

PELICAN VALLEY

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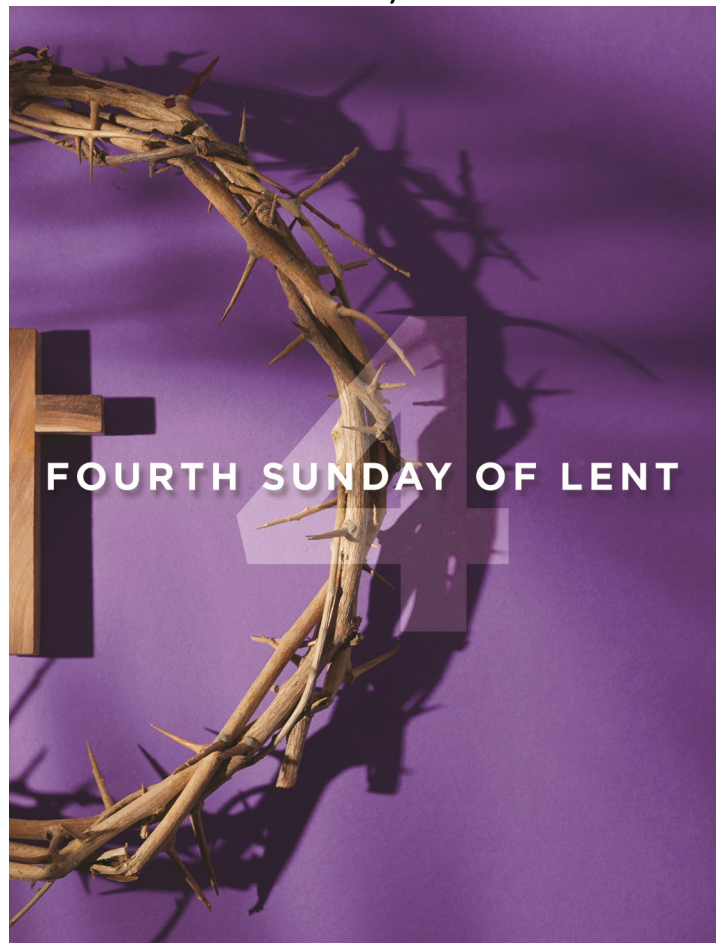
OLV Middle/High School Faith Formation

Andrew Jennen 218 736-2429 ext. 25

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

March 27, 2022



FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Church & Office Hours :

St. Elizabeth: Carrie Wedll 218 731-5304

St. Leonard: Mary Bongers 218 841-4861

Office Hours: 2:00—5:00 (Wed)

Our Lady of Victory:

Church Hours: 7:45 to 4:00 (Mon-Fri)

Office Hours: 9:00 to Noon

and 1:00 to 4:00 (Mon-Thu)

9:00 to Noon (Fri)

PASTORAL COLUMN

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

The beloved Parable of the Prodigal Son serves an invitation this weekend. It reminds us of the joy of being reconciled, coming home to the Father. We might not always feel “lost”, or like we are wasting ourselves on “dissolute living”. Still, a good examination of conscience can always lead us to deeper insights of ourselves and how our conduct sometimes falls short of God’s expectations. As the author, Matthew Kelly says, God wants us to be “the best version of ourselves” and not settle with mediocrity. I encourage you to do that “examination” and prepare for a good celebration of Lenten Reconciliation. The Father is waiting to welcome each one of us home! A good opportunity for this: next **Sunday, April 3 at 5:00 p.m.** we will have our ACC Lenten Penance Service. Extra priests will be on hand to hear confessions after a brief communal service.

Please welcome **FATHER BOB KIEFFER** this weekend for the OLV 8:30 and 10:30 Masses. Fr. Lucho flies back to Peru on Tuesday of this week; I will be back from vacation on Wednesday.

God bless you all,

Fr. Alan

Estimados feligreses de St. Leonard, St. Elizabeth y Our Lady of Victory,

La amada Parábola del Hijo Pródigo sirve de invitación este fin de semana. Nos recuerda la alegría de ser reconciliados, volviendo a casa con el Padre. Es posible que no siempre nos sintamos "perdidos", o como si nos estuviéramos desperdiciando en una "vida disoluta". Aún así, un buen examen de conciencia siempre puede llevarnos a una comprensión más profunda de nosotros mismos y de cómo nuestra conducta a veces no está a la altura de las expectativas de Dios. Como dice el autor, Matthew Kelly, Dios quiere que seamos “la mejor versión de nosotros mismos” y no nos conformemos con la mediocridad. Os animo a hacer ese “examen” y prepararos para una buena celebración de la Reconciliación Cuaresmal. ¡El Padre está esperando para darnos la bienvenida a cada uno de nosotros a casa! Una buena oportunidad para ello: el próximo **domingo 3 de abril a las 17:00 horas** tendremos nuestro Servicio de Penitencia Cuaresmal ACC. Sacerdotes adicionales estarán disponibles para escuchar confesiones después de un breve servicio comunitario.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Saturday, March 26

