



PELICAN VALLEY

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Sacrament of Reconciliation

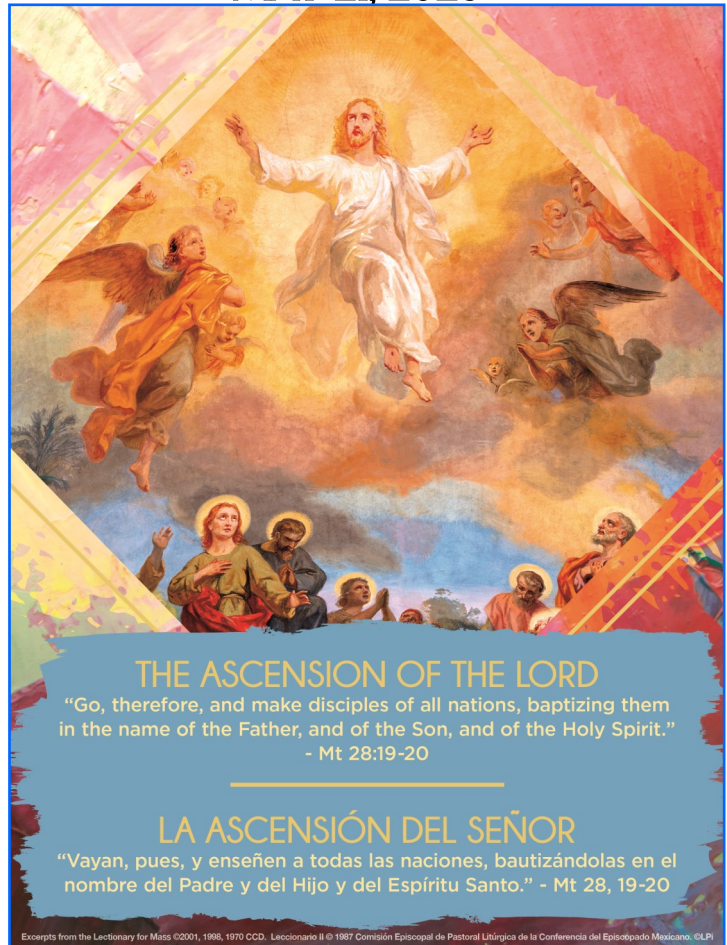
St. Elizabeth: After 6:30 p.m. Mass (Thu)

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

ASCENSION
of the Lord

MAY 21, 2023



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, ext. 10

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,

This Sunday we celebrate **The Ascension of the Lord!** The risen Jesus ascends to heaven to be “seated at the right hand of the Father” as we pray in the Creed. For his apostles and disciples...this is an experience of mixed emotions! Just as for the partings of our loved ones...we can be happy that they have graduated, or are moving on in one way or another to the next part of their life and faith journey.....still we may want to hold onto “what has been”. It is in these times that our faith...and our trust in God.....can grow, if we are open. What if the apostles had decided that without Jesus’ daily presence and encouragement they just couldn’t go on! Instead they opened themselves, and put their best foot forward, and began building the Church as God intended....with Jesus’ presence in a new way, through the Holy Spirit which would soon descend upon them. Let us pray this weekend for all who are experiencing “little ascensions” in their lives or in the lives of loved ones. Let us pray too for the coming of the Holy Spirit in all of the partings, the challenges, and the new beginnings in our lives.

Happy Feast of the Ascension! Fr. Alan

Estimados miembros de Pelican Valley ACC,

¡Este domingo celebramos **la Ascensión del Señor!** Jesús resucitado asciende al cielo para estar “*sentado a la diestra del Padre*” mientras oramos en el Credo. Para sus apóstoles y discípulos... ¡Esta es una experiencia de emociones encontradas! Al igual que para las despedidas de nuestros seres queridos ... Podemos estar felices de que se hayan graduado, o que estén avanzando de una manera u otra a la siguiente parte de su vida y viaje de fe ... aún así podemos querer aferrarnos a “lo que ha sido”. Es en estos tiempos que nuestra fe... y nuestra confianza en Dios... puede crecer, si estamos abiertos. ¿Qué pasaría si los apóstoles hubieran decidido que sin la presencia diaria y el aliento de Jesús simplemente no podrían continuar? En cambio, se abrieron, y pusieron su mejor pie adelante, y comenzaron a construir la Iglesia como Dios quiso ... con la presencia de Jesús de una manera nueva, a través del Espíritu Santo que pronto descendería sobre ellos. Oremos este fin de semana por todos los que están experimentando “pequeñas ascensiones” en sus vidas o en las vidas de sus seres queridos. Oremos también por la venida del Espíritu Santo en todas las separaciones, los desafíos y los nuevos comienzos en nuestras vidas.

