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APRIL 27, 2025



2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)

Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!"
Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you
have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and
have believed." - Jn 20:28-29

Tomás le respondió: "¡Señor mío y Dios mío!" Jesús añadió:
"Tú crees porque me has visto; dichosos los que creen sin
haber visto". - Jn 20, 28-29

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POPE FRANCIS

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PASTORAL COLUMN

This Divine Mercy, Second Sunday of the Easter Season finds us still within the nine days of mourning the death of Pope Francis. We give thanks to God for his untiring service to the Church right to the very end, appearing in St. Peter's Square, greeting people from the pope-mobile after Easter Mass just hours before his death! Francis has been dubbed "the people's pope". Of the three last popes, Cardinal Timothy Dolan of New York once said that Pope John Paul II was the soul of the Church, Pope Benedict XVI the mind of the Church, and Pope Francis represented the heart of the Church. Francis had a heart of compassion and mercy especially for the marginalized in our society and Church. He had a "listening heart": through the recent synodal process he wanted all in the Church to become better listeners of one another and the Holy Spirit. To listen with the heart is something quite different than only with our ears, our heads! Pope Francis like his namesake Francis of Assisi had a great love of creation, calling the earth "our common home" which needs careful care and attention. Thanks to God for the wisdom, the love, the humor, the faith that Pope Francis (the "little man chosen by God from the ends of the earth"!) shared with us these last twelve plus years as pope.

Soon the conclave to elect a new pope begins. It's an exciting time in our Church as we join in prayer to the Holy Spirit that another man filled with wisdom and faith will be chosen from among and by the cardinals to lead "the Bark of Peter" forward in Christ. Come Holy Spirit!

Blessings to you all!

Fr. Alan

Este Segundo Domingo de Pascua, por la Divina Misericordia, nos encuentra aún en los nueve días de luto por la muerte del Papa Francisco. Damos gracias a Dios por su incansable servicio a la Iglesia hasta el final, apareciendo en la Plaza de San Pedro para saludar a la gente desde el papamóvil después de la Misa de Pascua, apenas horas antes de su muerte. Francisco ha sido apodado "el Papa del pueblo". De los tres últimos papas, el cardenal Timothy Dolan de Nueva York dijo una vez que el Papa Juan Pablo II era el alma de la Iglesia, el Papa Benedicto XVI la mente de la Iglesia y el Papa Francisco representaba el corazón de la Iglesia. Francisco tenía un corazón compasivo y misericordioso, especialmente con los marginados de nuestra sociedad y de nuestra Iglesia. Tenía un corazón atento... a través del reciente proceso sinodal, quiso que todos en la Iglesia se convirtieran en mejores oyentes unos de otros y del Espíritu Santo. ¡Escuchar con el corazón es algo muy diferente a solo con los oídos y la cabeza! El Papa Francisco, al igual que su homónimo, Francisco de Asís, tenía un gran

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Saturday, April 26

4:30 p.m. OLV Mass in Gym †Loretta Schmoltz

Sunday, April 27

8:30 a.m. SE Mass †Gary & Sharon Spies

8:30 a.m. OLV Mass in Gym †Mike Pettengill

10:30 a.m. OLV Mass in Gym †Fr. Stan Wieser

10:30 a.m. SL Mass All People of the ACC

12:00 p.m. SL Misa en Español †Teresita Leon

Monday, April 28

2:00 p.m. Glende Nelson—Funeral for Bernice Ballweber

Tuesday, April 29

12:05 p.m. SE Word and Communion

Wednesday, April 30

10:00 a.m. Pioneer Home Mass Migrants and Refugees

6:30 p.m. SL Word and Communion

Thursday, May 1

9:00 a.m. SE Mass †Zachary Wedll

Friday, May 2

9:00 a.m. OLV Mass in Gym †Holy Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, May 3

8:00 a.m. SE Mass †Richard Robertson

4:30 p.m. SE Mass †Agnes Mortell

Sunday, May 4

8:30 a.m. SE Mass †Fr. Stan Wieser

10:30 a.m. SE Mass †Eugene Balluff

10:30 a.m. SL Mass †Mike Pettengill

12:00 p.m. SL Misa en Español †Porfirio Salas Torrez

ADORATION

7:00–7:45 a.m. Monday through Friday at St. Elizabeth.

CONFESSION

3:30 p.m. Saturday at OLV in Fellowship Hall.

