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2nd Sunday
of Lent

II Domingo
de Cuaresma

SALVATION THROUGH FAITH | LA SALVACIÓN A TRAVÉS DE LA FE

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The readings this week challenge us to think about the promises that God has made to us; promises that we are called to trust in despite all appearances to the contrary. This life is not all there is; in fact, God has promised us a heavenly home that is beyond anything we could ever imagine. From time to time, we receive glimpses of this heavenly glory, glimpses that strengthen our faith and also call us to renew our commitment to Christ and living out our faith in Him.

Las lecturas de esta semana nos retan a meditar acerca de las promesas que Dios a hecho a nosotros, promesas en las que tenemos que confiar a pesar de todo. Esta vida no lo es todo; en realidad, Dios nos ha prometido una mansión en el cielo que supera cualquier cosa que nos puédanos imaginar. De vez en cuando recibimos destellos de esta gloria celestial, destellos que fortalecen nuestra fe y que también nos llaman a renovar nuestro compromiso con Cristo y a vivir nuestra fe en El.

Question of the Week | Pregunta de la Semana

Adult: When you were hurting how were you helped by the compassionate presence of Jesus? How can you share this experience with another who is hurting?

Adultos: ¿Cuándo estaba sufriendo, como fue ayudado por la presencia compasiva de Jesús? ¿Cómo puede compartir esta experiencia con otra persona que esta sufriendo?

Youth: When were you scared and felt all alone? Who helped you and showed God's compassionate mercy?

Jóvenes: ¿Cuándo fue que sentiste miedo y te sentiste solo? ¿Quién te ayudó y te enseñó la misericordia compasiva de Dios?

What's happening around SFDS



On February 22, The Saint Benedict Forum will be hosting a symposium on living faithfully with same-sex attraction. Titled "Gay and Christian: Exploring Vocation, Friendship, and Celibacy", we will be bringing to Hope College three panelists: Wesley Hill – Assistant Professor of Biblical Studies at Trinity School of Ministry and the author of *Spiritual Friendship: Finding Love in the Church as a Gay Celibate Christian*, Joshua Gonnerman – writer and doctoral student in theology at The Catholic University of America, Eve Tushnet – author of *Gay and Catholic: Accepting My Sexuality, Finding Community, Living My Faith*.

**The event will be held in Maas Auditorium,
264 Columbia Ave., at 7 pm.**

Mercy in Unlikely Places

Tuesday, Feb. 23, 6:30—9:30 p.m.

Our Lady of the Lake Parish, 480 152nd Ave.

"Serving Life" documents an extraordinary hospice program where hardened criminals care for dying fellow prisoners. In doing so, they embark on a journey that ends in remarkable personal rehabilitation. Actor Forest Whitaker narrates the story of the prisoner volunteers who staff their own hospice inside the infamous Angola maximum security prison in Louisiana where the average sentence is more than 90 years. This documentary is an profound example of mercy and reaches inside each viewer to touch their very core. It exemplifies humanity at its very best yet taking place amidst those thought to be the worst of human-kind.

RSVP to Tom Eggleston @ teggleston@stfranchisholland.org
or Jude Acheson jacheson@dioceseofgrandrapids.org



You are invited to join fellow parishioners at the upcoming Stewardship Speaker Series & Networking Event **Tuesday, March 8**, from 5-6:30 p.m., at Cathedral Square Center, downtown Grand Rapids, 360 Division Avenue South.

Mark and Cami Mann will offer a presentation "Stewards in an Oasis of Mercy!" The Manns will explore Pope Francis' call for our parishes to be an oasis of mercy and to recognizing stewardship as not an act of service but an act of communion. Enjoy light refreshments at this no-cost event. Please RSVP by emailing

jkatt@dioceseofgrandrapids.org or calling (616) 459-4508.

Scripture Readings for the Week

02/22 1 Pt 5:1-4; Mt 16:13-19
 02/23 Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12
 02/24 Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28
 02/25 Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31
 02/26 Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
 02/27 Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-39
 02/28 Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9 (30)
 02/28 (10:30 Mass only) Ex 17:3-7; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:2-42

Cursillo de Hombres

Mayo 12-15

Cursillo de Mujeres

Mayo 19-22

Iglesia de San Pedro y San Pablo en Grand Rapids
 Para solicitar una aplicación y obtener mas información, favor de comunicarse con Chino De La Cruz al 616-834-7687.



