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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
I DOMINGO DE CUARESMA

March 9, 2014 ~ 9 de Marzo 2014

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

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

LITURGY ~ LITÚRGIA
March 10-16 de Marzo

Tuesday/Martes
 9:00 am StG Mass

Thursday/Jueves
 5:15 pm StG Mass

Friday/Viernes
 9:00 am OLF Mass

Saturday/Sabado
 5:00 pm OLF Lucy Vasquez

Sunday/Domingo
 9:30 am StG Henry & Lillian Lehman
 11:30 am StG Familia Parroquiál



MINISTRY SCHEDULE
MINISTERIOS DE LA MISA
March 15-16 de Marzo

Ministers of the Word/Lectura
 5:00 pm Paul Inglis
 9:30 am Andy Bosse
 11:30 am Rosario Cortes

Ministers of the Eucharist/Comuni3n
 5:00 pm P Earhart, M Sanford, N Warmuskerken
 9:30 am M Mahynski, S Hedinger, A Bosse
 11:30 am A Contreras, E DeBlas, L Ybarra

Altar Servers/Acolitos
 5:00 pm B Cerquist, J Kersjes
 9:30 am D Dold, W Dold
 11:30 am A Martinez, E Cruz

Ministers of Hospitality/Bienvenida
 9:30 am M Jastrzembski, V Griffen
 11:30 am Olga Escamilla y Familia

Ushers/Colecta y Ofrendas
 5:00 pm A Revilla, J Wade, D Zaverl, K Kludy
 9:30 am Schaner, Ulmstead, Schaner, VanderZanden
 11:30 am Gerardo Morales y Familia

TITHES & OFFERINGS

March 1-2 de Marzo

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| Envelopes | \$3,283.00 |
| Loose | <u>530.00</u> |
| Total | \$3,813.00 |
| 10% Tithe | \$381.30 |



Carmen Garcia, David Adameczyk, 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, Haley Gale, Marshall Jorissen, Barbara Foster, Julie Quinn, Gene Schaner, Bernadette Eckerle, Allen Aerts, Ed Lathrop, Jim Johnson, Frank Fila, Juanita McCann, Lindsey Blamer, Ken Church, Paul Setlak, Armando Jarquin, Olga Cantu, Jerry Dennert, Tom Greiner, Tim Beyer, Lori Foster, Fr. Phil Witkowski, Catherine Lound, Phyllis Burmeister, Anita Anderson, Jerry O'Meara

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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March 9-16 de Marzo

Sun/Domingo OLF No Youth Group

Mon/Lunes Prayer Group (206 S. Peach, Hart) 8-9:00 am
 OLF Confirmation Class 6:30-8:00 pm

Wed/Miércoles Food Pantry/Dispensa de Comida 3-5:00 pm
 OLF Catholicism Video Series 10-11:30 am
 StG 1-5 Faith Formation 3:30-4:45 pm
 StG Catholicism Video Series 6:30-8:00 pm
 StG 6-7 Faith Formation 6:45-8:15 pm
 OLF K-6 Religious Ed 7:00 pm

Thurs/Jueves StG Lenten Soup & Bread Lunch 11:30 am-1:00 pm
 StG Bible Study 7:00 pm

Sun/Domingo OLF Youth Group Movie Night 6-8:00 pm



YOUTH GROUP: Come join in on "Movie Night" with the Youth Group, Sunday, March 16, 6-8:00 p.m. Everyone from both churches is invited!

PRAYER GROUP: Meets Monday's, 8-9:00 am at Harold & Louise Schaner's, 206 S. Peach St., Hart. Everyone is welcome!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

- **BREAD OF LIFE FOOD PANTRY:** If you can help out on some Wednesdays, 3-5:00, please call Jane at 873-2022. Extra hands are needed during the winter months when our snowbirds are gone.
- **LOVE INC:** Volunteer opportunities include receptionist, sorting/organizing, pickup/delivery, and in the thrift store. 861-5619 for more information.

AQUINAS CAMPUS VISIT: For high school students interested in fine arts a visit takes place on Friday, March 21 and an all academic major visit takes place on Friday, March 28. For more information call 616-632-2856 or visit www.aquinas.edu.



REFLECT REPENT REJOICE

Events

LENTEN LUNCHESES: Join us for the first of many Soup & Bread Lunches at St. Gregory's on Thursday, March 12, 11:30-1:00 in the parish center, starting this week with Episcopal priest Fr. Sam Morrison from Pentwater. Come partake of food for body and soul.

