



OUR LADY of VICTORY

207 NORTH VINE STREET • FERGUS FALLS MN 56537

February 27, 2011

Our Mission:

The Church of Our Lady of Victory is a community of people in a primarily non-Catholic area in the Diocese of St. Cloud. Our mission is to develop unity among the unique individual believers who are committed to the mission of Jesus Christ to build up the kingdom of God through the help of the Holy Spirit.

Web Sites:

Parish.....www.ffolvchurch.org
School.....contact@ffolvschool.org
Faith Formation
.....faithformation@ffolvchurch.org
Diocesan.....www.stcdio.org

Sunday Masses:

Saturday.....4:30pm
Sunday.....8:30am & 10:30 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Tuesday.....11:30 a.m.
Thursday.....8:30 a.m.
Friday.....8:30 a.m.
Saturday.....3:30 p.m.

Pastor:

Fr. Greg Paffel

Deacon:

Dcn. Chuck Kampa

Pastoral Associate:

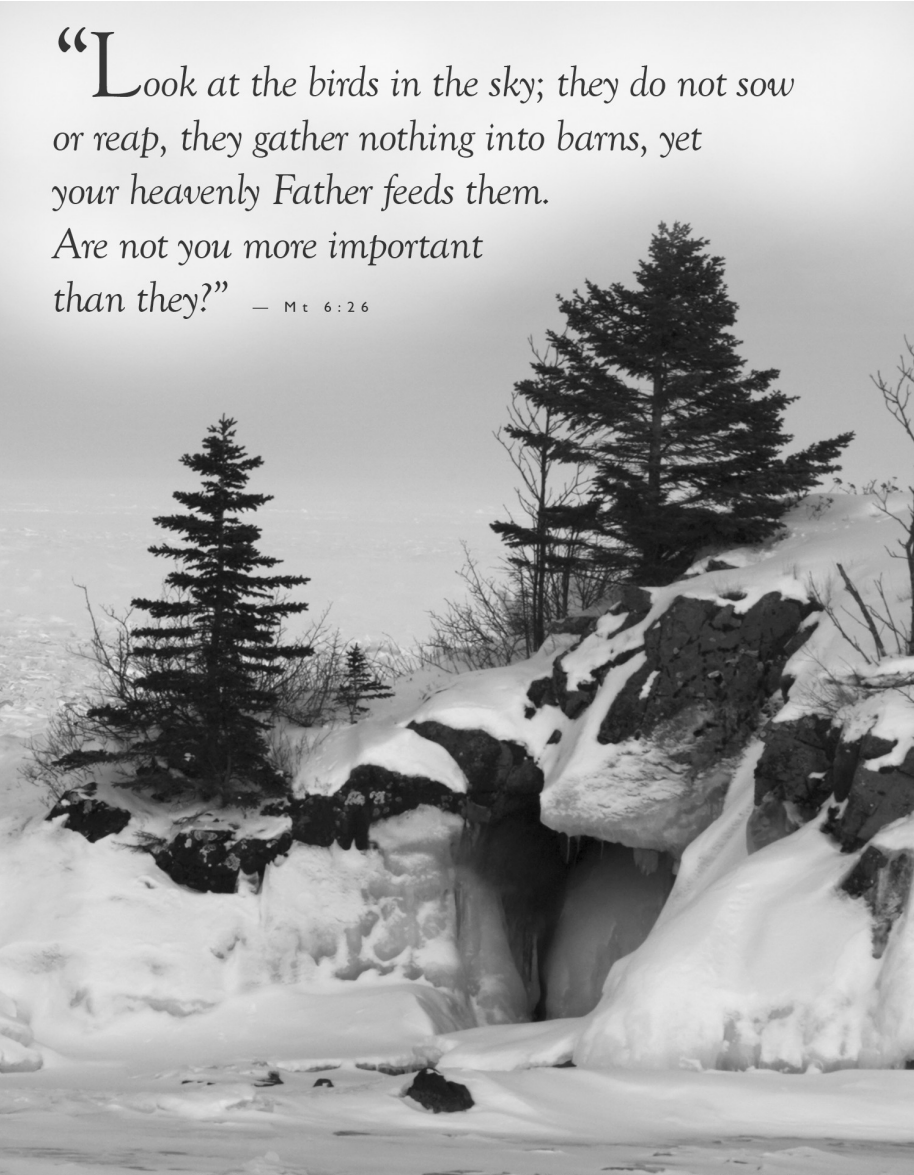
Sr. Joyce Leibly, O.P.

