



# PELICAN VALLEY

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### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St. Leonard: Wed. After 6:30 p.m. Mass  
Our Lady of Victory: 8:30 a.m. *Thursday*  
*if there is a 9:00 a.m. Mass 3:30 p.m. Sat.*

JANUARY 26, 2025



## 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me...  
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives  
and recovery of sight to the blind,  
to let the oppressed go free.  
- Lk 4:18

El espíritu del Señor está sobre mí, porque  
me ha ungido...para anunciar la liberación a  
los cautivos y la curación a los ciegos, para  
dar libertad a los oprimidos.  
- Lc 4, 18

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Church Hours: 7:45 to 4:00 (Mon-Fri)  
Office Hours: 8:00 to Noon and 1:00 to 4:00 (Mon-Thu),  
8:00 to 12:00 (Fri)

# PASTORAL COLUMN

Queridos Hermanos y hermanas,

Ahora que fueron informales de la noticia del incendio a nuestras oficinas, debemos dar gracias a Dios por la exitosa evacuación de todos los niños de la escuela parroquial, maestros, y trabajadores. El Señor en la Eucaristía también fue trasladado del tabernáculo a la rectoría. El único lugar afectado por el fuego han sido las oficinas de la parroquia y la sala de reconciliación. El templo y la escuela no sufrieron danos – solo el humo y el polvo es producto del incendio. Se están investigando la causa que provocó el incendio. Un plan de limpieza para reabrir lo más pronto la escuela, el gimnasio, fellowship hall, y el templo.

Tuvimos la visita de nuestro Obispo Patricio Neary el miércoles 15 de enero y nos reconforto mucho y mostro su solidaridad. Mientras tanto pido a los feligreses del Pelican Valley ACC que es un tiempo para unir esfuerzos, mostrar caminos de solidaridad, tiempo de acogida, apertura y paciencia. Para que la vida espiritual de la ACC continúe en estos tiempos de emergencia, las parroquias de Santa Isabel y San Leonardo acogerán a los hermanos de OLV en todos los servicios y programas. Gracias padre Alan por ofrecer la rectoría para la oficina parroquial temporal. La escuela parroquial temporalmente operara en la iglesia del Nazarene, parte de Faith formación en First Lutheran church y Elizabeth parroquia. Les mantendremos informados por los canales oficiales de la parroquia. Muchas gracias por las muestras de solidaridad de todos en general y nos encomendamos a Nuestra Señora de la Victoria, la Madre del Señor para este tiempo de reconstrucción y refuerzo de lazos de amor en nuestro Valle de Pelican. Mantengámonos unidos en la oración, en la fracción del pan y en la convivencia como hermanos.

Fraternalmente,

**Padre Lucho**

Dear brothers and sisters,

Now that the news of the fire in our offices is known, we must thank God for the successful evacuation of all the parish school children, teachers, and workers. The Lord in the Eucharist was also moved from the tabernacle to the rectory. The only place affected by the fire has been the parish offices and the reconciliation room. The church and the school were not damaged – only stained with smoke and dust from the fire. The cause of the fire is being investigated. A cleaning plan is being undertaken, and the school, gym, fellowship hall, and church will reopen as soon as possible.

We had the visit of our Bishop Patricio Neary on Wednesday, January 15, who comforted us very much and showed his solidarity. In the meantime, I ask the parishioners of the Pelican Valley ACC to join forces, to show paths of solidarity, and to practice openness and patience, so the spiritual life of the ACC may continue in these times of emergency. The parishes of St. Elizabeth

# LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

## THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Sunday, January 26

- 8:30 a.m. SE Mass †Linda Rheault
- 10:30 a.m. SE Mass †Jadie Dahlen
- 10:30 a.m. SL Mass †Leon Grave
- 12:00 p.m. SL Misa en Español Protection of All Life

### Monday, January 27

No Mass or Communion services scheduled

### Tuesday, January 28

- 12:05 p.m. SE Mass Willie Sauer

### Wednesday, January 29

- 10:30 a.m. Pioneer Home Mass Those affected by the Firers in California
- 6:30 p.m. SL Mass †Bev & Tony Wedll

### Thursday, January 30

- 9:00 a.m. SE Mass †Bev & Tony Wedll

### Friday, January 31

- 9:00 a.m. SE Mass †Holy Souls in Purgatory

### Saturday, February 1

- 8:00 a.m. SE Mass †Bev & Tony Wedll
- 4:30 p.m. SE Mass †Joan Clark

### Sunday, February 2

- 8:30 a.m. SE Mass †Jadie Dahlen
- 10:30 a.m. SE Mass †Bev & Tony Wedll
- 10:30 a.m. SL Mass Andrew Steinbach
- 12:00 p.m. SL Misa en Español All People of the ACC

