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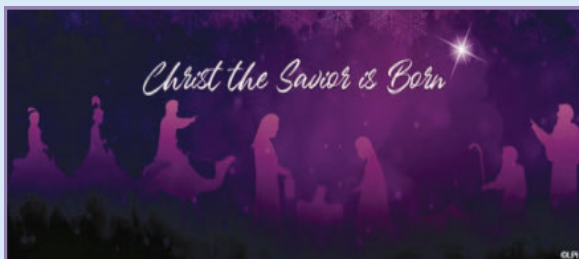
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### Sacrament of Reconciliation

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 Wedell 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 briefly celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Advent this weekend, before it becomes Christmas Eve! To be sure, it is a joyful weekend and I look forward to our celebrations. We welcome guests including friends and relatives visiting for the holidays and all who wish to join us to worship our Savior. Christ can be born anew in each of us as we worship and adore the new born Baby Jesus...the Emmanuel that we longed for and sang of during Advent. Many thanks to all who help our celebrations to be joyful and meaningful: musicians and all the liturgical ministers, and all who come in a spirit of faith and prayer. Many thanks too for all the generosity and kindness shown in our parishes and community through stewardship and many charitable acts.

*May the blessings of the Christ Child give you peace, joy and comfort. A Merry and blessed Christmas!*

*Fr. Alan and our ACC Staff*



Celebramos brevemente el Cuarto Domingo de Adviento este fin de semana, ¡antes de que se convierta en Nochebuena! Sin duda, es un fin de semana alegre y espero con ansias nuestras celebraciones. Damos la bienvenida a los invitados, incluidos amigos y familiares que nos visitan durante las fiestas y a todos los que deseen unirse a nosotros para adorar a nuestro Salvador. Cristo puede nacer de nuevo en cada uno de nosotros mientras adoramos y adoramos al recién nacido Niño Jesús... el Emmanuel que anhelamos y cantamos durante el Adviento. Muchas gracias a todos los que ayudan a que nuestras celebraciones sean alegres y significativas: los músicos y todos los ministros litúrgicos, y todos los que vienen con espíritu de fe y oración. Muchas gracias también por toda la generosidad y amabilidad mostrada en nuestras parroquias y comunidad a través de la mayordomía y muchos actos de caridad.

*Que las bendiciones del Niño Jesús les den paz, gozo y consuelo. ¡Feliz y bendita Navidad!*

*El P. Alan y nuestro personal de ACC*



## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

### Fourth Sunday of Advent

#### 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—Vigil of the Nativity

#### Sunday, December 24

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—The Nativity of Our Lord

#### Monday, December 25

9:30 a.m. **OLV Mass** †Joan Forstner

#### Tuesday, December 26

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

#### Wednesday, December 27

10:00 a.m. **Mill Street Word and Communion**  
6:30 p.m. **SL Word and Communion**

#### Thursday, December 28

9:00 a.m. **OLV Mass** †Jack Jonas

#### Friday, December 29

9:00 a.m. **OLV Mass** †Orin Koziol

#### Saturday, December 30

4:30 p.m. **OLV Mass** †Greg Reisenauer

### Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

#### Sunday, December 31

8:30 a.m. **SE Mass** †Bev and †Tony Wedll  
9:30 a.m. **OLV Mass** †Joan Pawlowski  
10:30 a.m. **SL Mass** People of the Pelican Valley ACC  
12:00 p.m. **SL Misa en Español**

### Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God

#### Monday, January 1

9:30 a.m. **OLV Mass** †Stan Luxa and †Brian Luxa

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#### 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

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# ST. ELIZABETH

OF HUNGARY

## 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

## 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.



# OUR LADY OF VICTORY

DEAR PARISHIONERS, We are writing to update you on the progress of our **FACILITY CAMPAIGN**. Our Finance Council, Trustees, and parish administration are committed to keeping everybody up-to-date. As of December 14, we have raised \$27,875 of our \$200,000 goal. We will soon have a fundraising "thermometer" in the gathering space so you can see our progress.

The Finance Council and Trustees would like to suggest that if you are prayerfully considering a donation through a qualified charitable distribution, that, given the past week's record-setting stock market performance, it may be a great time to maximize the contribution. Please visit with your financial planner to maximize any contribution.

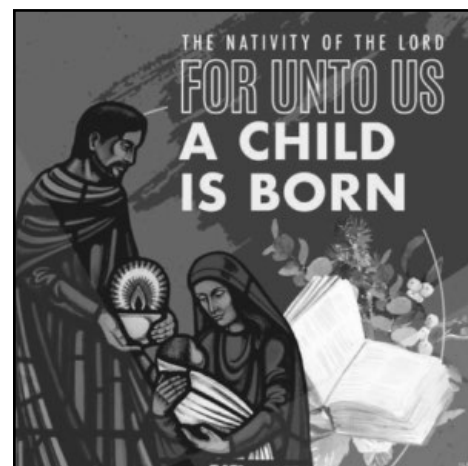
Again, we thank you for your prayerful consideration. Many thanks to those who have contributed so far. We pray that together, we can meet the needs of our church and school. God bless you one and all.

## 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!



# PELICAN VALLEY

AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

## **STEWARDSHIP AS A WAY OF LIFE**

*“Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you!” – Luke 1:28*

After Jesus, we look to Mary as an ideal steward. Her entire life was lived in obedience to God’s call. Mary teaches us to live with joy for all we have been given. Just as the moon reflects the light of the sun, Mary reflects the light of Christ. Like Mary, we are called to reflect Christ’s light to the world through our gratitude and generosity.

## **BISHOPS ANNUAL APPEAL**

Blessings to you in this fourth week of Advent as we contemplate the message of the angels: “Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men.”

Please take a moment to pray for the people of our diocese and all who serve to build the Kingdom of God here in Central Minnesota.



## OUR LADY OF VICTORY CONTINUED

### OLV MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT

**Outdoor Grounds Assistance**—Lay ministers help manage the outdoor plants to enhance the landscape. Contact Bob Budke to help with this important ministry: 218-736-2429 ext. 18 / [bob@ffolvchurch.com](mailto:bob@ffolvchurch.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.

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### The Nativity of the Lord

Our hearts are aglow with the joy of Christmas! Our senses are alive with the season, from the rich smells of evergreen and gingerbread to the feel of crisp air on our skin and the warmth of a loved one's embrace. At some point in the holiday hustle and bustle, take a few moments of quiet. In the silence, reflect on the other senses of the season. Imagine the cool damp of an animal stable, the earthy smell of hay and feed, and the crisp night air blowing in softly. Imagine kneeling beside an exhausted, joyful mother and a relieved, protective father. Imagine an infant wrapped in cloth scraps held out to your open arms. Imagine holding the infant Jesus. As his eyes meet yours, welcome into your heart the greatest gift of Christmas.

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