

The Belles of Lake Leelanau

by Ann Mulligan, illustrated by Dave Messing

Geography: Find Michigan and Lake Leelanau on a [map of the USA](#).

Virtue: Be generous like Grandma Belle was, find a pregnancy center [near you](#) and volunteer some time to help out or donate diapers and formula based on their needs

Prayer: [The Angelus](#) is one of my favorite prayers! It is so beautiful, so short and a wonderful way to recenter my day on the Lord. Learn [the Angelus](#) by heart and set an alarm on your phone (bonus for a bell ringing alarm).

Extra Reads:

- [M is for Mitten: A Michigan Alphabet](#), by Annie Appleford, Poems by Kathy-jo Wargin, illustrated by Michael G. Monroe ([January 2026 Booklist](#))
- [The Legend of Leelanau](#), by Kathy-Jo Wargin, illustrated by Gijbert van Frankenhuyzen ([September 2025 Booklist](#))

Recipe

My favorite [potatoes recipe](#) is potatoes, with their skin on, wrapped into foil and buried under hot ashes. It takes a bit to cook but it's the best! Add salt and butter! And it's the perfect excuse to have a bonfire.

