

COMUNIDAD CATÓLICA de ST. GREGORY-OUR LADY OF FATIMA

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
TERCER DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO

December 13, 2015 ~ 6 de Diciembre 2015



MASS SCHEDULE ~ LA MISA

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

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Saturday	4:00 pm	Shelby
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LITURGY ~ LITÚRGIA
Dec 14-20 de Diciembre

Tuesday/Martes
 9:00 am StG Communion Service

Thursday/Jueves
 5:15 pm StG **ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE**
 Followed by individual confessions

Friday/Viernes
 9:00 am OLF Mass

Sat/Sabado
 5:00 pm OLF Jane Cooper

Sunday/Domingo
 9:30 am StG Thomas Welsh Jr
 11:30 am St G Parish Family



CHRISTMAS MASSES ~ LA NAVIDAD

Christmas Eve, 4:00 pm at OLF
 Christmas Eve, 7:00 pm at StG - Bilingual
 Noche Buena, 7:00 pm, St G - Misa Bilingüe

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE/
 Dec 19/20 de Diciembre**

Ministers of the Word/Lectura

5:00 pm Andrea Bosse
 9:30 am Jack Wittman
 11:30 am Julia Briones

Ministers of the Eucharist/Comunión

5:00 pm R Setlak, R Pochyla, B Arends
 9:30 am R Umstead, S Vanderstelt, V Griffin
 11:30 am A Tudon, L Ybarra, H Madrigal

Altar Servers/Acolitos

11:30 am Ulises Escoto, Oziel DeBlas

Ministers of Hospitality/Bienvenida

9:30 am Vanderstelt Family
 11:30 am Lorenzo Martinez y Familia

Ushers/Colecta y Ofrendas

9:30 am C Aerts, D VanderZanden, J Schaner, R Umstead
 11:30 am Jose Luis Rodriguez y Familia

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Gene Schaner, Jim Johnson, David Adamczyk, Donald Earhart Jr., Deana Lenon, Ed Lathrop, Jeanne Strzyz, Tom Merten, Agnes Kokx, John Bell, Sally Morden, Victoriano Herevia, Sean Morrissey, Ann Herrygers, Heather Swiech, Dennis Hedinger, Mary Beth Latona, Don Hopper, Mike Fuller, Fidencio Vasquez Jr, Oralia Davila, Bryan Cramer, Joseph Frontiera, Richard Davila. Daniel Crawford



STEWARDSHIP
Dec 5/6 de Diciembre

Envelopes \$3,120.00
 Loose 454.28
 Total \$3,574.28

Today's gospel tells us to SHARE! This Christmas resist the pressure to give token gifts. Instead, use those funds to give necessities to the poor. If our impoverished brothers and sisters are not on our gift list, we've missed the point of Christmas.
By Bud Ozar

PARISH CALENDAR - CALENDARIO
Dec 13-20 de Diciembre

Sun/Domingo	StG 12:30 pm	Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration
	OLF 5:30 pm	Christmas Pageant & Potluck
Mon/Lunes	StG 8-9:00 am	Prayer Group- 206 S Peach, Hart
	StG	No Faith Formation
Wed/Miércoles	StG & OLF	No Faith Formation
	3-5:00 pm	Food Pantry, 11 Washington, Hart
Thurs/Jueves	StG 7:00 pm	Bible Study
Sat/Sabado	OLF 6:00 pm	Church Decorating
Sun/Domingo	StG 12:30 pm	Church Decorating

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE MASS AND

CELEBRATION: Sun, Dec 13, 10:40 Roses Procession; 11:30 Mass; Potluck Dinner following. All are invited to join this lovely tradition in celebrating Mary and the Birth of Christ.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION classes are on break until Monday, Jan 4, 2016. May the coming of the Christ Child fill your homes with Peace and Joy!
Linda Foster, DRE and Catechists



CHRISTMAS PAGEANT: Sun, Dec 13, 5:30 pm at OLF, followed by a potluck. Sandwiches and Drinks will be provided. Come and join our Christmas Celebration.

