



Mary of the Visitation Catholic Church

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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.

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.

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

Parish Cell Phone: 763-250-0233

Call this number if you have a pastoral emergency.

Website: www.maryofthevisitation.org

Email: parish@maryofthevisitation.org

Pastoral Visit for the Sick — Call Father Mike at 763-447-3339 to request a pastoral visit, Holy Communion, Reconciliation, or Anointing of the Sick, at home, at the hospital, or at another care facility, for you or for a family member.

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday - 5:00 pm

Sunday - 8:30 & 10:30 am

Weekend Mass Location Schedule

Becker Location

(12100 Sherburne Ave.)

1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays of the month

Big Lake Location

(440 Lake St. N.)

2nd and 4th Sundays of the month

Weekday Masses — Please see Weekly Calendar of Events on Page 8 for day, time, and location or check the parish calendar at <https://www.maryofthevisitation.com/calendar>

Sacrament of Reconciliation — On Saturday, 3:45—4:15 pm (follows the Weekend Mass Location Schedule), or by appointment (please contact Father Mike at mkellogg@maryofthevisitation.org or 763-447-3339).

Sacrament of Baptism — There will be no baptisms during Lent. Baptisms (during Mass) will resume the weekend of April 23/24 (Big Lake location) and June 4/5 (Becker location). Membership with a Catholic parish is required. A baptism prep class is required for the first child baptized. Please begin arrangements at least 4 weeks in advance. Contact Danette for additional details.

Sacrament of Marriage — Arrangements must be made with Father Mike a minimum of 6 months in advance.

Welcome! — We would like to welcome all those visiting with us today. If you are interested in becoming a member, please plan to attend a New Member Orientation session (the next session is scheduled for May 11 / 6:30 pm / Becker location). To register for class, visit the parish website (select Join the Parish under Quick Links) or call the office for more details.



MESSAGE FROM THE DESK OF DOUG WATERCOTT

After much thought and prayer, I have decided to retire from Youth Ministry August 31st of this year. As much as I knew this decision was coming eventually, I never realized how hard it would be to make!

I would like to thank all the Youth I have been privileged to meet over the last 17 years. You have played a huge part in my life, and I am lucky to call many of you friends still today. Thank you to all the adults who have served on our Youth Advisory Board over the years. Our meetings were a great opportunity for me to connect with adults in my busy youth-filled life. Your support and willingness to serve was very much appreciated! Thank you to all the staff I have been honored to work with over the years. Your professionalism along with your love and concern for our Faith Community made work not feel like work. Thank you, also, to our entire community. Your prayerful and financial support over the years is what has helped to make our community such a youth-friendly parish—a parish where our Youth have felt welcomed, encouraged, supported, and loved!

I have been so Blessed by this community. You have always supported and believed in me, when often I did not believe I was equipped for the job. I know I am a better person today because of this opportunity to journey with all of you! **Thank you!**

Christ's Peace to All, Doug Watercott

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Office Staff available by Phone: Monday through Thursday: 8:00 am to 2:30 pm; Staff is not available on Friday. **Please call ahead if you need to get into the building to make sure someone is available.**

Physical Addresses

(Post Office does NOT deliver to these addresses)

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

PASTORAL COUNCIL

3 year term (ending 6/30/2022)

James Adelman 320-249-4775

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3 year term (ending 6/30/2023)

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3 year term (ending 6/30/2024)

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Minutes from Pastoral Council meetings can be found on our website at <http://www.maryofthevisitation.com/parish-council>. If you do not have access to the website, a copy of the most recent minutes can be found in the scheduling area at either location.

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 an immediate 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 send a request to **prayerrequest@maryofthevisitation.org** or contact Danette at 763-447-3339. 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.

