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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

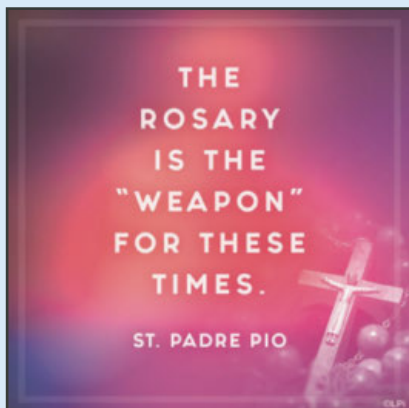


27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"The stone that the builders rejected has become
the cornerstone." - Mt 21:42ab

"La piedra que desecharon los constructores, es
ahora la piedra angular". - Mt 21,42

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Church & Office Hours:

St. Elizabeth: Carrie Wedell 218 731-5304

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

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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

Dear Pelican Valley ACC parishioner friends,

Greetings from Rome! I hope this message finds you and your families well and having an enjoyable Fall and new school year!

My sabbatical is already at the half way point...so I thought I'd provide a little update.

The welcome and hospitality from the Crosiers has been just great. More than I could have asked for. I enjoy sharing in their fraternity, prayer life and meals. Presently we are nine priests from four countries; plus frequent visitors; I learn lots just from table conversation. It is enriching and renewing just as I had hoped.

I've also spent time in so many of the beautiful churches just being inspired and in awe. I do a lot of walking around Rome and never cease to come upon something new and interesting. The subway and train systems are fun to use too!

Today (Thursday, Sept. 28) I attended the ordination of eighteen new transitional deacons studying here from the U S, including two from Minnesota. It was a glorious celebration at St Peter's Basilica.....I'll be back there this weekend for an outdoor ecumenical prayer celebration marking the beginning of the Synod....an exciting time. This coming week I hope to see Fr Joe Korf who will be in Rome with some of his relatives.

I am looking forward to these next weeks of more great sabbatical time, and then to flying back home on November 14th.

Thanks everyone for your prayers....you are in mine each day. God bless and keep everyone and I'll see you in November!

***Blessings and love in Christ,
Father Alan***

Estimados amigos feligreses de Pelican Valley ACC,

¡Saludos desde Roma! ¡Espero que este mensaje los encuentre bien a ustedes y a sus familias y que tengan un otoño agradable y un nuevo año escolar!

Mi año sabático ya está a mitad de camino... así que pensé en proporcionar una pequeña actualización.

La bienvenida y hospitalidad de los Crosiers ha sido simplemente genial. Más de lo que podría haber pedido. Me gusta compartir en su fraternidad, vida de oración y comidas. Actualmente somos nueve sacerdotes de cuatro países; además de visitantes frecuentes; Aprendo mucho solo de la conversación en la mesa. Es enriquecedor y renovador tal como yo esperaba.

También he pasado tiempo en muchas de las hermosas iglesias simplemente inspiradas y asombradas. Camino mucho por Roma y nunca dejo de encontrar algo nuevo e interesante. ¡Los sistemas de metro y tren también son divertidos de usar!

Hoy (jueves 28 de septiembre) asistí a la ordenación de dieciocho nuevos diáconos de transición que estudian aquí desde los Estados Unidos, incluidos dos de Minnesota. Fue una celebración gloriosa en la Basílica de San Pedro..... Volveré allí este fin de semana para una celebración ecuménica de oración al aire libre que marca el comienzo del Sínodo... un tiempo emocionante. Esta próxima semana espero ver al P. Joe Korf que estará en Roma con algunos de sus familiares.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