Office Hours

9 a.m. – 12 p.m. & 1 – 4 p.m. (M-F)

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 49: 14-15 / 1 Cor 4: 1-5 / Mt 6: 24-34



“Look at the birds in the sky; they do not sow or reap, they gather nothing into barns, yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are not you more important than they?” — Mt 6:26

WHAT'S HAPPENING

A NOTE FROM FR. GREG

The first scripture for this weekend is both startling and consoling. "Can a mother forget her infant, be without tenderness for the child of her womb? Even should she forget, I will never forget you." (Is 49:14-15) Of all the atrocities in our world abortion is the most despicable. As I have said before, the mothers of unborn babies who consider abortion have been told many lies and often been under immense pressures by family, friends, and other acquaintances. These women are too often blinded by confusion and fall to the temptation of "simplifying life." They are told that the "fetus" is an "inconvenience" they can do without. But we know the truth. Every baby is an invaluable gift from God and deserves the right to live. Therefore it is our duty to help our sisters who are pregnant with our prayers and support. We should also lift up women who had abortions as well as the fathers who had no say. There is much pain and regret that follows an abortion; they too need to know our care and the great love of God for them.

What happens to babies, born or unborn, who die before Baptism? While we cannot say with absolute knowledge that they are in heaven for God alone is the judge – we can believe God when he says, "I will never forget you" and proclaim with faith that our God loves them and will hold them eternally in the palms of his hands in heaven. For it was his only begotten Son who said, "Let the children come unto me."

This Lent I will be offering up my prayer, fasting, and almsgiving for the unborn. I invite you to join me in the "40 Days for Life" campaign. It is a national movement to simply pray for the unborn. You can find info at www.40daysforlife.com. Our new parish committee, Hear Our Voices, is in their first year of cultivating greater awareness of social justice issues. They will be leading a collective effort this Lent to involve us in this movement.

In our Father's Hands,
© Fr. Greg

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

Remember the Priests, Deacons & Seminarians who serve the church of St. Cloud: Revs: Gregory Mastey, Joseph Arackal-VC, Omar Guanchez, Peter VanderWeyst, Aaron Kuhn, Matthew Kuhn, Scott Pogatchnik and those preparing for ordination. Pray for the safety of our service men and women.

The **Prayer Chain** is also available for prayer request, please call Kathy Barton 736-2136 or Margo Sauer 736-7721.

MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Is 49: 14-15/1 Cor 4: 1-5/Mt 6: 24-34)

Saturday, February 26

3:30 p.m. Reconciliation

4:30 p.m. Mass – Caroline Jennen

Sunday, February 27

8:30 a.m. Mass – Agnes M. Anderson

10:30 a.m. Mass – People of the Parish

Monday, February 28 – Weekday

(Sir 17: 20-24/Mk 10: 17-27)

9:00 a.m. Word & Communion

Tuesday, March 1 – Weekday

(Sir 35: 1-12/Mk 10: 28-31)

11:30 a.m. Reconciliation

12:05 p.m. Mass & Holy Hour – Anna Mae Hartman

Wednesday, March 2 – Weekday

(Sir 36: 1, 4-5a, 10-17/Mk 10: 32-45)

10:30 a.m. Mass – Dr. & Mrs. Ludwig MN Veteran's Home

7:30 p.m. Mass – Norlene Schik

Thursday, March 3 – St. Katharine Drexel

(Sir 42: 15-25/Mk 10: 46-52)

8:30 a.m. Reconciliation

9:00 a.m. Class Holy Hour

6:00 p.m. Confession & Adoration at St. James, Maine

7:00 p.m. Vocations Mass at St. James, Maine

Friday, March 4 – St. Casimir

(Sir 44: 1, 9-13/Mk 11: 11-26)

8:30 a.m. Reconciliation

9:00 a.m. Mass – Miriam Post

Saturday, March 5 – Weekday

(Sir 51: 12c-20/Mk 11: 27-33)

Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Dt 11: 18, 26-28, 32/Rom 3: 21-25, 28/Mt 7: 21-27)

Saturday, March 5

3:30 p.m. Reconciliation

4:30 p.m. Mass – Ellie Rezabek-Turner

Sunday, March 6

8:30 a.m. Mass – People of the Parish

10:30 a.m. Mass – Palmer Thorson

ROSARY FOR PEACE

Every morning Monday through Friday at 8:30 a.m. parishioners pray the rosary in Our Lady of Victory Church. Please join us in our prayer for peace.

