



Mary of the Visitation Catholic Church

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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

We, the people of Mary of the Visitation parish,
are a Catholic community
bound together by the Word of God,
sacramental worship, and the call to service.

OUR VISION STATEMENT

Through the proclamation of the Word of God
and embraced by the gifts of the Holy Spirit,
we seek to be welcoming, to grow spiritually,
to see Christ's presence in others,
and to offer our care and service to all.

OUR MOTTO

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

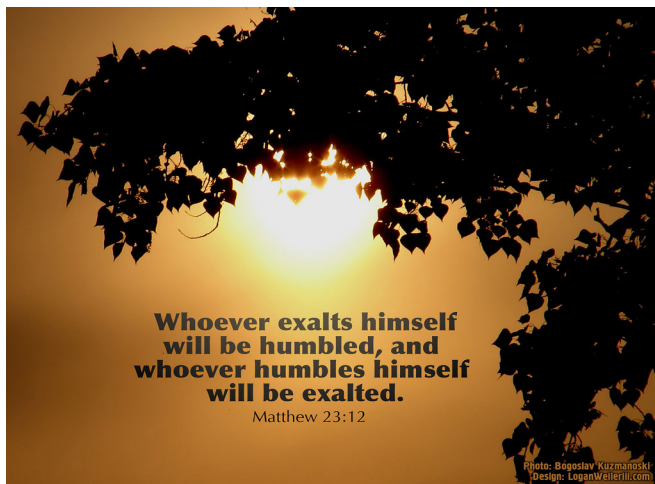
Becker Location

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

Mass Schedule**Big Lake Location**

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

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time / November 5, 2017



The scribes and Pharisees were teachers of the Mosaic Law. They were entrusted with its interpretation and, thus, were influential in determining Jewish practice. In order to appreciate the conflict that is evident in this passage, we must understand that Jesus was basing his teachings on the same laws and traditions available to the Pharisees. Both were interpreting the Law of Moses in order to better adapt it to contemporary Jewish life. The differences between their teachings, therefore, are often highlighted and amplified by Matthew.

This part of Matthew's Gospel reflects aspects of the conflict between his Christian community and Pharisaic Judaism. Matthew's Church is thought to have included many Jewish Christians who may not have believed that a break with the synagogue was necessary to be a follower of Jesus. Jesus tells the crowd that it is correct to do and observe what the scribes and Pharisees teach; it is their example that is to be avoided, namely, their love of being honored and exalted. Hence, the Gospel reflects the tension of an active internal debate within the early Church.

Jesus references two aspects of Jewish spiritual life prescribed by the Law of Moses. *Phylacteries* are small boxes which contain Scripture verses that are placed on the left forearm and forehead. *Tassels* refer to the fringes worn on the corners of a person's garments; the tassels help to remind those who wear them to keep the commandments.

The warning Jesus gives against seeking places of honor in the community was directed as much toward the Christian community as the named Jewish leaders. Indeed, it is a warning that resonates with us today. Christian leadership is a call to service for the glory of God; those who would be leaders among us must, like Jesus, be servants of all.

First Reading / Malachi 1:14b—2:2b,8-10

Through the prophet Malachi, God judges the priests of Israel and calls them to be more faithful to the Covenant.

Second Reading / 1 Thessalonians 2:7b-9,13

Paul gives thanks to God for the way in which the Thessalonians received the word of God.

Gospel Reading / Matthew 23:1-12

Jesus warns against following the example of the scribes and the Pharisees and teaches that those who would be great must be servants.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's Gospel continues to elaborate on the tension between Jesus and the scribes and Pharisees. Our Lectionary sequence at this point, however, is not quite a continuous reading of Matthew. In between last week's reading from Matthew and this week's, we find Jesus' question to the Pharisees about the Messiah being "David's son." Having concluded a series of dialogues with the Pharisees and other religious leaders, Jesus now directs his words to the crowds, warning them not to follow the example of the scribes and Pharisees.

Let's Play B—I—N—G—O!

Next Saturday, Nov. 11 / 6:30—8:30 pm / Big Lake Location
Donated and cash prizes! — \$100 blackout finale! — Concessions
(available immediately following 5:00 Mass): Hot Dogs,
Sloppy Joes, Chips, Pop, Coffee and Desserts!
All proceeds will help support the
Youth Mission Trip to Kansas City in July 2018.

