



OUR LADY of VICTORY

207 NORTH VINE STREET • FERGUS FALLS MN 56537

December 16, 2018

Our Mission Statement:

I nspired by Mary,
N ourished by Word and Sacrament,
R ejoicing in the Lord, and
I gnited by the Spirit

We are sent to love and serve, as we journey toward the Kingdom!

Web Sites:

Parish.....www.ffolvchurch.org
School.....www.ffolvschool.org
Faith Formation.....www.ffolvchurch.org
Diocesan.....www.stcdio.org

Sunday Masses:

Saturday.....4:30 p.m.
Sunday.....8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Thursday 8:30 a.m.
Friday.....8:30 a.m.
Saturday.....3:30 p.m.

Pastor:

Fr. Alan Wielinski
115 North Oak Street, Fergus Falls

Deacons:

Deacon Chuck Kampa
Deacon Dean Pawlowski

New Evangelization Office:

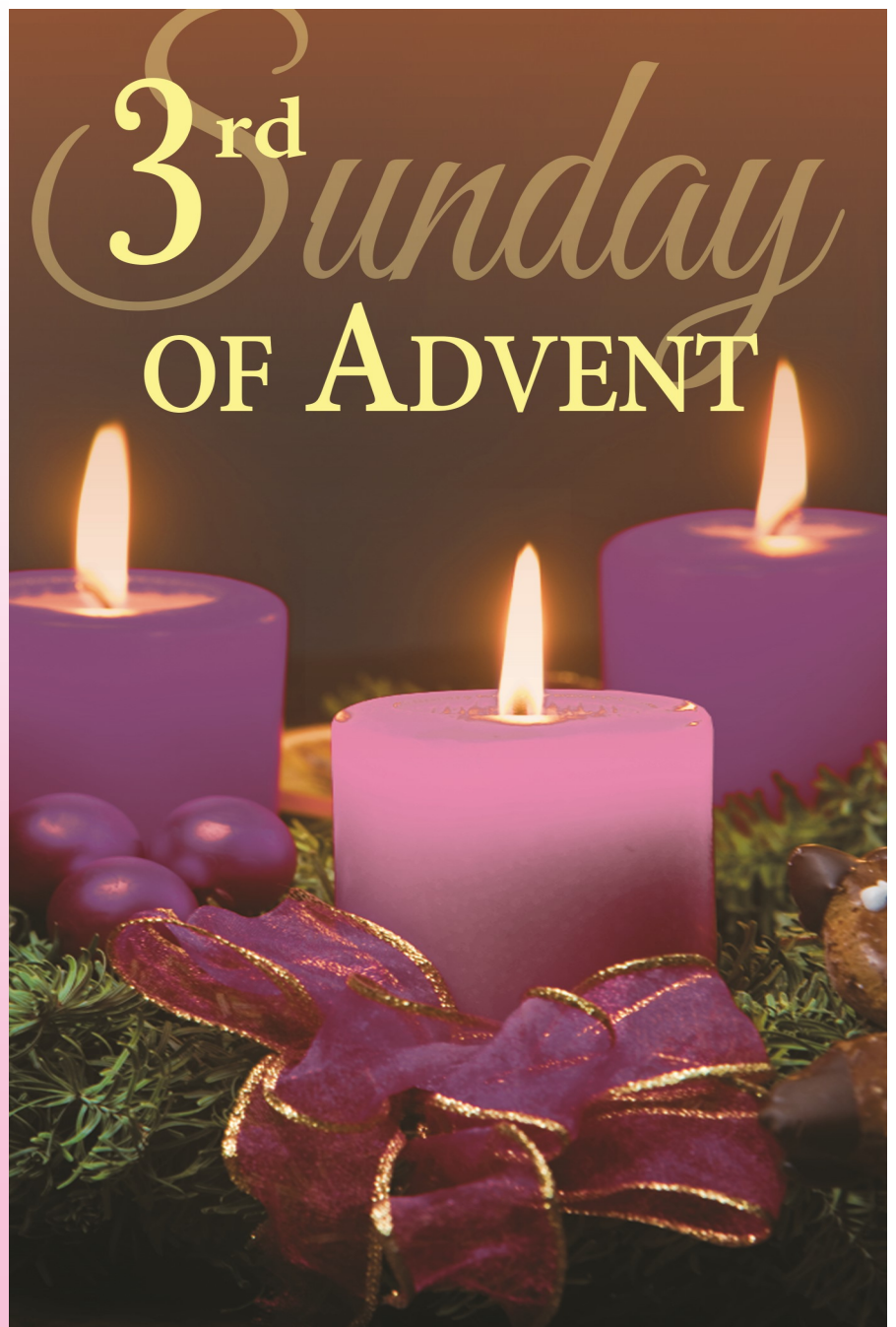
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Church & Office Hours :

9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (Monday-Thursday)
(Closed from 12:00-1:00 p.m.)
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Friday
Phone: (218) 736-2429

Third Sunday of Advent

(Zep 3:14-18a / Phil 4:4-7 / Lk 3:10-18)



WHAT'S HAPPENING

A Note from Father Alan

Welcome to the **Third Sunday of Advent** as we light the pink candle, and wear the rose vestments, marking the joy of our nearness to Christmas! Many thanks for so many coming last Sunday for confession when we had seven extra priests to help out (and we each heard confessions for over an hour). I am now scheduling the “**last call for Christmas confessions**” for this coming **Saturday December 22...**I will be available from **2:30 to 4:00**.

