

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

“Behold, I am the handmaid
of the Lord.
May it be done to me
according to your word.”

Luke 1:38



ST. FRANCIS DE SALES PARISH

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Christmas Mass Schedule

Family Mass: 5:00 p.m. December 24 – Bilingual
Midnight Mass: 10:30 p.m. December 24 – Trilingual
Music begins at 10:00 p.m.
Christmas Day Mass: 10:30 a.m. December 25 – English
Christmas Day Mass: 12:30 p.m. December 25 – Spanish

Horario de Misas de Navidad

Misa Familiar: 5:00 p.m. 24 de Diciembre– Bilingüe
Misa de Medianoche: 10:30 p.m. 24 de Diciembre– Trilingüe
La música comienza a las 10:00 p.m.
Misa de Navidad: 10:30 a.m. 25 de Diciembre—Inglés
Misa de Navidad: 12:30 p.m. 25 de Diciembre—Español

Pastoral Staff

Rev. Charles Brown, Pastor
Rev. James VanderLaan, Associate Pastor
Sr. Pat Lamb, R.S.M., Immigration Assistance
Sr. Noella Poinsette Outreach/ Social Justice
Tom Eggleston, Pastoral Associate
Fr. Fred Hoesli, O.P.
Deacon Edwin Gonzalez

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Martha Kuyten, Parish Nurse

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616-994-9864

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Weekend Masses

Saturday 5:00 p.m. (Bi-lingual)
Sunday 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Sunday 12:30 p.m. (Spanish)

Daily Masses

Monday 12:10 p.m.
Tuesday 9:00 a.m.
Wednesday 6:00 p.m. (Spanish)
Thursday 12:10 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Confessions Saturday 4:00 p.m.
First Fridays Noon to 1:00 p.m.

Office Hours

Monday - Thurs
8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.



What's Happening @ St. Francis



If you do visits or take communion to the homebound or hospital, Tom Eggleston is leading a retreat for you. The retreat will be on Saturday January 17 from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm. Together we will ponder the mystery of God becoming human at Christmas time. If you have any questions, contact Tom at 392-6700, ext 104.

Si usted visita o le lleva la comunión a las personas que no pueden salir de casa o que están hospitalizadas, habrá un retiro para usted encabezado por Tom Eggleston. El retiro será el sábado 17 de enero de 9:30 am a 3:30 pm. Vamos a reflexionar juntos acerca del misterio de la encarnación de Dios en la Navidad. Si tiene alguna pregunta llame por favor a Tom al 392-6700 ext. 104.

Mass Intentions Intenciones de Misa

Sunday/Domingo, December 21, 2014

8:30 am † Mau Nguyen — *Nguyen family*
10:30 am † Luc Huygen — *Huygen family*
12:30 pm † Luis Martin Villegas — *Silvia Villegas*

Monday/Lunes, December 22, 2014

12:10 pm † Aletha Serr — *family*

Tuesday/Martes, December 23, 2014

9:00 am † Rogelio Sarabin, Lucas & Juanita Castillo-*fam.*

Wednesday/Miércoles, December 24, 2014

5:00 pm Family Mass—English
10:30 pm Midnight Mass (music begins at 10)—Tri-lingual

Thursday/Jueves, December 25, 2014

10:30 am English
12:30 pm Spanish

Saturday/Sábado, December 27, 2014

5:00 pm † Berta Madriz— *Zoila Reich*

Sunday/Domingo, December 28, 2014

8:30 am † Catarina Le — *The Le family*
10:30 am † Reynaldo Arenas— *brothers & sisters*
12:30 pm † Julian Tirado — *mom & dad*

A Gift for St. Francis de Sales? During this season of giving, please consider adding St. Francis to your gift list. Over the last several years, our offertory collections have been declining while our expenses have been increasing. Your gift will express your gratitude for God's blessings and help St. Francis continue to carry out God's mission for our parish. To learn more about our parish financial situation, please visit the parish website and search on "parish finances".



¿Un Regalo para San Francisco de Sales? Durante esta temporada de regalos, considere por favor añadir a San Francisco de Sales en su lista de regalos. En los últimos años, nuestra ofrenda dominical ha ido disminuyendo mientras que nuestros gastos han aumentado. Su regalo expresará su gratitud por las bendiciones de Dios y ayudará a San Francisco de Sales a continuar llevando la misión de Dios en nuestra parroquia. Si quiere aprender mas acerca la situación financiera de nuestra parroquia, visite por favor nuestra pagina web de la parroquia y busque el reporte en la sección de "finanzas de la parroquia" (parish finances).

