

November 18, 2018 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Leonard's Port of Mauritius Catholic Church

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Sunday, November 18th: 8:30AM Mass at St. Elizabeth
10:30AM Mass at St. Leonard's +Jerry Albrecht
12:30pm Misa en San Leonardo
Confessions after Masses on Sunday

Monday, November 19th: No Mass
Tuesday, November 20th: No Mass---volunteer at the Food Shelf!!

Wednesday, November 21st: 2pm Mass at the High Rise +Gene Marty

***Thursday November 22nd:** 8:30AM Mass at St. Elizabeth

Parish employees wish you all the very best Thanksgiving Holiday!!

***Friday, November 23rd:** No Mass Office Closed

Saturday, November 24th: 4pm Mass at St Elizabeth

Sunday, November 25h: 8:30AM Mass at St. Elizabeth
10:30AM Mass at St. Leonard's +Jim Albrecht
12:30 Misa en San Leonardo

Lay Ministry Schedule November 18th:

<u>Servers</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>	<u>Collection Counters (2)</u>
	N Hilber	P Waller	C Krekelberg	J Holt
		D Burnham	K Schermerhorn	B Dokken
		G Gugel	Volunteer	
		S Maresh	Volunteer	

Lay Ministry Schedule November 25th:

<u>Servers</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>	<u>Collection Counters (2)</u>
	P Scheman	O Shannon	L Treinen	P Krekelberg
		B Weis	C Stotesbery	Sub
		S Larson	C Treinen	
		P Stotesbery	S Larson	

2 volunteers are needed to help staff the food shelf on **Tuesdays** in November and December. The hours are 9:45am to about 1pm. Food shelf hours will be on Thursday, December 27th that week only. Help is needed to help unload the Food truck on Friday November 30th and Friday December 21st at 8:45am. Please let Orville know if able to help out.

Greetings

Over the last month, you may have noticed a new face on the altar serving in the Deacon role. My name is Peter Bellavance (Deacon Pete). I am in final stages of arranging a formal assignment to St Leonard's and St Elizabeth.

Over the past 12 years, I have served at St Luke's Parish in Clearwater, MN, which is part of the Archdiocese. We recently moved to Dent, MN and so have been in the beginning process of also transferring to the St Cloud Diocese. The first stage is getting what are called Faculties from Bishop Kettler to preach, baptize, perform weddings and funerals.

I was born and brought up in New Hampshire and Vermont and was ordained to the Diaconate in the Archdiocese of Hartford, Ct in 1990. I am married to my wife Joanne, for 44 years this month. We have three sons and two daughters with six grandchildren. Joanne is originally from St Paul and we returned here twenty-four years ago. I still have not lost parts of my New England accent though, so I still talk a little funny,

I will be helping Father in visiting the sick and homebound as well as helping Deacon Joe with Confirmation. I am here to serve anywhere I am needed. I realize we have a large Latino population at St Leonard's and I wish to be of service there as well. Please pray for me as I take classes to learn Spanish. I was never good in languages but I feel if the Lord wanted me here, He will help me get to a point of at least carrying on a basic conversation.

I keep you all in my daily prayers and ask if you would keep Joanne and I in yours as we make this transition and seek to serve the Lord here.

Blessings to you and your families,

Deacon Pete

Red Cross Blood Drive: November 21st from 9am -2 pm at High School. Call 1-800-RED-CROSS for an appointment.

Fr. Henrys contact information: email: homeike@fordham.edu cell phone: 347-279-4411 mail: 2380 Belmont Ave Bronx, NY 10458. Please keep him in your prayers. Fr. Henry welcomes cards and emails!!

There is 1 silent auction item to be picked up: please arrange to pick up your purchase. Thank you

Coffee for sale in the back of church, north side, directly from Guatemalan growers, \$10/bag.

Confirmation/Religious Education schedule:

- 1. Confirmation candidate introduction November 25th at Mass**
- 2. Confirmation Practice: April 3rd,**
- 3. Confirmation April 7th, Our Lady of Victory in Fergus Falls.**

It is not too late to register your child for religious education: Student registration forms are in the back of church.

