac, plumbing, electrical and others -- all coming to care for or repair things here. It's a challenge to keep everything running properly. And then to have two buildings! Wow!!

What is your philosophy for life? – Don't worry or hurry. Don't judge. Take cat naps. Offer unconditional love—and accept it, too.

What's your favorite meal? – Oh, a fancy feast!

So, the next time you are at the Becker campus look for Tiger. She's often lounging on the large rock near the entrance or prowling the parking lot looking for a hand to rub her ears or scratch her belly.

Brenda

STEWARDSHIP of our FINANCES

Parish Operations as of October 2

Budgeted Offering for Oct. (Adult, Loose, Youth, Children)…$ 42,667.00
Received Offering for Oct. (Adult, Loose, Youth, Children)…$ 7,619.08

Parish Debt

Diocesan Loan ($ 141,088.45) + Interest payable ($ 64,558.30)
Total Debt = $ 205,646.75
Debt Offering received (through Oct. 2) … $ 635.00

*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:
When life gets too hard to stand...KNEEL!!

2016-2017 Youth Groups

"Kids for Christ"—Grades 3-5
7 meetings a year from 3:00–5:00 @ Youth Center.
****We are hoping to start a "Kids for Christ" in Big Lake this year!! If you are interested in helping get this started, please give me a call!!**

"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 every Wednesdays from 8:00-9:30.

"Youth Leadership Team"—Grades 11 & 12
For those Youth interested in more of a leadership opportunity in the Parish and the Diocese.

Upcoming Meetings & Events:

⇒ Sun. Oct. 9—Youth Leadership Team Meeting
6:00 @ Youth Center in Becker

⇒ Wed. Oct. 12—Youth Group @ Becker Youth Center
8:00-9:30—Youth of Truth
Guest Speaker: Fr. Mike
Topic: "His Story"

⇒ Fri. Oct 14—Prayer Breakfast @ Youth Center

⇒ Wed. Oct. 19—Ministry Training in Big Lake—7:00pm
6:15—Meet @ Becker Youth Center at for Pizza & pop
6:40—Load bus and go to Big Lake for Training.

***Wish List for Big Lake Youth House (Former Rectory):**
Inspirational/Christian wall hangings
Ceiling Fan with light
Couches/Chairs/Beanbag Chairs/Video Chairs
Full-size Foosball table, Ping-Pong table, Pool table

Christ's Peace to All, Doug Watercott

MUSIC & LITURGY NOTES

Liturgical Minister Training—Save the Date! Training sessions for all liturgical ministers—**Lectors, Ushers, Greeters and Eucharistic Ministers**—will be held on:

Wednesday, October 19 at 7:00 pm—East **(Big Lake)**
Saturday, October 22 at 9:00 am—West **(Becker)**
Wednesday, October 26 at 7:00 pm—West **(Becker)**
Saturday, October 29 at 9:00 am—East **(Big Lake)**

All ministers, *both new and experienced*, are asked to attend training. New updates and detailed instructions about the ministry duties for both locations will be discussed at all sessions. If you are experienced but have questions pertaining to a specific campus, it is helpful if you attend training at that location. Anyone interested in joining one of these ministries who has not yet signed up, is asked to contact Brenda or Gretchen as soon as possible.

Dine and Ride Returns: You can enjoy dinner and some added fellowship before the two Wednesday training sessions again this year. On Oct. 19, pizza will be available in Becker at 6:00 pm and then our bus will leave at 6:30 pm to transport ministers to training in Big Lake. On Oct. 26, we will follow the same process beginning in Big Lake. We will return following training as soon as everyone is aboard! (Not in the mood for pizza? Feel free to take advantage of the transportation anyway!)

Altar Server Training: Training for altar servers will be held on:

Saturday, October 22 at 10:15 am—West **(Becker)**
Saturday, October 29 at 10:15 am—East **(Big Lake)**

All altar servers are asked to attend training this year to receive updates. We are still in need of additional servers for the coming year—if you are interested, please contact the office and sign up as soon as possible!

Liturgy of the Word for Children: Next session is next weekend in Becker—Sunday, October 16, at the 10:30 am Mass.

Liturgy Committee: Next meeting is this Wednesday, October 12, at 7:00 pm at the East Campus (Big Lake).

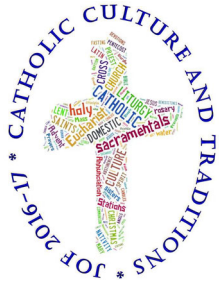
Rehearsal Reminders: All rehearsals at the WEST (Becker) campus this week:

Wed., Oct. 12—Youth Ensemble, 5:15-6:15 pm
Thurs., Oct. 13—Children's Choir, 5-6 pm
Cantor Practice, 6:15-7 pm
Adult Choir, 7-8:30 pm

All music groups are open to new members at any time. If you enjoy singing or play an instrument, contact Gretchen to get involved in music ministry. Whatever your talents, we have a place for you!

