

# PELICAN VALLEY

## *Area Catholic Community*

**St. Elizabeth (SE)**  
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**St. Leonard (SL)**  
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218 863-5161

**Our Lady of Victory (OLV)**  
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### Pastoral Assistant

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### Hispanic Ministry

Alejandra and Mario Mancilla  
218 731-2962

### New Evangelization Office

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### ACC Financial & Faith Formation

### Administrator

Mayme Hofland 736-2429 ext.. 11

### ACC Youth Minister

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### SE & SL Faith Formation Coordinator

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### SE Faith Formation /P-6

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### OLV Faith Facilitator/Elementary

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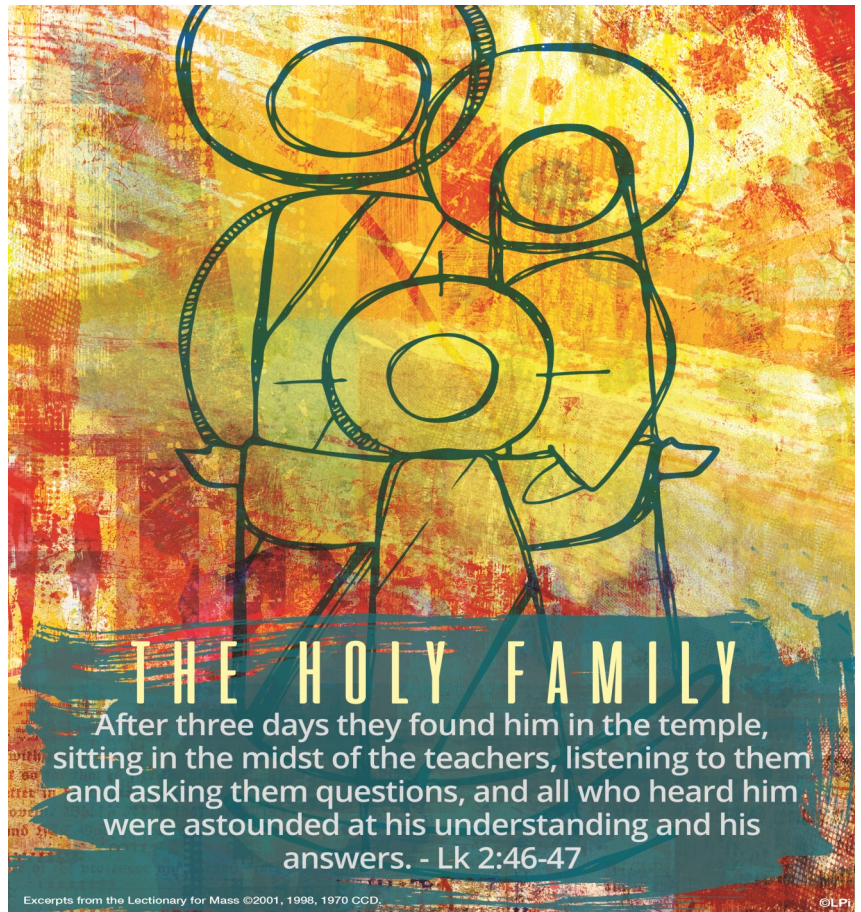
### OLV Middle/High School Faith Formation

Andrew Jennen 736-2429 ext. 25

### 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 26, 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 Christmas on Saturday and the Feast of the Holy Family on Sunday. We pray that the blessings of the Christ Child and of the Holy Family descend upon each of our families uniting us in faith and love. It may also be reassuring to know Jesus, Mary and Joseph had their share of hardship and difficulties to deal with: "no room in the inn", the flight into Egypt, etc. Our salvation story is very much "God writing straight with crooked lines." And so it may be with our family or with our Christmas. Whatever challenges we face and accept with faith and trust may truly bring about our holiness. Wherever there is trouble or struggle, may the Prince of Peace bring healing and renewal.

