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Sacrament of Reconciliation
St. Elizabeth: After 6:30 p.m. Mass (Thu)
St. Leonard: After 6:30 p.m. Mass (Wed)
Our Lady of Victory: 8:30 a.m. *Thursday if there is a 9:00 a.m. Mass*
3:30 p.m. Saturday

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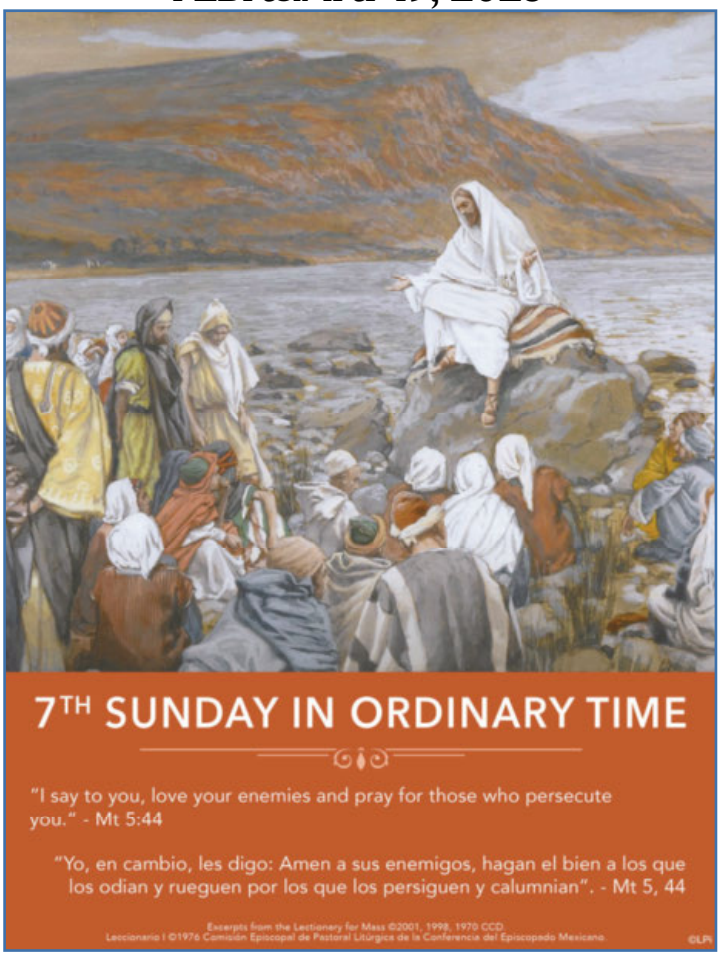

Church & Office Hours :
St. Elizabeth: Carrie Wedll 218 731-5304
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Office Hours: 2:00—5:00 (Wed)
Our Lady of Victory: Craig Hebert / Marlene Gease
218-736-2429
Church Hours: 7:45 to 4:00 (Mon-Fri)
Office Hours: 9:00 to Noon
and 1:00 to 4:00 (Mon-Thu)
and 9:00 to *NOON* (Fri)

Pastoral Column

Dear Pelican Valley ACC Members,

The **Lenten Season of Renewal** is upon us! It begins this week. After a fun, Fat Tuesday, please join us for **Ash Wednesday Mass: 7:00 a.m. at St. Elizabeth, 9:00 a.m. OLV, 5:30 p.m. OLV, 6:30 p.m. at St. Leonard**. We are marked with the ashes reminding us of our mortality and calling us to focus in a special way these next forty days on the things that matter most: God's love for us and His desire that we will be with Him for Eternity, our love for God and one another, our discipleship of Jesus Christ and our membership in Christ's Body: the Church. As Catholic Christians our journey back to God is a communal one; we need the love, support and encouragement of one another. Lent is a time to be mindful of the sufferings of others in our war torn world: with our almsgiving (the rice bowls, food shelf, mission opportunities, etc.) and our prayer (Stations of the Cross, some extra rosaries, Mass whenever possible…). We will have some special encouragement and input with our ACC Lenten Eucharistic Mission beginning next weekend. I hope you will be able to take advantage of the presence of the sisters who will be with us from Texas, and the special gatherings on February 26, 27, and 28. We pick up our cross and walk together in faith: may you have a blessed Lent.

