



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

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time / January 14, 2018

First Reading | 1 Samuel 3:3b-10,19

The Lord calls Samuel.

Second Reading | 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a,17-20

Paul reminds the Corinthians that their bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit.

Gospel Reading | John 1:35-42

John the Baptist recognizes Jesus as the Lamb of God, and Jesus receives his first followers.



JANUARY 14, 2018

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AS JOHN THE BAPTIST
WATCHED JESUS
WALK BY,
HE SAID,
"BEHOLD, THE
LAMB OF GOD."

JOHN 1:36

We are familiar with the title that John the Baptist uses for Jesus—the Lamb of God. We hear it weekly at the fraction rite during Mass. For those who heard John the Baptist, however, this title recalled key themes from the Old Testament. It alludes to the paschal lamb offered as a sacrifice when God freed the Israelites from slavery in Egypt, the event that is commemorated by the Jewish Passover celebration. The designation also recalls the prophet Isaiah's description of the suffering servant of Israel. In using this name for Jesus, John the Baptist predicts Jesus' passion and death and the new interpretation of Passover that will begin with Jesus' Last Supper.

We learn in today's reading how Jesus' first followers were gathered. The first two, Andrew and another man, were followers of John the Baptist. After hearing John's testimony, they became followers of Jesus. During their time with Jesus, the details of which are not specified, Andrew and the other follower came to believe that Jesus was the Messiah. Andrew then brings his brother, Simon, to Jesus. Immediately, Jesus gave Simon a new name, calling him *Peter*, which means "rock" in Greek. The renaming of Simon to Peter is reported in all four of the Gospels.

In the exchange between Andrew, the other disciple, and Jesus, we see an example of the usual pattern for first-century Jewish rabbinical schools. Jews sought out rabbis and established themselves as disciples of a particular rabbi. Jesus appears to have been unique in that he sought out individuals, inviting them to be his followers. In the passage that follows, John's Gospel tells us how Jesus took the initiative in calling Philip and Nathanael.

Jesus asks Andrew and the other disciple, "What are you looking for?" This is a telling question, and one that we might often ask of ourselves. John the Baptist testified to Jesus' identity, the Lamb of God, using the framework of the Old Testament. Andrew, Simon, and the other first disciples were looking for the Messiah, whom they also came to know as the Son of God. What do we look for and what do we find in Jesus?

Background on the Gospel Reading

Although the liturgical season of Ordinary Time begins this week, today's reading continues with the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord, which concludes the Christmas season. Today's reading from the Gospel according to John immediately follows John the Baptist's testimony about Jesus and his identification of Jesus as the Lamb of God. Having been baptized by John, Jesus begins to gather followers. The first followers sought out Jesus because of the testimony and witness of John the Baptist.

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.

PARISH COUNCIL

3 year term (ending 6/30/2018)

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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 763-273-8408 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.

Heidi Bromenshenkel	Katie Mitchell
Sharon Byrne	Dennis Nagorski
Alec Dietl	Catherine Nelson
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Jaida Rose Hamacher	Kathy Parsons
Elaine Hartwig	Don Pauly
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Alma Larson	Kellie Thompson
Phil Lauzon	Elaine Torma
Elaine Lemmon	Jason Treptau
E. Peter Maas	Trent Van Dyke
Fred & Gloria Metzger	Dennis Vetsch
Suzanne Mikols	

Please pray for those active in Military Service

Noah Arrigoni	David Johnson
Nicholas Caouette	Matt Johnson
Jake Howell	Kelli Lumley
Matt Howell	Jeremy TenEyck

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

Sunday, Jan. 14	Rev. Kevin Anderson
Monday, Jan. 15	Rev. Jerome Nordick
Tuesday, Jan. 16	Rev. Kenneth Popp
Wednesday, Jan. 17	Rev. James Statz
Thursday, Jan. 18	Rev. Alan Wielinski
Friday, Jan. 19	Rev. Todd Schneider
Saturday, Jan. 20	Rev. Leo Moenkedick

HAPPENINGS at MARY OF THE VISITATION

Christmas Flowers

Donated In Memory / Honor of ...

