Mary of the Visitation Catholic Church

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Call this number if you are unable to reach Fr. Mike at either location, if it is after regular hours, or if you have a pastoral need or emergency.

Website: www.maryofthevisitation.org
E-mail: parish@maryofthevisitation.org

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

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

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

Third Sunday of Lent / March 19, 2017

Ministering to Each Other

As disciples we are called to see Christ in others and to be Christ for others and as members of a parish we are called to participate in the life of the parish. Jesus' teaching on Christian care for our neighbor (Mt. 25:34), instructs us to "bury the dead"; to assist families who are grieving the loss of a loved one. This week, as we continue to highlight programs and activities available to all to participate in with others from our parish family, we will look at the Funeral Ministry.

Funeral MINISTRY

When a funeral is held at either the Becker or Big Lake location, families and friends are encouraged to gather together after the funeral liturgy to share a meal, stories, and memories of their loved one whose life and resurrection in Christ they all come to celebrate. We, as a parish, express love, care and support to these families and friends by providing the meal and environment in which to gather and share.

For months we listened, observed, asked questions, as well as brainstormed new possibilities, that could enhance the funeral lunch ministry while looking toward the future. Utilizing the experiences and best practices from the culmination of years of service and care by many dedicated individuals from the parishes of Our Lady of the Lake and Immaculate Conception, one uniform procedure was recently formalized for the Funeral Ministry. The revised policies and procedures alleviate the bulk of the responsibilities from one or two individuals and allows more parish members the opportunity to minister to others.

When notice of a funeral is received, one of the Lead Coordinators is contacted who then contacts the Callers for Food and Work Groups. These individuals were provided with a list of parishioners who indicated on their time and talent forms their willingness and interest in these ministries. A record will be kept of the date and response received when calls are made. When the appropriate number of food items and workers needed has been fulfilled, the calls are complete and a notation is made as to where the calls ended. The call for the next funeral begins at the previous ending point and continues down the list until the end of the list, then continues from the top of the list and so on. (Although it may take longer, the opportunity is given to everyone equally to participate if available.) Those who are called may or may not be able to assist, for whatever reason, but will be contacted again when the rotation reaches them again.

Hospitality is at the heart of every Christian person and as Christians we see in one another the face of Jesus Christ. Providing a meal takes many hands and many parish members have shown their willingness and eagerness for hospitality by providing food, serving during the lunch, setting up the tables and chairs in preparation or cleaning and taking the tables and chairs down afterwards. However they are able to assist, it allows them to *"See Christ in others and to be Christ for others!"*

If interested in serving in this meaningful ministry, please contact Brenda Graber at 763-447-3339 or at graber@maryofthevisitation.org or stop by the Big Lake office.

STEWARDSHIP of our FINANCES

Parish Operations as of March 5, 2017

Adult, Loose, Youth, Children Contributions	
• Budgeted Offering for March	$ 42,667.00
• Received Offering for March	$ 7,778.46
Parish Debt	
Diocesan Loan	($ 126,088.45)
+ Interest Payable	($ 65,995.18)
= Total Debt	($ 192,083.63)
Debt Offering received (through March 5)	$ 1,185.00

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

Current numbers were unavailable due to early bulletin publication.

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.

YOUTH GROUPS FOR 2016-2017

Kids for Christ—Grades 3-5
7 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 every Wednesday from 8:00-9:30.

Youth Leadership Team—Grades 11-12
For Youth desiring more leadership opportunities in the parish and diocese. Meets monthly.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

There are a million ways to lose a day…
But not even a single way to get one back!!

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

⇒ Sun. March 19—Castaway Leader Training
1:00-4:00 in Sauk Centre
This is for all Adult and Young Adult Chaperones.
We will meet in the Becker church parking lot at 11:45 and carpool together to Sauk Centre.

