

COMUNIDAD CATÓLICA de  
ST. GREGORY-OUR LADY OF FATIMA

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT  
PRIMER DOMINGO DE CUARESMA  
February 22, 2015 ~ 22 de Febrero 2015

# LENT



# CUARESMA

**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**

Please call the Parish Office (231) 873-2660

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

Our Lady of Fatima is located at 1372 S Oceana Dr, Shelby  
St. Gregory is located at 316 S Peach, Hart

**LITURGY ~ LITÚRGIA**  
Feb 23 Febrero - 01 March/Marzo

**Tuesday/Martes**  
9:00 am StG Steve Gable  
**Thursday/Jueves**  
5:15 pm StG Mass  
**Friday/Viernes**  
9:00 am OLF Mass  
**Saturday/Sabado**  
5:00 pm OLF Wayne Wells  
**Sunday/Domingo**  
9:30 am StG Kathleen Foster  
11:30 am StG Familia Parroquial



**PARISH CALENDAR**

Feb 22 Febrero - Mar 1 Marzo

Sun/Domingo	OLF	6-8:00pm	Youth Group
Mon/Lunes		8-9:00 am	Prayer Group- 206 S Peach, Hart
	OLF	6:30-8 pm	Confirmation Class
Wed/Miércoles		3-5:00 pm	Food Pantry, 11 Washington Ave
	StG	3:30-4:45	Rel Ed
	StG	6:00	Rel Ed Gr 7&8
	OLF	6:15-7:45	Rel Ed Gr K-6 (supper at 5:45pm)
Thurs/Jueves	StG	11:30-12:30	Lenten Luncheon
		7:00 pm	Lenten Bible Study
Fri/Viernes	StG	7:00 pm	Viacrucis

**COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE**  
with Individual Confessions

Thursday, Mar 26  
5:15 pm at St Gregory

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE/MINISTERIOS DE LA MISA**  
Feb 28 Febrero/Mar 1 Marzo

**Ministers of the Word/Lectura**  
5:00 pm Kathy Lound  
9:30 am Jack Wittman  
11:30 am Olga Guzman  
**Ministers of the Eucharist/Comunión**  
5:00 pm R Pochyla, d Wells, G Markiewicz  
9:30 am R Ulmstead, V Griffin, W Dold  
11:30 am A Contreras, A Méndez, P Morales  
**Altar Servers/Acólitos**  
9:30 am Joseph Vanderstelt  
11:30 am Diego Rivera, Enrique Cruz  
**Ministers of Hospitality/Bienvenida**  
9:30 am M Jastrzembki, L VanZoeren  
11:30 am Gustavo DeBlas y Familia  
**Ushers/Colecta y Ofrendas**  
5:00 pm S Fell, D Lound, J Wade, K Kludy  
9:30 am C Aerts, T Bosse, A Bosse, C Wiegand  
11:30 am Efigenio Barrón y Familia



**LENT SOUP & BREAD LUNCHEONS:** Thursdays, Feb 26 - Mar 19, 11:30 am-12:30 pm. Please join us at St. Gregory's in the parish center. This Thursday we welcome back Rev Ron Rickard of West Golden Wesleyan Church. Enjoy some wonderful food for your body and soul.

**LENTEN BIBLE STUDY:** Thurs, Feb 26, 7-8:30 pm at St. Gregory. An opportunity for learning, reflecting and faith sharing. All are welcome.

**LENTEN DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS** are available in the back of both churches. Enjoy daily reflections from Pope Francis.

**FRIDAY NIGHT FISH DINNERS:**

- ST JOSEPH/ST VINCENT PARISH: Weare hall, through Apr 3, 5-7:00 pm. Ages 12+ \$10, ages 6-11 donation. Take out available.



**SNACKS NEEDED FOR ST GREGORY REL ED:**

We are in need of snacks for our students who arrive for Religious Education immediately following school. The snacks may be dropped off at the parish office or the church. The children and teachers appreciate your continued support of our Religious Ed program.



**REMEMBER IN PRAYER:** Jane Cooper, Gene Schaner, Jim Johnson, Tim Beyer, Lori Foster, Phyllis Burmeister, Anita Anderson, David Adamczyk, Ken Church, Kenneth Croff, Joella Riggs, Pam Snider, Karen Mead,

Oralia Davilla, Lindsey Blamer, Heather Swiech, Barb Kartes, Meg Ahlgrim, Joyce Lombard, Tom Pangburn, Luis Trujillo Calderon, Paul Setlak, Curt Lambrix, Becky Romero, Marge Bruck, Thurlow Bruck, Jennifer Costilla, Dylan Askew, Tom Hudson, Marilyn Walsworth, Roberta Cedarquist, Rick Lenon, Tim Bosse, Fidencio Vasquez Jr, Sid Whitaker, Dennis Hedinger, Donald Earhart Jr., Marie Nusbaum, Peggy Johanson, Mary Jo Butcher, Juanita McCann, Deana Lenon

**CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL 2015:** Our Church throughout the United States and here in West Michigan is in the midst of tremendous growth due largely to an influx of new Catholics who happen to be Hispanic.

