

OUR LADY of VICTORY

207 NORTH VINE STREET • FERGUS FALLS MN 56537

February 19, 2012

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.....www.ffolvschool.org
Faith Formation
.....www.ffolvchurch.org/youth
Confirmation.. mayme@ffolvchurch.org
Diocesan.....www.stcdio.org

Sunday Masses:

Saturday.....4:30 p.m.
Sunday.....8:00 a.m.
Sunday.....10:30 a.m.

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:

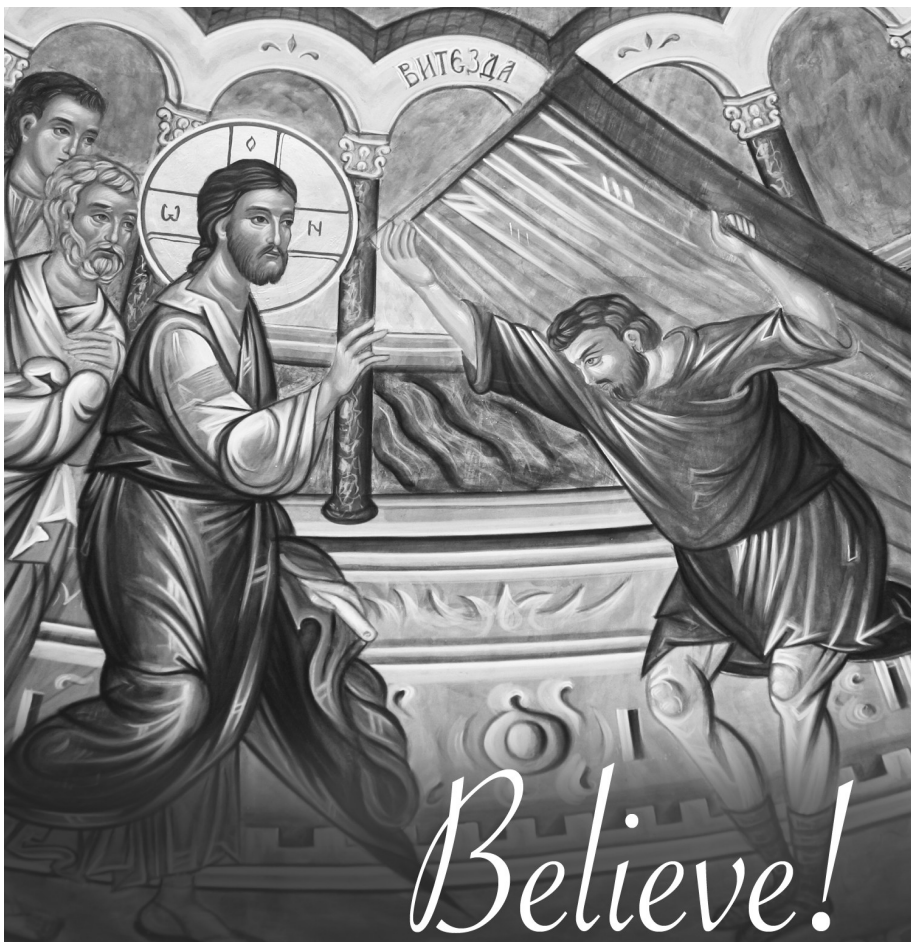
Sr. Joyce Leibly, O.P.

Office Hours

9 a.m.—12 p.m. & 1—4 p.m. (M-F)

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Is 43:18-19,21-22,24b-25/2 Cor 1:18—22/Mk 2:1-12)



• He said to the paralytic, "I say to you, rise, pick up your mat, and go home." He rose, picked up his mat at once, and went away in the sight of everyone. They were all astounded and glorified God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this."

Mk 2:11-12

WHAT'S HAPPENING

A Note from Sister Joyce ...

John Egan was making a high school retreat. On the last day he decided to do something he'd been putting off for a long time. He decided to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation. John confessed everything he could remember as honestly and frankly as he could. To John's surprise, the priest didn't talk to him about his sins. He talked to him about God's great love for him.

John left the chapel enormously relieved and walked into the beauty of the afternoon. Joy began to well up and run in his heart, and he felt so very close to God.