ROSARY

30 min. before every Mass at St. Elizabeth and OLV.

amor por la creación, llamando a la tierra "nuestra casa común", que necesita cuidados y atención. Gracias a Dios por la sabiduría, el amor, el humor y la fe que el Papa Francisco (¡el "hombrecito elegido por Dios desde los confines de la tierra"!) compartió con nosotros durante estos más de doce años como Papa. Pronto comienza el cónclave para elegir a un nuevo Papa. Es un momento emocionante en nuestra Iglesia, ya que nos unimos en oración al Espíritu Santo para que otro hombre lleno de sabiduría y fe sea elegido entre y por los cardenales para guiar "la Barca de Pedro" hacia adelante en Cristo. ¡Ven, Espíritu Santo!

¡Bendiciones a todos!

P. Alan

ST. ELIZABETH

OF HUNGARY

PRAYER REQUESTS

Alyssa and baby Max, Fr. Jeff, Jack Quackenbush (grandson of Darrell and Sandy Hanneman), Jennifer Kolstad, Charlotte Schmitz (granddaughter of Mary Marquardt), Marlys Holubok, Hudson Hendrickx, Kay Henkes, Jerry Schauff, Pat Baker, Kayla Pask, Barbara Hall (Kris Nordick mom) and Joan Tyler Kurtz, Jean Lehn, and Deacon Pete and his family, Tony Schauff, those that suffer from effects of drugs and alcohol, and those with cancer.

PORK OUT RAFFLE PRIZES

There is a sign-up sheet for Pork Out Prizes in the entrance of church. The Pork Out date is August 17, 2025.

FIRST COMMUNION

First Communion is on May 4 during the 8:30 Mass. Congratulations to: Billy Riestenberg, Joni Stockinger, Roxston Mahler.

SENIOR SUNDAY

Senior Sunday will be held on May 18.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY SERVICE

Please join us for the Divine Mercy Service on April 27, from 1 to 4 p.m. There will be Confession from 1 to 3 p.m. The Chaplet will be sung at 3 p.m. Reception following in Brenny Hall. We hope to see you there.

ST. LEONARD

OF PORT MAURITIUS

PRAYER REQUESTS

Dennis & Barb Aguilera, Julian Urbano, Austin Lee, Claudia Cruz, Laura Saavedra, Rosalva Martínez, Judy Marko, Joyce Valley, Rudy Butenas, Jerry Stokka, Tom Johnson, Tony Vigen, Denice Smischny, Jack Geske, Marilyn Jentz, Marilyn Gilbertson, Marilyn Schwartz, LeAnn Ishaug, Jim Marty, David Fix.

COFFEE AND ROLLS

Our next coffee and rolls social after Mass will be Sunday, May 4. Everyone welcome!

SPRING INTO SUMMER PRIZE RAFFLE

Help support the Knights of Columbus by buying raffle tickets from any Knights member or from the office. Tickets are \$10 each. The raffle drawing will be held on May 18 at noon.

CHILDREN'S DAY

On April 30, we will be celebrating children's day starting at 6 p.m. with Word and Communion, followed by food and activities for all families. Everyone is welcome!

OUR LADY OF VICTORY

PRAYER REQUESTS

Bob Welle, Fr. Jeff, Fr. Joe, Bob Forstner, Mary Earle, JoAnne Bellmore, those who died in Christ—especially Pope Francis.

TEMPORARY OLV OFFICE

The parish offices will be downtown in the Lincoln Center until the church offices are rebuilt. Please visit us at:
125 W Lincoln Ave, Suite 3, Fergus Falls, MN, 56537

OLV SPRING GALA – MAY 3

Mark your calendars for Our Lady of Victory's annual Spring Gala on Saturday, May 3! Join us for an evening of great food, fellowship, and fundraising in support of our school. The gala will feature exciting live and silent auctions, a delicious meal, and plenty of fun with our OLV community.

Tickets are \$50 per person or \$360 for a table of 8.

To purchase tickets, call the school office at (218) 736-6661. Scan the QR code for more information. We hope to see you there!



MARIAN PILGRIMAGE

You're invited to join us after Mass on April 27th, around 9:45, in the OLV Gymnasium, for a talk by Wayne Dirkman. He will share his experience with the Holy Sites of Wisconsin, which we will be visiting during our upcoming Marian Pilgrimage. Registrations are due by May 1. Come and listen to his experience and knowledge, as well as a great story about a relative with a direct link to the apparition, and you will also see a stain glass replica he made from the Marian Shrine Chapel.

