



PELICAN VALLEY

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Sacrament of Reconciliation

St. Elizabeth: After 6:30 p.m. Mass (Thu)

St. Leonard: After 6:30 p.m. Mass (Wed)

Our Lady of Victory: 8:30 a.m. *Thursday*
if there is a 9:00 a.m. Mass

3:30 p.m. Saturday



1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when
the time will come." - Mk 13:33

"Velen y estén preparados, porque no saben cuándo llegará
el momento. ... Lo que les digo a ustedes, lo digo
para todos: permanezcan alerta". - Mc 13,33

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Church & Office Hours:

St. Elizabeth: Carrie Wedll 218 731-5304

St. Leonard: Alejandra Mancilla 218 731-2962

Horario de oficina: 3:00–6:00 (miércoles)

Office Hours: 3:00–6:00 (Wed)

Our Lady of Victory: Don Cole

218-736-2429, ext. 10

Church Hours: 7:45 to 4:00 (Mon-Fri)

Office Hours: 9:00 to Noon

and 1:00 to 4:00 (Mon-Thu), 9:00 to noon (Fri)

PASTORAL COLUMN

We begin the Advent season of joyful hope and longing for Christmas and Christ's second coming. We won't wait long for Christmas with our three-week Advent, since the Fourth Sunday of Advent is also Christmas Eve. I know that some are still trying to wrap their minds around that. Yes, with this liturgical occurrence, there is a real squeeze! But we will give the Advent Sunday its due and then quickly get the lights lit for Christmas. The weekend schedule for the Fourth Sunday of Advent will include all the masses as usual.

And then the Christmas schedule will begin on Sunday afternoon as follows:

December 24 Christmas Eve

- 4:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass at **St. Elizabeth**
- 4:30 pm Christmas Eve Mass at **Our Lady of Victory**
- 6:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass at **St. Leonard**

December 25 Christmas Day

- 9:30 am Mass at **Our Lady of Victory**

In the meantime...may we find time each day for Advent prayer, to be assured that we won't miss "the reason for the season". Also, prepare to make a good Advent-Christmas confession! Our ACC communal penance service will be at Our Lady of Victory on Sunday afternoon, December 17 at 3:00. Confessions are offered at other regular times and any time by appointment. "Come Emmanuel and set us free!"

Have a blessed Advent,

Fr Alan



Comenzamos la temporada de Adviento de gozosa esperanza y anhelo por la Navidad y la segunda venida de Cristo. No esperaremos mucho para Navidad con nuestro Adviento de tres semanas, ya que el Cuarto Domingo de Adviento es también Nochebuena. Sé que algunos todavía están tratando de entender eso. Sí, con este acontecimiento litúrgico, ¡hay un verdadero aprieto! Pero le daremos el domingo de Adviento que le corresponde y luego encenderemos rápidamente las luces para Navidad. El programa del fin de semana para el Cuarto Domingo de Adviento incluirá todas las misas como de costumbre.

Y luego el horario navideño comenzará el domingo por la tarde de la siguiente manera:

24 de diciembre Nochebuena

- 4:00 pm Misa de Nochebuena en **Santa Isabel**
- 4:30 pm Misa de Nochebuena en **Nuestra Señora de la Victoria**

- 6:00 pm Misa de Nochebuena en **St. Leonard**

25 de diciembre Día de Navidad

- 9:30 am Misa en **Nuestra Señora de la Victoria**

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

First Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 2

- 4:30 p.m. **OLV Mass** †Marge Weiland

Sunday, December 3

- 8:30 a.m. **SE Mass** †Jerry Brusven
- 9:30 a.m. **OLV Mass** †Carol Swentek
- 10:30 a.m. **SL Mass** †Michael Bownick
- 12:00 p.m. **SL Misa en Español**

Monday, December 4

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

Tuesday, December 5

- 12:05 p.m. **OLV Mass** †Sande Silver

Wednesday, December 6

- 10:30 a.m. **Veterans Home Mass** †Charles Rock

Thursday, December 7 Vigil of the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception *Holy Day of Obligation*

