



PELICAN VALLEY

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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
(if there is a 9:00 Mass)

October 3, 2021



27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He said to them in reply, "What did Moses command you?"
They replied, "Moses permitted a husband to write a bill of divorce
and dismiss her." But Jesus told them, "Because of the hardness of
your hearts he wrote you this commandment. But from the beginning
of creation, God made them male and female." - Mk 10:3-6

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Church & Office Hours :

St. Elizabeth: Carrie Wedll 731-5304

St. Leonard: Mary Bongers 841-4861

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

and 1:00 to 4:00 (M-Th)

9:00 to Noon Fri.

PASTORAL COLUMN

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

This Sunday through Wednesday we have the annual clergy conference for priests and deacons of our St. Cloud Diocese. We will be giving attention to “celebrating liturgy well” with Bishop Mark Seitz from the diocese of El Paso, Texas. He will also speak to the personal connection he makes between liturgy and care for those at the border. We will be keeping the people of our parishes and diocese in our prayers as we gather for most likely the last clergy conference with Bishop Kettler. He is expecting that a new bishop will be named to replace him before the end of the year.

Next weekend we begin a special “Stewardship” focus in our parishes....welcoming special guest speakers at OLV, Maritza and Angel Franco from Assumption Parish in Morris, and hoping they will also be with us soon at St Elizabeth and St Leonard. These plans are still being finalized....at OLV the following weekend will be “Commitment Sunday”....watch this week for a special mailing. We ask God to stir within us a desire to give of ourselves more freely and completely as we seek to further the mission of the Church and Gods reign!

Fr Alan

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

Este domingo a miércoles tenemos la conferencia anual del clero para sacerdotes y diáconos de nuestra Diócesis de St. Cloud. Prestaremos atención a “celebrar bien la liturgia” con el obispo Mark Seitz de la diócesis de El Paso, Texas. También hablará sobre la conexión personal que establece entre la liturgia y el cuidado de los que están en la frontera. Mantendremos a la gente de nuestras parroquias y diócesis en nuestras oraciones mientras nos reunimos para probablemente la última conferencia de clérigos con el obispo Kettler. Espera que se nombre a un nuevo obispo para reemplazarlo antes de fin de año.

El próximo fin de semana comenzaremos un enfoque especial de “Corresponsabilidad” en nuestras parroquias ... damos la bienvenida a oradores invitados especiales en OLV, Maritza y Angel Franco de Assumption Parish en Morris, y esperamos que también estén con nosotros pronto en St Elizabeth y St Leonard. Estos planes aún se están ultimando... .en OLV el siguiente fin de semana será el “Domingo de Compromiso”... .mire esta semana para recibir un correo especial. ¡Le pedimos a Dios que despierte dentro de nosotros el deseo de darnos más libre y completamente mientras buscamos promover la misión de la Iglesia y el reino de Dios!

P. Alan

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday, October 2

4:30 p.m. OLV Mass †Amanda Dewey

Sunday, October 3

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 Wayne Dirkman

12:00 p.m. SL Spanish Mass

Monday, October 4 St. Francis of Assisi

9:00 a.m. OLV Word and Communion

Tuesday, October 5

12:05 p.m. OLV Word and Communion

Wednesday, October 6

10:30 Veterans' Home Word and Communion

5:30 pm SL Word and Communion

Thursday, October 7 Our Lady of the Rosary

9:00 a.m. OLV Mass † Jacob Einerson

6:30 p.m. SE Mass † Kurt Schomer

7:00 am Adoration

Friday, October 8

9:00 a.m. OLV Mass † Lester Thies

No 9:00 am Mass at SL

****OLV Adoration 7:00-7:45 a.m. M,T,W,F 7:00-8:45 Th**

**** Rosary 8:30 a.m. M-F**

The Twenty-Eighth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Saturday, October 9