Paul Worwa

Book Club Meeting

Thurs., Jan. 18 / 10:30 am / Café Pawz—Becker

The book being discussed this month is *Goodnight, Mr. Wodehouse* by Faith Sullivan. 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., Jan. 20 / 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 **Thurs., Jan. 18**. 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.

Community Blood Drive

Mon., Jan. 22, 2018 / Noon until 6:00 pm

Mary of the Visitation / Big Lake

Hosted by: Big Lake Lioness

To make an appointment go online at www.redcrossblood.org.

Knights of Columbus Breakfast

Sun., Jan. 28, 2018 / Big Lake / 7:30—10:00 am

Come join the KC's for a pancake/biscuit breakfast. Also being served will be scrambled eggs, sausage, sweet rolls, coffee and juice. **All proceeds will go to the high school mission trip.**

Life Line Screening

Mon., Jan. 29 / MOTV—Big Lake

Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. **In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle or text the word circle to 797979.**

New Member Orientation

Tues., Jan. 30 / Big Lake / 6:30 pm

Thurs., Mar. 15 / Big Lake / 6:30 pm

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

Baptism Preparation Class

Tues., Feb. 6 / 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 763-273-8408.

Outreach Opportunity—Feed My Starving Children

If you are looking for a rewarding opportunity to get involved and to help those in need, please join the MOTV Outreach Committee on **Saturday, February 10th**, to pack food at Feed My Starving Children, in Coon Rapids, MN. We will be taking the bus, which will leave from both the Becker and Big Lake locations. Our packing session is 9:00A - 11:00A; bus will leave Becker at 8A and Big Lake at 8:15A. Sign up sheets will be in the Narthex in Becker and in the Annex in Big Lake after Masses throughout January. Please sign up early, as space is limited!!

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) 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.

- **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!

Free book—"Rediscover Catholicism: A Spiritual Guide to Living With Passion & Purpose" by Matthew Kelly. Copies are available in the narthex and annex.

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.). There are **2** Mass Intention openings available for the month of January and **6** for February. If you are interested in scheduling a Mass Intention, please contact Danette at (763-273-8408).

FAITH FORMATION



“No amount of 'peace-building' will be able to last, nor will harmony and happiness be attained, in a society that ignores, pushes to the margins, or excludes a part of itself; it loses something essential. We must never, never allow the throwaway culture to enter

our hearts! ... No one is disposable!”
— Pope Francis, The Church of Mercy



The Diocese of Saint Cloud aims to provide safe environments for everyone by supporting healthy families, strong communities and healing ministry. They strive to work in compliance with the mandated Safe Environment policies by providing safe environment training programs for all youth in each parish of our diocese.

At Mary of the Visitation, we will be doing this training during our February Journey of Faith sessions. Parents may view these materials before these sessions, or decline to have their children participate. Please contact Katy or Barb if you wish to view or decline.

Don't forget...

We will be having a catechist meeting on Wednesday, January 17th at 6:30pm in Becker. If you cannot attend please contact Barb or Katy to get the Safe Environment information for class in February.

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

Meetings on Wednesdays from 6:30-8:00 on dates in which there is no Journey of Faith, and also one Sunday a month.

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

Faith does not necessarily make things easy...
But it does make them possible!!!

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

- Wed. Jan. 17—Youth Group in Big Lake
4:00-5:30—Kids For Christ @ Big Lake Youth House
- Wed. Jan. 17—Youth Groups in Becker
6:30-8:00—U-JAM @ Youth Center
Guest Speaker: Fr. Mike
Topic: "His Story"
8:00-9:30—Youth of Truth @ Youth Center
Guest Speakers: Katy and Mike Lentz
Topic: "Choices"
- Sun. Jan. 21—U-JAM Mission Trip Meeting
6:30 @ the Youth Center in Becker
This is for all youth attending our Mission trip to Hales Corner, Wisconsin and their parents.
- Sun. Jan. 21—Youth Leadership Team Meeting
8:00 @ the Becker Youth Center
- Wed. Jan. 24—Youth Groups in Becker
3:00-5:00—Kids for Christ @ Youth Center
6:30-8:00—U-JAM @ Youth Center
8:00-9:30—Youth of Truth @ Youth Center
- Sat. Jan 27—Ski Trip to Powder Ridge
This is for all ages.
More details in next week's bulletin

