



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!"

Due to Covid-19 protocols, the following temporary changes (in red) have been put in place.

Parish Cell Phone: 763-250-0233

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

Website: www.maryofthevisitation.org

Email: parish@maryofthevisitation.org

Weekend Mass Schedule (Temporary)

Saturday - 5:00 pm

Sunday - 9:30 am

Weekend Mass Location (Temporary)

12100 Sherburne Ave.

Becker, MN 55308

Weekday Masses

Please see Weekly Calendar of Events on Page 8 for day, time, and location.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Temporary)

By appointment only. Please contact Fr. Mike at 763-447-3339 (ext. 301) or mkellogg@maryofthevisitation.org.

Sacrament of Baptism (Temporary)

Baptisms are currently being held privately. Baptisms will not be held after weekend Masses. Membership with a Catholic parish is required. A baptism prep class within the past 5 years is required. Please begin arrangements at least 4 weeks in advance.

Sacrament of Marriage

Arrangements must be made with Fr. 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. Visit the parish website (select Join the Parish under Quick Links) or call the office for more details.

NOVEMBER 22, 2020

*Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe*

I WAS HUNGRY AND YOU GAVE ME FOOD,
I WAS THIRSTY AND YOU GAVE ME DRINK,
A STRANGER AND YOU WELCOMED ME,
NAKED AND YOU CLOTHED ME,
ILL AND YOU CARED FOR ME,
IN PRISON AND YOU VISITED ME.

MATTHEW 25:35-36

PARISH STAFF

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Housekeeping Teresa Riebel

Office Staff available by Phone

Monday through Thursday: 8:00 am to 2:30 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)

12100 Sherburne Avenue, Becker, MN 55308

440 Lake Street North, Big Lake, MN 55309

Please send mail to: PO Box 100, Big Lake, MN 55309

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

Greg Scherber 763-237-2692

3 year term (ending 6/30/2023)

Melissa Dumonceaux 320-293-5957

Jeff Howell 763-313-1722

Geary Keppel 763-263-2769

3 year term (ending 6/30/2024)

Bonnie DeZelar 763-263-3746

Brenda Ewing 612-219-4071

Ex Officio

Deacon Phil Henneman 763-220-2549

Trustees:

Eric Krause 612-720-6470

Clay Wilfahrt 763-688-4150

Minutes from Pastoral 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.

FINANCE COUNCIL

Juanita Johnson 763-263-3240

Greg Powers 763-263-1663

Ryan Sakry 320-267-4562

Andy Voller 612-964-4964

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 contact Danette at 763-273-8408 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.

Bobb Anderson	Marcel Osowski
Mary Dombrovski	Jo Pace
Cindi Flack	James Pionk
Lisa Gue	Brenda Prudhomme
Jim Herickhoff	Charles Rice
Terri Hight	Jerry Schmidt
Jim Johnson	Elaine & David Torma
Judy Kindle	Jason Treptau
John Koenig	Dale Vogl
Patrick Koenig	Sheila Yarke
Julie Kuznia	
Linda Gail Lippert	
Bill Malikowski	
Corey Marsh	
Tom Marshall	
Julie Neaton	
Catherine Nelson	
Linda Nelson	

Please pray for those active in Military Service

Noah Arrigoni	Tyler Jensen	Anthony Mohler
Andrew Berglund	David Johnson	Scott Peterson
Nicholas Caouette	Matt Johnson	Jacob Smith
Debi Erickson	Brittney Kostek	Jeremy TenEyck
Nick Erickson	Kelli Lumley	
Matt Howell	Nick Malikowski	

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

Sunday, Nov. 22	Rev. Jimmy Joseph, VC
Monday, Nov. 23	Rev. David Grundman
Tuesday, Nov. 24	Rev. Joseph Herzing
Wednesday, Nov. 25	Rev. Mark Innocenti
Thursday, Nov. 26	Rev. Gregory Paffel
Friday, Nov. 27	Rev. Michael Kellogg
Saturday, Nov. 28	Rev. Julius Beckermann, OSB

HAPPENINGS at MARY OF THE VISITATION

Eucharistic Adoration

We are in **need of an Adorer from 7am-8am and 7pm-8pm on Mondays**. What a wonderful way to start off your week...in prayer! Please prayerfully consider offering your prayers, reading scripture, or just sitting quietly with Christ in front of His Blessed Sacrament during this hour. If interested, or if you have questions, please contact Theresa, Julie or Deacon Phil:



Weekly Rosary / Thursdays / 8:30 am / Big Lake

For all those who miss praying the rosary, please come join others on Thursday mornings at the Big Lake location. Praying the rosary is truly an enlightening way to begin the day!