4:30 p.m. OLV Mass †Marge Weiand

Sunday, October 10

8:30 a.m. SE Mass † Mary Mariotti

8:30 a.m. OLV Mass † Evelyn Kidder

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 Spanish Mass

MASS READINGS

October 2&3 Gn.2:18-24/Heb.2:9-11/Mk.10:2-16

October 4 Jon.1:1—2:2,11/Lk.10:25-37

October 5 Jon.3:1-10/Lk.10:38-42

October 6 Jon.4:1-11/Lk.11:1-4

October 7 Mal.3:13-20b/Lk.11:5-13

October 8 Jl.1:13-15,2:1-2/Lk.11:15-26

October 9 Jl.4:12-21/Lk.11:27-28

COVID 19 UPDATE

We are still encouraged to wear masks for everyone's safety; and all eligible for vaccinations are encouraged to get vaccinated.

ST. ELIZABETH

OF HUNGARY

Minnesota Farm & Rural Helpline

Catholic Rural Life, a national Catholic nonprofit organization dedicated to the vitality of the American countryside, is helping to spread the message about the 24/7 confidential "Minnesota Farm & Rural Helpline" to all Catholic dioceses in Minnesota. Need help finding a confidential financial or legal adviser? Feeling alone, sad or worried and need a listening ear? **Call the hotline at 833-600-2670.** "Our farmers are facing hard times and this is one way we can help them. This helpline is offered by the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, and all calls are answered locally by trained staff and volunteers," said Annie Huntington, Catholic Rural Life project coordinator.

FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

7th-12th Grades including Confirmation class wishing to attend at St. Leonard's will be held October 3rd after 8:30 Mass. Classes will begin Wednesday, November 3rd ; 7th-9th Grades, 7:30-8:30, Confirmation 7:30-9pm.

ST. LEONARD

OF PORT MAURITIUS

CHRISTIAN WOMEN FALL RUMMAGE & BAKE SALE Oct. 16th, 8am-12. Please bring good used items. We need set up help the 13th, 14th, 15th any time between 5-8pm. Brenny Hall will be open. Thanks and happy cleaning! Questions? Call Bridget, 770-7133.

FAITH FORMATION CLASS REGISTRATION

Will take place Sunday, October 3rd and October 10th after the 10:30am and 12:00pm Masses. This includes all grades, K-12. Classes will begin Wednesday, November 3rd. Class times: K-6, 6pm-7:15pm; 7th-9th, 7:30-8:30; Confirmation, (10th-12th), 7:30-9pm. For those being confirmed on December 5th, Classes will be October 6th-22nd at 7:00pm.

ST LEONARD'S CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2021 PARENT CANDIDATE MEETING OCT. 6TH AT 7PM

In the church. This is an important meeting asking at least one parent to attend as well as all candidates.

USHERS!

Ushers are asked to please count Mass attendees and put the number on the form in the back of church. We are to do this each Sunday of October. After that, the forms will be collected. Thank you!

OUR LADY OF VICTORY

FAITH FORMATION STARTING DATES & TIMES

Wednesday classes for Kindergarten-10th grade will begin on Wednesday, October 6. Kindergarten –Grade 5 classes meet from 3:40-5:00pm. Grades 6-10 meet from **6:30-8:00p.m.** (Note time change). Children's *Liturgy of the Word* begins on Sunday, October 10th during the 10:30 am Mass, and Confirmation (Grade 11) classes begin on Wednesday, **September 22.**

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Coming up on **November 6th** at 9:30 at OLV Church. Contact Deacon Dean with any questions at 218-205-7921.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTER ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Join the Catholic Daughters for a **virtual Pajama Party for the veterans at the MN Veterans Home in Fergus Falls.** We have set up a large box in the Gathering Area to collect NEW donations for the residents. Socks, t-shirts and pajama bottoms of all sizes are needed. Also welcome are toiletry items like Brylcreme, lotion, deodorant and toothpaste. These will be delivered to the "store" for residents.

