

# God IS calling YOU.

"THEN I HEARD THE VOICE OF  
THE LORD SAYING,

"WHOM SHALL I SEND? AND  
WHO WILL GO FOR US?" AND  
I SAID, "HERE AM I. SEND ME!"  
ISAIAH 6:8

**God is calling YOU** to become a Small Group Leader, (SGL) in Faith Formation. His invitation is to journey with either the middle school (Cross Train) or high school (Cross Road) programs. Your love of the Gospel message and in living a Christ centered life is who we need to become a SGL. We provide training and partner two SGLs per group. Discern YOUR calling to serve the youth of our parish. **Contact Jeanne M. Lewin**, Dir. of Formation, at **[Jeanne.Lewin@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:Jeanne.Lewin@stfrancisraleigh.org)** to join the FF family. Training will take place in August. Formation begins Sunday, September 18th, 6:30pm-8:15 pm.



Faith & Family Night at the DBAP  
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## Our Mission Statement

Inspired by our patron, Francis of Assisi, we seek to proclaim the reign of God by growing in Holiness through our experience of Christ in word, sacrament, and one another, offering Hope to those who hunger for human dignity, and extending Hospitality to all.



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**The Catholic Community of St. Francis of Assisi**

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## How Do Catholics Understand the Word “Ministry?” PART II:

I have been asked by several parishioners about the academic paper I presented in June at the first session of a five-year series of ecumenical meetings between the Catholic Church and the Disciples of Christ Church. As you may remember, I was appointed by the Vatican's Dicastery for Promoting Christian Unity as one of seven Catholics in the world to serve on a team to dialogue with the Disciples of Christ Church for ecumenical dialogue between our two Churches. Our topic focuses on the role of the Holy Spirit in ministry. My task was to lay out the parameters of a Catholic understanding of the word “ministry” as well as a Catholic understanding of the ways the Holy Spirit is involved in ministry and those who serve as ministers in the Church. Last week I summarized the first section of my paper which laid out the conditions associated with the word “ministry.” Today I will continue with an overview of the various types of ministry recognized as such in the Church and what is not considered “ministry” in the strict sense of this word in the Catholic Church.

There is a wide range of thought on the meaning of the word “ministry” in the Catholic Church. Nevertheless, ministry is generally agreed to involve specified services within (*ad intra*) the parish or other Catholic institution (e.g., monastery, chancery, hospital, school) and involve conferral and authorization through 1) ordination in the case of a bishop, priest, or deacon, 2) religious profession in the case of those entering the consecrated life, or 3) installation/ commissioning/ blessing rites in the case of the baptized. For laity who receive their office officially through authorization and commissioning/installation/blessing, their ministry may be permanent or for a designated period of time.

For most laity, service of the Lord and the Gospel is an expression of their apostolic (sent forth) life. It is not referred to as ministry, *per se*, but as discipleship, missionary discipleship, or the apos-

tolate. This service, which flows from baptism and confirmation, is focused on service outside or beyond (*ad extra*) the parish or other Catholic institution. It does not require approbation by officials of the Church (e.g., parents teaching religion to their children, public advocacy for the poor/marginalized, evangelization).

The types of ministry *ad intra* might be described as:

Ordained Ministers: Bishops, priests, and deacons are considered the ordinary ministers of the Church by virtue of ordination. More about them in an upcoming article.

Instituted, Lay Ecclesial, and Commissioned Ministers: Laity and some professed religious may discern a call to formal ministry in service to the Church which the Church recognizes and authorizes. There are three basic types. 1) Some are instituted into a permanent, lifelong ministry after extensive training and experience certified at the diocesan level and review for suitability (i.e., lector, acolyte, catechist). 2) Others are installed into ministry for a defined period of time after specialized training certified at the diocesan level and review for suitability (e.g., parish life coordinators, pastoral associates, youth ministry leader). 3) Others are commissioned into a specific ministry for a defined period of time after some parish-level training and review for suitability (e.g., extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion). These will be broken down into more detail in a coming article.