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

Monday, October 9

OLV No services today

Tuesday, October 10

OLV No Word and Communion

OLV No afternoon Adoration

Wednesday, October 11

10:00 a.m. Park Gardens Word and Communion

6:30 p.m. SL Word and Communion

Thursday, October 12

9:00 a.m. OLV Mass †Jerome Ringwelski

Friday, October 13

9:00 a.m. OLV Mass †Jack Jonas

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, October 14

2:00 p.m. OLV Wedding of Taya Sexton and Samuel Nelson

4:30 p.m. OLV Mass †

Sunday, October 15

8:30 a.m. SE Mass †Lawrence and Myrt Wedll

9:30 a.m. OLV Mass †Mark Rengel

10:30 a.m. SL Mass †

12:00 p.m. SL Misa en Español

OLV Adoration (unless otherwise noted above)

7:00—7:45 a.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday

12:30—5:00 p.m. Tuesday after Mass

7:00—8:45 a.m. Thursday

OLV Rosary (unless otherwise noted above)

8:30 a.m. Monday through Friday



Espero con ansias estas próximas semanas de más tiempo sabático, y luego volar de regreso a casa el 14 de noviembre.

Gracias a todos por sus oraciones... ustedes están en la mía cada día. ¡Dios los bendiga y guarden a todos y los veré en noviembre!

***Bendiciones y amor en Cristo,
Padre Alan***

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. For donations contact Phil S. 701-540-7513. 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

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS GUMMI BEARS

Catholic Daughters Gummi Bear Fundraiser for Habitat for Humanity will be held after the Masses this weekend. 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.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS WILL MEET October 12th in the Fellowship Hall at 5:30 pm. Jerry Fletcher from the Fergus Falls Food Bank will be our speaker. Members are asked to bring "Birthday Bags" for the Food Bank. All Catholic women 18 years and older are welcome to any meeting.

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

A list of raffle winners is available in the Gathering Space

OLV FAITH FORMATION ENROLLMENT

We are excited to report that we have 111 students enrolled in our programs! This includes Elementary grades 1-5 with First Reconciliation/First Communion; Middle School; High School; and Confirmation. Please pray that 2023-24 is a school year that brings each child and teen deeper into their love of Jesus and the Church. ~Deb Forstner, Faith Formation Facilitator

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!**

ST. ROBERT'S MISSION

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

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.

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AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

MINNESOTA CITIZENS CONCERNED FOR LIFE—SAVE THE 12,000

Be a voice for life in Minnesota. Come to learn how to engage, speak up, and make a difference for the vulnerable. Extreme state lawmakers have passed abortion-up-to-birth; more than 12,000 babies died from abortion last year alone. Join us Monday, October 9, 7 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1150 W. Cavour Ave., Fergus Falls.

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. For more information, contact Mayme Hofland at mayme@ffolvchurch.org or call 218-736-2429 extension 11.



STEWARDSHIP AS A WAY OF LIFE

“The stone that the builders rejected has become the corner stone...” - Matthew 21:42

Jesus was rejected by the religious and political leaders of his day, as well as ordinary citizens, but he was still obedient to God, the Father. Similarly, living a stewardship lifestyle may cause you to be “rejected” by others, but we, too are called to be obedient. Saying grace before a meal in a restaurant may attract some strange looks from some. But to others it is a sign that God is alive and well!

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Thank you to those who have already supported diocesan ministries through the Appeal. As of August 21, the diocese has raised \$1,252,711 in gifts and pledges toward the goal of \$1,400,000, with gifts from 7,005 households. **Every dollar raised goes directly to ministries that support our Catholic faith and is not used for any other purpose.** Will you help these ministries meet their funding needs? Visit www.stcdio.org/annualappeal.

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. 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. 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.

OUR LADY OF VICTORY

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

BANNS III

TAYA SEXTON AND SAMUEL NELSON

OLV MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT: TECHNOLOGY—AUDIO-VISUAL

This ministry coordinates with the Priest, the Music Ministry, and office staff to provide audio and video resources and support for parish Masses and special religious events. On-the-job training is provided. Time commitment is about 1.5 hours for each Mass or event. Contact Mark Case if you'd like to help out: OLVAVministry@gmail.com

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

School.....www.ffolvschool.org

St. Leonard . www.stleonardpr.org

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