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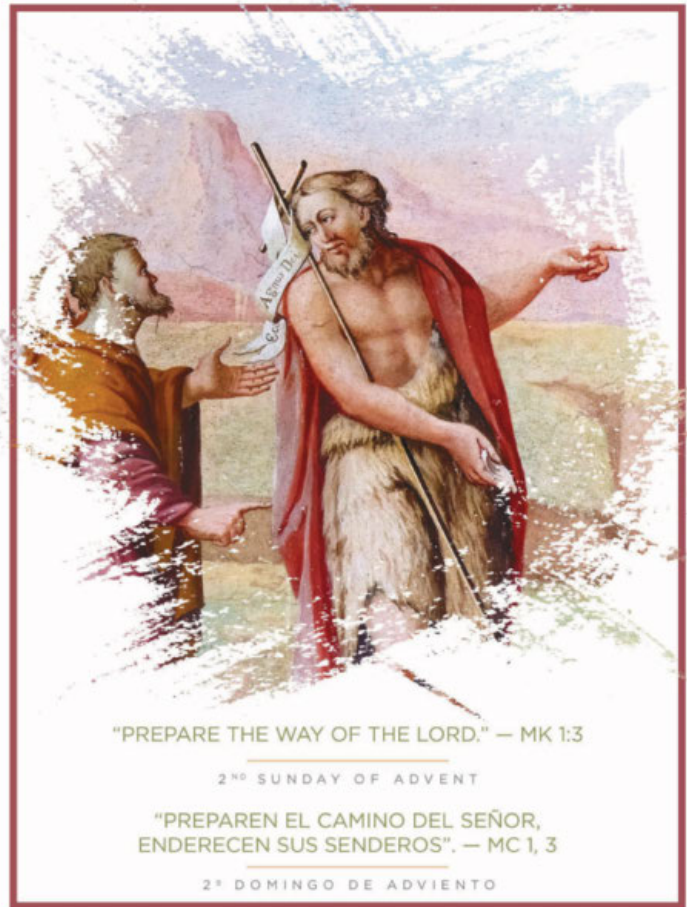
Sacrament of Reconciliation

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



Church & Office Hours:

St. Elizabeth: Carrie Wedll 218 731-5304

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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 light the second Advent candle this weekend and John the Baptist calls us to prepare the way, a straight path for the Lord to come into our hearts. We can only do that with some prayer and intentional repentance/confession! Let's make and take that time! The ACC Penance service will be at OLV next Sunday, Dec 17 at 3:00 pm.

This Tuesday, December 12 we honor someone who can help us prepare the way, the Virgin Mary. The Our Lady of Guadalupe celebration at St Leonard will begin with Mass at 6:00 followed by good food and fiesta. All are welcome!! (OLV School will also honor Our Lady of Guadalupe at the 9 am Friday Mass, December 15.).

We fittingly prepare for Christmas with serious intent...when it comes to clearing away sin..... but also with so much joy and love in response to His great love for us! Thank you everyone for finding ways to reach out and help those in need this Advent, and for also including our parishes in your holiday-end-of-the-year generosity as we carry out our mission to be Christ in our world!

Blessings of peace and joy, Fr Alan

Encendemos la segunda vela de Adviento este fin de semana y Juan el Bautista nos llama a preparar el camino, un camino recto para que el Señor entre en nuestros corazones. ¡Solo podemos hacer eso con un poco de oración y arrepentimiento/confesión intencional! ¡Hagamos y tomémosnos ese tiempo! El servicio de Penitencia de ACC estará en OLV el próximo domingo 17 de diciembre a las 3:00 pm.

Este martes 12 de diciembre honramos a alguien que puede ayudarnos a preparar el camino, la Virgen María. La celebración de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe en San Leonardo comenzará con una misa a las 6:00 p.m., seguida de buena comida y fiesta. ¡Todos son bienvenidos! (La Escuela OLV también honrará a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe en la misa del viernes 15 de diciembre a las 9 am.).