CATHOLICISM VIDEO SERIES begins this week on Wednesday, March 12 at 10:00 am at OLF and 6:30 pm at St. Gregory. The topic for this week is "Mystical Union of Christ & His Church. Please contact the parish office, 873-2660, or Linda, 873-3071, if you are planning to attend. All are invited to join us!

COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE with individual confessions will be Thursday, April 10, 7:00 pm at St. Gregory's.

OCEANA CAMPAIGN FOR LIFE: In a spirit of unity, several local churches are participating in a 40-day campaign focused on pro-life through prayer, fasting, and community outreach. Locations and times of prayer of each church are: Sun., 4pm, Shelby Wesleyan; Mon., 10am, New Era Reform; Tues., 6:30pm, Hart Faith Christian Fellowship; Wed., 7pm, Hart Wesleyan; Thursday, 10am, Rothbury Community; Fri., 10am, Our Lady of Fatima; Sat., 4pm, Shelby Wesleyan. For more info contact Wally Carrier, 231-233-1560.

REDISCOVER CATHOLICISM: This six-week series takes place at St. Vincent's/Pentwater during Lent. This week's topic, "We Become What We Celebrate", will be held on Thurs, March 13, 6:30-8:00 pm.

LENTEN FISH DINNERS will be every Friday during Lent at St. Joseph Parish Hall, Weare, 5-7 pm. Take-outs available.

**A LETTER FROM POPE FRANCIS TO FAMILIES,
ASKING FOR PRAYERS
FOR THE NEXT SYNOD OF BISHOPS**

"Dear Families,

With this letter, I wish, as it were, to come into your homes to speak about an event which will take place at the Vatican this coming October. It is the Extraordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, which is being convened to discuss the theme of 'pastoral challenges to the family in the context of evangelization.' Indeed, in our day the Church is called to proclaim the Gospel by confronting the new and urgent pastoral needs facing the family.

This important meeting will involve all the People of God - bishops, priests, consecrated men and women, and lay faithful of the particular Churches of the entire world - all of whom are actively participating in preparations for the meeting through practical suggestions and the crucial support of prayer. Such support on your part, dear families, is especially significant and more necessary than ever. This Synodal Assembly is dedicated in a special way to you, to your vocation and mission in the Church and in society; to the challenges of marriage, of family life, of the education of children; and the role of the family in the life of the Church. I ask you, therefore, to pray intently to the Holy Spirit, so that the Spirit may illumine the Synodal Fathers and guide them in their important task. As you know, this Extraordinary Synodal Assembly will be followed a year later by the Ordinary Assembly, which will also have the family as its theme. In that context, there will also be the World Meeting of Families due to take place in Philadelphia in September 2015. May we all, then, pray together so that through these events the Church will undertake a true journey of discernment and adopt the necessary pastoral means to help families face their present challenges with the light and strength that comes from the Gospel.

I am writing this letter to you on the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple. The evangelist Luke tells us that the Blessed Mother and Saint Joseph, in keeping with the Law of Moses, took the Baby Jesus to the temple to offer him to the Lord, and that an elderly man and woman, Simeon and Anna, moved by the Holy Spirit, went to meet them and acknowledged Jesus as the Messiah. Simeon took him in his arms and thanked God that he had finally 'seen' salvation. Anna, despite her advanced age, found new vigor and began to speak to everyone about the Baby. It is a beautiful image: two young parents and two elderly people, brought together by Jesus. He is the one who brings together and unites generations! He is the inexhaustible font of that love which overcomes every occasion of self-absorption, solitude, and sadness. In your journey as a family, you share so many beautiful moments: meals, rest, housework, leisure, prayer, trips and pilgrimages, and times of mutual support... Nevertheless, if there is no love then there is no joy, and authentic love comes to us from Jesus. He offers us his word, which illuminates our path; he gives us the Bread of life which sustains us on our journey.

Dear families, your prayer for the Synod of Bishops will be a precious treasure which enriches the Church. I thank you, and I ask you to pray also for me, so that I may serve the People of God in truth and in love. May the protection of the Blessed Mother and Saint Joseph always accompany all of you and help you to walk united in love and in caring for one another. I willingly invoke on every family the blessing of the Lord."