De Facto Ministers: These are laity who serve in parishes or other Catholic institutions who normally have not been formally installed/commissioned but nevertheless provide a wide range of services within the Church (e.g., chancellor of a diocese, members of a diocesan or parish pastoral or finance council, wedding or baptism preparation ministry, music ministry). Their service is not permanent. This category, described by Pope Francis in his letter on the inclusion of women into the instituted ministries of lector and acolyte, is described as

MAY THEY REST IN  
PEACE AND PERPETUAL  
LIGHT SHINE UPON THEM:

**+Catherine Mellige**

Mother of Angela, Kelly and  
Brian Mellige

**+Richard Gaal**

Grandfather of Mark Bednarcik

### Weekly Envelope Schedule

August 7 Weekly

August 7 Mortgage Sunday

August 14 Sister Parish in Guatemala

August 14 Weekly

August 15 Assumption

August 21 Weekly

August 28 Weekly

You can mail your contribution to us at:

**St Francis Of Assisi**  
11401 Leesville Road  
Raleigh, NC 27613

You can give online through:



<https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/faith-direct/>



**Text-to-Give: 919-629-1199**

**Additional Online Giving Methods:**  
[www.stfrancisraleigh.org/treasure/](http://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/treasure/)

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[Group Opportunities,](#)  
[Volunteer Opportunities](#)  
[and Ministries, click here.](#)

“other ecclesial services or offices,” but is usually described unofficially as “ministry” in English at the pastoral level because it serves the Church *ad intra*. More on this in a coming article.

*Fr. Michael*



# PRAYER REQUESTS FOR AUGUST 6 TO AUGUST 14



## MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday Aug 6, 2022

Saturday, 5:30

+James Halligan

Requested by Lori and Dale Zagiba

Sunday Aug 7, 2022

Sunday, 7:15

+Janet Buskirk

Requested by Martin Buskirk

Sunday, 9:00

+Patrick Tighe

Requested by Maureen and Tom Lindgren

Sunday, 11:45

+Irene Austin

Requested by Lisa and Michael Austin

Sunday, 5:30

For the Parishioners of St. Francis

Monday Aug 8, 9AM

+George Bishop

Requested by Mary Hall

Tuesday Aug 9, 9AM

+Joan Callista

Requested by Subasic Family

Wednesday Aug 10, 9AM

+Evelyn Zobel

Requested by Vanessa and Ariana Fleischmann

Thursday Aug 11, 9AM

+Jack Davenport

Requested by Janet Davenport

Friday Aug 12, 9AM

+Bishop Joseph Gossman

Requested by Nghia Nguyen

Saturday Aug 13, 2022

Saturday, 5:30

+Michael James Welsh

Requested by Mary Messina

Sunday Aug 14, 2022

Sunday, 7:15

+Alvin Baigis

Requested by Theresa Rakshys

Sunday, 9:00

Rowena Crist

Requested by Linsley Schneider

Special Intention

Sunday, 11:45

+Dorothy Doyle Armento and

+Eugene Armento

Requested by Connie and Michael Vivencio

Sunday, 5:30

For the Parishioners of St. Francis

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

(ill) Clarence Dordulaw

Requested by Veneriches Dordulaw

Health & Wellness

Recent Deaths

+Catherine Mellage

Mother of Angela, Kelly and Brian Mellage

Remembrance

+Richard Gaal

Grandfather of Mark Bednarcik

Remembrance



**Daily Mass** at 9:00am is held in the Chapel



### Weekly Reconciliation Services

The Sacrament of Reconciliation for individuals is celebrated most Saturdays of the year between 4:00-4:45pm in the main church. There are normally two priests present. We recommend that you arrive well before 4:45pm so we may accommodate you.

## Mass Intentions

One of the spiritual works of mercy is to pray for the living and the dead. Requesting a Mass is a most wonderful way to exercise this spiritual work of mercy. Our register for Mass intentions is open. You may make your request(s) by going to our website (<https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/mass-intention-prayers/>) or by calling the parish office at 919-847-8205 during normal business hours M-F.

# Upcoming At a Glance

This week's events are shown in red.

**August 8**

## **Prison Pen Pal Ministry Meeting**

7:00 pm in Founders Room.

Contact us at [sfapenpal@gmail.com](mailto:sfapenpal@gmail.com)

**August 9**

## **Youth Basketball Registration**

**Opens** For more information and to register visit: <https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/st-francis-youth-basketball-league-2/>

**August 11**

## **Recognizing and Reporting Child Abuse and Neglect**

Required for all Level C volunteers

Thursday, 8/11 at 2:30pm

Tuesday, 8/16 at 7:00pm

Wednesday, 9/7 at 9:30am

Tuesday, 9/20 at 7:00pm

Wednesday, 8/17 at 7:00pm (In Spanish)

Wednesday, 9/21 at 7:00pm (In Spanish)

**August 14**

## **Pancake Breakfast**

10:00am in Clare Fellowship Hall.

Contact [beth.gaudette@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:beth.gaudette@stfrancisraleigh.org)

**August 14**

## **Ecumenical Delegation to the US/Mexico Border**

Delegates will travel to sister cities on the US-Mexico Border, Agua Prieta, Sonora, Mexico, and Douglas, Arizona, USA, with organization Frontera de Cristo. Cost is \$1000 per person, plus airfare. Contact Trevor Thompson, [trevor.thompson@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:trevor.thompson@stfrancisraleigh.org).