⇒ Wed. Feb. 22—Youth Group @ Big Lake Youth House
8:00-9:30—Youth of Truth

⇒ Fri. March 24—Youth Prayer Breakfasts
No Breakfast in Becker —SPRING BREAK
6:30am @ Big Lake Youth House

⇒ Wed. March 29—Youth Groups @ Becker Youth Center
6:30-8:00—U-JAM
8:00-9:30—Youth of Truth
Guest Speakers: Amber & Clay Wilfahrt

⇒ March 31– April 2—Castaway Retreat
Please be in prayer for the 66 Youth and Adults from our Parish who will be attending Castaway this year!

Christ's Peace to All, Doug Watercott

MUSIC & LITURGY NOTES

Holy Week Choir Invitation: If you enjoy singing and would like to join the Adult Choir for the liturgies of Holy Week, you are invited to begin rehearsing with us this Thursday at 7:00 pm in Big Lake. This is a wonderful way to experience the beautiful liturgies of the Triduum and a great opportunity to find out more about the choir. Please contact Gretchen with any questions (763-447-3339).

Liturgical Ministry—Holy Week: Sign up sheets are now available for all the liturgies of Holy Week in the usual places in the annex/narthex. If you are able to serve, please sign up early! *Thanks!*

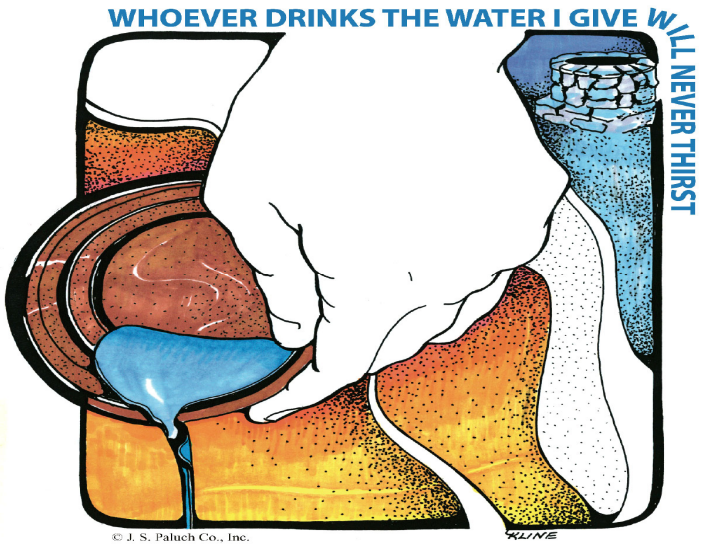
Liturgical Ministers Needed: We are still in need of additional ministers, particularly in the areas of Usher and Eucharistic Minister. Serving in ministry brings many rewards. Ministers often find a new and deeper appreciation for the liturgy, and are enriched by the personal relationships that they form through this service. Consider joining one of our liturgical ministries this year—become the hands and feet of Christ! Training can be provided at any time to fit your scheduling needs. Call Gretchen to sign up or for any additional information.

Chrism Mass—Diocesan Choir: The Chrism Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, April 6, at 7:00 pm at the St. Cloud Cathedral. This is a very special liturgy at which all the oils used throughout the diocese in our sacraments are blessed by the bishop and all priests renew their commitment to their vocations. Singers, especially women, are still needed for the Diocesan Choir for this celebration. Rehearsals are Thursdays, March 23 and 30, from 7-9 pm. If you would like to participate with others from our parish, please visit worship.stcdio.org to register or for more information, or contact Gretchen with any questions.

Rehearsal Reminders: All rehearsals in *BIG LAKE* this week:

Wed., March 22 — Youth Ensemble, 5:15-6:15 pm
Thurs., March 23 — Children's Choir, 5-6 pm
Cantor Practice, 6:15-7 pm
Adult Choir, 7-8:30 pm

In Christ, *Gretchen Roe*



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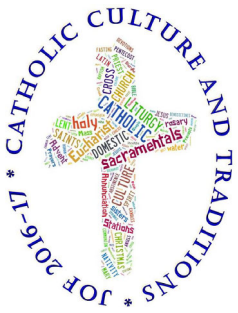

MARCH – HOLY WEEK CUSTOMS AND TRADITIONS

What is Holy Week all about? Our March session will reflectively guide participants through Holy Week in order to facilitate a more meaningful observance of this most important week in our Liturgical Year. Our youth and parents will come together in the church to pray the Stations of the Cross to conclude our evening.

