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PELICAN VALLEY

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Office Hours: 9:00 to Noon (M-Fr)
and 1:00 to 4:00 (M-Th)

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

St. Elizabeth: After 6:30 p.m. Mass (Th)
St. Leonard: After 5:30 p.m. Mass (Wed)
Our Lady of Victory: 8:30 a.m. Thursday
3:30 p.m. Saturday

March 21, 2021



5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit." - Jn 12:23-24

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Web Sites:

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

<https://www.facebook.com/StLeonardPR>
<https://www.facebook.com/stelizabethparish>
<https://www.facebook.com/Our Lady of Victory Fergus Falls MN>

PASTORAL COLUMN

Dear parishioners of St. Elizabeth, St. Leonard, and Our Lady of Victory,

We start the “last lap of Lent” this Sunday with **Holy Week** beginning already **next Sunday, which is Palm Sunday**. If Lent hasn't been too meaningful yet....don't despair! We all have two weeks before Easter for special prayer and focusing on the sacred events of our faith: the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus. Have some meaningful conversation with Jesus!

This Sunday, March 21, there is opportunity to make a good Easter confession at Our Lady of Victory. Three priests will be available in church from 3:00 until 5:00 p.m.

Special pandemic considerations for Holy Week this year: For **Palm Sunday**, you can anticipate receiving palms, but no procession. **Holy Thursday** will hi-lite our Eucharistic call to service....but there will be no foot-washing. On **Good Friday** anticipate venerating the cross with a bow or genuflection...no touching or kissing the cross. The **Easter Vigil** will be streamlined a bit....that is the first of the Easter Masses. On **Palm Sunday** we can begin singing the acclamations at Mass, but the music ministers will still sing the hymns.

Walk close to the Lord these remaining Lenten Days and prepare well for a blessed Holy Week and joyous Easter!

Fr. Alan

Queridos feligreses de Santa Isabel, San Leonard y Nuestra Señora de la Victoria,

Comenzamos la “última vuelta de Cuaresma” este domingo con la Semana Santa comenzando ya el próximo domingo, que es el Domingo de Ramos. Si la Cuaresma aún no ha sido demasiado significativa ... ¡no se desespere! Todos tenemos dos semanas antes de Pascua para una oración especial y enfocarnos en los eventos sagrados de nuestra fe: la Pasión, Muerte y Resurrección de Jesús. ¡Tenga una conversación significativa con Jesús!

Este domingo 21 de marzo hay oportunidad de hacer una buena confesión pascual en Nuestra Señora de la Victoria. Tres sacerdotes estarán disponibles en la iglesia de 3:00 a 5:00 p.m.

Consideraciones especiales contra la pandemia para la Semana Santa de este año: para el Domingo de Ramos, puede anticipar recibir palmas, pero no procesión. El Jueves Santo iluminará nuestro llamado eucarístico al servicio ... pero no habrá lavado de pies. El Viernes Santo, anticipe la veneración de la cruz con una reverencia o una genuflexión ... sin tocar ni besar la cruz. La Vigilia Pascual se simplificará un poco... esa es la primera de las Misas Pascuales. El Domingo de Ramos podemos comenzar a cantar las aclamaciones en la Misa, pero los ministros de música aún cantarán los himnos.

Camine cerca del Señor estos días de Cuaresma restantes y prepárese bien para una Semana Santa bendecida y una Pascua alegre.