In Christ, *Gretchen Roe*

OCTOBER – INTRODUCTION TO CATHOLIC CULTURE/MARY AND THE ROSARY



What is meant by "Catholic Culture?" Why is it important? How has it evolved? What is the difference between small "t" tradition and capital "T" Tradition? October is observed as the Month of the Rosary, so one of the first traditions we will explore is the Rosary and Mary's place in the Church. Participants will be invited to submit questions which they would like addressed throughout the year.

OCTOBER sessions

Becker & Big Lake

Session 2

Wed, Oct. 12, 6:30 pm

ALL ADULTS WELCOME!

What's Your Catholic IQ? (answer below)

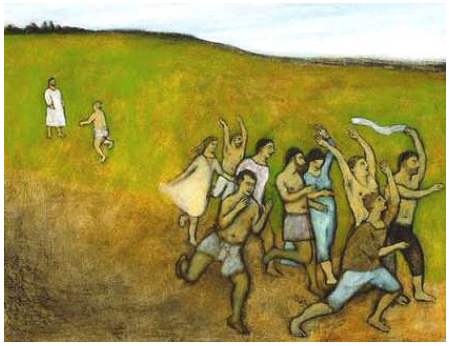
Along with John of the Cross, Teresa of Avila is considered to be a founder of this religious order:

a) The Discalced Carmelites
b) The Disgraced Carmelites
c) The Avilanians
d) The Ursulines

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Based on the Gospel (Luke 17:11-19)



Theme: We are Eucharistic people . We live in praise and thanksgiving.

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: Make up a prayer which tells God you are thankful for everything you have, even if it's not all you want.

Question for Youth: Only one of the lepers returned to give thanks. This past week, when have you stopped to thank someone for something good they have done for you? When have you thanked God this week?

Question for Adults: What are some ways you can think of to show gratitude to God? Make them concrete and real.

Faith Formation Office is at the West Campus
Barb Olson - bolson@maryofthevisitation.org
Katy Lentz—klentz@maryofthevisitation.org

What is RCIA?

*This article is a continuation from last week's bulletin.

What is the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday like?

The Easter Vigil takes place on Holy Saturday, the evening before Easter Sunday. This is the night that "shall be as bright as day" as proclaimed by the Exsultet, an ancient church hymn as we joyfully anticipate Christ's Resurrection The Holy Saturday Liturgy begins with the Service of Light, which includes the blessing of the new fire and the Paschal candle which symbolizes Jesus, the Light of the World. The second part consists of the Liturgy of the Word with a series of Scripture readings. After the Liturgy of the Word, the Catechumens are presented to the parish community, who pray for them with the Litany of the Saints. Next, the priest blesses the water, placing the Easter or Paschal candle into the baptismal water. Those seeking Baptism then renounce sin and profess their faith after which they are baptized with the priest pronouncing the words, "I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."

* This full article can be found at: http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/who-we-teach/rite-of-christian-initiation-of-adults/

Catholic IQ answer:

a) Teresa of Avila, whose feast we celebrate on October 15, dedicated her efforts to reform the Carmelites. The result was the establishment of the Discalced (barefoot) Carmelites in 1593.

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, October 15, 5:00 pm Mass
Euch. Ministers: Tim Hinds, Kim Johnson, Deb Lindboe, Cheri & Troy Nelson, Lu Schuette, **Volunteer**
Greeters: Allison & Cody Schmidt
Ushers: Travis Ferris, Donna Forge, Faith Madsen, Brendan, Madelyn & Tanya Schmidt
Servers: Evan Johnson, Amanda Nelson
Lectors: Sandi Ferris, Bill Schmidt
Sacristan: Vicki Cote

Sunday, October 16, 8:30 am Mass
Euch. Ministers: Dave Euteneuer, Dennis Gail, Barb Gardetto, Becky Grandalen, Keith Klein, Dean Moeller, Dennis Nagorski
Monticello NH: Dick Adams, Todd Daniel
Shepherd of Grace: Deb Goenner
Greeters: Kevin Andres, Delrose Stein
Ushers: Betty & Roger Koopmeiners, Linda Johnson, Brittney Kostek, Ryan Sakry, Dan Thomalla
Servers: Makayla Henson, Norb Vossen
Lectors: Garth Gideon, Tom Welle
Sacristan: Mary Kimmes