Session 2

Wed, March 22, 6:30 pm

Becker and Big Lake

What's Your Catholic IQ? (answer below)
This feast is celebrated March 25, precisely nine months before Christmas.

a. Immaculate Conception
b. Assumption
c. Ascension
d. Annunciation

QUESTION OF THE WEEK
Third Sunday of Lent
Based on the Gospel (John 4:5-42)

Theme: Jesus is the Living Water

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: How do you experience Jesus helping and loving you?

Question for Youth: Jesus revealed himself to an outcast of society. How can you be "living water" to the outcasts of your school? Society? The world?

Question for Adults: When you are tempted to try to satisfy your "thirst for meaning" through some other means, what keeps you coming back to the living water of intimacy with Christ? Through what means do you experience Christ's power in your life: Sacraments? Scripture? Prayer? Others?

Catholic IQ answer:

d) The Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord recalls the day on which Mary learned from the Angel Gabriel that she was to be the mother of Jesus.

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RCIA

What are the "Scrutinies"?

These very special rites are celebrated on the middle three Sundays of Lent, at liturgies where the Elect are present. The Elect are those in our midst who are preparing for Baptism. Part of their journey to the font is that they have been received among us, the Rite of Acceptance, and they have been enrolled in the Book of the Elect in the Rite of Election.

Even if these rites are not celebrated at the liturgy we attend, or not celebrated in our parish or congregation at all, it can be wonderful to reflect upon the journey these Elect are making during Lent, as an inspiration and source of renewal for us in our journey.

These are ancient rites and they may, at first, seem strange to us. But they are profoundly rooted in our human experience. We need to examine (scrutinize) how we are, the areas of our lives where we are tempted, or seriously sin - in what we do and what we fail to do. We really need healing and the strength that can come from the support of our sisters and brothers.

Invitation to Silent Prayer

One of the most powerful moments of the Scrutinies is how they begin. After the homily, the Elect are invited to come forward with their sponsors and to kneel down. Then, the whole assembly is invited to pray for them in silence. It is a very solemn moment.

This community has cared for these elect for some months now on their journey. We have sent them to reflect more and more deeply on the Word of God, and expressed to them our longing for the day on which they would join us at the table of the Lord. Now we pray for them in this sacred silence, deeply asking God to protect them and heal them in the weeks ahead.

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

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

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.

BIG LAKE LOCATION

Saturday, March 25, 5:00 pm Mass
Euch. Ministers: Brenda & Vern Jurek, Jeffrey Larch, Cheri & Troy Nelson, Donna Otten, Pat Throlson
Greeters (Main Entrance): Jeff & Judy Syring
Greeter (Annex): Delrose Stein
Ushers: Denny Barthel, Vicki Cote, Donna Forge, Lefty Kleis
Ushers (Annex): Doug Pauman, Wayne Yarke
Servers: Amanda Nelson
Lectors: Rachel Eisenreich, Bill Schmidt
Sacristan: Pat Throlson

Sunday, March 26, 8:30 am Mass
Euch. Ministers: June & Rich Hubbard, Brent Kapsner, Brenda & Bruce Kuechle, Gordy Midas, **Volunteer (1)**
Monticello NH: Dick Adams, Todd Daniel
Shepherd of Grace: Mike Gillham
Greeters (Main Entrance): Brandon & Kaurina Sweeter
Greeter (Annex): Becky Grandalen
Ushers (Main Area): Mary & Michelle Carlin, Alec & Morgan Kapsner
Ushers (Annex): Mary Kimmes, Marcel Osowski
Servers: Lexi Kapsner, Mason Krause
Lectors: Brittney Kostek, Michele Thompson
Sacristan: Gordy Midas