The theme of today's readings is God's forgiveness of our sins. God says to Israel through Isaiah: "You burdened me with your sins and wearied me with your crimes. It is I, I who wipe out, for my own sake, your offenses, your sins I remember no more."

Jesus says to the paralytic in the Gospel: "Child, your sins are forgiven.", and then later, "Rise, pick up your mat and walk."

God will always forgive our sins, and so we should forgive one another. During Lent, let us receive the sacrament of Reconciliation and every day let us forgive others their sins against us.

**God Bless You,
Sister Joyce**

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

Remember the Priests, Deacons & Seminarians who serve the church of St. Cloud, Revs: Timothy Baltes, Ralph Zimmerman, Robert Rolfes, Michael Naughton, Steven Binsfeld, Thomas Becker, Lauren Germann, our own Fr. Greg Paffel, Bishop John F. Kinney, deceased priests with February anniversaries, and those who are 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.

NEED HELP WITH HEATING BILLS?

Energy Assistance may be your answer. Please contact the Otter Tail-Wadena Community Action Council office at 218-385-3333 or 1-877-256-7249.

ST. ROBERTS MISSION GROUP

will be meeting on Tuesday, February 28th, at 1:30 p.m. in the St. Joseph's Room.

MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS



Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Is 43:18-19,21-22,24b-25/
2 Cor 1:18-22/Mk 2:1-12)

Saturday, February 18—Blessed Virgin Mary

3:30 p.m. Reconciliation
4:30 p.m. Mass — Kyle Neumann+

Sunday, February 19

8:00 a.m. Mass — People of the Parish
10:30 a.m. Mass — Catherine Braatz+

Monday, February 20 - President's Day

(James 3:13-18/Mk 9:14-29)
9:00 a.m. Word & Communion

Tuesday, February 21—St. Peter Damian

(James 4:1-10/Mk 9:30-37)
12:05 p.m. Mass—Michael Ringwelski

ASH Wednesday, February 22—(Fast & Abstain from Meat)

(Joel 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20-6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18)
9:00 a.m. Mass - Cecil Irion
5:30 p.m. Mass—Tom Ludwig+

Thursday, February 23—St. Polycarp

(Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25)
8:00 a.m. Holy Hour
8:30 a.m. Reconciliation
9:00 a.m. Mass—Mary Meyer



Friday, February 24 - (Abstinence from Meat)

(Is 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15)
8:30 a.m. Reconciliation
9:00 a.m. Mass — Terry Kidder+

First Sunday of Lent

(Gn 9:8-15/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15)

Saturday, February 25

3:30 p.m. Reconciliation
4:30 p.m. Mass — James Renner+

Sunday, February 26—First Sunday of Lent

8:00 a.m. Mass — Lorraine Simons+
10:30 a.m. Mass — People of the Parish

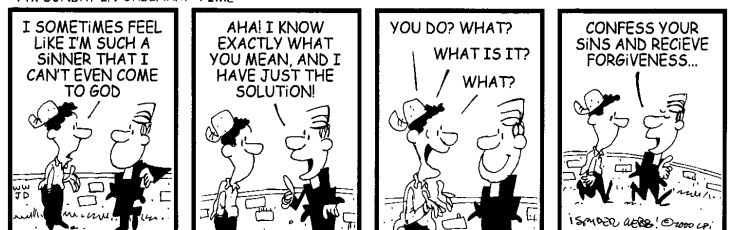
DO YOU HAVE AN INTEREST IN PHOTOGRAPHY?

We are currently seeking individuals to share their time and talent with our church by providing photos of parish life, including special events, LifeTeen and EDGE nights, Sunday Coffee, etc. If you own a digital camera and would love to serve in this capacity, please contact one of us for details: Sharon Kampa 531-1093, Pat Connelly 739-4922, Margie Gettel 739-2819.

BIBLE STUDY

WILL be meeting on Monday, February 20th this week.

