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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
XVI DOMINGO DE TIEMPO ORDINARIO

July 17 de Julio, 2016



#### SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE ~ LA MISA

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

#### RECONCILIATION

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

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**LITURGY ~ LITURGIA**  
**July 18-24 de Julio**

**Tues/Martes**

9:00 am St G NO Mass  
 11:00 am StG Memorial Mass  
 for Matt Costigan

**Thurs/Jueves:**

5:15 pm StG Mass

**Fri/Viernes:**

9:00 am OLF Mass

**Saturday/Sabado**

5:00 pm StG Margie Mahynski

**Sunday/ Domingo**

9:00 am StG Bette Roche  
 11:00 am OLF Wayne Richard Wells  
 11:30 am StG Familia Parroquial



★ **THIS WEEK** ★

**PRAYER GROUP:** Mon, July 18, 8-9:00 am at 206 S Peach, Hart.

**QUILT CLUB:** Mon, July 18, 10:00 am with noon potluck, at OLF. Help make quilts for those in need. Call Mort Wiegand at 873-2675 for more info.

**FOOD PANTRY:** Wed, July 20, 3-4:45, 11 Washington, Hart.

**ESL TEACHERS NEEDED:** Are you able to teach English as a Second Language (ESL)? Your services are needed, and it's perfectly alright if you don't speak a work of Spanish. If interested, please call the parish office this week at 873-2660.

**WALKING PRAYER:** An evening of walking meditation and prayer with Jan Lundy. Wed, July 20, 6:30-8:45pm at Dominican Center, Marywood, GR. <https://dominicancenter.com/events/>

**PURRRFECT HOME NEEDED:** We are two nice plump elderly cats. We are having a hard time finding a new home because we are old. Our owner has to move and the new landlord will not allow her to keep us. My owner has checked out all the shelters from Shelby to Zealand and they cannot take us because of our age. My owner is willing to pay for food and necessary medical bills for us until we pass away naturally and go to kitty heaven. Thank you for your consideration. Please call Valerie at 904-525-1765 if you have a home that needs two loving cats.

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE ~ MINISTERIOS DE LA MISA**  
**July 23/24 de Julio**

**Ministers of the Word/Lectura**

5:00 pm Karen Arends  
 9:00 am Jack Wittman  
 11:00 am Paul Inglis  
 11:30 am Reyna Ramirez

**Ministers of the Eucharist:**

5:00 pm H Schouten, M Mahynski, V Griffin  
 9:00 am R Dold, W Dold, R Ulmstead  
 11:00 am D Carrier, G Markiewicz, M Sanford  
 11:30 am A Mendez, P Morales, L Ybarra

**Altar Servers/Acolitos**

11:30 am Isabel Bernal, Alicia Escoto

**Ministers of Hospitality/Bienvenida**

5:00 pm H Schaner, L Schaner  
 9:00 am Vanderstelt Family  
 11:30 am Thomas y Elizabeth Lerchen

**Ushers/Colecta y Ofrendas**

5:00 pm C Wiegand, C Aerts, D Schaner, A Bosse  
 9:00 am J Schaner, J Lamie, R Ulmstead, B Steen  
 11:30 am Ana Perez y Familia

**July 10 de Julio**

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Current political and social realities challenge the bringing of opposing sides together. Indeed, many fear that our country is approaching a tipping point in

the relationship between its constituents. This weekend's readings may offer us some insight and direction.

"Christ within us" is the key point of this weekend's second reading from Colossians. Trusting our abilities, intelligence, hard work, imagination, etc. just doesn't get it done. Christ alone brings the two far-apart sides together. Parallel passages are in Ephesians: 2:11-13, and 4:1-6, as well as back in Colossians 2:6-8. These reflect on the mystery of how in Christ all are united...this is the mystery of the ages...revealed in Jesus...this is the truth, not the divisive voices that distract us.

In the gospel, hospitality is about welcoming, caring, listening, serving. It's not about "I'm right" and "you're wrong". We're all sinners. We all fail. We all are short-sighted, caught up too often in the emotion of the moment. We do not always act as "our best selves." Can we listen to one another? Can we learn something from the other? It's not **about me** (like so much politics), but hospitality is about **the other**. The "other" is not an enemy, a stranger, an opponent - the other is one of God's beloved children too.

We look to our spiritual leaders for education and guidance. Like you, I have the right and obligation to form my conscience and vote according to the principles of Catholic teaching. Yet my, and any church representative's, hands are tied relative to openly backing any party or candidate. The following article, issued from the bishops through MCC, clarifies some of what I can, should and cannot do as your pastor—and gives you "Church Resources" to help you during this political year. I encourage you to take the time to study Catholic teachings and pray for direction, which may move you beyond your comfort zone - like so many aspects of Catholic Christianity challenge us to do.

Peace, Fr Tom



# MICHIGAN CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

## Election Year Guideline for Catholic Parishes and Organizations 2016 Michigan Catholic Conference

Before an election, what issues should a Catholic voter focus on when examining candidates? The U.S. bishops encourage all Catholics to read and reflect upon the document *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, which outlines important issues for Catholics to consider before voting. Some of the issues mentioned include abortion, end-of-life care, marriage, immigration reform, poverty, care for creation, healthcare, restorative justice, and religious freedom. The bishops encourage Catholics to consider the wide range of positions important to the Church, not to be single issue voters, and to weigh each issue according to its moral importance. To read the most recent version of the document and consider these issues, visit [www.faithfulcitizenship.org](http://www.faithfulcitizenship.org).