Thanksgiving Food Drive

The Outreach Committee is sponsoring a Thanksgiving food drive. **Please return any food and/or monetary donations by Sunday, Nov. 22nd.**

Baptism Preparation Class

Tue., Dec. 1 / 6:30 pm / Big Lake

If you have not taken the class in the past five years and are expecting a baby, please plan to attend. You can register online at www.maryofthevisitation.org (select Sacraments tab) or call Danette at 763-447-3339.

St. Cloud Mission Office Fair Trade Chocolate Sale

Thank you to all who ordered "Fair Trade" coffee and chocolate "goodies." Items remaining to be purchased (chocolate only) are listed, along with pricing. Please cut out the form below and return it (with payment — make checks payable to Mary of the Visitation) to either location as soon as possible. **Get the chocolate while it lasts!!**

Name: _____ Email / Phone: _____

Pick-up Site (select one): Becker or Big Lake
(You will be contacted as to when to pick up your items.)

Chocolate Description	Number Available for Sale	Unit Price	Number Ordered	Total Cost
Small – Plain Milk Chocolate	5	\$2.00		
Small – Milk Chocolate w/Caramel	3	\$2.00		
Small – 70% Dark Chocolate	17	\$2.00		
Large – Dark Chocolate w/Almonds	14	\$3.50		
Large – Dark Chocolate w/Raspberries	17	\$3.50		
Large – 70% Dark Chocolate	9	\$3.50		
Large – Dark Chocolate w/Toffee & Sea Salt	10	\$3.50		
Large – Plain Milk Chocolate	7	\$3.50		
Large – Milk Chocolate w/Toffee & Sea Salt	18	\$3.50		
Large – White Chocolate w/Strawberries	23	\$3.50		

Total Amount Paid: \$ _____

Eucharistic Adoration happens every Monday from 5am to 12pm midnight in the church at the Becker location. If interested, or for more information, please contact:

- Theresa Slominski (763-227-0654)
- Julie Haecherl (612-219-3337)
- Deacon Phil Henneman (763-220-2549)

- This Ministry is temporarily suspended - 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.

- **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 December there is **1** opening; for the month of January there are **13** openings. If you are interested in scheduling a Mass Intention, please contact Danette at 763-447-3339.

FAITH FORMATION



Faith Focus for November: Holy Trinity

As Catholics, we pray the Sign of the Cross, acknowledging our belief in Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and reminding ourselves of our Baptism into the life of the Trinity. When we pray the Glory Be, we express our belief in who God is. And when we pray the Nicene Creed (or the Apostles' Creed) at Mass or in personal prayer, we profess our faith in God and in our Church.

- *Make a point of beginning all family prayer time with the Sign of the Cross.*
- *Pray the Glory Be prayer together at bedtime.*
- *Begin or continue the practice of tracing the cross on each other's forehead with a cross at bedtime or when leaving the house in the morning.*



FAMILY ACTIVITIES Solemnity of Christ the King

The Gospel for today's Feast of Christ the King reminds us that Jesus identifies with those who are powerless, poor, and in need. Our participation in the life of Jesus demands that we serve those who are poor and in need.

- With this in mind, brainstorm with family members what Jesus will look for when he comes to judge us. Write down the responses on a sheet of paper. Display the paper on your refrigerator as a family reminder.
- Jesus calls us to be shepherds for others. Who are the weak in the community? Do you know anyone who is struggling to belong in your community? Do they need friendship, support, food, tutoring? What can you do as a family?
- Pray for people around the world who are lost, frightened and in need of the Shepherd's care.



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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 2020-2021 School Year

Kids for Christ—Grades 3-5(SUSPENDED TEMPORARILY)
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

Meetings on Wednesdays from 6:30-8:00 on dates in which there is no Journey of Faith.

Youth for 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

Show respect to people who don't deserve it.
Respect is a reflection of your character, not theirs!!