Just a heads-up reminder of our **Christmas Mass Schedule: Christmas Eve: 3:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Christmas Day: 9:30 a.m.** There will be special music provided a half hour before the Christmas Eve Masses and also special prelude music on Christmas morning.

Father Kevin Anderson of Christ The Light Parish in Princeton and Zimmerman has put out a Christmas CD of familiar carols: **One in the Light Christmas**. Proceeds are going towards their new church! They are available at our office for \$15.00 or three for \$40.00. Remember also to pick up some **fresh Guatemalan coffee...**another great Christmas gift idea! We have many varieties, whole bean or ground, also decaf.

Finally, and I guess this part is much more about Advent healing than it is Christmas joy... Spiritual author Fr. Ron Rolheiser has provided a thought provoking article-essay entitled “On Carrying a Scandal Biblically” regarding the clergy sexual abuse scandal. Copies are available at the parish office. On Saturday, January 12, we will have an opportunity for people who have read this article to get together and discuss it. As we get closer to that date I will give you more details. Blessings for the Third Advent Week.



MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

(Zep 3:14-18a / Phil 4:4-7 / Lk 3:10-18)



Third Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 15

4:30 p.m. Mass Paul Richards †

Sunday, December 16

8:30 a.m. Mass Todd Koltes †

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

Monday, December 17

(Gn 49:2, 8-10 / Mt 1:1-17)

9:00 a.m. Word and Communion

Tuesday, December 18

(Jer 23:5-8 / Mt 1:18-25)

9:00 a.m. Mass

No Adoration or Benediction

Wednesday, December 19

(Jgs 13: 2-7, 24-25a / Lk 1: 5-25)

10:00 a.m. Mass at Broen Gerald Rick †

Thursday, December 20

(Is 7:10-14 / Lk 1:26-38)

9:00 a.m. Mass Stan and Elaine Kidder †

Friday, December 21 St. Peter Canisius

(Sg 2:8-14 / Lk 1:39-45)

9:00 a.m. Mass Deanna Walz †

Fourth Sunday of Advent

(Mt 5:1-4a / Heb 10:5-10 / Lk 1:39-45)

Saturday, December 22

4:30 p.m. Mass Maxwell Stock

Sunday, December 23

8:30 a.m. Mass Patricia Goldade †

10:30 a.m. People of the Parish

BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE

A service of comfort, healing and hope will be offered by local area congregations and Lake Region Chaplaincy services on Friday, December 21, 7:00 p.m. at Federated Church.

Maria Willits will share how she survived and found hope after losing her son Ricky to suicide in 2009. Maria is the founder of “Shatter the Silence”, an advocacy group that raises awareness through local resources. Everyone is welcome!

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Dec.15-16 **Christmas Bake Sale - Faith Formation**
 Dec. 17 **Christmas Church Cleaning at 9:30 a.m.**
 Dec. 18 **OLV School Christmas Program 1:30 & 6**
 Dec. 23 **Patrick Murphy Christmas Concert 4 p.m.**
 Dec. 24 **Christmas Eve Masses 3:00 and 5:30 p.m.**
 Dec. 25 **Christmas Mass 9:30 a.m.**
 Jan.3 **Vocations Mass at St. Henry's, Perham**

CHURCH CLEANING DECEMBER 17

All are invited to come and help with cleaning the church for Christmas. We will be gathering at 9:30 on Monday, December 17 after Word and Communion. Please bring your own bucket and cloths. Please call the parish office to sign up. Thank you!

NEW EVANGELIZATION DRAWING

As the New Evangelization Office (NEO) prepares to celebrate its third year anniversary, we are happy to invite you all to be part of a drawing for a free weekend at East Silent Lake Resort, Vergas, MN. Just make a donation to NEO, and your name will be entered in the drawing. The deadline is January 1st.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT DECEMBER 23

Patrick Murphy, a native of Underwood, has played piano since age three. He performed his first live solo concert and won the 2010 Minnesota State Fair County Fair Talent Contest at age 12 giving him the opportunity to perform Billy Joel's "Piano Man" in front of 18,000 people. Patrick has recorded two albums, a cover album and a Christmas album, and is in the midst of another recording project with a few Nashville area songwriters. He currently attends Belmont University in Nashville. He loves to write and perform his original music along with a wide variety of covers. His sound is full and all his. Patrick will be giving a **concert on Sun. December 23 at 4:00 p.m.** at Our Lady of Victory Church.

GOURMET COFFEE FOR SALE

Our Lady of Victory sells St. Andrew's Gourmet Coffee. This coffee is directly purchased from a group of farmers in San Miguel Escobar, Guatemala, near Antiqua. The farmers who raise the coffee are paid above fair trade standards.