**August 17**

## **Summer Youth Fest - Dance Party**

<https://onrealm.org/StFrancisRaleigh/PublicRegistrations/Event?link-String=M2M0N2M0MDAtYzZhMy00YjU-4LWJjODktYWVjYTAxMDAyZTNi%20>

**August 20**

## **Emmaus Walk and Breakfast**

Contact [beth.gaudette@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:beth.gaudette@stfrancisraleigh.org)

**August 21**

## **Cross Train and Cross Road**

small group leaders meet and greet and formation. 3-5pm in Fellowship Hall  
[jeanne.lewin@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:jeanne.lewin@stfrancisraleigh.org)

**August 23**

## **Durham Bulls Faith & Family Night**

Tickets are \$13.50 for St. Francis parishioners. <https://offer.fevo.com/nashville-sounds-th2avzo-58ef1ba?fevoUri=nashville-sounds-th2avzo-58ef1ba%2F>  
Contact Hanna Gertz 919-687-6522.

**August 28**

## **Community Center**

**Reopening Party** 10-11:30am.

[beth.gaudette@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:beth.gaudette@stfrancisraleigh.org)

**August 31**

Last day to register for Faith Formation & Sacramental Preparation  
[jeanne.lewin@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:jeanne.lewin@stfrancisraleigh.org)

**August 31**

## **Summer Youth Fest -**

## **Praise, Worship, and S'Mores**

with Jim Wahl

<https://onrealm.org/StFrancisRaleigh/PublicRegistrations/Event?link-String=M2M0N2M0MDAtYzZhMy00YjU-4LWJjODktYWVjYTAxMDAyZTNi%20>

**September 6: Divorce Care**

The Next Series of Divorce Care will be Sep 6, 2022 – Dec 13, 2022, for more information please contact Bill Morgan at [dejanuts@yahoo.com](mailto:dejanuts@yahoo.com).

**September 20 and 21**

## **Letters from Prison**

## **Adult Bible Study**

Adult Bible Study

\$25.00 covers cost of both books.

Questions? Contact Janie Hebert, [janie.hebert@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:janie.hebert@stfrancisraleigh.org).

<https://litpress.org/Products/6455/Letters-from-Prison-Part-One>

<https://litpress.org/Products/6454/Letters-from-Prison-Part-Two>

**September 22**

**"Come and See"** open house sponsored by the Padre Pio Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order on Sunday, September 22, 2022 from 2:30-4:30pm  
Questions [ofscentralnc@gmail.com](mailto:ofscentralnc@gmail.com) or visit <https://ofscentralnc.org>.

**September 24**

## **Adoration and Breakfast**

9:00-11:00. Contact [beth.gaudette@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:beth.gaudette@stfrancisraleigh.org)

**October 2**

## **FrancisFest**

Our annual parish wide celebration of our patron saint. Contact [ashley.watson@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:ashley.watson@stfrancisraleigh.org) if you are interested or want to learn more about this opportunity visit [www.stfrancisraleigh.org/francisfest](http://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/francisfest)

**October 8**

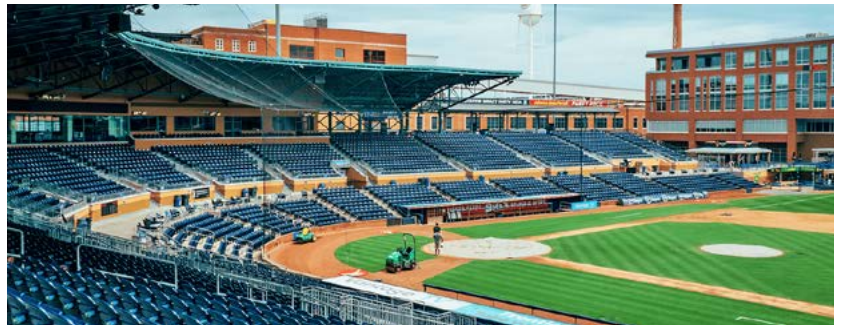
## **Herencia Hispana Mass**

11:00am Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral  
Celebrated by Bishop Zarama.  
Questions: 984-900-3182

**October 15**

## **Wedding Anniversary Mass**

10:00am Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral.  
Celebrated by Bishop Zarama.  
Questions: 984-900-3184  
<https://raldioc.configio.com/wam2022>



# FAITH & FAMILY NIGHT AT THE DBAP

TUESDAY, AUGUST 23<sup>RD</sup> - 6:35 PM

Join us Tuesday, August 23rd at 6:35pm for a fun filled night of baseball and faith based activities. The Durham Bulls will face the Nashville Sound at 6:35pm! This night will be dedicated to those of faith to come out and cheer on the Bulls!

