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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 23, 2025



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

Jesus said to them in reply, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were greater sinners than all other Galileans? By no means! But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!" - Lk 13:2-3

Jesús les hizo este comentario: "¿Piensan ustedes que aquellos galileos, porque les sucedió esto, eran más pecadores que todos los demás galileos? Ciertamente que no; y si ustedes no se arrepienten, perecerán de manera semejante" . - Lc 13, 2-3

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8:00 to 12:00 (Fri)

## PASTORAL COLUMN

On this Third Sunday of Lent, we celebrate Confirmation at 2:00 p.m., Sunday at St. Leonard. Welcome Bishop Patrick and congratulations to our young people as they complete their sacraments of Catholic Initiation. Next Sunday, March 30 at 5:00 p.m., we will celebrate our ACC Lenten Penance Service at St. Elizabeth. We will have several additional priests on hand to hear confessions. Prepare for Easter by welcoming the Lord's peace and forgiveness! We are also encouraged by Bishop Patrick to consider generously offering almsgiving this Lent. With recent government regulations, there is great urgency in helping our brothers and sisters who are in need! (see insert)

Lenten Blessings,

*Fr. Alan*

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En este Tercer Domingo de Cuaresma, celebramos la Confirmación a las 2:00 p.m., el domingo en San Leonardo. Damos la bienvenida al Obispo Patrick y felicitamos a nuestros jóvenes por completar su sacramentos de Iniciación Católica. El próximo domingo 30 de marzo a las 5:00 p.m., celebraremos nuestro Servicio de Penitencia de Cuaresma de ACC en Santa Isabel. Tendremos varios sacerdotes adicionales disponibles para escuchar las confesiones. ¡Prepárense para la Pascua acogiendo la paz y el perdón del Señor! También nos anima el Obispo Patrick a considerar ofrecer generosamente limosnas en esta Cuaresma. Con las recientes regulaciones gubernamentales, ¡hay una gran urgencia en ayudar a nuestros hermanos y hermanas que están en necesidad! (ver inserto)

Bendiciones de Cuaresma,

*P. Alan*

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### ADORATION TIMES

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

### ROSARY TIMES

30 minutes before every mass 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.

## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

### THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

#### Saturday, March 22

4:30 p.m. SE Mass †Fr. Stan Wieser

#### 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

#### Monday, March 24

No Mass or Communion Services

### ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD—SOLEMNITY

#### Tuesday, March 25

12:05 p.m. SE Mass †Joel Vikesland

#### Wednesday, March 26

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

6:30 p.m. SL Mass †Gary & Sharon Spies

#### Thursday, March 27

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

#### Friday, March 28

9:00 a.m. SE Mass †Mike Pettengill

### FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

#### Saturday, March 29

4:30 p.m. SE Mass †Fr. Stan Wieser

#### Sunday, March 30

8:30 a.m. SE Mass †George Schauff

10:30 a.m. SE Mass †Fr. Stan Wieser

10:30 a.m. SL Mass All People of the ACC

12:00 p.m. SL Misa en Español Protección de toda la vida

### DAILY READINGS

|           | Readings                                  | Gospel             |
|-----------|---|--------------------|
| Saturday  | Mic 7:14-15, 18-20                        | Luke 15:1-3, 11-32 |
| Sunday    | Exod 3:1-8, 13-15;<br>1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12 | Luke 13:1-9        |
| Monday    | 2 King 5:1-15                             | Luke 4:24-30       |
| Tuesday   | Isa 7:10-14;<br>Heb 10:4-10               | Luke 1:26-38       |
| Wednesday | Deut 4:1, 5-9                             | Matt 5:17-19       |
| Thursday  | Jer 7:23-28                               | Luke 11:14-23      |
| Friday    | Hos 14:2-10                               | Mark 12:28-34      |
| Saturday  | Hos 6:1-6                                 | Luke 18:9-14       |
| Sunday    | Josh 5:9-12;<br>2 Cor 5:17-21             | Luke 15:1-3, 11-32 |

# 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 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.

### "ALL THINGS NEW" PELICAN VALLEY MEETING

The "All Things New" Council will be meeting at Brenny Hall on March 29 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. to discuss planning for the ACC and our diocese going forward.

### 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!

### REVIVE NIGHT

Ladies, enjoy a night to revive and renew yourself in friendship and faith. Meet other women, enjoy refreshments, sing worship songs, listen to dynamic speakers, engage in prayer hour. Join us on April 3, starting at 6:30 p.m. at Brenny Hall.



# ST. LEONARD

## OF PORT MAURITIUS

### PRAYER REQUESTS

Julian Urbano, Austin Lee, Claudia Cruz, Laura Saavedra, Rosalva Martínez, Judy Marko, 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.

### 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.

# OUR LADY OF VICTORY

### PRAYER REQUESTS

Pope Francis, Shirley Wielinski, Fr. Jeff, Fr. Joe, 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!



### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

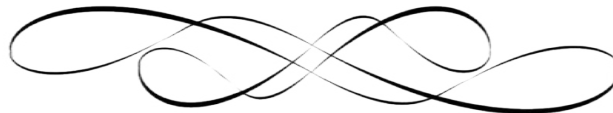
We will be praying every Friday during Lent at 7:00 p.m. at St. Elizabeth. Please join us as we meditate on Our Lord's Passion.

