

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES PARISH

195 West 13th Street . Holland, MI 49423

www.stfrancisholland.org

Our Parish Mission Statement

We, the people of St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church, are a pilgrim people, a people on a journey. We struggle to live out the gospel in the context of our parish and our community while we travel together the path to the kingdom of God.

We respect the beliefs and traditions of other Christian churches, and we strive to cooperate with them in serving those in our community. We are to be a people of hospitality toward vacationers, college students and seasonal laborers, making a special effort to help them feel welcome among us. We believe the various cultures within our community are gifts from God, and rather than assimilate them, we seek to be enriched by them. We accept one another and our different backgrounds while at the same time recognizing we are indeed a common Christian family.

Whether cooperating with other Christian churches of the community of Holland, welcoming visitors and seasonal laborers, or accepting one another within our own parish community, we seek the unity that God wills, for we share “one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all, and works through all, and is in all.” (Ephesians 4:5-6)

Pastoral Staff

Rev. Charles Brown, Pastor
Rev. William VanderWerff, Associate Pastor
Sr. Pat Lamb, R.S.M., Immigration Assistance
Sr. Noella Poinsette O.S.F., Outreach/ Social Justice
Tom Eggleston, Pastoral Associate
Deacon Edwin Gonzalez

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Ext. 114
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Ext. 101

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.

Office Hours

Monday - Thursdays
8:30 am to 6:00 pm
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Brian Piecuch

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What's happening around SFDS



PANCAKE BREAKFAST SUNDAY, JAN 17 9:00 a.m. to noon

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a pancake breakfast in the multipurpose room. Please come for a delicious meal and support the work for the Knights. Proceeds from this breakfast are designated to support the work of the Saint Benedict Forum, a ministry of Saint Francis de Sales parish to Hope College and the wider community.

Los Caballeros de Colón ofrecen un desayuno de panqueques el domingo, 17 de enero de 9:00-12 del mediodía en el salón de usos múltiples. Por favor venga para una deliciosa comida y apoyar el trabajo de los Caballeros. Las ganancias de este desayuno se designan para apoyar el trabajo del "Saint Benedict Forum" un ministerio de la parroquia de San Francisco de Sales en Hope College y a la comunidad en general.

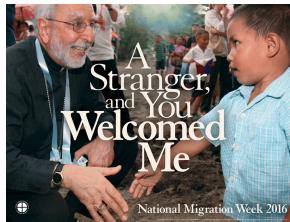


Cub Scout Retreat:

On Saturday, January 9, the Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting will host a spiritual enrichment retreat for cub scouts and their families, from 8:30 a.m. -1:30 p.m. at St. Ann's Home (2161 Leonard NW, Grand Rapids). Lunch will be provided. This event is also open to Girl Scouts and American Heritage Girls. Advanced registration is encouraged.

For registration and more details, see our web site at Grand Rapids Catholic Committee on Scouting – www.grccscouting.org. You can also contact, Bob Ungrey, Cub Scout Retreat Chair by phone, 616-824-8718 or email, bobungrey@ymail.com.

Gracias



NATIONAL MIGRATION WEEK JANUARY 6-12:

Here's a prayer from the USCCB. Loving Father, we pray that you provide your divine protection to all migrants, particularly those who are driven from their homes due to war or violence, who are uprooted due to environmental degradation and climate change, or whose material poverty pushes them to find opportunities elsewhere. Show us how we might reach out to these vulnerable populations and help them to begin a new life in a new home. Open our hearts, so that we may provide hospitality for all who come in search of refuge. Give us the courage to welcome every stranger, as Christ in our midst. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Padre amoroso, oramos para que les brindes tu divina protección a todos los migrantes, en especial a aquellos que deben dejar sus hogares debido a la guerra o a la violencia, a los que son desarraigados a causa de la degradación ambiental y del cambio climático o cuya pobreza material los empuja a buscar oportunidades en otro lugar. Muéstranos la manera de acercarnos a estas poblaciones vulnerables y ayudarles a empezar una nueva vida en un nuevo hogar. Abre nuestro corazón para que podamos ofrecerle hospitalidad a todo aquel que viene en busca de un refugio. Amén

