



PELICAN VALLEY

Area Catholic Community

Dear parishioners,

July 25, 2026

In accordance with Bishop Patrick Neary and the All Things New planning process for the Diocese of Saint Cloud, the parishes of the Pelican Valley Area Catholic Community (Our Lady of Victory, St. Elizabeth, and St. Leonard) are merging to create one parish community. In doing so, we are in need of a name to identify our new parish community (Note: the names of each current church building will remain the same). Bishop Neary has requested that each new parish submit three (3) potential names—from which he will prayerfully select one.

Parish names should be motivated by real facts arising from the parishioners and the region in which they reside. Additionally, parishes should bear the name of a sacred person or mystery, a saint or blessed martyr, the Holy Trinity, Our Lord Jesus Christ (invoked under a mystery of his life or used in the Divine Liturgy), The Holy Spirit, the Blessed Virgin Mary (under a given title found in the Divine Liturgy), or the holy Angels. Not a geographical location, such as the Pelican Valley.

As an ACC Pastoral Council, we have decided on the following process as we progress:

- Parishioners will have an opportunity to provide parish name suggestions via online forum, in-pew suggestion cards, or by mail. (July 31, 2026 - August 9, 2026)
- The ACC Council will meet to compile a list of the suggested names, review and narrow the suggestions to ensure the above mentioned standards are met and there is a suitable format for voting. (August 13, 2026)
- Parishioners will have an opportunity to vote on their preferred parish name(s) (Tentatively August 28, 2026 - September 6, 2026)
- The ACC Council will meet to review and discern the top three names to present to Bishop Neary (Tentatively September 17, 2026)

Please stay alert for emails, inserts, or other correspondence as we continue to move forward.

For further information, please see our website (<https://www.ffolvchurch.org/all-things-new>), or the St. Cloud Diocese All Things New website (<https://stcdio.org/all-things-new/e of Saint Cloud>) or contact the Parish Office ([218-736-2429](tel:218-736-2429) or contact@ffolvchurch.org).

We look forward to your participation and thoughtful collaboration in this process,

Yours in Christ,

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Pelican Valley ACC Council; Chair

Fr. Alan Wielinski

Pelican Valley ACC Pastor

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