

PELICAN VALLEY

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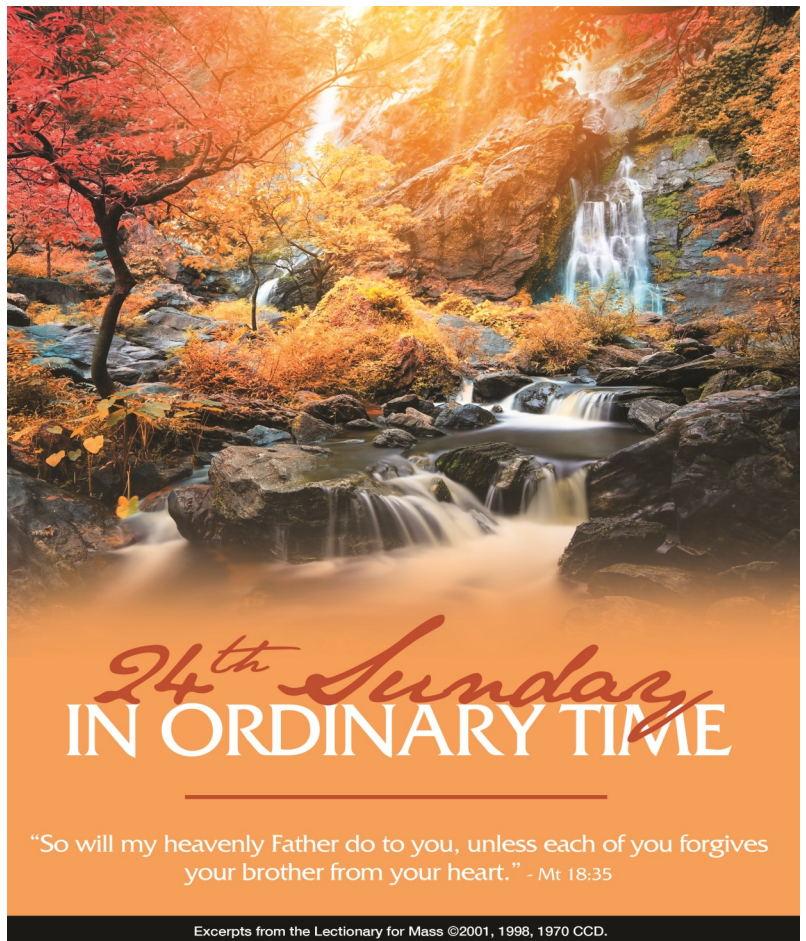
Church & Office Hours :

St. Elizabeth: Carrie Wedell 731-5304
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Office Hours: 2:00—5:00 (Wed)
Our Lady of Victory:
Church Hours: 7:45 to 4:00 (M-Fr)
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

September 13, 2020



Web Sites:

OLV.....www.ffolvchurch.org
School.....www.ffolvschool.org
St. Leonard.....www.stleonardpr.org
Diocesewww.stcdio.org

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,

On Monday of this week we celebrate The Exaltation of the Holy Cross, and on Tuesday we commemorate Our Lady of Sorrows. More than an instrument of death, the Cross is also a tree of life and the means of our salvation. That is why on Good Friday we pray ***"Behold the wood of the cross on which is hung our salvation!"*** Each time we make the sign of the cross, it is not a source of shame but an act of reverence and love for Jesus.

As Mary stood by the cross, there is the sense that she was not hysterical with rage and anger. She shed tears of sorrow, but also of love and thanksgiving to God for the mystery she beheld. Mary as Our Lady of Sorrows is an example to us of how we are also called to stand with others in their suffering, sharing our love and spiritual support.

This week let us be aware of the needs of the people around us, and be more willing to share in any hardships and suffering, embracing again the Cross in both our prayer and loving presence.

Mary, Our Lady of Sorrows, pray for us!

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

El lunes de esta semana celebramos La Exaltación de la Santa Cruz, y el martes conmemoramos a Nuestra Señora de los Dolores. Más que un instrumento de muerte, la Cruz es también un árbol de vida y el medio de nuestra salvación. Por eso el Viernes Santo rezamos ***"¡He aquí la madera de la cruz en la que está colgada nuestra salvación! Cada vez que hacemos la señal de la cruz, no es motivo de vergüenza, sino un acto de reverencia y amor por Jesús.***

Mientras María estaba junto a la cruz, existe la sensación de que no estaba histérica de rabia y enojo. Derramó lágrimas de dolor, pero también de amor y acción de gracias a Dios por el misterio que contemplaba. María como Nuestra Señora de los Dolores es un ejemplo para nosotros de cómo también estamos llamados a estar con los demás en su sufrimiento, compartiendo nuestro amor y apoyo espiritual.