Dick Adams	Pete Schmidt
Bobb Anderson	Jason Van Dyke
Vincent Benassi	Dale Vogl
Eric Brekke	Woody & Bonnie Wodrich
Bob Colin	Sheila Yarke
Marek Dombroske	
Elliana Haugen	
Joanne Kraft	
Elizabeth Miesen	
Celeste Mohler	
Terry Myers	
Dennis Nagorski	
Doug & Wanda Paumen	

Please pray for those active in Military Service

Noah Arrigoni	Tyler Jensen	Nick Malikowski
Andrew Berglund	David Johnson	Anthony Mohler
Nicholas Caouette	Matt Johnson	Nicholas Robertson
Joshua Ginther	Brittney Kostek	Jacob Smith
Alex Heinen	Alex Lumley	Jeremy TenEyck
Matt Howell	Kelli Lumley	

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

Sunday, March 20	Rev. Gregory Mastey
Monday, March 21	Rev. Oswaldo Roche
Tuesday, March 22	Rev. George Michael
Wednesday, March 23	Rev. Jimmy Joseph
Thursday, March 24	Rev. David Grundman
Friday, March 25	Rev. Joseph Herzing
Saturday, March 26	Rev. Mark Innocenti

HAPPENINGS at MARY OF THE VISITATION

Eucharistic Adoration

Mondays / 5 am—11 pm / Becker

Adoration is a time to rest with our Lord, to spend quiet time with him through His Blessed Sacrament on the altar. You can spend your quiet time in prayer or reading the resources available at the sign-in desk by the side door of the church. You may come for a short time or as long as you'd like. You may enter the main doors during office hours or knock on the side door and someone will open it. Please come and find peace. If you have questions regarding Eucharistic Adoration, please contact Theresa Slominski (763-227-0654) or Julie Haecherl (612-219-3337).

Rosary

Thursdays / 8:30 am / Big Lake

Contribution envelopes are available for Children, Youth and Guests at both locations. The envelopes can be found in the narthex and annex. Please feel free to take what you need.

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.

Donation Containers—We continue to take donations on behalf of the below organizations. Containers for these items are available at both locations.

- **Lions Recycle For Sight**—Used eyeglasses/sunglasses/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.

Mass Intentions—It is the custom of the Catholic Church that priests remember specific intentions at the celebration of the Eucharist. Normally, an offering (customarily \$10 in the Diocese of St. Cloud) is given for a Mass intention. (*Can. 946--The Christian faithful who give an offering to apply the Mass for their intention contribute to the good of the Church and by that offering share its concern to support its ministers and works.*)

Anyone can request a particular intention for which a Mass can be offered (for a living or deceased person, or for a special intention—in thanksgiving, for peace, healing, etc.). For the month of **March** there is **1** opening; for the month of **April** there are **3** openings; for the month of **May** there are **11** openings. If you are interested in scheduling a Mass Intention, please contact Danette at 763-447-3339.

Easter Egg (Lenten) Food Drive

The Outreach committee is sponsoring a Lenten Food Drive to support our local food shelves. During the season of Lent, colored Easter eggs are placed in baskets at each location, with lists of suggested food items or a monetary donation. Each colored egg represents a different monetary value: \$10, \$15, \$25 or \$50. Monetary donations can be placed in an envelope marked "Easter Egg Food Drive" and placed in the collection basket or in the outside drop box (please make checks payable to Mary of the Visitation). All donations – items or financial – should be brought to either location by **April 10th**. The egg can be kept as a reminder of the generosity in providing for this need. Thank you!

Stations of the Cross

Each Friday During Lent / 7 pm (Soup Supper beginning at 6 pm)

Assistance Needed! (If interested, contact Sue at 763-273-8410)

- The Stations of the Cross are a 14-part devotion to remember the day of the crucifixion of Jesus Christ.
- Currently, the April 1st devotional will be live-streamed/recorded.