Sunday, October 16, 10:30 am Mass
Euch. Ministers: Dan Casey, Dan & Teri Dullinger, Melissa Dumonceaux, Julie Haecherl, Mark Lefebvre, Greg Scherber
Greeters: Teresa Riebel, Jacob Scott
Ushers: Karen Dinville, Megan Gamble, Cheryl Hultgren, Dan Loegering, Chris Prudhomme, Moxie Scott
Servers: Ella & Noah Scherber
Lectors: Tim Gruenes, Linda Rose
Sacristan: Dan Casey

Saturday / October 15 / Euch. Minister (1)
Sunday / October 23, 8:30 Mass / Euch. Minister (1)
Sunday / October 23, 10:30 / Euch. Minister (1)
Saturday / October 29 / Euch. Minister (1)

If you are able to assist at any of these Masses, please contact me so I can update the list for the Sacristan. Thank you!

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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:
- Karen Colin at 763-263-3600
- 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***
Adler Lemmer	Vincent Benassi	Randy Novak
Elaine Lemmon	Tammy DeChene	Irene Ring
Shirley Schnobrich	Laura Garding	Jason Treptau
	Tara Josewski	
	Suzanne Smith	
	Jaxon Vrchota	
	Dan Winters	

Members in Military Service

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

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

Sunday, Oct. 9	Alex Liebsch, Mary of Mount Carmel, Long Prairie
Monday, Oct. 10	Gregory Sauer, Mary of Mount Carmel, Long Prairie
Tuesday, Oct. 11	Tom Skaja, Annunciation, Mayhew Lake
Wednesday, Oct.12	David Trout, St. Michael, St. Cloud
Thursday, Oct. 13	Zachary Wiechman, St. Rose of Lima, St. Rosa
Friday, Oct. 14	Colton Varner, St. Andrew, Elk River
Saturday, Oct. 15	Dcn. Derek Wiechmann, St. Rose of Lima, St. Rosa

HAPPENINGS IN OUR AREA

Chronic Pain Self-Management Program Workshop

Catholic Charities is partnering with the Whitney Senior Center (St. Cloud) to provide a Chronic Pain Self-Management Program workshop. This workshop will be held at the Whitney Senior Center beginning each Thursday for 6 weeks, starting October 20 – December 1 (no Class on Nov. 24) from 1:00-3:30 PM. There is a free will donation suggested for the cost of the participant materials. **Pre-register by Oct. 13**. Contact Whitney Senior Center at 320-650-3082 to request Course ID: 801 or Catholic Charities at 320-229-4591.

Day of Prayer for Peace and Mercy
Our Lady of Fatima Centennial US Tour for Peace
Friday – October 14, 2016 | Jubilee Year of Mercy
Cathedral of St. Mary / 25 8th Avenue South / St. Cloud, MN

Join us in this Jubilee Year of Mercy on Friday, October 14th from Noon to 8pm for a special Day of Prayer for Peace and Mercy. The day will feature the Our Lady of Fatima Pilgrim Statue which is on a Centennial U.S. tour for Peace. We ask for Our Lady's Intercession for Peace in our country and our world. The Pilgrim Statue will be on display for veneration throughout the afternoon and evening. The day will also include special liturgies, prayer opportunities, the Sacrament of Reconciliation and lectures about Our Lady of Fatima and her message. All are welcome to come and go throughout the day as they wish. For more information, call 320-251-1840.

ACT-OBERFEST Variety Show!

Join us **Sunday, Oct.16th, 2 – 4 p.m. at the Freeport Community Center** for entertainment for the entire family. Bishop Kettler and the youth group from St. Mary's in Melrose, Fr. Mitch Bechtold, Fr. Aaron Kuhn, Fr. Matthew Kuhn, Fr. Marv Enneking, Fr. Ron Dockendorf, the Sacred Heart Strings, and many more will perform a variety show, including music and comedy. There will be food available for purchase, and free refreshments. **No tickets needed, but all guests will have an opportunity to contribute to *Generation Next*, a fund for diocesan youth retreats and faith activities.**

Brought to you by the Catholic Foundation for the Diocese of Saint Cloud and the Diocesan Council for Catholic Women. For more information, call the foundation at (320) 258-7653.

Duelm Knights of Columbus Breakfast
Sunday, Oct. 16th / 8:30 am—12 pm
St. Lawrence Parish Hall / Duelm

Serving pancakes, sausage, eggs, caramel rolls, fruit & beverage.