Esta semana seamos conscientes de las necesidades de las personas que nos rodean y estemos más dispuestos a compartir las dificultades y los sufrimientos, abrazando nuevamente la Cruz en nuestra oración y presencia amorosa.

María, Nuestra Señora de los Dolores, ruega por nosotros.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday, September 12

4:30 p.m. Mass **OLV** †Evelyn Millard

Sunday, September 13

8:30 a.m. **SE** †Don Krause

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

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

10:30 a.m. Mass **OLV** †John and Joan Pawlowski

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

Monday, September 14 Exaltation of the Holy Cross

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

Tuesday, September 15 Our Lady of Sorrows

12:05 Mass **OLV** †Angie Gilles

Followed by Adoration. Benediction at **6:30 p.m.**

Wednesday, September 16 Sts. Cornelius and Cyprian

9:00 a.m. Mass **OLV** †Mike Leonard

5:30 p.m. Mass **SL** †

Thursday, September 17 St. Robert Bellarmine

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

9:00 a.m. Mass **OLV** †David Thompson

6:30 p.m. Mass **SE** †Stan and Elaine Kidder

Followed by Confessions and Adoration

Friday, September 18

9:00 a.m. Mass **SL** †José Martinez

9:00 a.m. School Mass **OLV** †Richard Jennen

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday, September 19

4:30 p.m. Mass **OLV** †Marge Weiand

Sunday, September 20

8:30 a.m. Mass **SE** †Tony and Bev Wedll

8:30 a.m. Mass **OLV** †Woodrow and Lucille Lee

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

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

12:30 p.m. Spanish Mass **SL** †Arnulfo Martinez

STAFF CHANGES AT OLV

At Our Lady of Victory we are saying **THANK YOU** to **Keith Widiger** who has stepped down from his position as custodial assistant. Keith has been a wonderful member of our staff and a very hard, diligent, and friendly worker. We also wish Keith and Mary a **HAPPY TWENTY-FIFTH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY!**

We have hired a new custodial assistant. We **welcome Marc Stratton** to our parish staff! Marc and his wife, Susan have three grown children...he's a big Viking Football fan....he also enjoys playing guitar! He and Susan have a four year old granddaughter who he loves to spend time with. We appreciate Marc's friendly and energetic spirit...please express your welcome to him when you see Marc at school and church.



ST. ELIZABETH

OF HUNGARY

FALL RUMMAGE SALE

Christian Women is sponsoring a Fall Rummage and Bake Sale on September 26th from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Safety precautions will be in place.

We will be needing help setting up the week of, and packing up the day of at 12:00.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for the following Special Intentions: Mary Benson, Those that suffer from the effects of drugs and alcohol, Jean Paler's mom Lucille, Odilia Riesterberg, Kandance Love, Marlys Holobuk, Doreen Newman, Kathleen Grise, Walt Paler's sister Barbara, Marge Thorpe, Charlotte Schmitz, Hudson Hendrickx, Kay Henkes, those that are battling cancer, Mike Faulkner, 6 month baby, Ruth Lorshbough, baby Lily.

ST. LEONARD

OF PORT MAURITIUS

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please keep the family of Marietta Vohnoutka in your prayers. Marietta passed away on June 25th. She was a long-time member of St. Leonard parish and active in parish activities.

Prayers are also requested for Alejandra Mancilla, Phyllis Vigen, Julie Severson, Valerie Smischny, Allyssa Klinger (Niece of Steve Petersen), Cindy Becker, Tony Vigen, (Brother of Rosemary Wiese), Denice Smischny, Kay H., Marge Thorpe, Marilyn Jentz, Marilyn Gilbertson, Marilyn Schwartz, and Leona Braton. Thank you!

Please keep the family of José Martinez in your prayers. José passed away on August 12, 2020. He had lived here for about 6 years and was laid to rest in St. Leonard's cemetery.

OUR LADY OF VICTORY

AUGUST MONTHLY FINANCIAL GIVING

Adult Collections	\$45,149.86
**\$54,621 is the monthly budget	
**\$19,036 under yearly collection budget	
Children Envelopes	5.20
Building and Maintenance	1,254.00
Food Shelf Donations	160.00
Emergency Fund Donations	2,092.00
Flowers	10.00
Sponsor a School Student	572.00
School Endowment Fund	125.00
Faith Formation Donations	71.00
Faith Formation Endowment Fund	75.00
Kris' Food Crusade for Kids	885.00
St. Otto's Cemetery	150.00
Pandemic Special Needs	500.00
Campaign for Human Development	20.00
Holy Day	601.00

OLV QUILTERS ARE HOLDING RAFFLE

The OLV St. Anne Quilters will be selling raffle tickets for their quilt on September 12th and 13th after Masses. Tickets may also be purchased from Georgie Waasdorp 736-4943, Marietta Bullis 998-3790, or Paulette Hoebelheinrich 736-3272.