Christ's Peace to All,

Doug Watercott

MUSIC & LITURGY NOTES

Christmas Poinsettias: There are several poinsettias in Becker which are in beautiful condition and in need of a new home. If you would enjoy one (or more!) of these plants, please stop in and help yourself!

Art and Environment Meeting: Our Art and Environment Committee will meet on **Wed., January 31, at 6:30 pm in Becker**. This group plans, creates and implements the décor for our worship spaces for the various seasons and special celebrations throughout our liturgical year. If you are interested in joining us, please attend this meeting or contact Gretchen for more information.

Liturgy of the Word for Children: Next session is next weekend in Becker—Sunday, January 21, at the 10:30 am Mass.

Liturgy Committee: Next meeting is this Wednesday, January 17—7:00 pm in Big Lake.

Rehearsal Reminders—All rehearsals in BECKER this week:

Wed., January 17—Youth Ensemble, 5:15 pm

Thurs., January 18—Children's Choir, 5-6 pm

Cantor Practice, 6:15-7 pm

Adult Choir, 7-8:30 pm

Schedules for January-May are now available for all groups. If you did not receive a copy yet, please contact Gretchen.

***If you enjoy singing and would like to get involved in one of our choirs, please give Gretchen a call and/or plan to come to our next rehearsal. All groups welcome new members throughout the year.*

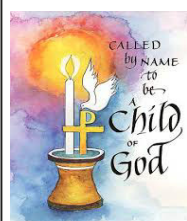
In Christ,
Gretchen Roe



We extend our deepest sympathy and prayers to the family of

Leona Rakotz

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord,
and let the perpetual light shine upon her.



Welcomed through the Waters of Baptism

Lincoln Joseph Lynch

son of

Joseph & Melissa (Cash) Lynch

January 14, 2018

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.

BECKER LOCATION

Saturday, January 20, 5:00 pm Mass

Euch. Ministers: Colleen Corrigan, Rachel Eisenreich, Phil Henneman, Cheri & Troy Nelson, Mary Ellen Richter, Pat Throlson

Greeters: Andrew, Maggie & Mindy Henneman, Jerry Throlson

Ushers: Isaac & Jeff Howell, Jerry Throlson, Jim Valiant,

Volunteer (1)

Servers: Emma Henneman

Lectors: Clint Corrigan, Jim Richter

Sacristan: Norb Vossen

Sunday, January 21, 8:30 am Mass

Euch. Ministers: Daren & Kelly Berglund, Carol Brunn, June & Rich Hubbard, Brent Kapsner, Becky Winters

Monticello NH: Roger & Sue Stang

Shepherd of Grace: Tom Lee

Greeters: James Pionk, Joan & Peter Schmidt, Theresa Suess

Ushers: Alexander & Nicholas Berglund, Alec Kapsner,

Ryan Sakry, **Volunteer (1)**

Servers: Dennis Gail, Lexi Kapsner

Lectors: Jerry Brunn, Dennis Nagorski

Sacristan: Tim Hinds

Sunday, January 21, 10:30 am Mass

Euch. Ministers: Burt Arrigoni, Eron Bordson, Dan Casey,

Julie Haecherl, Sandra Hart, **Volunteers (2)**

Greeters: Luke Bordson, Aylla King, Brenda & Elliana

Prudhomme

Ushers: Lily Berger, Michelle Carlin, Cheryl Hultgren,

Mallorie King, Chris Prudhomme

Servers: Hayden & Ian Prudhomme

Lectors: Morgan Meyer, Clay Wilfahrt

Sacristan: Karen Dinville

Volunteers Needed! If you are able to assist at any of these Masses, please contact Danette at 763-273-8408 or dtoenies@maryofthevisitation.org. Thank you!!