We have blocked 300 seats for St Francis.

Questions contact [stacey.shine@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:stacey.shine@stfrancisraleigh.org).

**Tickets are \$13.50 each and can ONLY be purchased using the FEVO link.**

**Scan this FEVO link to order [Durham Bulls Tickets](#)**

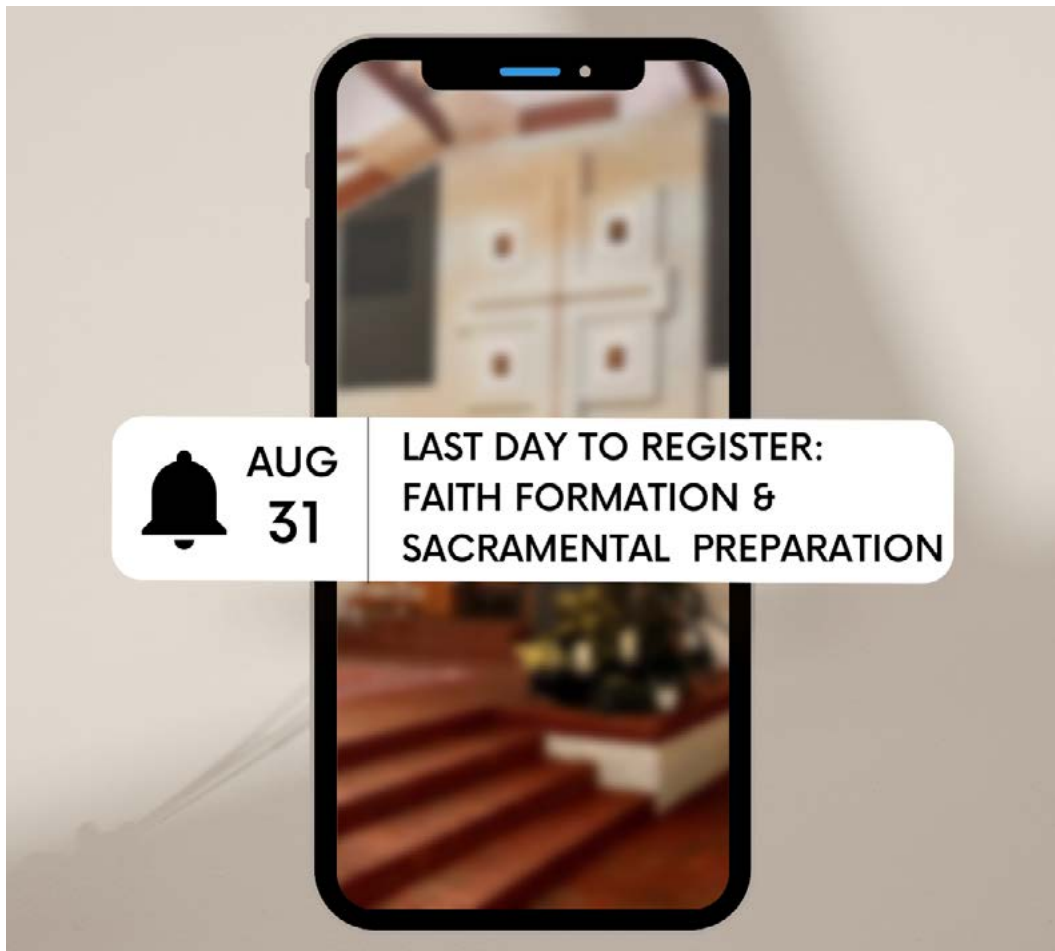
If you need assistance ordering call Hannah Gertz at 919.687.6522







The beginning of our mental health series focused on addressing the stigma around mental illness and how to start challenging conversations. One in Five Americans experiences mental illness annually; as a community, we will continue to increase our competence to serve ourselves and others' mental health needs. Thank you to all who attended!



# Cross Step (Formerly Play and Pray) Registration is Open!



Cross Step (formerly known as Play N' Pray) is the newest addition to St. Francis' Crosses Faith Formation programs. Our mission is to the development of faith of children, ages one-and-walking through four. The children come to us in Clare Hall during the 9:00 am Sunday Mass. Using Pflaum Gospel Weeklie's SEEDS curriculum, the children learn about the weekly Gospel and participate in fun, interactive activities that focus on Catholic doctrine and traditions. Let us help your children to take their first STEPS on their walk with God!

