

PELICAN VALLEY Area Catholic Community

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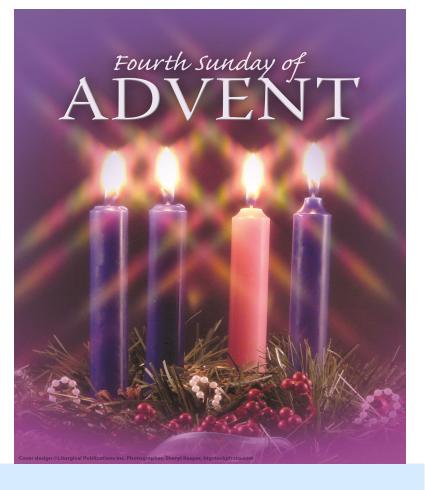
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Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

December 19, 2021



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,

We celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Advent with almost a full week to do our "last minute" preparations for Christmas! We will provide a couple opportunities still to make a good "Christmas confession", after the Wednesday 6:30 p.m. Mass at St. Leonard or on Thursday, December 23 from 4:00 until 5:30 p.m. at OLV. A good experience of God's merciful love in the Sacrament of Reconciliation could be a very good Christmas gift to yourself!

The Christmas Masses begin on Christmas Eve already at 3:00. Notice that there is no Saturday 4:30 p.m. Mass on Christmas Day, Saturday, December 25. And there is no Noon Spanish Mass on Christmas Day. The 7:00 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve will be bilingual.

Thanks to all who have been serving and giving to those in need as Christmas draws near; let us remember to pray for the sick and those who grieve the loss of loved ones this Christmas; and thank you for remembering our parishes in your Christmas generosity.

May you have a very merry and blessed Christmas! Fr. Alan and Fr. Patrick

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

¡Celebramos el cuarto domingo de Adviento con casi una semana completa para hacer nuestros preparativos de "último minuto" para la Navidad! Ofreceremos un par de oportunidades para hacer una buena "confesión navideña", después de la misa del miércoles a las 6:30 pm en St. Leonard o el jueves 23 de diciembre de 4:00 a 5:30 pm en OLV. ¡El amor misericordioso de Dios en el Sacramento de la Reconciliación podría ser un muy buen regalo de Navidad para ti!

Las misas de Navidad comienzan la víspera de Navidad ya a las 3:00. Tenga en cuenta que no hay sábado 4:30 p.m. Misa el día de Navidad, sábado 25 de diciembre. Y no hay Misa en español al mediodía el día de Navidad. Las 7:00 p.m. La misa de Nochebuena será bilingüe.

Gracias a todos los que han estado sirviendo y dando a los necesitados a medida que se acerca la Navidad; recordemos orar por los enfermos y los que lloran la pérdida de sus seres queridos en esta Navidad; y gracias por recordar

¡Que tengas una Navidad muy feliz y bendita! P. Alan y el P. Patricio

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 18

4:30 p.m. OLV Mass †Amanda Dewey Sunday, December19

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

- Monday, December 20
- 9:00 a.m. OLV Word and Communion Tuesday, December 21
- 12:05 p.m. OLV Mass †Myrtle Keller Wednesday, December 22
- 9:00 a.m. OLV Mass †Jim McDonald 6:30 p.m. SL Mass Mary Ann McDonald Thursday, December 23 9:00 a.m. OLV Mass †Kurt Schomer

Friday, December 24 Christmas Eve 3:00 p.m. OLV Mass †Doug Hudson 4:00 p.m. SE Mass †Wencil and Margaret Wedll

5:30 p.m. **OLV** Mass †Margo Sauer 7:00 p.m. **SL** Mass Intention of Karen Ringwelski

Saturday, December 25 The Nativity of the Lord 8:30 SL Mass †Bishop John Kinney 9:30 a.m. OLV Mass †Michael Ringwelski 10:00 a.m. SE Mass †Tyler Kurtz

**OLV Adoration 7:00-7:45 a.m. M,T,W,F 7:00-8:45 Th ** Rosary 8:30 a.m. M-F

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Sunday, December 26

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 †Tom Keller 12:00 p.m. **SL** Mass Spanish Mass



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 Lorshbough, 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

NOVEMBER FINANCIAL GIVING

| ** \$57,352 is the monthly budget | |
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| **\$23,637.22 under yearly collection budget | |
| Adult Collections | \$49,143.20 |
| Children Envelopes | 3.28 |
| Building and Maintenance | 143.00 |
| Food Shelf Donations | 130.00 |
| Emergency Fund Donations | 45.00 |
| Flowers (includes Christmas) | 586.00 |
| Sponsor a School Student | 302.00 |
| School Endowment Fund | 75.00 |
| Faith Formation Donations | 192.00 |
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| Fr. Lucho Parish | 500.00 |
| Ways and Means | 18,205.00 |
| Holy Day (All Saints Day) | 303.00 |
| St. Otto's Cemetery | 45.00 |
| World Mission Sunday | 25.00 |
| Thanksgiving | 940.00 |
| Catholic Charities | 1,387.00 |
| Christmas | 100.00 |
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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.

CALLING ALL BAKERS

The annual Elementary Faith Formation Bake Sale is the weekend of <u>December 18th and 19th</u>. 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 area between 2-4 pm on Saturday, the 18th.

OLV CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Friday, December 24 3:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Saturday, December 25 9:30 a.m.

PELICAN VALLEY

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STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"For behold, when the voice of your greeting came to my ears, the babe in my womb leaped for joy." (Luke 1:44)

When you hear the Scripture readings and Gospel reading at Mass, do you "leap for joy?" If not, don't blame the lector or priest; rather, look inside yourself. What are you doing to grow in friendship with Jesus? How do you prepare for Mass each week? Do you just show up and expect to be entertained? As the Body of Christ, we are called to be active participants, not just passive observers.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

In this fourth week of Advent, please remember the diocesan ministries that, through your generosity, continue to build the Kingdom of God here in Central Minnesota. Please keep them thriving by making a gift at www.stcdio.org/annualappeal.

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

<u>RCIA</u>

RCIA classes have started. If you are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith through the **RCIA program**, please contact Mammas 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:

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

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