



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

Mass Schedule

West (Becker) Campus

1st, 3rd, 5th Weekends of the month

Saturday - 4:00 & 6:00 PM

Sunday - 8:30 & 10:30 AM

East (Big Lake) Campus

2nd, 4th Weekends of the month

Saturday - 4:00 & 6:00 PM

Sunday - 8:30 & 10:30 AM

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### Shuttle Bus Information

1st, 3rd, 5th Weekends of the month

shuttle bus pick up will be at

**7:55 am Keller Lake Commons**

**8:05 am church parking lot EAST**

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2nd, 4th Weekends of the month

shuttle bus pick up will be at

7:45 am Shepherd of Grace

7:55 am Wood Briar

8:05 am church parking lot WEST

"Be Watchful! Be Alert!"

These words of Jesus in Mark's gospel were addressed to those who were concerned about the coming of the Lord at the end of time. Yet they seem to be appropriate for us this weekend in a different way. **WE** have taken a significant step in our faith journey together. If we were **Watchful** and **Alert**, then we found ourselves in the right place at the right time for Mass this weekend. If not, then I guess, we will need to be a bit more alert and watchful next weekend!

For those of us familiar with the East campus in Big Lake, we had no difficulty navigating our way around the building. For others, it was our first time or one of our first times, and our navigation of the building, hopefully, was made easier because others were present to assist us. Either way, we saw a number familiar faces and a number of new ones. Many stayed around after each Mass for some goodies and fellowship. And by the end of the weekend, we discovered that our world did not come to an end. Thanks be God!

There were other firsts this weekend, each with some success:

Name-tag weekend - Most took the time to make 'a name for yourself' upon entry into the church building. We plan to do this at least monthly. It helps us put names to faces.

Shuttle bus service - We trust that the multiple pick-up spots will encourage more riders to attend the 8:30am Mass on Sunday mornings.

New color codes - You will note that the **colors blue and green have been replaced with red and gold** on pages four and eight of the bulletin to distinguish campuses. We tried yellow, but it is not easily seen on paper. Our Sunday contribution envelopes will also be color-coded beginning in January.

It is helpful to remember that we still have four Masses on the weekend, and at least twice a month Mass will be in one's favored spot and time. This is also a great time to try different Mass times to see if another might fit better into one's schedule.

We may have stumbled a few times this first weekend, and we'll probably do it again. We will need time to fine-tune things. I ask that we give this transition some time. I ask that we be patient, respectful, courteous and charitable with one another. Jesus' words **Be Watchful! Be Alert!** can serve in helping us be attentive to the coming Christ in our lives at Mary of the Visitation Catholic Church now and at the end of time.

Fr. Geno Doyle



Advent

BE WATCHFUL. BE ALERT

STEWARDSHIP of our Finances

As of Nov. 15-16, 2014

Parish Operations

Budgeted Offering for Nov. (Adult, Loose, Youth, Children)...\$ 40,442.00

Received Offering for Nov. (Adult, Loose, Youth, Children)...\$ 29,722.32

Parish Debt as of Nov. 16, 2014

Diocesan Loan (\$ 264,888.45) + Interest payable (\$ 48,158.60)

Total Debt = \$ 313,047.05

Debt Offering received ... \$ 7,341.00

Current numbers are not available due to early publication deadline.

Youth of Truth / U-JAM / Kids for Christ

Thought for the week:

Be certain of all the words you speak...
for once delivered they are as free as the wind!!!

2014-2015 Youth Groups

“Kids for Christ”—Grades 3-5

Kids for Christ will meet 6 times throughout the year after school from 3:00–5:00 in Youth Center.

Oct. 29, Nov. 19, Jan. 28, Feb. 25, Apr. 22 & May 13.

“U-JAM”—Grades 6-8

U-JAM will meet on Wednesdays from 6:30–8:00 at Youth Center on dates in which there is no Journey of Faith happening (usually twice a month).

