

Epiphany of the Lord

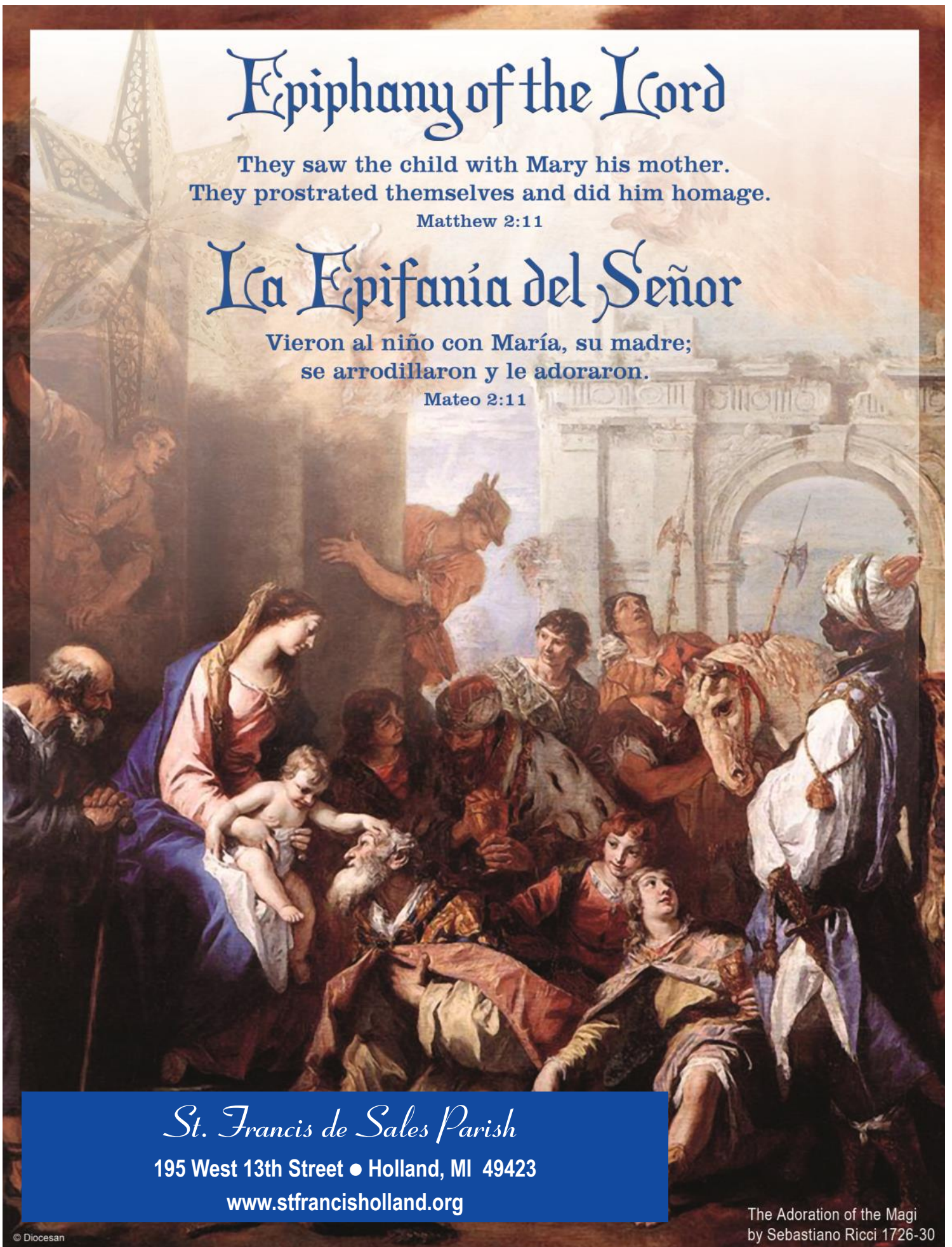
They saw the child with Mary his mother.
They prostrated themselves and did him homage.

