



Mary of the Visitation Catholic Church

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Becker



Big Lake

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!"

April 26
2020

THIRD SUNDAY OF

Easter

THE TWO DISCIPLES RECOUNTED
WHAT HAD TAKEN PLACE ON THE WAY
AND HOW JESUS WAS MADE KNOWN
TO THEM IN THE BREAKING OF BREAD.

Luke 24:35

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

Saturday - 5:00 pm

Sunday - 8:30 & 10:30 am

Weekend Mass Location Schedule

Becker Location

(12100 Sherburne Ave.)

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

Big Lake Location

(440 Lake St. N.)

2nd and 4th Sundays of the month

Weekday Masses

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation

On Saturday at 3:45 pm (follows the Weekend Mass Location Schedule), or by appointment (please contact Fr. Mike).

Sacrament of Baptism

Baptisms are generally held the first two weekends of the month (during Mass). Membership with a Catholic parish is required. A baptism prep class within the past 5 years is required. Arrangements must be made 6 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.

PARISH STAFF

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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

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

PASTORAL COUNCIL

3 year term (ending 6/30/2020)

James Adelman 320-249-4775
 Greg Scherber 763-237-2692

3 year term (ending 6/30/2021)

Melissa Dumonceaux 320-293-5957
 Jeff Howell 763-313-1722
 Geary Keppel 763-263-2769

3 year term (ending 6/30/2022)

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	Julie Neaton
Mary Dombrovski	Catherine Nelson
Barb Eby	Marcel Osowski
Cindi Flack	Marley Jane Puissegur
Lisa Gue	Brenda Prudhomme
Jim Herickhoff	Charles Rice
Terri Hight	Jerry Schmidt
Richard Kantor	Elaine & David Torma
Judy Kindle	Shirley Yarke
John Koenig	
Patrick Koenig	
Julie Kuznia	
Linda Gail Lippert	
Bill Malikowski	
Corey Marsh	
Tom Marshall	
Bob Masters	
Derek Muller	

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, Apr. 26	Rev. Gregory Sauer
Monday, Apr. 27	Dcn. Patrick Hoeft
Tuesday, Apr. 28	Dcn. Brady Keller
Wednesday, Apr. 29	Dcn. Thomas Skaja
Thursday, Apr. 30	Jean-Claude Duncan, St. Ann, Wadena
Friday, May 1	Daniel Ruprecht, Assumption, Eden Valley
Saturday, May 2	Kevin Soenneker, St. Paul, Sauk Centre

HAPPENINGS at MARY OF THE VISITATION

Book Club Meeting

Thurs., May 21 / 10:00 am / Café Pawz / Becker

(Please watch the parish website / bulletin for possible cancellation)

The book being discussed this month is *Giver of Stars* by Jojo Moyes. New members are welcome to join at any time. If interested, stop by during the meeting or contact Kelly Ciernia at 763-263-7577.

Baptism Preparation Class

Cancelled: Tues., May 5 / 6:30 pm / Becker

Tues., June 2 / 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.

New Member Orientation

Cancelled: Wed., Apr. 29 / 6:30 pm / Big Lake

Wed., June 24 / 6:30 pm / Becker

Become part of our parish! You can register for the orientation session online at www.maryofthevisitation.org (select Join the Parish under Quick Links) or call Danette at 763-447-3339.



REMINDER: Our current **calendar raffle fundraiser** will be expiring **June 14, 2020**. Hopefully many of you have enjoyed the nice surprise of a winning envelope in your mail at some point this year!

As this raffle raises much-needed funds for our Parish that our current budget anticipates for the coming fiscal year, it's imperative that an effort is made to continue this fundraiser even though we are in a time of quarantine and social distancing. **At this time, we are using order forms to facilitate an easy and painless way to still receive your ticket order.** Forms will be available online; you may also call or e-mail in your order and we can mail your tickets to you. Each family should have received a letter/order form in the mail. Sell/purchase what you can and make sure all ticket stubs or unsold tickets are returned to the Church by **June 15, 2020**. **Winning tickets will be drawn on Thursday, June 18, 2020 at 9:00 am at the Big Lake location.** All are welcome to attend.

