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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.

MARCH 16, 2025



2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

While he was still speaking, a cloud came and cast a shadow over them, and they became frightened when they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him." - Lk 9:34-35

No había terminado de hablar, cuando se formó una nube que los cubrió; y ellos, al verse envueltos por la nube, se llenaron de miedo. De la nube salió una voz que decía: "Este es mi Hijo, mi escogido; escúchenlo". - Lc 9, 34-35

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PASTORAL COLUMN

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

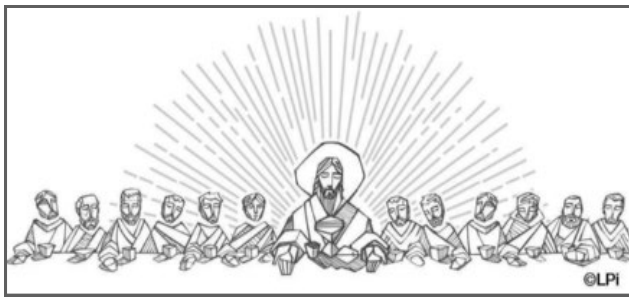
We have begun the Lenten journey. I want to take this opportunity to express my deep gratitude for all the love and support I received from our ACC parishioners, staff, and Fr. Lucho while I was away. I will never forget this kindness—it was an immense factor in my recovery and renewal. Thank you for your prayers, cards, emails, texts and other expressions of support. Finally, thank you for all that has been done here to carry on Christ’s mission, including the extraordinary response required to the OLV fire crisis. Neither Fr. Lucho nor anyone else knew what you had signed up for. May God bless you and continue to lead us forward through Lent to a joyous Easter and a timely reopening and rebuilding at OLV.

Father Alan

Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo,

Hemos comenzado el camino de la Cuaresma. Quiero aprovechar esta oportunidad para expresar mi profunda gratitud por todo el amor y el apoyo que recibí de nuestros feligreses de ACC, el personal y el Padre Lucho mientras estuve fuera. Nunca olvidaré esta amabilidad, fue un factor inmenso en mi recuperación y renovación. Gracias por sus oraciones, tarjetas, correos electrónicos, mensajes de texto y otras expresiones de apoyo. Finalmente, gracias por todo lo que se ha hecho aquí para llevar a cabo la misión de Cristo, incluyendo la extraordinaria respuesta requerida a la crisis de incendios de OLV. Ni el P. Lucho ni nadie sabía a qué te habías apuntado. Que Dios los bendiga y continúe guiándonos hacia adelante a través de la Cuaresma hacia una Pascua alegre y una reapertura y reconstrucción oportunas en OLV.

Padre Alan



ADORATION TIMES

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

ROSARY TIMES

30 minutes before every mass at St. Elizabeth.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

Sunday, March 16

- 8:30 a.m. SE Mass †Joan Rheault
- 10:30 a.m. SE Mass †Gene Kutzer
- 10:30 a.m. SL Mass All People of the ACC
- 12:00 p.m. SL Misa en Español †Mary Ann Blair

ST. PATRICK’S DAY

Monday, March 17

No Mass or Communion Services

Tuesday, March 18

- 12:05 p.m. SE Mass †David Bowman

ST. JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF MARY—SOLEMNITY

Wednesday, March 19

- 10:00 a.m. Broen Home Mass End to war and violence

Thursday, March 20

- 9:00 a.m. SE Mass †David Thompson

Friday, March 21

- 9:00 a.m. SE Mass †Eugene Balluff

Saturday, March 22

- 4:30 p.m. SE Mass †Fr. Stan Wieser

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

Sunday, March 23

- 8:30 a.m. SE Mass Linda Rheault
- 10:30 a.m. SE Mass †Judy Buseth
- 10:30 a.m. SL Bilingual Mass All People of the ACC
- 2:00 p.m. SL Confirmation

DAILY READINGS

	Readings	Gospel
Sunday	Gen 15:5-12, 17-18; Phil 3:17–4:1	Luke 9:28-36
Monday	Dan 9:4-10	Luke 6:36-38
Tuesday	Isa 1:10, 16-20	Matt 23:1-12
Wednesday	2 Sam 7:4-5, 12-14, 16; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22	Luke 2:41-51
Thursday	Jer 17:5-10	Luke 16:19-31
Friday	Gen 37:3-4, 12-13, 17-18	Matt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday	Mic 7:14-15, 18-20	Luke 15:1-3, 11-32
Sunday	Exod 3:1-8, 13-15; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12	Luke 13:1-9

ST. ELIZABETH

OF HUNGARY

PRAYER REQUESTS

Shirley Wielinski, Alyssa and baby Max, 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 Wedell at 218-731-5304 or carriewedell@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.

CHRISTIAN MOTHERS MEETING

There will be a Christian Mothers meeting after Mass on March 23 in Brenny Hall.

69TH ANNUAL ST. ELIZABETH MEN'S CLUB

We will have a pancake, sausage, and ham breakfast on Sunday, April 6, at 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Brenny Hall. Free will offering. All are welcome!

"ALL THINGS NEW" PELICAN VALLEY MEETING

The "All Things New" Council will be meeting at Brenny Hall from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. to discuss planning for the ACC and our diocese going forward.

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.