Matthew 2:11

La Epifanía del Señor

Vieron al niño con María, su madre;
se arrodillaron y le adoraron.

Mateo 2:11



St. Francis de Sales Parish
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The Adoration of the Magi
by Sebastiano Ricci 1726-30

Welcome...

Whether you are a visitor or a long-time member of our parish community, you are welcome here. As a community of faith, we believe that our faith is a relationship with Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who suffered, died, and rose from the dead so that we might have eternal life with Him. And this faith is also a journey of daily growing closer to the Lord. It is our mission to share this Good News with others and in so doing, to build up the Kingdom of God. Our parish community extends to you the invitation to enter into or continue this journey with us. You will find in this bulletin information about how we do this through worship, the sacraments, and service to others. You are invited to consider becoming a part of our faith-sharing community.

In Christ, Frs. Charles D. Brown & Kyle Kilpatrick

Bienvenido...

Ya sea que usted nos visita o ya es un miembro de nuestra comunidad parroquial, usted siempre es bienvenido aquí. Como una comunidad de fe, creemos que nuestra fe es una relación personal con Jesucristo, el Hijo de Dios, que sufrió, murió, y resucitó de entre los muertos para que nosotros tengamos vida eterna con El. Y esta fe es también una jornada para crecer diariamente mas cerca al Señor. Es nuestra misión el compartir esta Buena Nueva con los demás y al hacerlo, aumentamos el Reino de Dios. Nuestra comunidad parroquial le extiende una invitación para que comience o continúe en esta jornada con nosotros. En este boletín encontrará información acerca de cómo hacemos esto a través del culto, los sacramentos, y el servicio a los demás. Le invitamos a que considere el convertirse en parte de nuestra comunidad de fe.

En Cristo, Padres Charles D. Brown & Kyle Kilpatrick

Life in Christ—the Sacraments

Baptism/Bautismo

Parents seeking baptism for their child are welcomed to begin our baptism preparation process (even before baby arrives). Our preparation process includes formation on the sacrament and spiritual reflection. Contact the parish office or visit www.stfranchisholland.org/baptism for more info.

Los padres de familia que deseen bautizar a sus niños (hasta los 6 años) están invitados de empezar el proceso. Nuestra proceso de preparación incluye formación sobre el sacramento y reflexión espiritual. Par mas información comuníquese con la oficina parroquial o visite www.stfranchisholland.org/baptism

First Communion/Primera Comunión

We require that children second grade and up participate in one of our foundational faith formation programs the year prior to beginning sacramental preparation. Visit our website for more information at www.stfranchisholland.org/ first-reconciliation.

Se requiere que los niños del segundo grado en adelante participen en un programa básico de formación de fe un año antes de que comiencen su preparación para el sacramento. Para mas información visite nuestro sitio web www.stfranchisholland.org/first-reconciliation.

Confirmation/Confirmación

Eight grade through twelfth grade youth are required to begin preparation in one of our foundational faith formation programs the year prior to beginning sacramental preparation. Visit our website for more information at www.stfranchisholland.org/youthconfirmation.

Se requiere que los jóvenes del grado ocho al grado doce empiecen su preparación en uno de nuestros programas básicos de formación de fe un año antes de que comiencen su preparación para el sacramento. Para mas información visite nuestro sitio web www.stfranchisholland.org/youthconfirmation.

Marriage/Matrimonio

Contact the Parish office a minimum of 6 months prior to the preferred wedding date. Marriage preparation sessions are required.

Comuníquese con la oficina parroquial cuando menos 6 meses antes de la fecha de su boda. Se requieren que asistan a platicas de preparación matrimonial.

Anointing of the Sick/Unción de los Enfermos

Contact the Parish office during hours of operation. Contact the rectory after hours in an emergency only.

Comuníquese con la oficina parroquial en horas hábiles de trabajo. Si la oficina está cerrada hable a la rectoría, pero solamente en caso de emergencia.