Thank you to all who have purchased or sold tickets...your participation is GREATLY appreciated! Good Luck!!

Any questions or electronic orders please contact Sue Willing by e-mail Swilling@maryofthevisitation.org or phone 763-273-8410.



- This Ministry is temporarily suspended -

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)
- Carol Brunn (320-248-5976)
- Julie Haecherl (612-219-3337)

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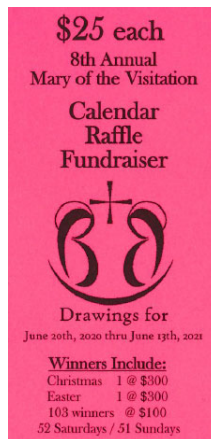
Communion to the Homebound—Has illness or fragility prevented you or another member of the parish that you know from attending Mass and receiving communion? Would a visit from a Minister of Communion to the Homebound be appreciated? Whether it's short term or long term there are members of our parish 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 May there are **10** Mass Intention openings (9 weekday; 1 weekend) and for June there are **17** openings (12 weekday; 5 weekend). If you are interested in scheduling a Mass Intention, please contact Danette at 763-447-3339. **NOTE: Current Mass intentions are still being acknowledged as Fr. Mike continues to hold a private Mass each day.**



FAITH FORMATION



Families Serving Together

How will service help individual family members, the family-as-a-whole, and the community?

- Serving helps make the Catholic faith real and brings justice issues to life for parents and young people. It provides experiences and opportunities for growth that they otherwise might not have.
- Serving promotes healthy lifestyles and choices -- it develops values and priorities that help children/teens/adults make positive choices.
- Serving helps to develop positive self-esteem, self-confidence, and social skills. As people serve, they learn that they can make a difference in the world -- that they have important things to contribute.
- Serving helps people discover their personal gifts and abilities. Service increases self-esteem and moral reasoning abilities.
- Serving helps the community see young people and families as a vital resource to address some of the problems and needs it faces. No longer do communities look at young people or families as "problems to be solved," but they begin to see them as valued contributors to the community.
- Serving builds leadership skills and abilities in young people. Through service, young people learn leadership skills such as decision-making, planning, motivating others, following through, and problem-solving.

OPPORTUNITY ONLINE RESOURCES

Check out our efaith page for at-home resources for youth, adults, and families as well as those preparing for Sacraments. Go to our website: maryofthevisitation.org On the Faith Formation tab, click on **Efaith** and follow the links. Home lesson plans and resources for our April sessions can be found there.



Like us on Facebook - search for: 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 2019-2020 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

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

Rivers do not drink their own water; trees do not eat their own fruit;
The sun does not shine on itself and flowers do not spread their
fragrance for themselves. Living for others is a rule of nature.
We are all born to help each other!
No matter how difficult it is...Life is good when you are happy;
but much better when others are happy because of you!!

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

- Wed. April 29—Youth Groups in Becker
3:00-5:00—Kids for Christ @ Youth Center—**CANCELLED**
6:00-8:00—U-JAM & Youth for Truth @ Youth Center
Service Project Night!—CANCELLED
- Fri. May 1—Youth Prayer Breakfast
7:00-7:50 @ Becker Youth Center—**CANCELLED**
- Wed. May 6—Youth Group in Big Lake
4:00-5:30—Kids for Christ @ Youth House—**CANCELLED**
- Wed. May 6—Youth Groups in Becker
6:30-8:00—U-JAM @ Youth Center—**CANCELLED**
8:00-9:00—Youth for Truth @ Youth Center—**CANCELLED**
- Thur. May 7—Youth Advisory Board Meeting
7:00 @ Becker Youth Center—**CANCELLED**
- Fri. May 8—Youth Prayer Breakfast
7:00-7:50 @ Becker Youth Center—**CANCELLED**

***Although all of our gatherings are cancelled through May 15, we are meeting weekly for "Virtual Youth Group!"**
It has been a great way to stay connected and to support one another! We are having separated U-JAM (Middle School) meetings on Wednesdays at 6:30pm, Youth for Truth (High School) meetings on Wednesdays at 8:00pm, and a Young Adult meetings on Thursdays at 8:00pm. If interested email me and I will give you the link to get you connected.