In Christ,

Fr. Alan

Estimados miembros de Pelican Valley ACC,

¡La Temporada Cuaresmal de Renovación está sobre nosotros! Comienza esta semana. Después de un divertido Fat Tuesday, únase a nosotros para **la Misa del Miércoles de Ceniza: 7:00 a. m. en St. Elizabeth, 9:00 a. m. OLV, 5:30 p. m. OLV, 18:30 horas. en San Leonardo**. Estamos marcados con las cenizas recordándonos nuestra mortalidad y llamándonos a enfocarnos de manera especial estos próximos cuarenta días en las cosas que más importan: el amor de Dios por nosotros y Su deseo de que estemos con Él por la Eternidad, nuestro amor por Dios y unos a otros, nuestro discipulado de Jesucristo y nuestra membresía en el Cuerpo de Cristo: la Iglesia. Como cristianos católicos, nuestro viaje de regreso a Dios es comunitario; necesitamos el amor, el apoyo y el aliento de los demás. La Cuaresma es un momento para tener en cuenta los sufrimientos de los demás en nuestro mundo devastado por la guerra: con nuestras limosnas (los tazones de arroz, el estante de comida, las oportunidades misioneras, etc.) y nuestra oración (Estaciones de la Cruz, algunos rosarios adicionales, Misa cada vez que posible…).

Liturgical schedule

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, February 18
4:30 p.m. **OLV Mass** Elizabeth and Michael Riese

Sunday, February 19
8:30 a.m. **SE Mass** †Rosella and Bernard Nordick
9:30 a.m. **OLV Mass** †Glen Sieling
10:30 a.m. **SL Mass** †Marietta Vohnoutka
12:00 p.m. **SL Misa en Español**

Monday, February 20
11:00 a.m. **OLV Mass of Christian Burial**
Ray Hoebelheinrich

Tuesday, February 21
12:05 p.m. **OLV Mass** †Jim Singleman

Ash Wednesday—Lent begins

Wednesday, February 22
7:00 a.m. **SE Mass** †Carol Swentek
9:00 a.m. **OLV Mass** †Marty and Ellen Brisson family
10:00 **Mill Street Word and Communion**
5:30 p.m. **OLV Mass** †Rosemary Yavarow
6:30 p.m. **SL Mass** Bishop Patrick Neary

Thursday, February 23
9:00 a.m. **OLV Mass** Jadie Dahlen
6:30 p.m. **SE Mass** †Jack and Odilia Riestenberg

Friday, February 24
9:00 a.m. **OLV Mass** †Lizzie McDonald Adams
12:05 p.m. **OLV Stations of the Cross**

First Sunday of Lent

Saturday, February 25
4:30 p.m. **OLV Mass** †Dean Long

Sunday, February 26
8:30 a.m. **SE Mass** †Jack and Odilia Riestenberg
9:30 a.m. **OLV Mass** †Jim McDonald
10:30 a.m. **SL Mass** †Kenny Vohnoutka
12:00 p.m. **SL Misa en Español**
3:00 p.m. **OLV Pelican Valley ACC Lenten Mission**
Meal follows at 5:00 p.m.

Tendremos un estímulo especial y aportes con nuestra Misión Eucarística de Cuaresma de ACC a partir del próximo fin de semana. Espero que puedan aprovechar la presencia de las hermanas que nos acompañarán desde Texas y los encuentros especiales del 26, 27 y 28 de febrero. Recogemos nuestra cruz y caminamos juntas en la fe: que tengas una cuaresma bendecida.

En Cristo,

Padre Alan

ST. ELIZABETH

OF HUNGARY

HAM BINGO!
Saturday, March 18. Supper at 5 p.m. Free will offering. BINGO to follow!

CHRISTIAN MOTHERS GROUP MEETING
February 19 after Mass.

PRAYER REQUESTS
Dan Lemke, Kandance Love, Marlys Holubok, Kathleen Grise, Walt Paler's sister Barbara, Hudson Hendrickx, Kay Henkes, Jerry Schauff, Pat Baker, Kayla Pask and Joan Brusven, Jim Wedll, Tyler Kurtz, Jean Lehn, and Deacon Pete and his family, those that suffer from effects of drugs and alcohol, and those with cancer.

ST. LEONARD

OF PORT MAURITIUS

PARISH OFFICE WILL BE OPEN ON MONDAY
February 20 from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES
Plain envelopes for Sunday donations can be found in the back of church on both sides. Please write your name on it f you would like your contribution to be tax-deductible. Thank you for your patience as we wait for our envelopes to arrive.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCHOLARSHIPS!
The Knights of Columbus/St. Leonard's Church is offering (2) $500.00 scholarships to any 2023 graduate of Pelican Rapids High School. Qualifications– you must be a member of St. Leonard Church, attend a post-secondary institution in the fall, and complete an application. Applications can be found in the back of church or in the high school office. Applications are due February 22, 2023

PRAYER REQUESTS
Duane and Joyce Valley, Rudy Butenas, Jerry Stokka, Tom Johnson, Adam Stewart, Julie Severson, Valerie Smischny, Cindy Becker, Tony Vigen, Denice Smischny, Jack Geske, Marilyn Jentz, Marilyn Gilbertson, Marilyn Schwartz, Leona Braton, and LeAnn Ishaug.

