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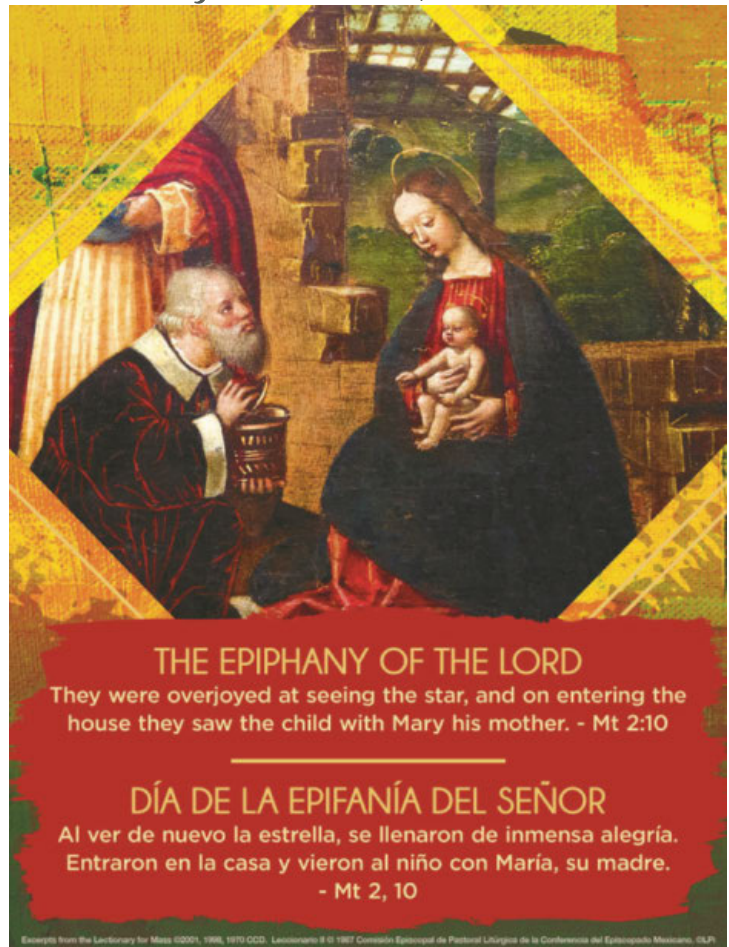
St. Elizabeth: After 6:30 p.m. Mass (Thu)
St. Leonard: After 6:30 p.m. Mass (Wed)
Our Lady of Victory: 8:30 a.m. *Thursday*
if there is a 9:00 a.m. Mass
3:30 p.m. Saturday

OLV Adoration

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

8:30 a.m. Monday through Friday



Church & Office Hours:

St. Elizabeth: Carrie Wedll 218 731-5304

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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 close out the Christmas season this weekend with the celebration of Epiphany. The Three Kings: Melchior, Caspar, and Balthasar arrive to offer gifts and pay homage to the Christ Child. We are encouraged to bless our homes in their remembrance, using the following prayer and the blessed chalk that will be available at the parishes this weekend.

Lord God of heaven and earth,
you revealed your only-begotten Son to every nation
by the guidance of a star.

Bless this house
and all who inhabit it.
Fill us with the light of Christ,
that our concern for others may reflect your love.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Using the blessed chalk, mark over the doorway:
20 + M + C + B + 24

May we continue to share our gifts of faith and love with
God and one another throughout this New Year of 2024.

Happy Feast of Epiphany!
Fr. Alan

Cerramos la temporada navideña este fin de semana con la celebración de la Epifanía. Los Reyes Magos: Melchior, Gaspar y Baltasar llegan para ofrecer regalos y rendir homenaje al Niño Jesús. Se nos anima a bendecir nuestros hogares en su memoria, utilizando la siguiente oración y la tiza bendita que estará disponible en las parroquias este fin de semana.

Señor Dios del cielo y de la tierra,
revelaste a tu Hijo unigénito a cada nación
por la guía de una estrella.

Bendice esta casa
y todos los que la habitan.
Llénanos con la luz de Cristo,
que nuestra preocupación por los demás refleje tu amor.

Te lo pedimos por Cristo nuestro Señor.
Amén.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

The Epiphany of the Lord

Saturday, January 6

4:30 p.m. OLV Mass †Lynn Lanus

Sunday, January 7

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

9:30 a.m. OLV Mass †Tom Copa

10:30 a.m. SL Mass People of the Pelican
Valley ACC

12:00 p.m. SL Misa en Español

Monday, January 8

9:00 a.m. OLV Word and Communion

Tuesday, January 9

12:05 p.m. OLV Word and Communion

Wednesday, January 10

10:00 a.m. Park Gardens Mass †Holy Souls in
Purgatory

6:30 p.m. SL Word and Communion

Thursday, January 11

9:00 a.m. OLV Mass †Jeanie Ringwelski

Friday, January 12

9:00 a.m. OLV Mass †Susan Mayer Howe

The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, January 13

4:30 p.m. OLV Mass †Agnes Mortell

Sunday, January 14

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

9:30 a.m. OLV Mass †Dianne Todd

10:30 a.m. SL Mass †George Vohnoutka

12:00 p.m. SL Misa en Español

Adoration schedule is on the front page of this bulletin

Con la tiza bendita, marque sobre la entrada:
20 + M + C + B + 24

Que sigamos compartiendo nuestros dones de fe y amor
con Dios y unos con otros durante este Año Nuevo 2024.