7th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



PARISH NEWS & NOTES

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR

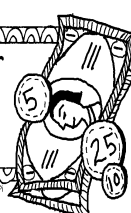
February 21	First Eucharist Parent Meeting 7:00 p.m.
February 22	Ash Wednesday
February 24-26	LifeTeen Retreat at Inspiration Point
February 26	Confirmation Rite of Recognition 10:00 a.m.
March 17-21	Parish Mission
April 14	Steak & Wine OLV Fundraiser Dinner

FIRST EUCHARIST PARENT MEETING

This important meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 21st, at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions, please contact Becky in the Faith Formation Office.

LENTEN VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Would you like to meet new people? Why not volunteer to help at the **Lenten Fish Fries**, which start on Friday, February 24th. We have shifts available from 5:00-7:00, and 7:00-9:00. Call and reserve a spot for you and your family to help with this parish fundraiser and social event. Please contact Mary Jo at the parish office at 736-2429.

 <p>Support our Advertiser of the Week</p>	<p>Lindblom Construction, Inc. Custom Homes</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Don Lindblom 3207 East Fir Avenue Fergus Falls 218-205-1240</p>
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FINANCIAL GIVING

February 12, 2012



Our Lady of Victory Parish

WTD Adult Contributions.....	\$7,361/\$7,600 (bgt)
Weekly Contribution Deficit	\$239
MTD (Feb.) Adult Contributions.....	\$18,485/\$15,200 (bgt)
February Contribution Surplus	\$3,285
Children's Contributions.....	\$17

Green Envelopes

Annual Diocesan Appeal	\$ 0
Flower Fund	\$ 5
Food Shelf	\$30
Improvements	\$ 520
Emergency Fund	\$ 5

Pink Envelopes

Support A Student	\$10
Faith Formation	\$ 0

Special Envelopes

Ash Wednesday	\$ 0
St. Cloud Visitor	\$333

Thank you for your generosity!

PANCAKE FEED

Boy Scout Troop 304 will be having a Pancake Feed on Sunday, February 19th, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at First Lutheran Church. Free will offering.

OPERATION RICE BOWL

This Lent, our faith community will be joining millions of Catholics across the country by participating in CRS' Operation Rice Bowl. Your family is invited to pick up a Rice Bowl packet and join in this simple but powerful Lenten practice. Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl invites us to **pray** with our families and faith communities, **fast** in solidarity with those who are hungry, **learn** about our brothers and sisters around the world, and **give** sacrificial contributions to help those in need. Visit orb.crs.org for additional resources to use at home.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

This year's annual World Day of Prayer will take place on Friday, March 2nd. Every year the first Friday in March marks this special celebration of women from around the world. This year the women of Malaysia have written a prayer service around the theme "Let Justice Prevail", and they all to join in praying with them. The St. Cloud area will celebrate with an ecumenical prayer service to be held at 1:00 p.m. at St. Augustine's Parish in St. Cloud. All are welcome; fellowship will follow the service.

WOMEN'S RETREAT

"Holiness in Marriage and Family" on Saturday, March 17th at Holy Family Parish in Belle Prairie, MN. Mass, lunch and Living Stations. Sponsored by St. Cloud Diocesan Council of Catholic Women. For more information, call 320-282-9941.

VISITING WOMEN'S COMMUNITIES OF FAITH

Saturday, February 25, 8:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. This is an opportunity to visit four different religious communities to meet, learn, share meals and pray with Catholic Sisters in the Twin City area (Participating communities of Benedictines, Franciscan Poor Clares, School Sisters of Notre Dame, and Sisters of St. Joseph). Car pooling will be arranged. For more information, contact Sister Joyce Kolbet at 507-389-4296 before February 22nd.

CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

Men are invited to join Father Greg at St. John's University on Saturday, March 10th, for **"Men of Integrity...the Way, the Truth, the Life"**. For more information, call 800-624-9019 or register at: www.stcdio.org/mensconference

SUPPORTERS OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION

The "Investing in Faith...for a Hopeful Future" initiative was created to give families in need the means to send their children to Catholic schools. If you are interested in learning more how you can get involved with this effort, there will be a free Lunch and Learning session on February 23rd at the Pastoral Center in St. Cloud 320-258-0390.

MINISTERS

DRIVERS FOR SHUT - INS WEEKEND OF FEBRUARY 25 & 26, 2012

- Group 1:** Mike Leonard
Group 2: Mike Rheault
Group 3: Dean Pawlowski

CAN YOU HELP?