Christ's Peace to All,

Doug Watercott

MUSIC & LITURGY NOTES

Lessons from Emmaus: Today we hear the beloved story of the disciples on the road to Emmaus. This is a paschal mystery story of death to life, despair to joy, and inward focus to mission. We rehearse the lessons of this story every time we celebrate the Eucharist. The following reflection, from *Living Liturgy 2020*, unpacks these lessons, and challenges us to examine how our celebration of the Eucharist impacts the way we live our lives.

Openness to the stranger: The change in the lives of the two disciples begins once they make space in their conversation for the stranger they meet along the road. There are strangers among us every Sunday whenever we gather for Mass. How do you make space in your life for them?

Word and sacrament: The disciples' recognition of the risen Christ in the breaking of the bread is intimately tied to their sharing of the Scriptures. Our breaking open of the Word through its proclamation, the homily, and response in intercession is the foundation for recognizing Christ in the breaking of the bread.

Seeing Christ in the absence: The moment of recognition takes place not while Jesus is visibly present but after he is no longer seen in the way the disciples expect. If we focus only on the presence of Christ in the consecrated bread and wine, we will miss Christ present right before us in the people of God gathered at the altar with us.

Return to the place of death with a message of hope: The disciples do not keep their newfound hope to themselves but go back to Jerusalem, where their despair began, and share the good news with others. The joy we find in the Eucharist is meant to be shared out in the world with those who need that joy the most.

In these days when we are not able to be physically present together to celebrate the Mass, we hunger for the Eucharist even more. It is perhaps even more important then for us to explore creative ways to continue to live as 'people of the Eucharist', making our encounters with others about welcome and hope and joy. How well are we doing in recognizing the risen Christ in our midst?

Liturgy Committee: Next meeting is currently scheduled for Wednesday, May 20, at 7:00 pm in Big Lake.

Rehearsal Reminders—All rehearsals will resume when the stay-at-home quarantine order is lifted. Updates will be sent via email and posted on the parish website—please check these frequently for the latest information.

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.

Masses have been cancelled through Friday, May 15, 2020.

Let us Pray...

Covid-19: A Prayer of Solidarity

For all who have contracted coronavirus,
We pray for care and healing.

For those who are particularly vulnerable,
We pray for safety and protection.

For all who experience fear or anxiety,
We pray for peace of mind and spirit.

For affected families who are facing difficult decisions between food on the table or public safety,
We pray for policies that recognize their plight.

For those who do not have adequate health insurance,
We pray that no family will face financial burdens alone.

For those who are afraid to access care due to immigration status,
We pray for recognition of the God-given dignity of all.

For our brothers and sisters around the world,
We pray for shared solidarity.

For public officials and decision-makers,
We pray for wisdom and guidance.

Father, during this time may your Church be a sign of hope, comfort and love to all.

Grant peace.
Grant comfort.
Grant healing.
Be with us, Lord.

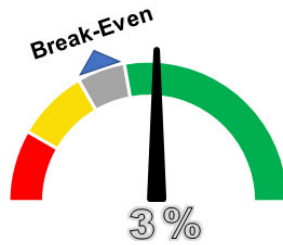
Amen.

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STEWARDSHIP of our FINANCES

Parish Operations as of **April 19, 2020**
(Fiscal Year: July 1, 2019—June 30, 2020)

YTD Total Income	\$626,756.02
YTD Budget Total Expense	\$611,385.08
\$ Difference	\$15,370.94
% Difference	3



Parish Debt



\$ 84,811.47	\$ 73,680.80
\$ 81,848.95	\$ 72,680.80
\$ 78,876.43	\$ 72,180.80
\$ 75,876.43	
\$ 73,633.49	

\$100 WEEKEND CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS

April 25, 2020—Brice Green

April 26, 2020—Deb Bremer

COUNTERS

May: Donna F., Julie F., Becky G., Jessica H.