PARISH STAFF

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Monday through Thursday: 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

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.

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3 year term (ending 6/30/2019)

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Minutes from Parish Council meetings can now 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 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 at 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.

Heidi Bromenshenkel

Sharon Byrn

Alec Dietl

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Jaida Rose Hamacher

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Irene Ring

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Tom Senear

Suzanne Smith

Nancy Stang

Dolores Swanson

Kellie Thompson

Jason Treptau

Trent Van Dyke

Dennis Vetsch

Please pray for those active in Military Service

Noah Arrigoni

Nicholas Caouette

Cameron Halsted

Mitchell Henrich

Jake Howell

Matt Howell

David Johnson

Matt Johnson

David Koenig

Kelli Lumley

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

Sunday, Nov. 5

Monday, Nov. 6

Tuesday, Nov. 7

Wednesday, Nov. 8

Thursday, Nov. 9

Friday, Nov. 10

Saturday, Nov. 11

Patrick Hoeft, St. Louis, Paynesville

Thomas Skaja, Annunciation, Mayhew Lake

David Trout, St. Michael, St. Cloud

Nikolas Zabinski, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Isanti

Steven Wielenberg, Our Lady of the Angels, Sauk Centre

Kevin Soenneker, St. Joseph, St. Cloud

Mitchell Weidner, St. Margaret, Lake Henry

HAPPENINGS at MARY OF THE VISITATION

Food Shelf Food Drive

The Outreach Committee will once again be handing out bags after Mass this weekend and next weekend in an effort to support our local Food Shelves during this Thanksgiving season. This is a time of the year when our food shelves see an increase in demand with the weather turning cold and the upcoming holiday seasons upon us. Please use the bags supplied, as well as the suggested list of needed items, to support this incredible need. Items should be returned to either campus by Sunday, Nov. 19th. Thank you!

Baptism Preparation Class

Cancelled—Tues., Nov. 7 / 6:30 pm / Becker Location

Tues., Dec. 5 / 6:30 pm / Big Lake 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 763-273-8408.

Red Cross Community Blood Drive

Mon., Nov. 13 / Noon until 6:00pm

Mary of the Visitation (Big Lake Location)

Hosted by: Knights of Columbus

To make an appointment: Please contact Norb at 763-263-1814 or online at www.redcrossblood.org.

Book Club Meeting

Thurs., Nov. 16 / 10:30 am / Café Pawz—Becker

The book being discussed this month is *The Dovekeepers* by Alice Hoffman. 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.

500 Card Tournament

Sat., Nov. 18 / 6:00 pm / Becker Location

Bring your own drinks and an appetizer or dessert to share. Cost is \$5.00 for couples / \$3.00 for singles. Please register by **Thursday, November 16**. Sign-up sheets are located in the narthex and annex. For more information or questions, please call Nancy or Tom Lee at 763-262-7366.

New Member Orientation

Tues., Nov. 21 / 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 Danette at 763-273-8408.

Knights of Columbus Breakfast

Sun., Nov. 26, 2017 / Big Lake Location / 7:30 am—Noon



Come join the KC's at Big Lake for a pancake/biscuit breakfast. Pancakes, biscuits & gravy, scrambled eggs, sausage, sweet rolls, coffee and juice will be served. **All proceeds will go to the family of Eddie Michalek. (Eddie, age 5, passed away accidentally on Oct. 17th at his home in Big Lake township).**



Eucharistic Adoration happens every Monday from 5am to 12pm midnight in the church at the Becker location. Our Monday adoration is an opportunity for you to spend an hour with Jesus, to let Him love you and for you to love Him. Won't you please consider an hour of your time each Monday? If interested, or for more information, please contact Theresa Slominski (763-227-0654), Carol Brunn (320-248-5976) or Julie Haecherl (612-219-3337).

Communion to the Homebound—Has illness or fragility prevented you or another member of the parish that you know from attending Mass and receiving communion? Would a visit from a Minister of Communion to the Homebound be appreciated? Whether it's short term or long term there are members of our parish who serve in this ministry of bringing communion to those who are homebound. For more information or to request a visit, please contact the parish office at 763-447-3339.