Sunday, March 26, 10:30 am Mass
Euch. Ministers: Burt Arrigoni, Barb Gardetto, Sandra Hart, Angie Kraus, Charlotte Lumley, Mike Neumann, **Volunteer (1)**
Greeters (Main Entrance): Carly, Sam, & Joel Hagberg
Greeter (Annex): Jack & Jean Hagberg
Ushers (Main Area): Alexzander Lumley, Dennis, Erika & Noah Werner
Ushers (Annex): **Volunteers (2)**
Servers: Austin & Kaylie Clemen
Lectors: Barb Olson, Clay Wilfahrt
Sacristan: Karen Dinville

Day / Date	Mass	Open Positions
Sun., Mar. 26	8:30	Euch. Minister (1)
Sun., Mar. 26	10:30	Euch. Minister (1)
		Ushers (2)

If you are able to assist at either of these Masses, please contact Danette at 763-447-3339 or dtoenies@maryofthevisitation.org. *Thank you!*

$100 RAFFLE WINNERS for the WEEKEND

March 18, 2017—Amy Schwietering

March 19, 2017—Shelly Scherber

PRAYER MINISTRY

Prayer is a powerful gift from God. Prayer can be used to give praise, in thanksgiving, for forgiveness, for guidance or when in need. Listed below are ways we are able to offer prayers for others:

If you have a prayer request, please contact Fr. Mike at 763-250-0233. He will forward the request to the Prayer Team.

As a parish, we have been asked to pray for the following people. If you would like a name included on this list, please contact Danette (763-447-3339) or send a request to prayerrequest@maryofthevisitation.org. Out of respect, we ask that the person being listed has given permission to be added to the bulletin. Names will remain on the list for 4 weeks unless other arrangements have been made.

Vincent Benassi
Alec Dietl
Rick Doyle
Laura Garding
Jaida Rose Hamacher
Edna Huggett
Bernie Kasper
Alice Kantor
Elaine Lemmon
Maury Meyer
Katie Mitchell
Dennis Nagorski
Randy Novak
Teri Proulx
Irene Ring
Rich & Carolyn Ringhofer
Bob Schake
Norb Schueller
Suzanne Smith
Nancy Stang
Al Sullivan
Marnie Thielen
Jason Treptau
Dan Winters

Please pray for those active in Military Service

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

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

Sunday, Mar. 19	Rev. Robert Harren
Monday, Mar. 20	Rev. Timothy Wenzel
Tuesday, Mar. 21	Rev. Vincent Lieser
Wednesday, Mar. 22	Rev. Robert Kieffer
Thursday, Mar. 23	Rev. Ron Schmelzer
Friday, Mar. 24	Rev. Albert Holmes
Saturday, Mar. 25	Rev. Arlie Sowada

COUNTERS

March: Jessica H., Kelly B., Dennis N., Danette T.
April: Dan B., Tom H., Colleen C., Clint C.

HAPPENINGS in our AREA

In 1994 the Diocese of Saint Cloud established a program to help victim/survivors of sexual misconduct on the part of church personnel. Anyone who has experienced such misconduct, no matter how long ago, is encouraged to contact a victim advocate. The advocate will listen, support, and assist the victim/survivor to take whatever steps he/she feels is appropriate to promote healing and recovery. ***(Your privacy will be respected.)***

Assistance Coordinator for the Diocese of Saint Cloud:
Roxann Storms, MSW, LICSW, FT (320) 248-1563 (confidential line).
Advocates:
Jane Blee - St. Cloud (320) 251-3430
Tom Klecker - St. Joseph (320) 253-2866
Peggy Rezac - Fergus Falls (218) 531-1025
Jennifer Wirz - Central MN (320) 339-0622;
Rev. Stanley Wieser - Wheaton (español) (320) 815-9696.

Lenten Fish Fry
Fridays during Lent / 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm
St. Anthony Parish / 2405 1st St. N. / St. Cloud, MN
The Catholic United Financial Matching Grant Fish Fry will be held on March 24th.

