



PELICAN VALLEY

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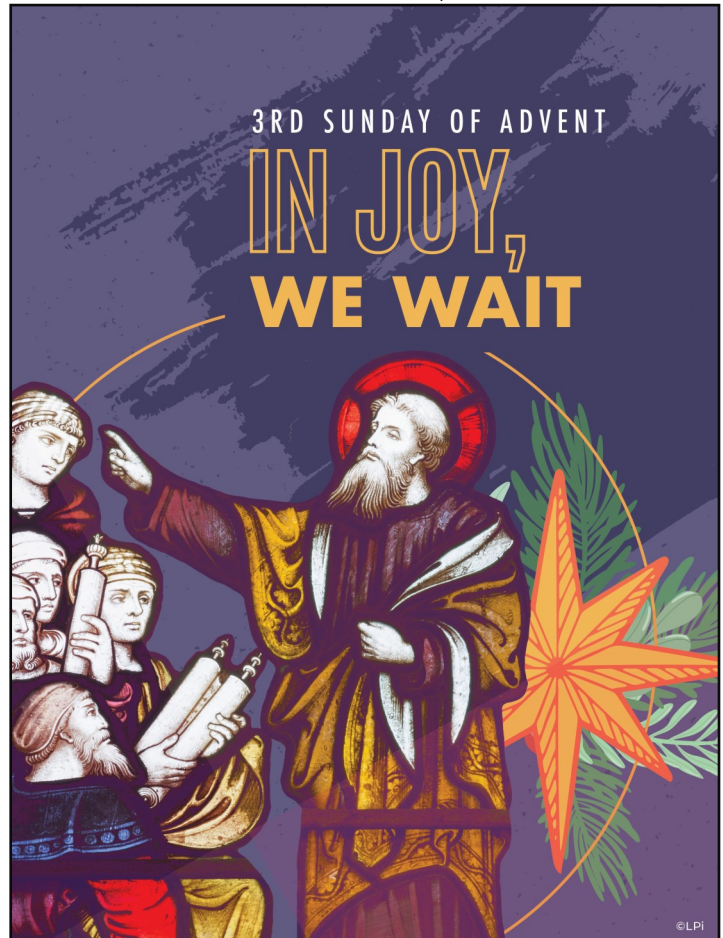
Sacrament of Reconciliation

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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 wear the rose-colored vestment and light the pink candle....Christmas is near! It's a reminder how Christ draws so very near as to be one of us at Christmas and always. His immense love for each of us is the cause of our great joy this holy season. May we take good care to offer our gifts of love to those around us, with special attention for anyone in any kind of struggle or difficulty. We want to show forth the same kindness that God has shown to us. To see Christ in one another....even when at times we must look very deeply....is a very special spiritual gift...a Christmas gift!

This coming weekend we will have the usual Mass schedule for the Fourth Sunday of Advent. **The Christmas Eve-Christmas Day schedule is under the Liturgical Schedule on the right side of this page.**

****Thanks to all of you for remembering our parishes in your Christmas generosity supporting all of our ministries that bring Christ to the world!****

Blessings for you in this third week of Advent and then, Christmas will really "be here before we know it!"

Fr. Alan



Nos ponemos la vestimenta de color rosa y encendemos la vela rosa... ¡La Navidad está cerca! Es un recordatorio de cómo Cristo se acerca tanto como para ser uno de nosotros en Navidad y siempre. Su inmenso amor por cada uno de nosotros es la causa de nuestro gran gozo en esta temporada santa. Cuidemos de ofrecer nuestros dones de amor a los que nos rodean, con especial atención a cualquiera que se encuentre en cualquier tipo de lucha o dificultad. Queremos mostrar la misma bondad que Dios nos ha mostrado a nosotros. Ver a Cristo en los demás, incluso cuando a veces debemos mirar muy profundamente, es un don espiritual muy especial. ¡Un regalo de Navidad!

Este próximo fin de semana tendremos el horario habitual de Misa para el Cuarto Domingo de Adviento. **El horario de Nochebuena y Navidad se encuentra en el Horario Litúrgico en el lado derecho de esta página.**

¡Gracias a todos ustedes por recordar a nuestras parroquias en su generosidad navideña apoyando todos nuestros ministerios que traen a Cristo al mundo!

¡Bendiciones para ti en esta tercera semana de Adviento y luego, la Navidad realmente "estará aquí antes de que nos demos cuenta!"