Prayers for Our Priests: Seven Sisters Apostolate

Fr. Gerald Fitzgerald, S.P., founder of Handmaids of the Precious Blood said, "In strengthening the priest, you strengthen the whole church." The Seven Sisters Apostolate is a structured group of seven women who commit prayerful support toward a priest through the assurance of offering at least one Holy Hour every day of any given week for that priest alone. Each Seven Sister Apostolate commits to a Holy Hour on a different day of the week; thus, collectively, the priest is a recipient of a Holy Hour every day! Come hear more about this amazing apostolate on **Saturday, October 29, after the 7:15 am Mass**. We will meet in the lower church of St. Mary's Cathedral, St. Cloud. Coffee, juice and a light breakfast will be served.

Respect Life

Many homeless young adults find their way to the SHY program with the help of SHY's Street Outreach Worker. The Street Outreach Worker meets with homeless youth where they are located or at the following locations: Place of Hope, Salvation Army, Area Shelters, Emergency Services, parks, bus station, libraries, schools and other public locations within the Greater St. Cloud area. The Street Outreach Program provides education connections, basic needs, community resources and referrals. The supplies we are collecting this month will be given to the homeless youth through this Street Outreach Program which is an important part of SHY (Supportive Housing for Youth). Thank you for your consideration of support for this very worthwhile program as our parish celebrates Pro-Life month.

Life and Dignity Sunday
Set for October 22-23, 2016

Bishop Kettler is encouraging all parishes in the Diocese of St. Cloud to focus attention on our civic responsibilities as Catholics and provide parishioners with the opportunity to register for the Minnesota Catholic Conference (MCC) Catholic Advocacy Network.

The network is created as a *"Voice for Life and Dignity in Minnesota,"* and provides resources to help us analyze and discern social and political issues through a solidly Catholic, nonpartisan lens. Next weekend, there will be a one-page explanation of the network and *Life and Dignity Sunday* Registration Day in our parish bulletin. Please read it and then prayerfully consider registering for the **MCC Catholic Advocacy Network** on **October 22-23**. There is absolutely no cost to join!

SafeJourney Support Groups
for women who have experienced domestic abuse

Domestic abuse takes many different forms—emotional, psychological, physical, threats and coercion, isolation—it is about power and control. SafeJourney Support Group is a safe and confidential place for women to receive education and support, share their experience, develop safety plans, learn from others, explore options and resources, empower themselves, and begin a process of growth and healing.

SafeJourney Groups:
Maple Grove Hospital Group, Wed. evenings, 6:30—8:00 pm
North Memorial Group, Robbinsdale, Tue. evenings, 6:30—8:00 pm

Group is free and confidential. Free parking. Pre-register by calling 763-581-3942.

Beginning Experience

Today in the United States half of all marriages end in divorce leaving more than 1.1 million children and their parents to deal with the fallout. Beginning Experience (B.E.) is a weekend program that makes a difference in the lives of those divorced, widowed or separated. It is a peer ministry program, therefore the B.E. team has experienced the same situation you now find yourself in. The loss of a parent due to death or divorce is also traumatic for the youth in our families. B.E. has two concurrently run programs at Luther Crest: one for adults and one for those ages twelve to eighteen. The next two sessions are scheduled for: **March 31-April 2, 2017 and October 6-8, 2017**. To receive an application, or for more information on either program, call (888) 565-0178 or visit http://www.beginningexperiencecentralmn.org.

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

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Dawn Schoborg 320-240-6379

HAPPENINGS at MOTV

500 Card Tournament
Sat., Oct. 15 / 6:00 pm / West Campus in Becker
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, October 13th.** 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.

New Member Orientation
Tues., Oct. 18 / 6:30 pm / West Campus in Becker
Become part of our parish! You can register online at www.maryofthevisitation.org (select Join the Parish under Quick Links) or call the office at 763-447-3339.

Baptism Preparation Class
Tues., Nov. 8 / 6:30 pm / West Campus in Becker
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 at www.maryofthevisitation.org (select Sacraments tab) or call Danette at 763-447-3339.

K/C Biscuit & Gravy Breakfast / Sun., Oct. 23
7:30 am—10:00 am / East Campus in Big Lake
Please support the K/C's and allow *them* to prepare *you* breakfast.

We are excited to open a new Faith Based library. We have graciously received book shelves for both campuses and are excited to start filling them up. But first, **we are in need of one or two Librarians**. What a great opportunity to volunteer and help our parish grow in our Faith. If interested, please call Paula Gaffaney at 612-810-2636.