“Youth of Truth”—Grades 9-12

Youth of Truth will meet on all Wednesdays from 8:00–9:30 except the first Wednesday of each month (first Wednesday of the month there are two sessions of Journey of Faith).

Upcoming Events:

- ⇒ **Wed. Dec. 3—NO YOUTH GROUP**
- ⇒ **Thurs. Dec. 4—Youth Advisory Meeting**
6:30 @ Youth Center
- ⇒ **Sat. Dec. 6—Bowling & Caroling for all grades**
Sign-up sheet and forms at each campus.
Bus will pick up in Becker at 9:30 and in Big Lake at 9:45. We will be at McPete's in Big Lake from 10:00 until 11:45 bowling and having pizza. We will come back to Becker church to make Christmas cards and to practice caroling songs. We will be at Shepherd of Grace from 1:15–1:45 caroling. Bus will drop back off at Becker at 2:00 and in Big Lake at 2:15.
- ⇒ **Wed. Dec. 10—Youth of Truth**
8:00–9:30 @ Youth Center
- ⇒ **Dec. 13 & 14—Christmas Goodie Exchange!!**
After all Masses this weekend!!

Christ's Peace to All,

Doug Watercott

MUSIC & LITURGY NOTES

Advent Prayer and Reflection: A daily prayer booklet for the Season of Advent, *Wait for the Lord*, is available at the entrances. This resource offers wonderful daily reflections and activity suggestions to enhance family or personal prayer. Please feel free to take one for further enrichment in this blessed season as we prepare for the coming of our Lord.

Liturgical Ministry—Additional Training Dates: If you signed up to serve in liturgical ministry for 2015, it is very important that you receive updated information for the coming year. Make-up training sessions will be given after weekend Masses on:

December 6—after 6 pm Mass, West Campus (Becker)

December 7—after 10:30 am Mass, West Campus (Becker)

December 13—after 6 pm Mass, East Campus (Big Lake)

December 14—after 10:30 am Mass, East Campus (Big Lake)

Anyone who was unable to attend the training sessions in October is asked to attend one of these follow-up sessions. Please RSVP to Brenda or Gretchen and let us know which session you will attend. If you are unable to come at any of these times, contact Gretchen as soon as possible. **We are still very much in need of ministers in all areas—please make this a priority!**

Lectors: Your workbooks for this new liturgical year were available at training. If you do not yet have yours, please contact Gretchen.

Feast of Immaculate Conception—Mon., December 8: Masses for this holyday of obligation will be celebrated at 8:00 am at the **East Campus (Big Lake)** and 6:00 pm at the **West Campus (Becker)**. Ministers who are available are asked to sign up on the sheets in the annex/narthex. *Thank you.*

Penance Service—Sunday, December 14: Our Advent Penance Service will be held at 3:30 pm at the **West Campus (Becker)**. All are invited to attend as part of your preparation for Christmas.

Christmas Ministry Sign-up: We are in need of liturgical ministers to serve for our Christmas Masses:

December 24: 4:00 pm—West Campus (Becker)

6:30 pm—East Campus (Big Lake)

9:00 pm—East Campus (Big Lake)

December 25: 9:00 am—West Campus (Becker)

Sign-up sheets will be available after all Masses during Advent in the usual locations in the annex/narthex. If you are available, please sign up early! *Please note that you are asked to arrive earlier than usual for the Christmas Masses.* Thank you!

Rehearsal Reminders: Regular rehearsals resume for all groups this week:

Wed., December 3—Youth Ensemble, 5:15 pm, East Campus (Big Lake)

Thurs., December 4—Children's Choir, 5-6 pm, West Campus (Becker)

Cantor Practice, 6:15-7 pm, West Campus (Becker)

Adult Choir, 7-9 pm, West Campus (Becker)

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

In Christ, Gretchen Roe

Rotating Mass Schedule

December							January						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6					1	2	3
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
28	29	30	31				25	26	27	28	29	30	31

YELLOW = West (Becker) Location (1st, 3rd & 5th Weekend)

RED = East (Big Lake) Location (2nd & 4th Weekend)

DECEMBER—Celebrate the New Year

Happy New Year! We celebrate a new liturgical year with the start of Advent. During this intergenerational session, we gather families together to reflect on the liturgical year, focusing specifically on the season of Advent and the incarnation of our Savior Jesus Christ.