Interested families can register their children for the 2022-2023 year in REALM. Please contact [Andrea.Javier@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:Andrea.Javier@stfrancisraleigh.org) for more information.

## Cross Step (Formerly Play and Pray) Seeking Classroom Staff



**Interested in sharing your faith with young children in a fun-filled and loving environment?**

The Cross Step program is currently seeking part-time employees to lead our Parish's pre-school-aged faith formation classes for the upcoming 2022-2023 year. Our classes occur during the 9:00 am Sunday Mass and consist of playing, praying, sharing a short Gospel-based lesson that is provided in advance, and participating in a related arts-and-craft activity. No teaching experience is necessary, just the desire to have fun and share God's Word. Sharing a couple hours of your time on Sundays can forever transform a child's faith-journey!

Please contact [Andrea.Javier@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:Andrea.Javier@stfrancisraleigh.org) for more information. Interested in volunteering? We could use your help as well!





## Adult Bible Study Opportunities Letters From Prison, Parts One And Two

by Little Rock Scripture Study (2 books = 9 lessons)

Register Monday, July 25th through Wednesday, September 14th. Space is limited to 20 registrants per session. Two sessions are offered for this 10 session VIRTUAL Bible study. First session is a "get to know you," and orientation to the study.

**Tuesday-7:00-8:30PM from September 20 through November 15, 2022,**  
facilitated by Barbara Efird.

**Wednesday-10:00-11:30AM, from September 21 through November 16, 2022,**  
co-facilitated by Barbara Efird and Cindy Cardello

Study Cost: \$25.00 covers cost of both books. - Books will be available for pick up in the church reception area beginning on September 15th.

Incarcerated numerous times "for the defense of the gospel" (Phil 1:16), Paul wrote several letters from the confines of prison. Letters from Prison, Part One explores the letters of Philippians and Philemon in four sessions, explaining the reason each letter was written and addressing various themes such as joy, unity in Christ, reconciliation, and the close relationship between Paul and his communities. Commentary, study and reflection questions, prayers, and access to online lectures are included.

Letters from Prison, Part Two provides an in-depth investigation of Paul's letters to the Colossians and Ephesians, two letters with a great deal in common. Besides being written from prison, both letters address Gentile communities learning to live faithful Christian lives. Exploring themes such as God's eternal plan, the unity of the church, and the fullness of life in Christ, these letters offer a sweeping and still relevant vision of faith in Christ and the church as his body. Commentary, study and reflection questions, prayers, and access to online lectures are included.

<https://litpress.org/Products/6455/Letters-from-Prison-Part-One>

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Questions? Contact Janie Hebert, [janie.hebert@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:janie.hebert@stfrancisraleigh.org).



### Francis Fest

FrancisFest Volunteers needed now. The event planning team is forming now to plan our annual parish wide celebration of our patron saint, St Francis of Assisi. This Event will take place October 2nd. Our whole parish community joins for an afternoon of Holiness, Hope, and Hospitality! Contact [ashley.watson@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:ashley.watson@stfrancisraleigh.org) if you are interested or want to learn more about this opportunity visit [www.stfrancisraleigh.org/francisfest](http://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/francisfest).

### Secular Franciscan Order



St. Francis of Assisi, not only wanted to live the gospel way of life, he wanted to be transformed into Jesus Christ. Are you interested in learning more about the Secular Franciscan Order, the Third Order founded by St. Francis 800 years ago? Please join us for an informative "Come and See" open house sponsored by the Padre Pio Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order on Sunday, September 22, 2022 from 2:30-4:30pm at the Catholic Community of St. Francis of Assisi. The "Come and See" will be held in the church, in the Founders Room. If you are able to join us, please send an email to [ofscentralnc@gmail.com](mailto:ofscentralnc@gmail.com) with your name, email address, mailing address and telephone number. For additional information please see our website <https://ofscentralnc.org>.



## Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast

Join us for a delicious hot breakfast  
Sunday, August 14th, at 10:00 am in  
Fellowship Hall. This event is a  
fundraiser for the Knights to donate  
to community charities. Suggested  
donations collected at the event: \$5  
per person, \$15 per family.

Questions contact  
[beth.gaudette@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:beth.gaudette@stfrancisraleigh.org)



**August 20 at 9:00am**

## **Women's Ministry Emmaus Walk**

We hear in Scripture that two followers of Jesus  
walked along a path toward Emmaus  
comforting each other after Jesus' death.  
Though they didn't recognize him, Jesus joined  
them on the walk and ministered to them. In this  
Emmaus Walk you will be paired with a partner  
and invited to experience your own Emmaus  
walk around the campus, discovering Christ in  
your own Lives through your connection with  
one another.