4:30 p.m. **OLV** Mass †Clement Klimek

Sunday, March 27

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

8:30 a.m. **OLV** Mass †Christopher Jennen

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

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

12:00 p.m. **SL** Mass Spanish Mass

Monday, March 28

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

Tuesday, March 29

12:05 p.m. **OLV** Word and Communion

Adoration following until 5 p.m.

Wednesday, March 30

6:30 p.m. **SL** Mass †Janice Marty

7:15 p.m. **OLV** Teaching Mass †Barb Beyer

Thursday, March 31

9:00 a.m. **OLV** Mass †Elizabeth Adams

6:30 p.m. **SE** Mass Pat Ouren

Friday, April 1

9:00 a.m. **OLV** Mass †Jan Enke

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

OLV Adoration (*unless otherwise noted in weekly schedule)

7:00–8:00 a.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

Tuesday after 12:05 Mass until 5:00 p.m.

7:00–8:45 a.m. Thursday, Friday

Rosary

8:30 a.m. **OLV** Monday through Friday

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Saturday, April 2

4:30 p.m. **OLV** Mass †Tim Kath

Sunday, April 3

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

8:30 a.m. **OLV** Mass †Leona and †Thomas Munsch

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

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

12:00 p.m. **SL** Mass Spanish Mass

Dé la bienvenida al **PADRE BOB KIEFFER** este fin de semana para las misas de OLV de 8:30 y 10:30. Padre Lucho vuela de regreso a Perú el martes de esta semana; El miércoles vuelvo de vacaciones.

Dios los bendiga a todos,

P. Alan



ST. ELIZABETH

OF HUNGARY

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for the following special intentions: Dan Lemke, Odilia Riestenberg, Kandance Love, Marlys Holubok, Kathleen Grise, Walt Paler's sister Barbara, Charlotte Schmitz, Hudson Hendrickx, Mary Marquardt, Kay Henkes, Ruth Lorshbough, Jerry Schauff, Pat Baker, Kayla Pask and Joan Brusven, Jim Wedll, Pat Ouren, Tyler Kurtz, and Deacon Pete and his family. Jean Lehn, those that suffer from effects of drugs and alcohol, and those with cancer.

MEN'S CLUB 66TH PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sunday April 3rd, 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Brenny Hall.

LAY MINISTRIES FOR HOLY WEEK

Sign-up sheet is in the entrance of the church.

HAM BINGO!

April 9th in Brenny Hall. Supper at 5:30 (free will offering) with Bingo to follow.

CHRISTIAN MOTHERS MEETING

April 10th after Mass in Brenny Hall.

CORRECTION: PORK OUT AUG. 21ST

ST. LEONARD

OF PORT MAURITIUS

ESTACIONES DE LA CRUZ viernes a las 19 hs.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS Fridays at 7 p.m.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

Donations for Father Lucho—\$700; and donations for the Ukraine—\$920

PRAYER REQUESTS

For Ryan Welch (son-in-law of Colleen and Glenn Moerke), Adam Stewart, Julie Severson, Valerie Smischny, Cindy Becker, Tony Vigen, Denice Smischny, Jack Geske, Marilyn Jentz, Marilyn Gilbertson, Marilyn Schwartz, Leona Braton, James Smith (brother of Karla Schermerhorn) and Nicole Kent (cousin of Karla Schermerhorn) and LeAnn Ishaug.

Note: Please let Mary know if you want to add or remove someone from the prayer list.

OUR LADY OF VICTORY

CONFIRMATION

The Sacrament of **Confirmation** is on Sunday, April 24th at 2:00 pm with Fr. Rolfes officiating. Please keep our 14 candidates in your prayers as they prepare to receive their third and final *Sacrament of Initiation*.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION is on Sunday, May 1st at 10:30 am. Please keep our 26 candidates in your prayers as they prepare to receive their second *Sacrament of Initiation*

BLESSED IS SHE "RISE" LENTEN RETREAT FOR WOMEN @ OLV-APRIL 2ND!!