Becoming Catholic/Convirtiéndose en Católico

Whether you have questions or you already know you'd like to become Catholic contact Ricardo Valdez, at rvaldez@stfranchisholland.org or 392-6700. Info. is also available at www.stfranchisholland.org/node/632.

Si tiene preguntas o si ya esta seguro de que quiere ser católico, llame a Ricardo Valdez al 616-392-6700 o por email a rvaldez@stfranchisholland.org

Membership/Membresía

New members are always welcome to our Parish. Please call our office to register or pick up a registration packet at the Information Desk in the gathering space in Church. Register also at www.stfranchisholland.org.

Si quiere ser miembro de nuestra parroquia, todos son bienvenidos. Llame por favor a la oficina parroquial o llévase un paquete de registración del escritorio de información ubicado en el atrio de la iglesia.

Pastoral Staff

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What's Happening @ SFDS / Lista de Eventos en SFDS

Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday, Jan. 8

Is 55:1-11
Mk 1:7-11

Tuesday, Jan. 9

1 Sm 1:9-20
Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday, Jan. 10

1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20
Mk 1:29-39

Thursday, Jan. 11

1 Sm 4:1-11
Mk 1:40-45

Friday, Jan. 12

1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a
Mk 2:1-12

Saturday, Jan. 13

1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1
Mk 2:13-17

Sunday, Jan. 14

1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19
1 Cor 6:13c-15a
Jn 1:35-42

Lecturas Bíblicas de la Semana

Lunes, 8 de Enero

Is 55:1-11
Mc 1:7-11

Martes, 9 de Enero

1 Sam 1:9-20
Mc 1:21-28

Miércoles, 10 de Enero

1 Sam 3:1-10, 19-20
Mc 1:29-39

Jueves, 11 de Enero

1 Sam 4:1-11
Mc 1:40-45

Viernes, 12 de Enero

1 Sam 8:4-7, 10-22a
Mc 2:1-12

Sábado, 13 de Enero

1 Sam 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1
Mc 2:13-17

Domingo, 14 de Enero

1 Sam 3:3b-10, 19
1 Cor 6:13c-15a
Jn 1:35-42

Weekend Masses

Saturday 5:00 pm (Bilingual)
Sunday 8:30 & 10:30 am
Sunday 12:30 pm (Español)

Daily Masses

Monday 12:10 pm
Tuesday 9:00 am
Wednesday 6:00 pm (Español)
Thursday 12:10 pm

Office Hours

Monday - Wednesday
9:00 am to 6:00 pm
Thursday & Friday
10:00 am to 5:00 pm

Reconciliation

First Friday—Noon to 1 pm
Saturday—4:00 to 5:00 pm
Saturday @ OLL 9-10:00 am

Hope College Masses

Daily: M-Sat.—12:00 pm
Bultman Student Chapel
115 E 12th St.
Sunday—5:00 pm
Winants Auditorium
Graves Hall, 263 College

OFFERTORY

Sunday, Dec 24-29
\$18,421.04
197 cks/Env

Holy Days-Christmas/
Solemnity of Mary
\$15,306.55

Automated Donations
\$2,553.00
50 Participants

Sunday, January 1st
\$10,359.26
197 cks/Env

Automated Donations
\$3,305.00

Online + Credit Cards
\$13,018.25



Guadalupe Brunch

After the 8:30 & 10:30 am
Masses—**January 14**

Head down to the
Multi-purpose room for some delicious Mexican Food!



"Admit your sins and failings and learn from them, but do not dwell on them"

St. Francis De Sales, Patron of SFDS Parish



January 27-28 2018 St. Francis de Sales Celebrates our Patron

Fr. Dan Lannen, a member of the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales, will join us that weekend to lead a Saturday retreat dwelling on the teachings of St. Francis and to celebrate several Masses that weekend.

Fr. Lannen is a son of our parish and is the chaplain of Lumen Christi High School in Jackson, Michigan.