P Alan

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Saturday, March 20

4:30 p.m. **OLV** Mass †Marge Weiland

Sunday, March 21

8:30 a.m. **SE** Mass People of the Parish

8:30 a.m. **OLV** Mass People of the Parish

10:30 a.m. **SL** Mass People of the Parish

10:30 a.m. **OLV** Mass Teresa Jennen

12:30 p.m. **SL** Spanish Mass

Monday, March 22

7:00 to 7:45 a.m. **OLV** Adoration

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

Tuesday, March 23

****9:00 a.m. OLV** Mass †Genevieve McGraw

12:45 to 5:30 p.m. **OLV** Adoration and Benediction

Wednesday, March 24

7:00 to 7:45 a.m. **OLV** Adoration

9:00 a.m. **OLV** Mass †Cy and Myrtle Keller

5:30 pm **SL** Mass †Marguerite Petersen

7:00 p.m. **OLV Tenebrae Prayer Service**

Thursday, March 25 The Annunciation of the Lord

7:00 to 8:45 a.m. **OLV** Adoration

9:00 a.m. **OLV** Mass †Loretta Giesen

6:30 p.m. **SE** Mass †Judy Buseth

Followed by Stations of the Cross and Benediction

7:00 p.m. **OLV** Prayer Reflection with Fr. Patrick

Friday, March 26

7:00 to 7:45 a.m. **OLV** Adoration

9:00 a.m. **OLV** Mass †Christopher Jennen

9:00 a.m. **SL** Mass †Alfonso Chávez

6:30 p.m. **OLV** Stations of the Cross

7:00 p.m. **SL** Stations of the Cross in Spanish

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Saturday, March 20

4:30 p.m. **OLV** Mass †Barb and Mike Mashek

Sunday, March 21

8:30 a.m. **SE** Mass People of the Parish

8:30 a.m. **OLV** Mass People of the Parish

10:30 a.m. **SL** Mass People of the Parish

10:30 a.m. **OLV** Mass †Avah and Verna Dirkman

12:30 p.m. **SL** Spanish Mass

LENTEN CONFESSIONS

Lenten Confessions will be heard from 3:00-5:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 21st at Our Lady of Victory Church.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The beautiful Lenten prayer of the Stations of the Cross will be prayed on Friday evenings at 6:30 pm at OLV.

ADORATION THROUGHOUT LENT

Adoration will be offered Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 7:00 to 7:45 a.m.; Tuesday afternoons from 12:45 to 5:30; and Thursday mornings from 7:00 to 8:45 a.m.. Stop by, greet the Lord, and offer Him your

ST. ELIZABETH

OF HUNGARY

St. Elizabeth parish is looking for a **new education director**.
Alli needs a few years off!

Our sympathies to Marlys Holubok and family on the loss of Don this week.

Reminder to pick up **Rice Bowls**.

Parish Council Meeting Postponed until Fr Alan is able to attend.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for the following Special Intentions: Dan Lemke, those that suffer from effects of drug & alcohol, Odilia Riestenberg, Kandance Love, Marlys Holubok, Doreen Newman, Kathleen Grise, Walt Paler's sister Barbara, Marge Thorpe, Charlotte Schmitz, Hudson Hendrickx, Kay Henkes, those with cancer, Mike Faulkner, Ruth Lorshbough, Jerry Schauff, Pat Baker, and Kayla Pask.

ST. LEONARD

OF PORT MAURITIUS

CONFIRMATION CLASSES IN MARCH

Confirmation classes in March will be from 7:00—8:30 p.m. on the 10th, 17th and 24th. No class during Holy Week.

Faith Formation for our children and youth. We are in need of some help in coordinating these classes. Please contact Fr. Alan, Deacon Pete, Alejandra or Mario.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayers are requested for Julie Severson, Valerie Smischny, Allyssa Klinger (Niece of Steve Petersen), Cindy Becker, Tony Vigen, (Brother of Rosemary Wiese), Denice Smischny, Jack Geske, Marge Thorpe, Marilyn Jentz, David Jacobs, Marilyn Gilbertson, Marilyn Schwartz, and Leona Braton.

