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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD EL BAUTISMO DEL SEÑOR

January 12 de Enero 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

BAPTISM~ MARRIAGE~ANOINTING

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

LITURGY ~ LITÚRGIA
January 13-19 de Enero 2014

Tuesday/Martes	9:00 am	G	Thelma Hook
Thursday/Jueves	5:15 pm	G	Mass
Friday/Viernes	9:00 am	F	Mass
Saturday/Sabado	5:00 pm	F	Mary Morningstar
Sunday/Domingo	9:30 am	G	Henry & Lillian Lehman
	11:30 am	G	Familia Parroquiál



CALENDAR OF EVENTS ~ CALENDARIO
January 12-19, 2014 ~ 12-19 de Enero 2014

Mon/Lunes	G	Prayer Group	8-9:00 am
	F	Confirmation Class	6:30-8:00 pm
Wed/Miércoles	G	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

MINISTRY SCHEDULE/MINISTERIOS de la MISA
January 18-19 de Enero

Ministers of the Word/Lectura	5:00 pm	Paul Inglis
	9:30 am	Cathy Schouten
	11:30 am	Rosalba Rangel
Ministers of the Eucharist/Comuni3n	5:00 pm	D Wells, E Graham, J Malbouef
	9:30 am	G Merten, J Merten, R Ulmstead
	11:30 am	A Contreras, A Méndez, L Ybarra
Altar Servers/Ac3litos	5:00 pm	B Cerquist, J Kersjes
	9:30 am	E Smith, J Vanderstelt
	11:30 am	A Martinez, O DeBlas
Ministers of Hospitality/Bienvenida	9:30 am	M Jastrzemski, V Griffen
	11:30 am	Luis y Anita Torres
Ushers/Colecta y Ofrendas	5:00 pm	S Fell, D Lound, R Mather, B Mayo
	9:30 am	T Bosse, A Bosse, C Wiegand, C Aerts
	11:30 am	Gerardo Morales y Familia

REMOVING CHURCH DECORATIONS: We are in need of volunteers to help remove Christmas decorations from St. Gregory this Sunday at 12:30 pm. Many helping hands will make the work go faster. Please help if you can.

PRAYER GROUP: You are invited to join a prayer group at St. Gregory's Chapel on Mondays, 8-9:00 am.

BIBLE STUDY: Join us on Thursdays each week, 7:00 pm at St. Gregory's, as we begin a study of Hebrews. All are welcome.

CATHOLIC READING MATERIALS: If you'd like to increase your knowledge of current events and enhance your spirituality, here are some suggestions of publications that you may enjoy:

- *U.S. Catholic*: PO Box 408, Congers, NY 10920; 1-800-328-6515; www.uscatholic.org
- *Liguorian*: PO Box 292527, Dayton, OH 45429; 1-866-848-2492 www.liguorian.org
- *Our Sunday Visitor*: 200 Noll Plaza, Huntington, IN 46750; 1-800-348-2440; www.osv.com
- *Catholic Digest*: PO Box 291826, Kettering, OH 4542; 1-800-678-2836; www.catholicdigest.com
- *Give Us This Day*: PO Box 7500, Collegetown, MN 56321; 1-888-259-8470; www.giveusthisday.org
- *St. Anthony Messenger*: 28 W Liberty St, Cincinnati, OH 45202; 1-800-488-0488; www.stanthonymessenger.org

RIGHT TO LIFE MARCH: Muskegon County's march takes place Saturday, Jan. 18, 1:00 pm, Hackley Park followed by a memorial service at St. Mary's church at 2:00 pm.



CSA SUPPORTS Catechesis - Religious education and formation provided to children, youth, young adults and adults through our parishes.

BLESSINGS to Patrick & Ethelyn Morningstar, who celebrated 70 years of marriage on December 26.