P. Alan

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Third Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 16

4:30 p.m. **OLV Mass** †Orin Koziol

6:30 p.m. **SL Las Posadas**

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**

6:30 p.m. **SL Las Posadas**

Monday, December 18

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

6:30 p.m. **SL Las Posadas**

Tuesday, December 19

12:05 p.m. **Mass** †Rosemary Yavarow

6:30 p.m. **SL Las Posadas**

Wednesday, December 20

10:00 a.m. **Broen Home Mass** †Virginia Vikesland

6:30 p.m. **SL Las Posadas**

Thursday, December 21

9:00 a.m. **OLV Mass** †Jack Jonas

6:30 p.m. **SL Las Posadas**

Friday, December 22

9:00 a.m. **OLV Mass** †Cyril and †Myrtle Keller

6:30 p.m. **SL Las Posadas**

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 23

4:30 p.m. **OLV Mass** †Mary Ann Hawkins

6:30 p.m. **SL Las Posadas**

Sunday, December 24

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

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

10:30 a.m. **SL Mass** †Bonnie Kisch

12:00 p.m. **SL Misa en Español**

Christmas Eve, December 24 Vigil of the Nativity

4:00 p.m. **SE Mass** Dillon Tischer

4:30 p.m. **OLV Mass** †Steve and †Vicki Hanson

6:00 p.m. **SL Mass** People of the Pelican Valley ACC

Christmas Day December 25 The Nativity of Our Lord

9:30 a.m. **OLV Mass** †Joan Forstner

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

INFORMACIÓN DE LAS POSADAS en la página del ACC de Pelican Valley.

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

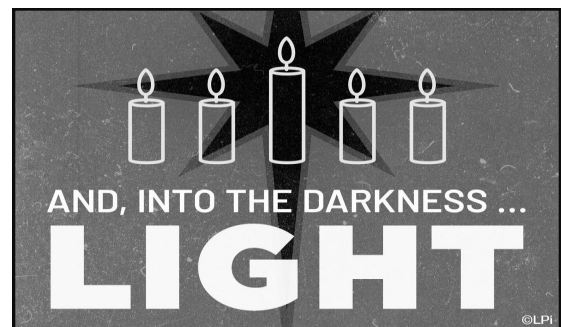
OUR LADY OF VICTORY

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!

COAT DRIVE THANK YOU!

The social concerns committee wishes to thank everyone who participated in the annual coat drive. We filled three whole boxes with new and gently used coats. Your generosity is helping to keep many people warm this winter!



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!

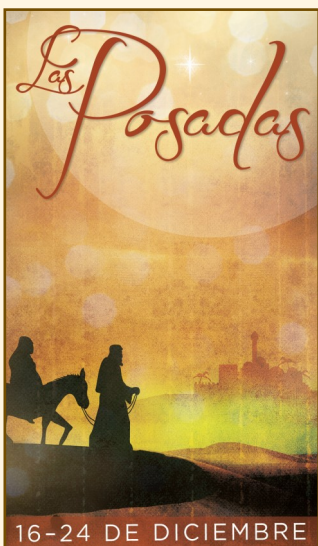
"Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood." - Acts 20:28

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AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

COME TO ST. LEONARD—LAS POSADAS!

We continue 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

“Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus.” – 1 Thessalonians 5:16 - 18

This scripture reading sums up Stewardship. “Rejoice always” means place your trust in God; He will provide all that you need. “Pray constantly” means prayer should be a running conversation with God throughout the whole day, every day. “Give thanks in all circumstances” means even in bad situations, thank God. Suffering a little bit helps build empathy for others in similar situations and shows our dependence on God.

BISHOPS ANNUAL APPEAL

Blessings to you in this third week of Advent as we remember the joy that the world experienced at the birth of Jesus. As you celebrate this season, please consider supporting diocesan ministries with a year-end gift. Visit www.stcdio.org/annualappeal or mail to: Bishop's Annual Appeal, P.O. Box 1538, St. Cloud, MN 56302.

OUR LADY OF VICTORY CONTINUED

OLV MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT

Coffee & Rolls after Mass—The coffee and rolls ministry are part of our hospitality which is more than saying hello and welcome. Here we create a forum where families can gather with old friends and meet new ones. It may seem like a small thing, serving donuts and coffee, but relationships are built on time spent together. Groups and parish members of all ages volunteer to serve on Sunday mornings after the 9:30 Mass. Typically, 3-4 people are scheduled to set up, serve and clean up. Contact Bj Waasdorp to help with this important ministry: 218-205-1872/bjwaasdorp@gmail.com

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.

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:

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