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# PELICAN VALLEY

## Area Catholic Community

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**St. Leonard (SL)**  
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**Our Lady of Victory (OLV)**  
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**November 29, 2020**

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### 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



# First Sunday of Advent

### 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,

**This weekend we begin the holy season of Advent.** We have almost four full weeks to focus on the coming of Christ into our world. Perhaps with the whole “slowing down” of much of our world this year as many spend time in quarantine....Advent can actually be more spiritual. We want to keep it hopeful and joyful. We do pray for everyone’s health and safety. Daily Advent prayer and reflection can keep us focused on the many comings of Christ: at the first Christmas, through the kindness of people around us today, and in His promise to return at the end of time.

What will your Advent calendar look like? Maybe you could include a special family member or friend in your prayers and good works (even a phone call?) each day. Maybe with less shopping you can devote some time to journal about your life... write some meaningful Christmas messages to your loved ones....and send some checks to your favorite charitable organizations. They all need our extra generosity this year.

I thank you in advance for the generosity you will show to our parishes. It’s no secret that collections have been down these past months....yet most of our expenses remain close to the same. May God richly bless you for any extra support you can give to the church during this holy season of Advent and Christmas.

**O Come Emmanuel....bless our lives, and bless our world with Your Peace.**

Fr. Alan

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

**Este fin de semana comenzamos la temporada santa de Adviento.** Tenemos casi cuatro semanas completas para concentrarnos en la venida de Cristo a nuestro mundo. Quizás con la “desaceleración” de gran parte de nuestro mundo este año, ya que muchos pasan tiempo en cuarentena ... El advenimiento en realidad puede ser más espiritual. Queremos mantenerlo esperanzado y alegre. Oramos por la salud y la seguridad de todos. La oración y la reflexión diarias de Adviento pueden mantenernos enfocados en las muchas venidas de Cristo: en la primera Navidad, a través de la bondad de las personas que nos rodean hoy, y en Su promesa de regresar al final de los tiempos.

¿Cómo será tu calendario de Adviento? Quizás podría incluir a un familiar o amigo especial en su oraciones y buenas obras (¿incluso una llamada telefónica?) todos los días. Tal vez con menos compras pueda dedicar algo de tiempo a escribir un diario sobre su vida ... escribir algunos mensajes navideños significativos a sus seres queridos ... y enviar algunos cheques a sus organizaciones benéficas favoritas. Todos necesitan nuestra generosidad adicional este año.

## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

### FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**Saturday, November 28**

4:30 p.m. OLV Mass †Woodrow & Lucille Lee

**Sunday, November 29**

8:30 a.m. SE Mass †Stan & Elaine Kidder

8:30 a.m. OLV Mass †Gary Dorsett

10:30 a.m. SL Mass †Marietta Vohnoutka

10:30 a.m. OLV Mass †John & Joan Pawlowski

12:30 p.m. SL Spanish Mass

**Monday, November 30 St. Andrew, Apostle**

8:30 a.m. OLV Rosary

9:00 a.m. OLV Word and Communion

**Tuesday, December 1**

12:05 p.m. OLV Mass Jeanne K Anderson

12:35 p.m. OLV Adoration

**Wednesday, December 2**

9:00 a.m. OLV Mass †Cy Keller

5:30 p.m. SL Mass Vocations

**Thursday, December 3**

7:00 a.m. OLV Adoration

9:00 a.m. OLV Mass †John & Joan Pawlowski

6:30 p.m. SE Mass †Stan & Elaine Kidder

**Friday, December 4**

8:30 a.m. OLV Rosary

9:00 a.m. OLV School Mass †Fr. Bill Gamber

9:00 a.m. SL Mass Coronavirus Vaccine

### SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**Saturday, December 5**

4:30 p.m. OLV Mass †Marge Weiland

**Sunday, December 6**

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

8:30 a.m. OLV Mass †Myrtle Keller

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

Les agradezco de antemano la generosidad que mostrarán a nuestras parroquias. No es ningún secreto que las recaudaciones han bajado estos últimos meses ... sin embargo, la mayoría de nuestros gastos siguen siendo casi iguales. Que Dios lo bendiga ricamente por cualquier apoyo adicional que pueda brindar a la iglesia durante esta temporada santa de Adviento y Navidad.

**Oh, Ven Emmanuel... bendice nuestras vidas y bendice nuestro mundo con Tu Paz.**

Padre Alan



# 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, 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 & Julie Larson, Gerry Schauff.

## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY MASS

The Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary Mass will be at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, December 7.

Still looking for 2 maintenance committee people. Let Fr Alan or Carrie know.

