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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.

FEBRUARY 23, 2025



7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Give, and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you." - Lk 6:38

"Den y se les dará: recibirán una medida buena, bien sacudida, apretada y rebosante en los pliegues de su túnica. Porque con la misma medida con que midan, serán medidos". - Lc 6, 38

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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

Ya estamos al final del mes en que san valentin nos animó a seguir apostando por el amor y la amistad que proviene de Dios y ya listos para iniciar la cuaresma con el miércoles de Ceniza. Una oportunidad que nos ofrece el año litúrgico para celebrar la misericordia de Dios y prepararnos para la Semana Santa en el contexto de los retos que estamos viviendo después del accidente que ocasiono el fuego.

Como Peregrinos de la Esperanza en el Año Jubilar, podemos fijar nuestros ojos y corazones en Cristo a lo largo de nuestro Pelican Valley ACC. Nuestra misión es profundizar las relaciones entre nuestras familias de las tres parroquias y continuar dando pasos en su unificación. Escuchando las necesidades de nuestros feligreses a través de nuestro Consejo Parroquial ACC, organizando medidas de limpieza efectivas para reabrir la iglesia y la escuela OLV después del incendio. Continuamos apoyando a nuestros jóvenes a través de la formación en la fe y los eventos escolares. Estas circunstancias adversas podemos convertir las en oportunidades para crecer, para consolidar el camino de ser una familia entre las tres parroquias. Este es recado Diocesano: "All Things New". Que María, nuestra Madre, gué y protejan a todas las familias de Señora de la Victoria, Santa Isabel, y San Leonardo.

Fraternalmente,

Padre Lucho.

We are already at the end of the month where Valentine's Day encouraged us to continue relying on the love and friendship that come from God. We are ready to start Lent with Ash Wednesday, an opportunity offered by the liturgical year to celebrate God's mercy and prepare for Holy Week in the context of the challenges we are experiencing after the accident that caused the fire.

As Pilgrims of Hope this Jubilee Year, we can fix our eyes and hearts on Christ throughout our Pelican Valley ACC. Our mission is to deepen relations between our families of the three parishes and to continue to take steps in their unification, by listening to the needs of our parishioners through our ACC Parish Council, by organizing effective cleanup measures to reopen OLV church and school after the fire, and to continue to support our youth through faith formation and school events. These adverse circumstances can turn into opportunities to grow, to become a family among the 3 parishes. This is the Diocesan message: "All Things New". May Mary, our Mother, guide and protect all the families of Our Lady of Victory, St. Elizabeth, and St. Leonard.

Fraternallly,

Father Lucho.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday, February 23

8:30 a.m. SE	Mass	†Nicky Opatz
10:30 a.m. SE	Mass	†Gary Spies
10:30 a.m. SL	Mass	Karen Kratzke
12:00 p.m. SL	Misa en Español	Fr. Lucho

Monday, February 24

No Mass or Communion Services

Tuesday, February 25

12:05 p.m. SE	Mass	Willie Sauer
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Wednesday, February 26

10:00 a.m. Mill St	Mass	Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life
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Thursday, February 27

9:00 a.m. SE	Mass	†Holy Souls in Purgatory
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Friday, February 28

9:00 a.m. SE	Mass	All People of the ACC
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Saturday, March 1

4:30 p.m. SE	Mass	†Gary Spies
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EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday, March 2

8:30 a.m. SE	Mass	All People of the ACC
10:30 a.m. SE	Mass	Karin Kratzke
10:30 a.m. SL	Mass	†Fr. Stan Wieser
12:00 p.m. SL	Misa en Español	†Josefina Pantoja

DAILY READINGS

	Readings	Gospel
Sunday	1 Sam 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; 1 Cor 15:45-49	Luke 6:27-38
Monday	Sir 1:1-10	Mark 9:14-29
Tuesday	Sir 2:1-11	Mark 9:30-37
Wednesday	Sir 4:11-19	Mark 9:38-40
Thursday	Sir 5:1-8	Mark 9:41-50
Friday	Sir 6:5-17	Mark 10::1-12
Saturday	Sir 17:1-15	Mark 10:13-16
Sunday	Sir 27:4-7; 1 Cor 15:54-58	Luke 6:39-45

ST. ELIZABETH

OF HUNGARY

PRAYER REQUESTS

Alyssa and baby Max, Fr. Stan, Fr. Jeff, 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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are in need of Eucharistic Ministers, readers, and ushers for Mass. Is it your calling? Please help as you are able by contacting Carrie Wedll at 218-731-5304 or carriewedll@yahoo.com. Thank you!