CELEBRATE THE MASS!

See website for session times: www.maryofthevisitation.org



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What's Your Catholic IQ? (answer below)

This saint was the first Jesuit missionary, devoting much of his life to missions in Asia.

- a) St. Peter
- b) St. Christopher
- c) St. Nicholas
- d) St. Francis Xavier



POPE FRANCIS
MORNING MEDITATION...CONTINUED
September 1, 2014

In the Book of the Prophet Isaiah (40:1-11), also known as the Book of the Consolation of Israel, God grants consolation to his people. The Lord himself "draws near to console them, to give them peace." And in this way, the Lord "accomplishes a great work," for he "refashions all things, he recreates them."

This recreation is even more beautiful than creation itself.

God's people were awaiting the Lord's coming, they knew he would visit them. "Let us recall the last words of Joseph to his brothers: 'God will visit you, and you shall carry up my bones from here.' The Lord would visit his people. This was Israel's hope. And he would visit them with this consolation: he would make all things new. Not once, but again and again."

"When the Lord draws near to us, he gives us hope." He refashions all things with hope. He always opens a door." In the Christian life, this hope "is a true strength, it is a grace, it is a gift." In fact, "when the Christian loses hope his life no longer has meaning. It is as though he were standing before a wall, faced with nothingness." But the Lord consoles us and refashions us in hope so that we might continue on."

To be continued...

Full reflection available at: <http://www.vatican.va>

Faith Formation Office

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

Amber Christie - achristie@maryofthevisitation.org

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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

First Sunday of Advent

Based on the Gospel (Mark 13:33-37)

Theme: Active waiting

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

Step Two: Reflect and discuss:

Question for Children:

What special things do you do to get ready for a

visitor at your house? What things can you do like that to get ready for Jesus?

Question for Youth: What is one thing that you can do this week to help you remember that Jesus is coming?

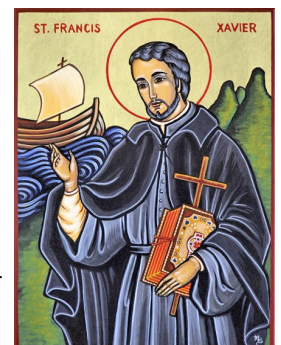
Question for Adults: When you're getting ready to receive a guest, what are some things you do? How do you apply this to receiving Christ?

A

Catholic IQ answer:

d) Francis Xavier, SJ, born Francisco de Jasso y Azpilicueta (7 April 1506 – 3 December 1552), was a Roman

Catholic missionary born in Xavier, Kingdom of Navarre (now part of Spain), and co-founder of the Society of Jesus. He was a study companion of St. Ignatius of Loyola and one of the first seven Jesuits who took vows of poverty and chastity at Montmartre, (Paris) in 1534. His memorial is December 3.



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, December 6, 4:00 pm Mass

Euch. Ministers: Paige Anderson, Lorene Loscheider, Laura Schmitz

Greeters: Denny Barthel, Mitch Soenneker

Ushers: Travis Ferris, Beth, Blake & Paul Soenneker

Servers: Emily Meyer, **Volunteer**

Lectors: Sandi Ferris, Linda Rose

Sacristan(s): Wini Herda, Tom Lee

Saturday, December 6, 6:00 pm Mass

Euch. Ministers: Ann McCormick, Terri Pickar, Dick Schueller

Greeters: Leona Rakotz, Donnie Schueller

Ushers: Mac McCormick, Dennis, Erika & Noah Werner

Servers: Norb Vossen

Lectors: Anthony DeZelar, Bonnie Miesen

Sacristan(s): Donna Forge, Pat Throlson

Sunday, December 7, 8:30 am Mass

Euch. Ministers: Kelly Berglund, Eron Bordson, Pam Eichen, Darla & David Euteneuer, Dean Moeller, Peter Schmidt