Our Hispanic Ministry Office helps meet the spiritual and material needs of the permanent and migrant communities across our eleven counties. It also helps us better understand ourselves as a universal Church with multiple cultural backgrounds as we respond together to this challenge of growth.

Your CSA gifts help support this important work of justice and formation with our Spanish-speaking brothers and sisters in Christ.

**RETREATS & CONFERENCES:**

- A RETREAT FOR MARRIED COUPLES: Sat, Feb 28, 10-5:00 at the Franciscan Life Process Center, 11650 Downes St NE, Lowell. For couples who have a continuing desire to grow within their marriage. Cost: \$70. Register at [www.lifeprocesscenter.org](http://www.lifeprocesscenter.org)
- BUILDING A LEGACY CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE: Sat, Mar 14 at West Catholic High School, GR. Featured speakers include Bishop Walkowiak and NFL Quarterback Philip Rivers. Visit [www.buildingalegacy.org](http://www.buildingalegacy.org) or call Todd, 616-894-8999.
- RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT: Do you know of someone who is hurting from an abortion in their past? Men, women and couples are welcome to the next retreat on March 20-22. [mwalsh@ccwestmi.org](mailto:mwalsh@ccwestmi.org) or 800-800-8284 for confidential information.
- REFLECT RETREAT for mid-life singles (mid-30s to 50s): Mar 20-22 at St Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt. \$160 includes meals, lodging and materials. 989-450-0993 or [www.ReflectRetreat.com](http://www.ReflectRetreat.com) for details.
- DIOCESAN WOMEN'S CONFERENCE: *When's God Gonna Show Up?* Sat, March 21, 8:45-3:30 at Cathedral Square. Spotting the Divine in Daily Life. \$25 by March 13, includes lunch. Reg at [www.dioceseofgrandrapids.org](http://www.dioceseofgrandrapids.org).
- DIOCESAN STEWARDSHIP CONFERENCE: An inspirational morning of exploring and embracing stewardship as an integral part of our Catholic lives. *Stewardship: A Disciple's Response* will be held Sat, March 21, 8-1:30 at Holy Redeemer Parish, Jenison. Keynote: Bishop Bradley, Kalamazoo. Opening remarks: Bishop Walkowiak. For info and registration: [www.DioceseofGrandRapids.org](http://www.DioceseofGrandRapids.org) or 616-459-4508. No cost.

Pope Francis gave some Italian priests a chance to ask him anything on their minds. One asked about the distance of many people from the Church. In his long, off-the-cuff talk to lots of questions here's some of the Pope's answer to that one question. His answer stretches us, and may test us. Yet I think it's good, caring advice for us all. I invite you this Lent to stretch beyond your comfort zone. Whether it's inviting someone to join you at our Lenten Soup & Bread Luncheons, reaching out to someone alone or alienated and bringing them to church, or taking the first step toward reconciliation, you have the opportunity to be the welcoming face of the Catholic Church.

Peace, Fr. Tom



How do you meet others? From a distance or up close? You must meet them up close, closeness. Closeness is a key word: Be near. Do not be afraid of anything. Be close. The person of God is not afraid...

Two years ago, a priest who went to Argentina as a missionary - he was from the Diocese of Buenos Aires and went to a diocese in the south, to an area where for years they had no priest, and the evangelicals had arrived - told me that he went to a woman who had been the teacher of the people and then the principal of the village school. This lady sat him down and began insulting him, not with bad words, but insulting him forcefully, "You abandoned us, you left us alone, and I, who need the word of God, had to go to Protestant worship and I became a Protestant."

This young priest, who is meek, who is one who prays, when the woman finished her discourse, said, "madam, just one word: forgiveness. Forgive us, forgive us. We abandoned the flock." And the woman's tone changed. However, she remained Protestant, and the priest did not go into the subject of which was the true religion. In that moment, this could not be done.

In the end, the lady began to smile and said, "Father, would you like some coffee?" "Yes, lets have coffee."

And when the priest was about to leave, she said, "Stop, Father. Come." And she led him into the bedroom, she opened the closet and there was the image of Our Lady. "You must know that I never abandoned her. I hid her because of the pastor, but she's in the home."

It is a story that teaches how proximity, meekness, brought about this woman's reconciliation with the church, because she felt abandoned by the church. And I asked a question that you must never ask, "And then, how did things turn out? How did it end?" But the priest corrected me: "Oh, no, I did not ask anything: She continues to go to Protestant worship, but you can see that she is a woman who prays. The Lord Jesus provides."