We continue to take donations on behalf of the below organizations. Containers for these items are available in both the Annex and Narthex.

- **Community Food Shelves**—Please help our neighbors in need by donating to the local food shelves. Suggested items include: boxed dinners, canned fruit/meat/vegetables, cereal, pancake mix, soaps, soups, spaghetti sauce, syrup, toothpaste, etc.
- **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.

Thank you for your support!

Mass Intentions—It is the custom of the Catholic Church that priests remember specific intentions at the celebration of the Eucharist. Normally, a small 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.). There is **1** Mass Intention opening available for the month of November and **4** for the month of December. If you are interested in scheduling a Mass Intention, please contact Danette at the parish office (763-273-8408).

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.

FAITH FORMATION

Looking Ahead

November Journey of Faith sessions

Session 1: Wednesday, November 8, 6:30 pm
Becker & Big Lake

Session 2: Wednesday, November 15, 6:30 pm
Becker & Big Lake



St. Frances of Rome

Born in 1384 to a wealthy Roman family, Frances married at age 12 into an equally wealthy Roman family. However, she really wanted to become a religious and found the social obligations of marriage almost unbearable. She wanted to serve Christ by serving the poor. Along with her sister-in-law who also longed for a life of service and prayer, she devised a plan that allowed them to pursue spiritual disciplines while still carrying out family obligations.

Frances would go on to form a small community of like-minded lay women committed to caring for the poor: the Oblates of Mary. After her husband's death in 1436, Frances lived with the Oblates for four years, serving as their superior, until her own death in 1440. She was canonized in 1608.

Find out why we are spotlighting Frances' ministry at our November adult Journey of Faith sessions, or visit this link:
<http://www.roman-catholic-saints.com/st-frances-of-rome.html>

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

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 2017-2018 School Year

Kids for Christ—Grades 3-5

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

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

Remember who you are.
Don't compromise for anyone, for any reason.
You are a child of the Almighty God.
Live that truth!!!

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

- Wed. Nov. 8—Youth Group in Big Lake
8:00—Youth of Truth @ Big Lake Youth House
- Fri. Nov. 10—Youth Prayer Breakfast
7:00 @ Youth Center in Becker
- **Sat. Nov. 11—Bingo and Supper after 5:00 Mass in B.L.
Concessions open at 6:00 (Immediately after Mass)
Bingo will run from 6:30-8:30
Donate a \$10.00 Prize and receive 15 free games!
All proceeds will help pay for our Mission Trip to
Kansas City, KS next July!**
- Sun. Nov. 12—Youth Group in Becker
U-JAM—6:30-8:00 @ Youth Center
Led by The Youth Leadership Team!
- Sun. Nov. 12—Youth Leadership Team Meeting
8:00 @ Youth Center in Becker
- **Nov. 15-19—NCYC in Indianapolis, Indiana
11 Youth and Adults will be attending this Year's
National Catholic Youth Conference.
Please keep them in your prayers.**
- Wed. Nov. 15—Youth Group in Becker
Youth of Truth—8:00-9:30 @ Youth Center

Christ's Peace to All,

Doug Watcrott

MUSIC & LITURGY NOTES

Liturgical Ministers: We have now completed scheduled training sessions for all ministries. Any **new ministers** for 2018 must attend training before beginning to serve. **Experienced ministers** will be receiving updated duty sheets soon; please review these carefully. If you have not updated your Time and Talent Sign-up for the coming year, **PLEASE** do so this week! If you missed training or have any questions about duties or procedures, please contact Gretchen as soon as possible.

Lectors: Your new workbooks for the coming year, beginning in Advent on December 2/3, are now available. They will be located in a box near the ministry mailbox slots. Please be sure to pick up the book with your name on it!

Ministers to Senior Centers/Homebound: New ministry books for the coming year, beginning in Advent on December 2/3, are now available in the sacristies at both campuses. Please pick one up at your convenience.

Altar Servers, Ushers and Eucharistic Ministers

Needed: We are especially in need of additional ministers in these areas for the coming year. If you would be able to serve, please contact the office to sign up today. If you have questions about these ministries or need additional information, contact Gretchen.