OUR LADY OF VICTORY

JOIN US FOR OUR PANCAKE BREAKFAST
Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast in the OLV gymnasium on **February 26 from 10 a.m.— 1 p.m.** Free will offering will be accepted. Pancakes, sausage, eggs, coffee, milk, and juice will be served.

JOIN US! FAITH FORMATION SOUP SUPPER
Faith Formation families will be serving a soup supper in the Fellowship Hall **after the 5:30 p.m. Mass on Ash Wednesday** at Our Lady of Victory Church. A variety of meatless soups and bread will be served. This is a fundraiser for Faith Formation programs. Free will offerings will be accepted.

LENT IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER AND THAT MEANS FISH FRIES! Our Lenten Fish Fries will be **back in the gym this year**, and we will continue to have the drive-thru option. **This means we are going to need all hands on deck!** It's going to take participation from our entire parish family to successfully pull this off. Sign-up sheets will be available in the gathering area and online. Your time and talent are greatly appreciated! Fish Fries are every Friday in March including the 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, and 31st.

OLV SCHOOL SPRING GALA IS APRIL 15TH
Join us for our school's annual fundraiser on Saturday, April 15 beginning at 5:30 p.m. This year's meal choices include crab-stuffed lobster tail, herb-crusted chicken cordon bleu, or lasagna served with a salad, bacon-wrapped asparagus, baked potato, and triple-layer chocolate cake and chocolate-dipped strawberries. Come out for a night of fun and support for OLV School!

MONTHLY FINANCIAL GIVING

Adult Collections	$41,407.06
Children Envelopes	$4.00
Building and Maintenance	$466.00
Food Shelf Donations	$275.00
Emergency Fund Donations	$67.00
Flowers	$5.00
Sponsor a Student	$322.00
Faith Formation Donations	$26.00

**$60,303 is the monthly budget*
**$5,812.50 under yearly budget*

PELICAN VALLEY

AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

A LETTER FROM BISHOP KETTLER

To all with the Pelican Valley Valley Area ACC, I wish you happiness and God's blessings.

Thank you for your kind words of support and for a very generous retirement gift. I will miss being your bishop, but I look forward to my retirement time as well.

God Bless you all.

Bishop Don Kettler

January 30, 2023

ADULT LENTEN BIBLE STUDY AT OLV

This Lent OLV be offering a 5-week study from Ascension Press titled *No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion.* Sessions will begin Monday, March 6 in the OLV Fellowship Hall with two times available - 1:00 pm or 7:00 pm. Please stop in or call the parish office to sign up. The cost is $10 for materials.

BILINGUAL LENTEN MISSION 2/26—3/1

The sisters from Disciples of Our Lord Jesus Christ will be leading us in **Prayer, Praise, and Evangelization**, with a special focus on our encounter with the **Eucharist**.

- Sunday 2/26- 3:00 Our Lady of Victory
- Monday 2/27- 5:30 St. Leonard
- Tuesday 2/28- 5:30 St. Elizabeth
- Wednesday 3/1 Children and youth faith formation visits

Each afternoon or evening will have a different theme focusing on the Eucharist, so please join us each day. Transportation and childcare will be available if needed. See flyer and posters for registration information or sign up in the back of your parish. Registration is not required, but appreciated for meal counts and childcare.
Register online at:
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STEWARDSHIP AS A WAY OF LIFE

"But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you..." — Matthew 5:44

Love your enemies, easier said than done. But remember, the foundation of stewardship is prayer. When we are in close communication with God, it opens our heart, and it turns our attention away from "me" and moves it toward God and others. It changes my heart and actions, allowing for a little more empathy for "my enemy." When we pray for others, even our enemies, it may soften their hearts as well.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Have you attended a baptism, first Communion, confirmation, wedding, or ordination? All of these sacraments are supported through the ministries funded by the Bishop's Annual Appeal. Help continue to support these vital milestones of our faith through a gift at www.stcdio.org/annualappeal

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS COURT ST. CABRINI #1466 meets the 2nd Thursday at 5:30 pm in the OLV Fellowship Hall from September through December and February through June. All Catholic women 18 and older are welcome to join. Contact Sharon Stevens 218-739-2381 or Bonnie Hein 218-739-3718.

GRIEF GROUP Meets the second Tuesday of the month from 5:30-6:30 at Bethel Church, 702 W Alcott Ave, Fergus Falls.

PRAYER CHAIN

Please call: Jo Weatherly 218-736-4938, Louise Wentworth 218-736-6701 or 218-770-0473, Alice Neuleib 218-739-2711 or 218-205-9007 to become involved with or to add your intentions to the prayer chain.

Web Sites:

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