The Arabica Coffee is well known in the coffee industry as being of the highest quality. It is roasted in small batches and only upon order to provide the freshest coffee available. It can be purchased in a Medium Roast, Dark Roast or French Roast—ground or whole bean for \$13 per pound. Decaf is available also at \$14 per pound.

It can be purchased once a month after Masses or at the parish office anytime.

NOVEMBER MONTHLY GIVING

Adult Collections	\$59,176.98
(The monthly budget is \$51,000)	
(\$6,100.79 under yearly collection budget)	
Children Envelopes	40.26
Youth Envelopes	1.00
Building and Maintenance	435.00
Food Shelf Donations	190.00
Emergency Fund Donations	942.00
Flowers (Christmas)	768.00
Sponsor a School Student	545.00
School Endowment Fund	65.00
Faith Formation Donations	150.00
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New Evangelization Donations	200.00
Holy Day (All Saints, Solemnity of Mary, Immac Conce)	1,145.00
Christmas	20.00
Catholic Charities	452.00
Disaster Relief	102.00
World Mission Sunday	15.00
Thanksgiving	1123.00

4TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE

This weekend, we have a parish-wide Christmas Bake Sale following each Mass. All proceeds will go towards OLV's Faith Formation program.

USHER, MONEY COURIER/COUNTER MEETING

All ushers, money couriers, and money counters are asked to attend a meeting on Monday, Dec. 17 at 5:00 p.m. We will be reviewing the account procedures for our weekend Mass collections. Please let Mayme Hofland know if you are unable to attend.

2018 DONATIONS

All donations need to be in the Parish Office before Monday, Dec. 31st to be included in the 2018 statements. Our Lady of Victory thanks you for your generous contributions throughout the year and during this holiday season!

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MINISTERS

KC DRIVERS FOR SHUT - INS WEEKEND OF DEC. 23, 2018

Group 1 Jim Roers **Group 3** Greg Styba
Group 2 Vince Thoma **Group 4** Richard Tomhave

COFFEE AND ROLLS DEC. 23

John and Jennifer Dummer Steve Steinbach family

CHURCH MINI-CLEANING

Christmas Cleaning Dec. 17, 9:30 a.m. Volunteers needed.

COMMUNITY FOOD SHELF

Please leave food and hygiene items in the church gathering area, or you can make a monetary donation to the Food Shelf (envelopes are provided in your monthly packet). Thank you!

THIS WEEK

Monday, December 17

Rosary 8:30 a.m.
Church Christmas Cleaning 9:30 a.m.

Tuesday, December 18

Rosary 8:30 a.m.
Mass 9:00 a.m. No adoration.
OLV School Christmas Program 1:30 & 6
Stephen Ministry 5:30 p.m.
RCIA 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 19

Rosary 8:30 a.m.
Elem. Faith Formation and Confirmation
No grades 6-10 classes.

Thursday, December 20

Holy Hour 8:00 a.m.
St. Anne Quilters 9:30 a.m.

Friday, December 21

Rosary 8:20 a.m.
School Mass 9:00 a.m.
Mothers' Group

DIRECTORY

Pastor..... Fr. Alan Wielinski
Deacon/Liturgical Associate..... Dcn. Chuck Kampa
Deacon/Liturgical Associate..... Dcn. Dean Pawlowski
New Evangelization Office..... Mamma H. Mamma
School Principal..... Tonya Zierden
Financial Director/Faith Formation..... Mayme Hofland
Faith Formation Grades 6-12/VBS..... Jennifer Dummer
Homebound Ministry..... Eileen Shelly
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Parish Property Manager..... Bob Budke
Custodial Assistant..... Keith Widiger

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WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 22-23

4:30 p.m. Mass

Lectors: Mary Strande
Altar Servers: Noah Fiedler and Sara Johnson
Eucharistic Ministers: Carl Aschnewitz, Portia Bueno, Dean and Sue Capouch, Jeff and Diane Aschnewitz
Greeters: Carl and Chelsey Aschnewitz
Ray and Sharon Braun
Ushers: James Hofmann, Steve Keilen,
Jerry Weiland

8:30 a.m. Mass

Lectors: Vince Thoma and Lee Krogh
Altar Servers: Matthew Tuel and Meg Schmidt
Eucharistic Ministers: Anita Mohs, Peggy Rezac,
John and Meg Schmidt, Sharon Rittenour,
Sarah Pawlowski
Greeters: Pat and Rachel Tuel
Ted and Kathy Kessel
Ushers: Kevin Brennan, Gary Fults, Paul Renelt,
Jeff Stanislawski

10:30 a.m. Mass

Lectors: Jean Larrivy
Altar Servers: Cody Carlson, Ari Krueger,
Eli Draeger
Eucharistic Ministers: Marcia Schauff,
Della Hulter, Darlene Draeger,
Brandon Soland, Nancy Eisinger,
Greeters: Jerry and Alice Neuleib
Dave Peters and Karen Anderson
Ushers: Louise Wentworth, Pat Griffin,
Randy Kosak, Jerry Kramer