



# PELICAN VALLEY

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### 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*

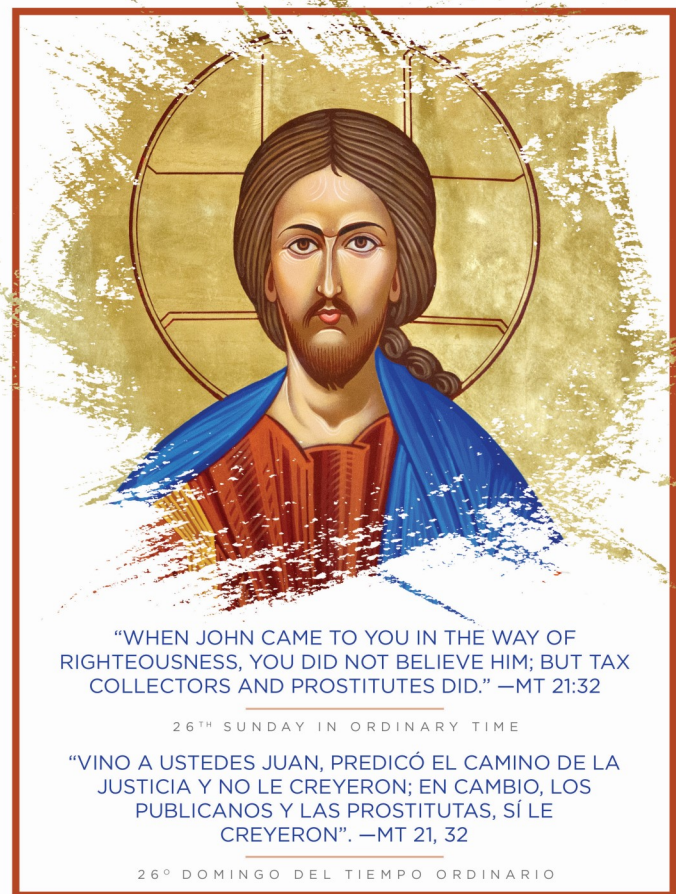
*if there is a 9:00 a.m. Mass*

3:30 p.m. Saturday



FEAST OF OUR LADY OF VICTORY  
OCTOBER 7

OCTOBER 1, 2023



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### Church & Office Hours:

St. Elizabeth: Carrie Wedell 218 731-5304

St. Leonard: Alejandra Mancilla 218 731-2962

Horario de oficina: 3:00–6:00 (miércoles)

Office Hours: 3:00–6:00 (Wed)

Our Lady of Victory: Craig Hebert

218-736-2429, ext. 10

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

**OPINION:** We have an opinion about a lot of things but most of the time we don't need to make them public unless we want to. In today's gospel, Jesus asks us all, 'What is your opinion?' and then he shares a parable with us about two sons and which is the one who does what his father asks. Honestly speaking, I always get this wrong because I always make the wrong choice. Luckily for us, Jesus teaches us with parables and explains them as well.

How open are we to changing our minds? Both sons changed their mind in the parable, they do so with no real problem. We are often told to stay in our camps in today's deeply divided political and social climate.

Shouting matches replace civil debate in many pockets of the community. To some, changing one's mind is a sign of weakness or disloyalty. Jesus takes a different stance in today's gospel. The first son willingly changes his mind and does what his father wants.

Jesus celebrates when we change our minds. The one who God greatly exulted, who emptied himself and took the form of a slave out of love for us, longs for us to grow closer to him. Are there areas of your life that could use a change or a different answer? What will it take for such a conversion to happen? Again, prayer helps. The real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist is something to truly believe in.

~Deacon Chuck

**OPINIÓN:** Tenemos una opinión sobre muchas cosas, pero la mayoría de las veces no necesitamos hacerlas públicas a menos que queramos. En el evangelio de hoy, Jesús nos pregunta a todos: "¿Cuál es su opinión?" y luego comparte con nosotros una parábola sobre dos hijos y cuál es el que hace lo que su padre pide. Honestamente hablando, siempre me equivoco porque siempre tomo la decisión equivocada. Por suerte para nosotros, Jesús nos enseña con parábolas y las explica también.

¿Qué tan abiertos estamos a cambiar de opinión? Ambos hijos cambiaron de opinión en la parábola, lo hacen sin ningún problema real. A menudo se nos dice que permanezcamos en nuestros campamentos en el clima político y social profundamente dividido de hoy.

Los gritos reemplazan el debate civil en muchos bolsillos de la comunidad. Para algunos, cambiar de opinión es un signo de debilidad o deslealtad. Jesús toma una postura diferente en el evangelio de hoy. El primer hijo cambia voluntariamente de opinión y hace lo que su padre quiere.

## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

### Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, September 30

4:30 p.m. **OLV Mass** †Cyril and Myrtle Keller

Sunday, October 1

8:30 a.m. **SE Mass** †Odilia Riestenberg

9:30 a.m. **OLV Mass** †Rosemary Yavarow

10:30 a.m. **SL Mass** †Cheryl Gau

12:00 p.m. **SL Misa en Español**

Monday, October 2

\***OLV No Adoration**

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

Tuesday, October 3

\***OLV No morning Adoration**

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

12:30–5:00 p.m. **OLV Adoration**

Wednesday, October 4 **Feast of St. Francis of Assisi**

\***OLV No Adoration**

10:30 a.m. **Veterans Home Word and Communion**

6:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m. **OLV Blessing of Animals**

6:30 p.m. **SL Mass** †Marie Leitch

Thursday, October 5

\*7:30 **OLV Adoration**

9:00 a.m. **OLV Mass** †Lynn Lanus

Friday, October 6

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

### Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, October 7 **Feast of Our Lady of Victory**

4:30 p.m. **OLV Mass** †Ray Hobelheinrich

Sunday, October 8

8:30 a.m. **SE Mass** †Leo and Inez Harles

9:30 a.m. **OLV Mass** †Linda Rheault

10:30 a.m. **SL Mass** †

12:00 p.m. **SL Misa en Español**

**OLV Adoration\*** (see above schedule)

**OLV Rosary** (unless otherwise noted above)

8:30 a.m. Monday through Friday

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Jesús celebra cuando cambiamos de opinión. Aquel a quien Dios exaltó grandemente, que se despojó de sí mismo y tomó la forma de un esclavo por amor a nosotros, anhela que nos acerquemos más a él. ¿Hay áreas de tu vida que podrían necesitar un cambio o una respuesta diferente? ¿Qué se necesitará para que tal conversión suceda? Una vez más, la oración ayuda. La presencia real de Jesús en la Eucaristía es algo en lo que realmente creer.

~Diácono Chuck

## ST. ELIZABETH

OF HUNGARY

**HOLIDAY EXPO CRAFTERS NEEDED** Saturday, November 18, 9-1 in Brenny Hall. Contact Jan J. for more information 218-770-4174.

**PRAYER REQUESTS** Becky Wedll, Darrell and Sandy Hanneman, Jennifer Kolstad, John Schauff, Charlotte Schmitz (granddaughter of Mary Marquardt), Kandace Love, Marlys Holubok, Kathleen Grise, Walt Paler's sister Barbara, Hudson Hendrickx, Kay Henkes, Jerry Schauff, Pat Baker, Kayla Pask and Joan Brusven, Jim Wedll, Tyler Kurtz, Jean Lehn, and Deacon Pete and his family, those that suffer from effects of drugs and alcohol, and those with cancer.

## ST. LEONARD

OF PORT MAURITIUS

**WE ARE THANKFUL!** Our recent heating/air conditioning project received donations of over \$22,000. Since receiving an anonymous donation of \$40,000 (given to cover the project) and the expenses coming in approximately \$5,000 under budget, the Finance Council has decided to put the remaining \$5,000 and our collected donations (over \$22,000) into the *Capital Improvement Campaign* of our Church. Thank you!

**ROAST BEEF DINNER NEWS** Thank you to Linda Klimek for volunteering to chair the Roast Beef Dinner for this year! Sign-up sheets to help will be by entrances, including setting up, serving, meal prep, cleaning and donating pies to serve with the meal.

We will also have a silent auction. If you have an item to donate, please make arrangements to drop it off at the office before October 25th. Thank you in advance to all the volunteers. This event can't be done without your hands and feet.

**PRAYER REQUESTS** Ann Peterson, Claudia Camilo, Judy Marko, Ardean Erickson, Ross Olson, Joyce Valley, Rudy Butenas, Jerry Stokka, Tom Johnson, Tony Vigen, Denice Smischny, Jack Geske, Marilyn Jentz, Marilyn Gilbertson, Marilyn Schwartz, Leona Braton, and LeAnn Ishaug.

***More St. Leonard announcements on page 4b***

## OUR LADY OF VICTORY

### **WHAT ARE YOU CALLED TO DO?**

Check out the OLV Ministry Fair in the Fellowship Hall after the Masses this weekend!

### **CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS GUMMI BEARS**

Catholic Daughters Gummi Bear Fundraiser for Habitat for Humanity will be held after the Masses on the weekend of October 7 and 8. Gummi bear candy will be handed out in exchange for a free will offering. The money collected will go towards an estimated \$10,000.00 Catholic Daughters grant to help support Habitat in having a house built within the state of Minnesota.

### **PANCAKE BREAKFAST OCTOBER 15TH**

The Knights of Columbus Our Lady of Fatima Council 3118 is hosting a pancake breakfast on October 15 after Mass in the school gym. Please join us!