Thanksgiving Day Mass—Ministry Sign-up: Mass on Thanksgiving Day, November 23, will be celebrated at 9 am in Becker. Any liturgical ministers who are available to serve are asked to sign up as soon as possible—the sheet will be available each weekend near the mailbox slots. *Thank you!*

Thanksgiving Ecumenical Services: Community Ecumenical Services will be held in both **Big Lake and Becker on Wednesday, November 22, at 7:00 pm.**

The service in **Big Lake will be hosted by Mary of the Visitation. A Community Choir is being formed for this celebration, rehearsing on Wed., Nov. 15, at 7:30 pm at Saron Lutheran Church. If you are interested in joining singers from our neighboring parishes for this event, please come to this rehearsal or call Gretchen for more details at 763-447-3339 or 763-262-7388.

The service in **Becker will be hosted by the Becker Baptist Church.

***A pie social will follow both services, so start thinking about your favorite recipes!*

Liturgy of the Word for Children: Next session is next weekend in Big Lake—Sunday, November 12, at the 10:30 am Mass.

Liturgy Committee: Our next meeting is this Wednesday, Nov. 8, at 7:00 pm in Big Lake. *Please note this is a change from our regular meeting date.*

Rehearsal Reminders: All rehearsals in BIG LAKE this week:

Wed., Nov. 8—Youth Ensemble, 5:15-6:15 pm

Thurs., Nov. 9—Children's Choir, 5-6 pm

Cantor Practice, 6:15-7 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, November 11, 5:00 pm Mass

Euch. Ministers: Bridget & Linda Buchholz, Karen Colin, Vicki Cote, Jan Doucette, Donna Otten, Dan Smith

Greeters (Main Entrance): Richard Doucette, Andrew Henneman

Greeter (Annex): Delrose Stein

Ushers: Donna Forge, Luke Ingram, Doug Paumen, Alex Stanz

Ushers (Annex): Jim Valiant, **Volunteer (1)**

Servers: Emma Henneman

Lectors: Phil Henneman, Bill Schmidt

Sacristan: Vicki Cote

Sunday, November 12, 8:30 am Mass

Euch. Ministers: Denise Kerr, Rose Knowlton, Gordy Midas, Dennis Nagorski, Pat O'Hern, Norb Vossen, Becky Winters

Shepherd of Grace: Tim Hinds

Monticello Nursing Home: Brenda & Bruce Kuechle

Greeters (Main Entrance): Joan & Peter Schmidt

Greeter (Annex): Jacqueline O'Hern

Ushers (Main Area): Michelle Carlin, Mary Kimmes, Dan Loegering, Celeste Mohler

Ushers (Annex): Mary Currie, Chris Prudhomme

Servers: Hayden & Ian Prudhomme

Lectors: Anthony DeZelar, Linda Rose

Sacristan: Gordy Midas

Sunday, November 12, 10:30 am Mass

Euch. Ministers: Kevin Buntrock, Melissa Dumonceaux, Deb Goenner, Sandra Hart, Mark Lefebvre, Greg Scherber,

Volunteer (1)

Greeters (Main Entrance): Teresa Devine, Samuel Dumonceaux

Greeter (Annex): Mary Goenner

Ushers (Main Area): AJ & Ellie Buntrock, Ben & Erik Dumonceaux

Ushers (Annex): Linda & Michelle Johnson

Servers: Charlie & Gabriella Dumonceaux

Lectors: Jason Baune, Morgan Meyer

Sacristan: Deb Goenner

Looking for Volunteers! Contact Danette (763-447-3339) if you are able to assist. Thank you!!

Sat., Nov. 11 / Usher (1)

Sun., Nov. 12 / 10:30 / Euch. Minister (1)

Sat., Nov. 18 / Euch. Minister (1), Usher (1)

Sun., Nov. 19 / 8:30 / Usher (1)

Sat., Nov. 25 / Usher (1)

Sun., Nov. 26 / 8:30 / Euch. Minister (1), Ushers (2)

Sun., Nov. 26 / 10:30 / Euch. Ministers (2)

STEWARDSHIP of our FINANCES

Parish Operations as of October 29, 2017

Adult, Loose, Youth, Children Contributions

- Budgeted Offering for October \$ 42,667.00
- Received Offering for October \$ 47,498.20

Parish Debt



\$ 171,471.50
\$ 168,812.31

\$100 WEEKEND CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS

November 4, 2017—Deb Lindboe

November 5, 2017—Julie Fish

COUNTERS

November: Joann H., Doug H., Tom H., Gina N.