Sat., Jan. 20 / Usher (1)

Sun., Jan. 21 / 8:30 / Usher (1)

Sun., Jan. 21 / 10:30 / Euch. Ministers (2)

Sun., Jan. 28 / 8:30 / Euch. Ministers (2)

Sun., Jan. 28 / 10:30 / Euch. Ministers (2), Ushers (2)

STEWARDSHIP of our FINANCES

Parish Operations as of January 8, 2017

Adult, Loose, Youth, Children Contributions

- Budgeted Offering for **January** \$ 42,667.00
- Received Offering for **January** \$ 7,202.61
- Christmas Offering \$ 23,670.23



\$ 171,471.50	\$141,774.74
\$ 168,812.34	
\$ 166,143.12	
\$ 166,143.12	
\$ 155,774.74	

LOST AND FOUND ITEMS

A garage door opener, fitness tracker watch, and an earring have been brought to the office at the Becker location. If you believe one of these items belongs to you, please call Danette at 763-273-8408.

\$100 WEEKEND CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS

January 13, 2018—Dennis Gail

January 14, 2018—Pat Throlson

COUNTERS

January: Mary G., Doug H., Joann H., Jessica H.

February: Gina N., Troy N., Keith K., Christa R.

ADVERTISER of the WEEK



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HAPPENINGS in our AREA

Coping Together & Survivorship

Thurs., Jan. 18, 2018 / 4:00—5:00 pm / Monticello Cancer Center
Meet in Lower Level of CentraCare Health—Monticello, MN

A cancer support and education group for anyone whose life has been touched by cancer. Come learn, talk, listen, share...or just be there! Facilitated by Rev. Jocelyn Bakkemo, Spiritual Health Program Coordinator/Chaplain. To register, contact Dawn Clyne at 763-271-2874.

St. Anthony Church, St. Cloud, will host a time of extended **Eucharistic Adoration** commemorating the 45th anniversary of the Roe v. Wade abortion ruling. This is a time of prayer, vigil and intercession, open to all. It will begin on **Friday, January 19, at the 7:15 a.m. Mass and continue until the Rosary for Life on January 21.** While this will mostly be a time of silent prayer and reflection in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, there will be occasional times of public prayer and devotions, and we will suspend the Adoration during Masses on Saturday at 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., and on Sunday at 9:15 a.m. The doors will be locked during the overnight hours for security, but we will have members of the Knights of Columbus to act as porters and provide presence and safety. Visit www.stanthony.net for the full schedule.

Catholics at the Capitol

A bus is reserved for the MARCH FOR LIFE at the State Capitol on **January 22, 2018.** It will be making stops at Mary of the Visitation in Becker (load at 8:05 am/depart at 8:10 am) and Big Lake (load at 8:25 am/depart at 8:30 am). Mass will be at 10:30 am at the Cathedral and afterwards participants will march from the Church to the MN State Capitol. Return times are planned for 2:30 pm at Big Lake and 2:45 pm at Becker. To reserve a seat, please call Carol Brunn (320-248-5976) or Al Goblirsch (763-441-1006) or e-mail Al at al.goblirsch@hotmail.com. There will be no charge, but a free will offering will be taken on the bus.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter—Feeling disconnected? Every married couple deserves the gift of a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend! The next available weekends are **Feb 9-11, 2018 and May 4-6, 2018 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.

Upcoming Retreats at Christ The King Retreat Center
621 First Ave South – Buffalo, MN 55313

WOMEN'S SILENT WEEKEND RETREAT

Theme: "Take Courage!" **Date:** January 26 – 28, 2018

Presented by: King's House Preaching Team

Suggested Offering: \$160.00 per person/\$100.00 per person for students (includes \$30.00 deposit to reserve a room)

MEN'S WEEKEND RETREAT with Deacon Thom Winner

Theme: "Discovering God's Gift Within You!"