Register on Realm

Questions:

[beth.gaudette@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:beth.gaudette@stfrancisraleigh.org)

[Click here to register](#)



We had a wonderful  
women's ministry  
event, over 60  
women joined us for  
yoga and breakfast.  
Thank you to the  
women's ministry for  
putting this on!



## Back to School Drive: List of Needed Items

New or Very Gently Used

Backpacks - greatly needed K-12

### New Only

Notebooks, wide and college ruled

Composition notebooks

Three-ring binders – 1" and 3"

Loose-leaf Paper, wide and college ruled

Graph paper, Copy paper

Construction paper

Glue sticks, Bottles of glue

5-Subject dividers

Folders – all colors

Pens and #2 Pencils

Pencil cases, boxes and bags

Pencil Sharpeners

Highlighters, all colors

24-count Crayons

Colored pencils and Markers

Index Cards

Big pink and Pencil Tip Erasers

Dry erase markers

Hand sanitizer, Lysol wipes

Boxes of Kleenex

Scientific calculator, function keys

Protractors, Compasses

USB Flash drives

Rulers, Scissors, Ziploc bags





# YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Join us Every Tuesday at  
6:30pm in Padua Room

Directions: Driving down the main Church driveway take the first right into the gym parking lot. The Padua Room is in the community center in the same building as the gym

We will reflect on the upcoming Sunday Gospels.

For questions or concerns please contact  
[beth.gaudette@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:beth.gaudette@stfrancisraleigh.org)

## Community Center Reopening Party

**August 28th 10:00-11:30**

**Coffee and Donuts in the Café**  
**Open Gym Basketball**  
**Games in the labyrinth**

Contact

[beth.gaudette@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:beth.gaudette@stfrancisraleigh.org)



## SUMMER YOUTH FEST

WEDNESDAYS

AT 6:30PM TO 9PM - FELLOWSHIP HALL

AUGUST 17 - MOVIE NIGHT

AUGUST 31 - PRAISE, WORSHIP, & S'MORES WITH JIM WAHL

Calling all middle school and high school youth to come and enjoy fun, fellowship, and snacks!

Youth are invited to experience an awesome evening with your peers on

Wednesday evenings beginning on July 20th through August 31.

Our Summer Youth Fest is filled with games for all to enjoy and to socialize with your peers.

Sign up on Realm - [Sign up here!](#)



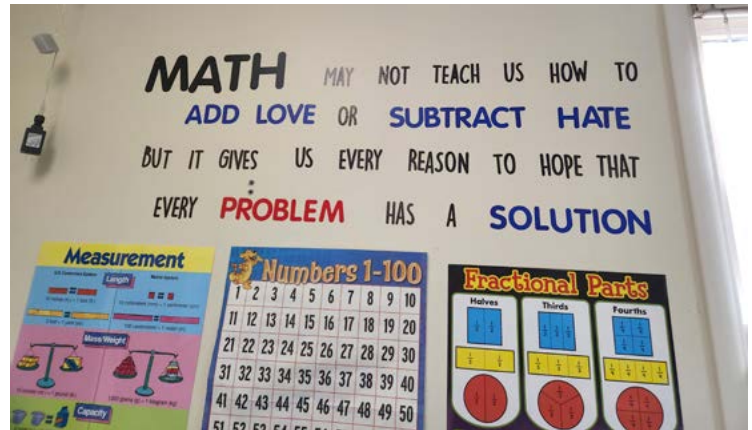
## Youth Basketball Season Registration Opens Tuesday, August 9

Join us for the 32nd season of the St. Francis Youth Basketball League. Participants shall have a spirit of loyalty to Catholic ideals, to parish, to coach, and to the team. The program enables the gifted to excel, the less gifted to participate and improve. This program is open to girls and boys grades 1st thru 8th, in 6 different divisions. Practices will be held once per weeknight and begin late October. Division 1 (grades 1 & 2) will practice before their games on Saturday and not during the week. Games will be on Saturday and Sunday. The season will run through Early February. For more information and to register visit: <https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/st-francis-youth-basketball-league-2/>

# EDUCATION MINISTRIES

Dawn Smith, Principal

## Big Ideas and Connecting Math in Meaningful Ways



A few weeks ago, I shared three areas of focus as we begin a new school year. In addition to building a community and helping students to foster connections we need to acknowledge students' feelings toward math. For many people, math anxiety is a real thing and we never want to dismiss those feelings. It has been shown that implementing intentional growth mindset strategies in the math classroom will drastically change the student's attitude toward math and build both their confidence and willingness to learn.

