



St. Francis De Sales Catholic Church
San Francisco de Sales Iglesia Católica

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February 23, 2025 • 23 de febrero de 2025
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time • VII Domingo Ordinario

Mission • Misión

Growing Passionate Disciples of Jesus Christ
Cultivando Discípulos Apasionados de Jesucristo

Values • Valores

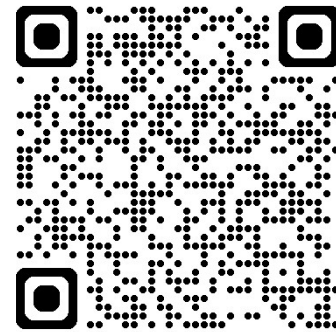
To Worship, to Grow, to Evangelize, to Love
Rendir Culto, Crecer, Evangelizar, Amar

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. You may find out more (and register for the process) at www.stfranchisholland.org/baptism

Los padres de familia que deseen bautizar a sus niños (hasta los 6 años) están invitados de empezar el proceso. Nuestra proceso de preparación incluya formación sobre el sacramento y reflexión espiritual. Par mas información (y registrarse para el proceso), visite www.stfranchisholland.org/baptism



First Communion | Primera Comunión (children and youth | los niños y los jóvenes)

We require that children second grade and older participate in one of our foundational faith formation programs the year prior to beginning sacramental preparation. Registration for classes begins in April and closes on August 31 each year. Find more information at www.stfranchisholland.org/discipleship-register

Se requiere que los niños de segundo grado en adelante participen en un program básico de formación de fe un año antes de que comiencen su preparación para el sacramento. La inscripción para las clases comienza en abril y termine el 31 de agosto de cada año. Más información en www.stfranchisholland.org/discipleship-register

Confirmation/Confirmación (youth | jóvenes)

Confirmation preparation for youth begins in eighth grade (or older). Registration for classes begins in April and closes on August 31 each year. Find more information at www.stfranchisholland.org/discipleship-register

La preparación para la confirmación de los jóvenes comienza en el octavo grado (o más). La inscripción para las clases comienza en abril y termine el 31 de agosto de cada año. Más información en www.stfranchisholland.org/discipleship-register

Sacrament Preparation for Adults | Preparación sacramental para adultos

For adults interested in finding out more about preparing to receive First Communion and/or Confirmation, you may find out more (and register for the process) at www.stfranchisholland.org/adultconfirmation For unbaptized adults who are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, you may find out more (and register for the process) at www.stfranchisholland.org/OCIA You may register at any time of the year. Para los adultos interesados en obtener más información sobre cómo prepararse para recibir la Primera Comunión y/o la Confirmación, pueden obtener más información (e inscribirse en el proceso) en www.stfranchisholland.org/adultconfirmation Para los adultos no bautizados que estén interesados en aprender más sobre la fe católica, pueden obtener más información (e inscribirse en el proceso) en www.stfranchisholland.org/OCIA Puedes inscribirte en cualquier momento del año.

Marriage | Matrimonio

To begin the process, it is required to contact the parish a minimum of 6 months prior to the preferred wedding date. Marriage preparation sessions are required. You may find out more (and register for the process) at www.stfranchisholland.org/weddings

Para comenzar el proceso, es necesario ponerse en contacto con la parroquia un mínimo de 6 meses antes de la fecha preferida de la boda. Las sesiones de preparación para el matrimonio son obligatorias. Puede obtener más información (y registrarse para el proceso) en www.stfranchisholland.org/weddings

Anointing of the Sick | Unción de los Enfermos

Contact Mike Faber, Pastoral Associate, at mfaber@stfranchisholland.org or 616-582-8974. If you cannot reach Mike, and it is an emergency, contact the parish office at 616-392-6700.

Comuníquese con Mike Faber, Asociado Pastoral, al mfaber@stfranchisholland.org o al 616-582-8974. Si no puede comunicarse con Mike, y es una emergencia, comuníquese con la oficina parroquial al 616-392-6700.

