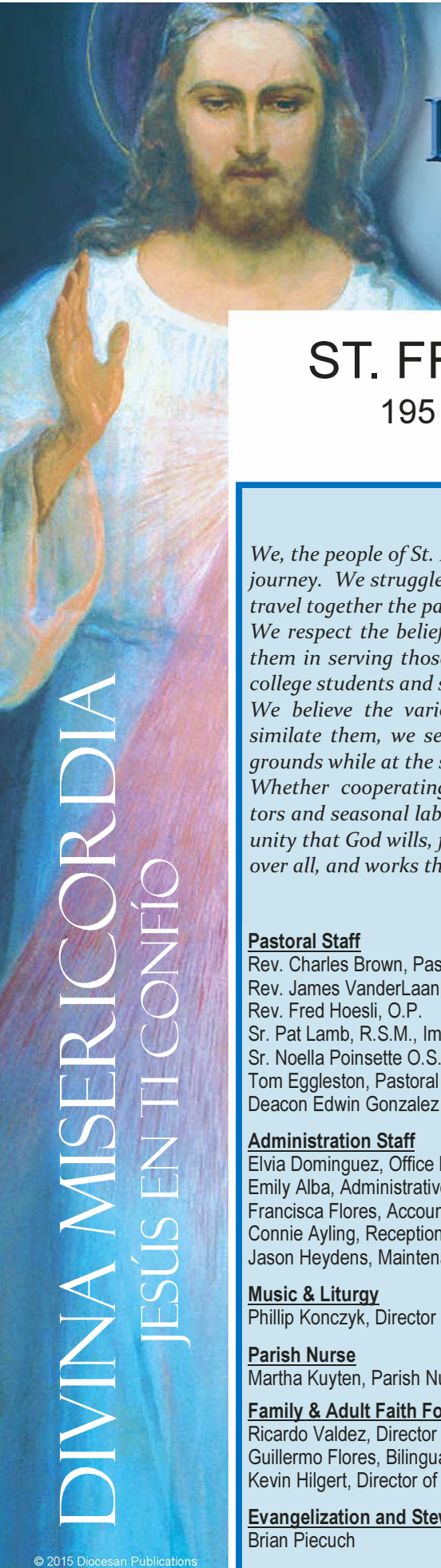




DIVINE MERCY

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ST. FRANCIS DE SALES PARISH

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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. James VanderLaan, Associate Pastor
Rev. Fred Hoesli, O.P.
Sr. Pat Lamb, R.S.M., Immigration Assistance
Sr. Noella Poinsette O.S.F., Outreach/ Social Justice
Tom Eggleston, Pastoral Associate
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Jason Heydens, Maintenance

Ext. 124

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Ext. 102

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616-499-1166

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Guillermo Flores, Bilingual Coordinator
Kevin Hilgert, Director of Youth Ministry

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Ext. 110

Ext. 108

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Brian Piecuch

Ext. 119

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
Fridays 8:30 am to 5:00 pm

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DIVINA MISERICORDIA
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What's happening @ SFDS and our neighborhood



Registration is underway for a special program aimed at getting West Michigan students in 6th-12th grades interested in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics education & careers.

The fourth annual "What is an Engineer?" program is collaboration between Kettering University, Aquinas College and the Catholic Secondary Schools. The program will be from 5:30-8 p.m. on Thursday, April 16, in the Wege Center at Aquinas College in Grand Rapids. The event will feature hands-on, interactive displays showing exciting career possibilities in engineering and science, a robotics demonstration & exhibit and a panel of current Kettering University students who will answer questions about their experiences as students and as co-op employees with leading West Michigan companies.

To register or find out more: <http://www.kettering.edu/news/middle-and-high-school-students-can-learn-about-science-and-engineering-annual-event-west>.

Beginning Experience - If you have been searching for some help to deal with the pain and feelings associated with separation and loss of a loved one through divorce or death; then you're welcome to attend the next BE Weekend on May 1-3, 2015 at Camp Geneva Retreat Center. The Beginning Experience (BE) weekend provides a Christian approach to becoming aware of the essential opportunities available when a life crisis arises due to the loss of a loved one through divorce or death. For more information, go to www.beginningexperience.org or contact Lynne at lynnerhill@gmail.com or (616) 822-2251



Infant Baptism Bautismos para Infantes

The next baptism preparation class will be held on May 5 from 5:45 to 8:30 p.m.