Nos preparamos apropiadamente para la Navidad con una intención seria... cuando se trata de limpiar el pecado... pero también con tanta alegría y amor en respuesta a su gran amor por nosotros. ¡Gracias a todos por encontrar maneras de alcanzar y ayudar a los necesitados este Adviento, y por incluir también a nuestras parroquias en su generosidad de fin de año mientras llevamos a cabo nuestra misión de ser Cristo en nuestro mundo!

Bendiciones de paz y gozo, P. Alan

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

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**

Monday, December 11

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

Tuesday, December 12 Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

12:05 p.m. **OLV Word and Communion**

6:00 p.m. **SL Mass** †Annita Evenson

Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration and Dinner

Wednesday, December 13

10:30 a.m. **Park Gardens Mass** †Janice Neigel

Thursday, December 14

9:00 a.m. **OLV Mass** †Patricia Roers

Friday, December 15

9:00 a.m. **OLV Mass** †Jack Jonas

Third Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 16

4:30 p.m. **OLV Mass** †Orin Koziol

Sunday, December 17

8:30 a.m. **SE Mass** †Bev and †Tony Wedll

9:30 a.m. **OLV Mass** †Jerome Ringwelski

10:30 a.m. **SL Mass** †Youth of the ACC

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



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!

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

throughout the year in our different events, committees, and councils. If you are interested in serving in any way during Mass, please contact Alejandra.

OPEN DATES FOR MASS INTENTIONS at St. Leonard Parish. Call Jennifer at the OLV office to schedule. 218-736-2429 ext. 15.

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.


ADVENT

OUR LADY OF VICTORY

OLV SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

All are welcome to attend the annual Christmas program put on by OLV School. This event will take place on **Thursday, December 14 at 1:30 and 6:30** at OLV Church.

THANK YOU TO THE VOLUNTEERS

who helped from set up to clean up, and serving in between for the First Reconciliation families lunch celebration on Dec. 2nd. They were Alice Neuleib, Sandy Penke, Deb Maertens, and Sharon Stevens. All went well because of your help.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD NOTE

Because of Christmas and New Year's Feast Days, there will not be Children's Liturgy of the Word at 9:30 Masses or Wednesday Faith Formation classes the weeks of December 24th or 31st. God bless!



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 CONTINUES

Thank you to those who have already contributed to the OLV Facility Campaign! 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!

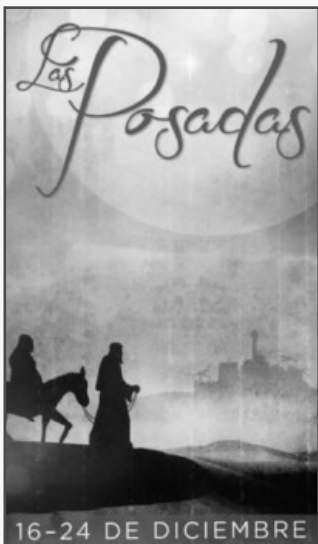
"Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood." - Acts 20:28

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AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

¡COME TO ST. LEONARD—LAS 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. See *this week's bulletin insert for more information.*



*Join us
at
St. Leonard
Church!*

STEWARDSHIP AS A WAY OF LIFE

"Prepare the way of the Lord..." - Mark 1:3

We are all called to live a holy life. We are all called to invite others to live holy lives. Living a stewardship lifestyle, being grateful and generous with our gifts, puts us on the path to holiness and is an example for others to be holy, too. We are responsible not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well. How are you helping others get to Heaven?

BISHOPS ANNUAL APPEAL

Blessings to you in this second week of Advent and thank you to those who have already supported diocesan ministries through the Appeal. As of November 20, the diocese has raised \$1,362,478 in gifts and pledges toward the goal of \$1,400,000, with gifts from 7,284 households. **Every dollar raised goes directly to ministries that support our Catholic faith and is not used for any other purpose.** Will you help these ministries meet their funding needs? Visit 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.

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 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.

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
Diocesewww.stcdio.org

Facebook Pages:

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