- 5:30 p.m. **OLV Mass** †Orin Koziol
- 6:30 p.m. **SL Mass** †Leona Braton

Friday, December 8 Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception *Holy Day of Obligation*

- 9:00 a.m. **OLV Mass** †Rosemary Yavarow
- 7:00 p.m. **OLV Mass Consecration to Sacred Heart of Mary**

Second Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 9

- 4:30 p.m. **OLV Mass** †Jack Jonas

Sunday, December 10

- 8:30 a.m. **SE Mass** †Jerry Brusven
- 9:30 a.m. **OLV Mass** †Mary Ann Hawkins
- 10:30 a.m. **SL Mass** †Orville Shannon
- 12:00 p.m. **SL Misa en Español**

OLV Adoration (unless otherwise noted above)

- 7:00–7:45 a.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday
- 12:30–5:00 p.m. Tuesday after Mass
- 7:00–8:45 a.m. Thursday

OLV Rosary (unless otherwise noted above)

- 8:30 a.m. Monday through Friday

Mientras tanto, que encontremos tiempo cada día para la oración de Adviento, para estar seguros de que no nos perderemos "la razón de la temporada". Además, ¡preparate para hacer una buena confesión de Adviento-Navidad! Nuestro servicio de penitencia comunal de ACC será en Nuestra Señora de la Victoria el domingo 17 de diciembre por la tarde a las 3:00. Las confesiones se ofrecen en otros horarios regulares y en cualquier momento con cita previa. "¡Ven Emmanuel y libéranos!"

Que tengáis un bendito Adviento,

P. Alan

ST. ELIZABETH

OF HUNGARY

EXPO WORKERS—THANK YOU!

A huge THANK YOU to all the Expo workers and bakers and to all the people that came! It was a huge success!

CHRISTIAN MOTHERS MEETING

December 3 after Mass.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Bob Swiontek, Jack Quackenbush (grandson of Darrell and Sandy Hanneman), Jennifer Kolstad, John Schauff, Charlotte Schmitz (granddaughter of Mary Marquardt), Kandace Love, Marlys Holubok, Darrell and Sandy Hanneman, Kathleen Grise, Walt Paler's sister Barbara, Hudson Hendrickx, Kay Henkes, Jerry Schauff, Pat Baker, Kayla Pask and Joan Brusven, Jim Wedll, Tyler Kurtz, Jean Lehn, and Deacon Pete and his family, those that suffer from effects of drugs and alcohol, and those with cancer

ST. LEONARD

OF PORT MAURITIUS

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE CELEBRATION

December 12 Mass at 6 p.m. followed by songs and dinner. Please join us in this year's celebration!

THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE THAT SERVE

in liturgical ministries and volunteer throughout the year in the different events, committees, and councils we have at our parish. If you are interested in serving in any way during Mass, please contact Alejandra.

POSADAS

Friday December 15 we start THE POSADAS - Mexican tradition to relive Mary and Joseph asking for a place to stay before Jesus' birth. Nine consecutive days, 6:30pm every night. We have bilingual booklets. Come pray the rosary, listen to a small meditation, and have some food/treats every night.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Austin Lee, Claudia Cruz, Laura Saavedra, Rosalva Martínez, Judy Marko, Ardean Erickson, Ross Olson, Joyce Valley, Rudy Butenas, Jerry Stokka, Tom Johnson, Tony Vigen, Denice Smischny, Jack Geske, Marilyn Jentz, Marilyn Gilbertson, Marilyn Schwartz, and LeAnn Ishaug.

OUR LADY OF VICTORY

WITH MUCH GRATITUDE

Thank you for your charitable financial support of our parish and school this year. As we are coming up on the half-way point of our Fiscal Year, we find ourselves approximately \$70,400 behind in our Adult Collections. Please place donations in the collection or bring them into the parish office by 4:00 pm on Thursday, December 28th to receive a donation credit for the year 2023. Thank you again for your continued support!