## ADORATION SCHEDULE

7:00–7:45 a.m. Monday through Friday at St. Elizabeth

## OLV PRAYER CHAIN

Please call Jo Weatherly at 218-205-0390, Louise Wentworth at 218-770-0473, or Alice Neuleib at 218-205-9007 to become involved with or to add your intentions to the prayer chain.

and St. Leonard will welcome the brothers of OLV in all services and programs. Thank you, Father Alan, for offering the rectory for the temporary parish office. OLV school will temporarily operate in the Nazarene Church, and Faith Formation will be at First Lutheran Church and St. Elizabeth Parish. We will keep you informed through the official channels of the parish. Many thanks for the signs of solidarity of everyone as we entrust ourselves to Our Lady of Victory, the Mother of the Lord for this time of reconstruction and strengthening of bonds of love in our Pelican Valley. Let us remain united in prayer, in the breaking of bread and in living together as brothers.

Fraternally,

**Father Lucho**

# ST. ELIZABETH

OF HUNGARY

# OUR LADY OF VICTORY

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Jack Quackenbush (grandson of Darrell and Sandy Hanneman), Jennifer Kolstad, Charlotte Schmitz (granddaughter of Mary Marquardt), Marlys Holubok, Hudson Hendrickx, Kay Henkes, Jerry Schauff, Pat Baker, Kayla Pask, Barbara Hall (Kris Nordick mom) and Joan Tyler Kurtz, Jean Lehn, and Deacon Pete and his family, Tony Schauff, those that suffer from effects of drugs and alcohol, and those with cancer.

## CHRISTIAN MOTHERS MEETING

There will be a Christian Mothers meeting after mass on February 2 in Brenny Hall.

# ST. LEONARD

OF PORT MAURITIUS

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Austin Lee, Claudia Cruz, Laura Saavedra, Rosalva Martínez, Judy Marko, Ross Olson, Joyce Valley, Rudy Butenas, Jerry Stokka, Tom Johnson, Tony Vigen, Denise Smischny, Jack Geske, Marilyn Jentz, Marilyn Gilbertson, Marilyn Schwartz, LeAnn Ishaug, Jim Marty, David Fix, Fr Jeff Ethan, Fr Stan Wieser.

## CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES

Please look for your box of envelopes, in numerical order. If you don't find it, please check the other entrance. If you don't have a box of envelopes for weekly contributions, please contact Alejandra in the office.

## RECOVERY OF FATHER JEFF ETHAN

Fr. Jeff is staying at the St. Williams Living Center: 220 W State, Parkers Prairie, MN, 56361

## WINTER SPECTACULAR

Several of our youth were able to participate in the "WINTER SPECTACULAR" where they had mass with the Bishop and had a great fun time all throughout the night. Many thanks to our chaperones for their time!

## FIRE EXTINGUISHED

A fire broke out in the office area of the church around 9 a.m. on January 14. Firefighters were swift to respond, and we are grateful for all their support. We give thanks to God that students and staff were safely evacuated, and only one firefighter suffered minor injuries while extinguishing the fire. The State Fire Marshal's Office is investigating the cause of the fire. Only the office area retained damage; however, the church was without power and heat for several days. Please stay up to date with changes in mass times and events by following us on Facebook or by checking the church website at: [www.ffolvchurch.org](http://www.ffolvchurch.org)

## LENTEN FISH FRY

All are invited to join us for the Lenten fish fry every Friday during Lent, starting March 14, from 5:30–7:00 p.m. Come enjoy a meal at the church or get take out. We are happy to announce that Drew and Zoe Luhnig will be the new directors of the fish fry. Many thanks to Drew, Zoe, and all who support our church.

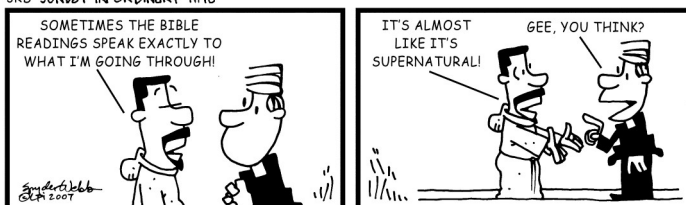
## STEUBENVILLE CONFERENCE

High Schoolers: Mark your calendars for the Steubenville St. Paul Conference happening July 25-27, 2025! We want you to join us for this awesome event where you can experience a life-changing encounter with Jesus Christ! Ignite your prayer life, strengthen your faith, and be empowered to live for HIM! For more information or to register, contact Andrew Jennen: 701-371-1821.