HAM BINGO

Join us for food and fun on Saturday, March 29 at Brenny Hall, Elizabeth, MN. Spaghetti, salads, and desserts will be served at 5:30 p.m. Free will offering. Bingo starts at 6:30 p.m.

ST. LEONARD

OF PORT MAURITIUS

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

STEUBENVILLE FUNDRAISER

Thanks to all who were able to get a treat last Sunday and help our youth. Your help is very much appreciated. Any 9th to 12th graders are welcome to sign up for this conference. Please talk to Azucena for more information. Next coffee and rolls after mass will be next Sunday, March 3. Everyone is welcome to stay and enjoy some social time.

OUR LADY OF VICTORY

NEW TEMPORARY OFFICE

Our Lady of Victory office will be located at the Lincoln Center until the church is fully cleaned and the office is reconstructed. Please visit us at:
125 W Lincoln Ave, Suite 3, Fergus Falls, MN, 56537

LOOKING FOR A SIMPLE WAY TO SUPPORT OUR LADY OF VICTORY SCHOOL?

It's as easy as saving your grocery receipts! When you shop at Service Food and turn in your receipts, OLV receives 1% cash back—just like planting a small seed that grows into a big benefit for our students. You can drop your receipts in the containers located in the new office at the above address. Many thanks to the Church of the Nazarene for Please help support our students in this tumultuous time. Thank you!

“ALL THINGS NEW” – ACC PLANNING COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED

Are you interested in where our parishes are headed? This is a great opportunity for young and older adults to have a voice in the direction our ACC will take going forward. Pelican Valley ACC is looking for 8–12 volunteers who would like to participate in the “All Things New” ACC Planning Committee, which will represent all 3 parishes. This committee would develop a comprehensive plan for our ACC that fosters a vibrant faith community rooted in the love and mission of Jesus. The committee will work in collaboration with the planning facilitator team, diocesan staff, and ACC community members, guided by the Holy Spirit, to create a strategic, future-oriented plan. An ideal committee member will have the ability to look at the big picture across the ACC and not stay rooted in an individual parish or wants of a particular person or group. There is a need for strong organization, planning, and listening skills as well as communication skills and interpersonal abilities. The time commitment would be to attend regular committee meetings as determined by the committee, and participate in community engagement events and planning sessions as needed. The request is for a 2–3 year commitment. You can read more about All Things New in the February 2025 Central Minnesota Catholic newsletter on pages 8 and 9. Please reach out to Father Lucho if you are interested by February 28. The committee names will need to be submitted to the diocese by March 3.

PELICAN VALLEY

AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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. to 2 p.m. \$20 by Feb. 28; \$25 at the door. Everyone is welcome. Sponsored by St. Cloud Diocesan Council of Catholic Women. Visit: stcloudccw.org

BISHOP’S ANNUAL APPEAL

If you have yet to see our 2025 Video, please take a moment to learn more about ministries that bring hope and help build the kingdom of God right here in Central Minnesota. Please visit: <https://youtu.be/50pwVJkNx18> by scanning the QR code.



ADORATION TIMES

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

ROSARY TIMES

30 minutes before mass every day 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.



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/parishofstelizabeth
https://www.facebook.com/Our Lady of Victory

Stewardship as a Way of Life:

“But rather, love your enemies and do good to them, and lend without expecting anything back...”

- Luke 6:35

Easier said than done, right? But, if we are to imitate Christ, most of us need to practice mercy and compassion more frequently. Start with the little daily annoyances that we experience, the unkind word or hateful glance we receive. Instead of plotting revenge on that person, try saying a quick prayer for that person. Praying for our enemies doesn't change them, it changes us. Mercy and compassion will keep us on the path to holiness.

Temporary OLV church office address:

Our Lady of Victory Church
125 W Lincoln Ave, Suite 3,
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Fr. Alan's address while on leave:

Fr. Alan Wielinski
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St. Elizabeth

St. Leonard

Our Lady of Victory



Our Lady of Victory

Needed monthly.....	\$57,500.00
Needed to date	402,500.00
Collected in January 2025	\$50,422.45
Received to date	\$444,020.65
Surplus/Deficit.....	\$41,520.65

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	\$37,916.67
Collected in January 2025	\$4,663.00
Received to date	\$43,489.80
Surplus/Deficit.....	\$5,573.13

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