OUR LADY OF VICTORY

FEBRUARY FINANCIAL GIVING

** \$54,621 is the monthly budget*

**\$24,039.39 over yearly collection budget*

Adult Collections	\$56,908.47
Children Envelopes	30.50
Building and Maintenance	557.00
Food Shelf Donations	231.00
Emergency Fund Donations	77.00
Flowers (includes Easter)	42.00
Sponsor a School Student	372.00
Faith Formation Donations	192.00
Church in East/Central Europe	562.00
Pandemic Special Needs	500.00

TENEBRAE PRAYER SERVICE

During Jesus' Passion he spoke seven important phrases that are worthy of great reflection and prayer. The parish is invited to join the OLV youth at a Tenebrae Prayer Service on Wednesday, March 24 at 7:00 pm in the church. During this powerful service we will hear the seven last words Jesus spoke from the cross incorporated with prayer, reflections, and music to allow them to impact our lives.

PARISH COUNCIL OPPORTUNITY

The OLV Parish Council is asking for nominations for its upcoming election. There are three openings. Interested parishioners can contact Rosemary at the parish office or Scott Fritz at 218 7700-7068.

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

Faith Formation: Masks must be worn, and social distancing protocols will be observed at all Faith Formation classes.

6th – 10th grade 7:00 pm to 8:15 pm. These Faith Formation evening classes continue every Wednesday.

Confirmation (11th Grade): Class continues every Wednesday.

First Communion (2nd Grade & older): The next class is this Saturday, March 20th at 10:00 am.

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BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

"Gifts Offered by Human Hands." 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.**

STEUBENVILLE YOUTH CONFERENCE

The Steubenville Youth Conference will be in Rochester, MN July 23-25, 2021. Join Father Patrick and Deacon Pete for this incredible youth conference. Parent and Teen Information Night and signup March 22nd, Brenny Hall, St. Elizabeth at 7:00 p.m. More information at: Partnershipyouth.org/Steubenville-Rochester, (or) Jennifer Dummer, OLV Deacon Pete, St. Elizabeth Yoselin Martinez, St. Leonard

READINGS

March 20-21 Jer 31:31-34 / Heb 5:7-9 / Jn 12:20-33
March 22 Dn 13:1-9,15-17,19-30,33-62 / Jn 8:1-11
March 23 Mn 21:4-9 / Jn 8:21-30
March 24 Dn 3:14-20,91-92,95 / Jn 8:31-42
March 25 Is 7:10-14,8:10 / Heb 10:4-10 / Lk 1:27-38
March 26 Jer 20:10-13 / Jn 10:31-42
March 27-28 Mk 11:1-10 / Is 50:4-7 / Phil 2:6-11 / Mk 14:1-15,47

CATHOLICS AT THE CAPITOL

Catholics at the Capitol, a day of prayer, education, and advocacy is coming up on April 15th. This event, hosted by the Minnesota Catholic Conference is now being offered both virtually and in person at the Cathedral of St. Paul.

The day begins with Mass at the Cathedral of St. Paul, followed by an incredible lineup of speakers, and in the afternoon, Benediction at the Capital and time to pray for our state and our elected leaders.

You'll then meet virtually with legislators the next day as an advocate for life and dignity.

Tickets for both the virtual and in-person event are available until March 31st. Go to CatholicsAtTheCapitol.org to register.

DIRECTORY

St. Elizabeth Parish SecretaryCarrie Wedll
St. Elizabeth Religious Ed Coordination.....Allison Neuleib
St. Elizabeth Youth Group Leaders.....Marla Kunz and Amy Kent
St. Leonard Office Manager.....Mary Bongers
OLV Financial Director/Faith FormationMayme Hofland
OLV Faith Formation Grades 6-12.....Brad & Ashley Aschnewitz
OLV Parish SecretaryRosemary Griffin
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For all who have contracted coronavirus, we pray for care and healing.

For those who are particularly vulnerable, we pray for safety and protection.

For all who experience fear or anxiety, we pray for peace of mind and spirit.

For affected families who are facing difficult decisions between food on the table or public safety, we pray for policies that recognize their plight.

For public officials and decisionmakers, we pray for wisdom and guidance.

Father, during this time may your Church be a sign of hope, comfort and love to all.

Grant peace. Grant comfort. Grant healing.

Be with us, Lord. Amen.