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

- *Kids for Christ gatherings have been temporarily suspended.
- *Youth Prayer Breakfasts have been temporarily suspended.
- ⇒ **Wed. Nov. 25—No Youth Group—HAPPY THANKSGIVING**
- ⇒ **Wed. Dec. 2—Youth Group in Becker**
8:00-9:30—Youth for Truth @ Youth Center
Guest Speakers: Youth Leadership Team
- ⇒ **Wed. Dec. 9—Youth Group in Becker**
6:30-8:00—U-JAM @ Youth Center
8:00-9:30—Youth for Truth @ Youth Center
- ⇒ **Wed. Dec. 16—Youth Groups in Becker**
6:30-8:00—U-JAM @ Youth Center
White Elephant Gift Exchange
8:00-9:30—Youth for Truth @ Youth Center
White Elephant Gift Exchange
- ⇒ **Wish List: Fun-sized candy bars, water, pop, juice.**
- ⇒ **Shirts for sale! — Each Youth Group age level (Kids for Christ, U-JAM and Youth for Truth) have shirts available for your purchase (view designs below). The cost of each shirt is \$10.00 and we have many sizes available and will order more if needed. Contact Doug to order yours!!**



Christ's Peace to All,

Doug Watercott

MUSIC & LITURGY NOTES

Thanksgiving Day Mass—Nov. 26: Mass on Thanksgiving Day will be celebrated this Thursday at 9 am in Big Lake. All are invited!

Ministry Sign-up: If you are available to serve for either liturgy below, please sign up today by contacting either Danette or Gretchen!

Thanksgiving Day Mass
Thurs., Nov. 26, 9 am (Big Lake)

Feast of Immaculate Conception
Tues., Dec. 8, 7 pm (Big Lake)

Advent Candle Lighting: There are still a few open times for those wishing to participate in lighting the Advent candles for our weekend Masses, November 28—December 20. This could be individuals, families, young, not-so-young... If you are interested and would be able to arrive 15 minutes before Mass begins for some brief instruction, please contact Gretchen to sign up for one of the Masses.

Liturgy Committee: Our next meeting is Wednesday, Dec. 16, at 7:00 pm in Big Lake.

Rehearsal Reminders: Rehearsal on **WEDNESDAY** in **BECKER** this week:

Wed., Nov. 25—Cantor Practice, 6:15-7:00 pm
NO Musicianship Skills Workshop this week.
Happy holiday—see you next week!

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.

Thank you to the below liturgical ministers who have agreed to serve this week.

Saturday, November 28 / 5:00 pm Mass / Becker Location

Sacristan: Vicki Cote
Greeters: Steve Stewart, **Volunteer (1)**
Ushers: Dave Martin, Norb Vossen, **Volunteer (1)**
Lector: Anthony DeZelar
Euch. Min.: Vicki Cote, Jeff Larch, **Volunteer (1)**

Sunday, November 29 / 9:30 am Mass / Becker Location

Sacristan: Eron Bordson
Greeters: Daelyn Brannan, Gabrielle Dumonceaux
Ushers: Dan Bell, Charlie and Sam Dumonceaux, **Volunteer (1)**
Lector: Ben Dumonceaux
Euch. Min.: Erik and Melissa Dumonceaux, Angie Kraus, Eron Bordson (if needed)

If you are not feeling well on the date you are assigned to serve, please call the parish cell phone number: 763-250-0233.

Volunteers Needed!

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

Date	Mass	Liturgical Ministers Needed
11/28/20	5:00	Greeter (1), Usher (1), Euch. Min. (1)
11/29/20	9:30	Usher (1)
12/6/20	9:30	Ushers (1-2)
12/12/20	5:00	Usher (1)
12/13/20	9:30	Greeter (1), Ushers (1-2)
12/19/20	5:00	Ushers (2)
12/20/20	9:30	Ushers (2-3)
12/26/20	5:00	Greeter (1), Usher (1), Euch. Minister (1)
12/27/20	9:30	Ushers (2-3)

STEWARDSHIP of our FINANCES



Adult income received
Nov. 9.—Nov. 15, 2020: \$ 9,026.00
Thank you!

Adult income
budgeted per week: \$10,308.00
 (yearly budget of \$536,000 ÷ 52 weeks)

(Fiscal Year: July 1, 2020—June 30, 2021)

Parish Debt Reduction

\$72,180.80	\$43,961.22
\$71,680.80	\$41,675.72
\$55,186.72	\$38,320.22
\$52,774.72	



\$100 CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS

November 21, 2020—Mary Moran

November 22, 2020—Mary Hitter

COUNTERS

November: *Suspended for November*

December: *Suspended for December*

ADVERTISER of the WEEK

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Thank you for your support!

HAPPENINGS in our AREA

Christ the King Retreat Center

621 1st Ave. S. / Buffalo, MN

Upcoming Retreats:

- Men's Silent Weekend Retreat / Dec. 4-6, 2020
- Advent Silent Retreat / Dec. 11-13, 2020
- Men's Silent Weekend Retreat / Jan. 15-17, 2021
- Women's Silent Weekend Retreat / Jan. 29-31, 2021

For information or to register:

- Call 763-682-1394
- Visit Website: www.kingshouse.com

The Diocese of Saint Cloud is offering the third part of a FREE three-part Zoom webinar series focused around the Eucharist: "One Body: Gathered. Nourished. Sent."