Monticello NH: Denise & Frank Barger

Shepherd of Grace: Deb Goenner

Greeters: Mary Gillham, Geary Keppel

Ushers: Alexander, Andrew, & Kate Berglund,

Sydney Bordson, Mary Kimmes, Ryan Sakry

Servers: Nicholas Berglund, Mason Krause

Lectors: Deb Bell, Tom Welle

Sacristan(s): Mary Kimmes, Carol Brunn, Deb Bell

Sunday, December 7, 10:30 am Mass

Euch. Ministers: Burt Arrigoni, Cindy Battleson, Steve Born, Dan Casey, Sandra Hart, Joey Perry, Greg Scherber

Greeters: Don & Judy Haus

Ushers: Noah & Ruth Arrigoni, Cheryl & Olivia Hultgren, Ally Kangas, Michaela Manifold

Servers: Aaron & Megan Gregory

Lectors: Julie Miller, Amber Wilfahrt

Sacristan(s): Karen Colin, Dan Casey

There is a need for ministers in the following areas:

- Server, Dec. 6th, 4:00 pm Mass
- Eucharistic Minister, Dec. 14th, 10:30 am Mass
- Eucharistic Minister, Dec. 28th, 10:30 am Mass

If you are able to assist in any of these ministries, please call Danette at 763-447-3339. **Thank you!!**

PRAYER LIST

Guidelines

- 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

Tom Cobb
Tom Wilts

Week 2

Joyce Caron
Denny Doyle
Bernie Kasper
Florence Kasper
Nancy Lee
Jason Treptau

Week 3

Lance Fox
Ed & Sue King
Mary Ann Knutson
Hannah Sipe

For an immediate prayer request, call:

- Irene Ring at 763-261-4565
- Rose Knowlton at 763-207-8330
- Vicki Cote at 763-263-3030

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Sam Adams
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\$100 Raffle Winners for the weekend are:

November 29, 2014

Mark Lefebvre

November 30, 2014

Todd Hartkopf

- Mass Intentions -

We are running short on weekday Mass intentions. To remember a loved one who has died or to honor and pray for the intention of another is a beautiful way to call upon God's blessings. The offering is usually \$10. If you would like to have a Mass intention for someone or for some other intention, please call Danette at the office (763-447-3339).

THERE WILL BE **OBSTACLES**.

THERE WILL BE **DOUBTERS**.

THERE WILL BE **MISTAKES**.

BUT WITH **HARD WORK**, THERE ARE **NO LIMITS**.

Life-Enriching Retreat and Renewal Experiences

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### Advent Retreat: *Praying the O Antiphons in Advent* with Fr. Michael Kwatera, O.S.B. December 5-7, 2014

The ancient O Antiphons for the "Magnificat" of the Blessed Virgin Mary form part of the liturgy's immediate preparation for celebrating the Nativity of the Lord. Exploring the spirituality of these poetic texts helps us to discover and savor their richness.

Fr. Michael Kwatera, O.S.B., serves as director of liturgy for Saint John's Abbey. He also writes a monthly column on liturgical topics for the *Visitor* (St. Cloud diocesan newspaper).

The Advent Retreat starts with dinner on Friday night at 6 pm and concludes after lunch on Sunday at 1 pm. The cost is \$195 for a single room and \$330 for a double room (\$165 per person). For more information or to register, call 320-363-3929 or visit

[www.abbeyquesthouse.org](http://www.abbeyquesthouse.org).