$100 RAFFLE WINNERS for the WEEKEND

October 8, 2016—Mary Schlosser

October 9, 2016—Mary Spanier

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HAPPENINGS at MOTV

Time and Talent -- Have you completed your annual time and talent signup yet? Emails were sent to those households with accurate emails on record. If you didn't get one, please contact the office--call, mail, or email--to update our records with your correct email. If you do not have an email, we ask that you complete a paper form, which are available at the parish offices. Liturgical Ministry Training sessions, committee meetings, etc., will all be starting soon--please complete your sign up today!

ARE YOU SOMEONE OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO…

- Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
- Has a child over the age of seven who has not been baptized?
- Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?

We offer an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season. There are separate sessions for children or youth. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights and your faith story in a warm accepting setting. For information please contact Katy at klentz@maryofthevisitation.org or 763-273-8410.

Religious items (rosaries, prayer cards, medals, etc.) are available in the Narthex and Annex. Feel free to take what you need, either for yourself or someone else.

PANDAS Awareness Day!
Sunday, October 9 / 1—6:00 pm
Join PANDASNETWORK.ORG Minnesota Chapter AND LUPULIN BREWING For a day of PANDAmonium!
Lupulin Brewing, 570 Humboldt Drive, Big Lake, MN

PANDAS stands for **P**ediatric **A**utoimmune **N**europsychiatric **D**isorders **A**ssociated with **S**treptococcal Infections. This disorder occurs when strep triggers a misdirected immune response resulting in inflammation on a child's brain. In turn, the child quickly begins to exhibit life-changing symptoms such as OCD (Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder), anxiety, tics, and more.

This event is two-fold: 1) to raise awareness of this disorder and 2) in support of a parish family, and all PANDAS families in our state, who are experiencing this disorder. Come enjoy live music, free food (while supplies last), costume contest (for all ages), bounce house for the kids, 5K fun run/walk at 2:00 pm (no registration necessary), and beer (a portion of the proceeds from "PANDAS Beer—Vanilla Oatmeal Stout" will be donated to PANDAS).

Official details and marketing flyer can be found on Lupulin Brewing's facebook page.

For questions, contact Brenda Prudhomme at 612-251-5601.

WEEKLY CALENDAR of EVENTS

Monday, October 10 - Weekday
Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31 -- 5:1; Ps 113:1b-5a, 6-7; Lk 11:29-32

Becker	5am-midnight / Adoration	
Becker & Big Lake		No Liturgy
Big Lake	7:00 pm	AA & Al Anon Meeting
Becker	7:00 pm	Women's Bible Study

Tuesday, October 11 - Weekday
Gal 5:1-6; Ps 119:41, 43-45, 47-48; Lk 11:37-41

Big Lake	5:00 pm	Mass († Katie Mitchell)
Becker	6:30 pm	Faith Formation Committee Meeting
Big Lake	7:00 pm	BackPack Buddies

Wednesday, October 12 - Weekday
Gal 5:18-25; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 11:42-46

Big Lake	8:00 am	Word & Communion Service
Becker	8:00 am	Mass († Jack Chmielewski)
Becker	5:15 pm	Youth Ensemble
Becker	6:30 pm	Journey of Faith / Session II
Big Lake	6:30 pm	Journey of Faith / Session II
Big Lake	7:00 pm	Liturgy Committee
Becker	8:00 pm	Youth of Truth

Thursday, October 13 - Weekday
Eph 1:1-10; Ps 98:1-6; Lk 11:47-54

Big Lake	8:00 am	Word & Communion Service
		+ Rosary to follow
Becker	8:00 am	Mass († Kazimer Betley)
	9:30 am	Mass at Monticello Nursing Home
Becker	5:00 pm	Children's Choir
Becker	6:15 pm	Cantor Practice
Becker	7:00 pm	Adult Choir
Big Lake	7:00 pm	Buildings & Grounds Meeting
Becker	8:00 pm	AA Meeting

Friday, October 14 - St. Callistus I, Pope and Martyr
Eph 1:11-14; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13; Lk 12:1-7

Becker	7:00 am	Youth Prayer Breakfast
Big Lake	8:00 am	Word and Communion
Big Lake	8:30 am	Bible Study

Saturday, October 15 - St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin/Doctor of the Church
Eph 1:15-23; Ps 8:2-3ab, 4-7; Lk 12:8-12

Becker	4:00 pm	Reconciliation
Becker	5:00 pm	Mass († Edward & Mary Anna Boettcher)
Becker	6:00 pm	Card Club

Sunday, October 16 - Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ex 17:8-13; Ps 121:1-8; 2 Tm 3:14 -- 4:2; Lk 18:1-8

Becker	8:30 am	Mass († Deb Bell)
Becker	10:30 am	Mass (For the People)
Becker	10:30 am	Liturgy of the Word for Children
Becker	10:30 am	Rite of Calling
Becker	4:00 pm	Alpha