Lent 2025 ~ Cuaresma 2025

Marked with the imposition of ashes on our foreheads on Ash Wednesday and a change of liturgical colors to purple, we begin a 40-day journey of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. These “pillars of Lent” help prepare us spiritually for the joy of Easter, the central feast of our Catholic faith. Lent is not just about what we give up, or a set of temporary resolutions – this season invites us to turn our hearts toward God and seek a deeper inner conversion. Each of us is invited to be intentional of how we observe these 40 days. Prayerfully consider how you and your family will mark this holy time together, both in your home and at the parish. Check next week’s bulletin for St. Francis’s full Lenten schedules.

Marcados con la imposición de cenizas en nuestras frentes el Miércoles de Ceniza y un cambio de colores litúrgicos al púrpura, comenzamos un viaje de 40 días de oración, ayuno y limosna. Estos “pilares de la Cuaresma” nos ayudan a prepararnos espiritualmente para la alegría de la Pascua, la fiesta central de nuestra fe católica. La Cuaresma no se trata solo de lo que renunciamos o de un conjunto de resoluciones temporales; esta temporada nos invita a volver nuestro corazón hacia Dios y buscar una conversión interior más profunda. Cada uno de nosotros está invitado a ser intencional en la forma en que observamos estos 40 días. Considere en oración cómo usted y su familia celebrarán juntos este tiempo santo, tanto en su hogar como en la parroquia. Consulte el boletín de la próxima semana para conocer los horarios completos de Cuaresma de San Francisco.

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- * 7:00 AM - Mass & Distribution of Ashes, English ~ Misa y Distribución de las Cenizas — Inglés @ St. Francis
- * 8:45 AM - Mass & Distribution of Ashes, English ~ Misa y Distribución de las Cenizas — Inglés @ Corpus Christi School
- * 12:10 PM - Ecumenical Service & Distribution of Ashes, English ~ Servicio Ecueménico y Distribución de las Cenizas — Inglés @ Third Reformed I en la Iglesia 3a Reformada 111 W 13th St, Holland, 49423
- * 5:30 PM - Mass & Distribution of Ashes, Bilingual English ~ Misa y Distribución de las Cenizas — Bilingüe Inglés @ St. Francis
- * 7:30 PM—Mass & Distribution of Ashes, Bilingual Spanish ~ Misa y Distribución de las Cenizas — Bilingüe Español @ St. Francis

In Memoriam

Please pray for the souls of Rita Lawless, Paul Kuiper, and Edna Doyle who died recently and whose funerals will be held later this month. Pray for comfort and peace for their families. Por favor, oren por las almas de Rita Lawless, Paul Kuiper, y Edna Doyle, quienes fallecieron recientemente y cuyos funerales se llevarán a cabo a finales de este mes. Oren por consuelo y paz para sus familias.



Mardi Gras Carnaval

Sunday, March 2 ~ Domingo 2 de marzo
4:00 - 5:30 PM
St. Francis de Sales

Come celebrate with us!

- the burning of palms for Ash Wednesday
- cake & punch
- kids' games & activities

¡Ven a celebrar con nosotros!

- la quema de palmas para el Miércoles de Ceniza
- pastel y ponche
- juegos y actividades para niños



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Here is a prayer for you and your family to use throughout Lent:

Lent Prayer 2025

Father in Heaven,
Protect us in our struggle against evil.
As we begin the discipline of Lent,
make this season holy by our self-denial.
Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit one God, for ever and ever. Amen

Aquí hay una oración para que usted y su familia utilicen durante la Cuaresma:

Oración de Cuaresma 2025

Dios nuestro,
acompaña con tu benevolencia los comienzos de nuestro camino penitencial para que nuestras prácticas exteriores expresen la sinceridad de nuestro corazón.
Por nuestro Señor Jesucristo, tu Hijo, que vive y reina contigo en la unidad del Espíritu Santo y es Dios, por los siglos de los siglos. Amen

EXODUS 40

FELLOWSHIP • PRAYER • SACRIFICE

“Behold the Heart that has so loved men.”