OLV FACILITY CAMPAIGN UPDATE

The OLV Facility Campaign has raised \$2200 to date. The funds will be used for maintenance issues at the school and church. Please prayerfully consider donating what you can to the campaign. Many hands make light work. Anything will help! Thank you so much for your consideration!

"Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood." - Acts 20:28

OLV QUILTERS SALE DECEMBER 9TH & 10TH

Denim quilts, baby quilts, table runners and toppers will be on sale December 9th and 10th. They make great gifts! Have questions? Call Georgia Waasdorp (218-736-4943) or Marietta Bullis (218-998-3790).

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS DECEMBER MEETING AND CHRISTMAS SILENT AUCTION:

We will meet December 7th at 5:30 pm. **Please note the change of date.** All Catholic women 18 years and older are welcome.

TEEN ANGEL CHRISTMAS TREE

The Social Concerns Committee is collecting Christmas gifts for local teens in need Nov. 16th - Dec. 17th. Our Teen Angel Tree last Christmas was such a success that the Salvation Army has asked that we do it again! We have placed a list of gift ideas for teens by the tree. Your help is greatly appreciated!

HOLIDAY BAKERS NEEDED

Faith Formation is seeking people throughout the parish to contribute baked goods for a free will offering bake sale to support our programs. If possible, drop off in the church gathering space from noon to 3 on **Saturday December 16th**, or before/after Masses that weekend. Contact Deb Forstner at deb@ffolvchurch.org if you have questions.

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AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

ADVENT RESOURCE

Greetings! As we prepare for the season of Advent, the Diocese of St. Cloud once again offers this Advent prayer journal to use individually or in small groups. It includes Scripture, reflection and prayer. This resource is an original work of the local Eucharistic Revival prayer team, calling people into a deeper encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist.



Download the Advent Prayer Guide and Journal at the St. Cloud Diocese website: stcdio.org on the **Eucharistic Revival** page.

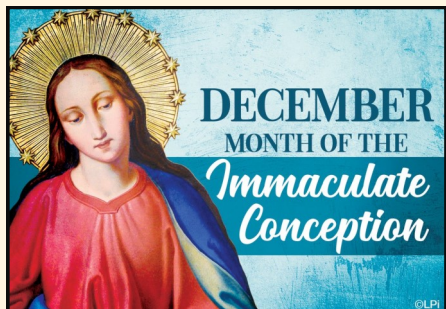
STEWARDSHIP AS A WAY OF LIFE

"Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come." - Mark 13:33

We all take things for granted. In particular, we take time for granted. We make our lives too busy. We plan our days, weeks, months, even years in advance. Remember, our time on earth is a gift. None of us knows how long we will be here. Start today and begin thanking God for each and every day. Take time in silence, every day, and listen to how God is calling you right now to help build His kingdom on earth.

BISHOPS ANNUAL APPEAL

In this first 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.



OUR LADY OF VICTORY CONTINUED

OLV MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT

Votive Candles—This ministry is scheduled in one-month blocks to replace the votive candles as needed on a weekly basis. Contact Donna Madsen at 218-731-2682 if you are interested in helping with this important ministry.

FOR THE HOLIDAYS

To brighten the holiday season, our food shelf will be distributing hams and turkey breasts to our needy families. Your \$20 donation will purchase a ham or turkey breast. You can use the OLV food shelf envelope or mail your donation to the **Fergus Falls Community Food Shelf**, PO Box 136, Fergus Falls, MN 56537. Please indicate ham/turkey on your check memo. We greatly appreciate your generosity.

ST. ROBERT'S MISSION

Meets the second Monday of the month at 1 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

ST. THERESA'S CIRCLE

Meets 2nd Tuesday of each month at 1:00 p.m. in OLV St. Joseph Room. Craft work done at home. **Volunteers needed.** To learn more, call Theresa Rudnick (218) 736-4924.

PRAYER CHAIN

Please call: Jo Weatherly 218-736-4938, Louise Wentworth 218-770-0473, Alice Neuleib 218-205-9007 to become involved with or to add your intentions to the prayer chain.

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>