And he did not go beyond that, and he did not urge her to return to the Catholic Church. It is that prudent closeness that knows just how far one can reach...

Every man, every woman has something of their own to give us; every man, every woman has their own story, their own situation, and we have to listen to it. Then the prudence of the Holy Spirit will tell us how to respond...

And Pope Benedict has a beautiful expression. He said: "The church grows not by proselytism but by attraction." And what's the attraction? It is this human empathy, which is then guided by the Holy Spirit.



Los hispanos son la columna vertebral de la multimillonaria industria de alimentos y hostelería de Estados Unidos. Desde la siembra de semillas, la recolección de cosechas y la crianza y procesamiento de todos los tipos de carne hasta la fabricación y

preparación de alimentos y el servicio de habitaciones que recibimos es muy probable que encuentre manos hispanas. Por medio de sus salarios bajos y trabajo duro, los hispanos contribuyen a los altos beneficios corporativos de la industria alimentaria y los precios de los comestibles. Aparte de salarios bajos, los trabajadores agrícolas rara vez tienen acceso a compensación laboral, rehabilitación ocupacional o beneficios por incapacidad. Imagínese que a los trabajador es agrícolas, que a menudo ganan menos del salario mínimo, y los empleados de restaurantes, que ganan el salario mínimo en el mejor de los casos, les pagaran salarios decentes y recibieran beneficios. Los precios de los alimentos sin duda aumentarían; sin embargo, esos que nos alimentan, apenas pueden alimentar a sus propias familias, y mucho menos proveer cosas básicas como vivienda adecuada y seguro médico.

*En Porque Tuve Hambre y me Disteis de Comer: Relexiones Católicas Sobre Alimentación, Agricultores y Trabajadores Agrícolas*, los obispos católicos de EE.UU. escribieron: "Muchos en nuestra Iglesia y la nación no conocen el mundo de la agricultura. Para algunos, la agricultura es una realidad, poco vista y menos comprendida. Cuando vamos al supermercado, rara vez pensamos de dónde viene nuestra comida, quién la produce, quién la cosecha o lo que se necesita para procesarla, empaquetarla y distribuirla. Cuando muchos de nosotros pensamos en la agricultura, nos preocupamos por el costo de los comestibles y no por el costo ambiental a nuestra tierra o el costo humano de los agricultores, los trabajadores agrícolas y las comunidades rurales en Estados Unidos y alrededor del mundo".

Tampoco es un secreto que muchas de las personas que siembran, cosechan, procesan e incluso sirven nuestra comida en este país son indocumentados; que ellos van a trabajar cada día con el temor de que en cualquier momento podrían ser detenidos, separados de sus familias e hijos pequeños y deportados. Para muchos, estos inmigrantes indocumentados merecen su suerte, porque están violando la ley al cruzar las fronteras sin permiso o documentación apropiada. Como resultado de ello, las detenciones, las deportaciones que dividen a las familias, las malas condiciones de trabajo, la discriminación, los prejuicios raciales y la negación de derechos humanos se justifican, basado en que han quebrantado las leyes y merecen el trato que reciben.

El año pasado en un discurso pronunciado en el Club Rotario de Los Ángeles, el Arzobispo José H. Gómez declaró que los estadounidenses parecen haber aceptado una clase inferior permanente de hombres y mujeres que viven al margen de nuestra sociedad; y "sin embargo, éstas son las mismas personas que proporcionan cuidado infantil a familias nacidas aquí, construyen sus casas, limpian sus negocios y cosechan su comida. Desgraciadamente, no tienen derechos ni seguridad, en este momento, ninguna esperanza de que las cosas mejoren. Estos inmigrantes indocumentados también pagan muchos millones en impuestos y seguro social y, sin embargo, no tienen derecho o acceso a los beneficios". Los obispos de EE.UU. buscan "desairar esta falta de conciencia, que puede conducir a la indiferencia o el egoísmo".



**VIACRUCIS** en español los Viernes de Cuaresma a las 7:00 PM los días 27 de febrero, 6, 13, 20 y 27 de Marzo. Cada semana una familia será responsable de dar la bienvenida, entregar los libritos y rezar el Viacrucis. Es una oportunidad de rezar como familia y enseñar a las generaciones Jóvenes nuestras tradiciones religiosas de Cuaresma. Todas las familias están invitadas. Si usted y su familia quieren tomar un día hablen con Sister Guadalupe 231-301-1899.

**COMIDAS DE PESCADO:** En la Iglesia de St Vincent/St Joseph en Weare los viernes de cuaresma, 5-7:00 pm. En la Iglesia de St. Simon en Ludington los viernes de cuaresma 4:30-7:00 pm.

Feb 15 de Febrero



Envelopes	\$1,217.00
Loose	<u>534.00</u>
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