HELP DECORATE CHURCH: We will be decorating both churches for Christmas next weekend and many hands are needed to help. At OLF on Sat, Dec 19 after 5:00 Mass and at StG on Sun, Dec 20, after 11:30 Mass. A light meal will be provided- so please plan to grab a bite and help out.



FOOD PANTRY: It's a busy season at the pantry, having served many households Thanksgiving week and preparing for Christmas week and school vacation. Non perishable donations may be left at either church any time. Perishables may be left at the pantry on Wednesdays 3-5:00. Monetary donations may be mailed to the parish office or dropped in the collection, in a separate enveloped marked "Pantry". THANKS for your support.

GIVING TREE is up at OLF. Please stop by and pick an item off the tree, to help COVE - Communities Overcoming Violent Encounters – who help women, children and men in our county. You'll see that the items help meet basic needs, are easy to purchase, and you don't even wrap :)



COVE CHRISTMAS HOUSE : Cove has received donations of toys, books and gift items and is looking for volunteers to help clients & their children shop for and wrap Christmas gifts on Dec 15 & 16. Help is also needed to set up on Dec 14. 231-843-2541 x1126 for more information.

CAREGIVER HOLIDAY RESPITE is going on now through Dec 23 at Our Friend's House Adult Day Care in Hart. Let your loved one enjoy fun activities and a healthy lunch, while you take a little time for yourself and your needs during this busy season. Mon-Fri, 9-4:00; transportation is available; donations accepted.

SHUT INS: MIDNIGHT MASS from St Andrew's Cathedral will be televised on Fox 17 (check your local listings) and online on the diocesan website, www.dioceseofgrandrapids.org. Video of the Mass will be available for viewing in its entirety on the diocesan website Christmas Day.

SCOUT RETREAT: Sat, Jan 9, 8:30-1:30 at St Ann's Home, GR. Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts and American Heritage Girls and their families are invited. Visit www.grccscouting.org for details and registration.

Dear Friends in Christ,

Soon our parishes will be conducting the Retirement Fund for Religious collection. This annual appeal benefits some 33,000 senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests—women and men who have consecrated their lives to serving God and the Church.



During this Year of Consecrated Life, Pope Francis calls on the faithful to recognize the special witness that consecrated women and men offer our Church and world. In a letter marking the inauguration of this special year, he says, "I ask the whole Christian people to be increasingly aware of the gift which is the presence of our many consecrated men and women." He goes on to note the spiritual influence that religious such as Saint Benedict and Saint Teresa of Avila continue to have on our Church and faith today.

As we reflect on the saints of the past, many of us may also recall women and men religious whom we would consider saints in our day. With gratitude, we remember the sister who patiently helped us learn our multiplication tables or the brother who coached our high school team, teaching us that faith must be lived out even on the basketball court.

Our parishes will be conducting the annual collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious on the weekend of December 12-13. Many of these sisters, brothers, and religious order priests—these saints in our midst—are elderly. While some continue in volunteer ministry, others are frail and need care. Most worked for years for small stipends, leaving their religious communities without adequate savings to meet growing retirement and eldercare needs.

So I ask you to join with Pope Francis in acknowledging the gift of consecrated life. Please pray for God's blessing on all religious and give generously to the Retirement Fund for Religious.

*Sincerely yours in Christ,
Bishop David J. Walkowiak*



During the last days of Advent, popular customs around the world also draw our attention to the circumstances surrounding Jesus' birth.

LAS POSADAS is a reenactment of Mary's and Joseph's journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem and their search for lodging. Posada is the Spanish word for dwelling or lodging. From December 16, on nine consecutive nights, a group gathers at a local home or the local church. After reciting part of the Rosary, they knock on the door while singing a traditional carol and asking for a place to stay, but are refused entry. The prayer ends inside the home or church that finally lets them in, and a great celebration follows. As is our local custom, that welcome will be at St. Gregory at 6:30 pm on Christmas Eve, just prior to the 7:00 Mass.

