

PELICAN VALLEY

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Sacrament of Reconciliation

St. Elizabeth: After 6:30 p.m. Mass (Th)
St. Leonard: After 6:30 p.m. Mass (Wed)
Our Lady of Victory: 8:30 a.m. Thursday
(if there is a 9:00 Mass)
3:30 p.m. Saturday

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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

and 1:00 to 4:00 (M-Th)

9:00 to Noon Fri.

PASTORAL COLUMN

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

In the midst of our Advent prayer and reflection, we have a beautiful "synodal moment"...to enter and listen to one another, and the Holy Spirit, (with the help this weekend of Mary, Our Lady of Guadalupe) about some of the very important gifts and concerns of today's Church! The moment was created by my sickness on the morning of the First Sunday of Advent. Instead of a substitute priest, deacon and Mass as we are accustomed, the Holy Spirit provided the OLV community with a theologically and pastorally trained lay person from within the local congregation who led the "Sunday Eucharistic Celebration in Absence of a Priest" (as the Church provides for). On short notice, Deb Forstner and the other liturgical ministers provided graceful leadership in prayer, and preaching (my homily notes!) for the community. Many people expressed their gratitude (and I am very grateful) that even without Mass, the Eucharist was still made available; some voiced distress at the absence of priest and Mass; a few did opt to leave when they realized what was happening, and perhaps looked for a Mass nearby. All responses and reactions are honored and valued. **Now, in accord with our "season of synod"....**What can this moment teach/tell us as Church, and about our future? About our love for the Eucharist? About vocations to the priesthood? About expanding ministries in the Church? About the Holy Spirit's movement among us? (and other related questions...) Remember....the synodal process means **LISTENING, HONORING, PRAYERFULLY PONDERING** all voices, as we converse with others and within our own hearts. In these remaining Advent moments and days we pray **COME, HOLY SPIRIT!** *Fr. Alan* (P.S. it was a 48 hour flu bug and I tested negative for Covid.)

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

En medio de nuestra oración y reflexión de Adviento, tenemos un hermoso "momento sinodal" ... para entrar y escucharnos unos a otros, y al Espíritu Santo, (con la ayuda este fin de semana de María, Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe) sobre algunos de los dones y preocupaciones más importantes de la Iglesia de hoy. El momento fue creado por mi enfermedad en la mañana del primer domingo de Adviento. En lugar de un sacerdote sustituto, diácono y Misa como estamos acostumbrados, el Espíritu Santo proporcionó a la comunidad OLV un laico capacitado teológicamente y pastoralmente dentro de la congregación local que dirigió la "Celebración Eucarística Dominical en ausencia de un sacerdote" (como el La Iglesia prevé). Con poca antelación, Deb Forstner y los otros ministros litúrgicos proporcionaron un liderazgo elegante en oración y predicación (¡mis notas de homilía!) Para la comunidad. Mucha gente expresaron su gratitud (y yo estoy muy agradecido) de que incluso sin Misa, la Eucaristía todavía

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Third Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 11

4:30 p.m. OLV Mass †Shirley Welle

SL Mass 7:30 p.m. Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Sunday, December 12

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** People of the Parish

10:30 a.m. **OLV** Mass †Tom Keller

Monday, December 13

9:00 a.m. **OLV** Word and Communion

Tuesday, December 14

12:05 p.m. **OLV** Mass †Evelyn Kidder

Wednesday, December 15

10:00 a.m. **OLV** Mass **Broen Home** †Jim Johnson

6:30 p.m. **SL** Word and Communion

Thursday, December 16

9:00 a.m. **OLV** Mass †Stanley Christenson

6:30 p.m. **SE** Mass Katie Hannash

Friday, December 17

9:00 a.m. **OLV** Mass †Jim McDonald

****OLV Adoration 7:00-7:45 a.m. M,T,W,F 7:00-8:45 Th**

**** Rosary 8:30 a.m. M-F**

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 18

4:30 p.m. **OLV** Mass †Amanda Dewey

Sunday, December 19

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** People of the Parish

10:30 a.m. **OLV** Mass †Tom Keller

12:00 p.m. **SL** Mass Spanish Mass

estuviera disponible; algunos expresaron su angustia por la ausencia del sacerdote y de la Misa; algunos optaron por irse cuando se dieron cuenta de lo que estaba sucediendo, y tal vez buscaron una misa cerca. Todas las respuestas y reacciones son honradas y valoradas. Ahora, de acuerdo con nuestro "tiempo del sínodo"... ¿Qué nos puede enseñar / decir este momento como Iglesia y sobre nuestro futuro? ¿Sobre nuestro amor por la Eucaristía? ¿Sobre las vocaciones al sacerdocio? ¿Acerca de expandir ministerios en la Iglesia? ¿Sobre el movimiento del Espíritu Santo entre nosotros? (y otras preguntas relacionadas ...) Recuerde ... el proceso sinodal significa ESCUCHAR, HONRAR, ORACIONAR TODAS las voces, mientras conversamos con los demás y dentro de nuestros propios corazones. En estos momentos y días restantes de Adviento oramos ¡VEN, ESPÍRITU SANTO! P. Alan. (Fue solo una gripe de 48 horas y la prueba de covid results negativa.)

