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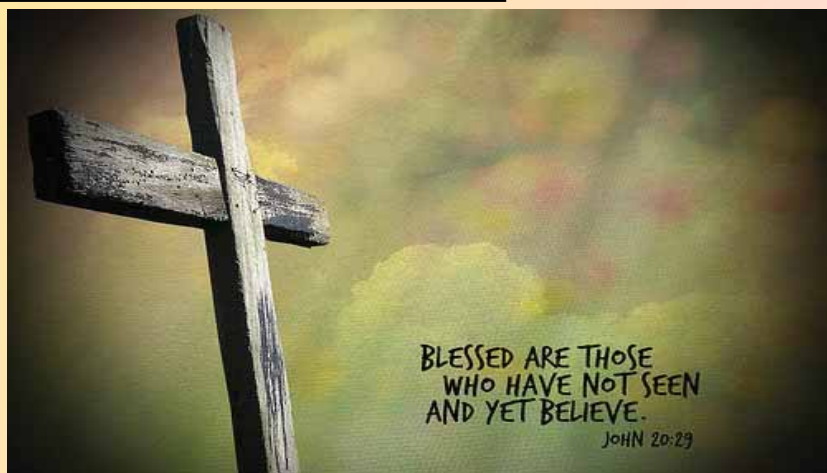
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Saturday Summer Mass Schedule begins June 7

On June 7-8 we return to our summer schedule of only one Saturday Mass and two on Sunday. The results of the straw poll from last September showed that most people favored the 5:00pm time. Again we will alternate between campuses for the Saturday Mass. 1st, 3rd (and 5th, if needed) Saturdays will be at Becker; 2nd and 4th Saturdays will be at Big Lake. The Sunday morning Mass schedule remains the same: 8:30 at Big Lake and 10:30 at Becker.

Mass Schedule in the Fall

I have asked the Parish Council, the parish staff and the Liturgy Committee to discuss the possibility of adopting the Princeton/Zimmerman model for week-end worship. Their merged parish, *Christ Our Light*, has all their Masses at one location on weekends, alternating weekly between their two campuses. Fr. Kevin Anderson told me, "It was one of the very best decisions they ever made with regards to their merger!" He said it helped immensely in getting a sense of being one parish. We anticipate going in that direction this fall. As someone in our parish has reminded me several times: *Until we worship together, we will not really have a sense of being one parish.*

A date of when to begin will be announced in a week or two. Stayed tuned for more information.

Fr. Geno Doyle

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.

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## 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.

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OUR MOTTO

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

Among Things for Your Attention

****Back Pack Buddies*** - Packing of the bags for the entire month of May will be this Sunday evening, April 27, at 6:30 at the Big Lake campus. All are welcome to come and help pack the bags and find out more about this special program for our kids.

****Annual Diocesan Appeal*** - A second reminder is coming from the diocese asking us to participate in this appeal. To date, only 110 households out of a possible 1302 (8.45%) have responded. Our parish goal is set at \$25,412. The diocese has received 113 gifts totaling \$11,715. Please prayerfully consider making a gift soon.

****For SALE*** - Our parish has for sale a John Deere 725 lawn mower with a 54" cut and an attached bagger. A separate broom sweeper is included. Package deal: \$2500 or best offer. Please contact Dan at 763-263-6756 for more information.

****Landscaping around church in Big Lake*** - Water continues to leak in the basement at the Big Lake campus. The Building and Grounds committee is seeking a professional landscape company to provide an estimate for a proposed major landscape project. If possible, we would like to have parishioners involved with landscaping to consider offering bids. If you own or are employed by a landscape company, and are interested, please contact Dan at 763-263-6756 for additional details.

****Calendar Raffle Tickets*** - Keep selling those tickets. More are available after all weekend Masses this weekend and next. All sold ticket stubs and money or unsold tickets need to be returned no later than Sunday, May 11.

STEWARDSHIP of our Finances

Income through weekend - April 20, 2014

Budget Amount for year	\$ 652,000.00
July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2014	
YTD Income received	<u>\$ 587,753.57</u>
July 1, 2013 - April 20, 2014	
Remaining Amount Target	\$ 64,246.43

Youth of Truth / U-JAM / Kids for Christ

Thought for the week:

Holiness is not the way to Jesus...

Jesus is the way to holiness!!!

"Taking Stock in Youth" Campaign

If you were not able to make a donation yet and would still like to, you can either drop it off at church or mail it to church. Extra envelopes are available by my office. Current total: \$9,455.00!!! Thank you very much!!