Mass Intentions / Intenciones de Misa

Saturday/Sábado, January 6, 2017

5:00 pm For the People

Sunday/Domingo, January 7, 2017

8:30 am † deceased members of St. Francis
10:30 am † Benito Benavides—family
12:30 pm † deceased members of St. Francis

Monday/Lunes, January 8, 2017

10:30 am Raymond Surya — Yolanda & Kelley

Tuesday/Martes, January 9, 2017

9:00 am † Joseph Naumcheff—Gloriann Long

Wednesday/Miércoles, January 10, 2017

6:00 pm † deceased members of St. Francis

Thursday/Jueves, January 11, 2017

12:10 pm Dorothy Gasior—Fickel family

Saturday/Sábado, January 13, 2017

5:00 pm † John Delgado—family

Sunday/Domingo, January 14, 2017

8:30 am † for the people
10:30 am † Miguel Arenas—children
12:30 pm † Miguel Adeodato Olvera—Enterno descanso

Faith & Family Formation / Formación de Fe y Familia



GOD IS LOVE

God is love and everything that comes from Him is love. Because God is love, He loves you and can never stop loving you. He does not love everyone impersonally, but rather he loves each one of us in a very personal manner. He loves each one of us exactly the way we need to be loved. Amazingly enough, God doesn't even ask that you love Him, but he does ask that you allow yourself to be loved by Him.

We invite you to come and experience God's love in a very personal way at the **NEW LIFE** retreat on Thursday nights from Jan. 25 to Feb. 22 from 6:30 to 8:30 and finishing up on Saturday, March 3 from 8:30 to 5 at our parish.

The retreat is FREE, does not require an overnight stay. It's also a great way to meet and make new friends at our parish!

Please contact Craig at (616) 403-3462 or via email at slachter186@gmail.com. Registration will take place in the gathering space and on the parish website <https://www.stfranchisholland.org/sase>. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Quinceañera 2018

The celebration of the Quinceañera is a special time for a young lady and her family. Parents and friends publicly present her as a gesture of thanks and gratitude for the gift of life. To schedule a Quinceañera, please call the Faith Formation Office at 616-392-6700. Quinceañera are held 5 times a year and need to be scheduled by March, 2018.



La celebración de una quinceañera es un tiempo especial para la jovencita y su familia. Padres y amistades presentan a la quinceañera como un gesto de agradecimiento por el regalo de vida. Para programar una Quinceañera, llame por favor a la oficina de Formación de Fe al 616-392-6700. Las Quinceañeras se celebran 5 veces al año y necesita estar programada antes de marzo, 2018.

I give Electronically

Attention all parishioners who automate your giving.

While automating one's offertory gift helps to make supporting one's parish simple and consistent, many parishioners site one drawback: not having something to drop in the collection basket when it is passed down the pew. Now St. Francis is trying out a solution: a re-usable "AutoDebit Card" that you can pick up from the kiosk or information desk as you pass through the gathering space and drop into the collection basket during the offertory. This handy card, which states that you give electronically and symbolizes your offertory gift, is then taken up to the altar and offered to God along with all the other gifts placed in the collection basket. Thanks to all of you who automate your offertory gift; we hope you like our new innovation.

What happens @ Mass

Great study for those who want to go deeper into what we do at Mass and like to read.

Catholics worship God in a variety of ways, but the chief act of corporate or communal worship is the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Our participation in the Mass and our frequent reception of Holy Communion brings us the grace that Christ merited for the world through His unselfish Sacrifice on the Cross. Using a text titled What Happens at Mass written by Jeremy Driscoll, we will explore the meaning found within the Mass including the words and gestures. We will meet once a month February through May on Sundays from 3:30 to 4:45 pm with an optional potluck following. Learn more and/or register at

www.stfranchisholland.org/what-happens-mass or by contacting Ricardo Valdez in the parish office.

Catholicism: the Pivotal Players

Great study for those who want to learn more about the Saints through video and light reading.