*Mark your calendars for the BUNCO fundraiser for the **Children of St. Peter** on Sunday, Oct. 17 at 6:30p.m.

*Join us for a Year of St Joseph pilgrimage on Sat., Oct. 9th. We'll visit the site of the oldest Catholic parish in Otter Tail County located near Perham.

*Gummi Bear fundraiser for Habitat for Humanity will take place after all the Masses **this weekend.** Please support this wonderful organization!

JOURNEY NEWSLETTER CORRECTION

At the conclusion of the article on page 11, the end of the sentence was left off. Here is the full sentence: "St. Otto's columbarium was completed in 2015 and 25% of the sites have been sold." A columbarium is a building where funeral urns containing cremated remains are stored.

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AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

MESSAGE FROM DEACON PETE

After discussions with my wife, Joanne, pertaining to the current health of one of our sons and the amount of time we are spending in the Twin Cities, I have asked for a 3 month leave of absence from my duties at our Area Catholic Community. Father was gracious enough to allow the request. It is with mixed emotions, as there are many ministries in the parishes with needs for more volunteers to support our home bound and our youth, newer mind all the other ministries. I pray others will step up to help cover the areas of need.

You will all remain in our daily prayer as you will be missed. My leave will begin on October 7th with a projected return of January 10, 2022. May the Lord bless you and keep you well. Blessings, Deacon Pete

RCIA

If you are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith through the **RCIA program**, please contact Mammias at 736-2429 extension 13.

MOTHER'S GROUP BEGINNING 2nd SEASON AT OLV

Interested in joining us this year? We'll be using an Endow study again, which requires absolutely no homework and is packed with solid Catholic church teaching and affirming for women of every age, stage of life, and vocation.

Study: Endow--Discovering the Doctors of the Church

Where: OLV St. Joseph Room

When: Thursdays while school is in session, 1:30-3:00 pm, beginning Sept. 16th. For more information, contact Heather by email: olvmothersgroup@gmail.com

All are welcome!

NET RETREAT

For our youth will be held November 5th and 6th at Brenny Hall, St. Elizabeth for Grades 8 through 12. Stay tuned for more information to follow.

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>

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Upcoming Important Dates

NOVEMBER 5-7 RACHEL'S VINEYARD'S RETREAT

I will never leave you or forsake you...Hebrew 13:5. If you or someone you love is grieving the loss of a child to abortion, come and experience the healing mercy of Jesus Christ on our confidential weekend retreat. The next retreat is November 5-7, 2021. For more information contact Nancy at rachels@vineyardmn.org, Call 763-250-9313 or see www.rvineyardmn.org

ST. ALEXIUS CHURCH SAUSAGE SUPPER

TODAY, October 3rd at St Alexius Church, West Union, MN. Serving from noon until 6pm. Adults \$15, Children 6-10, \$5, Children 5 and under eat free. Smoked Sausage, sauerkraut & spare ribs will be served with head cheese, real mashed potatoes , gravy , glazed carrots and bars. Live music and stands begin at 11:30.

OCTOBERFEST SAUSAGE DINNER

Sunday, October 10th at Sacred Heart Church Hall in Urbank. Menu: sausage, kraut vegetables, bread, mashed potatoes, gravy, dessert, beverage. 11:00am-1:00pm. Adults \$10.00, 6-12 \$5.00, 5 years and under eat free!

DIOCESAN MINISTRY DAY 2021

Saturday, October 23—Theme: "One Body: Gathered, Nourished, Sent" This year, Diocesan Ministry Day will be a celebration of all that we are as a diocese. This rally-themed day, to be held at John's Abbey and University, will honor the gifts of each of our parishes and Area Catholic Communities. Save the date and come be filled with the love of community and the spiritual gifts of our faith. All are welcome to attend this bilingual event. For more information or to register, visit www.stcdio.org/DMD21