Mass Intentions/ Intenciones de Misa

Saturday/Sábado, Jan. 2, 2016

5:00 pm For the People

Sunday/Domingo, Jan. 3, 2016

8:30 am	† Jerry Trees—Robert Trees
10:30 am	† Marie Contreras—Br. Wayne Sanger
12:30 pm	† Concepcion Estrada —familia

Monday/Lunes, Jan. 4, 2016

12:10 pm † All Souls—Le family

Tuesday/Martes, Jan. 5, 2016

9:00 am † Morrie Scherrens—Marion

Wednesday/Miércoles, Jan. 6, 2016

6:00 pm † Cristina Martinez—familia Olmeda Cortez

Thursday/Jueves, Jan. 7, 2016

12:10 pm † John F. Bals—St. Benedict Forum

Saturday/Sábado, Jan. 9, 2016

5:00 pm † Benito Benavides—parents

Sunday/Domingo, Jan. 10, 2016

8:30 am	† Ann Le—Le family
10:30 am	For the People
12:30 pm	† Arturo Cervantes Sanchez —familia Cervantes

Scripture Readings for the Week

- 01/04 1 Jn 3:22, 4:6; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
- 01/05 1 Jn 4:7-10; Mk 6:34-44
- 01/06 1 Jn 4:11-18; Mk 6:45-52
- 01/07 1 Jn 4:19, 5:4; Lk 4:14-22a
- 01/08 1 Jn 5:5-13; Lk 5:12-16
- 01/09 1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 3:22-30
- 01/10 Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ti 2:11-14, 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Lecturas Bíblicas de la Semana

- 01/04 1 Jn 3:22, 4:6; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
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- 01/06 1 Jn 4:11-18; Mc 6:45-52
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Outreach / Fe y Justicia



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CENTER:

Needed are Peanut Butter and Jelly and canned fruit.
Hours: Mon. & Wed., 3 to 8 pm and Sat. 12 to 4 pm.

CENTRO SAN VICENTE DE PAÚL:

Esta semana necesitamos mantequilla de maní (cacahuate) jaleas y fruta en almíbar.
Nuestro horario es: Lunes y Miércoles, 3 a 8 pm y los Sábados de 12 a 4 pm.



Asian Heritage Month: In anticipation of this oral histories and portraits will be collected in January at Herrick District Library. Earlier you saw four samples of this in the church's gathering space from parishioners who participated in "Our Hispanic Community". This is the same type of project documenting Holland's Asian community. The city, GVSU, the library, and the parish are proud to continue as sponsors of this. Dates and times are: Wed., Jan. 6 at 3 pm; Sat., Jan. 16 at 2 pm; Wed., Jan. 20 at 10 am; Fri., Jan. 22 at 2 pm; and Mon., Jan. 25 at 3 pm.



St. Luke, the Great Storyteller
Monday, January 11, 1-2:45pm or 7-8:45pm
with Fr. Bernie Campbell, CSP

The 1:00 pm program will be live streamed at catholicinformationcenter.org.
The most literate of all the New Testament writers, Luke orders his account of Jesus' life and mission around some of our best loved stories – The Good Samaritan, the Prodigal Son and the encounter with the men on the road to Emmaus. Luke's gospel gives a special place to the poor and to women's participation in the Good News.
360 Division S. Suite 2A register@catholicinformationcenter.org or call
(616) 459-7267 CFD: Theology \$10 donation requested

Corpus Christi News

Middle School Snapshot

It's been a very active start to the year for our Middle School students and we'd like to share some of the highlights:
From 5th through 8th, there has been a focus on leveraging technology for enhancing Math and Language Arts lessons by using interactive tools like Nearpod, Kahoot!, Discovery Education, Kahn Academy, and Moby Max. These tools have been a great addition to help students learn both inside and outside the classroom.