CATHOLICISM: The Pivotal Players is a multi-part film series by Bishop Robert Barron that illumines a handful of saints, artists, mystics, and scholars who not only shaped the life of the Church but changed the course of civilization. Persons explored include St. Francis of Assisi, St. Thomas Aquinas, and St. Catherine of Siena. We will meet once a month February through May on Sundays from 3:30 to 4:45 pm with an optional potluck following. Learn more and/or register at www.stfranchisholland.org/catholicism-pivotal-players or by contacting Ricardo Valdez in the parish office.



Lenten Retreat

February 9th (evening) and 10th (morning)

Please plan on joining us for our annual Lenten Retreat at Corpus Christi. More information will be available on our parish website and bulletin soon. If you'd like to volunteer or support the retreat in some way, please contact Ricardo Valdez (rvaldez@stfranchisholland.org) in the parish office.

Retiro de Cuaresma

9 de febrero (por la noche) y el 10 de febrero (por la mañana)

Únase a nosotros en nuestro Retiro de Cuaresma en Corpus Christi. Ya pronto tendremos mas información disponible en el sitio web de la parroquia y en el boletín. Si gusta hacerse voluntario para el retiro o quiere apoyar de alguna manera, póngase en contacto con Ricardo Valdez (rvaldez@stfranchisholland.org) en la oficina parroquial.

More Parish Events



World Youth Day 2019 Information Meeting

The Diocese of Grand Rapids is offering the opportunity for young adults, ages 18-30, to participate in the next World Youth Day being hosted in

Panama City, January 22-27, 2019. World Youth Day is not just a day or an experience, but an ongoing pilgrimage of faith.

These special days and celebrations are meant to rejuvenate and reinvigorate the spiritual life of young adults along their pilgrim journey, which ultimately leads to Christ Jesus.

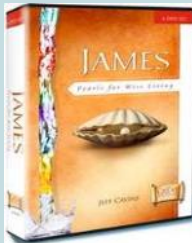
Those interested in making this pilgrimage are invited to an **information meeting on Sunday, January 7, 2018 at Cathedral Square Center (360 Division Ave. South, Grand Rapids) beginning at 2 p.m.** For more information, visit www.dioceseofgrandrapids.org or contact Mark Mann, director of family, youth, and young adults at mmann@dioceseofgrandrapids.org.

The Wednesday mornings Men's Study Group begins

James: Pearls for Wise Living

January 10th at 6am in the Library at Our Lady of the Lake
All men are welcome!

James: Pearls for Wise Living by Jeff Cavins and Sarah Christmyer is an 11 week dvd study.



James is one of the most practical books of the Bible. Like the book of Proverbs, it is a book of wisdom, a collection of teachings on issues faced by ordinary Christians in everyday life. These teachings speak loudly to all those who feel torn between the competing demands of this world and their faith. This study offers "pearls for wise living" by applying the wisdom of James to the present day. For anyone who has struggled to live a truly Christian life, James offers a wealth of practical solutions for handling and even sanctifying everyday circumstances.

For More Information, Contact Mike Lisowski atlisowskimf@sbcglobal.net

Save the Date!



Saturday, May 19, 2018
Grand Rapids, MI

Spend an evening with *New York Times* bestselling author, Matthew Kelly! We will be selling discounted tickets in January!

Looking for more info?

<https://dynamiccatholic.com/passion-and-purpose-live-grand-rapids-mi-may-19-2018>



The Birthday Group

A social group of men and women, 50 years old and up, from St. Francis and Our Lady of the Lake who meet once a month for lunch to celebrate birthdays. They meet at a different restaurant each month.

The next meeting is **Tuesday, Jan. 9, 2018** at Big E's Grill (Marriot Hotel downtown Holland). Meet at 11:30 am to celebrate December birthdays.

RSVP to Mary Ann @ 616-215-8870.