BACCALAUREATE MASS

Baccalaureate Mass will be May 18 at 10:30 a.m. with light breakfast to follow. Seniors, please have your framed photos turned into Emily Stawarski or Alli Neulieb by May 11.

EASTER DECORATION THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who donated for the beautiful Easter flowers that will be used throughout the Easter season. Special thanks to Mary Loreno and Bev Miller for decorating our "church space" so beautifully for Holy Week and Easter.

MAY 3 AND 4 MASSES MOVED TO ST. ELIZABETH

All OLV Masses on May 3 and 4 will be moved to St. Elizabeth due to the Spring Gala at OLV.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS MEETING

The regular meeting of Catholic Daughters will be May 8 at 5:30 p.m. at OLV's temporary office. Parking is available at the back of the building. Please use the back entrance. All Catholic women 18 years of age and older are welcome to join any time. Contact Sharon Stevens 218-739-2381 or Bonnie Hein 218-739-3718.

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AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Please support our diocese's mission to be Christ's heart of mercy, voice of hope, and hands of justice through your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal. Every dollar raised goes directly to diocesan ministries like vocations and parish faith formation and is not used for any other purpose. Visit www.stcdio.org/annualappeal

ROADMAP TO REALITY MOVIE

In a world losing itself to screens, teenage mystic Carlo Acutis saw beyond the social media-addicted society we live in and offered an answer... if we're willing to listen. "Roadmap to Reality" will be showing from April 27 to 29 at West Acres Cinema in Fargo, ND. For more information, visit carloacutisfilm.com

RUBY'S PANTRY

Ruby's Pantry is a pop-up food shelf throughout the Midwest held on the first Monday of each month that supplies surplus food for a small fee. In Fergus Falls Ruby's Pantry is hosted by the Church of The Nazarene, "The Naz" at 1319 N. Cleveland Ave. starting at 5:30 p.m. and going until 7:30 p.m. Drop-ins are welcome, but registrations are recommended and appreciated by going to rubyspantry.org and signing up for a time slot. There are no restrictions about who can receive food. All are welcome. All that's required is a vehicle and laundry baskets or boxes to place the food in. The \$25 fee can be waived if it's a hardship. For more information please contact Carol at 218-770-2281. If you know someone who doesn't have a vehicle and would benefit from this supplemental food source please contact Mary Widiger with the OLV Social Concerns Committee at 218-770-2435. The next Ruby's Pantry is Monday, May 5.

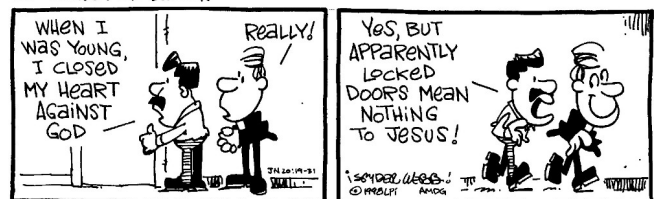
KOINONIA RETREAT

Is the bible your basic instruction before leaving earth? Central Minnesota Koinonia is a weekend Catholic retreat program sponsored by the St Cloud Diocese and is designed to help you on your faith journey. The next retreat is scheduled for May 16-18, 2025, at the TEC Center north of Little Falls, Minnesota. Cost of the weekend is \$70. Go to centralmnkoinonia.org for more information and to register for retreats.

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OLV Church _____ www.ffolvchurch.org
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"Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.'"
 (John 20:21)

Peace – the first gift of the risen Lord. Just as Jesus sent the apostles out into the world, so too, He sends us. As disciples of Jesus, we are called to be compassionate and merciful; and not with just those who are our friends, but also with our "enemies." Think of someone in your life who you need to reconcile with. Call them right now or better yet, go visit them.

Temporary OLV church office address:

Our Lady of Victory Church
 125 W Lincoln Ave, Suite 3,
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Our Lady of Victory



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Needed monthly.....	\$57,500.00
Needed to date.....	\$517,500.00
Collected in March 2025.....	\$61,493.30
Received to date.....	\$554,439.03
Surplus/Deficit.....	\$36,939.03

St. Leonard

Through March 2025	
Year-to-date revenues.....	\$132,919.75
Year-to-date expenses.....	\$141,465.14
Year-to-date gain/loss.....	(\$8,545.39)

St. Elizabeth

Needed monthly.....	\$5,416.67
Needed to date.....	\$48,749.99
Collected in March 2025.....	\$4,185.00
Received to date.....	\$53,430.30
Surplus/Deficit.....	\$4,680.31

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