PARISH NEWS & NOTES

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- March 9 — Ash Wednesday
- March 10 — Kindergarten Tea
- March 11 — First Lenten Fish Fry
- March 12 — Home & School Craft Day

BAPTIZED IN CHRIST

Sawyer Christian, son of Paul & Marsha Talley was baptized on February 27. We pray that the lives of his parents and godparents be examples of faith to inspire his child.

ITEMS NEEDED FOR FISH FRIES

The Fish Fry Committee is looking for anyone that is willing to donate Coffee, Lemonade, Peanut Butter, Sticks of Butter or Cash to help defray the cost of our Fish Fries. Our first Fish Fry will be held on Friday, March 11. We need your help! Please say yes when you are called to help.

We are also looking for Neighborhood Chairs for Groups 5, 6 & 10. If you could help us out, please call the Parish Office, 736-2429.

RETROUVILLE

SAVE a Marriage. Are you, or someone you know, living in the pain of a marriage in trouble? Retrouville can help. The next program starts March 18th. Call 320-522-5314 or check the website www.savingmarriages.org for more information. Preregistration is required, Space is limited.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE February 20, 2011



Our Lady of Victory Parish

WTD Adult Contributions	\$ 7,077 / \$8,000(bgt)
Loose Contribution	\$ 281
Weekly Contribution deficit	\$ (642)
MTD Adult Contributions.....	\$25,709 / \$24,000(bgt)
Monthly Contribution Surplus.....	\$1,709
Children's Contributions.....	\$ 52
Building & Maintenance.....	\$ 50

Green Envelopes

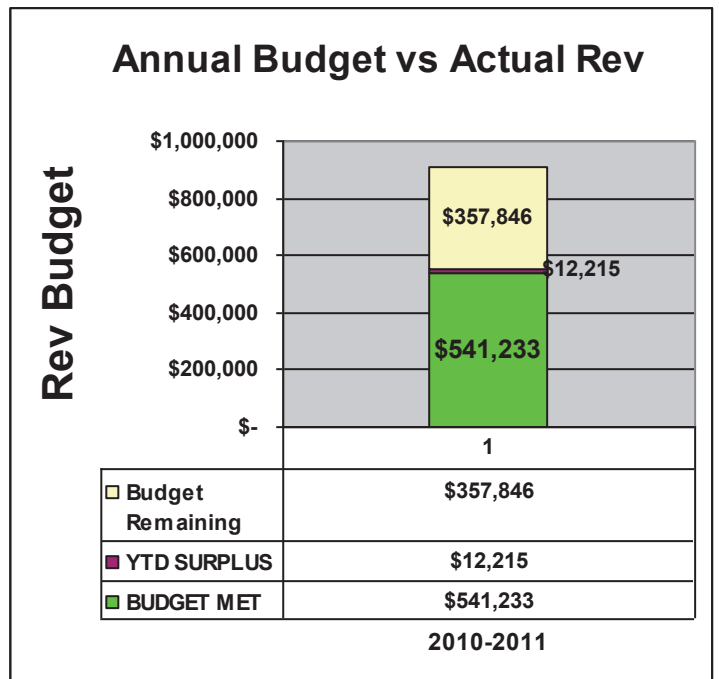
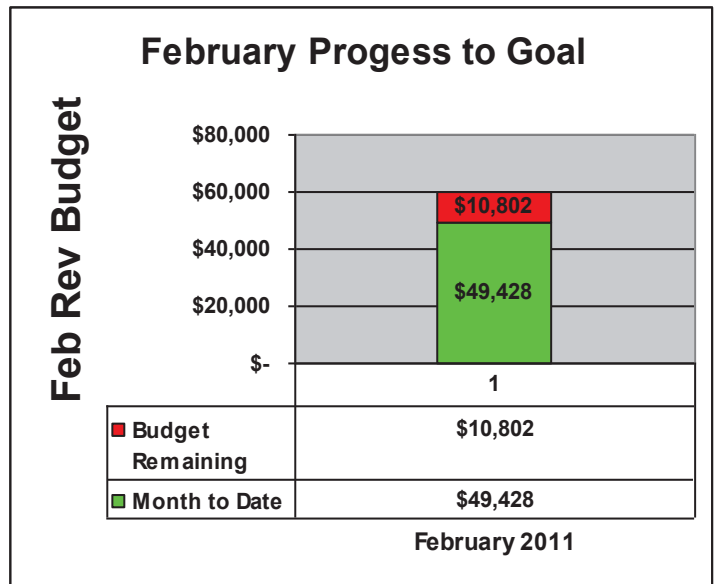
Emergency Fund.....	\$ 5
Annual Appeal.....	\$ 15