*Mark your calendars!!! Our "Stockholders Meal" will be on Sunday, July 13 and will be in the form of a picnic after 10:30 Mass in Becker. This is the day after our Youth return from their Mission trip to Ashland, Montana! There is sure to be some great experiences shared!!

- ◇ Sun. April 27—Youth of Truth in Becker
6:30-8:00 @ Youth Center (**Kids Against Hunger**)
- ◇ Wed. April 30—Journey of Faith Celebration
6:30 in Big Lake
- ◇ Sun. May 4—Youth of Truth in Becker
6:30-8:00 @ Youth Center
- ◇ Wed. May 7—U-JAM in Becker
6:30-8:00 @ Youth Center
- ◇ Sat. May 10—Youth Mass in Becker @ 4:00
- ◇ Sun. May 11—Happy Mother's Day!!
NO YOUTH GROUP
- ◇ Wed. May 14—U-JAM in Becker
6:30-8:00 @ Youth Center
- ◇ Sun. May 18—Youth of Truth in Becker
6:30-8:00 @ Youth Center
- ◇ Wed. May 21—U-JAM in Becker
6:30-8:00 @ Youth Center

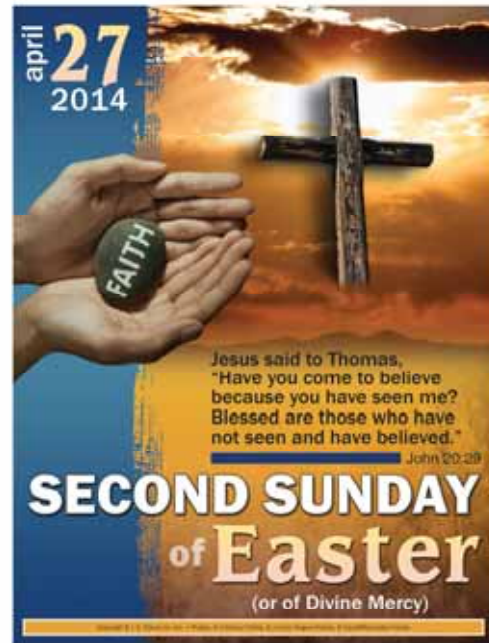
NO YOUTH GROUP on Memorial Day Weekend

We recently received a donation from The Catholic United Financial Council in Princeton/Zimmerman for \$250.00!! We have been blessed with donations in the past, and really appreciate their continued commitment to our young people!!

Christ's Peace to All,

Doug Watercott

MUSIC & LITURGY NOTES



THANK YOU! This weekend is the last time *Liturgy of the Word for Children* is being offered for this school year. A very special 'Thank You' to all those on the Children's Liturgy team at both campuses for organizing and providing this wonderful ministry for our young people this past year. Your dedication and talents are greatly appreciated!

Big Lake Music Rehearsal Reminders: All music groups will meet this week, *BUT* please note the changes below:

Youth Ensemble—Wednesday, April 30: Meet at 5:15 pm, sing for Faith Formation Mass at 6:30 pm in Big Lake.

Children's Choir—Wednesday, April 30: Meet at 5:30 pm, sing for Faith Formation Mass at 6:30 pm in Big Lake.

Cantor Rehearsal—Thursday, May 1, at 6:15 pm.

Adult Choir—Thursday, May 1, at 7:00 pm.

Children's Choir Party: The end of the year is fast approaching and we will once again wrap up with a Pizza/Movie Party for all the children who have participated in the choir this year and their families. Our end-of-year party will be **Thursday, May 8, at 5:00 pm.** Choir families: Please RSVP to Gretchen with the number from your family that will be attending by May 5. *Thanks!*

Liturgy Committee: Next meeting is Wednesday, May 21, at 7:00 pm.

In Christ,
Gretchen Roe

Office Hours: Wednesday 10-3 and Thursday 10-2 or by appointment.

JOURNEY OF FAITH CELEBRATION

Please join in celebrating a wonderful year of
growing in faith together.

Wednesday, April 30

Big Lake

6:30 pm Mass

Followed by Ice Cream & Prizes



What's Your Catholic IQ? (answer below)

True or False:

The Paschal Candle is lit only during the Easter Season.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Easter

Based on the Gospel (John 20:1-9)

Theme: Jesus' resurrection—the heart of our faith, life and journey.

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: When have you seen someone do a good deed for someone else?

Question for Youth: Jesus' closest friends had trouble believing that the tomb was empty. Resurrection is surprising. What does Jesus' resurrection mean in your life?

Question for Adults: Name one way or time when you experience the presence of the Risen Christ? Is it at meals? With those whom you love? At other times?