La Próxima sesión de preparación bautismal será el 5 de mayo, de 5:45 a 8:30 p.m.



The little white books for Easter are available in the parish office for \$1 each. They are available in both English and Spanish.

Los libritos blancos del tiempo de la Pascua están disponibles en la oficina parroquial, el costo es de \$1 cada uno. Están disponibles en inglés y español.

Mt. Mercy Academy 50th Reunion: If you or someone you know graduated from Mt. Mercy Academy in 1966, a reunion is being planned for 2016. Please contact Jean in Grand Rapids at 616-361-0202 for further information and to be placed on the committee's mailing list.



**Girl Scout Troop 2793
will be selling cookies
The weekend of April 18/19th
After all English Masses**

Mass Intentions/ Intenciones de Misa

Sunday/Domingo, April 12, 2015

- 8:30 am † For the People
- 10:30 am † Domingo Reyes— *Reyes Family*
- 12:30 pm † Miguel Arzamendi—*Mike & Karen Arzamendi*

Monday/Lunes, April 13, 2015

- 12:10 pm † Gregoria Hilor—*Mike & Lilia Vera*

Tuesday/Martes, April 14, 2015

- 9:00 am † Beth Fisher—*Hampson family*

Wednesday/Miércoles, 15, 2015

- 6:00 pm † Juliana Sanchez-Campos—*grandson*

Thursday/Jueves, April 16, 2015

- 7:00 pm † Ernesto Hilor—*Mike & Lilia Vera*

Saturday/Sábado, April 18, 2015

- 8:30 pm † Jesse Lopez—*wife and family*

Sunday/Domingo, April 19, 2015

- 8:30 am † All souls—*Le family*
- 10:30 am † Delia Sosa—*Silvia Garcia*
- 12:30 pm † Gonzalo Campa—*Familia Campa*

Scripture Readings for the Week

- 04/13 Acts 4:23-31; Jn 3:1-8
- 04/14 Acts 4:32-37; Jn 3:7b-15
- 04/15 Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21
- 04/16 Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36
- 04/17 Acts 5:34-42; Jn 6:1-15
- 04/18 Acts 6:1-7; Jn 6:16-21
- 04/19 Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48

Lecturas Bíblicas de la Semana

- 04/13 He 4:23-31; Jn 3:1-8
- 04/14 He 4:32-37; Jn 3:7b-15
- 04/15 He 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21
- 04/16 He 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36
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Outreach / Fe y Justicia



ST VINCENT DE PAUL CENTER: ST VINCENT DE PAUL CENTER: This week we need tuna and salt.

WORDS that INVITE REFLECTION/ACTIONS FOR JUSTICE: If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other. – Mother Teresa

CENTRO SAN VICENTE DE PAÚL: Esta semana necesitamos **sal y atún enlatado en agua**. Recuerde a los que sufren de hambre en sus oraciones al celebrar este día con su familia.

PALABRAS QUE INVITAN A LA REFLEXIÓN Y A LA ACCIÓN POR LA JUSTICIA: Si no tenemos paz, es porque nos hemos olvidado que pertenecemos los unos a los otros.— Madre Teresa

SAVE THE DATE @ St. Francis de Sales

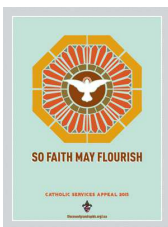
Pilgrimage to Ireland and France



Fr. James is going on a pilgrimage to Ireland and France and would like to invite you to join him. In Ireland we will visit Dublin, Knock (where Our Lady appeared), Clonmacnoise, Galway, Cashel, Kilkenny, and Glendalough. We will then depart for France where we will visit Paris, Lisieux, Normandy/Omaha Beach, Chartres, Nevers, and Lourdes (where Our Lady appeared to St. Bernadette). The dates of the pilgrimage are September 13 to 25, 2015. If you would like more information please contact Fr. James at (616)392-6700 or jvanderlaan@stfranchisholland.org.

Peregrinación a Irlanda y Francia

Padre James va en peregrinación a Irlanda y Francia y le gustaría invitarlos a unirse a él. En Irlanda se visita Dublín, Knock (donde se apareció Nuestra Señora), Clonmacnoise, Galway, Cashel, Kilkenny, y Glendalough. A continuación, se partirá hacia Francia, donde vamos a visitar París, Lisieux, Normandía / Omaha Beach, Chartres, Nevers, y Lourdes (donde la Virgen se apareció a Santa Bernadita). Las fechas de la peregrinación son de 13 al 25 de septiembre de 2015. Si desea más información, póngase en contacto con el padre James en (616)392-6700 o jvanderlaan@stfranchisholland.org.