Can any voter guides or election-year materials be distributed in Catholic parishes? The Michigan Catholic Conference (MCC) Board of Directors welcomes parishes to share election-year material, but only material that is published by the diocesan bishop, MCC (Michigan Catholic Conference), or the USCCB (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops). Any other election material cannot be distributed on parish grounds. While other voter guides or questionnaires might offer information about candidate positions, these sources often do not outline positions on the wide range of issues that Catholics are urged to consider before voting.

Helpful reminders for evaluating political activity at Catholic parishes and organizations:

### DOS:

- Share Catholic Social Teaching and apply these values to legislation, public issues, and ballot issues.
- Advocate for or against a particular ballot proposal.
- Conduct a non-partisan voter registration drive.
- Encourage Catholics to vote after evaluating candidate positions carefully and having developed their conscience.
- Check with the diocesan attorney if there are questions about appropriate activity.

### DON'TS:

- Only invite selected candidates to address a church-sponsored group.
- Distribute partisan campaign literature or unapproved election material.
- Endorse/oppose candidates and political parties while acting as a representative of the Church.
- Use organizational resources to participate in political activities or provide financial support for candidates, Political parties, or PACs.
- Conduct a voter registration slanted toward one candidate or political party.

La hospitalidad es como una segunda piel para la cultura hispana. Siempre que llega alguien enseguida se le ofrece algo de tomar o comer; y, si necesita alojamiento, aunque sea que algún miembro de la familia tenga que dormir en el suelo, se le ofrece una cama. “Mi casa es su casa” no es solo un dicho lindo, sino una realidad de vida.



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Nuestra cultura es cada vez más desconfiada; todo lo que sea extraño nos resulta una amenaza. En algunos barrios de las grandes ciudades se ven letreros en las casas donde se avisa de que se llamará a la policía si se ven extraños caminando por la calle.

Nuestras casas son cada vez menos abiertas, pero también lo son nuestros barrios, nuestras ciudades y nuestros países. La llegada de inmigrantes en busca de trabajo crea desconfianza e inseguridad entre los que ya viven en el país. En general, todo lo que sea extraño y que se salga de lo habitual nos hace sentirnos inseguros y amenazados; por eso, entre otras cosas, es que aumenta la violencia. A esa violencia se responde con más violencia —aunque en algún caso sea defensiva— y así va creciendo la espiral de la desconfianza y la violencia.

La propuesta de las lecturas de hoy es otra bien distinta. Se nos habla de la hospitalidad. La primera lectura nos muestra a Abrahán, el patriarca, que no solo acoge a los que le piden hospitalidad sino que suplica a aquellos tres hombres que se queden en su casa y que coman en su mesa. La hospitalidad para aquellos pueblos era un deber sagrado y al visitante se le debía todo el respeto del mundo. Era como si fuera el mismo Dios el que visitaba la casa. Al texto del evangelio se le han dado muchas explicaciones, pero generalmente se nos ha olvidado la más sencilla: Marta y María acogieron al Señor en su casa. Ese es el punto de partida sin el que aquel pequeño rifirrafe entre Marta y María nunca habría sucedido.

Hoy tendríamos que recuperar la virtud de la hospitalidad, ante los vecinos del apartamento de enfrente, pero también frente a los vecinos del sur que llaman a las puertas de nuestra nación pidiendo un trabajo que les asegure el pan y el futuro a ellos y a sus familias; también, frente a los que no creen en nuestra misma religión y frente a los que no pertenecen a nuestra raza ni hablan nuestra lengua. Todos somos hermanos y hermanas. Todos pertenecemos a la familia de Dios. La encarnación de Jesús ha convertido a cada ser humano en el mejor y más pleno sacramento de la presencia de Dios entre nosotros. Acogerlo, compartir con él lo que tenemos, significa acoger al mismo Dios que nos viene a visitar; hacer realidad el Reino en nuestro mundo; dar cumplimiento a la voluntad de Dios, que quiere que todos nos sentemos a la misma mesa para compartir la vida que él nos ha regalado. Solo la hospitalidad, la acogida sincera y abierta, la mano tendida, logrará unir un mundo roto y dividido que parece que solo es capaz de generar desconfianza y violencia.

*Nuestra Parroquia*

**CLASES DE INGLES:** los Domingos después de Misa. Si usted está interesado(a) puede hablar con Penny Burillo, Hna Guadalupe o Padre Tomás después de Misa.

**TARDES DE FAMILIA EN LA FE:** Miércoles, 20 de julio, 5:30-8:00 pm en St. Gregory.



**MISA CON EL SR OBISPO** el día Viernes 29 de Julio a las 7:00 pm en campo migrante, Peterson Farm, 5550 S Brye Rd en Ludington. Todas las familias están invitadas. Si a usted le gustaría colaborar en este evento hable con Sister Guadalupe 231-301-1899.



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