Catholic IQ answer:

False. The paschal candle is lit for Baptisms to symbolize the light of Christ now in the life of the new Christians. It is also lit for funerals to indicate the deceased is passing over (Passover) from death to new life with Christ in heaven.



EASTER SALVATION

POPE FRANCIS: MORNING MEDITATION

Wednesday, 10 April 2013

At Easter we are restored to our lost dignity and are, consequently, "given hope." This "is salvation. The Lord gives us the dignity we have lost." This "is the road of salvation, and it is beautiful: love alone makes it so. We are worthy, we are men and women of hope."

It happens, however, that at times "we want to save ourselves and we believe that we can. Maybe we don't exactly say it, but that's how we live." For example when we think: "I can save myself with money. I am secure, I have some money, there is no problem... I have dignity: the dignity of being rich." But all that "is not enough. Think of the Gospel parable, of that man who had the full granary and said: 'I will make another, to have more and more, and then I will sleep peacefully.' And the Lord responds: 'You fool! You will die tonight'. That kind of salvation is wrong, it is temporary, apparent."

Make "an act of faith," saying: "Lord, I believe. I believe in your love. I believe that your love has saved me. I believe that your love has given me a dignity that I did not have. I believe that your love gives me hope." It is "beautiful to believe in love," because "it is the truth. It is the truth of our life."

(More reflections available at: <http://www.vatican.va>)

Thank You

We wish to express appreciation to Catholic United Council #302 (Zimmerman) for a generous donation to our Journey of Faith programs.

These funds will be used to purchase bibles for use with our JOF classes for youth.



Faith Formation Office

The Faith Formation Office is located at the Becker site. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 9-3.

Amber Christie - achristie@maryofthevisitation.org

Barb Olson - bolson@maryofthevisitation.org

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.

BECKER CAMPUS

Saturday, May 3rd, 4:00 pm Mass

Eucharistic Ministers: Paige Anderson, Lorene Loscheider, Jim Richter

Greeters: Jean Anderson, Scott Anderson

Ushers: Jeff Kerr, Ken Kolbinger, Tom Lee, Dean Moeller

Servers: Sydney Richter

Lectors: Linda Rose, Peter Sherrard

Sacristan: Tom Lee

Sunday, May 4th, 10:30 am Mass

Eucharistic Ministers: Eron Bordson, Steve Born, Kevin Buntrock, Dan Dullinger, Teri Dullinger, Deb Goenner, Lisa Thelen

Greeters: Rita Patnode, Pat Throlson

Ushers: Josie Berger, Jackson Lefebvre, Mark Lefebvre,

Andy Lipski, Karen Lipski, Lu Schuette

Servers: Ellie Buntrock, Adam Thelen

Lectors: Dick Pursley, Doug Watcott

Sacristan: Deb Goenner

BIG LAKE CAMPUS

Saturday, May 3rd, 6:00 pm Mass

Eucharistic Ministers: Vicki Cote, Cheri Nelson, Donna Otten

Greeters: Dennis Werner, Erika Werner

Annex: Madoka Werner, Noah Werner

Ushers: Patrick Burke, Ernie Kroll, Troy Nelson, Jim Valiant

Servers: Amanda Nelson, Kalli Nelson

Lectors: Clint Corrigan, Bonnie Miesen

Sacristan: Norb Vossen

Sunday May 4th, 8:30 am Mass

Eucharistic Ministers: Gary Angell, Bev Bebeau, Karen Colin, Jim Johnson, Brenda Kuechle, Bruce Kuechle, Deb Lindboe

Nursing Home: Roger & Sue Stang

Greeters: Nicole & Roger Braegemann

Annex: Bonnie Fleigle

Ushers: Jerry Bebeau, Isabel Breitreutz, Mary Currie, Vernon Draxler

Annex: Kay Fisher, Paul Winters

Servers: Mason Krause, Emma Pace

Lectors: Dennis Nagorski, Jo Ann Pace

Sacristan: Karen Colin

PRAYER LIST

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

For immediate prayer request, call:

Irene Ring (Becker) 763-261-4565

Rose Knowlton (Big Lake) 763-207-8330

Vicki Cote (Big Lake) 763-263-3030

Week 1

Peter Schmidt

Deb Bell

Dick Schueller

Mary Gruba

Laura Young

Pat Garman

Week 2

Fran Malikowski

Denny Doyle

Lois Barret

Sarah Furney

Brenda Mergens

Audrey Bowen

Week 3

Sue Johnson

Sue King

Hannah Sipe

Larry Svir

Linda Golightley

Bruce Medlock

Knights of Columbus Upcoming Events

- ◇ May 4th: **Omelet breakfast** at Becker (*last one for this season!*)
- ◇ May 5th: **Community Blood Drive**—Noon to 6pm at the Big Lake campus. Contact Norb at 263-1814 to schedule an appointment.

