



# PELICAN VALLEY

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### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

JANUARY 5, 2025



## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Mt 2:10-11

Al ver de nuevo la estrella, se llenaron de inmensa alegría. Entraron en la casa y vieron al niño con María, su madre, y postrándose, lo adoraron. Después, abriendo sus cofres, le ofrecieron regalos: oro, incienso y mirra. - Mt 2, 10-11

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### Church & Office Hours:

**St. Elizabeth:** Carrie Wedll 218-731-5304  
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**St. Leonard:** Alejandra Mancilla 218-731-2962  
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Horario de oficina: 3:00—6:00 (miércoles)  
Office Hours: 3:00—6:00 (Wed)

**Our Lady of Victory:** Peter Steinbach 218-736-2429, ext. 10.  
peter@ffolvchurch.org  
Church Hours: 7:45 to 4:00 (Mon-Fri)  
Office Hours: 8:00 to Noon and 1:00 to 4:00 (Mon-Thu),  
8:00 to 12:00 (Fri)

# PASTORAL COLUMN

We begin to walk the new year 2025, together with Pope Francis who opened the Holy Door for the Jubilee: "Pilgrims of Mercy" on the feast of Christmas. In our diocese of St. Cloud, Bishop Patrick Neary opened the Holy Door last Sunday, December 29, in St. Mary's Cathedral with the clergy and faithful. We can participate by praying, doing works of mercy, and pilgrimage. All the information about the Jubilee: <https://stcdio.org/jubilee-2025-pilgrims-of-hope/> A thank you to all who collaborated in the year 2024 in the building of the Kingdom of God in our Pelican ACC Valley and we greet the new members and those who join in different services.

Blessings,

## **Father Lucho**

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Iniciamos a caminar del nuevo año 2025, junto al Papa Francisco que abrió la Puerta Santa para el Jubileo: "Peregrinos de la Misericordia" en la fiesta de navidad. En nuestra diócesis de san Cloud el obispo Patricio Neary abrió la Puerta Santa el pasado domingo 29 de diciembre en la catedral Santa María con el clero y fieles. Podemos participar orando, haciendo obras de misericordia y peregrinando. Toda la información del Jubileo: <https://stcdio.org/jubilee-2025-pilgrims-of-hope/> Un agradecimiento a todos quienes colaboraron en año 2024 en la edificación del Reino de Dios en nuestro Valle de Pelican ACC y saludamos a los nuevos miembros y los que se unen en diferentes servicios.

Bendiciones,

## **Padre Lucho**

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Pilgrimage sites include/  
Lugares de peregrinación incluyen:

The Shrine of St. Peregrine, martyr • Saint John's Abbey, Collegetown • The Shrine of St. Odilia, Crosier Priory, Onamia • Assumption (Grasshopper) Chapel, Cold Spring • Divine Mercy Shrine, St. Paul Church, Sauk Centre • The Shrine of St. Cloud, St. Mary's Cathedral, St. Cloud Pray with religious communities: • The monks of St. John's Abbey, Collegetown • The Crosier Fathers and Brothers, Onamia • The Poor Clare Sisters, Sauk Rapids • The Sisters of the Order of St. Benedict, St. Joseph • The Franciscan Sisters of Little Falls, Little Falls.

# LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

## **SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS**

### **Sunday, January 5**

8:30 a.m. OLV	Mass	†Jadie Dahlen
8:30 a.m. SE	Mass	All People of the ACC
10:30 a.m. OLV	Mass	Willie Sauer
10:30 a.m. SL	Mass	†Remedios Gusmas
12:00 p.m. SL	Misa en Español	†Holy Souls in Purgatory

## **EPIPHANY OF THE LORD—SOLEMNITY**

### **Monday, January 6**

9:00 a.m. OLV Word & Communion

### **Tuesday, January 7**

12:05 p.m. OLV Mass Willie Sauer

### **Wednesday, January 8**

10:00 a.m. Park Gardens	Mass	†Holy Souls in Purgatory
6:30 p.m. SL	Mass	†Holy Souls in Purgatory

### **Thursday, January 9**

9:00 a.m. OLV Mass †Holy Souls in Purgatory

### **Friday, January 10**

9:00 a.m. OLV Mass †Jadie Dahlen

### **Saturday, January 11**

4:30 p.m. OLV Mass †Marge Weiland

## **BAPTISM OF THE LORD—FEAST**

### **Sunday, January 12**

8:30 a.m. OLV	Mass	†Jadie Dahlen
8:30 a.m. SE	Mass	All People of the ACC
10:30 a.m. OLV	Mass	†George Williams
10:30 a.m. SL	Mass	Leonard & Rose Johnson
12:00 p.m. SL	Misa en Español	†Enrique Romero

## **OLV PRAYER CHAIN**

Please call Jo Weatherly at 218-205-0390, Louise Wentworth at 218-770-0473, or Alice Neuleib at 218-205-9007 to become involved with or to add your intentions to the prayer chain.