December: Andy L., Brian G., Keith K., Jim V.

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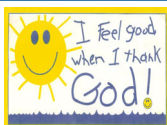
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appreciation!*

Thank you for your support!

WEEKLY ENVELOPE NOTES FROM CHILDREN

My talent is: Basketball / Drawing / Playing /
Gymnastics

My time was spent: Going to school /
Cleaning /Doing laundry



HAPPENINGS in our AREA

Diabetes Self-Management Program

Sacred Heart Parish / Sauk Rapids, MN 56379

Class Time: 9-11:30 am / Nov. 2, 9, 16, 30, Dec. 7 and 14

This is a series of six sessions for 2.5 hours weekly. This self-management program is for people living with Type 2 Diabetes or their caregiver. The program is led by two certified leaders and multiple subjects will be covered. Participants will make weekly action plans, share experiences and help each other solve problems they encounter in creating and carrying out their self-management program. To register please contact: Joelyn Barrett: 320-229-4594 or jbarrett@ccstcloud.org.

National Vocation Awareness Week: November 5-11

A Vocation Mass will be held at the **Cathedral of St. Mary on November 9 at 7 pm**. Before the Mass there will be a panel at 6 pm. consisting of a Benedictine brother, Benedictine and Franciscan sisters, and a Diocesan and Crosier priest to answer questions from individuals about their vocations.

Koinonia is a retreat opportunity for people to encounter Jesus Christ through an experience of Christian community. The theme of the Koinonia weekend is the Paschal Mystery – the death and resurrection of Jesus. We take this central teaching of our faith and show how it applies to our daily lives. He calls us each by name...to be one with each other. Join us in this Christian living experience designed especially for adults age 20 and older.

Retreats are held in Belle Prairie at the TEC center 3 miles north of Little Falls. The next retreat will be held on **November 10-12, 2017**. Fr. Ernie Martello, OSC, will be the Spiritual Director. The weekend starts at 5:30 pm Friday and ends Sunday afternoon. Applications can be downloaded from the website: centralmnkoinonia.org or by calling Dorie Reiter at 320-217-2476. Or send an email to cmkoinonia@gmail.com to get an application. Cost of the weekend is \$70. Scholarships are available for those in need.

Annual Holiday Boutique and Bake Sale

Saturday, Nov. 11, 2017 / 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

St. Henry's Church / Social Hall / Monticello, MN

This unique boutique offers many, beautiful hand-crafted items made by the ladies of the parish. We are offering a delicious bowl of Chicken Wild Rice Soup or a slice of home made pie! NEW this year is a Used Book Sale and back again by popular demand is Grandma's Christmas attic. There will be outside vendors displaying their products. You won't want to miss this fantastic annual affair.

KC Lumberjack Breakfast (Council #11941/Northwest-Hennepin)

Sun., Nov. 19, 2017 / 8:30 am—12:00 pm

Mary Queen of Peace Church Hall / St. Martin Campus / Rogers, MN

Menu—Pancakes, French Toast, Sausage and Eggs, Applesauce, Orange Juice, Milk and Coffee

Free Will Offering—Proceeds benefit the Church, School and Community

Bishop's Annual Appeal 2017 - End of Year Mailing: 2017 is coming to an end, and we have achieved 77% of our Appeal goal of \$1,300,000. Bishop Don is deeply grateful for the generous response thus far and is hopeful that the faithful will continue to come forward to bring 2017 to a successful conclusion. Appeal offerings support vital ministries that spread the life-affirming Word of God throughout our diocese. The Fall letter will mail this week. Donations can also be made online at www.stcdio.org/annualappeal or by calling 320-258-7654. Thank you for your prayers and stewardship.

HAPPENINGS at MOTV

November is the month in which we commemorate the dead.

At the Big Lake campus, the side altar (by Mary & Joseph) will be decorated and made available for you to bring in pictures or memorial cards of your loved ones. You are invited to write the names of your loved ones in the Book of Remembering located at the side altar.

