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 PARROQUIA DE SAN GREGORIO

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 XXII DOMINGO TIEMPO ORDINARIO

September 1 ~ 1 de Septiembre 2013



MASS SCHEDULE ~ LA MISA

Saturday 5:00 pm St. Gregory
 Sunday 9:00 am St. Gregory
 11:00 am OLF
 Domingo 11:30 am San Gregorio

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:00 pm St. Gregory
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LITURGY ~ LITURGIA
September 2-8 de Septiembre

Tuesday/Martes

9:00 am G Lucy Vasquez

Thursday/Jueves

5:15 pm G Willard Tate

Friday/Viernes

9:00 am F Mass

Saturday/Sabado

5:00 pm G Virginia Sellman

Sunday/Domingo

9:00 am G Marie Hipley

11:00 am F Joseph & Alice Eilers Family

11:30 am G Familia Parroquiál



BIBLE STUDY: Begins Thursday, September 5, 7:00 pm at St. Gregory's. Continuing our series on The Four Gospels, parts of the Gospel of John will be discussed. For more information contact Sharon Hedinger, 873-4253.

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS: September 7, 10:00 am at St. Gregory. All are welcome.

SEPTEMBER POTLUCK: Saturday, September 14 after the 5:00 pm Mass at Our Lady of Fatima. This month we'll be having a Mexican theme. Everyone is welcomed and encouraged to bring their favorite Mexican recipes and join us for fun, food and fellowship—as we celebrate Mexican Independence Day. This will be a true potluck, so all courses/types of food are welcome: entrees, salads, pastas, desserts, etc. (No main entrée provided).



FOOD PANTRY: Special requests this month include: Canned meat, tuna, stew, spaghetti sauce and peanut butter. Donations may be left at the pantry on Wednesdays 3-5:00 or at either parish at any time. THANKS for your support!

CONFIRMATION REGISTRATIONS: Students in grades 7 and 8 who wish to participate in Confirmation preparation: Mark your calendar for September 15 registration and watch next week's bulletin for details.

COMMUNITY RESOURCES:

- OCEANA HISPANIC CENTER offers Spanish classes and cultural training, in addition to referral & language support and life skills & leadership training. For more information, call 873-5900 or visit www.oceanahispaniccenter.org.
- OUR FRIEND'S HOUSE offers quality adult day care in Hart, for Oceana County. 873-4488 or www.oceanacountycouncilonaging.com for details.
- LOVE INC CLEARINGHOUSE hours are Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, 10:30-2:00. Requests for assistance are taken by phone: 231-861-4880.
- BREAD OF LIFE FOOD PANTRY is open Wednesdays, 3-5:00 pm, located at 11 Washington, Hart.
- ST. GREGORY OUTREACH BUILDING at 11 Washington, Hart houses non-profit organizations working to serve Oceana County. For information, contact the parish office at 873-2660.
- CATHOLIC CHARITIES WEST MICHIGAN Behavioral Health Program helps spirited children transition back to the classroom. 1-877-359-6523 for information.

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE: Family life well lived confirms the words of Jesus in today's gospel, "Those who humble themselves will be exalted." Commitment, intimacy, loyalty and love are the rewards of humble service and care for one another.

JOB OPENINGS:

- ◆ *Director, Office of Hispanic Ministry (DOGR):* Full-time position with fluency in Spanish and English required. For a more detailed description visit www.dioceseofgrandrapids.org.
- ◆ *Dietary Supervisor (Dominican Sisters of GR):* Full-time position assists the manager in daily operations of the department. Visit Affiliated Ministries & Organizations at www.dioceseofgrandrapids.org.