Attention all men! Want to make an eternal difference in your life and in the lives of those you care about? Consider a day of dynamic Cath-

olic men's spiritual development and fellowship at the Building a Legacy 2016 Catholic Men's Conference on **Saturday, March 12** at West Catholic High School in Grand Rapids. This year's theme is **HEART OF A LION**. Featuring prolific author and speaker Jason Evert and Fr. Mike Schmitz of the Diocese of Duluth, Minn, with Mass celebrated by Bishop David Walkowiak. For more information and to register, go to www.buildingalegacy.org or call Robert at 616-258-8530.

Mass Intentions/ Intenciones de Misa

Saturday/Sábado, Feb. 20, 2016

5:00 pm † For the People

Sunday/Domingo, Feb. 21, 2016

8:30 am † Robert Westra—*Scott & Diane Coddington*
 10:30 am Students at Corpus Christi
 12:30 pm † Maria Luisa Antonio—*familia*

Monday/Lunes, Feb. 22, 2016

12:10 pm All Souls

Tuesday/Martes, Feb. 23, 2016

9:00 am † Joe Bugno—*Dziuban family*

Wednesday/Miércoles, Feb. 24, 2016

6:00 pm † Deceased members of St. Francis

Thursday/Jueves, Feb. 25, 2016

12:10 pm † Deceased members of St. Francis

Saturday/Sábado, Feb. 27, 2016

5:00 pm † Juan Jose Pardo—*Pardo family*

Sunday/Domingo, Feb. 28, 2016

8:30 am For the People
 10:30 am † Joseph Phan—*Le family*
 12:30 pm † Aurelia Calzada—*daughter*

Lecturas Bíblicas de la Semana

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Outreach / Fe y Justicia



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CENTER:

Canned Tuna and Salmon are needed.
Hours: Mon. & Wed., 3 to 8 pm
and Sat. 12 to 4 pm.

CENTRO SAN VICENTE DE PAÚL:

Esta semana estamos necesitando Atún y salmón enlatados.
Nuestro horario es: Lunes y Miércoles, 3 a 8 pm y los Sábados de 12 a 4 pm.



takes us this week to Laos, where Hongkham is using her love of cooking to provide for her family-and feed an entire school. How do we use our passions and gifts for the betterment of those we meet?

Visit www.crsricebowl.org for more info. Remember that your Lenten sacrifices save the lives of many children served by Catholic Relief Services.

El Plato de Arroz nos lleva esta semana a Laos, donde Hongkham está usando su amor por la cocina para proporcionar lo necesario para su familia y dar de comer a toda una escuela. ¿Cómo usamos nuestras pasiones y dones para el bien de los demás? Visite el sitio web www.crsricebowl.org para mas información. Recuerde que su sacrificio Cuaresmal salva las vidas de muchos niños a través de CRS.

SUPPORT for FLINT

We are collecting **WATER** (bottles and gallons), **BABY WIPES**, and **HAND SANITIZER**, at all Masses next weekend Feb. 20 / 21 thru 8am on Saturday, Feb. 27. Donations will be transported to two parishes in Flint, St. Mary's and Our Lady of Guadalupe, where everyone including the undocumented are being served. In this Year of Mercy we can together give drink to the thirsty. Both parishes and Corpus Christi School are partnering in this endeavor. We have the possibility of two trucks but would need a driver for one. Please contact Sr. Noella (392-6700) about volunteering. Visit www.sfrancisholland.org for more details.

Estamos colectando AGUA (botellas y galones), TOALLITAS HUMEDAS y GEL HIGIÉNICA PARA LAS MANOS, en todas las Misas del próximo fin de semana – febrero 20/21 hasta las 8am del sábado 27 de febrero. Las donaciones serán transportadas a dos parroquias en Flint, Santa María y Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, donde se les proporcionan estas cosas a toda la gente, incluyendo a nuestros hermanos indocumentados. En este Año de la Misericordia juntos podemos dar de beber al sediento. Las dos parroquias locales y la Escuela Corpus Cristi se están uniendo en este esfuerzo. Tenemos la posibilidad de usar dos camiones, pero necesitamos un chofer para manejar uno de ellos. Si quiere ser voluntario comuníquese con la Hermana Noella al 392-6700. Para mas detalles visite nuestro sitio web www.sfrancisholland.org.

