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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
VI DOMINGO DE TIEMPO ORDINARIO

February 16 de Febrero 2014



**MASS SCHEDULE ~ LA MISA**

Saturday 5:00 pm Shelby  
Sunday 9:30 am Hart  
Domingo 11:30 am Hart; Español

**RECONCILIATION**

Saturday 4:00 pm Shelby  
By appointment (231) 873-2660

**BAPTISM~ MARRIAGE~ANOINTING**

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**BREAD OF LIFE FOOD PANTRY** Wednesdays 3-5:00; 11 Washington St., Hart

**LITURGY ~ LITÚRGIA**  
**February 17-23 de Febrero**

**Tuesday/Martes**

9:00 am G Communion Service

**Thursday/Jueves**

5:15 pm G No Mass

**Friday/Viernes**

9:00 am F No Mass

**Saturday/Sabado**

5:00 pm F Willard Tate

**Sunday/Domingo**

9:30 am G Henry & Lillian Lehman

11:30 am G Familia Parroquiál



**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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**February 17-23 de Febrero**

<b>Mon/Lunes</b>	G	Prayer Group	8-9:00 am
	F	Quilt Club	10:00 am-3:00 pm
	F	Confirmation Class	6:30-8:00 pm
<b>Wed/Miércoles</b>	G	Food Pantry/Dispensa de Comida	3-5:00 pm
	G	1-5 Faith Formation	3:30-4:45 pm
	F	6-7 Faith Formation	6-7:30 pm
<b>Thurs/Jueves</b>	F	K-6 Religious Ed	6:15-7:45 pm
	G	Bible Study	7:00 pm
<b>Sat/Sábado</b>	F	Youth Retreat	10:00 am-7:00 pm



**ASH WEDNESDAY**  
 Mass and Distribution of Ashes  
**MIÉRCOLES DE CENIZA**  
 Misa y Cenizas  
**March 5 de Marzo**

10:00 am Mass: Medical Care Facility (All are welcome)  
 7:00 pm Mass: Our Lady of Fatima  
 7:00 pm Bi-lingual Mass: St. Gregory  
 Misa Bilingüe, Iglesia de San Gregorio



**PARISH YOUTH RETREAT:** Plan to attend the Youth Retreat on Saturday, Feb 22, 10 am – 7 pm at OLF. Bring your favorite snack, have fun and EXPERIENCE GOD! Includes Saturday Mass, so you can sleep in Sunday morning :) Call Mary

Lorenz at 861-2475 to register or for more information.

**CONFIRMATION:** Class meets Monday, Feb 17, 6:30-8:00 pm. Please remember in prayer our 26 students who are preparing to receive the sacrament, and those working with them, teaching and sharing faith.

**QUILT CLUB:** Join us on Monday, Feb 17 between 10 & 3:00 at OLF to help sew quilts for those in need, and enjoy a potluck lunch. Info: 873-2675.

**PARISH LIBRARIES:** You are invited to check out books at either parish. Start with signing them out for two weeks, and feel free to recheck them out if you need them longer. New books added.



**BREAD OF LIFE FOOD PANTRY:** During this long and bitter-cold winter, many people do not have enough money for both heating fuel and food. Your help and generosity are needed and appreciated. Non-perishable food donations may be left at either church at any time, or dropped off at the pantry at 11 Washington on Wednesdays, 3-5:00 pm. Perishables may be taken directly to the pantry. Particularly needed are peanut butter, tuna, chili/stew, canned meat, and spaghetti sauce. THANKS for your support!

**SPAGHETTI DINNER:** Friday, Feb 21, 5-7:00 pm at Shelby United Methodist Church. Pay at the door. Everyone is welcome!

**DAY OF PRAYER:** Practicing Centering Prayer, with Fr. Thomas Keating. Saturday, March 22, 9-3:00 pm at Dominican Center, Marywood; includes lunch. To register call 616-454-1241.

**SCOUT RECOGNITION MASS:** Sunday, Feb 23, 10:00 at Cathedral of St. Andrew, with Bishop Walkowiak. Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, leaders and families are invited. Reception following Mass. Contact 616-866-2767 or scottharvey@prodigy.net for more information.

**SACRED RELICS EXHIBIT:** Don't miss the chance to see over 150 relics of saints and our Lord's passion. Holy Family, Caledonia, Feb 22-26. 616-891-9259 or www.holyfamilycaledonia.org for info.

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE/MINISTERIOS de la MISA**  
**February 22-23 de Febrero**

**Ministers of the Word/Lectura**

5:00 pm Paul Inglis  
 9:30 am Jim Cunningham  
 11:30 am Eduardo Méndez

**Ministers of the Eucharist/Comunión**

5:00 pm P Pochyla, T Kersjes, P Kersjes  
 9:30 am A Cunningham, M Walsworth, B Birkman  
 11:30 am A Tudon, L Ybarra, H Madrigal

**Altar Servers/Acolitos**

5:00 pm J Kersjes, S Knapp  
 9:30 am D Dold, W Dold  
 11:30 am E Cruz, A Martinez

**Ministers of Hospitality/Bienvenida**

9:30 am Harold & Louise Schaner  
 11:30 am Deo y Estela Kraus

**Ushers/Colecta y Ofrendas**

5:00 pm S Fell, D Lound, R Mather, B Mayo  
 9:30 am Wiegand, Aerts, Schaner, VanderZanden  
 11:30 am Gerardo Morales y Familia