¡Feliz Fiesta de la Ascensión! P. Alan

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Feast of The Ascension of the Lord

Saturday, May 20

4:30 p.m. **OLV Mass** †Donald McGray

Sunday, May 21

8:30 a.m. **SE Mass** †Pat Ouren

9:30 a.m. **OLV Baccalaureate Mass**

†Orin Koziol

10:30 a.m. **SL Mass** †Adam Stewart

12:00 p.m. **SL Misa en Español**

Monday, May 22

9:00 a.m. **OLV Word and Communion**

Tuesday, May 23

12:05 p.m. **OLV Mass** †Lynn Lanus

Wednesday, May 24

10:00 a.m. **Mass Mill Street** †Holy Souls in Purgatory

6:30 p.m. **SL Word and Communion**

Thursday, May 25

9:00 a.m. **OLV Word and Communion**

6:30 p.m. **SE Mass** †Dan Lemke

Friday, May 26

9:00 a.m. **OLV Mass** †Lucille Soliah

Pentecost Sunday

Saturday, May 27

4:30 p.m. **OLV Mass** †Anthony Aviles

Sunday, May 28

8:30 a.m. **SE Mass** †Pat Ouren

9:30 a.m. **OLV Mass** †Lynn Lanus

10:30 a.m. **SL Mass** †Adam Stewart

12:00 p.m. **SL Misa en Español**

Ascension of the Lord

OLV Adoration (*unless otherwise noted above)

7:00—7:45 a.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,
Friday

12:30—5:00 p.m. Tuesday after Mass

7:00—8:45 a.m. Thursday

OLV Rosary (*unless otherwise noted above)

8:30 a.m. Monday through Friday

ST. ELIZABETH

OF HUNGARY

OUR SYMPATHY to Julie Lemke and family on the passing of Dan.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES!

Congratulations to our Class of 2023 Graduates: Izzy Kent, Lydia Kunz, and Isabela Ochoa.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN MEETING

June 4 after Mass.

PRAYER REQUESTS

John Schauff, Charlotte Schmitz (granddaughter of Mary Marquardt), Kandace 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

PRAYER REQUESTS

Ardean Erickson, Ross Olson, Joyce Valley, Rudy Butenas, Jerry Stokka, Tom Johnson, Julie Severson, Valerie Smischny, Tony Vigen, Denice Smischny, Jack Geske, Marilyn Jentz, Marilyn Gilbertson, Marilyn Schwartz, Leona Braton, and LeAnn Ishaug.

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Where did he go? Many times when we think of those who have died, we imagine escape from this world to a purely spiritual place. Jesus' Ascension can leave us in a place of confusion. What happens to Jesus? And why does this matter to us?

The Ascension has been confirmed in the Creed for two millennia. In Jesus' Ascension, we're invited to consider our own ultimate end. Regardless of death's reality now, we believe in the resurrection of the body and the reunification of body and soul. One day, earth and heaven will meet perfectly and without end. We anticipate this "new heaven and a new earth" at every Mass and throughout the beauty, truth, and love of the Church and her members. Today, celebrate a foreshadowing of the fullness we all await!

OUR LADY OF VICTORY

BACCALAUREATE MASS AND RECEPTION

Baccalaureate Mass and Reception is this Sunday after the 9:30 Mass. Congratulations to our seniors!

KRIS' SUMMER FOOD CRUSADE FOR KIDS

The Social Concerns Committee is organizing a Service Food drive to collect groceries **Friday, May 26th 3:00-6:00 and Saturday, May 27th 11:00-3:00**. Groceries will be used to provide nourishing foods to local children in need throughout the summer. Financial contributions are also being accepted in the office. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

THE CHOSEN, SEASON 3 BEGINNING JUNE 8!