### FISH FRY AT DAIRYLAND

The Lenten fish fry will be held at Dairyland on March 28, from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. The cost is \$15 for adults and \$6 for kids. Drive through only.

### FIRST COMMUNION

During the 4:30 p.m. Mass on March 29 at St. Elizabeth, four middle school students will be making their First Communion. They are: Tucker and Aleanna Fletcher, Kahlan Schroeder, and Carlos Rodriguez Mancha. Congratulations!



*(St. Leonard continued)*

### EASTER FLOWERS

If you wish to donate for Easter flowers, please use the envelope provided in your envelope box. Suggested donation: \$20. Thank you for helping beautify our church this Easter.

### CONFIRMATION

Congratulations to the students that will be confirmed on March 23. God bless them as they grow in their faith journey.

# PELICAN VALLEY

AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

## BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

The Diocesan TV Mass has been a lifeline for the home-bound. Because of your generosity, the diocese broadcasts TV Mass weekly in 60 counties. It also is sent to nursing homes and available to countless others online. Other ministries of the Appeal support of faith formation, family life, our Catholic schools, multicultural ministries, evangelization, and vocational discernment. Will you help keep these ministries strong?

Visit: [www.stcdio.org/annualappeal](http://www.stcdio.org/annualappeal).

## "BE STILL AND KNOW" RETREAT

Join us for a contemplative retreat for social ministry leaders, volunteers, allies and other passionate community members on April 12, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Doing ministry work can be hard, especially when trying to manage our personal life. This day will include sessions of prayer, reflection and synodal listening with boxed lunch. The retreat is limited to 25 participants. Register for \$35 by March 31.

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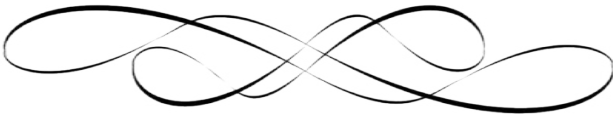
## SPRINGTIME TABLETOP LUNCHEON

The luncheon will be held on May 17, from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. We will be featuring the pianist, Jayme Littlewolf, and the troupe, "R.N. Tertainment". Tickets are \$20, which includes lunch and a table theme gift.

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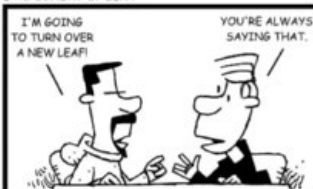
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**Stewardship as a Way of Life:**

“He said to the gardener, ‘For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none.’” - Luke 13:7

We can all be like the barren fig tree at times. Do you cling to what you have, or do you generously share with others? How will you respond when God asks you what you have done with all the gifts He has given you? Remember, not only are we called to be generous; we are called to develop and nurture our gifts; and return them with increase. We are called to be generous with all of gifts; especially the one that means the most to you.

**Temporary OLV church office address:**

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St. Elizabeth                      St. Leonard                      Our Lady of Victory



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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 February 2025  
Year-to-date revenues ..... \$118,367.49  
Year-to-date expenses ..... \$115,006.91  
Year-to-date gain/loss ..... \$3,360.58

**St. Elizabeth**

Needed monthly..... \$5,416.67  
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March 8, 2025

### **Bishop Patrick's message to Saint Cloud Diocesan Faithful**

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I am writing to you with an urgent request. Prior to the beginning of Lent all parishes received materials from our Mission Office to promote our US Catholic Bishops' Rice Bowl campaign and the annual Catholic Relief Services/Bishops' Appeal. These have been our US Church's response to engage world-wide critical humanitarian needs for many years.

Today I am compelled to ask you for a deeper commitment. In doing so I join with my fellow Bishops and indeed our Holy Father in addressing the crisis created by the US Administration's recent and abrupt suspension and termination of lifesaving U.S. humanitarian assistance programs. CRS is a major participant in these programs.

These actions massively impact our Catholic Relief Services teams and partners across the world. These dedicated people representing us are witnessing the impacts in real time. As food distributions are halted, people are going hungry. Without treatment for acute malnutrition, children will die. Entire communities are at present without shelter and clean water. Farmers are unable to plant crops. Mothers and infants are going without health care. Sadly, the lives of our sisters and brothers in many areas hang in the balance.

Therefore, I ask that each of us respond as we are able. Please help us to utilize the remaining days of Lent with asking your beloved parishioners to prioritize sacrificial giving to these CRS programs to at least partially off-set the funding gap hampering CRS lifesaving services.

Secondly, kindly ask parishioners to consider joining our CRS leadership in reaching out to our congressional representatives, urging them to ask the Administration to halt and reverse all terminations of active foreign assistance programs that target the most vulnerable.

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Bishop Patrick's message to Saint Cloud Diocesan Faithful

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CRS has recently reminded me that "The Catholic Church is among the most influential, credible, trusted and respected institutions around the world." I pray that the faithful of the Saint Cloud Diocese will continue to help us as the Church in America to live up to this image.

Yours in Christ,

*+ Patrick M. Neary, C.S.C.*

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Bishop, Diocese of Saint Cloud

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