**TITHES & OFFERINGS**

**February 8-9 de Febrero**

Envelopes \$1,630.00  
 Loose 862.00  
 Total \$2,492.00  
 10% Tithe \$249.20



Carmen Garcia, David Adameczyk, Connie Navarro, Rachel Ybarra, Maria Lozano, Sharon VanderKooi, Melissa Galindo, Cathy Thocher Evans, Angie Setlak, Bernice Biggs, Heather Swiech, Ray Hanslits, Mara Barco, Michelle Stovall, Bill Baranski, Jane Cooper, Alberto Contreras, Mero Davila, Oralia Davila, Alice Battice, Joe Merrill, Elba Ibarra, Haley Gale, Marshall Jorissen, Barbara Foster, Julie Quinn, Gene Schaner, Bernadette Eckerle, Allen Aerts, Ed Lathrop, Jim Johnson, Frank Fila, Juanita McCann, Lindsey Blamer, Ken Church, Paul Setlak, Armando Járquin, Olga Cantu, Jerry Dennert, Tom Greiner, Tim Beyer, Lorie Foster, Guadalupe Hernandez, Fr. Phil Witkowski



**TENTH COMMANDMENT:  
YOU SHALL NOT COVET  
WHAT BELONGS TO OTHERS**

To envy what others have seems almost natural. It was already present in the story of Cain and Abel. Cain envies Abel's position, the attention he seems to receive from God.

Envy is aversion and anger over the wellbeing others enjoy. It is born from a heart that is ungrateful for the things one has. Envy decreases when you believe in God's providence and strive to rejoice in the good of others, as coming from God. Envy harms the soul; it is like a poison that corrodes. "just like rust corrodes iron, envy corrodes the soul who suffers from it," said Basil the Great.

Overcoming this feeling brings health. To overcome envy consists, in large part, to recognize one's own grace, the gifts that have been received. To be grateful for such gifts, as coming from God, and rejoice in the gifts of others is to recognize God's work and give him the glory for it.

We continuously see signs of envy around us: greed, the avarice of those who have led to the global economic crisis. We see it in the corruption of numerous politicians in many countries. It is also seen in the desire of competing with others, of wanting to be first; and in the television commercials that encourage people to have more, to be better than your neighbors, and to possess more. But we also see it within ourselves in the tendency toward sadness when we are not recognized as we think we deserve, or that we don't have what others have...and not just materially, but in the qualities, talents, and personality traits.

We often experience a void in the soul. That void is a desire for happiness that can only be attained by looking for someone who can fill it: Christ himself.

The final and greatest desire of people can only be God. To contemplate him is endless happiness. Only God can fill all the desires of the heart. Only God gives full life and complete happiness. "The infinite abyss in man," says Blaise Pascal, "can only be filled by an infinite and immutable object, that is, God himself."

*I was shocked, confused, bewildered -  
As I entered Heaven's door,*

*Not by the beauty of it all,  
Nor the lights or its decor.*

*But it was the folks in Heaven  
Who made me sputter and gasp--*

*The thieves, the liars, the sinners,  
The alcoholics and the trash.*

*There stood the kid from seventh grade, who swiped my lunch money twice.  
Next to him was my old neighbor, who never said anything nice.*

*Bob, who I always thought was rotting away in hell,  
Was sitting pretty on cloud nine, looking incredibly well.*

*I nudged Jesus, 'What's the deal? I would love to hear Your take.  
How'd all these sinners get up here? God must've made a mistake.'*

*'And why is everyone so quiet, so somber - give me a clue.'  
'Hush, child,' He said, 'They're all in shock. No one thought they'd be seeing you.'*



**DÉCIMO MANDAMIENTO:  
NO CODICIARÁS LOS BIENES AJENOS**

Sentir envidia de lo que tienen los demás parece algo casi natural. Está ya presente en la historia de Caín y Abel. Caín envidia la posición de Abel, la atención que parece recibir de Dios. La envidia es un disgusto y enfado ante el bienestar de otros. Nace de un corazón poco agradecido por lo que se tiene. La envidia decrece cuando se cree en la providencia de Dios y uno se esfuerza por alegrarse en el bien de otros, como proveniente de Dios. La envidia hace mal al alma. Es como un veneno que corroe. Lo dice Basilio el Magno: "Así como el óxido corroe el hierro, así corroe la envidia el alma que la padece".

El superar ese sentimiento trae salud al alma. El superar la envidia consiste, en gran parte, en reconocer la propia gracia, los dones que se han recibido. Agradecer tales dones, como venidos de Dios, y alegrarse de los dones de los demás es reconocer la obra de Dios y darle gloria por ella.

Continuamente vemos señales de envidia a nuestro alrededor: la codicia, la avaricia de quienes han conducido a la crisis económica mundial. Lo vemos en la corrupción de muchos políticos en muchos países. Se ve también en el afán de competir con otros, de ser los primeros; y en los comerciales de televisión que animan a las personas a tener más, a ser más que los vecinos, a poseer y poseer. Pero también lo vemos dentro de nosotros mismos, en la tendencia a la tristeza cuando no se nos reconoce como pensamos que se debería o en que no tenemos lo que tienen los demás...y no sólo materialmente, sino en cualidades, talentos, características de la personalidad.

Muchas veces experimentamos un vacío en el alma. Ese vacío es un deseo de felicidad que sólo puede alcanzar buscando a quien puede llenar el vacío: Cristo mismo.

El deseo último y mayor de las personas sólo puede ser Dios. Contemplantarle a Él es la felicidad sin fin. Sólo Dios puede llenar todos los deseos del corazón. Sólo Dios da plena vida y plena felicidad. "El abismo infinito en el hombre," dice Blaise Pascal, "sólo puede ser llenado por un objeto infinito e inmutable, es decir, por Dios mismo".

*Para la reflexión:*

¿En qué momentos he sentido tristeza por el bien de alguna otra persona, pensando que yo no tenía lo mismo?  
¿Soy capaz de alegrarme del bien de otros? ¿Puedo superar mi envidia con agradecimiento por las grandes obras de Dios?



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