BILINGUAL STATIONS OF THE CROSS

We will be praying every Friday during Lent at 7:00 p.m. using St. Leonard's version of the Stations of the Cross. Join your fellow parishioners in this communal prayer.

ACC PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

We will be meeting on March 20 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at St. Leonard.

OUR LADY OF VICTORY

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pope Francis, Sharon Kampa, Shirley Wielinski, Fr. Jeff, Fr. Joe, Fr. Alan, Virginia Robertson, Bob Forstner, those who died in Christ.

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

OLV SPRING GALA – MAY 3

Mark your calendars for Our Lady of Victory's annual Spring Gala on Saturday, May 3! Join us for an evening of great food, fellowship, and fundraising in support of our school. The gala will feature exciting live and silent auctions, a delicious meal, and plenty of fun with our OLV community.

Tickets are \$50 per person or \$360 for a table of 8. To purchase tickets, call the school office at (218) 736-6661. Scan the QR code for more information.

We hope to see you there!



CONGRATULATIONS VICTORIA KAVAKLIAN

Congratulations Victoria Kavaklian, who celebrated the Rite of Enrollment with Bishop Neary this past Sunday. Victoria is a catechumen who will be baptized and join the Catholic church this Easter. We keep her in our prayers as she prepares for the Easter sacraments.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

We will be praying every Friday during Lent at 7:00 p.m. at St. Elizabeth. Please join us as we meditate on Our Lord's Passion.

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.

(St. Leonard continued)

STEUBENVILLE FUNDRAISER

There will be a fundraiser after mass today for the Steubenville Conference. Enjoy your choice of strawberries and cream, horchata drink (rice water), nachos. THANK YOU for supporting our youth! Everyone is welcome to eat there or take out.

CONFIRMATION AT ST. LEONARD

Our March 23 mass at 10:30 a.m. will be bilingual. There will be no noon mass in order to have time to prepare for the confirmation mass at 2:00 p.m.

PELICAN VALLEY

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BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Please remember the diocesan ministries that, through your generosity, continue to build the Kingdom of God here in Central Minnesota. They are not possible without your help. Please keep them thriving by making a gift at: www.stcdio.org/annualappeal

KOINONIA RETREAT

Be not afraid! You don't need a faith crisis to attend a Koinonia retreat, some of us just like to meet new people and share our gifts and talents. Central Minnesota Koinonia is a Catholic retreat program sponsored by the St. Cloud Diocese and designed for adults. The next weekend is scheduled for March 21-23, 2025, at the TEC Center north of Little Falls, Minnesota. Cost of the weekend is \$70. For more information and to register for retreats, visit: www.centralmnkoinonia.org

MESSAGE FROM FR. TIM WENZEL

I would like to share my thoughts about my ministry to the Pelican Valley ACC, especially the parishes of St. Elizabeth and Our Lady of Victory. I was there five weekends, including the last weekend of January, three weekends in February, and the first weekend in March. I enjoyed celebrating the Eucharist with you. It was good to be together again with former parishioners from OLV, and to meet new people from St. Elizabeth's parish. I especially appreciated your warm welcome, friendliness, and your kind words of gratitude and affirmation after the Masses.

I also thank Fr. Alan for inviting me to come to his parishes; Deacon Chuck and Deacon Dean for their assistance at the Masses; also the Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Servers, Ushers, Musicians, Sacristans, and everyone who helped with the Masses.

Your singing and participation were an expression of your lively and joy filled faith. I was there during a time of sadness because of the fire at OLV, but also during a time of hope, gratitude, and cooperation among the people of the parishes. God does not abandon His people.

I also want to thank my sister, Anne who lives in Fergus Falls. When I was there, she invited me to stay at her home and she provided good meals. She is a much better cook than I am.

In one of my homilies there, I spoke about gratitude, and I quoted Psalm 116: "How can I repay the Lord for all the good He has done for me?" A very important good which the Lord has done for me, was to give me the opportunity to come to your parishes to celebrate the Eucharist with you. Please pray for my continued good health so that I may continue to serve God and God's people. I would welcome a note, text, or call.

With my love and prayers,

Fr. Tim Wenzel

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OLV School _____ www.ffolvschool.org\
St. Leonard _____ www.stleonardpr.org
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Facebook Pages:

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

Stewardship as a Way of Life:

*"I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land as a possession."
- Genesis 15:7*

Just as the Lord gave Abraham, Moses, and the Israelites a land to possess, He has also given each of us a home. Whether your home is grand or humble, it is a gift from God. Abraham prepared a great sacrifice to the Lord in gratitude for the home God gave him. How do you show your gratitude to God for the home He has given you? Do you make a sacrifice of any kind? Do you return any of your finances to God, investing in your eternal home just as you invest in your earthly home?

Temporary OLV church office address:

Our Lady of Victory Church
125 W Lincoln Ave, Suite 3,
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Please support our parishes by scanning the QR codes and donating online:

St. Elizabeth

St. Leonard

Our Lady of Victory



Our Lady of Victory

Needed monthly..... \$57,500.00
Needed to date \$460,000.00
Collected in February 2025 \$47,425.08
Received to date \$491,445.73
Surplus/Deficit..... \$31,445.73

St. Leonard

Through January 2025
Year-to-date revenues \$107,648.12
Year-to-date expenses \$101,450.60
Year-to-date gain/loss \$6,197.52

St. Elizabeth

Needed monthly..... \$5,416.67
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