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On Sunday, April 27th, the Duelm Knights of Columbus are hosting a breakfast to benefit the CROSS Center in Foley at the St. Lawrence Parish Hall in Duelm. They will be serving regular and blueberry pancakes, sausage, eggs, caramel rolls, fruit and beverage from 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM.

Adults: \$7.00 / Age 6-12: \$3.00 / Age 5 and under: Free

MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES

Eli Kohorst
Evan Kohorst
Sam Adams
Cameron Halsted
Mitchell Henrich
Jake Howell

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Bulletin Date

Sunday, May 11

Sunday, May 18

Sunday, May 25

Please note these dates and send bulletin information to Danette at the parish office.

Deadline

Friday, April 25

Friday, May 2

Friday, May 9

Additional Easter Flowers in Memory/Honor of...

Alice Pittman Charles Ritze
Bob Schmit Matthew Ritze
Theresa Schmit



Franciscan Community Volunteers (FCV), a growing ministry of the Franciscan Sisters of Little Falls, invites the public to attend their fund raiser, the fifth annual *Taste of St. Cloud*, on Monday, May 5, 4:30-7:30 pm, at the Territory Golf Course/Coyote Moon Grille in St. Cloud. Guests will enjoy an

array of delicious cuisines from 13 local restaurants. There will be live entertainment and a silent auction. Come meet the Franciscan Community Volunteers and be amazed at the ways they have enriched the people of the St. Cloud area. You will also have an opportunity to visit many Franciscan Sisters and friends.

The mission of FCV is to accompany young men and women, ages 21-30, to grow in Christian discipleship and leadership through Franciscan spirituality, full-time service and community life. Volunteers make an 11-month commitment to work full-time with local nonprofit agencies that serve the needs of the poor and marginalized *while* accepting the challenge of living simply and in accordance with Gospel values.

Tickets can be purchased online at www.fcvonline.org or www.fslf.org, or by checks made payable to the Franciscan Sisters of Little Falls. Please write "Taste of St. Cloud Tickets" on the memo line. Tickets will be held at the door the evening of the event under the name of the purchaser. Send checks to Franciscan Sisters, 1600 11th Avenue South, St. Cloud, MN 56301. For more information, contact Pat Schlauderaff at 320-229-0307 or pschlauderaff@fslf.org. Tickets purchased at the door are \$30.

Calendar FUNdraiser Raffle

The winner of the \$100 Early Bird Drawing is **Jim Richter!**

Reminders:

- The Parishioner who sells the most number of tickets will win \$150.00.
- All ticket stubs/money and any unsold tickets must be returned to the parish by **Sunday, May 11, 2014.**

Options to turn in tickets / money:

- Give to a staff person when the office is open.
- Place envelope with sold ticket stubs and money in the offertory baskets during Masses -or- in the outside drop box at either campus.
- Mail Sold tickets to: PO Box 100, Big Lake, MN 55309-0100.

Additional tickets are available at the Parish Office on both Campuses or by Parish Council Members after Masses each weekend.

On **Thursday May 8th, from 8 AM until 9:30**, The Catholic Foundation – Diocese of Saint Cloud – will host its first ever event at the **Gorecki Conference Center** on the campus of the **College of St. Benedict**, St Joseph.

"*Breakfast with the Bishop*" is a benefit for the Foundation's home-grown Catholic schools scholarship initiative, "*Investing in Faith . . . For a Hopeful Future.*"

At this event you will:

- Meet and greet Bishop Kettler
- Join us in honoring the Sisters of St. Benedict, St. Francis, and Notre Dame for their service to Catholic Schools
- Be informed / updated as to the status of the scholarship initiative
- Have an opportunity to invest in this important initiative



If interested in reserving a spot or hosting a table, please call 320-258-0390 or email mwitte@gw.stcdio.org.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING CLASSES

The Couple to Couple League will be offering a series of classes, for engaged and married couples, on the *Sympto-Thermal Method of Natural Family Planning* at the Church of St. Albert in Albertville, MN. New streamlined methodology and new materials integrate Pope John Paul II's Theology of the Body. Classes begin on Thursday, May 8th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. To receive more information, please call 612-721-3791 or email: twincities.ccli.org@gmail.com. Register at: <http://twincities.ccli.org>.