Taizé Prayer at St. Mary's Cathedral, St. Cloud
The Crosier Fathers and Brothers invite you to join them this Lent for **Taizé Prayer** at the Cathedral of St. Mary in St. Cloud. Join them on **Fridays March 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31** for this contemplative prayer around the Cross. The service begins at 7 pm and lasts about one hour. It includes the ritual blessing with the relic of St. Odilia. All are welcome!

Women's Lenten Retreat / Saturday, March 25, 2017
St. John's Catholic Church / 621 Dewey St. / Foley, MN
Schedule for the Day:

8:30 am	Registration, beverages & rolls
9:00 am	Rosary
9:15 am	Opening
9:30 am	Speaker: Sister Nancy Gunderson, Benedictine Sister of Annunciation Monastery, Assistant Professor of Theology, Spiritual Director, Fiber Artist
11:00 am	Mass, Fr. Michael Wolfbauer, Celebrant
Lunch	(gluten-free options available on request)
1:00 pm	Speaker: Sister Nancy Gunderson
2:15 pm	Closing prayers, door prizes

Cost: $15 before March 13 ($20 for late registration and walk-ins). For more information, contact Mary Jo Fitzpatrick (Foley/Princeton Deanery President) at 320-387-2243. Sponsored by the St. Cloud Diocesan Council of Catholic Women.

Easter Ham Bingo
Sunday, March 26, 2017 / 1:00 pm
Sacred Heart Parish / 2875 10th Ave NE, Sauk Rapids, MN
Event is sponsored by the Sacred Heart Parish Festival Committee.

Lenten Healing Mass at the National Shrine of St. Odilia
The Crosier Fathers and Brothers invite you to join them for a Lenten Healing Mass at the National Shrine of St. Odilia in Onamia on **Sunday, March 26, 9:30 am.** The Mass will include the Anointing of the Sick and the Ritual Blessing with the Relic of St. Odilia. For further information call the Crosiers at: 320.532.3103. All are welcome!

Kelly Wahlquist—Catholic Evangelist
Thursday, March 30, 2017
6:00 pm Social / 6:30 Speaker / 7:30 Meet and Greet
St. Boniface Catholic Church
501 Main St. / Cold Spring, MN 56320
What does a 21st Century Disciple Look Like? Discipleship! What does that mean? The call to discipleship requires openness to God's will and a willingness to give selflessly—not for personal gain, but as an act of charity towards one another. The Disciples, saints and the Catholic Church have shown us how to listen to Christ, to seek Christ, and to love Christ through pray such as Adoration and Lectio Divina. Please join us this Lenten season to learn about Discipleship and prayer. Questions? Contact Sherry Braegelmann at 320-685-3280 x604.

Spring Bling Jewelry Sale Event
St Henry's Catholic Church Social Hall
1001 East 7th St. / Monticello, MN
Friday, March 31 from 4:00 - 7:00 pm
Saturday, April 1 from 9 am – noon, and after 5 pm Mass
Sunday, April 2 – after 8:30 and 10:30 am Masses
Please join us at our Spring Bling Jewelry Sale sponsored by St. Henry's Council of Catholic Women. Come and enjoy light refreshments and shop our collection of new, vintage and re-purposed jewelry and accessories.

Vocations
Are you a single Catholic woman between the ages of 22—45? Do you want to share your story? We want to hear your story. Saint Benedict's Monastery is offering two opportunities for you to explore with others, "What gives you meaning in your life." We are offering this opportunity on **April 8 from 9 am-4 pm** for you to come and have a conversation with us. If you are interested, please contact Sister Lisa Rose at 320-363-7180 or email at lrose@csbsju.edu.

