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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

Web Sites:  
OLV..........................www.ffolvchurch.org  
School............................www.ffolvschool.org  
St. Leonard.....................www.stleonardpr.org  
Diocese ..........................www.stcdio.org

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https://www.facebook.com/StLeonardPR  
https://www.facebook.com/stelizabethparish  
https://www.facebook.com/Our Lady of Victory Fergus Falls MN
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.
**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 Riestenberg, 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 Lorschough, 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**

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**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 (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

Pelican Valley Area Catholic Community
RCIA
For those who are interested in learning about the Catholic faith, please call Mammie, 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 15 1 Cor 12:12-14,27-31a / Jn 19:25-27
Sept 16 1 Cor 12:31-13:1 / 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

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.