<u>Date / Location</u>	<u>Lead Stations</u>	<u>Prepare Soup Supper</u>
Mar. 25 / Big Lake	Tim Hinds	Tim Hinds
Apr. 1 / Becker	Youth Group	Youth Group
Apr. 8 / Big Lake	Need Volunteer	Need Volunteer

K/C Breakfast

Sun., Apr. 3 / 7:30 am—12:00 Noon / Becker

The Knights are making omelets! Select your toppings and let them do the cooking for you! (**Note: This is the last breakfast being offered by the K/Cs for this season.**)

Baptism Preparation Class

Tue., Apr. 5 / 6:30 pm / Big Lake

If you have not taken the class 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.

Cemetery Meeting

Thurs., Apr. 7 / 6:00 pm / Becker

All are welcome to attend.



Please take me home! If you have provided a salad or dessert for any of the past several funerals—THANK YOU! Your donation is greatly appreciated! There are empty dishes remaining at the Becker location that are anxiously waiting to go home!! Please pick up your empty bowl/container at your earliest convenience.

FAITH FORMATION

First Eucharist Reminder

Parent and Child Session
Wednesday, March 23, 6:30 pm in Becker

This session is for your 1st Eucharist child and at least one parent. The first 6 chapters in your child's book should be completed, and handouts N, O & P are due.

Third Sunday of Lent Family Reflection and Discussion

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells the parable of a fig tree that was not producing fruit. The gardener convinced the owner to give the tree more time to bear fruit before it would be cut down. This story was Jesus' answer to those who judged others, and illustrates God's patience concerning human sin.

Lent calls us to transform our own lives.

- Lent provides us with an opportunity to change our hearts. Encourage family members to spend quiet time listening to God this week. Reflect on the question: Are we living as God intended, or do we need to change some things in our life? Take time later in the week to discuss the changes family members need to make in their lives.
- Talk about how God has helped your family grow this past week. Look at the plants in your home or yard. Do they need pruning or replanting or fertilizing to grow stronger? Do this as a family, remembering our own need for conversion and growth.

March Saint of the Month St. Josephine Bakhita



Josephine Bakhita was born in Sudan in 1869. Kidnapped at the age of seven, she was sold into slavery. After being sold several times, Josephine ended up in Italy, where she became a nanny to a young girl. While accompanying her young charge to the Canossian Sisters in Venice, Josephine encountered Christianity for the first time, and was baptized. When the family decided to return to Africa, Josephine refused to accompany them. There was a court case, in which it was determined that since slavery was illegal in Italy, she had actually been free since 1885.

Josephine soon became a Canossian sister and was assigned to the Canossian convent in Schio, where she assisted her religious community through cooking, sewing, embroidery and welcoming visitors at the door.

When asked later by one of her students what she would do if she met one of her captors or former owners, Josephine responded: "If I were to meet those who kidnapped me, and even those who tortured me, I would kneel and kiss their hands. For, if these things had not happened, I would not have been a Christian and a religious today." Josephine died in 1947, and was canonized on October 1, 2000. She is the patron saint of Sudan and of the victims of human trafficking.



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Mary of the Visitation Faith Formation

Faith Formation Office is at the Becker Location
Barb Olson - bolson@maryofthevisitation.org

Youth for 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 2021-2022 School Year

Kids for Christ—Grades 3-5

6-7 meetings a year from 3:00–5:00 @ Youth Center in Becker
from 2:30–4:30 @ Youth House in Big Lake

U-JAM—Grades 6-8

Meetings on Wednesdays from 6:30-8:00 on dates in which there is no Journey of Faith. Meetings will rotate between Becker and Big Lake.

Youth for Truth—Grades 9-12

Meetings will be every Wednesday from 8:00-9:30. Meetings will rotate between Becker and Big Lake.

Youth Leadership Team—Grades 11-12

For Youth desiring more leadership opportunities in the parish and diocese. Meets monthly.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

BE HAPPY...

Not because everything is perfect.
But, because you choose
to focus on the perfect moments!!