Infant Baptism - Bautismos de Infantes



Baptismal Preparation Class:
**February 2, 2015 from
5:45 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.**

Próxima sesión de preparación
bautismal: **2 de febrero
5:45 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.**



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Scripture Readings for the Week

12/22 2 Sm 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56
12/23 Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66
12/24 2 Sam 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a; Lk 1:67-79
12/25 Is 52:7-10, Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18
12/26 Acts 6:8-10, 7, 54-60; Mt 10:17-22
12/27 1 Jn 1:1-4, Jn 20:2-8
12/28 Sir 3:2-6, 12, 14, Col 3:12-21; Lk 2:22-40

Lecturas Bíblicas de la Semana

12/22 2 Sam 1:24-28; Lc 1:46-56
12/23 Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lc 1:57-66
12/24 2 Sam 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Lc 1:67-79
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Outreach / Fe y Justicia



St. Vincent Center/Centro San Vicente
13th & Maple - Holland

Hours/Horario:

3 to 8 p.m. Monday & Wednesday/Lunes y Miércoles de 3 a 8 p.m.
12 to 4 p.m. on Saturday/Sábados de 12 a 4 p.m.

ST VINCENT de PAUL CENTER: The Center will be closed during the holidays and so it would be good to NOT bring any food on the weekends of Dec. 21 and Dec. 28. Food and Kleenex, tooth paste, etc. will be welcome again on Jan. 4. Thank you for your generosity. Although the Center will be closed those who are hungry will have access to food from mobile food pantries and other sources in the area.

ANOTHER THANKSGIVING THANK YOU: A BIG thank you to the students of **Corpus Christi School**. THEY FILLED A WHOLE SCHOOL BUS EXCEPT FOR THE 9 PEOPLE ABOARD – UNBELIEVABLE! The 8th graders who unloaded it here were wonderful and represented real well the spirit and generosity of the rest of the CC students. May each of you continue walking in the footprints of Jesus who cared for those who were often left out in society.

Centro San Vicente de Paúl: *El centro estará cerrado durante los días festivos y es por eso que le pedimos NO traiga ninguna comida los fines de semana del 21 y 28 de diciembre. Pueden volver a traer comida, kleenex, pasta dental, etc. desde el 4 de enero. Gracias por su generosidad. Aunque el centro estará cerrado, los necesitados de comida tendrán acceso a ella por medio de otras fuentes de ayuda en esta área.*

Otro Agradecimiento del Día de Acción de Gracias: *Un fuerte agradecimiento a los estudiantes de la Escuela Corpus Christi. ¡LLENARON UN CAMION DE LA ESCUELA CON COMIDA EXCEPTO POR LAS 9 PERSONAS QUE VIAJARON EN EL — INCREÍBLE! Los estudiantes del grado 8 que descargaron el camión fueron maravillosos y representaron muy bien el espíritu de generosidad de los demás estudiantes de CC. Que cada uno de ustedes continúe caminando sobre las huellas de Jesús quien cuidó de aquellos que la sociedad abandonaba.*

There will be no Family and Adult Faith Formation classes from Dec. 21 to Jan. 3.
Classes will resume on Jan. 4.

No habrá clases de formación de fe o catecismo del 21 de diciembre al 3 de enero.
Las clases se reanudarán el 4 de enero.



BISHOP DAVID J. WALKOWIAK ASKS US TO
PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS

We especially pray for:
Deacon William R. Vander Werff
University of
St. Mary of the Lake
Mundelein Seminary
1000 East Maple Ave.
Mundelein, IL 60060



Loving God,
Raise up dedicated leaders who will shepherd your people and guide them to your Son. Give generous and willing hearts to the seminarians of our Diocese who have heard your call to live a life of service to the Church. Help us to encourage and support them as they strive to become priests who are models of discipleship, possessors of wisdom and on fire with love for your people. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Last Minute Gift Idea!



SFDS Music Ministry Cookbooks are for sale in the parish office.
Cost is \$20.

Makes a great Christmas gift for the person who loves to cook!



Please welcome the newly baptized
of St. Francis de Sales

*Démosle la bienvenida a los nuevos bautizados de
San Francisco de Sales*

Claire Abigail Irish

Daughter of —Hija de— Patrick and Jasmine Irish

Community / Comunidad



Providing Help. Creating Hope.

The holidays can be a stressful time for many people. If you are struggling with grief and loss, family or relationship issues, depression, anxiety, loneliness or any emotionally painful situation, please call Catholic Charities West Michigan's Behavioral Health Department at 1-877-359-6523 to schedule an appointment to talk to one of our highly qualified counselors. We are here for you.

Our community is in great need of people who are able to open their hearts and homes to foster children. Please call Catholic Charities West Michigan's Foster Care program 1-866-857-1593 and ask for a foster care licensing worker for more information.



