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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.*



## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. - Lk 3:21-22a

Sucedió que entre la gente que se bautizaba, también Jesús fue bautizado. Mientras éste oraba, se abrió el cielo y el Espíritu Santo bajó sobre él en forma sensible, como de una paloma. - Lc 3, 21-22

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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

Agradecemos a Dios por este por tiempo de Navidad en que hemos celebrado el Nacimiento de Jesús. Ya peregrinando en el jubileo 2025, cerramos las celebraciones navideñas con la fiesta del bautismo del Señor. Que la fiesta del bautismo del Señor nos anime y nos comprometa más para ser fieles discípulos del señor y ser activos miembros en su iglesia. Por nuestro bautismo participamos de la triple misión: sacerdote, profeta y rey. Por tanto, somos corresponsables de la misión de la iglesia, concretamente en nuestro valle de Pelican Rapids. Muchas bendiciones a todas sus familias.

Fraternalmente,

*Padre Lucho*

We thank God for this Christmas season in which we have celebrated the Birth of Jesus. Now on pilgrimage in the Jubilee 2025, we close the Christmas celebrations with the feast of the Lord's Baptism. May the feast of the Lord's baptism encourage and commit us to be more faithful disciples of the Lord and to be active members in His church. By our baptism we participate in the threefold mission: priest, prophet and king. Therefore, we are co-responsible for the mission of the church, namely in our valley of Pelican Rapids. Many blessings to all your families.

Fraternally,

*Father Lucho*



## 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.

# LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

## **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

### Monday, January 13

- 9:00 a.m. OLV Word & Communion

### Tuesday, January 14

- 3:00 p.m. OLV Exposition & Adoration
- 5:30 p.m. OLV Mass Willie Sauer

### Wednesday, January 15

- 10:00 a.m. Broen Home Mass †Holy Souls in Purgatory
- 6:30 p.m. SL Mass †Remedios Gusmas

### Thursday, January 16

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

### Friday, January 17

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

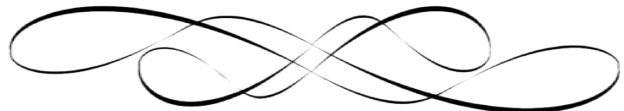
### Saturday, January 18

- 4:30 p.m. OLV Mass †Lloyd & Margaret Hanson

## **SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

### Sunday, January 19

- 8:30 a.m. OLV Mass †Jadie Dahlen
- 8:30 a.m. SE Mass Vocations to the Priesthood
- 10:30 a.m. OLV Mass †David Bowman
- 10:30 a.m. SL Mass †Teresa Alicia
- 12:00 p.m. SL Misa en Español †Julie Rogers



## 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

## 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.

## RECYCLING PROJECT CANCELLED

The Elizabeth Lions are sorry to inform you that we have had to discontinue our plastic recycling project. The box will be removed from church. Please continue to recycle plastic bags. Both Walmart and Service Food are still accepting them. Thank you for your participation. We are sorry we cannot continue.

## CHRISTIAN MOTHER'S MEETING

There will be a Christian Mother's meeting after mass on February 2 in Brenny Hall.

# 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.

## FATHER JEFF'S SUCCESSFUL SURGERY

Father Jeff had a successful heart surgery on January 6. Thanks be to God! Please pray that he has a quick recovery.

# OUR LADY OF VICTORY

## 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.

## PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Come join the Knights of Columbus for the best breakfast in town. Let us cook for you next Sunday January 19 from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Free will offering.

## LENTEN FISH FRY

All are invited to join us for the Lenten fish fry every Friday during Lent, starting March 14, from 5:30—7:00 p.m. Come enjoy a meal at the church or get take out. We are happy to announce that Drew and Zoe Luhnig will be the new directors of the fish fry. Many thanks to Drew, Zoe, and all who support our church.

## 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.

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# PELICAN VALLEY

AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

## **MARCH FOR LIFE**

The Office of Marriage & Family is coordinating rides to the events in St. Paul on Wednesday, January 22. This year, the diocesan bus will depart from the Cathedral of St. Mary in St. Cloud after the 7:00 a.m. Mass. All are encouraged to dress warmly and bring a bag lunch. Find bus information and reserve a spot at: <https://stcdio.org/event/march-for-life-2025/>

## **CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE**

The conference will be held at Saint John's University in Collegeville on February 22, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This year's theme is "Dare to Hope, A Call to Prayer" with keynote speaker Father Scott Traynor from the Diocese of Sioux Falls in South Dakota. Find more details and registration information at: <https://stcdio.org/event/2025-catholic-mens-conference/>

## **VESPERS FOR LIFE**

On Sunday, January 19, at 3:30 p.m. at St. Anthony Church, in St. Cloud, a Rosary for Life will take place prior to the 4:00 p.m. Vespers for Life. Bishop Patrick Neary will preside at the vespers service, which includes music, prayer, Scripture and reflection for the millions of children who have been aborted since 1973. Monetary donations will be accepted for Mother Mary's Fund to assist crisis pregnancy centers in the Diocese of St. Cloud. Please visit: <https://stcdio.org/event/2025-vespers-for-life/>

## **RELEVANT RADIO ROSARY**

This is a Rosary like no other. Your family will discover the joy and beauty of the Rosary by uniting in prayer with families across the nation. The Family Rosary Across America is a live and interactive radio program bringing together Catholics across the nation to pray the rosary. Join 100,000 people each evening as we pray together and for one another. You can join us by downloading the Relevant Radio app or by visiting: <https://relevantradio.com/>

## **BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL**

Please remember the diocesan ministries that, through your generosity, continue to build the Kingdom of God here in Central Minnesota. They are not possible without your help. Please keep them thriving by making a gift at: [www.stcdio.org/annualappeal](http://www.stcdio.org/annualappeal)

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Diocese\_\_\_\_\_www.stcdio.org

**Facebook Pages:**

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

**Stewardship as a Way of Life:**

*“John answered them all, ‘I baptize you with water; but he who is mightier than I is coming...he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit...’” - Luke 3:16*

The Catholic Catechism states that “Jesus’ immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to die to themselves to do God’s will.” In other words, as baptized Catholics there is only one gift that we need to give to Jesus – the gift of ourselves. Surrender yourself to God, place your trust in Him and allow the Holy Spirit to work through you for the greater glory of God.

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

Fr. Alan Wielinski  
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Our Lady of Victory



**Our Lady of Victory**

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Needed to date .....\$345,000.00  
Collected in December 2024 .....\$83,896.36  
Received to date .....\$393,598.20  
Surplus/Deficit.....\$48,598.20

**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 .....\$32,500.00  
Collected in December 2024 .....\$11,162.22  
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