Franciscan Sisters of Little Falls, Minnesota

The Franciscan Sisters of Little Falls are hosting the 10th annual Franciscan Girls Camp on **Tuesday, June 6 (10 a.m.) – Thursday, June 8 (6 p.m.)** in Assisi Park, located on the grounds at St. Francis Convent, Little Falls. Girls who have completed grades 6-8 are invited to enjoy a variety of nature and fun activities, campfire, prayer and singing. Participants will have an opportunity to visit with and learn about the Franciscan Sisters and the values of St. Francis of Assisi. In addition, campers will discover their unique gifts and become aware of God's presence in their lives—all while camping outdoors in the beauty of nature. For more information on the Franciscan Girls Camp, or to **register by May 1**, contact Sister Ange Mayers at 320-632-0680 or email: amayers@fslf.org; www.fslf.org.

CRS Rice Bowl

Third Week of Lent / *Encounter Opportunity*
We encounter Fernando in El Salvador where, despite a lack of economic opportunity, youth are pursuing their dreams of building businesses to better the lives of their families. How have you worked to better the lives of others this Lent?

~ Visit crsricebowl.org for more information. ~

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Friday: 8:00 am to 12:00 Noon
Please call ahead if you need to get into the building to make sure someone is available.

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440 Lake Street North, Big Lake, MN 55309

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

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Tom Lee 763-262-7366

3 year term (ending 6/30/2018)
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Rich Hubbard 612-616-6399
Tracy Johnson.....320-290-2847
Theresa Slominski.....763-227-0654

Trustee:
Eric Krause.....612-720-6470

HAPPENINGS at MOTV

Book Club Meeting
Thurs., Mar. 23 / 2:00 pm / Café Pawz—Becker
The book being discussed this month is *The Whip* by Karen Kondazian. *New members are welcome to join at any time. If interested, stop by during the meeting, or contact Kelly Ciernia at 763-263-7577 for more information.*

Great River Family Promise Sign-Up—March 25/26 and April 1/2
The next time we will be participating in Great River Family Promise (church of the week) will be April 9th-16th. Volunteers are needed to provide meals or to help out at Lord of Glory Church either during the evening or overnight. Someone from the Outreach Committee will be available after each Mass to answer questions.

Knights of Columbus Breakfast
Sun., Mar. 26 / 7:30—10:00 am / Big Lake Location
Biscuits and will be served. **All proceeds help the youth going to Castaway 2017.**

Braiding of Palms
Sun., Apr. 9 / Noon—2:30 pm / Big Lake Location
Come learn different ways to braid palms. Instructions and supplies will be provided.

Cemetery Cleanup—Sat., April 22 / 9:00 am
Immaculate Conception and Our Lady of the Lake Cemeteries
The Cemetery Committee is looking for helpers for its annual spring clean-up. Volunteers will be cleaning up winter debris and getting the cemetery ready for spring; **helpers are encouraged to bring rakes and gloves**. In case of bad weather on the 22nd, clean-up will be the following Saturday, April 29th at 9:00 am. *If you have placed any items on the ground at the cemeteries that you wish to preserve, please remove the item(s) before April 22nd. Also, placing any decorations between April 15 and May 15, the annual Spring clean-up period, are subject to removal and disposal.*

New Member Orientation
Mon., April 24 / 6:30 pm / Becker Location
Thurs., May 11 / 6:30 pm / Big Lake Location
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 (No Class in March or April)
Tues., May 2 / 6:30 pm / Becker Location
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.

ADVERTISER of the WEEK

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Thank you for your support!

HAPPENINGS at MOTV

The **Stations of the Cross** is a powerful way to contemplate, and enter into, the mystery of Jesus' gift of himself to us. Please join us in prayer **each Friday during lent at 7:00 pm**. **Soup and sandwiches will be served from 6:00-6:45 pm**. If anyone is interested in providing the meal or leading Stations, please contact Danette at 763-447-3339.

Date / Location	Provide Meal	Lead Stations
March 24 / Big Lake	?	?
March 31 / Becker	Dale/Sandy Dianoski	?
April 7 / Big Lake	?	?