**September Collections:** Adult \$4415.00  
Youth \$10.00  
Loose \$135.00  
Total:4560.00

**October Collections:** Adult \$3770.00  
Loose \$295.00  
Total \$4065.00

# ST. LEONARD

OF PORT MAURITIUS

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

### August:

Income \$6,558  
Expenses \$2,717

### September

Income \$4,023  
Expenses \$12,156

## PRAYER REQUESTS

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

# OUR LADY OF VICTORY

## MEMORIES OF FR. BILL WANTED

*Memories*

The Journey (our parish newsletter) is hoping for people to submit favorite memories of Fr. Bill Gamber

for the next issue. Please keep your submission to one paragraph in length. Email to [daforstner@gmail.com](mailto:daforstner@gmail.com) by November 30th. Thank you!

## FAITH FORMATION NEWS

If you haven't signed up for the Remind Texting that is related to **COVID-19** and ALL Faith Formation programs, please do so: use [link rmd.at/ffci2020](https://link.rmd.at/ffci2020) (smartphone) or [text @fffci2020](https://text.fffci2020) to the number 81010 (non-smartphone).

**Kindergarten – 5th grade children** are invited to a morning of forming their Catholic Faith on Saturday, Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am – noon. Using a variety of activities, children will spend time learning about Advent and the true meaning of Christmas. Masks must be worn, and all social distancing protocols will be observed. There is a registration fee of \$5/child. Registration is required; use the Sign-up Genius link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0849AFA82DA5FF2-k5th2>

**Confirmation** (grade 11) classes are starting soon, if you have not registered, please see Mayme Hofland today. If you haven't signed up for the Remind Texting that is related to **Confirmation specifically**, please do so: use [link rmd.at/ffolcon21](https://link.rmd.at/ffolcon21) (smartphone) or [text @fffolcon21](https://text.fffolcon21) to the number 81010 (non-smartphone).

## ANGEL TREE

Our annual Angel Tree is in the Gathering Space, giving us the opportunity to share the gifts we have been given by helping others less fortunate. Please note the gifts need to be brought back, unwrapped, by Dec. 11.



## RCIA



RCIA classes will resume twice a month in December with the presence of only the candidates in order to be safe with the corona virus pandemic. Classes are Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>.

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AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

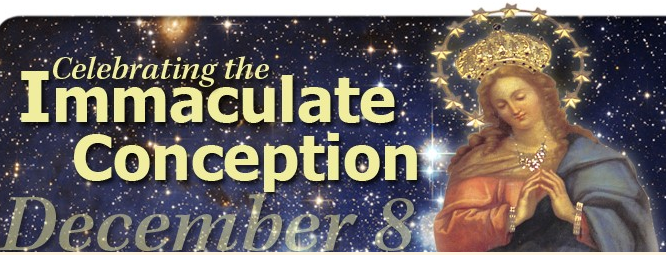
## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

*"Well done my good and faithful servant. Since you have been faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities."* Matthew 25:21

God calls us to nurture and develop the gifts He has given us and then generously return a portion with increase. He doesn't want us to waste or hoard the gifts He has given us. He expects us to grow our gifts, use them wisely and be generous with them.

## 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 Poor Clare 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.



## THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Monday, December 7

5:30 p.m. Our Lady of Victory  
6:30 p.m. St. Elizabeth

Tuesday, December 8

9:00 a.m. Our Lady of Victory  
9:00 a.m. St. Leonard

## ADVENT CHALLENGE

Go to your closet, garage, or pantry and find 10 items to donate before Christmas.

## READINGS

Nov 28-29 Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/  
1 Cor 1:3-9 / Mk 13:33-37  
Nov 30 Rom 10:9-18 / Mt 4:18-22  
Dec 1 Is 11:1-10 / Lk 10:21-24  
Dec 2 Is 25:6-10a / Mt 15:29-37  
Dec 3 Is 26:1-6 / Mt 7:21, 24-27  
Dec 4 Is 29:17-24 / Mt 9:27-31  
Dec 5-6 Is 40:1-5, 9-11/  
2 Pt 3:8-14 / Mk 1:1-8

# DIRECTORY

St. Elizabeth Parish Secretary .....Carrie Wedll  
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@folvschool.org  
OLV Faith Formation/Financial.....mayme@folvchurch.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.  
Be with us, Lord. Amen.

Por todos los que han contraído el coronavirus, oramos por atención y curación.

Por aquellos que son particularmente vulnerables, oramos por seguridad y protección.

Por todos los que experimentan miedo o ansiedad, oramos por paz mental y espiritual.

Por las familias afectadas que enfrentan decisiones difíciles entre la comida en la mesa o la seguridad pública, oramos por políticas que reconozcan su difícil situación.

Por los funcionarios públicos y los responsables de la toma de decisiones, oramos por sabiduría y orientación.

Padre, durante este tiempo tu Iglesia sea signo de esperanza, consuelo y amor para todos.

Concede paz. Concede comodidad. Concede sanación.  
Quédate con nosotros, Señor. Amén.