¡Feliz Fiesta de la Epifanía!
P. Alan



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

APPRECIATION PARTY/RECEPTION FOR MARY BONGERS

Mary has been a faithful servant at St. Leonard for many years, particularly in her most recent role as parish secretary. Mary always went the extra mile to help out where she could, assist the pastor, and serve the needs of our parishioners. You will notice she is still around helping an awful lot, however she has retired from her position of parish secretary. **LET'S COME TOGETHER IN BETWEEN MASSES ABOUT 11:20 ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 21 FOR COFFEE, ROLLS AND FELLOWSHIP AND TO EXPRESS OUR APPRECIATION TO MARY!**

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

FACILITY CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Dear friends, the temperature continues to rise on our campaign thermometer with another \$5,000 brought in this past weekend. **PLUS, that \$5,000 was matched by another \$5,000** from an anonymous donor, bringing us after last weekend to **\$73,000. That same donor will also match THE NEXT \$20,000 EITHER GIVEN OR PLEDGED DURING JANUARY.**

We perhaps can't head to Cancun or even join our snowbird friends in Arizona this winter but we can all join in and make the temperature rise very quickly for the good of our community with the **FACILITY CAMPAIGN**. Every dollar counts.....double!

We thank those who have contributed thus far and encourage everyone's prayerful consideration of a generous gift to this important effort to improve our facilities, especially to repair/replace the leaky roof and to enhance and upgrade the lighting of our church. God bless you all!

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES RESUME

All OLV afternoon and evening faith formation classes resume this Wednesday, January 10.

ATTENTION OLV MINISTRY MEMBERS

Please update your availability for the February through April 2024 ministry schedule. This includes Lent and Easter. The schedule will be finalized mid January. Thank you!

CHRISTMAS GRATITUDE

Thank you for all of the gifts, cards, and well-wishes; and even some food that came my way. A very generous people in this parish. Thank you! *Deacon Chuck*

MONDAY, JANUARY 8



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ACC DIRECTORY UPDATE

We expect to have the directories in hand by mid February. Thank you to everyone who had their picture taken. We look forward to this great resource for our ACC.

STEWARDSHIP AS A WAY OF LIFE

“They fell down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.” - Matthew 2:11

Notice the order of events in the Magi’s visit. First, they knelt before Jesus and prayed to Him. Then they presented Him with their gifts. We, too, must take time to pray before we present our gifts to the Lord. We never know what God may be asking us to share!

PASTORAL LETTER ON THE EUCHARIST

In light of the National Eucharistic Revival, an initiative of the U.S. bishops aiming to inspire, educate and unite the faithful in a more intimate relationship with Jesus in the Eucharist, Bishop Neary was moved by the Holy Spirit to write his very first pastoral letter, “As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” His hope is that everyone will read the letter during this Parish Year of the Eucharistic Revival and that the people of God deepen their love and understanding of the Eucharist. There are some suggestions inside the letter about how to host small groups to learn and study together. For more information and to download the PDF of the pastoral letter, visit www.stcdio.org/2023-pastoral-letter.

CENTRAL MINNESOTA KOINONIA

If you are in a position to help someone, help them. God may be answering that person’s prayers through you. Central Minnesota Koinonia is a weekend Catholic retreat program sponsored by the St Cloud Diocese and is designed for adults to help you on your faith journey. Retreats are held at the TEC Center north of Little Falls, Minnesota. The next English retreat will be held March 1-3, 2024, cost of the weekend is \$70.00. Go to www.centralmnkoinonia.org for more information and to register for retreats.

OUR LADY OF VICTORY CONTINUED

OLV MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT

Music Ministries -"All are Welcome"

Cantor

The Cantor is responsible for greeting assembly as Mass begins and providing musical leadership that fosters the "full, active and conscious participation" of the assembly. This ministry requires an audition.

Choir Member

Choir Members play a special role in leading the congregation musically during weekend, holiday, wedding, funeral, and other special Masses throughout the year. As there are numerous opportunities available, one can sing as little or as much as desired.

Handbell Choir

The Handbell Choir enhances liturgical music. Members need not have experience playing bells but should be able to follow tempo beats and read a line of notes.

Instrumentalist

Instrumentalists are a very important component for enhancing the sung prayer of the community during Mass, as they provide a foundation for congregational singing. Whether you play piano, organ, guitar, a string, reed or wind instrument, we are always looking for instrumentalists to assist with weekend, holiday, wedding, funeral, and other Masses throughout the year. Though we welcome instrumentalists to join us during weekend Masses, having the added beauty of additional instruments is especially important during the holidays and other special Masses. All ages are invited.

Contact our Choir Director, Paula Leitch, if you are interested in participating in this important ministry: **218-736-2429**.

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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