Additionally our students have been embracing the 'book challenge' to expose them to various genres and encourage building skills for lifelong reading. The kids choose their own books through the year, with a goal to complete a minimum of 30 starting in 5th grade and climbing each year to 40 books in 8th grade. It's amazing what they will accomplish! There's also some really cool things going on in each classroom:

5th Grade – Partnering with our 3rd grade students to create an Art Prize inspired project.

6th Grade – Creating Saint cards and displaying them throughout the school in celebration of All Saints Day.

7th Grade – Exploring Norse mythology with each student creating a specific character costume and report.

8th Grade – Inspiring students on what it's like to be an author through guest speaker Gary Schmidt, author of Orbiting Jupiter and Okay for Now.

Un Bosquejo de la Escuela Secundaria

Ha sido un comienzo de año muy activo para nuestros estudiantes de la escuela secundaria y nos gustaría compartir algunos puntos notables: En los grados 5 al 8 ha habido un enfoque en el uso de la tecnología para mejorar las lecciones de matemáticas y lenguaje usando herramientas interactivas como Nearpod, Kahoot!, Discovery Education, Kahn Academy, y Moby Max. Estas herramientas han sido un gran complemento para ayudar a los estudiantes a aprender dentro y fuera del salón de clases.

Además nuestros estudiantes han adoptado el "reto del libro" que los expone a varios géneros de lectura y les anima a tener habilidades y formar un hábito de lectura para toda la vida. Los estudiantes eligen sus propios libros durante el año, con la meta de completar 30 libros empezando en el grado 5 y aumentando el número cada año hasta llegar a 40 libros en el grado 8. ¡Es espectacular lo que pueden lograr! Hay también un número de cosas creativas que están haciendo en cada salón.

Grado 5 – En conjunto con los estudiantes del tercer grado están creando un Proyecto inspirado por Art Prize.

Grado 6 – Crearon tarjetas de los santos y las exhibieron por toda la escuela en honor a la celebración del Día de Todos los Santos.

Grado 7 – Están explorando la mitología Nórdica y cada estudiante crea el uniforme de un personaje específico y da un reporte acerca de él.

Grado 8 – Los estudiantes son inspirados a ser autores literarios por el presentador Gary Schmidt, autor de Orbiting Jupiter y Okay for Now.

Faith and Family Formation



Father Cunniff is a Paulist Father who serves as associate pastor of St. Luke University Parish. When we learned that he created a series of articles on the Year of Mercy, he offered to share them with parishes.



El Padre Cunniff es un sacerdote Paulista que sirve en la Parroquia Universitaria de San Lucas. El ha escrito una serie de artículos sobre el Año de la Misericordia, y ofreció compartirlos con las demás parroquias.

Make a New Year's Mercy Resolution

The Season of Christmas is almost over. A New Year has begun. What can we do?

As you have seen in earlier articles, all sorts of possibilities are available for us to participate in the Jubilee Year of Mercy. I suggest that these opportunities be done in the order offered, in order to allow God's mercy to flow through and effect our words and actions.

Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation – no matter how long it has been since your last confession. **Allow** God's love and mercy to become part of your life

- ◆ heal the sick
- ◆ visit the imprisoned
- ◆ bury the dead

Be aware of and participate in the **Spiritual Works of Mercy**

- ◆ counsel the doubtful
- ◆ instruct the ignorant
- ◆ admonish sinners
- ◆ comfort the afflicted
- ◆ forgive offences
- ◆ bear patiently those who do us ill
- ◆ pray for the living and the dead

Be aware of and participate in the **Corporal Works of Mercy**

- ◆ feed the hungry
- ◆ give drink to the thirsty
- ◆ clothe the naked
- ◆ welcome the stranger

Organize or participate in your **parish's pilgrimage** to the **Door of Mercy** at the Cathedral of Saint Andrew

There will be other venues as part of this Jubilee Year of Mercy. Stay tuned!