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

- ⇒ Sun. March 20—Castaway Leader Training
1:00-4:00 in Albany.
This is for all Adult Chaperones attending Castaway.
- ⇒ Wed. March 23—Youth Groups in Becker and Big Lake
3:00-5:00—Kids for Christ @ Becker Youth Center
6:30-8:00—U-JAM @ Big Lake Youth House
Led by Youth Leadership Team
8:00-9:30—Youth for Truth @ Big Lake Youth House
- ⇒ March 25-27—Castaway Retreat in Detroit Lakes
We will leave 9:00am Friday morning and return
around 5:30 Sunday evening.
Please be in prayer for the Youth and Adults attending
our Castaway Retreat!
- ⇒ Wed. March 30—Youth Groups in Becker
6:30-8:00—U-JAM @ Becker Youth Center
8:00-9:30—Youth for Truth @ Becker Youth Center
Led by Youth Leadership Team

Wish list—Water, juice, pop, fun-size candy bars, individual
packaged chips/crackers and Prayers.
Christ's Peace to All,

Doug Watercott

MUSIC & LITURGY NOTES

Lenten Disciplines: We continue to look at *fasting* from behaviors that injure us or our relationships with others this week. If we truly are trying to change our lives in a permanent way toward modeling Jesus, it is these small daily practices that often produce the most lasting benefits. So with that in mind, this week we focus on the next goal:



Increase recycling efforts and reduce the use of paper, plastic and disposable items or packaging. Curb indulgent spending by 5-10% and contribute savings to a worthy charity instead.

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 join us for rehearsals from now until Easter. Rehearsal this week will be in Big Lake on Thursday, March 24, at 7:00 pm. 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!*

Chrim Mass: The Chrim Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, April 7, 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. If you are interested in singing in the choir for this Mass, rehearsal will be held immediately before the liturgy beginning at 5:30 pm. Anyone interested in participating is asked to contact Gretchen as soon as possible to arrange to review the music ahead of time.

Liturgy Committee: Next meeting is this Wednesday, March 23—7:00 pm in Big Lake. *Please note this is a change from our normal meeting schedule.*

Rehearsal Reminders—All rehearsals in BIG LAKE this week:

Wed., March 23

- Youth Ensemble, 5:15-6:15 pm

Thurs., March 24

- Children's Choir, 5-6 pm

- Cantor Practice, 6-7 pm

- Adult Choir, 7-8:30 pm

In Christ,
Gretchen Roe

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 26 / 5:00 pm Mass

Sacristan(s): Vicki Cote
Greeters: Gretta and Jill Laudenbach, Gigi Mohler
Ushers: Dan John, Dennis and Noah Werner
Server(s): Lauren Laudenbach
Lector(s): Celeste Mohler, Sue Stang
Euch. Min.: Brenda & Vern Jurek, **Volunteer (1)**

Sunday, March 27 / 8:30 am Mass

Sacristan: Tim Hinds
Greeters: Josh & Kirsten Ramsey Family
Ushers: Alec Kapsner, Samantha Lumley, Wayne Yarke
Server(s): Lexi Kapsner, Mason Lumley
Lector(s): David Andres, Trish Gingras
Euch. Min.: Steve Gingras, Brent Kapsner, Bill Lyons

Sunday, March 27 / 10:30 am Mass

Sacristan: Tracy Johnson
Greeters: Rick Johnson, Carmen and Maria Wilfahrt
Ushers: Noah Scherber, **Volunteer (2)**
Server(s): Evedson Johnson, Sylvia Wilfahrt
Lector(s): Amber & Clay Wilfahrt
Euch. Min.: Deb Goenner, CJ Johnson, Greg Scherber

If you are able to assist at any of the Masses listed below, please contact Danette at 763-447-3339 or dtonies@maryofthevisitation.org. Thank you!