ST. ELIZABETH

OF HUNGARY

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Friday, December 24 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 25 10:00 a.m.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for the following special intentions: Dan Lemke, Odilia Riestenberg, Kandance Love, Marlys Holubok, Kathleen Grise, Walt Paler's sister Barbara, Charlotte Schmitz, Hudson Hendrickx, Mary Marquardt, Kay Henkes, Mike Faulkner, Ruth Lorschbough, Jerry Schauff, Pat Baker, Kayla Pask and Joan Brusven, Jim Wedll, Pat Ouren, Carrie Wedll, Tyler Kurtz, and Deacon Pete and his family. Jean & Walt Paler's 3 grandchildren, Jean Lehn, those that suffer from effects of drug & alcohol, and those with cancer.

ST. LEONARD

OF PORT MAURITIUS

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Friday, December 24 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 25 8:30 a.m.

PRAYER REQUESTS

For Adam Stewart, Julie Severson, Valerie Smischny, Allyssa Klinger (Niece of Steve Petersen), Cindy Becker, Tony Vigen, Denice Smischny, Jack Geske, Marilyn Jentz, Marilyn Gilbertson, Marilyn Schwartz, Ed Shannon, Leona Braton, and LeAnn Ishaug.



OUR LADY OF VICTORY

POINSETTIAS FOR THE CHURCH

If you would like to donate red or white poinsettias, please drop them off in the St. Joseph room by December 23rd.

OLV RECONCILIATION SERVICES

December 12th in the afternoon at 2:00, 3:00 and 4:00.

Each hour we will have a very brief service followed by confessions.

CALLING ALL BAKERS

The annual Elementary Faith Formation Bake Sale is coming up on the weekend of December 18th and 19th. If you are in holiday baking mode, or if you want to get in the spirit, please consider bringing some of your holiday favorites to sell. All proceeds go directly to support the Faith Formation program. Items may be dropped off in the gathering space of the church between 2-4 pm on Saturday, December 18th.

OLV CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Friday, December 24 3:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 25 9:30 a.m.

SCRIP AND COFFEE SALES AFTER MASSES AT OLV

Scrip and Guatemalan coffee will be sold after the Masses on December 11-12. Think ahead for your Christmas shopping needs! You could check off many names on your list with this opportunity for early shopping.

SECRETARIAL POSITION OPEN IN OLV PARISH OFFICE

If you are interested in this position, please pick up an application in the parish office or talk to Father Alan.

ST. OTTO'S CEMETERY

The columbarium prices at St. Otto's Cemetery will be going up effective January 1, 2022. Anyone interested in purchasing a niche before the price increase can call Mark Graff at 218 205-0528

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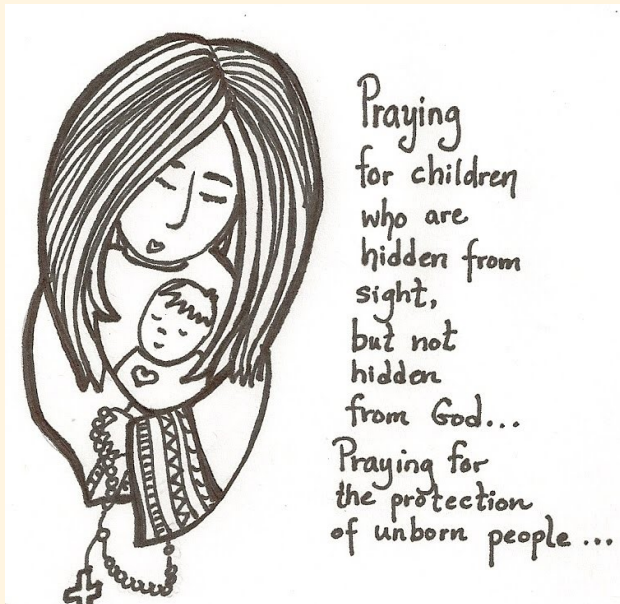
STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make our requests known to God." (Philippians 4:6)

St. Paul reminds us that God is an abundant God. He is the ultimate giver of gifts. He promises to give us all that we need. Remember, that we are created in God's image and likeness. We, too, are made to be generous with all of our gifts as well. Placing our trust in God frees us from being a slave to possessions. It allows us to gratefully and generously share ourselves and our good with others.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Blessings to you and those you love on this third Sunday of Advent. Our diocesan ministries are walking with you as we joyfully anticipate the birth of our Savior who comes to us to save us from our sins and bring new life. Please support these ministries with an end-of-year gift at www.stcdio.org/annualappeal.



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GRIEF GROUP meets the second Tuesday of the month from 5:30-6:30 at Bethel Church: 702 W Alcott Avenue, Fergus Falls.

RCIA

RCIA classes have started. If you are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith through the **RCIA program**, please contact Mammias at 736-2429 extension 13.

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.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

The regular meeting of Catholic Daughters is the second Thursday of the month at 5:30 pm in the OLV Fellowship Hall. All Catholic women, 18 years of age and older, from our Pelican Valley Area are welcome. Contact Sharon Stevens (218)739-2381 or skstevens42@gmail.com, with questions.

Web Sites:

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School.....www.ffolvschool.org
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