Next week we begin Catholic Services Appeal 2015. This annual campaign is the largest source of funding for our diocese. Just as parishioners join together to fund the activities of our parish, so too the parishes of our diocese work together to fund the activities of the diocese. Your

support of CSA will benefit both parish and diocesan ministries, including training our future priests, the ongoing education of teachers and faith formation staff, proclaiming Christ's message through the media, evangelizing our youth, and providing assistance to those struggling with family issues, hunger, and homelessness. Next week we will learn more about the specific programs CSA supports.

Meanwhile, please prayerfully consider how sharing your gifts will benefit many – in our parish and far beyond. Our CSA goal this year is \$117,207, just a tad higher than last year. Your generosity will help us quickly reach our goal!



La próxima semana empezamos con la Campaña de Servicios Católicos 2015. Esta campaña anual es la fuente de ingresos mas grande para nuestra diócesis. Del mismo modo que los feligreses se unen para solventar las actividades de nuestra parroquia, así también las parroquias de nuestra diócesis trabajan unidas para solventar las actividades de la diócesis. Su apoyo a la campaña CSA beneficiará a los ministerios parroquiales y diocesanos, incluyendo el entrenamiento de nuestros futuros sacerdotes, la constante educación de nuestros maestros y del personal de formación de fe, la proclamación del mensaje de Cristo a través de los medios de comunicación, la evangelización de nuestros jóvenes, y proporcionando ayuda a los que están luchando con problemas familiares, a los que sufren de hambre, y a los que carecen de un hogar. La próxima semana aprenderemos mas acerca de los programas específicos que son solventados por CSA.

Mientras tanto, considere por favor en un espíritu de oración como el compartir de sus dones beneficiará a muchas personas—en nuestra parroquia y mas allá de ella. Nuestra meta de CSA para este año es de \$117,207, un poquito mas que la meta del año pasado. ¡Su generosidad nos ayudará a llegar pronto a la meta!

Family & Adult Faith Formation

RCIA News

We welcomed several adults, children, and youth through the waters of baptism and two adults through the Rite of Reception into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil this past weekend. Let us keep them in prayer and continue to bring them into the mission of the Church here at St. Francis de Sales. May they continue to grow in faith and love for the Lord.

Becoming Catholic

We've just welcomed several people into the Catholic Church. Are you next? Whether you have never been baptized, were baptized in another faith tradition, or were baptized in the Catholic Church, but were never confirmed or received Eucharist, we invite you today to consider becoming Catholic. Ricardo Valdez, our Director of Faith Formation, would be happy to discuss your interest and the process. Contact him through the parish office or via email – rvaldez@stfrancisholland.org.

The Ark (nursery)

We are working hard to get our parish Sunday nursery, the Ark, open. It will be focused on helping our little ones (6 months to age 4) come to know Jesus and getting familiar with the Mass. It will be a great hospitality ministry to young families and to our youth who are encouraged to help. Our goal is to have at least 10 adult to volunteer on a rotation basis in addition to mature middle and high school volunteers. See the parish website www.stfrancisholland.org/node/1023 - or contact the parish office for more information and to volunteer.

Forming Disciples, Our Child and Youth Faith Formation Programs

Over the last several months our faith formation staff have been in discussion with various groups of the parish about changes we plan to implement in our formation programs for the coming year and ways we can continue to support our parents in forming their children to know, love, and serve our Lord, Jesus Christ. Visit the parish website to learn about these changes - www.stfrancisholland.org/node/1001.

We look forward to ongoing prayer and discussion as we continue to meet our goals of building disciples and fostering community. Please pray that we may all be open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit and we as a parish may be able to better equip our children, youth, and their parents to live and share the Gospel.

In addition to prayer, we invite you to consider how God maybe calling you to share your time and talent to share the Gospel through our parish formation programs. Our faith formation staff will be hosting a volunteer "orientation" where we will delve into the vision of faith formation here at St. Francis and the ways parishioners can get involved. Adults and youth (with a parent) are welcome to attend either classes—English: Wednesday, May 13 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. and in Spanish: Monday, May 18 from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. both to be held in the Multi-Purpose Room found on the lower level.