Let's pray for one another throughout this Christmas season: families as well as those who have no family. Let us also be thankful for our faith family: our parish and our Area Catholic Community. Many thanks for all the generosity shared during this holy season. ***"God bless us everyone." "Joy to the World, the Lord has come!"***

Fr. Alan and Fr. Patrick

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

Celebramos la Navidad el sábado y la Fiesta de la Sagrada Familia el domingo. Oramos para que las bendiciones del Niño Jesús y de la Sagrada Familia descendan sobre cada una de nuestras familias uniéndonos en la fe y el amor. También puede ser reconfortante saber que Jesús, María y José tuvieron su parte de dificultades y dificultades con las que lidiar: "no hay lugar en la posada", la huida a Egipto, etc. Nuestra historia de salvación es en gran medida "Dios escribiendo recto con torcido líneas." Y así puede ser con nuestra familia o con nuestra Navidad. Cualquier desafío que enfrentemos y aceptemos con fe y confianza puede realmente traer nuestra santidad. Dondequiera que haya problemas o luchas, que el Príncipe de Paz traiga sanidad y renovación.

## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

### The Nativity of the Lord

**Saturday, December 25**

8:30 SL Mass †Bishop John Kinney  
9:30 a.m. OLV Mass †Michael Ringwelski  
10:00 a.m. SE Mass †Tyler Kurtz

### 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

### Monday, December 27 St. John, Apostle

9:00 a.m. OLV Word and Communion

### Tuesday, December 28 Holy Innocents

12:05 p.m. OLV Mass †Evelyn Kidder

### Wednesday, December 29

9:00 a.m. OLV Mass †Loretta Giesen  
5:30 p.m. SL Mass

### Thursday, December 30

9:00 a.m. OLV Mass †Deceased relatives of Sharon Rittenour  
6:30 p.m. SE †Stan and Elaine Kidder

### Friday, December 31 New Year's Eve

4:30 p.m. OLV Mass †Larry and Tom Waasdorp

**\*\*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 Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

**Saturday, January 1**

9:00 a.m. SE Mass †  
4:30 p.m.. OLV Mass †Roy and Marjorie Scheidecker

### Epiphany of the Lord

**Sunday, January 2**

8:30 a.m. SE Mass People of the Parish  
8:30 a.m. OLV Mass †David Thompson  
10:30 a.m. SL Mass People of the Parish  
10:30 a.m. OLV Mass People of the Parish  
12:00 p.m. SL Mass Spanish Mass

Oremos los unos por los otros a lo largo de esta temporada navideña: las familias y los que no tienen familia. También estemos agradecidos por nuestra familia de fe: nuestra parroquia y nuestra comunidad católica del área. Muchas gracias por toda la generosidad compartida durante esta temporada santa. ***"Dios nos bendiga a todos." "¡Alegría para el mundo, el Señor ha venido!"***

P. Alan y el P. Patricio

# ST. ELIZABETH

OF HUNGARY

## 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

## 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.

## CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES

Member contribution envelopes for 2022 are in the back of the north side of church. The adult envelopes are all the same this year.

If you do not get a box of envelopes and wish to have one please let Mary know, call or text 218-841-4861.

## WEDNESDAY MASS SCHEDULE

The Wednesday Mass will be at 5:30 pm on December 29th for that week only. It will then go back to 6:30 pm on January 5<sup>th</sup>

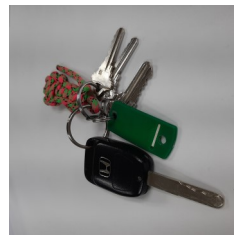
# OUR LADY OF VICTORY

## NOVEMBER FINANCIAL GIVING

\*\* \$57,352 is the monthly budget

\*\*\$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
Faith Formation Endowment Fund	75.00
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



## FOUND KEYS

These keys were left in church last weekend. If they are yours, you may pick them up in the parish office.

## MANY THANKS...

For your generous contributions to the Retirement Fund for Religious.

For the willingness of the Mass Ministers to serve at the Christmas Masses.