Special Collections

St. Cloud Visitor	\$ 135
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Pink Envelopes

Faith Formation Donation.....	\$ 8
Faith Formation Endowment.....	\$ 8



DRIVERS FOR SHUT - INS WEEKEND OF MARCH 5 & 6

Group 1: Vince Thoma **Group 2:** Dean Pawlowski
Group 3: Dennis Heidelberger **Group 4:** Ray Braun

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OUR ADVERTISERS

MINISTERS

DIRECTORY

NOTICES

St. John's Church, Wahpeton will host their **Mardi Gras** on Sunday, March 6, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Our Lady of Victory Home & School Association are holding their 3rd Annual Craft Day on March 12, from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Call Kristi at 218-770-0244 or Lisa at 319-321-5559 for more information or to register.

Our Lady of The Angels Church, Sauk Centre is presenting a Lenten Parish Mission on March 13 & 14. For more information, please call 320-352-3502.

Health Resources Center needs volunteers. If you can help in any way, please call 218-736-6050.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, February 27

Life Teen Retreat at Inspiration Point
Sunday Coffee — 9:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall

Monday, February 28

Rosary — 8:30 a.m., Church

Tuesday, March 1

Evening Conferences
Rosary — 8:30 a.m., Church
School Class — 12:30 p.m., St. Joseph's Room
Adult Choir — 7:00 p.m., Church

Wednesday, March 2

Rosary — 8:30 a.m., Church
Faith Formation Classes
Foundations — 3:45 p.m., All Facilities
Meal — 5:15 p.m., Fellowship Hall
Edge & Life Teen — 6:00 p.m., All Facilities
Oneight — 6:00 p.m., St. Joseph's Room

Thursday, March 3

Early Dismissal / Evening Conferences
Rosary — 8:30 a.m., Church
Quilters — 9:45 a.m., St. Joseph's Room
School Class — 12:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall
Staff Prayer — 1:00 p.m., Chapel

Friday, March 4

No School
Rosary — 8:30 a.m., Church
School Class — 12:30 p.m., St. Joseph's Room
KC Fun Night — 7:00 p.m., Gym

Sunday, March 6

Life in the Spirit for Men — 7:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall
Sunday Coffee — 9:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall
Children's Liturgy of the Word — 10:30 a.m., St. Joseph's Room

Pastor.....Fr. Greg Paffel
Deacon.....Dcn. Chuck Kampa
Pastoral Associate.....Sr. Joyce Leibly, O.P.
School Principal.....Sandy Carpenter

Faith Formation Coordinators:

Preschool-Grade 5.....Becky Pyle
Grade 6-12.....Ariel Grantham

Parish Business Manger.....Steve Castle

Parish Secretary.....Sharon Keilen

Telephone Numbers:

Parish Office.....736-2429
Parish Fax.....736-4407
School.....736-6661
School Fax.....736-6931
Faith Formation.....736-6837
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WEEKEND OF MARCH 5 & 6

4:30 p.m. Mass

Lector: Stephanie Sandahl
Altar Servers: Nicholas Hohrman & Mary Gettel
Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Chuck, Sue Arneson, Ariel Grantham, Sharon Jurgens, Mary Strande, Kay Brown, Jane Cavanaugh-Holmes

Greeters: Girls Scouts
Ushers: Jerry Weiland, Don Anderson

8:30 a.m. Mass

Lector: Jim Mason
Altar Servers: Alexandra McKinnell, Payton, Ashley, & Dalton Skonseng
Eucharistic Ministers: Sarah Pawlowski, Nancy Sletten, John Schmidt, Marlys Lucy, Anita Mohs, Harold Stanislawski, Kathy Kessel

Greeters: Girls Scouts
Ushers: Jeff Stanislawski, John Armstrong, Donna & Don Cole

10:30 a.m. Mass

Lector: Al Keller
Altar Servers: Brooke Gillund, Brandon Soland, Sheyenne Hokit, Shelby Kamrowski
Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Chuck, Connie Darling, Darlene Draeger, Jill Geary, Andrew Banal, Theresa Anderson, Craig Hebert

Greeters: Girls Scouts
Ushers: Kevin Aune, Agnes Bisson, Leo Eggen, Pat Griffin