## **ADORATION SCHEDULE**

7:00–7:45 a.m. Mon/Tue/Wed/Fri  
12:30–5:00 p.m. Tuesday  
7:00–8:45 a.m. Thursday



# ST. ELIZABETH

OF HUNGARY

# OUR LADY OF VICTORY

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Pat Wallrich, Jack Quackenbush (grandson of Darrell and Sandy Hanneman), Jennifer Kolstad, Charlotte Schmitz (granddaughter of Mary Marquardt), Marlys Holubok, Hudson Hendrickx, Kay Henkes, Jerry Schauff, Pat Baker, Kayla Pask, Barbara Hall (Kris Nordick mom) and Joan Tyler Kurtz, Jean Lehn, and Deacon Pete and his family, those that suffer from effects of drugs and alcohol, and those with cancer.

## LOOKING FOR A SIMPLE WAY TO SUPPORT OUR LADY OF VICTORY SCHOOL?

It's as easy as saving your grocery receipts! When you shop at Service Food and turn in your receipts, OLV receives 1% cash back—just like planting a small seed that grows into a big benefit for our students. You can drop your receipts in the containers located in the gathering space or bring them to the school office. Every little bit helps us cultivate a brighter future for our children.

# ST. LEONARD

OF PORT MAURITIUS

## 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, LeAnn Ishaug, Grave Leon Family, Jim Marty, David Fix, Esperanza Abarca, and Duane Severson.

## MUSICIANS NEEDED FOR CHURCH

All musicians! Yes you. If you play an instrument or enjoy singing, please call or text Jeff Jennen at 218-770-4345. No long term commitment required. Play only when you like; we need you! Please help fill our church with beautiful music.

## EVER CONSIDERED BEING A KNIGHT?

Brothers of the Knights of Columbus will be at a table in the gathering area before and after mass next weekend to answer any questions you may have. The knights have given thousands of dollars to causes all around the world and given many hours of volunteer time locally. We have fun, fellowship and the pure joy of serving others for Jesus Christ.

Stop by our table next weekend and check us out, or call Jeff Jennen at: 218-770-4345

Vivat Jesus!

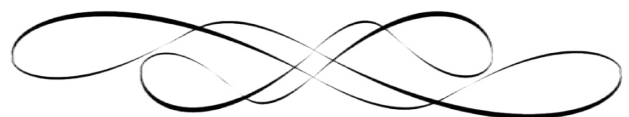
## PURCHASE COFFEE GIFTS, SUPPORT YOUR SCHOOL AND CHURCH

Need to stock up on coffee for the new year? Consider purchasing coffee from the Antigua Highlands of Guatemala! Coffee bags are \$13 for regular and \$14 for decaffeinated. They can be purchased at the Our Lady of Victory church office and in the back of St. Leonard church. All coffee sales for OLV and St. Leonard will be used to support the school and church, respectively.

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# PELICAN VALLEY

AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

## **STEUBENVILLE CONFERENCE**

High Schoolers: Mark your calendars for the Steubenville St. Paul Conference happening July 25 -27, 2025! We want you to join us for this awesome event where you can experience a life-changing encounter with Jesus Christ! Ignite your prayer life, strengthen your faith, and be empowered to live for HIM! For more information or to register, contact Andrew Jennen: 701-371-1821.

## **2025 CALENDARS**

We won't be getting the 2025 parish calendars until January 10. We apologize for the delay.

## **BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL**

Blessings to you In the New Year! We are very grateful to those of you who have already supported diocesan ministries in 2024 through the Appeal. As of November 18, the Bishop's Annual Appeal for 2024 has raised total cash and pledges of \$1,534,169 toward our goal of \$1,450,000 (105.08%). This was made possible through the generous donations of 7,859 people throughout the 16 counties of our diocese. Will you help these ministries meet their funding needs?

Visit: [www.stcdio.org/annualappeal](http://www.stcdio.org/annualappeal)

### **Our Lady of Victory**

Needed monthly.....	\$56,667.00
Needed to date .....	\$283,335.00
Collected in November 2024 .....	\$66,099.88
Received to date .....	\$299,701.84
Surplus/Deficit.....	\$16,366.84

### **St. Leonard**

Through November 2024

Year-to-date revenues .....	\$68,846.54
Year-to-date expenses .....	\$80,904.29
Year-to-date gain/loss .....	\$(12,057.75)

### **St. Elizabeth**

Needed monthly.....	\$5,416.67
Needed to date .....	\$27,083.33
Collected in November 2024 .....	\$6,205.56
Received to date .....	\$27,644.58
Surplus/Deficit.....	\$561.25

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

**Stewardship as a Way of Life:**

*“See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are.”  
(1 John 3:1)*

What gifts do you give to the Lord? Pope St. Gregory said that these three gifts represent what we should give God every day. Gold – we should reflect Christ’s wisdom in all our relationships. Frankincense – represents our daily prayer and adoration to God. Myrrh – is a symbol of our daily sacrifices that we unite with Jesus for the sake of others.

**Fr. Alan’s address while on leave:**

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