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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
XVIII DOMINGO DE TIEMPO ORDINARIO

July 31 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

Our Lady of Fatima: 1372 S Oceana Dr, Shelby
St. Gregory: 316 S Peach Ave, Hart

RECONCILIATION

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

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



LITURGY ~ LITURGIA
July 25-31 de Julio

Tues/Martes

9:00 am St G Mass

Thurs/Jueves:

5:15 pm StG Mass

Fri/Viernes:

9:00 am OLF Mass

Saturday/Sabado

5:00 pm StG N.J. & Thelma Hook

Sunday/ Domingo

9:00 am StG Mary Welsh

11:00 am OLF Parish Family

11:30 am StG Familia Parroquial



PRAYER GROUP: Mon, Aug 1, 8-9:00 am at 206 S Peach, Hart.

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS: Sat, Aug 6, 10:00 am at St. Gregory.

PRAYER LIST: We are updating the prayer list. If you or someone you know needs prayers, please call the parish office at 873-2660 to have their name(s) put on (or continued on) the list.

FOOD PANTRY: Wed, Aug 3, 3-4:45, 11 Washington, Hart. The pantry is in need of personal items and toiletries. Donations may be left at the pantry on Wednesdays 4:45 pm or at OLF or St. Gregory at any time. Thanks for your continued support.

THANKS! To our wonderful flowers providers, waterers, and arrangers:
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CHURCH DIRECTORIES: Directories are here and are available at the churches, by name. If you don't see yours, please call the parish office at 873-2660 and we'll be glad to send it to whichever church you prefer.

RIGHT TO LIFE MEETING: Tues, Aug 2, 7:00 pm. Meets at Hart Wesleyan Church, 3757 W Polk Rd. For those who can't speak for themselves. Contact: Wally at 231-233-1560 or Paulette at 231-742-2042.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER: Renew and enrich your marriage and your faith. Upcoming weekends are Aug 5-7 at St. Mary's, Westphalia; Sept 16-18 at the Augustine Center near Petoskey; and Oct 21-23 at St Pat's, Brighton. Visit www.wwme.org or call Harry & Karen Porter at 888-628-7433 for more info.



INTERESTED IN Prison and Jail Ministry? Join us for an information session to see if this Ministry is right for you: Tues, Aug 9, 10:30-1:30 or Tues, Aug 9, 6:30-9:30 pm at Cathedral Square, GR. RSVP to tworrell@dioceseofgrandrapids.org or 616-475-1255.

MENS GROUP: Multi-Denominational gathering on Tues, Aug 2, 6-7:00 am at Morats in New Era for breakfast and a time to be challenged and encouraged. Questions: Phil Morse 231-259-0078.

COVE MEN'S GROUP: To educate, empower and uplift those who have survived domestic abuse. Wednesdays, 8-9:30 am. No charge - confidential. Contact Chris 231-843-2541 x5 with questions and for location.

POSITION OPENINGS:

- FT Asst to Dir of Pastoral Services, Diocese of GR. dogrhr@DioceseOfGrandRapids.org
- PT Spanish Teacher, Ludington Area Catholic School. cthompson@lacschool.com
- FT Dir of Mission Advancement, GR Dominicans. HumanResources@grdominicans.org

MINISTRY SCHEDULE
MINISTERIOS DE LA MISA
August 6/7 de Julio

Ministers of the Word/Lectura

5:00 pm Andrea Bosse
9:00 am Marsha Mahynski
11:00 am Kathy Lound
11:30 am Sofia Escoto

Ministers of the Eucharist:

5:00 pm H Schouten, M Mahynski, V Griffin
9:00 am B Birkman, M Walsworth, L VanZoeren
11:00 am V Pochyla, D Wells, D Carrier
11:30 am A Contreras, E DeBlas, L Ybarra

Altar Servers/Acolitos

11:30 am Ulises Escoto, Ignacio Ortiz

Ministers of Hospitality/Bienvenida

5:00 pm H Schaner, L Schaner
9:00 am Vanderstelt Family
11:30 am Agustin Tudon y Familia

Ushers/Colecta y Ofrendas

5:00 pm A Bosse, T Bosse, C Wiegand, C Aerts
9:00 am B Steen, D VanderZanden, J Schaner, J lamie
11:30 am Lourdes Rivera y Familia

WEEKEND COLLECTION
July 17 de Julio

Envelopes	\$2,751.00
Loose	<u>1,856.00</u>
Total	\$4,607.00

CSA 2016 UPDATE

Goal:	\$31,739.00
Total Paid:	<u>31,212.00</u>
Amount Needed:	\$ 527.00



Tithes

If you have not yet pledged to the Catholic Services Appeal, we need you! We are close to reaching our goal and need your help. Envelopes are available in the back of both churches. Thanks to all who have contributed.

Two friends met in the street. One looked sad and almost on the verge of tears. The other man said, "Hey my friend, how come you look like the whole world has caved in?" The sad fellow said, "Let me tell you. Three weeks ago, an uncle died and left me \$50,000." "That's not bad at all...!" "Hold on, I'm just getting started. Two weeks ago, a cousin I never knew kicked-the-bucket and left me \$95,000, to boot." "Well, that's great! I'd like that." "Last week, my grandfather passed away. I inherited almost a million." "So why are you so glum?" "This week—nothing!"