Forever Young

Potluck Luncheon and White Elephant Bingo
Wednesday, January 10

11:30 AM in the Multi-Purpose Room

RSVP to Barb Tenpas (616) 396-2102

Don't forget Toilet Paper for SVDP Center

Corpus Christi Foundation — Epiphany



The word "epiphany" comes from the Greek *epiphainen*, a verb that means "to shine upon," "to manifest," or "to make known." Thus, the feast of the Epiphany celebrates the many ways that Christ has made Himself known to the world. We hope that you are able to take the time to reflect on

how Christ has made himself known to you.

"And on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." *Matthew 2:11*

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BUILD WITH US.

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Outreach & Social Justice / Fe y Justicia

National Migration Week: Today thru Jan. 13 the Church traditionally celebrates this week after Epiphany when Jesus and the Holy Family would have fled as refugees to Egypt. In the Bible, our story of faith there are many migrations from Joseph's 11 brothers moving to Egypt because of famine, the exodus story because of political oppression, slavery, and death and many more stories. Today we experience millions of people needing to flee their countries. Let us pray that our country and the world will arrive at just and humane responses.

Semana Nacional de la Migración: Desde hoy hasta el 13 de enero la Iglesia tradicionalmente celebra esta semana después de la Epifanía cuando Jesús y la Sagrada Familia huyeron hacia Egipto. En la Biblia, nuestra historia de fe, hay varias historias de migración, desde la de los 11 hermanos de José yéndose a Egipto debido a la hambruna, la historia del éxodo debido a la opresión política, a la esclavitud, y a la muerte y muchas otras historias. Hoy tenemos también a millones de personas que se ven en la necesidad de huir de sus países. Vamos pidiéndole a Dios para que nuestro país y el mundo entero respondan de una manera justa y humana.



Films and Faith: An Exploration of Faith and Justice through Film

On Jan. 27 we will have a film on modern day Muslim Christian relations: Of Gods and Men. This will be one of four films in our Winter Series. Watch here for more info!

Just Like Us: Mark your calendars for Saturday, Jan. 20 at 6:30 pm in the multipurpose room at St. Francis. Students from Hope College will present a reading of Helen Thorpe's bestselling book. It's a powerful story of friendships that begin to unravel when the immigration status dictates the girls' opportunities, or lack thereof. It poses difficult, yet essential questions about what makes us American. Within a tale of much hurt it also has a celebratory sense of humor. More info on the parish website.

Respect Life Corner:

In this month of December and in January this Respect Life Committee continues to focus on suicide awareness. Some facts are: For every suicide committed, there are 25 suicide attempts made /Although males commit suicide more frequently, females attempt suicide more often than males. As a disciple of Jesus how am I called to impact these facts? **National Suicide Prevention Hotline: 1-800-273-TALK (8255).**

Esquina de Respeto a la Vida

En estos meses de diciembre y enero el Comité del Respeto a la Vida se sigue enfocando en ser conscientes acerca del suicidio. Algunos datos acerca del suicidio: Por cada suicidio, hay mas de 25 intentos de suicidio. Aunque los hombres se suicidan mas frecuentemente, las mujeres tratan suicidarse mas frecuentemente que los hombres. Siendo un discípulo de Jesús ¿como soy llamado a impactar estos datos? **Teléfono Nacional para la Prevención del Suicidio: 1-800-273-TALK (8255).**

More Parish News

St. Francis de Sales Parish offers our deepest sympathies to the following families:

The family of Silvina Amador

The family of Juan Ramirez

San Francisco de Sales les da su más sentido pésame a estas familias en la muerte de sus seres queridos.

Celebrate Christian Unity

Sunday January 21,
5:00 pm

Fourteenth Street Christian Reformed Church
(14 West Fourteenth Street, Holland).

The same team that planned the events for the 500th Reformation commemoration last October is planning this ecumenical service to gather the greater Holland community together during the "Week of Prayer for Christian Unity." The service of praise and prayer at Fourteenth Street CRC will highlight choir and congregation singing. Let us all join with Jesus in praying "that all may be one." –John 17:21



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