Noticias del Rito de Iniciación Cristiana para Adultos (RICA)

El fin de semana pasado, durante la Vigilia Pascual le dimos la bienvenida a nuestra Iglesia a través de las aguas bautismales a varios adultos, niños, y jóvenes, y además dos adultos que venían de otras tradiciones de fe fueron recibidos en el seno de la Iglesia. Sigán por favor orando por ellos y continúen acogiéndolos en la misión de la Iglesia aquí en San Francisco de Sales, para que sigan creciendo en su fe y en su amor por el Señor.

Convirtiéndose en Católico

Acabamos de darle la bienvenida a varias personas a la Iglesia Católica. ¿Es usted la siguiente? Ya sea que nunca fue bautizado, o que haya sido bautizado en otra fe, o fue bautizado en la Iglesia Católica pero nunca fue confirmado o recibió la Eucaristía, le invitamos a que considere el hacerse católico. Ricardo Valdez, nuestro Director de Formación de Fe le dará gusto el sentarse y hablar con usted acerca de nuestro proceso y platicar con usted si este es el camino que Dios le esta llamando a tomar en este momento de su vida. Hable con el en nuestra oficina parroquial o por email a rvaldez@stfrancisholland.org.

Guardería — El Arca

Estamos trabajando arduamente para abrir nuestra guardería El Arca. Estaremos aceptando a los niños de 6 meses a 4 años de edad para que visiten El Arca durante la misa y aprendan a conocer a Jesús y a familiarizarse con la misa. Necesitamos cuando menos a 10 voluntarios adultos además de estudiantes maduros de la secundaria y la preparatoria.

Formando Discípulos en nuestros Programas de Formación de Fe para Niños y Jóvenes

Durante varios meses nuestro personal de formación de fe ha estado dialogando con varios grupos de la parroquia acerca de los cambios que planeamos implementar en nuestros programas de formación para el próximo año y en las maneras en que podemos continuar apoyando a los padres de familia en la formación de sus hijos para que conozcan, amen, y sirvan a nuestro Señor Jesucristo. Visite la pagina web de nuestra parroquia para informarse acerca de estos cambios – www.stfrancisholland.org/node/1001

Esperamos continuar en un espíritu de oración y dialogo para alcanzar nuestras metas de formar discípulos y de fomentar comunidad. Oren por favor para que todos nosotros estemos abiertos a ser guiados por el Espíritu Santo y así poder nosotros como parroquia equipar mejor a nuestros niños y jóvenes, y a los padres de familia a vivir y a compartir el Evangelio.

Además de la oración le invitamos también a que considere como es que Dios le puede estar llamando a compartir de su tiempo y de su talento para anunciar el Evangelio a través de nuestros programas de formación de fe. El personal de formación de fe estará presentando una sesión de "orientación" para voluntarios donde vamos a profundizar acerca de la visión de formación de fe aquí en San Francisco de Sales y en las maneras en que los feligreses pueden involucrarse. Los adultos y jóvenes (acompañados de un padre de familia) son invitados a atender una de estas sesiones —En inglés: el miércoles 13 de mayo de las 7:00 a las 8:30 pm y en español el lunes 18 de mayo de las 6:30 a las 9:00 pm en el Salón Multiusos de la planta baja del templo.

GIFTS OF TREASURE

WEEKLY TITHES

Offertory YTD as of 3/27/15	\$ 679,128.03
Budget YTD offertory	\$694,800.00
Shortage Budget to Actuals	(\$15,671.03)
<u>Sunday Collection 4/5/15</u>	\$ 21,526.48

GROWING OUR FAITH CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Pledges to Date	\$1,254,131.36
Collected YTD	\$ 979,514.53
Parish Goal	\$1,560,000.00
Shortfall	(\$ 305,868.64)

Weekly Tithe \$ 175.00:
JFON-Justice for Our Neighbors



Corpus Christi School Raffle \$50 Purchase Your Ticket Today

Grand Prize: 2015 Toyota Highlander XLE*

1st Place: 1 year tuition for 1 student at parishioner rate
or cash equivalent (value \$4068.00)

2nd Place: 1/2 year tuition for 1 student at parishioner rate
or cash equivalent (value \$2034.00)

Tickets on Sale: Call the office at 616-392-6700

Drawing on June 6, 2015 , 1 p.m. At Corpus Christi Catholic School

*If 2000 tickets are not sold the drawing will revert to a cash prize of
\$20,000

Odds of winning 1/2500

No need to be present to win.