Webinar Part 3: Sent—Sent Forth to Love and Serve — with Drs. Mary and Kurt Schwieters, Peg Imholte and Bishop Donald Kettler / Thurs., Dec. 3 / 1:00 pm—2:00 pm. This webinar will be a 45-minute presentation through Zoom with 15 minutes for questions at the conclusion. For more information and to register, visit: www.stcdio.org/one-body-webinar-3

Bishop's Annual Appeal: We are the Church Together: Our diocesan ministries are walking with you during these challenging times. Diocesan staff continue to reach out to parishes and advance ministries in new and creative ways. [Our diocesan website has updates, spiritual resources and prayers at www.stcdio.org](http://www.stcdio.org). May God bless you and those you love.

Stewardship as a Way of Life: "...whatever you did for one of the least of my brothers, you did for me." — Matthew 25:40
 Most of us are generous when it's convenient for us. We are generous when we have the time or the money. But generosity is the opposite of that. It means giving of one's time, money, compassion, forgiveness, or mercy when it's not convenient; when it's not on our schedule, but on the other person's schedule.

Online Quilt Extravaganza

Area Catholic Community of Saints Peter & Paul (Richmond), St. James (Jacob Prairie), Mary of the Immaculate Conception (Rockville) and St. Boniface (Cold Spring) Begins Nov. 27 at 3 pm / Closes Dec. 5 at 9 pm

The area Centered on Christ Catholic Community is hosting an online quilt auction. You can preview the auction at www.32auctions.com/cccccquilt to see all quilts and register for the auction.

HAPPENINGS at MOTV



Changes in your status or contact information? If you are currently a parishioner and any of your family's information on file with us has changed, please use one of the following options to update your information:

- **Parishioner Update Form**
(<https://www.maryofthevisitation.com/member-cleanup>)
 - Log in to www.maryofthevisitation.com
 - Under the Quick Links Tab, select Parishioner Update Form
 - Fill in pertinent information
 - Press Submit
- **Email the parish office** at parish@maryofthevisitation.org with your name and information that has changed
- **Contact the parish office** at 763-447-3339 so we can update our records

WEEKLY CALENDAR of EVENTS

Monday, November 23—Weekday; *St. Clement I, Pope and Martyr; St. Columban, Abbot; Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro, Priest and Martyr*
Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5; Ps 24:1bc-4ab, 5-6; Lk 21:1-4

5am-midnight	Adoration	Becker
	No Liturgy	Becker
	No Liturgy	Big Lake
12 Noon	K/C Blood Drive	Big Lake
2:30 pm	Coffee/Chocolate Order Pick-up	Big Lake
7:00 pm	AA and Al Anon Meeting	Big Lake
7:00 pm	Women's Bible Study	Becker

Tuesday, November 24—*St. Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs*

Rv 14:14-19; Ps 96:10-13; Lk 21:5-11		
5:00 pm	Mass († Richard Kantor)	Big Lake
7:00 pm	Pastoral Council	Big Lake

Wednesday, November 25—Weekday; *St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr*

Rv 15:1-4; Ps 98:1-3ab, 7-9; Lk 21:12-19		
8:00 am	Mass († Zeno Gohman)	Becker
8:00 am	Suspended: Word & Comm. Svc.	Big Lake
6:15 pm	Cantor Practice	Becker

Thursday, November 26—Weekday; *Thanksgiving Day*

Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 21:20-28
Thanksgiving Day (suggested): Sir 50:22-24; Ps 145:2-11; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19

8:00 am	No Mass (see 9:00 am)	Becker
9:00 am	Mass for Thanksgiving Day († James Gallus)	Big Lake
10:00 am	No Mass at Shepherd of Grace	Becker
8:00 pm	AA Meeting	Becker

Friday, November 27—Weekday

Rv 20:1-4, 11 — 21:2; Ps 84:3-6a, 8a; Lk 21:29-33		
8:00 am	No Mass	Big Lake

Saturday, November 28—Weekday; *BVM*

Rv 22:1-7; Ps 95:1-7ab; Lk 21:34-36		
5:00 pm	Mass (For James Pionk)	Becker

Sunday, November 29—*First Sunday of Advent*

Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37		
9:30 am	Mass († Norbert Russell)	Becker



To receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, please contact Fr. Mike for an appointment:
email: mkellogg@maryofthevisitation.org
or call: 763-447-3339

GOD'S WORD for CHILDREN