Hey, Ladies! From where do you draw water to fill your cup? Open to all women 18 and over from our ACC parishes. Free childcare will be available. Lap babies welcome! 8:30 am-3:30' pm, with registration/check-in from 8-8:30 am. Emphasis on prayer and our journey with the Lord as women as we begin with Adoration, Rosary, and Benediction. Virtual talks from the recent, live retreat in Phoenix along with time for discussion, fellowship, and worship with one another. Please come, see friends and meet new people! It'll be a great time to find refreshment and renewal in God's love and mercy. Contact Heather at olvmothersgroup@gmail.com to pre-register and with any questions.

YOUTH FUNDRAISER—DOUGHNUTS!

Doughnuts will be served after each Mass at OLV on Palm Sunday weekend. Free will offering. Proceeds will fund activities for Youth Ministry and Faith Formation.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

The regular meeting of Catholic Daughters is the second Thursday of the month at 5:30 pm in the OLV Fellowship Hall. All Catholic women, 18 years of age and older, from our Pelican Valley Area are welcome. Contact Sharon Stevens (218) 739-2381 or skstevens42@gmail.com with questions.

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TEC RETREAT is a great way to begin your "New Normal" Who is ready for a fresh start after two years of Covid pandemic? How many of us have struggled and felt disconnected over the last several months? Perhaps it's time for a three-day retreat Together Encountering Christ (TEC) retreat. Laughter, tears, support, encouragement, and a whole lot of love is what you can anticipate on a TEC retreat. Sign up today at cmtec.org.

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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. Keep them thriving by making a gift at: www.stcdio.org/annualappeal

STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship as a Way of Life: *"No longer was there manna for the Israelites, who that year ate of the yield of the land of Canaan" (Joshua 5:12)*

Over the forty years that the Israelites journeyed through the desert, God provided them with manna to eat. As soon as they were able to enjoy the fruits of the Promised Land, the manna ceased. Likewise, God's blessings to us may change over the years, but it is important to trust that God will always provide us with all that we need.

TEACHING MASS Father Patrick will celebrate a Teaching Mass at OLV on Wednesday, March 30th at 7:15 p.m. Learn more about what happens and why at Mass! All are welcome!

OLV DRIVE-THRU FISH FRIES

DELICIOUS! batter-fried walleye, baked potato, coleslaw, and roll: \$13, extra fish \$5. Order at main door. To-go only. 5-7 p.m., April 1st and 8th.

BULLETIN SUBMISSION DEADLINES

April 5th for Palm Sunday; April 11th for Easter

POSITION OPENING: SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Our Lady of Victory Catholic School in Fergus Falls, Minnesota, seeks a visionary principal to build faith formation and educational excellence for our school. The principal oversees administration of all aspects of the elementary school ministry in grades PreK through six, provides faith and educational leadership in the Roman Catholic tradition to the school community, and supervises school staff. Experience in elementary education and a master's degree (or progress towards master's) in Education or School Administration preferred. Candidate needs to be a practicing Catholic whose lifestyle models Catholic values. Submit resume, including education and background, past employment, and references to:

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OLV Administrative AssistantCraig Hebert
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OLV Parish Property Manager.....Bob Budke
OLV Custodial Assistant..... Marc Stratton

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OLV School.....contact@ffolvschool.org
OLV Faith Formation/Financial.....mayme@ffolvchurch.org

CALLING ALL SYNOD LISTENERS

Listeners who have been trained for the synod process are asked to contact Vince Thoma at 218-736-6372 or by email at xaire100@gmail.com. Vince will collaborate with leaders to create opportunities for listening to members of our ACC in either one-on-one or group sessions.



ST EUBENVILLE YOUTH CONFERENCE

Join other Pelican Valley ACC youth July 29 thru 31 at the University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, MN. Open to current grades 8 thru 12. To reserve your spot, contact ACC Youth Minister Emily Hebert at emily@ffolvchurch.org or 218-736-2429 ext. 24. Space is limited, so sign up now! Additional details can be found online at: bit.ly/fearless_2022

GRIEF GROUP meets the second Tuesday of the month from 5:30-6:30 at Bethel Church: 702 W Alcott Avenue, Fergus Falls.

PRAYER CHAIN

Please call: Jo Weatherly 736-4938, Louise Wentworth 736-6701 or 770-0473, Amanda Gilles 736-6547 or 205-4329 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/stelizabethparish>
<https://www.facebook.com/OurLadyofVictory>