Some Christian churches have joined the secular parade and have themselves become greedy for money, power and prestige. Such churches no longer show us how to live. How do we regain being countercultural, living simply, sharing goods and practicing open charity? One practical suggestion is looking for good examples.

The Archdiocese of Chicago began offering 12 weeks of paid parental leave to its staff on July 1. The new policy is open to fathers and mothers who just had children or adopted children. Staff who are eligible for benefits—those who work at least 26 hours a week—and who have worked at the archdiocese at least one month qualify for parental leave.

Under the previous policy, female staff who gave birth or adopted used paid sick time and vacation time during their parental leave. When Archbishop Blasé J. Cupich came on board as Chicago's new archbishop in the fall of 2014, he wanted to ensure that the personnel policies were in line with church teaching.

“Obviously, we do want to be a voice for pro-life, family-friendly kinds of policies,” Betsy Bohlen, the archdiocese's chief operating officer, told *The Catholic New World*, Chicago's archdiocesan newspaper. “The idea was to make sure that we have something that can work for all staff.”

Bohlen is a mother of two children and said she can appreciate the changes as a parent. “I do think the time soon after birth or adoption is a very important time for young families. The church can be viewed as a very attractive place to work if we're seen to be more family-friendly than other organizations might be.”

Rev. Peter Wojcik, co-director of the archdiocese's Department of Parish Life and Formation, quoted Pope Francis' recently released apostolic exhortation, “*The Joy of Love*,” in explaining why the archdiocese changed its policy. Pope Francis writes: “At times we have also proposed a far too abstract and almost artificial theological ideal of marriage, far removed from the concrete situations and practical possibilities of real families. This excessive idealization, especially when we have failed to inspire trust in God's grace, has not helped to make marriage more desirable and attractive, but quite the opposite.”

Archbishop Cupich is especially sensitive to family issues after participating last year in the gathering of the Synod of Bishops on the family at the Vatican, Father Wojcik said. The church shouldn't just write about or talk about families but also must accompany them on their journey, said archdiocesan officials.

I believe this policy set by the Archdiocese of Chicago demonstrates today's gospel expression, how to be rich in what matters to God.

Peace, Fr. Tom



El mundo es suficientemente grande para satisfacer las necesidades de todos, pero siempre sera demasiado pequeño para la avaricia de algunos.

(Mahatma Gandhi)

Existe un refrán español que dice que “la avaricia rompe el saco”; es decir, que al acumular tanto, el fondo del saco se puede romper; lo cual es como decir que la avaricia y el acumular para uno mismo nunca tiene buenas consecuencias. Normalmente no sale bien estar acumulando, porque hay que hacer trampas, pasar por encima de otros y mil cosas poco agradables. Vemos la verdad que se encierra en esto cuando miramos los casos de escándalo financiero y de engaños para el beneficio de grandes bancos, aseguradoras y compañías inmobiliarias. Vemos las consecuencias funestas no solo para los culpables, sino también para miles de personas inocentes y para la economía de los países.

Hay gente que siempre quiere tener más y más, que se fabrica dioses e ídolos a su medida y pone a su servicio todo su ser y sobre todo, su inteligencia y capacidad de maquinación y manipulación. A veces no es solo dinero lo que se busca; a veces se desea también poseer a otra persona cueste lo que cueste; eso siempre parece llevar a la ruina. Al final de cuentas, ese tipo de persona termina pagando por su maldad con la locura, la cárcel o la muerte. Quizá nuestros pequeños actos de tacañería no nos lleven tan lejos como para que nos metan en la cárcel; pero tendremos que reconocer que, eventualmente, siempre nos han dejado mal sabor de boca, mientras que la generosidad siempre parece que multiplica lo entregado.

Las lecturas de hoy nos advierten una y otra vez de lo que se nos debería haber hecho evidente, pero que a veces se nos escapa en los pequeños detalles. El esforzarse obsesivamente en conseguir cosas no conduce a nada; es vanidad y en el fondo pérdida de tiempo. Pablo exhorta a mirar las cosas de arriba y Jesús insiste en la locura de quienes piensan que por tener acumuladas muchas riquezas ya la tienen hecha. Entonces, ¿para qué trabajar? ¿Se nos invita a la flojera, la despreocupación y la falta de responsabilidad? No, parece, más bien, que la invitación es a mirar por qué se hacen las cosas; a pensar que solo Dios es Dios y que no podemos hacer de las cosas, ni de las posiciones, ni de los honores, nuestros dioses personales; esto, lo único que eso produce es insatisfacción, porque nunca se alcanzará lo suficiente como para satisfacerse uno mismo. Siempre se querrá más y eso llevará a más problemas, angustias, mentiras y falta de libertad. Tarde o temprano, lo que parecía que iba a dar la tranquilidad de asegurarse el futuro, produce una terrible inseguridad.

El avaro no es el que trabaja y comparte generosamente para el bien de otros, sino el que acumula para sí mismo tiempo, energía, dinero, posesiones de toda clase e incluso personas. Quien todo lo tiene controlado por sí mismo no deja espacio a Dios ni a la gratitud por todo lo que se recibe y al final, lo único que queda es insatisfacción y vacío. Se trata de trabajar por el bien de los demás, poniendo toda la confianza únicamente en Dios.

¿Por qué cosas me esfuerzo? ¿Pienso que si consigo algunas cosas materiales ya la tengo hecha? ¿Qué es lo más importante para mí? ¿Tengo dioses que no son Dios?



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

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