Haga una Resolución de Misericordia para el Año Nuevo.

Ya casi se termina la temporada navideña. Ya empezó un Año Nuevo. ¿Que podemos hacer? Como ustedes han visto en los artículos anteriores, tenemos disponibles muchas posibilidades para participar en el Jubileo del Año de la Misericordia. Les sugiero que estas cosas se hagan en el orden en que se ofrecen para dejar que la Misericordia de Dios fluya a través y afecte nuestras palabras y acciones.

Celebren el Sacramento de la Reconciliación - no importa cuando fue la ultima vez que se confesaron. **Dejen** que el amor y la Misericordia de Dios se haga parte de su vida

Tener en mente y participar en las **Obras de Misericordia Corporales**:

- ◆ dar de comer al hambriento

- ◆ dar de beber al sediento
- ◆ vestir al desnudo
- ◆ dar posada al peregrino
- ◆ visitar a los enfermos
- ◆ visitar a los presos
- ◆ enterrar a los difuntos.

Tener en mente y participar en las **Obras de Misericordia Espirituales**:

- ◆ Dar buen consejo al que lo necesita
- ◆ enseñar al que no sabe
- ◆ corregir al que se equivoca
- ◆ consolar al triste
- ◆ perdonar al que nos ofende
- ◆ sufrir con paciencia los defectos del prójimo
- ◆ rezar a Dios por los vivos y por los difuntos.

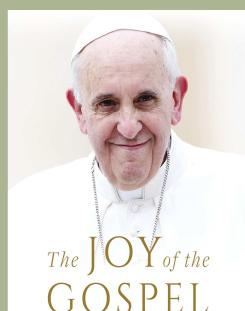
Organizar o participar en la **peregrinación de su parroquia** a la **Puerta de la Misericordia** de la Catedral de San Andrés.

Habrá otros eventos como parte de este Año del Jubileo de la Misericordia.. ¡Esté alerta!

La Alegría del Evangelio Cristo Compartido

Se les invita a asistir nuestro ultimo evento de esta serie. Nos enfocaremos en como compartimos a Cristo en nuestra vida ordinaria. Tendremos pláticas, reflexiones en grupos, y cerveza, vino, y aperitivos. Regístrese en nuestra pagina web—www.stfrancisholland.org/node/1308.

Viernes 15 de enero 2016
7:00 a 9:00 de la noche—En el sótano de la iglesia.



Joy of the Gospel Christ Shared

You're invited to join us for our final Joy of the Gospel event. We will be focusing on sharing Christ through our lives. We will have speakers, fellowship, and refreshments (beer, wine, and snacks). Register online at www.stfrancisholland.org/node/1308.

Friday, January 15, 2016
7:00 to 9:00 pm—Lower Level

GIFTS OF TREASURE

"You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God". —Corinthians 9:11

WEEKLY TITHES

Sunday, December 20th	\$14,021.66
Weekly needed	\$19,100.00

WEEKLY TITHES

Due to Holiday schedule our collection for the weekend of Sunday, December 27 will be reported on our next bulletin.

Weekly Tithe — \$175.00:

American Friends Service Committee

How can you make your Church Contributions???

Our parish offers different ways to make it easy and convenient to parishioners. The question is what works best for you? You can manage your giving by doing online donations using our website. Our online giving gives you a choice to do one time or recurring donations, to regular offertory or to specific funds. Also you can sign up for Automatic draft through us just call the office and we can set it up for. It can be done either weekly, monthly, semi monthly, annually, etc. Either choice helps the parish streamline our cash flow and improve our operational efficiency. This is helpful since your giving is constant even if you can't be at Mass, especially during bad weather or vacation times. If you haven't already signed up then go to our website at www.stfrancisholland.org and click give online or call the office at (616)392-6700 and provide us with your information or with any questions on how to set it up!!!