Our Stewardship committee will again be showing *The Chosen* this summer outdoors at OLV Church. **Season 3** starts out with Jesus' sermon on the mount and culminates with the epic episode of the feeding of the 5000. Showings will be on Thursday nights (at dusk 9:30pm) starting June 8th. Popcorn and candy will be available and we'll be raffling off show merch at each night. Also, games beforehand for the kids. Hope to see you there!

SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE ASSISTING WITH PEANUT BUTTER & JELLY DRIVE

A drop box will be found in the gathering area for a **Peanut Butter and Jelly Drive** to help families who are in need of meals during the summer. Please drop off unopened jars of peanut butter and/or jelly by June 1. Or scan the QR code to make a financial donation. *Someplace Safe* will be identifying families who can benefit from your donation. Thank you!



HOPS, HYMNS & HOTDISH

A community gathering and fundraiser to support the future of aging in our community and specifically the mission of PioneerCare, is set for Tuesday, June 13 from 5 PM to 8 PM at the Spies Riverfront Park Pavilion in downtown Fergus Falls. Details are online at www.pioneercare.org.

ALL CATHOLIC WOMEN WITH A CALLING TO HELP THE POOR

St. Theresa's Circle Meets **2nd Tuesday of each month at 1:00 p.m.** in OLV St. Joseph Room. Craft work done at home. **Volunteers needed.** To learn more, call Theresa Rudnick (218) 736-4924.

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AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

FAMILY SUNDAY FUNDAY!

June 25 following the outdoor Mass at 10:30 a.m. Food, bouncy houses, and games for the kids. This event is for all ACC parishioners and will be held at Roosevelt Park in Fergus Falls. Please bring your lawn chairs.

We are looking for volunteers to help with food and games. Please contact Pat Tuel at 218-205-1307 if you will help. Thank you!

SUMMER CHILDREN'S MISSION

Our Lady of Victory Church will be holding a three-evening summer program for students going into grades 1-5. This **Children's Mission**, which will focus upon saints with summer feast days, will be held on July 25, 26, and 27 from 6-8 PM at OLV. At this time, Deb Forstner is looking to form a volunteer team to lead this effort. We will need people from our ACC to shepherd small groups from station to station, and leaders for activities such as crafts, active games, story/snack time, technology, music, and other behind-the-scene duties. Adults and students going into grade six and up are encouraged to volunteer. Please contact Deb Forstner at 218-736-2429 extension 47, or deb@ffolvchurch.org if interested in helping. Actual program registration for children will open up late June/early July.

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**.

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.

THE FAMILY ROSARY ACROSS AMERICA

is a live and interactive radio program **aired every night** bringing together Catholics across the nation to pray the rosary. Join 100,000 people each evening as we pray together and for one another. Search RelevantRadio.com, Facebook.com, Twitter.com, or YouTube.com to find the broadcast.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Please note: The deadline for submissions for our weekly bulletin is **noon on the Friday that is one full workweek before the announcement is to appear**. Ex.: If you want an announcement included in the bulletin dated June 18, 2023, you must submit your content by Friday, June 9, 2023 at noon (*This was effective 2/12/2023*).

STEWARDSHIP AS A WAY OF LIFE

Stewardship as a Way of Life: "I am praying for them..." John 17:9

Prayer is the foundation of our Faith and the foundation of Stewardship. Prayer is always the first best option in any situation - not just our last resort. Pray for friends and family, and especially for those that don't treat you very well. Pray to give praise, to thank, and to ask God for help. Pray to see what God wants you to do with the gifts He has given you. Teach others how to pray. It has been said that teaching someone how to pray is the best gift you can give someone.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

"Do This in Memory of Me." The Appeal supports ministries that benefit you, your family and your greater parish community. Please make a gift today. **Each dollar raised goes directly to ministries that support our Catholic faith and is not used for any other purpose.**

TIMELY CATHOLIC NEWS

Receive the weekly diocesan email newsletter, **Friday Feed** (previously *Monday Morning Update*), by subscribing on the diocesan website: stcdio.org. Scroll down to The Central Minnesota Catholic section and click on "Sign Up."

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>
<https://www.facebook.com/stelizabethparish>
<https://www.facebook.com/OurLadyofVictory>

