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### OLV Faith Facilitator/Elementary

Deb Forstner 218 736-2429 ext. 47

### OLV Middle/High School Faith Formation

Andrew Jennen 218 736-2429 ext. 25

### 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

## MARCH 23, 2023



## 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER



They set out at once and returned to Jerusalem where they found gathered together the eleven and those with them who were saying, "The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!" - Lk 24:33-34

Regresaron a Jerusalén, donde encontraron reunidos a los Once con sus compañeros, los cuales les dijeron: "De veras ha resucitado el Señor y se le ha aparecido a Simón". - Lc 24, 33-34

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### Church & Office Hours :

St. Elizabeth: Carrie Wedll 218 731-5304

St. Leonard: Mary Bongers 218 841-4861

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,

**DURING THE EASTER SEASON** in the first reading at Mass we often hear accounts of the early Christian community, and how they met to break bread and shared things in common so that the community's needs were met; they prayed joyfully, etc. We sometimes hold up these accounts as a "model" or "ideal" for our faith communities to aspire to today....everything dandy and rosy. However, we know that their communities like ours at the same time were struggling with how to adjust and accommodate to the living reality of the Church...how much accommodation the Jewish Christians could give to the Gentile Christians, the question of circumcision...and by the way were there female deacons or not?! Scripture experts and theologians continue to hold varying opinions. **AND SO** it shouldn't be shocking that with the amount of change that our local church has experienced through Covid and being called into ACC partnerships....receiving a new bishop after a lengthy period of waiting...etc., we experience our own "growing pains"...as we adjust to new roles, new concerns for our entire ACC rather than just our parish, new styles of pastoral leadership, new demands and sacrifices called forth from people, new challenges to communication....and there's quite a learning curve for all of us. In talking with other pastors and ACC folks, nobody really has it "all figured out" yet. **Patience and charity and forbearance** will continue to be great assets and building blocks...as well as **sustenance from Jesus our Living Bread and the guidance of the Holy Spirit** (if we remain open!). Thanks for your daily prayers for our ACC, myself, and our staff...in the coming weeks I will try to write about some of the positive steps we are taking as we "move forward in Christ"! *God bless you all! Fr. Alan*

Estimados miembros de Pelican Valley ACC,

**DURANTE EL TIEMPO DE PASCUA** en la primera lectura de la Misa a menudo escuchamos relatos de la comunidad cristiana primitiva, y cómo se reunían para partir el pan y compartían cosas en común para satisfacer las necesidades de la comunidad; oraban con alegría, etc. A veces sostenemos estos relatos como un "modelo" o "ideal" para que nuestras comunidades de fe aspiren a hoy ... todo "maravilloso" y color de rosa. Sin embargo, sabemos que sus comunidades como la nuestra al mismo tiempo estaban luchando con la forma de adaptarse y adaptarse a la realidad viva de la Iglesia ... cuánto acomodo podía dar los cristianos judíos a los cristianos gentiles, la cuestión de la circuncisión... ¿Y por cierto, había diáconos femeninos o no?! Los expertos en las Escrituras y los teólogos continuaban teniendo opiniones diferentes. **ENTONCES**, no debería ser sorprendente que con la cantidad de cambios que nuestra iglesia local ha experimentado a través de COVID-19 y ser llamada a asociaciones de ACC ...recibir un nuevo obispo después de un largo período de espera ... etc., experimentamos nuestros propios "dolores de crecimiento" ... a medida que todos nos adaptamos a nuevos roles, nuevas preocupaciones para todo nuestro ACC en lugar de solo nuestra parroquia, nuevos estilos de liderazgo

## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

### Third Sunday of Easter

#### Saturday, April 22

10:00 a.m. OLV Rehearsal—First Communion  
1:00 p.m. OLV Mass of Christian Burial †Jack Jonas  
4:30 p.m. OLV Mass †Lester Thies

#### Sunday, April 23

8:30 a.m. SE Mass †Judy Buseth  
9:30 a.m. OLV Mass †Amanda and Martha Krause  
10:30 a.m. SL Mass †Holy Souls in Purgatory  
11:30 a.m. OLV Mass First Holy Communion  
12:00 p.m. SL Misa en Español