CATHOLIC ADVOCACY NETWORK: Each legislative session, MCC (Michigan Catholic Conference) evaluates bills introduced into the Michigan House and Senate based on their impact on human dignity, social justice, and the common good. MCC provides an opportunity for Michigan Catholics to stay updated on current policy issues and to contact their lawmakers about these issues. Some recent issues have been: Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, Adoption Tax Credits, Human Trafficking. In this Black History Month there has also been a short article on the Need for Continued Dialogue. Sign up for weekly updates at <http://www.micatholic.org/advocacy/catholic-advocacy-network/>

Corpus Christi School News

Highlights from our 6th and 7th grade retreat at Catholic Central

On Friday, January 29, Corpus Christi students in 6th and 7th grade attended a retreat hosted by the Catholic Central High School Peer Ministry group. Our parish school children were joined by students from eight other diocesan schools as they came together to discuss and participate in activities centered around the Corporal Works of Mercy and the Jubilee Year of Mercy. They had a fantastic time and were able to experience service first hand as they



participated in projects to help support Kids Food Basket in Grand Rapids and the water crisis happening in Flint. The students had a great experience and learned very valuable lessons on how, even as a student, they can influence change. Throughout the day, the Catholic Central Peer Ministry team did a fabulous job modeling this while showing what they do to give back to their own community. Now that's service leadership!

Here are a few comments from our kids:

"I was really glad I was able to help the people in Flint"—Elizabeth Nguyen

"I loved being able to spend time with kids from other catholic schools"—Abby Griffith.

Puntos culminantes de nuestro retiro para los grados 6 y 7 en la preparatoria Catholic Central

El viernes 29 de enero, los estudiantes de los grados 6 y 7 de la escuela Corpus Cristi fueron a un retiro organizado por el grupo Peer Ministry de la escuela preparatoria Catholic Central. Los niños de nuestra escuela parroquial se unieron a los estudiantes de otras ocho escuelas diocesanas para dialogar y participar en actividades enfocadas en las Obras de Misericordia Corporales. Pasaron un tiempo fantástico y pudieron experimentar el servir al participar en



proyectos para apoyar a la organización Kids Food Basket de Grand Rapids y apoyar la crisis del agua en Flint.

Los estudiantes tuvieron una gran experiencia y aprendieron lecciones de mucho valor de cómo, aun siendo estudiantes, pueden influenciar un cambio. En todo el día, el equipo de Peer Ministry hizo una tarea fabulosa modelando este servicio y al mismo tiempo enseñándoles lo que ellos hacen para servir a su comunidad. ¡A eso se le llama liderazgo de servicio!

Aquí tenemos algunos comentarios de nuestros niños:

"Me hizo muy feliz el poder ayudar a la gente de Flint"—Elizabeth Nguyen

"Me encanto el poder pasar un tiempo con niños de otras escuelas católicas"—Abby Griffith.



You are invited to a free Catholic Estate Planning Seminar Luncheon on Monday, March 7, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Cathedral Square Center, 360 Division Avenue S, downtown Grand Rapids. Enjoy a complimentary lunch with fellow parishioners at this event sponsored by The Catholic Foundation of West Michigan.

Laura Radle, Partner, Varnum LLP, will present "Estate Planning Essentials" and provide expert advice on end of life planning issues from a Catholic point of view, including: legal documents to have in place; how to avoid probate estate, if a trust is necessary for you, and how to prepare and protect the next generation. RSVP by Friday, March 4, to save your place at this free educational seminar luncheon; call (616) 459-4508, email jkatt@catholicfoundationwm.org, or visit the Diocese of Grand Rapids website events calendar.



Applications for this year's high school mission trip, June 12-17, are now available in the gathering space or our parish website. Spots for this trip will be filled on a first come/first serve basis (a completed application form and \$50 fee is required), so do not delay in applying for this experience. A waiting list will be created again this year, and every year some people on the waiting list have gotten to participate. Our mission trips are fun, faithful,

and unforgettable; it will be a great way to begin summer vacation, and it is a fabulous opportunity to live out the Gospel message! For more details, please contact our Director of Youth Ministry, Kevin Hilgert, at 616-392-6700 ext. 108.

Las aplicaciones para el viaje de misión de este año para los estudiantes de la prepa, junio 12-17, ya están disponibles en el atrio de la iglesia o en nuestro sitio web. Los lugares serán llenados según como vayan llegando las aplicaciones (se requiere una aplicación llenada totalmente y una cuota de \$50), así que no se tarden en aplicar para vivir esta experiencia. Este año nuevamente habrá una lista de espera, y cada año hay algunos de esta lista que tienen la oportunidad de participar. ¡Nuestros viajes de misión son divertidos, llenos de fe, e inolvidables, sería una gran manera de empezar las vacaciones de verano, y es una oportunidad fabulosa para vivir el mensaje del Evangelio! Para mas información, llame a nuestro Director del Ministerio Juvenil, Kevin Hilgert, al 616-392-6700 extensión 108.