FALL/WINTER MASS SCHEDULE

Effective September 14/15

Saturday/Sábado:

5:00 pm Our Lady of Fatima

Sunday/Domingo:

9:30 am St. Gregory

11:30 am St. Gregory—Spanish



MINISTRY SCHEDULE/MINISTERIOS de la MISA
September 7-8 de Septiembre

Ministers of the Word/Lectura

5:00 pm Jim Cunningham
 9:00 am Georgia Dennison
 11:00 am Sheri Graham
 11:30 am Rosalba Briones

Ministers of the Eucharist/Comunión

5:00 pm A Cunningham, A Bosse, B Stiphany
 9:00 am B Birkman, G Merten, J Merten
 11:00 am N Warmuskerken, P Earthart, P Poynter
 11:30 am A Tudon, A Méndez, H Madrigal

Altar Servers/Acolitos

5:00 pm D Dold, E Smith
 9:00 am J Wittman, J Vanderstelt
 11:00 am K Inglis, M Inglis
 11:30 am E Cruz, A Briones

Ministers of Hospitality/Bienvenida

5:00 pm C Vanderstelt Family
 9:00 am C Aerts, L VanZoeren
 11:30 am Region Ovalle y Familia

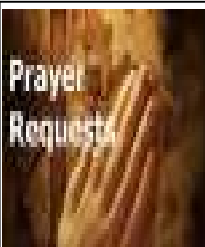
Ushers/Colecta y Ofrendas

5:00 pm Bosse, Steen, Wiegand, Aerts
 9:00 am Schaner, VanderZanden, Dennert, Schaner
 11:00 am Revilla, Wade, Zaverl, Kludy
 11:30 am Jose Rodriguez y Familia



CONTRIBUTIONS - DONACIONES
August 24-25 de Agosto

Our Lady of Fatima		St. Gregory	
Envelopes	\$1,655.00	Envelopes	\$1,647.00
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REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Helen Lorenz, 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, Michelle Stovall, Bill Baranski, Tom Beaudoin, Ken Farquhar, Alberto Contreras, Mara Barco, Mero Davila, Oralia Davila, Jane Cooper, Alice Battice, Joe Merrill, Elba Ibarra, Mark Kessler, Mike Dold, Marshall Jorissen, Haley Gale, Agnes Kokx



Serving as God asks and being prepared to do so go hand in hand. How can we take on what we're given by God to do if we're not thoroughly ready to do so? Case in point. Our new bishop, David

Walkowiak, most recently served six years as pastor of a large Diocese of Cleveland parish. Although his first pastoral work, I believe six years is significant experience. His mostly academic background, with much exposure to tribunal activity as well, may not apply to the common parishioner but does indicate expertise in important functions of the Church. People like the man, and although I've yet to meet him in other than brief exchanges, his reputation goes before him; he's prepared.

But the question is not whether he's prepared for our diocese; rather, whether we're prepared for the work to which God calls us.

Our work as Catholics in Oceana County includes Hispanic ministry. In 1994, after pastoring Scottville and Free Soil, I went to St. Andrew's Cathedral and served a nine year term there as Rector. I was sent there, at least in part, because Bishop Rose wanted the Mass in Spanish moved from a small, broken down capilla (chapel) into the Cathedral building, and the Hispanic Community merged with the Cathedral Parish. Attendance at the Mass in Spanish went from 125 people a Sunday to 1,000 within two years. In Oceana county the Catholic future relies in large part on Hispanics. All one need do is look at the percentage of Hispanics in Shelby and Hart elementaries to see this. We must continue to prepare ourselves and continue undertaking this ministry.

The "Our Faith, Our Future" document for Oceana County Catholics states: Honoring and celebrating our ethnic and cultural differences is to realize that Catholic unity is a gift of the Holy Spirit. We must promote knowledge, mutual acceptance and collaboration among the ethnic, cultural and linguistic groups that form the faith community.

◆ The increase in cultural, ethnic and linguistic diversity is changing the face of our communities of faith. This diversity enriches the communities in marvelous ways but it can also create tension. To strike a balance between the needs and aspirations of groups that are so diverse is no easy task. Adequate scheduling of Masses in different languages, representation on the Pastoral Council, equal access to parish facilities, and contributions and use of economic resources are some of the areas of potential tension within the faith community. In the social arena, prejudice and poverty are sources of great preoccupation. To know the culture and to be aware of the aspirations and challenges faced by the different members of the community creates opportunities for understanding and mutual acceptance. Open dialogue lessens tension, overcomes fear and helps to build a strong and united community. We are called to form a single Church, nourished by the same Spirit (*Tertio Millennio Adveniente, no. 34*).