June: Christa R., Connie G., Jill M., **Volunteer**

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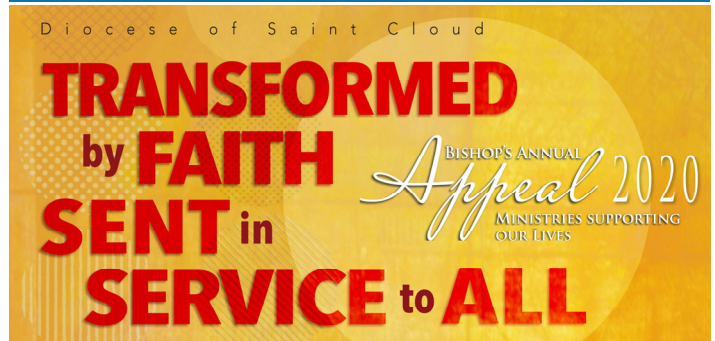
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HAPPENINGS in our AREA



Bishop's Annual Appeal: We receive many prayer intentions from the diocesan faith community. All are carefully preserved and prayed over by Bishop Kettler, diocesan staff and the good sisters at Saint Clare's Monastery in Sauk Rapids. Please know that whether or not you are able to send a gift, your requests for prayer are welcome.

Ordinations – Dates subject to change pending status of state and federal health mandates/guidelines. Deacons Patrick Hoeft, Brady Keller and Thomas Skaja will be ordained to the priesthood on June 6, at Cathedral of Saint Mary, St. Cloud, at 10:30 a.m.

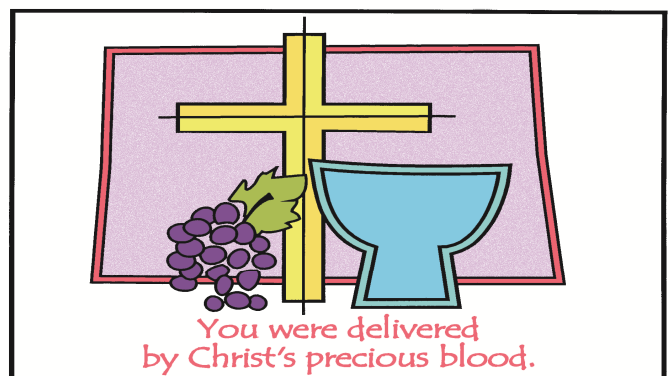
Rural Life Celebration

Catholic Charities would once again like to honor those Catholic families who have farmed and nurtured the same land for 100 years or more! Catholic Century Farm Award recipients will be honored at the **Rural Life Celebration on Sunday, August 2, 2020 at the Steve and Jamie Ries Farm in Eden Valley** (though recipients need not be present to be awarded).



Worldwide Marriage Encounter

"Love one another as I have loved you." John 13:34 - Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and experience the love of your spouse like you never have before. The next available Weekend is **Oct 9-11, 2020 in Buffalo, MN**. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: twincitieswwme.org or contact Brent & Tracy at applications@twincitieswwme.org or 612-756-8720.



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GOD'S WORD for CHILDREN

A mysterious man walked with some disciples.

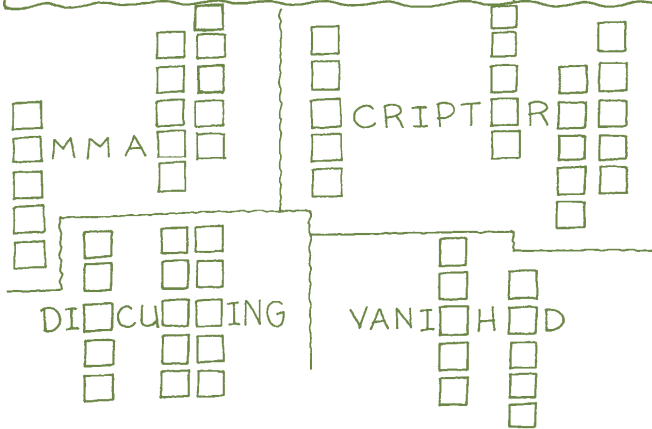
If you know his name,
write it in all the groups of boxes below
from top to bottom.