How can I repay the LORD for all His goodness to me? Psalm 116:12

(Men Only)




Registration Closes 2/26/2025

THANK YOU—THANK YOU— THANK YOU— THANK YOU

A special thanks to the Corpus Christi Foundation for providing a grant to purchase this beautiful new Eucharistic Procession Canopy. We are looking forward to using this canopy on the Feast of Corpus Christi in June. May the Lord continue to bless the work of the Corpus Christi Foundation within our Catholic community.



Un agradecimiento especial a la Fundación Corpus Christi por proporcionar una subvención para comprar este nuevo y hermoso dosel de procesión eucarística. Esperamos con ansias usar este dosel en la Fiesta de Corpus Christi en junio. Que el Señor siga bendiciendo el trabajo de la Fundación Corpus Christi dentro de nuestra comunidad católica.

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion Training

Anyone interested in becoming an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion must start by attending a diocesan level training. There are two upcoming training opportunities available to choose from. The first is in Spanish at St. Dominic Church in Wyoming on February 27th at 6:30pm. The second in English at St. Paul Campus Church in Big Rapids on March 3rd at 7pm. For additional information and to register please visit the Worship page on Diocese of Grand Rapids website at: <https://grdiocese.org/ministries/worship-3/>

Corpus Christi Foundation Where are you with your will?

Your will isn't just a list of who gets your stuff— it's a reflection of your life, it reveals who and what matter most to you. Just as people are in different stages of life, they're also in different stages of will planning. Which stage are you in? See which stage fits you, and what you need to know.

I don't have a will. Do I really need one? Definitely. A will is the most important estate planning document an adult can have, no matter your age or income. If you have children or own a property or possessions, you need a will. Don't let the state in which you reside decide what happens when you're gone. Having a will saves your loved ones time, money, and heartache.

I'm ready to create my will. Great! You've taken the first step to creating a secure future. Work with an estate planning attorney to compile a list of your assets and whom you want to receive them. Select an executor to implement your will after your passing, as well as name guardians for any children or dependents under your care.

I have a will but want to update it. Good idea. You can consult with your estate planning attorney about changing your will whenever you want. Some situations that could prompt an update are: a new marriage, birth of a child, passing of a loved one, self-sufficiency of grown children, changes in tax law, or a desire to make a gift to the Corpus Christi Foundation.

Your Will Can Further Our Mission.

We would love to talk to you about how a gift in your will can make a meaningful difference to our Lakeshore Catholic Community. We thank you for your continued support and prayers!

JOIN US. DREAM WITH US. BUILD WITH US.
Find us on Facebook... "Corpus Christi Foundation"
www.ccfoundationhz.org





Dear Parishioners,

We want to extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who supported our St. Vincent de Paul Center through the Amazon wish list we introduced at Christmas. Thanks to your generosity, we collected nearly **1,000 pounds of food**—a tremendous blessing for the families we serve.

However, after an initial wave of support, the food deliveries have slowed down significantly. Our hope was for this program to continue providing much-needed food throughout the year. Your thoughtful selections from the wish list have provided items we would not normally purchase, making an even greater impact on the families we serve.

The items you selected made an **immediate and meaningful impact** on the families who rely on us. We humbly ask you to **help keep this effort going**—whether by revisiting the wish list, sharing it with others, or setting a reminder to donate periodically. Every contribution, big or small, makes a difference. Thank you for your continued generosity and for living out the Gospel message of love and service. Your support brings hope and nourishment to so many in need.

You can find our Wish list by using your smartphone to scan the attached QR Code:

Or to access the Wish List while you're on-line, copy the URL into your browser: https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/9ZSIILXMOUT?ref=wl_fv_le

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Our Stewardship Nuestra mayordomía

Give Online: Convenient, Secure, Impactful

Support our parish by giving online! It's quick, secure, and convenient. Online giving helps you manage your contributions effortlessly and ensures the parish can plan for future needs effectively. Visit www.stfranchisholland.org/give to start today and make a difference.