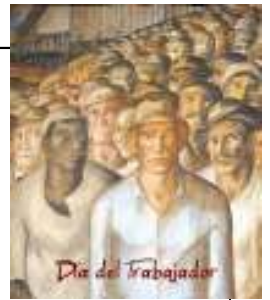
◆ All Christian life is a journey to the house of the Father, a house for everyone (Is 56:5-8). We must renew the sense of hospitality and welcome in our faith communities.

◆ Discover ways in which we as Catholic communities, from our diversity, can be one church. We must strengthen the commitment to solidarity and social justice in favor of the most vulnerable among us.

On this Labor Day weekend, I share with you a Christian work theology that's about the role of work in life: Work is intrinsically valuable because it gives humanity the power to transform self, society and nature. Labor is necessary for survival, an agent of change and an equalizer of classes and sexes. It is utilitarian. It allows us to optimistically anticipate a better future. It fosters individual effort, yet binds community and forms the basis for social justice. Work, in short, is what we do to attain happiness. Without work we have no power, no equalizer, no social justice, no change, no survival. The Second Vatican Council stated that "when people work they not only alters things and society, they develops themselves as well."

Have a Happy and Safe Labor Day,
Fr. Tom

En su encíclica sobre el trabajo, *Laborem Exercens* (Sobre el trabajo humano), el Papa Juan Pablo II afirmó que los trabajadores tienen el derecho de asociación, en otras palabras, a formar sindicatos "con el propósito de defender los intereses vitales de los trabajadores en las distintas profesiones. "Y él no limitó el derecho de organizarse a los trabajadores industriales, pero también reconoció el derecho de los trabajadores agrícolas y empleados a organizarse. Los sindicatos, el Papa dijo, son "el portavoz de la lucha por la justicia social."



Pero los miembros de los sindicatos no deben verse a sí mismo luchando para derrotar a un enemigo, sino luchar "para construir una comunidad." Los sindicatos deben ser para un bien mayor. "Si en las situaciones controversiales de la lucha se adquiere un carácter de oposición a los demás", escribió el Papa Juan Pablo II, "esto se debe a que tiene como objetivo el bien de la justicia social, no por el bien de la "lucha "o con el fin de eliminar al oponente." Aunque, sin duda, un amigo de los trabajadores y los sindicatos, el Papa Juan Pablo II se opuso a la confrontación "nosotros contra ellos" enfoque de las relaciones obrero-patronales, así como él se opuso a la idea de que los sindicatos trataran de expresar todo lo posible de la gestión, y aliarse con un partido político con el fin de aumentar su propio poder e influencia.

En su lugar, hizo un llamado a los trabajadores, gerentes y propietarios para construir una comunidad en la que se respete la dignidad de cada individuo y donde el derecho de cada uno es protegido.

El Papa Benedicto XVI ha extendido esta enseñanza en su encíclica del 2009 "Caritas in veritate" (Amor en la Verdad). Hizo un llamado para "una solidificación del trabajo decente" eso "permite a los trabajadores a organizarse y hacer oír su voz." El Papa recuerda a los católicos y a todas las personas de buena voluntad del apoyo constante y el aliento de la iglesia hacia los sindicatos, y le pide a los propios sindicatos "que estén abiertos a las nuevas perspectivas que están surgiendo en el mundo del trabajo." Los sindicatos deberían ser especialmente susceptibles a las preocupaciones de los desempleados en el país, a los migrantes y los trabajadores en los países en vía de desarrollo. La sociedad civil, afirma el Papa, es el foro adecuado para los sindicatos en la defensa de los intereses de los trabajadores, en particular "los trabajadores explotados y no representados."

En todo el país, los recién elegidos gobernadores republicanos y legisladores, y algunos demócratas también, han estado en guerra contra el último apoyo de los sindicatos, los sindicatos de empleados públicos, atacando sus derechos para reclutar miembros y de negociación colectiva.

Mientras que las nuevas circunstancias hacen necesario nuevos pactos entre el gobierno en todos los niveles y los trabajadores, los sindicatos deben tener una voz activa en la formación de las nuevas disposiciones para que los derechos de los trabajadores se hagan realidad.

Paz, Padre Tomás

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