At the Becker location, our Book of Remembering will be on a table by the memorial candles for you to write in the names of your loved ones. You may also bring pictures or memorial cards of loved ones to place nearby.

***During November, at Mary of the Visitation,
we remember those who have died and
have been buried within the past year:***

Katie Burkholder	Madonna Gibbens	David H. Nelson
Arnold Nolden	Donna Roelike	Elaine Borst
Wilfrieda Barker	Robbe Neidenfeuhr	John Legierski
Robert Tischbirek	Robert Schake	Sara Moorhead
Donna Keeler	Patricia Burger	Bernice Krutzig
Patrick Makovec	Curtis Fischer	Eileen Hughes

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let the perpetual light shine upon them.
May their souls, and the souls of all
the faithful departed, rest in peace. AMEN*

PRAYER FOR VETERANS' DAY

Dear Lord,

We honor our veterans,
worthy men and women who gave their best
when they were called upon to serve and protect their country.

We pray that you will bless them, Lord, for their unselfish service
bless them abundantly for the hardships they faced,
for the sacrifices they made.

We respect them, we thank them,
we honor them, we are proud of them,
and we pray that you will watch over these special people
and bless them with peace and happiness.

In Jesus' name we pray for Peace in this beautiful world. Amen.

via [Our Lady of Lourdes Prayer Request](#)

MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

I wanted to let everyone know that I will be taking some time off for a long-planned vacation sailing down the Rhine River in mid-November with 5 other priests. Among the priests who will be within our group are Fr. Geno, Fr. Ralph and Fr. Kevin, and my friend and classmate, Fr. Dan. During this time, Fr. Eb will be covering the weekend of November 11/12th and Fr. Ben will be covering the weekend of November 18/19th. Please welcome them with open arms and pray that all of us remain safe and well during our time of travel. Many blessings ... Fr. Mike

WEEKLY CALENDAR of EVENTS

Monday, November 6 - Weekday

Rom 11:29-36; Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36; Lk 14:12-14

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

Tuesday, November 7 - Weekday

Rom 12:5-16b; Ps 131:1bcd-e-3; Lk 14:15-24

5:00 pm	No Mass	Big Lake
6:30 pm	No Baptism Prep Class	Becker

Wednesday, November 8 - Weekday

Rom 13:8-10; Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9; Lk 14:25-33

8:00 am	No Mass	Becker
8:00 am	Word and Communion Service	Big Lake
5:15 pm	Youth Ensemble	Big Lake
6:30 pm	Journey of Faith / Session 1	Becker
		Big Lake
7:00 pm	Liturgy Committee	Big Lake
8:00 pm	Youth of Truth	Big Lake

Thursday, November 9 - The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17;
Jn 2:13-22

8:00 am	No Mass	Becker
8:00 am	Word & Communion Service	Big Lake
	+Rosary to follow	
9:30 am	No Mass at Monticello Nursing Home	
5:00 pm	Children's Choir	Big Lake
6:15 pm	Cantor Practice	Big Lake
7:00 pm	Adult Choir	Big Lake
7:00 pm	Buildings & Grounds Committee	Becker
8:00 pm	AA Meeting	Becker

Friday, November 10 - St. Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

Rom 15:14-21; Ps 98:1-4; Lk 16:1-8

8:00 am	Word & Communion Service	Big Lake
8:30 am	Bible Study	Big Lake

Saturday, November 11 - St. Martin of Tours, Bishop

Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Ps 145:2-5, 10-11; Lk 16:9-15

3:45 pm	Reconciliation	Big Lake
5:00 pm	Mass († Bernice Krutzig)	Big Lake
6:00 pm	Lunch & Bingo	Big Lake

Sunday, November 12 - Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 6:12-16; Ps 63:2-8; 1 Thes 4:13-18 [13-14]; Mt 25:1-13

8:30 am	Mass (for Laura & Dan Brekke)	Big Lake
10:30 am	Mass (for the People)	Big Lake
10:30 am	Liturgy of the Word for Children	Big Lake
4:00 pm	Alpha	Becker
6:30 pm	U-JAM	Becker
8:00 pm	Youth Leadership Team	Becker