Date	Mass	Liturgical Minister(s)
Mar. 26	5:00	Euch. Min. (1)
Mar. 27	10:30	Ushers (2)
Apr. 2	5:00	Greeter (1), Usher (1)
Apr. 9	5:00	Altar Servers (1 or 2)

CRS RICE BOWL



THIRD WEEK OF LENT
OVERCOMING DISASTER

In Bangladesh, cyclones and other natural disasters are increasing—destroying farms, homes and more—making it difficult for people like Noornobi to earn a living and support their families. But Noornobi has learned new techniques to protect his land and income, enabling his niece and nephew to go to school. How can you care for creation to help the planet and our global family? Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

STEWARDSHIP of our FINANCES



Adult Income Received
Mar. 7—13, 2022 \$ 14,280.54

Adult income budgeted per week: \$ 13,048.00
(yearly budget of \$678,500 ÷ 52 weeks)

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

\$100 CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS

March 19, 2022—Kelly Ciernia

March 20, 2022—Jen Vogl

COUNTERS

March: Kelly B., Nancy B., Colleen C., Clint C.

April: No Counters

WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT

Congratulations and Blessings to
Kirsten Garding
&
Broderick Aleckson
who were united in Marriage
on **March 19, 2022**



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HAPPENINGS in our AREA

Duelm K/C Breakfast (to benefit the CROSS Center in Foley)

Sun., Mar. 20 / 8:30 am—12 Noon

St. Lawrence Parish Hall / Duelm, MN

Serving: sausage, eggs, regular and blueberry pancakes, caramel rolls, fruit and beverage

Beginning Experience Weekend / Mar. 25-27 — The loss of a loved one through separation, divorce, or death is one of life's most traumatic experiences. Many people who have suffered this loss feel left out by their church, uneasy around married friends, unsure of themselves and uncertain about their futures. This program is intended for those suffering the loss of a love relationship through death, divorce or separation who are ready to come to terms with that loss and begin to move forward with their lives. More information can be found at <https://beginningexperience.org/program/beginning-experience-weekend/>

Lenten Healing Mass at the National Shrine of St. Odilia

Sun., Mar. 27 / 9 am — 104 Crosier Dr. N., Onamia, MN 56359

The Crosier Fathers and Brothers invite you to join them for a Lenten Healing Mass at the National Shrine of St. Odilia in Onamia. The Mass will include the Anointing of the Sick and a ritual blessing with the relic of St. Odilia. Coffee and rolls will be served in Holy Cross Center following the Mass. For further information call the Crosiers at: 320.532.3103. All are welcome!

'UNPLANNED' Film Viewing

Sat., Apr. 2 (following 4:30 pm Mass)

St. Anthony Parish Center / 2410 1st St. N. / St. Cloud, MN

The film 'UNPLANNED' will be shown following the 4:30 PM Saturday Mass on April 2. A light meal will be served prior to the showing. Please call the parish office with any questions: 320-251-5966.

St. Mary's Choir Performs Via Crucis — St. Mary's Cathedral is pleased to announce the performance of "Via Crucis," a choral and organ work by Franz Liszt. This special Stations of the Cross event will be held on **Friday, April 8, at 7:00 pm**. All are welcome in the upper church of **St. Mary's Cathedral in St. Cloud** for this free event.

Tenebrae - A Tradition at St. Mary's Cathedral — Everyone is welcome at **St. Mary's Cathedral in St. Cloud** on Good Friday evening, **April 15, at 8:00 pm** for Tenebrae, which is Latin for shadows or darkness. At this event, participants will experience the gradual extinction of all lights in the church, symbolizing the temporary triumph of the prince of darkness over the Light of the World, and loud noises created at the end of the service by the assembly and ministers, suggesting the earthquake described in the Passion Narratives. This is a truly moving experience for the entire family.

MESSAGE FROM THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus would like to welcome Andy Oeding as a 3rd degree Knight.

Applications to become a Knight are open to any Catholic gentleman 18 years old or older. Contact any Knight or Norb Vossen for more information: norb.vossen@outlook.com or 763-263-1814.

Ask how you can better serve your Church, community, and country.