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Mary in History and Theology Theology Day at Saint John's School of Theology-Seminary Dec. 5, check-in 8:30 am to 9 am / Presentation from 9 am to 1 pm Emmaus Hall, SJU, Collegeville

A great deal of what we know about the Blessed Mother is simply a matter of faith and legend. Should that be a problem for contemporary Christians seeking clarification of the Church's teachings? And why should Mary get so much attention, anyhow? Through a historical and theological analysis of Mary, Fr. Michael Patella, OSB, seeks in his presentation to construct an understanding of Mary that draws heavily from the Tradition and moves it into the twenty-first century. Fr. Patella is Professor of New Testament at the School of Theology-Seminary at Saint John's University, where he also serves as the seminary rector and director of its Holy Land Studies program. Free event. Lunch provided. **Registration is required:** www.csbsju.edu/sot, 320-363-3570 or sot-sem@csbsju.edu.

Give Thanks for the Women & Men Religious

A layperson writes, "We thank God everyday for the religious sisters who taught us in school, not only our ABCs, but also to love God."



Share your gratitude for the senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who made a positive difference in so many lives. Please give generously to next week's collection for the **Retirement Fund for Religious**.



Please support the "Giving Tree" by selecting an ornament and purchasing the suggested item for a local charity. We are supporting 9 charities, and the elementary schools both in Becker and Big Lake. Return the UNWRAPPED gift(s) with the CHARITY TAG(s) attached. Keep the ornament as a gift.

Lutefisk & Swedish Meatball Dinner Monticello VFW Men's Auxiliary 713 S. Cedar St., Monticello, MN

Saturday, December 6, 2014 / Dinner Seating at 4:00 & 6:00 pm
Adults: \$15 / Children 10 & under: \$7

K.C. BINGO (Sponsored by N.W.-Hennepin K.C. Council #11941) Sunday, December 14, 2014 / Starting promptly at 1:00 pm Mary Queen of Peace Hall / St. Martin Campus / Downtown Rogers

Kids are welcome to play!

\$7 – 1 card, \$12 – 2 cards, \$15 – 3 cards

*25 regular games with \$10 - \$20 prizes

*Progressive Cover-All game

*PLUS 5 "Half the Take" games

Snacks & beverages available



God gives us everything: life, love, friendship, and the beauty and fullness of creation. But how do we repay our God for all we have, when God lacks nothing? Maybe it's time to consider Bishop Kettler's call to build up God's church right here in the Saint Cloud Diocese.

Please support the 2014 Annual Diocesan Appeal.

Let us do the Baking for you this holiday season!



The Youth of Truth / UJAM / Kids for Christ
will host a **Holiday Bake Sale**
immediately following ALL Masses
on December 13th/14th.

Purchase an empty plate for \$5 or \$10, and fill it with your choice of a large assortment of Christmas holiday treats.

All funds will help support our Parish Youth Ministry.

Merry Christmas from: Youth of Truth / U-JAM / Kids for Christ.

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### Do you enjoy making holiday treats but have no one to bake for?

The youth group will gladly take them to sell at their Holiday Bake Sale. Just drop them off at the East (Big Lake) Campus before Mass on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Thank you so much!!

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Bulletin Deadline

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11**Tuesday:** Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17;
Lk 10:21-24**Wednesday:** Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37**Thursday:** Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a;
Mt 7:21, 24-27**Friday:** Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31**Saturday:** Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6;
Mt 9:35 -- 10:1, 5a, 6-8**Sunday:** Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14;
Mk 1:1-8

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The Faith Formation Program of Mary of the Visitation wants to thank Catholic United Financial Foundation and Sales Representative Peter Steele for the recent Education Technology grant of \$500 given to the program. The money will help purchase a new digital projector. The Foundation delivers these

grants twice a year to parishes and schools for the purchase of hardware, software and peripheral equipment that meets education technology needs. More than 800 parishes and schools in the Upper Midwest have benefited from the Foundation's Priority Fund grants. In total, Catholic United has donated more than \$17,500 to Mary of the Visitation. For more details, contact local Sales Representative Peter Steele at (763) 263-2450 or email him at

psteele@catholicunited.org. To learn more about Catholic United, visit www.catholicunitedfinancial.org.