According to Shelley Gray in 5 tips for incorporating a growth mindset into math teaching, "Our students know when we believe in their potential to be successful. It is important to tell our students

frequently and explicitly that we think they are good mathematicians. Focus on praising the effort and the process rather than the final result and your students will begin to believe in themselves as much as we do?"

In the upcoming school year, all of our math teachers will attend a one-day webinar in which they will learn more from Jo Bolar about how to teach math using Big Ideas and connecting math in meaningful ways. Jo Bolar is the co-founder and faculty director of youcubed. She is well known and respected for her work with teachers in helping create a mathematical classroom where the role of group work and mathematical discussions is key in the development of understanding.

As we begin a new school year, teachers will emphasize that mathematics classrooms should be places where students believe that everyone can do well in math and mathematics problems can be solved with many different insights and methods. We want students to see mistakes as valuable and that they encourage brain growth and learning.

As a school, we must work on the spiritual growth mindset alongside the academic growth mindset. According to Philippians 1:6, "I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ." A Spiritual Growth Mindset says I can because God can. This mindset is about hope, faith, dreams and Truth. "I can do all things through Jesus Christ who strengthens me."



# EDUCATION MINISTRIES

Heidi Hobler, Preschool Director

## New Life for Old Stumps



Summertime at preschool is not only a chance for us to interact with our preschoolers in a special way through summer camps, but it also is, as you might imagine, a time for us to clean, organize, re-do, and refresh things in preparation for the new school year.

Other areas of campus have summer projects underway as well. One of the more noticeable ones involves the Columbarium expansion. St. Francis TV hosted an episode recently with the Director of Finance & Planning, Mr. Rob Neppel, in which he explained the necessity for more burial niches. Part of this project also addresses drainage issues. The area between Clare and Anthony Halls is also having some drainage work done. Along with that, some safety concerns are being handled with the cutting down of a few old trees that were in danger of falling onto Clare Hall. Because of the safety issue, these trees, understandably, needed to be removed.

Personally, my heart is always a bit sad when I see a tree being taken down even when, in my head, I know that the reason for it is a valid one. After all, our Franciscan spirit and love for all things which our Lord has made, call us to take care of the earth. Although safety of those in our buildings and on our campus must come first, I'd rather see trees being planted rather than being removed. One thing that helps ease my heart, however, is knowing that the trees will likely be re-purposed in some way. I think that often, trees get chipped and turned into mulch for nature trails in parks. At preschool, we just had new mulch pieces put down on our natural play area, Exploration Station, so I can really appreciate this use! I am excited to say that one of the trees that is being cut down from the area outside of Clare and Anthony Halls, will be re-used on our Exploration Station! I have written previously that many of the things in this area are made of wood pieces and are, therefore, subject to regular decay. This was the case

for some stumps out there on which the kids can walk on by stepping from one to the other. A few of the stumps were beginning to wear away so that they were no longer safe for the preschoolers to climb. After discussions with the foreman in charge of the tree removal on our campus, we will now have some brand new stumps for our students to enjoy! I have no doubt that they will have a grand time learning to walk on the stumps and then celebrating their victory in accomplishing a new feat!

Not only will the stumps provide entertainment for our preschoolers, but lessons on re-purposing/recycling will most certainly be shared by the teachers with their individual classes! What an unexpected yet wonderful opportunity for us to begin the year with a message on recycling! The campus tree project presents our teachers with an easy, reliable chance to teach their students, right from the start of the school year, how to be young recyclers which is certainly an important part of being good caretakers of what God has given us!



Workers gather with our Migrant Ministry volunteers as they celebrate their most recent fiesta

## Come, give Jesus a ride, and maybe even have a party while you're at it.

Tim Fasano - Coordinator of Justice and Peace

The Migrant Ministry at our parish provides a wonderful opportunity for relational ministry. Every weekend from June through September, members of our parish make the drive to Franklin County where they have the privilege to transport migrant workers from their camps to celebrate Mass at Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church in Louisville. These men work incredibly hard all week as migrant workers on local farms far from home so as to provide for their families. Your role, in addition to offering transportation, is to provide a ministry of presence to these men. You need not speak Spanish nor have some other special set of skills; you only need to bring yourself.

We are still in need of drivers to support this beautiful and important ministry.

Additionally, we have two more fiestas, August 21 and September 11, for which we need volunteers to provide supplies and serve food to the men. Please join us in this great work of mercy by signing up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e044caaa723a5fe3-stfrancis2>



August 11, 7:30-8:30pm in Anthony Hall

The Feed the Need and Caring Connection leadership teams will present information on how easy and fulfilling it is to be a part of these wonderful ministries. Please come and see how you can change someone's life with a warm, homemade meal.