Chairing the **Easter and Christmas Church Cleanings**—this is a good job for a couple to do together...twice the fun, and half the work!

Calling workers for the upcoming Lenten Fish Fries, from a Neighborhood Group Listing.

Keeping a weekly eye on the OLV Parish Website, to help us keep this as current as possible.

Help with **Vacation Bible School** June 5-8th

We are also looking for **Chairman for our next Fall Festival**.

If you are able to help with any of these areas, please contact the parish office at 736-2429. Thank you!

THIS WEEK

Saturday, February 18

KC Wild Game Feed—5:30 p.m. Fellowship Hall

Sunday, February 19

Coffee & Rolls — 9:00 in Fellowship Hall

Monday, February 20

Rosary—8:30 a.m., Church

Bible Study -1:00 & 7:00 p.m.

Baptism Class—6:00 p.m.

Cub Scouts—6:30 p.m. “Blue & Gold Banquet”

Tuesday, February 21

Rosary — 8:30 a.m., Church

Financial Peace University—5:00 p.m.

Stephen Ministry—6:30 p.m.

First Eucharist Parent Mtg. 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 22

Rosary — 8:30 a.m., Church

Adult Choir (Early Mass) Rehearsal — 4:45 p.m.

EDGE/LifeTeen Core Team Meeting —5:30 p.m.

Thursday, February 23

Rosary — 8:30 a.m., Church

Quilters—9:45 a.m., St. Joseph Room

OLV School Board Meeting—5:30 p.m.

Friday, February 24

Rosary — 8:30 a.m., Church

Youth Retreat—Inspiration Peak (Feb. 24-26)

Saturday, February 25

Baptism — After 4:30 Mass—Casey Opsahl

Sunday, February 26

Coffee & Rolls — 9:00 in Fellowship Hall

Confirmation Rite of Reception—10:30 Mass

Baptism — After 10:30 Mass—Jaydee Fronning

Faith Formation Classes (Foundations 9:15 a.m.,
Oneight 6:30 p.m.)

DIRECTORY

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
 Oneight (Confirmation)..... Mayme Hofland 736-7302

Parish Business Manager..... Steve Castle

Parish Secretary Mary Jo Baez

Telephone Numbers:

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 Parish Fax..... 736-4407
 School.....736-6661
 School Fax.....736-6931
 Faith Formation.....736-6837
 Catholic Charities.....800-830-8254
 Priest Emergency Number.....218-316-2527

Emails:

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 School..... contact@ffolvschool.org
 Faith Formation.....faithformation@ffolvchurch.org

WEEKEND OF FEBRUARY 25 & 26

4:30 p.m. Mass

Lectors: Don Anderson and Mary Strande

Altar Servers: Chad Hermes and Johnny Hermes

Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Chuck,

Ariel Grantham, Mark Kitzman,

Paulette Hoebelheinrich, Sharon Stevens,

Mary Strande, Sue Arneson

Greeters: Brian and Lyn Johnson

Ushers: Dick Schuetze, Jerry Weiland,

Don Anderson

Musician Leader: Randy Fischer

8:00 a.m. Mass

Lector: Vince Thoma and Meg Schmidt

Altar Servers: Abby Lindgren, Angelique Lindgren,

Joseph Connelly, Brock Kotchevar

Eucharistic Ministers: Scott Fritz, Cy Keller,

Richard Huschka, Trudy Huschka,

Marlys Lucy, Tim Gagner, Ted Kessel

Greeters: Bob and Jo Weatherly

Ushers: Charlie and Jonathan Piekarski,

Paul Renelt, Jeff Stanislawski

Musician Leader: Jan Cole/Tami Stanislawski

10:30 a.m. Mass

Lectors: Angie Polejewski and Al Keller

Altar Servers: Joey Kugler, Ethan Rohde,

Ashley Vaughn, Taylor Gardin

Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Chuck, Helen Sand,

Jean Rustand, Louise Wentworth, David

Schroeder, Kathy and Mike VanVoorhis

Greeters: LeRoy and Janet Thelen

Ushers: Louis Kamrowski, Agnes Bisson,

Doug Larson, Conrad Mitzel

Musician Leader: Jeff Jennen