Notes our young people write on their weekly envelopes:

My talent is:

- Wrestling
- Gymnastics
- Server
- Helped my friend
- Traded and shared with my cousin
- Play with my dog

My time was spent:

- Help mom
- I helped Grandma clean up
- Playing
- Clean my room
- Play with a girl who had nobody to play with at recess

See Christ In Others;
Be Christ For Others!

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

Sun., November 30	Rev. Eugene Doyle
Mon., December 1	Rev. Timothy Baltes
Tue., December 2	Rev. Ralph Zimmerman
Wed., December 3	Rev. Robert Rolfes
Thu., December 4	Rev. Steven Binsfeld
Fri., December 5	Rev. Thomas Becker
Sat., December 6	Rev. Lauren Germann

Join the Knights of Columbus for Breakfast!



Sunday, December 7th
West (Becker) Campus
 7:30 am to Noon
 Serving: Omelets

There will not be a Biscuits & Gravy Breakfast on December 28th at the East (Big Lake) Campus. Make sure to join us on the 7th!!

Baptism Preparation Class

The next baptism preparation class is **Tuesday, December 2, at 6:30 pm at the East (Big Lake) Campus**. If you have not taken the class in the past five years and are expecting a baby, please plan to attend. Please call Danette to register (763-447-3339).

Welcomed through the Waters of Baptism

on November 30, 2014 at Big Lake

Presley Nicole Dehmer

daughter of Nicholas & Katie (Grasswick) Dehmer



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- Visit the church website at MaryoftheVisitation.org,
- Click on the Donate—Support Our Parish button,
- Click on the Create Profile button, then

Follow the onscreen instructions to create an online profile and to schedule your recurring contributions. You can even set up your Debt Reduction Campaign pledge payments online.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, December 1

Becker	5am-midnight	Adoration
Big Lake	8:30 am	Life-Line Screening
Big Lake	7:00 pm	AA & AI Anon Meeting
Becker	7:00 pm	Women's Spiritual Book Study

Tuesday, December 2

Big Lake	6:30 pm	Baptism Prep Class
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Wednesday, December 3

Becker	5:00 pm	Journey of Faith/Session 1
Big Lake	5:15 pm	Youth Ensemble
Big Lake	6:30 pm	Journey of Faith/Session 1
Becker	7:00 pm	Journey of Faith/Session 2

Thursday, December 4

Becker	5:00 pm	Children's Choir
Becker	6:15 pm	Cantor Practice
Becker	7:00 pm	Adult Choir
Becker	8:00 pm	AA Meeting

Saturday, December 6

Big Lake	9:30 am	Journey of Faith/Session 2
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MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Monday, Dec. 1, St. Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs
Big Lake & Becker No Other Liturgy

Tuesday, Dec. 2, Advent Weekday

Big Lake	5:00 pm	† Ray Hennen
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Wednesday, Dec. 3, St. Francis Xavier, Priest

Big Lake	8:00 am	Word & Communion Service
Becker	8:15 am	Special Intention

Thursday, Dec. 4, Advent Weekday, St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Becker	8:15 am	† Fr. Alvin Quade
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Friday, Dec. 5, Advent Weekday

Big Lake	8:00 am	† Jerry Fisher
Big Lake	8:30 am	Exposition & Adoration for 1 hour Bible Study follows

Saturday, Dec. 6, Advent Weekday, St. Nicholas, Bishop

Becker	2:00 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation
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**Saturday, Dec. 6 – Second Sunday of Advent**

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| Becker | 4:00 pm | † Ryan Thorn   |
| Becker | 6:00 pm | † Donald Miels |

**Sunday, Dec. 7**

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| Becker | 8:30 am  | Mass for the People |
| Becker | 10:30 am | † Fr. Dave Gallus   |

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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