The Welcome Place lunch will be served this week by St Leonards. If you and a friend or family member is interested in serving the lunch please give Julie Ann a call at 863-5226 It is on Tuesday from 11 to 1. Food will be prepared for you.

If you and/or your family would like to take a turn at serving the next Sunday coffee break –it will be on December 2nd. Contact Nancy Hilber if interested. This is a good family activity or student project!!

The parish office will be closed Friday November 23rd so that parish staff can enjoy the Thanksgiving holiday with family.

Please pray for those who are ill: Julie Severson, Valerie Smischny, Nancy Laird (sister of Gordon Gugel), Allyssa Klinger (Niece of Steve Petersen), Rosemary Johnson (mother of Ann Petersen & Tom Johnson), Cindy Becker, Manuel Godina (brother of Alejandra Mancilla), Ron Benson (spouse of Shirley Benson), Ginny Weis (mother of Bill Weis), Tony Vigen (brother of Rosemary Wiese). Denice Smischny Joe Hilber Becky Schierman (please contact me with updates)

Chapel --- Apply for an access card by filling out the half page form found in the back of each side of church and placing it in the collection basket or turn in at the office.

Area Events:

Community Thanksgiving Service at First Congregational Church Wednesday, November 21 - 7:00 p.m.

Let's join as one and give thanks with this service of traditional hymns, Scripture readings, meditations from local Pastors, and *Community Choir. Food items may be brought for the local food shelf.

A monetary offering will go to the Pelican Emergency Fund **All are welcome as we give thanks together!**

*Those wishing to participate in the Community Choir come at 6 p.m. for practice

Breakfast with Santa Community Event: Saturday November 24th at 9am, Chamber office in Pelican. Kids are invited to breakfast and photos with Santa. Kids ages 4-12 can participate in making crafts, cookie decorating, etc. Sponsors: Central Lutheran Church, Merchants on the Move, Thrivent, and Burger King.

Vergas Looneys Christmas Gathering Sunday December 2nd, 2pm to 4pm. Christmas concert and bake sale, raffle, live auction. Benefit for American Cancer Society. refreshments. Adults \$10, family \$25

Please be generous: the Bishop's Annual Appeal supports Catholic education! This past year, \$212,450 was distributed to 131 parishes throughout the diocese—St Leonard's received \$400 towards expenses for K-12 religious education. To donate: visit www.stcdio.org/appeal, call Anna at 320-258-7654, or mail: Bishop's Annual Appeal, PO Box 1538, St. Cloud, MN 56302.

As we near the beginning of Advent a special thank you and recognition goes out to our choir members and leaders:

Bev Terhune	Nancy Hilber	Eva Kelly	Steve Peterson	Vern Krein
Glenn Moerke	David Hilber	Sue Thompson	Sophie Hovden	Evie Weis
Natalie Hilber				

These wonderful, talented people deserve our heartfelt appreciation for their dedication, talents, and commitment to providing great music at our Sunday Masses and other events. Certain times of the liturgical year are very time consuming for choir members (Advent for example) and they consistently have practice each week and come prepared for each and every occasion. Please let them know how much they are appreciated!! Keep them in your prayers.

The annual Catholic Charities drive is ongoing. Envelopes are in the pews. Please consider a donation for the good work that they do. Catholic Charities provided education support for area youth, tutoring for math and reading, and also support the Foster Grandparent program. Please be generous.

All I Need to Know About Life, I Learned from a Snowman: It's OK if you're a little bottom heavy, Hold your ground, even when the heat is on, Wearing white is always appropriate, Winter is the best of the four seasons, It takes a few extra rolls to make a good midsection, The key to life is to be a jolly happy soul, It's not the size of the carrot but the placement, Don't get too much sun, It's embarrassing when you look down and you can't see your feet, and LASTLY --There's no stopping you once you're on a roll!! ENJOY THE SEASON!!! (The Welcome Place contributed this)