REMEMBER IN PRAYER: 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, Mark Kessler, Haley Gale, Marshall Jorissen, Barbara Foster, Julie Quinn, Gene Schaner, Bernadette Eckerle, Allen Aerts, Ed Lathrop, Jim Johnson, Janet Jorissen, Frank Fila, Juanita McCann, Lindsey Blamer, Ken Church

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January 4-5 de Enero

Envelopes	\$2,553.00
Loose	478.54
Total	\$3,031.54
10% Tithe	\$303.15

2014 envelopes are available in the back of both churches. If you'd like a 2013 contribution statement for tax purposes, please contact the parish office at 873-2660 or stgregoryathart.org. THANKS for your support.

Es muy importante que recojan sus sobres para el año 2014. Si usted necesita una carta de los donativos que ha dado a su parroquia durante 2013 llame a la oficina al teléfono 873-2000; o parish@stgregoryhart.org MUCHAS GRACIAS por su contribuci3n econ3mica.

YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES:



CATHOLIC HEART WORK CAMP: A great opportunity for young people to grow in their faith, through serving others. June 8-14 in Chicago, IL. Info is available in the back of church, or contact Char Vanderstelt at 873-0287 or Mary Lorenz at 861-2475 for details.

ATHLETIC AQDAY: Student-athletes interested in any of Aquinas College's 23 collegiate level sports are invited to visit campus on Saturday, Jan 25. Chat with coaches, explore scholarship opportunities, and tour campus. For more details or to register, please visit aquinas.edu/undergraduate/ath_campus.html.

COMING IN MARCH to West Catholic High School in Grand Rapids:

- SHINE RALLY on March 1, 1:30-8:30. www.shinerally.wordpress.com for details.
- YOUTH CONFERENCE on March 2. www.dioceseofgrandrapids.org for info and registration.



Lots of parishioners make legitimate requests. The Pastoral Staff, the Councils and I process these with care and respect. Thus, for example, not every parishioner is mailed their year end contribution statement, our Finance Council decided. That's because only a small number of us need or want them.

Additionally, I'd like to make some distinctions about parish decision making. In parish ministry does the independent operator always get his or her way? Or, does the squeaky wheel get the grease? If you believe that it does, sorry, but not given the current structure. That's why parishes have councils, such as Pastoral Council and Finance Council. There, we deliberate over parishioner concerns and act on them, or choose not to. Those who shout the loudest may have a legitimate concern. Further, their motivation may be pure. And if their involvement includes a willingness to take responsibility or a leadership role, correcting what they believe is wrong, then they certainly receive a thorough hearing. But if their cry, angry or loud as it may be, comes from periphery involvement and they are not part of the process of making things better, then their hearing is more summary, brief, and less likely to be taken as seriously.

A couple of comments: It's been said that the loudest and angriest complaints in a parish (as in any organization) come from those who are least involved and from the outer circles of parish life. Second, it's said that what's needed today are not angry citizens or parishioners, who rise up when they have an axe to grind. No, what's needed are involved citizens or parishioners, who are part of - and continue as involved in - the process or the organization.

Everyone has a right to speak out. Yet each person also has a responsibility to give something back; to leave things (and the world) a little better than s/he found it.

On this Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, we accept responsibility for our own baptismal call of getting involved in ministry in the parish, as well as outreach in the community. Ministry and outreach often mean volunteerism and the generous donation of our time, talent and treasure. Let our voices rise from within the established organization rather than joining a sometimes angry multitude without. The plethora of angry internet bloggers are a sad example of what I mean.

Happily, involvement in Liturgical Ministry and outreach (works of mercy) are not by permission. They are by right. Yes, says the Church, by right. Baptism is a commissioning for ministry and outreach. For everybody. Vatican II couldn't be more insistent on this point.

We have been baptized for a cause. We have been commissioned to do the work of Jesus. All of us, not just religious and priests. You don't have to wait for permission from Sister Guadalupe or me to do works of mercy. That belongs to you by virtue of your baptism. By your baptism you were made a representative of Jesus. You were chosen. You were, as today's gospel reminds us, pronounced "Beloved Son, Beloved Daughter, in whom I am well pleased". As Jesus said later on, "It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you." You are commissioned to ministry and outreach. Thanks for all you do.