HAPPENINGS at MOTV

Castaway 2022 (March 25—27)

Castaway is a 3-day retreat experience for youth in grades 9-12 and sponsored through Catholic Education Ministries (CEM). Castaway is held at the Young Life - Castaway Camp near Detroit Lakes. The weekend is a collaborative effort by CEM and the parish leaders and is filled with workshops, small group sessions, large group speaker talks, Adoration, Reconciliation, Mass, and of course, fun and great food too! Bishop Kettler will preside over Mass on Saturday evening.

Please keep the following youth (participants) and adults (work crew and chaperones) in your prayers...

Lily Berger	Renee Hildebrandt	Cody Olson
Nicholas Berglund	Megan Hoppe	Paige Puzach-Acker
Daelyn Brannen	Adam Jurek	Christian Sipe
Zach Dehmer	Nolan Jurek	Sophie Studer
Ben Dumonceaux	Pat Liebl	Morgan Vee
Gabriella Dumonceaux	Bobbie McGarvey	Norb Vossen
David Guyse	Kate Mehelich	Doug Watercott
Blake Hildebrandt	Emily Meyer	Grace Withrow

Cemetery Cleanup Day

Immaculate Conception Cemetery
Our Lady of the Lake Cemetery
Sat., April 23 / 9:00 am

In case of inclement weather,
make-up date: Sat., April 30 / 9:00 am

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 23rd, clean-up will be Saturday, April 30th 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 10th. Also, placing any decorations between April 15th and May 15th, are subject to removal and disposal.** For more details regarding cemetery policies, please visit <https://www.maryofthevisitation.com/cemetery>.

MESSAGE FROM THE CHANCERY

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the **Pontifical Good Friday Collection**, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines.

The pandemic hit particularly hard the Christians in the Holy Land. Most of them depend on pilgrimages to work. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection is also necessary to meet the basic needs of the People of God still living in this Land where the Church was born.

Please be Generous!! For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit www.myfranciscan.org/good-Friday.

WEEKLY CALENDAR of EVENTS

Monday, March 21—Lenten Weekday

2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30

5 am—11 pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Becker
	No Liturgy	Becker
	No Liturgy	Big Lake
7:00 pm	Women's Bible Study	Becker
7:00 pm	AA and AI Anon Meeting	Big Lake

Tuesday, March 22—Lenten Weekday

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

5:00 pm	Mass (For Jim & Kathy Birchem)	Big Lake
7:00 pm	Pastoral Council Meeting	Becker

Wednesday, March 23—Lenten Weekday; St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop

Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19

8:00 am	Mass († Doug Schrad)	Becker
8:00 am	Word and Communion Service	Big Lake
3:00 pm	Kids for Christ	Becker
5:15 pm	Youth Ensemble Practice	Big Lake
6:30 pm	1st Eucharist Parent/Child Meeting	Becker
6:30 pm	U-JAM	Big Lake
7:00 pm	Liturgy Committee Meeting	Big Lake
8:00 pm	Youth for Truth	Big Lake

Thursday, March 24—Lenten Weekday; St. Oscar Romero, Bishop and Martyr

Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23

8:00 am	No Mass	Becker
8:00 am	Word and Communion Service	Big Lake
8:30 am	Rosary	Big Lake
5:00 pm	Children's Choir Practice	Big Lake
6:00 pm	Cantor Practice	Big Lake
7:00 pm	Adult Choir Practice	Big Lake
8:00 pm	AA Meeting	Becker

Friday, 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

8:00 am	Mass († Liz Lechko)	Big Lake
6:00—6:45 pm	Soup Supper	Big Lake
7:00 pm	Stations of the Cross	Big Lake

Saturday, March 26—Lenten Weekday

Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14

3:45—4:15 pm	Reconciliation	Big Lake
5:00 pm	Mass (For All Priests)	Big Lake

Sunday, March 27—Fourth Sunday of Lent

Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Ps 34:2-7; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Alternate readings (Year A): 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]

8:30 am	Mass († Jack Sager)	Big Lake
10:30 am	Mass (For the People)	Big Lake