## FATHER ALAN WILL BE BACK

On January 31, Father Alan will return to OLV parish and stay for 10 days before returning to Guest House in Michigan for another 2 weeks. This is to give him time to integrate back into the parish life. Please pray for him while he's on his journey of recovery.

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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## AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

### BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

The 2025 Appeal launches soon.

- Announcement Weekend is February 8 - 9: You will receive bulletin inserts highlighting diocesan ministries and be asked to consider a gift to support these ministries on Commitment Weekend.
- Commitment Weekend is February 15 - 16: This is your opportunity to support diocesan ministries with a 2025 gift to the appeal. You may bring the envelope you receive in the mail or use a response envelope that will be provided at Mass. Both will be gratefully received in the offertory.

### CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

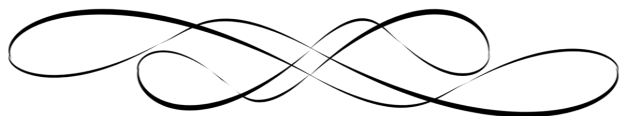
The conference will be held at Saint John's University in Colleagueville on February 22, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This year's theme is "Dare to Hope, A Call to Prayer" with keynote speaker Father Scott Traynor from the Diocese of Sioux Falls in South Dakota. Find more details and registration information at: <https://stcdio.org/event/2025-catholic-mens-conference/>

### 2ND ANNUAL ARTS & CRAFT FAIR

St. Francis Xavier Parish will be hosting this year's Arts & Craft Fair on Sunday, February 16 from 11 to 4 p.m. in the school gym at 308 2nd St N, Sartell MN. Over 40 area artists and crafters will come to share their joy and hand-crafted works. There will be donuts, pulled pork sandwiches, popcorn and beverages for sale. All are welcome!

### SECRET OF THE HOLY FACE RETREAT

Lent will be here before you know it. Make a resolution to attend "The Secret of the Holy Face" Lenten Retreat at St. Michael's Parish in Buckman, MN on Saturday, March 8, 2025. Speakers: Cathy Maloney-Hills, OSF and Fr. Robert Altier. 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. \$20 by Feb. 28; \$25 at the door. Everyone is welcome. Sponsored by St. Cloud Diocesan Council of Catholic Women. See [stcloudccw.org](http://stcloudccw.org)



#### Web sites:

- OLV \_\_\_\_\_ [www.ffolvchurch.org](http://www.ffolvchurch.org)
- School \_\_\_\_\_ [www.ffolvschool.org](http://www.ffolvschool.org)
- St. Leonard \_\_\_\_\_ [www.stleonardpr.org](http://www.stleonardpr.org)
- Diocese \_\_\_\_\_ [www.stcdio.org](http://www.stcdio.org)

#### Facebook Pages:

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

### Stewardship as a Way of Life:

*"Go, eat rich foods and drink sweet drinks, and allot portions to those who had nothing prepared..." - Nehemiah 8:10*

Ezra's instructions to the people show us that God does not forbid us from enjoying the good things in life. He wants us to be happy! However, God expects us to be grateful for all that He has given us and to generously share our blessings with those who are in need. Now here's the hard part - to share all we have without expecting anything in return.

### Fr. Alan's address while on leave:

Fr. Alan Wielinski  
1601 Joslyn Road  
Lake Orion, MI 48360

### Temporary OLV church office address:

Our Lady of Victory Church  
115 N Oak St  
Fergus Falls, MN 56537

St. Elizabeth

St. Leonard

Our Lady of Victory



#### Our Lady of Victory

Needed monthly.....	\$57,500.00
Needed to date .....	\$345,000.00
Collected in December 2024 .....	\$83,896.36
Received to date .....	\$393,598.20
Surplus/Deficit.....	\$48,598.20

#### St. Leonard

Through December 2024	
Year-to-date revenues .....	\$96,292.06
Year-to-date expenses .....	\$96,899.12
Year-to-date gain/loss .....	\$(607.06)

#### St. Elizabeth

Needed monthly.....	\$5,416.67
Needed to date .....	\$32,500.00
Collected in December 2024 .....	\$11,162.22
Received to date .....	\$38,806.80
Surplus/Deficit.....	\$6,306.80



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