Date: February 2 – 4, 2018

Suggested Offering: \$175.00 per person (includes \$30.00 deposit to reserve a room)

Please email/call Lori at lpolman@kingshouse.com/763-682-1394, ext. 11 if you have any questions.

SPOTLIGHT on MINISTRIES

Ministering to Each Other

As disciples we are called to see Christ in others and to be Christ for others. We will continue to highlight in our weekly bulletins some of the programs and activities that you are invited to participate in with others from our parish family.



In Jesus' time, the steward was the manager of the household. The steward was not the owner of the assets, but a responsible administrator of the owner's property. The Building and Grounds Committee fulfills this need for our parish.

Members serving on the committee are diverse in their skills and interests but share the desire and willingness to plan, direct, and coordinate the activities of the church in all aspects of the care of its buildings and grounds:

- Lead in determining the needed construction, remodeling, repair, and maintenance of all properties belonging to the church.
- Guide the church in its endeavors to keep the buildings and grounds serviceable and neat in appearance at all times.
- Oversee all work that is contracted out by the church.
- Communicate with the church on issues and actions that should be taken that are not covered by the church budget or that are not the general practice of the church.
- Maintain a "Wish List" of items that are needed, will be needed at some future point or would be nice to have--all of which cannot be accomplished within the normal operating budget.
- Ask for and utilize volunteers from among the membership, when appropriate.

From East to West, from bell tower to basement, the Buildings and Grounds committee serves as the steward of the numerous buildings, grounds and equipment generously provided by the parish.

The Buildings and Grounds Committee meets at 7:00 pm on the second Thursday of the month, alternating locations. If you would like more information or would like to get involved, please contact Greg Powers at 763-300-4249 or gp.bri@live.com.

WEEKLY CALENDAR of EVENTS

Monday, January 15 - Weekday

1 Sm 15:16-23; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mk 2:18-22		
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, January 16 - Weekday

1 Sm 16:1-13; Ps 89:20-22, 27-28; Mk 2:23-28		
5:00 pm	Special Intention (MAK)	Big Lake
7:00 pm	K/C Meeting	Becker

Wednesday, January 17 - St. Anthony, Abbot

1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Mk 3:1-6		
8:00 am	Mass († Violet Pintok)	Becker
8:00 am	Word and Communion Service	Big Lake
5:15 pm	Youth Ensemble	Becker
6:30 pm	U-JAM	Becker
7:00 pm	Liturgy Committee	Big Lake
8:00 pm	Youth of Truth	Becker

Thursday, January 18 - Weekday

1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Ps 56:2-3, 9-13; Mk 3:7-12		
8:00 am	Mass († Fr. Leo Leisen)	Becker
8:00 am	Word & Communion Service + <i>Rosary to follow</i>	Big Lake
9:30 am	Mass at Monticello Nursing Home	
5:00 pm	Children's Choir	Becker
6:15 pm	Cantor Practice	Becker
7:00 pm	Adult Choir	Becker
7:00 pm	Finance Council Meeting	Big Lake
8:00 pm	AA Meeting	Becker

Friday, January 19 - Weekday

1 Sm 24:3-21; Ps 57:2-4, 6, 11; Mk 3:13-19		
8:00 am	Mass († Leona Rakotz)	Big Lake
8:30 am	Bible Study	Big Lake
10:00 am	Communion at Cherrywood	Big Lake

Saturday, January 20 - Weekday; St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr, BVM

2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Ps 80:2-3, 5-7; Mk 3:20-21		
3:45 pm	Reconciliation	Becker
5:00 pm	Mass († Virgil & Lucy Pickar)	Becker
6:00 pm	Card Club	Becker

Sunday, January 21 - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jon 3:1-5, 10; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20		
8:30 am	Mass († Kelly Brunn)	Becker
10:30 am	Mass (For the People)	Becker
10:30 am	Liturgy of the Word for Children	Becker
10:30 am	Rite of Calling	Becker
6:30 pm	U-JAM Mission Trip Meeting	Becker
8:00 pm	Youth Leadership Team	Becker