#### Monday, April 24

9:00 a.m. OLV Word and Communion

#### Tuesday, April 25

12:05 p.m. OLV Word and Communion

#### Wednesday, April 26

10:00 a.m. Mill Street Mass †Roger Ballweber  
6:30 p.m. SL Word and Communion

#### Thursday, April 27

9:00 a.m. OLV Mass †Sam Bakken

#### Friday, April 28

9:00 a.m. OLV Mass †Frances Jennen

### Fourth Sunday of Easter

#### Saturday, April 29

4:30 p.m. OLV Mass †Loretta Schmaltz

#### Sunday, April 30

8:30 a.m. SE Mass First Holy Communion  
†Doug F. Irish  
9:30 a.m. OLV Mass †Orin Koziol  
10:30 a.m. SL Mass †Holy Souls in Purgatory  
12:00 p.m. SL Misa en Español

pastoral, nuevas demandas y sacrificios convocados por las personas, nuevos desafíos para la comunicación ... y hay una gran curva de aprendizaje para todos nosotros. Al hablar con otros pastores y personas de ACC, nadie realmente lo tiene "todo resuelto" todavía. La paciencia, la caridad y la tolerancia continuarán siendo grandes activos y bloques de construcción ... así como el sustento de Jesús nuestro Pan Vivo y la guía del el Espíritu Santo (¡si permanecemos abiertos!). Gracias por sus oraciones diarias por nuestro ACC, por mí y por nuestro personal... ¡En las próximas semanas trataré de escribir sobre algunos de los pasos positivos que estamos tomando a medida que "avanzamos en Cristo"! ¡Dios los bendiga a todos! Fr. Alan.





# PELICAN VALLEY

AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

## **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION THIS SUNDAY**

A special 11:30 a.m. Mass at OLV. Also, First Holy Communion at St. Elizabeth Church will be held Sunday, April 30 at 8:30 am.

## **SPRING SALAD LUNCHEON—CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF AMERICA**

Saturday, May 6, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost \$10.00. For more information, contact Theresa Thomhave at 218-739-9413 or 218-205-9827.

## **OLV SCHOOL REGISTRATION IS OPEN!**

Forms are available in the school office or on the school's website for students entering Kindergarten through sixth grade. Students attending OLV do not have to be Catholic, Tuition scholarships are available. 218-736-6661.

## **STEWARDSHIP AS A WAY OF LIFE**

*"Did not our hearts burn within us while He talked to us on the road, while He opened to us the scriptures?" Luke 24:32*

How often do you take the time to discern what Jesus is calling you to do with your life? Are your prayers always petitions, asking Jesus to do things for you? If so, that's a one-sided relationship. Living our faith means developing a personal relationship with Jesus. Just like any friendship, there is give and take, each side listening to the other and helping each other out. Take time, in silence, to listen to what Jesus is asking of you today.

## **BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL**

Please remember the diocesan ministries that, through your generosity, continue to build the Kingdom of God here in Central Minnesota. Keep them thriving by making a gift at:  
[www.stcdio.org/annualappeal](http://www.stcdio.org/annualappeal)

## **FISH-FRY VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER**

For all those who volunteered to help at this year's Lenten Fish Fry event and make it a wonderful success, YOU ARE INVITED next

Tuesday, April 25th  
The American Legion  
Fergus Falls  
6:30 PM

## **PRAYER CHAIN**

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

### **Web Sites:**

OLV.....www.ffolvchurch.org  
School..... www.ffolvschool.org  
St. Leonard ..... www.stleonardpr.org  
Diocese ..... www.stcdio.org

### **Facebook Pages:**

<https://www.facebook.com/StLeonardPR>  
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<https://www.facebook.com/Our Lady of Victory>



### **THE ROMAN COLLAR OPTION FOR DEACONS :**

Bishop Neary is giving permanent deacons the option of wearing the standard clergy shirt and roman collar when they're engaged in ministry, as a further witness sign.

Transitional deacons have always worn the collar, and in most dioceses surrounding us permanent deacons do as well.

### **Question: Why do priests wear a Roman collar?**

**Answer:** The practice of priests wearing the Roman collar developed in the mid-nineteenth century as an alternative to wearing the cassock which in some places was seen as impractical or which was even outlawed by anti-Catholic legislation. Since its introduction, it has taken different forms, and if you visit different countries today, you will see variation in what priests wear.

The Code of Canon Law simply observes that priests wear “suitable ecclesiastical garb” according to the judgments of the national bishops conferences and local custom (no. 284). The US Bishops have instructed that outside of liturgical functions, a “black suit and Roman collar are the usual formal attire for priests. The use of the cassock is at the discretion of the cleric.” Priests who are members of religious communities are to follow the rules of their institute regarding the habit or other approved clothing. In the end, whether a priest wears the Roman collar, a religious habit, or, as is the case in many European countries, a suit and tie (to distinguish them from Protestant clergy who wear a collar) the goal of their clerical clothing is to serve as a sign of their commitment to guide and to serve, and to also allow them to be truly public figures because they are ordained for the service of all.

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