Done en Línea: Conveniente, Seguro, Impactante

¡Apoye a nuestra parroquia donando en línea! Es rápido, seguro y conveniente. Las donaciones en línea le ayudan a gestionar sus contribuciones fácilmente y aseguran que la parroquia pueda planificar eficazmente para el futuro. Visite www.stfranchisholland.org/give para comenzar hoy y marcar la diferencia.

Leaving a Legacy

Consider leaving a lasting legacy by remembering St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church, our parish, in your will or estate planning. By including us in your plans, you help our parish continue the important work of Growing Passionate Disciples of Jesus Christ.

Dejando un legado

Considere dejar un legado duradero recordando la Iglesia Católica San Francisco de Sales, nuestra parroquia, en su testamento o planificación patrimonial. Al incluirnos en sus planes, ayuda a nuestra parroquia a continuar el importante trabajo de cultivar discípulos apasionados de Jesucristo.



“DID YOU KNOW”

If you are at least 70 ½ years of age and an eligible owner of a Traditional IRA, making a gift from your IRA directly to St. Francis de Sales Church (or other charity) allows you to:

- Optimize your tax benefits of giving while supporting our parish and
- Use your gift to satisfy your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD).

This type of gift is called a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD). For 2025, the maximum allowable QCD is \$108,000 for each individual. Each person's financial situation is unique, so consult your financial advisor to see if a QCD to St. Francis makes sense for you.

Join us for upcoming Jubilee 2025 events



Receive Christ's forgiveness and Mercy

In addition to regularly scheduled confession times in our parishes, Bishop Walkowiak will preside at a penance service at St. Francis de Sales Church in Norton on Feb. 25 from 6-8 p.m.

Hope in the Truth of Beauty

Presented by Dr. Benjamin G. Lockerd
Feb. 28 from 7 – 9 p.m.
Donnelly Center at Aquinas College

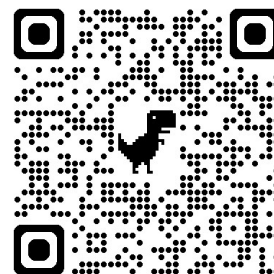
Symposium on the True, the Good, and the Beautiful

March 1 from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Donnelly Center at Aquinas College

Find additional Jubilee Year events by visiting:

<https://grdiocese.org/jubilee-2025/>

Pope Francis: It is time to strengthen and share hope



The Creed Series – March 6-27, 2025 (in person and online)

“The coming Jubilee Year will also coincide with a significant date for all Christians, namely, *the 1700th anniversary of the celebration of the first great Ecumenical Council, that of Nicaea.*” (*Spes non confundit*, 17)

Offered on Thursdays, March 6, 13, 20, and 27 from 7-8:30 p.m. at the [Catholic Information Center](#) (360 Division Ave. S, Grand Rapids), and online. The topics for each session in the series align with each section of the Creed. Dr. Jared Ortiz will present the sessions on March 6 and 27, Father Lam Le will present the session on March 13, and Very Reverend Colin Mulhall will present the March 20 session:

March 6: I believe in God the Father Almighty

March 13: I believe in Jesus Christ

March 20: I believe in the Holy Spirit

March 27: I believe in the Holy Catholic Church

About the presenters: Dr. Ortiz is the co-author of *The Nicene Creed: A Scriptural, Historical, and Theological Commentary* and founder and executive director of the [Saint Benedict Institute](#) on the campus of Hope College, where he teaches Catholic theology. Father Lam Le is pastor of [St. John Paul II Parish](#) in Cedar Springs and [Mary Queen of Apostles Parish](#) in Sand Lake. He is the diocesan vicar for evangelization and director of continuing formation for priests. Father Le chairs the diocesan Jubilee Committee. Very Reverend Colin Mulhall is the vicar general of the diocese.