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SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
VII DOMINGO DE TIEMPO ORDINARIO

February 23 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

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

LITURGY ~ LITÚRGIA
February 24-March 2 ~ 24 de Febrero-2 de Marzo

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	Thelma Hook
Sunday/Domingo	9:30 am G	Richard Patton
	11:30 am G	Familia Parroquiál



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

MINISTRY SCHEDULE/MINISTERIOS de la MISA
March 1-2 de Marzo

Ministers of the Word/Lectura	
5:00 pm	Kathy Lound
9:30 am	Jack Wittman
11:30 am	Olga Guzmán
Ministers of the Eucharist/Comunión	
5:00 pm	R Pochyla, T Kersjes, P Kersjes
9:30 am	G Merten, J Merten, L VanZoeren
11:30 am	A Contreras, E DeBlas, H Madrigal
Altar Servers/Acólitos	
5:00 pm	S Knapp, B Cerquist
9:30 am	E Smith, J Vanderstelt
11:30 am	A Briones, O DeBlas
Ministers of Hospitality/Bienvenida	
9:30 am	C Vanderstelt
11:30 am	Agustin Tudon y Familia
Ushers/Colecta y Ofrendas	
5:00 pm	A Revilla, J Wade, D Zaverl, K Kludy
9:30 am	J Dennert, J Schaner, R Ulmstead, T Bosse
11:30 am	Lourdes Rivera y Familia

TITHES & OFFERINGS

February 15-16 de Febrero

Envelopes	\$2,000.00
Loose	878.50
Total	\$2,878.50
10% Tithe	\$287.85

Thank you for your generosity and support of your parish family!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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Mon/Lunes	G	Prayer Group	8-9:00 am
	F	Confirmation Class	6:30-8:00 pm
Wed/Miércoles		Food Pantry/Dispensa de Comida	3-5:00 pm
	G	1-5 Faith Formation	3:30-4:45 pm
	G	6-7 Faith Formation	6-7:30 pm
	F	K-6 Religious Ed	6:15-7:45 pm
Thurs/Jueves	G	Bible Study	7:00 pm
Sat/Sábado	G	First Saturday Devotions	10:00 am
	G	Hispanic Ministry	10:00 am-12:00 pm
		Ministro Hispano	
Sun/Domingo	G	Monthly Coffee Hour	10:30 am
	F	No Youth Group	

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS: March 1, 10:00 am at St. Gregory in the conference room.



COFFEE & DONUTS: Please join your fellow parishioners for coffee and donuts on Sunday, March 2, 10:30 am at St. Gregory. Everyone is welcome to enjoy good conversation and sweet treats!

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS: Would you like to help host a monthly coffee hour? We are looking for hosts for April and May. If you are interested please call Linda at 873-3071.

REMEMBERING A LOVED ONE: If you would like to have Mass offered for a deceased or living loved one(s), contact the parish office at 873-2660. Or simply provide the following information via a separate envelope in the Sunday collection: Name of loved one (note whether living or deceased), your name, your phone number, and preference for Saturday, Sunday or weekday and which parish. Usual stipend is \$10.



BREAD OF LIFE FOOD PANTRY: Thanks for reaching out to our neighbors during this long and bitter-cold winter when the need is great. 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.

CREATE, PRAY, HEAL: This bi-lingual workshop will deepen your overall growth as a spiritual being through prayer, reflection and art. Saturday, March 15, 9:00 am-12:00 pm, Dominican Center at Marywood, 2025 Fulton St. East, Grand Rapids. For more information or to register call 616-514-3325 or go to: <http://dominicancenter.com/programs>.

RETREAT FOR SINGLES: Mid-life singles are invited to attend a life-changing REFLECT weekend retreat at St. Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt, MI, March 21-23. Call 989-450-0993 or visit www.ReflectRetreat.com for more information.

LENTEN FISH FRY: Join us on Feb. 28 at St. Catherine Church, 3381 Thomas St., Ravenna, 5-8:00 pm for our first fish fry of the season.

FAMILY PERSPECTIVES: Giving the shirt off your back, turning the other cheek or walking/driving the extra mile is normal stuff in families. We do that for one another. Today's gospel reminds us all people, even those we don't like, are our brothers and sisters. Our family at home prepares us to be FAMILY to others.



Carmen Garcia, David Adamczyk, 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 Járcuin, Olga Cantu, Jerry Dennert, Tom Greiner, Tim Beyer, Lori Foster, Guadalupe Hernandez, Fr. Phil Witkowski, Catherine Lound



Thank you for your faithfulness to your parish and our Catholic Church. Although enjoying the warmth and sunshine, I am eager and looking forward to joining you next weekend. Thanks also for your recent welcoming of Fr. Julian Reginato. I know he also appreciates you.

Just a heads-up about Lenten lunches, so you can get them on your calendar. They are Thursdays, 11:30-1:00 at St. Gregory, beginning March 13 and ending on April 3. In addition to simply delicious home-made soup and breads, they feature a noontime talk by local Protestant pastors, with questions or comments welcomed. These are wonderful opportunities to grow more informed about Protestant churches, what they believe and who their clergy are, and to grow more close to our Lord during your Lenten journey. It's a popular and enjoyable Lenten offering. You never know what will come up: recognition of shared beliefs, new ideas, appreciation of our own rituals and practices.

As was done last year, due to Religious Education programming and popular demand, Ash Wednesday Masses with distribution of ashes will be at both Our Lady of Fatima and St. Gregory on March 5th at 7:00 pm. Fr. Tom Schiller will preside at one and I at the other. Usually we try bringing people together by offering one Mass at one or the other church, such as on holy days. But even though Ash Wednesday is not a holy day, attendance is too big for seating everyone in one church. For those who prefer morning, as was done last year, a 10:00 am Mass will be at the Medical Care Facility Chapel in Hart. All are welcome to attend.