### **FALL FESTIVAL WINNERS**

**Top Ticket Seller:** Congratulations to Bonnie Klovstad for selling the most tickets and winning a \$100 prize! Great job Bonnie!

**Service Food Dash:** Congratulations to Sylvia Nelson for winning the Service Food Dash!

**Service Food Dash Guessing Game:** Congratulations to Christy Dickey for most accurately estimating the value of the Service Food Dash! This year's value of the 3 minute dash was \$974.89, and Christy guessed \$981.54. A pretty spot on guess, only \$6.65 over! Christy won a \$100 prize as the winner, thank you to all who participated!

### **FALL FESTIVAL: WE ARE SO GRATEFUL!**

Thank you to the pie bakers, country store makers, parking lot attendants, church decorators, cake walkers, raffle ticket managers, food preparers and servers and ALL those who brought a spirit of giving to our Fall Festival! Thank to EVERYONE who was a part of the Fall Festival! YOU created a celebration that fed about 500 meals and added \$58,000 to the financial support of our parish! **YOU created a celebration that fed the hearts, minds and bodies of Our Lady of Victory!** Thank you!

### **ST. ROBERT'S MISSION**

Meets the second Monday of the month at 1 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

# PELICAN VALLEY

AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

## **THE FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI AND THE BLESSING OF ANIMALS**

In honor of St. Francis of Assisi, Deacon Dean will be blessing animals in the parking lot at Our Lady of Victory Church on October 4 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Just stop by—no appointment needed!

## **JOB OPPORTUNITY AT OUR LADY OF VICTORY PARISH!**

Our Lady of Victory has an immediate opening for a part-time Secretary. Approximately 27 hours per week: Monday through Thursday 9 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., and Fridays 9 a.m. to noon. Job description and employment application are available in the parish office and on the OLV website: [ffolvchurch.org](http://ffolvchurch.org). For more information, contact Mayme Hofland at [mayme@ffolvchurch.org](mailto:mayme@ffolvchurch.org) or call 218-736-2429 extension 11.

## **STEWARDSHIP AS A WAY OF LIFE**

*"But what think you? A certain man had two sons; and coming to the first, he said: Son, go work today in my vineyard. And he answering, said: I will not. But afterwards, being moved with repentance, he went." Matthew 21: 28-29*

The parable of two sons illustrates that genuine commitment to God involves deeds, not just words. We're entrusted with time and abilities—using them faithfully reflects our role as responsible stewards in God's kingdom.

## **BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL**

Through your generosity, diocesan programs continue to build the Kingdom of God here in Central Minnesota and support the dedicated service of our pastors, parish and diocesan staff, and volunteers who continue to do the work of Christ. Please keep them thriving by making a gift at [www.stcdio.org/annualappeal](http://www.stcdio.org/annualappeal).



MEMORIAL—OCTOBER 2

## **MORE FROM ST. LEONARD**

**SUNDAYS IN OCTOBER** we will be taking a count of mass attendance. Thank you to the ushers who will be doing this.

**FAITH FORMATION:** 1st Communion, Confirmation and K-8th grade - there is still time to register your kids. Classes are Wednesday from 6-7:30 pm. Please call the office for more information.

## **BOX OF JOY MINISTRY**

This month our parishes will be participating in the **Box of Joy** ministry, a Christmas shoebox gift outreach organized by local Catholic schools, parishes and groups nationwide. We will bless children suffering from extreme poverty by filling boxes with toys and other gifts, sharing the joy of Christmas, and planting seeds of hope through the Gospel. We encourage everyone to pack a Box of Joy! For more information, check out the display in the entrance of the church or contact the Project Leader Deb Jennen at 218-205-8903 or check out [boxofjoy.org](http://boxofjoy.org).

## **OUR LADY OF VICTORY**

### **BANNS OF MARRIAGE**

BANNS II

TAYA SEXTON AND SAMUEL NELSON

## **ST. THERESA'S CIRCLE**

St. Theresa's Circle meets **2nd Tuesday of each month at 1:00 p.m.** in OLV St. Joseph Room. Craft work done at home. **Volunteers needed.** To learn more, call **Theresa Rudnick (218) 736-4924.**

## **PRAYER CHAIN**

Please call: Jo Weatherly 218-736-4938, Louise Wentworth 218-770-0473, Alice Neuleib 218-205-9007 to become involved with or to add your intentions to the prayer chain.

## **Web Sites:**

OLV..... [www.ffolvchurch.org](http://www.ffolvchurch.org)  
School..... [www.ffolvschool.org](http://www.ffolvschool.org)  
St. Leonard . [www.stleonardpr.org](http://www.stleonardpr.org)  
Diocese ..... [www.stcdio.org](http://www.stcdio.org)

## **Facebook Pages:**

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