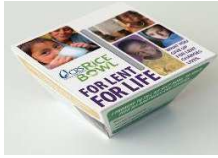


Almsgiving (Giving)

Our almsgiving flows from our prayer, our relationship with God. May this Lenten season hold special meaning as you generously share your blessings with others.

Rice Bowls



Enrich your and your family's Lenten season through the practice of Catholic Relief Service's Rice Bowl. www.crsricebowl.org provides more information about this project, family activities, and recipes for simple meals from around the world.

St. Vincent de Paul Center (SVP)

Make a difference for local families with unmet needs. Monetary and new food donations (such as canned tuna in water, dry pinto beans, sugar, flour and cereal) are appreciated.

Fasting

Fasting is a way we can step out of the norm of our day and recognize all God gives us. It also reminds us of all those who go without.

- **Abstinence**—Catholics 14 years and older abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and each Friday of Lent.
- **Fasting** - Catholics between 18 and 59 also fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Fasting is defined as eating only one full meal. Smaller quantities of food may be taken at two other meals, but no food between meals.

Overview of Events

- * **Ash Wednesday:** March 1st (see other side)
- * **Reconciliation:** details inside brochure

Holy Week April 9 - April 15

- * **Palm Sunday - Regular Mass Schedule**
- * **Holy Thursday:**
 - 7:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper; Eucharistic Adoration will follow in the Chapel
- * **Good Friday**
 - 4:00 p.m. Via Crucis (Bilingual Stations)
 - 7:00 p.m. Celebration of the Lord's Passion
- * **Holy Saturday**
 - 10:00 a.m. Blessing of Food
 - 8:30 p.m. EASTER VIGIL
- * **Easter Sunday:** Regular Mass Schedule (8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., and 12:30 p.m.)



Via Crucis

(Stations of the Cross)

Our live, dramatization of Jesus' journey to Calvary will be presented by our youth as a prayerful experience for all. The Via Crucis starts in our parking lot. Youth grades 8 and above are encouraged to contact Kevin Hilgert in the parish office to participate.

(khilgert@stfrancisholland.org)

www.stfrancisholland.org/lent or
[#sfidslent2017](https://twitter.com/sfidslent2017) on social media



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"The woman left her water jar and went into the town and said to the people, 'Come see a man who told me everything I have done. Could he possibly be the Messiah?'"

John 4: 28—29



St. Francis de Sales Parish
Holland, Michigan

Our diversity reflects the richness of our Creator.

Rerouting

Just like our vehicle GPS systems tell us – we are often headed in the wrong direction or have taken a bit of a wrong turn. Our 2017 Lenten Message series, “Rerouting,” will highlight how God lovingly invites us to turn away from our current path and come back to Him. In addition to our overall theme, every week there will be questions for us each to reflect upon and a small personal assignment – meant to help us better experience and reflect upon the season of Lent and all that God means in our lives.

Ash Wednesday – March 1

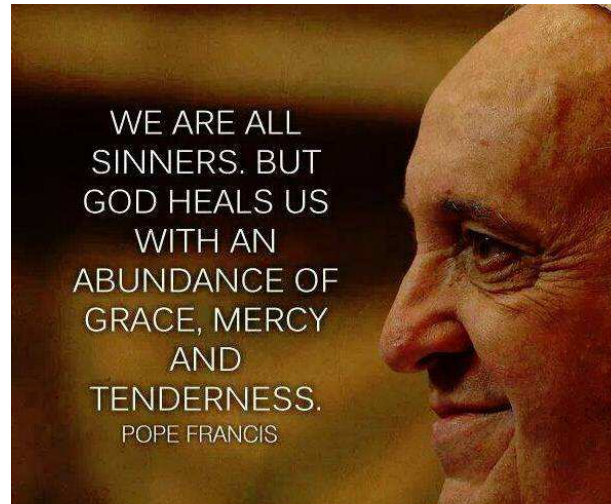
- 7:00 a.m. Mass & Distribution of Ashes (English)
- 12:10 p.m. Ecumenical Prayer Service & Distribution of Ashes at 3rd Reform Church on 13th and Pine
- 6:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Word & Distribution of Ashes (English)
- 7:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Word & Distribution of Ashes (Bilingual)
- 8:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Word & Distribution of Ashes (Spanish)

Small Groups

Our parish is organizing small groups to meet throughout the six weeks of Lent. Small groups are a great way to reflect on the love of God and how we will respond. Visit our parish website to learn more.



Prayer



The Light is ON for You.
Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation

We invite you to come and experience the healing love of Christ through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. On Thursday, March 16, 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 to move away from sin and toward our merciful God the Father.

Little Black Books which offer reflections for Lent, are available in the parish office and the gathering space. They have been generously donated by our St. Francis and Our Lady of the Lake Knights of Columbus.



Sacrament of Reconciliation

- * Every Saturday @ 3:30 p.m.
- * Friday March 3, 12:00 to 1:00 p.m.
- * Thursday, March 16 @ 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.
- * Tuesday, March 28 @ 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
- * Wednesday, March 29 @ 6:45 to 8:30 p.m.
- * Saturday, April 1 @ 10:30 to 12:00 p.m.
- * Tuesday, April 4 @ 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
- * Wednesday, April 5 @ 6:45 to 8:30 p.m.
- * Friday, April 7 @ 12:00 to 1:00 p.m.

Follow signs in the Gathering Space



Eucharistic Adoration
Every Thursday from 12:45 to 8:00 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration every Thursday immediately following the 12:10 pm Mass until 8:00 pm. Eucharistic Adoration is a wonderful opportunity to encounter Christ's presence in the Eucharist. You can come and stay for an hour or make a short visit. Take some time out of your noisy week and enjoy the quiet in the presence of Christ.

Our Lady of the Lake Parish

- Station of the Cross at 7 pm every Friday
- Knights of Columbus—Fish Fry Fridays 5-7 p.m.
- Lenten Penance Service - March 19th @ 3:00 p.m.

Visit www.oll.org for more information.

More details and resources are available on our parish website
www.stfrancisholland.org/lent.