For the talent of those who decorated the church and made it a welcoming and inspiring place to worship.

For the music ministers who gave glorious praise to God by leading us in music.

For the thoughtfulness and generosity of gifts and greetings extended.

God bless you all!



# PELICAN VALLEY

AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

*"See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are." (1 John 3:1)*

During this season of giving, let us remember a beautiful gift that we have received: being children of God! As God's children, it's in our DNA that we share and express our love for others as well. Tell your spouse, children, other family members and friends that you love them—every day! Also, pray for those people who are different than you, those who you may not like or those who go out of their way to annoy you. Your prayers may be the start of a new friendship.

## BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Christ is born! Our mission is to be His heart of mercy, voice of hope, and hands of justice. The ministries supported by the Bishop's Annual Appeal are at the heart of this mission. They provide assistance, education and pastoral care to people throughout our diocese. Please consider a gift at [www.stcdio.org/annualappeal](http://www.stcdio.org/annualappeal).

## A CHRISTMAS PRAYER

Eternal God, the hope of all humankind,  
you gave us the greatest gift of all in  
your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Son of God, you came as God's Light to  
shine brightly in the darkness of minds  
and hearts; bathe our world in your Light.

Jesus Christ, Word made flesh, make a way for the  
Good News of your Kingdom to reach every home,  
every heart, everywhere.

Protect and preserve the labourers who  
courageously declare the glory of your Gospel  
throughout the world. Provide for their every need  
and be their strength and joy.

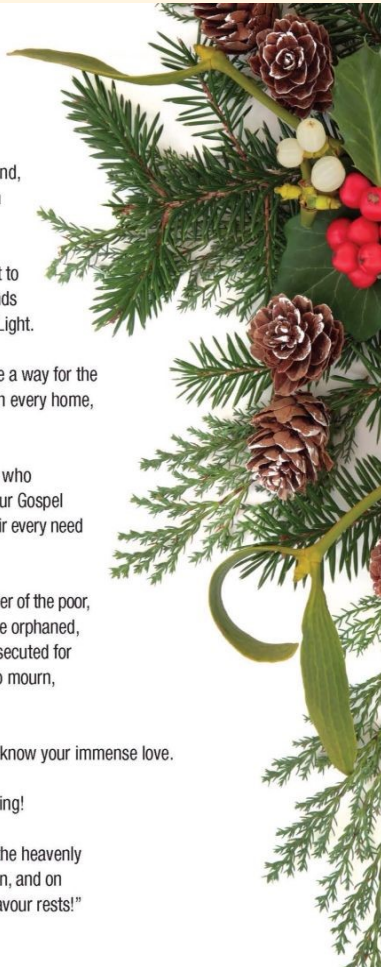
Be the comforter, defender and provider of the poor,  
the helpless, the cold, the hungry, the orphaned,  
the weary, the oppressed, those persecuted for  
their faith in you, the sick, those who mourn,  
the aged and the little children.

Reveal yourself to those who do not know your immense love.

Bless those who rejoice at your coming!

Glorious Lord, we join our voices to the heavenly  
host and say: "Glory to God in heaven, and on  
earth peace to those on whom His favour rests!"

Amen.



## DIRECTORY

St. Elizabeth Parish Secretary .....Carrie Wedll  
St. Leonard Office Manager.....Mary Bongers  
ACC Financial /Faith Formation Administrator....Mayme Hofland  
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](mailto:contact@ffolvschool.org)  
OLV Faith Formation/Financial.....[mayme@ffolvchurch.org](mailto:mayme@ffolvchurch.org)

**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](mailto:skstevens42@gmail.com), with  
questions.

## Web Sites:

OLV.....[www.ffolvchurch.org](http://www.ffolvchurch.org)  
School.....[www.ffolvschool.org](http://www.ffolvschool.org)  
St. Leonard.....[www.stleonardpr.org](http://www.stleonardpr.org)  
Diocese .....[www.stcdio.org](http://www.stcdio.org)

## Facebook Pages:

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