Enriching Your Lenten Journey



Te invitamos a venir y experimentar el amor sanador de Cristo a través del sacramento de la Reconciliación. **El jueves, 25 de Febrero**, las iglesias católicas en nuestra diócesis, incluyendo San Francisco de Sales, abrirán sus puertas **5-8 pm** para ofrecer el Sacramento de la

Reconciliación. La parroquia también estará abierta durante este tiempo para la oración privada y reflexión. Por favor, únase a nosotros mientras buscamos la misericordia de nuestro Padre que tan ansiosamente nos ofrece.

- Sábados a las 3:30 de la tarde
- Jueves, 25 de febrero de 5:00 a 8:00 de la noche

Hay mas fechas disponibles en la cuaresma. Visite nuestra pagina web para ver estas fechas y para ver mas recursos acerca del sacramento.



We invite you to come and experience the healing love of Christ through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. **On Thursday, Feb. 25**, Catholic churches in our diocese, including St. Francis de Sales, will open their doors from **5 - 8 p.m.** to offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Additionally, St. Francis will be open during this time for private prayer and reflection.

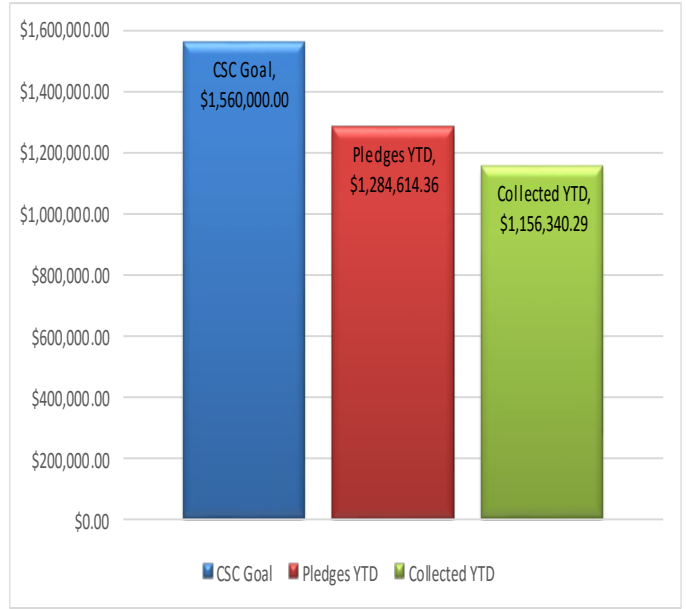
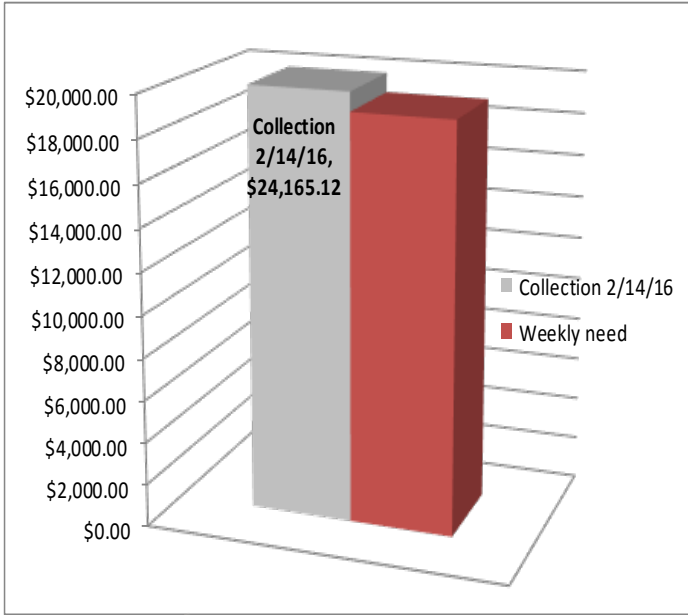


Please join us as together we seek the mercy our Father so eagerly offers us.

- Every Saturday @ 3:30 p.m.
- Thursday, February 25 @ 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

More opportunities are listed on our website and in our Lenten brochure available in the gathering space.

GIFTS OF TREASURE



Weekly tithe - Lighthouse Immigrant Advocates