2017 Lenten Food Drive—March is Food Share Month! The Outreach Committee at Mary of the Visitation is sponsoring a Lenten Food Drive to support our local food shelves in both Becker and Big Lake. There are colored Easter eggs located in the narthex in Becker and in the annex in Big Lake. The different colored eggs represent a specific list of items needed by our local food shelves, or a specified monetary donation amount. Please take an egg as our gift and symbol of supporting our local need. All food and monetary donations should be returned to either MOV campus on or before **Sunday, March 26th**.

Men's and Women's Groups

Men's Group – Monday, March 27 / 7-9 pm (The Friendly Buffalo)

Women's Group – Tuesday, March 21 (Monticello Movie Theatre to watch "Beauty and the Beast." Movie starts at 6:55 pm.)

Join us for a casual night out to meet some of the fellow members of our church! Groups are open to men/women ages 18+ (post HS)!

Questions? Men contact Clay Wilfahrt (763.688.4150) or James Adelman (320.249.4775).

Women contact Amber Wilfahrt (507.220.1305) or Emily Adelman (320.260.6896)

Lenten Evening of Reflection

All are invited to come and prepare to celebrate Holy Week and Easter!

Sunday, April 2, 6:00 to 8:00 pm

At the Youth House, Big Lake (411 Minnesota Ave; former rectory)

Please call Katy or Barb to RSVP (763-477-3339)

We extend our deepest sympathy and prayers to the family of

Donna Keeler

Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord,
and let the perpetual light shine upon her.

Reminder: We are in need of your empty soup / vegetable cans. Please clean them out and drop them off at either campus for Katy.

Thank you!

WEEKLY CALENDAR of EVENTS

Monday, March 20 - *St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

5am-midnight	Adoration	Becker
	No Liturgy	Becker/Big Lake
12:00 Noon	K/C Blood Drive	Big Lake
7:00 pm	AA & Al Anon Meeting	Big Lake
7:00 pm	Women's Bible Study	Becker

Tuesday, March 21 - *Lenten Weekday*
Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35

5:00 pm	**No Mass**	Big Lake
6:55 pm	Women's Group meets at the movie theatre for "Beauty & the Beast"	Monticello
7:00 pm	K/C Meeting	Becker

Wednesday, March 22 - *Lenten Weekday*
Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19

8:00 am	**No Mass**	Becker
8:00 am	Word & Communion Service	Big Lake
5:15 pm	Youth Ensemble	Big Lake
6:30 pm	Journey of Faith / Session 2	Becker/Big Lake
8:00 pm	Youth of Truth	Big Lake

Thursday, March 23 - *Lenten Weekday; St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop*
Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23

8:00 am	Word & Communion Service *+ Rosary to follow*	Big Lake
10:00 am	**No Mass at Shepherd of Grace**	Becker
5:00 pm	Children's Choir	Big Lake
6:15 pm	Cantor Practice	Big Lake
7:00 pm	Adult Choir	Big Lake
8:00 pm	AA Meeting	Becker

Friday, March 24 - *Lenten Weekday; Blessed Oscar Romero, Bishop and Martyr*
Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34

6:30 am	Youth Prayer Breakfast	Big Lake
7:00 am	**No Youth Prayer Breakfast**	Becker
8:00 am	Word & Communion Service	Big Lake
8:30 am	Bible Study	Big Lake
7:00 pm	Stations of the Cross	Big Lake

Saturday, March 25 - *The Annunciation of the Lord*
Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

3:45 pm	**No Reconciliation**	Big Lake
5:00 pm	Mass († Derek Tyler Dianoski)	Big Lake

Sunday, March 26 - *Fourth Sunday of Lent*
1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41[1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

7:30-10 am	K/C Breakfast	Big Lake
8:30 am	Mass (for the People)	Big Lake
10:30 am	Mass († Robert Kujawa)	Big Lake

Fr. Mike had a scheduled surgery on Thursday of this week. He expects to be in the hospital up to a week. He hopes to preside at the Holy Week Masses and services. Staff will keep you posted as to his progress. Please keep Fr. Mike in your prayers for a quick recovery.