Peace, Fr. Tom

Los representantes de la clínica médica de Shelby presentarán información sobre la Ley de Asistencia Asequible en la iglesia católica de San Gregorio a las 12:30 pm el domingo 26 de enero de 2014. Esta presentación describirá cómo aplicar para el seguro de salud, especialmente para las familias donde algunos miembros son documentados y otros no son. También vamos a discutir la posibilidad de inscribirse en el sistema de atención asequible para las personas que tienen empleo pero cuyos seguros de salud en el trabajo no cumplen con los nuevos requisitos de cobertura bajo la ley. Se proporcionará información sobre cómo podemos ayudar a las familias y los individuos en la aplicación de la cobertura de salud.



JUSTICIA PARA LOS INMIGRANTES



Las personas tienen el derecho a encontrar oportunidades en sus países de origen. Este principio

afirma que una persona tiene el derecho a no emigrar. En otras palabras, las condiciones económicas, sociales y políticas en sus países de origen deben ofrecerle oportunidad a toda persona de trabajar y mantener a sus familias de manera digna y segura. En términos de política pública, hay que concentrar esfuerzos para erradicar las desigualdades económicas mundiales a través del comercio justo, desarrollo económico y reducción de deudas. Hay que proponer esfuerzos pacifistas para terminar con el conflicto que fuerza a las personas a huir de sus hogares.

Las personas tienen el derecho a emigrar para mantenerse a sí mismos y a sus familias. Cuando las personas no pueden conseguir un trabajo que los mantenga a sí mismos y a sus familias, ellos tienen el derecho a emigrar a otros países para trabajar. Este derecho no es absoluto, como lo expresa el Papa Juan XXIII, cuando dijo que este derecho de emigrar aplica cuando "existen razones justas para ello". Debido a las condiciones del mundo actual, en donde la pobreza mundial está desenfrenada y las tensiones políticas han traído guerras y persecución, habrá que dar especial atención a aquellos emigrantes que son forzados a dejar sus países por necesidad y por buscar sólo el sobrevivir y el mantener a sus familias.

Las naciones soberanas tienen derecho a controlar sus fronteras. La Iglesia reconoce el derecho del soberano a proteger y controlar sus fronteras en el servicio del bien común para sus ciudadanos. Sin embargo, éste no es un derecho absoluto. Las naciones también tienen obligación ante el bien común universal, como lo expresa el papa Juan XXII en *Pacem in Terris*, y de esta manera deberían buscar acomodar la migración a la mayor medida posible. Las naciones con gran poder económico, como Los Estados Unidos, tienen mayor obligación de servir al bien común universal, en acuerdo a la doctrina social Católica. En el ambiente económico global actual, en el que la demanda de trabajo en Los Estados Unidos es muy atractiva para los trabajadores extranjeros, Los Estados Unidos deben establecer un sistema migratorio que ofrezca vías legales para que las personas entre al país legalmente de manera segura, ordenada y digna para obtener trabajo y reunirse con sus familiares.

Ofrecer Protección para Refugiados y Buscadores de Asilo. A aquellas personas que huyen de sus países de origen se les debe ofrecer protección y seguridad en otro país. El conflicto y las tensiones políticas en muchas partes del mundo fuerzan a las personas a dejar sus países por temor a morir o a ser dañados. Los Estados Unidos deberían emplear un sistema para refugiados, asilados y otros inmigrantes que los proteja y ofrezca un lugar seguro lejos de la persecución.

La dignidad y los derechos humanos de los inmigrantes indocumentados deberían ser respetados. Las personas que entran a un país sin la adecuada autorización o que exceden el periodo permitido de sus visas deberían ser tratadas con respeto y dignidad. No deberían ser detenidas bajo condiciones deplorables por largos periodos de tiempo, atados de manos y pies, o ser maltratados de ninguna manera. Hay que ofrecerles el debido proceso legal y, si es posible, permitirles expresar ante un adjudicador calificado su temor de regresar a sus hogares. No deberían ser culpados por los males sociales de la nación.

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