RAFFLE TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE

The raffle tickets for the OLV Fall Festival Raffle are available at the church office. The grand prize this year is a 2020 Toyota Camry LE from Quality Toyota. Tickets are \$25 each. The drawing will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 20th.

FAITH FORMATION UPDATE

Due to COVID-19 and the inability to begin classes as we have done each fall, please know we are hoping and planning to begin all Faith Formation Classes later this fall. We want to give families some extra time as they begin a unique school experience this fall; in addition, we continue to look at different options for our Faith Formation classes. Our primary focus is forming the Catholic Faith of our children/youth, while keeping everyone healthy and safe. We will use Remind Texting to get current information to families as we continue to plan this fall: use [link rmd.at/ffci2020](https://link.rmd.at/ffci2020) (smartphone) or text @ffci2020 to the number 81010 (non-smartphone) to receive current updates.

HOME COMMUNION VISITS

If you would like Holy Communion brought to your home, please contact Jennifer Dummer at 218-736-2429 Ext 15 or jennifer@ffolvchurch.org

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AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

RCIA

For those who are interested in learning about the Catholic faith, please call Mamas, Father Alan or Father Patrick at the parish office, 736-2429. Classes will begin on September 29th with a welcoming of the candidates and an Introduction to RCIA.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

The diocese recently mailed a letter to households that have yet to donate to the appeal. We are a Eucharistic people transformed by faith and sent in service to all, yet no one can do it alone. We need Christ, we need the Holy spirit and we need each other. Please consider a gift to support ministries that nurture our faith and bring people together. Your support—whatever the amount—will make a difference in the lives of so many others. Visit www.stcdio.org/annualappeal.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Jesus says, "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall be shown mercy." This theme is woven throughout today's readings, and is an important one for us to consider. In baptism, we were washed clean in God's grace and merciful love. Through the sacrament of reconciliation, we are forgiven again and again. Is that also the way we treat others who have offended us? Have we shown them the same grace we have received? Or do we behave more like the ungrateful servant to today's gospel? In the spirit of stewardship, we receive God's compassionate mercy and should then share it with our neighbors. Let us remember that forgiveness costs us nothing and is a limitless resource. Like our Heavenly Father, we should extend mercy and not because someone deserves it, but because it is our call as God's image-bearers in the world.

READINGS

Sept 12-13 Sir 27:30-28:7 / Rom 14:7-9 /
Mt 18:21-35

Sept 14 Nm 21:4b-9 / Phil 2:6-11 /
Jn 3:13-17

Sept 15 1 Cor 12:12-14,27-31a / Jn 19:25-27

Sept 16 1 Cor 12:31-13:13 / Lk 7:31-35

Sept 17 1 Cor 15:1-11 / Lk 7:36-50

Sept 18 1 Cor 15:12-20 / Lk 8:1-3

Sept 19-20 Is 55:6-9 / Phil 1:20c-24,27c/
Mt 20:1-16a

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
OLV Parish Music Director.....Paula Leitch
OLV Parish Property Manager.....Bob Budke
OLV Custodial Assistant..... Marc Stratton

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Prayer to Receive a New Bishop

Praise to you, Lord our God,
our eternal shepherd and guide.
In your faithfulness,
grant to the Diocese of Saint Cloud
a shepherd whose watchful care and kindly zeal
will continue the good work of his predecessors.
In your love for us,
give us a shepherd who will lead us
in being Christ's heart of mercy,
voice of hope, and hands of justice.
Help him to fill our minds and hearts
with the truth of the Gospel,
the power of the sacraments,
and the desire to build up your holy Church.
We ask this through Jesus Christ,
your Son and our Lord,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Oración para recibir un nuevo obispo

¡Bendito seas, Señor! Tú eres nuestro supremo pastor.
En tu misericordia, te pedimos que le des a la
Diócesis de St Cloud, un pastor que continúe, con
gran celo y amor pastoral, la obra de su
predecesores. Por el eterno amor que nos tienes, te
pedimos un pastor que nos anime a ser
misericordiosos como Jesús, y a ser portadores de
esperanza y forjadores de justicia.
Te pedimos un obispo que nos proclame la verdad
del Evangelio, el poder de los sacramentos y nos
guie en la edificación de tu Santa Iglesia.
Esto te lo pedimos en el nombre de tu Hijo, Nuestro
Señor Jesucristo, que en la unidad del Espíritu Santo
es Dios que vive y reina por los siglos de los siglos.
Amén.