



# PELICAN VALLEY

## *Area Catholic Community*

**St. Elizabeth (SE)**  
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Elizabeth, MN 56533  
218 736-5230

**St. Leonard (SL)**  
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Pelican Rapids, MN 56572  
218 863-5161

**Our Lady of Victory (OLV)**  
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Fergus Falls, MN 56537  
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### Pastoral Assistant:

Jennifer Dummer 736-2429 ext. 15

### Hispanic Ministry:

Alejandra and Mario Mancilla  
218 731-2962

### New Evangelization Office:

Mammas H. Mammas 736-2429 ext. 13

### Church & Office Hours :

St. Elizabeth: Carrie Wedll 731-5304  
St. Leonard: Mary Bongers 841-4861  
Office Hours: 2:00–5:00 (Wed)  
Our Lady of Victory:  
Church Hours: 7:45 to 4:00 (M-Fr)  
Office Hours: 9:00 to Noon (M-Fr)  
and 1:00 to 4:00 (M-Th)

### Sacrament of Reconciliation:

St. Elizabeth: After 6:30 p.m. Mass (Th)  
St. Leonard: After 5:30 p.m. Mass (Wed)  
Our Lady of Victory: 8:30 a.m. Thursday  
3:30 p.m. Saturday

**January 10, 2021**



## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

This is what John the Baptist proclaimed: "One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." - Mk 1:7-8

### Web Sites:

OLV.....www.ffolvchurch.org  
School.....www.ffolvschool.org  
St. Leonard.....www.stleonardpr.org  
Diocese .....www.stcdio.org

### Facebook Pages:

<https://www.facebook.com/StLeonardPR>  
<https://www.facebook.com/stelizabethparish>  
<https://www.facebook.com/Our Lady of Victory Fergus Falls MN>

## PASTORAL COLUMN

**Dear parishioners of St. Elizabeth, St. Leonard, and Our Lady of Victory,**

“On coming up out of the water he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit, like a dove, descending upon him.” When we are baptized, one of the many graces we receive is being filled with the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is constantly at work in our daily lives, and the more we are aware of this, the more we see the hand of God at work at various moments throughout our day. Call them “Holy Spirit moments.” Whether we are struck by an encounter with someone or through something we read or hear, we catch a glimpse of the Holy Spirit at work in our lives. At the beginning of each day ask the Lord for the grace to see the Holy Spirit at work in your life today. At the end of the day take some time to prayerfully reflect on the Holy Spirit moments of the day. The more you practice this the more you will become attentive in the moment to the Holy Spirit working in your life. Come Holy Spirit, come!

Fr. Patrick

**Queridos feligreses de Santa Isabel, San Leonard y Nuestra Señora de la Victoria,**

“Al salir Jesús del agua, vio que los cielos se rasgaban y que el Espíritu, en figura de paloma, descendía sobre él.” En el momento de bautismo, una de las gracias que recibimos es ser llenos del Espíritu Santo. El Espíritu Santo está constantemente trabajando en nuestra vida diaria, y cuanto más somos conscientes de esto, más vemos la mano de Dios trabajando en varios momentos a lo largo de nuestro día. Llámelos "momentos del Espíritu Santo". Ya sea que nos sorprenda un encuentro con alguien o por algo que leemos o escuchamos, vislumbramos al Espíritu Santo obrando en nuestras vidas. Al comienzo de cada día, pídale al Señor la gracia de ver al Espíritu Santo obrando en su vida hoy. Al final del día, tómese un tiempo para reflexionar en oración sobre los momentos del día del Espíritu Santo. Cuanto más practiques esto, más estarás atento en ese momento a la obra del Espíritu Santo en tu vida. ¡Ven Espíritu Santo, ven!

P. Patricio

## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

### Baptism of the Lord

**Saturday, January 9**

4:30 p.m. OLV Mass †Ronald Doboszinski

**Sunday, January 10**

8:30 a.m. SE Mass †People of the Parish

8:30 a.m. OLV Mass †Bob Piekarski

10:30 a.m. SL Mass People of the Parish

10:30 a.m. OLV Mass People of the Parish

12:30 p.m. SL Spanish Mass

**Monday, January 11**

8:30 a.m. OLV Rosary

9:00 a.m. OLV Word and Communion

**Tuesday, January 12**

12:05 p.m. OLV Mass †Mildred Kastner

**Wednesday, January 13 St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

8:30 a.m. OLV Rosary

9:00 a.m. OLV †Kathy Lehman

5:30 p.m. SL Mass Prayer for Vocations

**Thursday, January 14**

7:00 a.m. OLV Adoration

9:00 p.m. OLV Mass †George Novak

6:30 p.m. SE Mass †Mark Hannig

**Friday, January 15**

8:20 a.m. OLV Rosary

9:00 a.m. OLV Mass Kara Riley

9:00 a.m. SL Mass †Fr. Bill Gamber

### Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Saturday, January 16**

4:30 p.m. OLV Mass †Don Bolgrean

**Sunday, January 17**

8:30 a.m. SE Mass People of the Parish

8:30 a.m. OLV Mass People of the Parish

10:30 a.m. SL Mass People of the Parish

10:30 a.m. OLV Mass †Louise Piekarski

12:30 p.m. SL Spanish Mass



# ST. ELIZABETH

## OF HUNGARY

### PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for the following Special Intentions: Dan Lemke, Mary Benson, those that suffer from effects of drug & alcohol, Jean Paler's mom Lucille, Odilia Riestenberg, Bernita Rian, Kandance Love, Marlys Holobuk, Doreen Newman, Kathleen Grise, Walt Paler's sister Barbara, Marge Thorpe, Charlotte Schmitz, Hudson Hendrickx, Kay Henkes, those with cancer, Mike Faulkner, 6-month baby, Ruth Lorshbough, Lily, and Jerry Schauff.

### PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Normally we would meet in January. Please stay tuned for further information since we are not yet allowed to have in-person meetings.

**Stewardship Envelopes are in the entrance of the church. Please pick them up. The 2021 calendars are there, too.**

# ST. LEONARD

## OF PORT MAURITIUS

### CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Donations were received for Christmas altar flowers:

In memory of Marietta Vohnoutka  
George Vohnoutka  
Ken Vohnoutka  
Ray Bruggeman

The **donations for Our Lady of Guadalupe** celebration totaled \$2385. Thank you for your generosity.

### ENVELOPES

The collection envelopes are in the back of church. Please pick yours up soon. If you want to pick them up at the office, please call Mary at 841-4861 to arrange a time—leave a message.

### PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayers are requested for Julie Severson, Valerie Smischny, Allyssa Klinger (Niece of Steve Petersen), Cindy Becker, Tony Vigen, (Brother of Rosemary Wiese), Denice Smischny, Jack Geske, Marge Thorpe, Marilyn Jentz, David Jacobs, Marilyn Gilbertson, Marilyn Schwartz, and Leona Braton.

# OUR LADY OF VICTORY

### DECEMBER FINANCIAL GIVING

Adult Collection	\$118,146.00
*\$54,621 is the monthly budget	
*\$22,984.42 over yearly collection budget	
Children Envelopes	2.61
Building and Maintenance	510.50
Food Shelf Donations	355.00
Emergency Fund Donations	179.50
Flowers (includes Christmas)	70.00
Sponsor a School Student	831.00
School Endowment Fund	100.00
Faith Formation Donations	55.00
Father Lucho Parish	3,725.00
Thanksgiving	225.00
Pandemic Special Needs	500.00
Catholic Charities	63.00
Holy Day	1,065.00
Religious Retirement	870.00
Christmas	12,853.00
St. Otto's Cemetery	500.00

### PRAYER CHAIN

Please call:

Jo Weatherly 736-4938,

Louise Wentworth 736-6701 or 770-0473

Alice Neuleib 739-2711 or 205-9007

to become involved with or to add your intentions to the prayer chain.

### SACRAMENT CLASSES

Zoom classes will be starting in January. Please be sure to sign up for the Remind Texting for up-to-date information.

**Confirmation** (11<sup>th</sup> Grade) use link: [rmd.at/ffolvcon21](https://rmd.at/ffolvcon21) (smartphone) or text @ffolvfc21 to the number 81010 (non-smartphone).

**First Communion** (2<sup>nd</sup> Grade) use link: [rmd.at/ffolvfc21](https://rmd.at/ffolvfc21) (smartphone) or text @ffolvfc21 to the number 81010 (non-smartphone).

# PELICAN VALLEY

AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Today we remember the Baptism of Jesus, which sets the example for our own initiation into discipleship. Obviously, your baptism was a step you made toward a lifelong relationship with God; it was the beginning of your Fiat. Have you ever considered, though, that God is also taking steps toward you? In today's gospel, John the Baptist says, "One mightier than I is coming after me." What he means is that the Christ will soon arrive on the scene, and He will change everything. But let's consider the phrase, 'coming after me' in another context. How often do you imagine God pursuing you? How comfortable are you with this idea? Are you inviting Him into your discipleship, or are you determined to do the work— even His work— on your own? In this passage, we hear the voice of God the Father at Jesus' baptism, and we see "the Spirit, like a dove, descending upon him." God is physically present! God draws near to us all in this way. Fiat means "let it be done". It is time we submit ourselves to the will of God and live in confidence that God is coming after us!

## BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Blessings to all of you. Thanks to your generosity we have achieved our 2020 goal! As of December 30, the appeal raised \$1,347,348 in gifts and pledges toward the goal of \$1,300,000. **Every dollar raised goes directly to ministries that support our Catholic faith and is not used for any other purpose.**

## READINGS

Jan 9-10 Is 55:1-11 / 1 Jn 5:1-9 / Mk 1:7-11

Jan 11 Heb 1:1-6 / Mk 1:14-20

Jan 12 Heb 2:5-12 / Mk 1:21-28

Jan 13 Heb 2:14-18 / Mk 1:29-39

Jan 14 Heb 3:7-14 / Mk 1:40-45

Jan 15 Heb 4:1-5, 11 / Mk 2:1-12

Jan 16-17 1 Sm 3:3b-10,19 / 1 Cor 6:13c-15a,17-20 / Jn 1:35-42

## DIRECTORY

St. Elizabeth Parish Secretary .....Carrie Wedell  
St. Elizabeth Religious Ed Coordination.....Allison Neuleib  
St. Elizabeth Youth Group Leaders.....Marla Kunz and Amy Kent  
St. Leonard Office Manager.....Mary Bongers  
OLV Financial Director/Faith Formation .....Mayme Hofland  
OLV Faith Formation Grades 6-12.....Brad & Ashley Aschnewitz  
OLV Parish Secretary .....Rosemary Griffin  
OLV Parish Music Director.....Paula Leitch  
OLV Parish Property Manager.....Bob Budke  
OLV Custodial Assistant.....Marc Stratton

### Emails:

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OLV School.....contact@ffolvschool.org  
OLV Faith Formation/Financial.....mayme@ffolvchurch.org



*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 public officials and decisionmakers, 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.  
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