All are invited and welcome to the Posadas - not just on Christmas Eve, but throughout the nine day novena. The times, places and dates are in the column to your right.

And a reminder: **ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS** may provide you the opportunity to invite to Mass family members, friends, acquaintances, fellow workers, etc., who are not attending church. Know any likely suspects?

Peace, Fr. Tom

Estimados amigos en Cristo,

Muy pronto nuestras parroquias llevarán a cabo la colecta anual del Fondo para la Jubilación de Religiosos. Esta campaña anual beneficia a más de 33,000 religiosas, religiosos y sacerdotes católicos de órdenes religiosas—mujeres y hombres que han dedicado su vida al servicio de Dios y de la Iglesia.

Durante este año de la Vida Consagrada, el Papa Francisco pide a los fieles que reconozcan el testimonio especial que los religiosos y religiosas consagrados ofrecen a la Iglesia y al mundo. En una carta para inaugurar este Año el Santo Padre nos dijo: "Me dirijo a *todo el pueblo cristiano* para que tome conciencia cada vez más del don de tantos consagrados y consagradas". Continúa destacando la influencia que tantos religiosos como San Benito y Santa Teresa de Ávila siguen teniendo en nuestra Iglesia y en nuestra fe hoy.

Al reflexionar sobre los santos del pasado, muchos también recordaremos a las religiosas y los religiosos que podríamos considerar santos de hoy. Recordamos agradecidos a la hermana que pacientemente nos ayudó a aprender las tablas de multiplicar o al hermano que fue entrenador del equipo de baloncesto en secundaria y nos enseñó que la fe se debe vivir también en la cancha de juego.

Nuestras parroquias llevarán a cabo la colecta anual para el **Fondo de Retiro para los religiosos** el fin de semana del **12 y 13 de Diciembre**. Muchos de estas religiosas, religiosos y sacerdotes de órdenes religiosas, santos entre nosotros, son ancianos. Algunos continúan en el ministerio como voluntarios, mientras otros están en condición de salud delicada y necesitan ayuda. Muchos de ellos trabajaron durante años recibiendo salarios bajos, y sus órdenes religiosas carecen de ahorros suficientes para su jubilación y sus cuidados en las casas de ancianos.

Por eso les pido que se unan al Papa Francisco para reconocer el don de la vida consagrada. Les suplicamos que rueguen para que Dios derrame sus bendiciones sobre todos los religiosos, y apoyen generosamente la colecta a beneficio del Fondo para la Jubilación de Religiosas, Religiosos y Sacerdotes Católicos.

*Sinceramente suyo en Cristo,
Obispo David J. Walkowiak*

Las Posadas

Miercoles 16, 7:00pm	Catequistas del Verano	St Gregory, Hart
Jueves 17, 7:00pm	Ruben y Angeles De Blas	5622 - 7th St, Mears
Viernes 18, 7:00pm	Simon y Sofia Escoto	75 Sessions Rd, Shelby
Sabado 19, 7:00pm	Angelica Ortiz	125 Johnson St, Hart
Domingo 20, 7:00pm	Dale y Estela Krause	3737 Jefferson, Pentwater
Lunes 21, 7:00pm	Juan y Rosario Cortes	625 State St, Hart
Martes 22, 7:00pm	Oceana Hispanic Ctr	109 Washington, Hart
Miercoles 23, 7:00pm	Luis y Anita Torres	510 Johnson St, Hart
Jueves 24, 6:30pm	St Gregory	316 Peach St, Hart
7:00pm	MISA BILINGUE DE NAVIDAD	

CLASES DE EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA: Las clases comenzarán nuevamente el lunes, 04 de enero de 2016. ¡Que la venida del niño Jesús llene sus hogares con paz y alegría!



PROGRAMA DE LA NAVIDAD: Domingo, 13 de diciembre, 5:30, OLF. Comida de potluck después. Todos son bienvenidos.

DECORAR LA IGLESIA: Después de la misa en el próximo domingo, 20 de diciembre. Tendremos algo a comer y trabajaremos juntos a decorar la iglesia.



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