Baptism Preparation Class

The next baptism preparation class is **Tuesday, May 6th, at 6:30 pm in Becker**. If you have not taken the class in the past three years and are expecting a baby, please plan to attend. Please call the parish office to register: 763-447-3339.

\$100 Raffle Winners for the weekend are:

April 26	Holly Czech
April 27	Roger Walsh

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Denise Kerr320-743-5608

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-9; Jn 3:1-8**Tuesday:** Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15**Wednesday:** Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21**Thursday:** Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36,
or, for the memorial, Gn 1:26 -- 2:3 or
Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24;
Ps 90:2-4, 12-14, 16; Mt 13:54-58**Friday:** Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15**Saturday:** 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14**Sunday:** Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11;
1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35

500 Card Tournament

The next card tournament is scheduled for Saturday, May 10th, following the 4 pm Mass at the Becker campus. Bring your own drinks and an appetizer or dessert to share. Cost is \$5.00 for couples and \$3.00 for singles. Please register by Thursday, May 8th. 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.



Parish Cell Phone

The cell phone number below is for use in both parishes. If you are unable to reach Father during the day by a land line at either parish or if it's after regular hours, for pastoral needs or emergencies, please call:

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Please pray for our priests and seminarians

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

Sun.	April 27	Deceased Priests w/April Anniv.
Mon.	April 28	Rev. Jeffrey Ethen
Tues.	April 29	Rev. Joseph Vandenberg
Wed.	April 30	Rev. Mark Stang
Thurs.	May 1	Rev. Alan Wielinski
Fri.	May 2	Rev. Peter Kirchner
Sat.	May 3	Rev. LeRoy Scheierl

See Christ In Others;
Be Christ For Others!

Notes our young people write on their weekly envelopes:

My talent is:

- * Baseball * art * dishes * Piano
- * cleaning my room * feed the birds

My time was spent:

- * listened to Grandpa * I helped my mommy * Reading
- * Praying

It's great to get these little messages from our young people on their envelopes. Keep 'em coming. These envelopes are always available at both campuses for those who still do not have any.



Welcomed through the Waters of Baptism

on April 26, 2014

William Christopher Ford
son of

Christopher & Jessica (Spaeth) Ford

thank you
thank you
thank you
thank you
thank you

Thanks to everyone who donated to the Lenten Food Drive. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. We were able to raise \$5,600.00 and 1,400 pounds of food for the Becker and Big Lake food shelves. This will help many people within our communities. This is another

wonderful example of how we are being Christ for others!!
Thank you again!!!

Outreach Committee

CALENDAR OF EVENTS for the WEEK

Monday, April 28

Becker	5am-midnight	Adoration
Big Lake	7:00 pm	AA & Al Anon Meeting
Becker	7:00 pm	Women's Spiritual Book Study

Tuesday, April 29

Wednesday, April 30

Big Lake	5:15 pm	Youth Ensemble
Big Lake	5:30 pm	Children's Choir
Big Lake	6:30 pm	JOF Closing Celebration

Thursday, May 1

Becker	6:00 pm	Cantor Rehearsal
Big Lake	6:15 pm	Cantor Rehearsal
Becker	6:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Big Lake	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Becker	8:00 pm	AA & Al Anon Meeting

Friday, May 2

Saturday, May 3

Becker	9:00 am	1st Eucharist Practice
Big Lake	10:30 am	1st Eucharist Practice

MASS SCHEDULE for the WEEK

Monday, April 28, Easter Weekday, St. Peter Chanel, Priest & Martyr
St. Louis Grignon de Montfort, Priest

Big Lake & Becker No Liturgy

Tuesday, April 29, St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor of the Church

Big Lake 5:00 pm † Al Primus

Wednesday, April 30, Easter Weekday, St. Pius V, Pope

Big Lake 8:00 am Word & Communion Service

Becker 8:15 am † Clarence Ritter

Thursday, May 1, Easter Weekday, St. Joseph the Worker

Big Lake 8:00 am Word & Communion Service

+ Rosary follows service

Becker 8:15 am No Mass

Friday, May 2, St. Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

Big Lake 8:00 am † Louise Pionk

+ Exposition & Adoration for one hour

+ Bible Study follows

Saturday, May 3, Sts. Philip and James, Apostles

Becker 2:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday, May 3 – Third Sunday of Easter

Becker 4:00 pm † Verena Wegleitner

Big Lake 6:00 pm † Harlan Wilts

Sunday, May 4

Big Lake 8:30 am Mass for the People

Becker 10:30 am † Dorine Terres

Sacrament of Reconciliation

First & Third Saturdays 2:00 pm - Becker
Second & Fourth Saturdays 2:00 pm - Big Lake