**CARTA DEL PAPA FRANCISCO
A LAS FAMILIAS**

Queridas familias: Me presento a la puerta de su casa para hablarles de un acontecimiento que, como ya saben, tendrá lugar el próximo mes de octubre en el Vaticano. Se trata de la Asamblea general extraordinaria del Sínodo de los Obispos, convocada para tratar el tema "Los retos pastorales de la familia en el contexto de la evangelización". Pues la Iglesia hoy está llamada a anunciar el Evangelio afrontando también las nuevas emergencias pastorales relacionadas con la familia.

Este señalado encuentro es importante para todo el Pueblo de Dios, Obispos, sacerdotes, personas consagradas y fieles laicos de las Iglesias particulares del mundo entero, que participan activamente en su preparación con propuestas concretas y con la ayuda indispensable de la oración. El apoyo de la oración es necesario e importante especialmente de parte de ustedes, queridas familias. Esta Asamblea sinodal está dedicada de modo especial a ustedes, a su vocación y misión en la Iglesia y en la sociedad, a los problemas de los matrimonios, de la vida familiar, de la educación de los hijos, y a la tarea de las familias en la misión de la Iglesia. Por tanto, les pido que invoquen con insistencia al Espíritu Santo, para que ilumine a los Padres sinodales y los guíe en su grave responsabilidad. Como saben, a esta Asamblea sinodal extraordinaria seguirá un año después la Asamblea ordinaria, que tratará el mismo tema de la familia. Y, en ese contexto, en septiembre de 2015, tendrá lugar el Encuentro Mundial de las Familias en Filadelfia. Así pues, oremos todos juntos para que, mediante estas iniciativas, la Iglesia realice un auténtico camino de discernimiento y adopte los medios pastorales adecuados para ayudar a las familias a afrontar los retos actuales con la luz y la fuerza que vienen del Evangelio.

Les escribo esta carta el día en que se celebra la fiesta de la Presentación de Jesús en el templo. En el Evangelio de Lucas vemos que la Virgen y San José, según la Ley de Moisés, llevaron al Niño al templo para ofrecérselo al Señor, y dos ancianos, Simeón y Ana, impulsados por el Espíritu Santo, fueron a su encuentro y reconocieron en Jesús al Mesías (cf. *Lc 2,22-38*). Simeón lo tomó en brazos y dio gracias a Dios porque finalmente había "visto" la salvación; Ana, a pesar de su avanzada edad, cobró nuevas fuerzas y se puso a hablar a todos del Niño. Es una hermosa estampa: dos jóvenes padres y dos personas ancianas, reunidas por Jesús. ¡Realmente Jesús hace que generaciones diferentes se encuentren y se unan! Él es la fuente inagotable de ese amor que vence todo egoísmo, toda soledad, toda tristeza. En su camino familiar, ustedes comparten tantos momentos inolvidables: las comidas, el descanso, las tareas de la casa, la diversión, la oración, las excursiones y peregrinaciones, la solidaridad con los necesitados... Sin embargo, si falta el amor, falta la alegría, y el amor auténtico nos lo da Jesús: Él nos ofrece su Palabra, que ilumina nuestro camino; nos da el Pan de vida, que nos sostiene en las fatigas de cada día.

Queridas familias, su oración por el Sínodo de los Obispos será un precioso tesoro que enriquecerá a la Iglesia. Se lo agradezco, y les pido que recen también por mí, para que pueda servir al Pueblo de Dios en la verdad y en la caridad. Que la protección de la Bienaventurada Virgen María y de San José les acompañe siempre y les ayude a caminar unidos en el amor y en el servicio mutuo. Invoco de corazón sobre cada familia la bendición del Señor.



LENT

Karl Rahner, arguably the greatest theologian of the last century, once said that somebody has to speak the Word of God. He said that the priest has simply agreed to do so. In other words, it's not about the priest. Sinner, common and ordinary as I am, it surely is not about me. I just had a strong sense, albeit not until age 20, that it was something I was called to.

Sure I thought I could help people. But only as a wounded healer. None of us priests has pat answers. Those who do have gotten carried away with a sense of power beyond our role. But like Rahner said, our role is presenting the Word of God. It's nothing more, nor any less.

So I speak it as I hear or see it, as it pertains to me and therefore, I hope, to others as well. I speak it and, in my best moments, strive to live it. Like you, I try my best. I stumble and fall, and make progress only in and by God's grace.

May God be great in you this Lent and beyond. May you know God's work in your life, in your awareness that you are here for God's ends and purpose, not for your own. May you do the good that will help you leave this world a little better than you found it.

Peace, Fr. Tom

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