Today's Gospel continues Jesus' Sermon on the Mount; the goal of reconciliation and redemption. Martin Luther King, Jr. would take this principle and use it to revolutionize America. King used to say, "No man can pull me down so low as to make me hate him." The real goal, said King, was not to defeat the white man, but to awaken a sense of shame within the oppressor and to challenge his false sense of superiority. "The goal is reconciliation, redemption, the creation of the beloved community." The words of Jesus in the sermon on the mount which Martin Luther King paraphrased, are totally out of step with our present world because our world believes in retaliation. Two thirds of Christians believe in capital punishment because they think we can stop the killing by killing the killers. That's retaliation.

We're closing in on the beginning of Lent and the Sermon on the Mount is leading us there, these four Sundays before Ash Wednesday. Take to heart Christ's directives: Let your light shine before others; embrace the righteousness that excludes anger and embraces reconciliation, treasure the sanctity of marriage and reject adultery; turn the other cheek, give generously, and pray for your enemies; choose to serve God over wealth and put your trust in God.

See you next weekend.

Peace, Fr. Tom

INMIGRACIÓN: ¿POR QUÉ SALE LA GENTE?

La Ley de seguridad de fronteras, oportunidad económica y modernización del sistema migratorio fue aprobada en el Senado el pasado junio y se enfrenta ahora a la Cámara de representantes. Ésta incluye un proceso de legalización para 11 millones de inmigrantes indocumentados, mayor seguridad tanto en la frontera como en el interior y un programa reformado de trabajadores invitados tanto para trabajos de alta como de baja cualificación.

Desgraciadamente, las soluciones legislativas que se proponen pasan por uno de los aspectos más importantes del sistema de inmigración de Estados Unidos—las dificultades económicas en los países de origen de los inmigrantes que los empujan a buscar trabajo en este país—. Las inmigración sin autorización. Una encuesta nacional en mayo descubrió que 78% de los inmigrantes sin autorización vinieron a Estados Unidos, bien “por mejores trabajos y oportunidades económicas” o “para crear una vida mejor para su familia”; y aunque algunos inmigrantes han logrado esas metas, muchos todavía se enfrentan a una pobreza paralizante en esta nación. De hecho, el Departamento de Agricultura de Estados Unidos averiguó que 24.9% de los hispanos no tenían seguridad alimentaria en 2012, lo cual quiere decir que a menudo no sabían de dónde llegaría la siguiente comida.

Como más del 70% de los inmigrantes sin autorización en Estados Unidos vienen de México y Centroamérica, sería lógico empezar a integrar la inmigración a Estados Unidos y las políticas de desarrollo de la región.

En la actualidad, la ayuda de Estados Unidos a México pasa por alto los tipos de desarrollo económico que podrían crear alternativas a la inmigración sin autorización. Aunque México es la fuente de alrededor de 60% de tal inmigración, solamente un mínimo porcentaje de ayuda de Estados Unidos a México se dirige al desarrollo; y, mientras existen programas de ayuda al desarrollo por todo Centroamérica, ninguno de ellos registra o mide su impacto sobre la inmigración.

Luego, cuando esos inmigrantes se instalan en Estados Unidos, a menudo se enfrentan a la pobreza y la inseguridad alimentaria, a pesar de tener trabajos y de contribuir a la sociedad estadounidense. Esto fuerza a muchos a acudir a los programas federales buscando ayuda; sin embargo, es importante darse cuenta de que muchos inmigrantes no pueden beneficiarse de esos programas federales, lo que deja hambrienta a una gran proporción de nuestra población inmigrante.

Las personas que trabajan en políticas de desarrollo e inmigración deberían trabajar juntas más eficazmente para lograr sus metas principales, que son reducir la pobreza en el extranjero y reducir la inmigración sin autorización. Desgraciadamente, la consciencia entre líderes y analistas no se ha traducido en cambios prácticos de política.

La reforma migratoria debería además intentar reducir la inseguridad alimentaria entre los inmigrantes, proporcionándoles algún tipo de seguridad de empleo. Durante un foro reciente en Iowa, el Secretario de Agricultura Tom Vissack dijo: “La agricultura depende en gran medida del trabajo de los inmigrantes”. Es importante que las personas que recogen la cosecha en Estados Unidos puedan poner comida en sus propias mesas y no sólo en las de los ciudadanos.



TALLER DE MUSICA: El Sábado 1 de Marzo de 10:00 a 12:00 pm aquí en St. Gregory. El tema es: ¿Cómo mejorar mi habilidad para cantar? Este taller puede ayudar a los integrantes del coro, a los aspirantes a cantar en el coro y a las catequistas para usar los cantos como recurso en sus clases. Si usted gusta asistir puede inscribirse con Sister Guadalupe antes del día 28 de Abril.

CREAR, ORAR, SANAR: El objetivo de este taller es el de profundizar en nuestro crecimiento como seres espirituales. Vamos a experimentar el poder sanador de Dios en nuestras vidas, de manera individual y grupal, a través de la oración, la reflexión y la práctica artística. Vamos a bailar, pintar, escribir, cantar, orar y reflexionar. **FECHA:** 15 de marzo 2014, **TIEMPO:** 9am-12pm, a Dominican Center, Marywood en Grand Rapids. Para mas información y registración: 616-514-3325 o <http://dominicancenter.com/programs>.

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