By doing this you'll reveal the missing words.

See how they fit in the blanks to tell this story.

If you need help, read Luke 24:13-35 in your Bible.

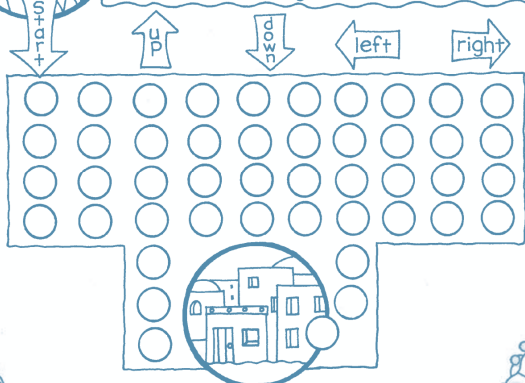
Two disciples were going to _____. Another man joined them, and wanted to know what they were _____. As they traveled, the stranger told the disciples about important _____. Later, when the man broke bread, the disciples became aware of who he was! But then he quickly _____!



Third Sunday of Easter

Follow the directions that will get
the disciples and Jesus to the town of Emmaus.
Look at the arrows for help.

- A. Go 3 dots down. E. Go 3 dots down.
 B. Go 4 dots right. F. Go 2 dots left.
 C. Go 2 dots up. G. Go 3 dots down.
 D. Go 4 dots right.



WEEKLY CALENDAR of EVENTS

Monday, April 27—Easter Weekday

Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29

5am-midnight	Cancelled: 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, April 28—Easter Weekday; St. Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr; St. Louis Grignon de Montfort, Priest

Acts 7:51 — 8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35

5:00 pm	Cancelled: Mass (No Intention)	Big Lake
7:00 pm	? Pastoral Council	Big Lake

Wednesday, April 29—St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40

8:00 am	Cancelled: Mass (For Lisa Gue)	Becker
8:00 am	Cancelled: Word & Comm. Service	Big Lake
3:00 pm	Cancelled: Kids for Christ	Becker
5:15 pm	Cancelled: Youth Ensemble	Becker
6:00 pm	Cancelled: U-JAM/Youth For Truth	Becker
6:30 pm	Cancelled: New Member Orientation	Big Lake

Thursday, April 30—Easter Weekday; St. Pius V, Pope

Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51

8:00 am	Cancelled: Mass (For Jerry Schmidt)	Becker
8:00 am	Cancelled: Word & Comm. Service	Big Lake
8:30 am	Cancelled: Rosary	Big Lake
6:15 pm	Cancelled: Cantor Practice	Becker
7:00 pm	Cancelled: Adult Choir	Becker
8:00 pm	? AA Meeting	Becker

Friday, May 1—Easter Weekday; St. Joseph the Worker

Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59, 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

7:00 am	Cancelled: Youth Prayer Breakfast	Becker
8:00 am	Cancelled: Mass	Big Lake
	(† Fr. Andrew Marthaler)	

Saturday, May 2—St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69

9:00 am	Cancelled: 1st Eucharist Practice	Becker
3:45 pm	Cancelled: Reconciliation	Becker
5:00 pm	Cancelled: Mass	Becker
	(† Joyce Sullivan)	
5:00 pm	Cancelled: 1st Eucharist Celebration	Becker

Sunday, May 3—Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Ps 23:1-6; 1 Pt 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10

8:30 am	Cancelled: Mass († Ron Otremba)	Becker
10:30 am	Cancelled: Mass (For the People)	Becker
10:30 am	Cancelled: 1st Eucharist Celebration	Becker
4:00 pm	Cancelled: Confirmation Sponsor/ Candidate Orientation	Becker