To Your Health

Martha Kuyten, Parish Nurse
Part 1 of 4

"Even to your old age, I am He, and to gray hairs I will carry you..." (Isaiah 46:4)

FACTS ABOUT FALLS:

Falls are very common and often preventable. Falls are the #1 cause of death due to injury for people age 65 and older. Seniors are at greater risk for falls due to health problems and physical hazards, such as throw rugs.

FALLS CAN HAVE SERIOUS RESULTS:

Falls can cause serious injuries such as bone fractures (hip, pelvis, spine) and brain trauma. • Falls can lower seniors' quality of life such as feeling afraid of falling again, avoiding exercise and social activities and becoming isolated and depressed. • Falls can create financial loss such as lengthy hospital stays and rehabilitative expenses. • Falling makes you more likely to fall again because after a fall, a person's risk for future falls increases; usually this is due to avoiding exercise in order to be "safe." However, being inactive actually increases the risk of falling.

A Su Salud

Martha Kuyten, Enfermera de la Parroquia
Parte 1 de 4

"Hasta su vejez yo seré el mismo, y los apoyaré hasta que sus cabellos se pongan blancos..." (Isaías 46:4)

DATOS ACERCA DE LAS CAÍDAS

Las caídas son muy comunes y a menudo se pueden prevenir. Las caídas son la causa número 1 de muertes por una lesión en las personas mayores de 65 años. Estas personas tienen un riesgo mayor para las caídas debido a sus problemas de salud y a los peligros físicos, como el de un tapete que no esté bien asegurado.

LOS RESULTADOS DE UNA CAÍDA PUEDEN SER SERIOS

Las caídas pueden causar lesiones serias como la de una fractura en los huesos (cintura, pelvis, columna) y trauma cerebral. Las caídas pueden disminuir la calidad de vida para las personas mayores porque pueden sentir temor de caerse otra vez, evitan el ejercicio y actividades sociales y se pueden convertir en personas aisladas y con depresión. Las caídas pueden también crear una situación financiera difícil al tener que estar en el hospital por mucho tiempo y además la rehabilitación es cara. Las caídas hacen que uno tenga, mas probabilidad de caerse otra vez porque después de una caída, el riesgo de volverse a caer aumenta; usualmente esto es debido a que evitan el ejercicio para sentirse mas "seguros". Sin embargo, el ser inactivo en realidad aumenta el riesgo de otra caída.

Quinceañeras 2015



Dates are set for Quinceañeras Celebrations! If you are interested in celebrating your Quinceañera here at St. Francis in 2015 please call the office at (616) 392-6700.

*¡Fechas ya están disponibles para Misas de quinceañeras!
Si están interesadas en celebrar su quinceañera aquí en la Parroquia de San Francis en el 2015 por favor de llamar a la oficina al (616) 392-6700.*

Kids Corner

Where Did You Come From, Baby Dear?

by George MacDonald

Where did you come from, baby dear? Out of the everywhere into here.	Where did you get this pearly ear? God spoke, and it came out to hear.
Where did you get your eyes so blue? Out of the sky as I came through.	Where did you get those arms and hands? Love made itself into hooks and bands.
What makes the light in them sparkle and spin? Some of the starry spikes left in.	Feet, whence did you come, you darling things? From the same box as the cherubs' wings.
Where did you get that little tear? I found it waiting when I got here.	How did they all just come to be you? God thought about me, and so I grew.
What makes your forehead so smooth and high? A soft hand stroked it as I went by.	But how did you come to us, you dear? God thought about you, and so I am here.
What makes your cheek like a warm white rose? I saw something better than anyone knows.	
Whence that three-cornered smile of bliss? Three angels gave me at once a kiss.	



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GIFTS OF TREASURE

WEEKLY TITHES

December 14th Collection	\$24,078.35
Weekly Need	\$19,900.00
# of Envelopes and Checks	300

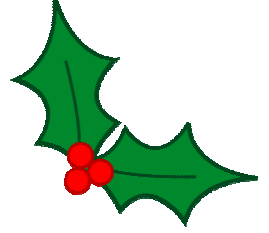
GROWING OUR FAITH CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Pledges to Date	\$1,221,743.61
Collected to Date	\$ 910,038.81
Parish Goal	\$1,560,000.00
Shortfall	(\$ 338,256.39)

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Collection	\$ 1,656.10
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"Jesus the greatest gift to the
World, not just for Christmas,
But for every single day-
through out our whole life-
and even beyond for all eter-
nity"



*Merry
Christmas*

Weekly Tithe \$175.00: **Latin Americans United for Progress (LAUP)**