## Opportunity for Public Vigil for the Abolition of the Death Penalty

Trevor Thompson, Director of Office of Justice and Peace

In commemoration of the 16th anniversary of North Carolina's last execution, there will be a public vigil in front of Central Prison in Raleigh on August 15 @ 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm. This effort is being organized by the Center for Death Penalty Litigation in Durham. The vigil will be held outside Central Prison to remember the 43 people who were executed between 1970 and 2006, when litigation halted executions in NC, and the 136 people who still sit on death row. This event will raise the voices of people most proximate to the death penalty, including people currently and formerly on death row, and those who have lost family members to murder. Together we will say, "Never again," and create a new vision of justice.

If you are interested in this public vigil, gather outside the gates of the prison at 5:30pm. Rain or shine. Parking available either in the Boylan Heights neighborhood or in the gravel lot on Hunt Drive in Dix Park. If you have questions about this event, contact Kristin Collins, [kristin@cdpl.org](mailto:kristin@cdpl.org).

In related news, over the last few months, a group of Catholics have come together with Deacon Joshua Klickman, Director of the Diocese's Office of Human Life and Dignity, and St. Francis parishioner Nancy Jones to work towards the abolition of the death penalty. What has been formed is a new formation and advocacy group in the Diocese of Raleigh called "Catholics for Abolition in NC" (CANC). This group is dedicated to witnessing to the sanctity of life given the tenets of Catholic social teaching. If you'd like more information and be a part of this growing coalition of Catholics for abolition work, contact the group at [catholicsforabolitionnc@gmail.com](mailto:catholicsforabolitionnc@gmail.com).



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## August 8 Prison Pen Pal Ministry Meeting

"Thanks for your time and thoughts. You really are a blessing and it's good to have someone to talk to." A pen pal in the ministry recently received these thoughts in response to a letter sent to her pen pal in prison. Are you interested in finding out more about the Prison Pen Pal Ministry from those of us who write to men on Death Row? We have men who are waiting for a pen pal. Please join us Monday, August 8, at 7:00 pm in the Founders Room. All are welcome! Questions? Contact us at [sfapenpal@gmail.com](mailto:sfapenpal@gmail.com). A leader in the ministry will be glad to respond to your email.



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**If you are interested in being a Ministry Leader please reach out to Mary Arleth  
[@mary.arleth@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:@mary.arleth@stfrancisraleigh.org)  
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St. Francis parishioners meeting refugee family at RDU airport

# Walking More Closely with Refugees

Trevor Thompson, Director of Office of Justice and Peace

Over the last year, many have expressed an interest in our work with resettling refugees, and so I wanted to give an update about the refugee resettlement ministry and offer an invitation for a deeper relationship.

In the last year, we have worked closely with local refugee resettlement organizations in Raleigh called US Committee for Refugees and Immigrants (USCRI). Through this partnership, we have funneled generous financial and material donations in order to address recent crises of displaced persons from Afghanistan and Ukraine. We have also worked closely with USCRI to furnish an apartment and offer warm meals for a family from Afghanistan as part of the

Welcome Home Project. In recent weeks, we collected material items for additional refugee as part of this Welcome Home Project.

Now, there's a new opportunity available for walking more closely with refugee families. USCRI is inviting us to a deeper relationship-building opportunity with a refugee family with increased responsibilities to assist with the family's settling in the community. We think that this is very exciting! Perhaps, this is something you would be interested in.

With this new opportunity, we are looking for a group of 8-10 parishioners to form a team that would accompany a family for 3-5 months. Responsibilities would include things like: meeting family at

airport, bring them to their apartment, helping with transportation, securing food assistance, assisting families with paperwork, working on financial literacy, and being on call for other support and assistance. There will be training involved and ample support from USCRI social workers and St. Francis staff.

Would be willing to serve on this team of parishioners that will provide hands-on support of a refugee family over the course of a few months? You would need to have the available time, be willing to offer your compassion and skills, and be open to the challenges and joys of the experience of these families. Please email me, Trevor Thompson, [trevor.thompson@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:trevor.thompson@stfrancisraleigh.org) if this interests you.



# EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES



## Afterschool Program Staff – Part Time

The Franciscan School is seeking energetic candidates with a positive attitude and love of children to work in our Bridges Afterschool Program. Hours and days of the week are flexible, Monday thru Friday 3pm – 6pm. Bridges staff are responsible for the supervision and well-being of students in our program. Candidates must be at least 18 years of age and successfully complete the Diocesan background check. To apply, please send resume and cover letter to [tfsummary@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:tfsummary@stfrancisraleigh.org) or contact [Trish.Adamkowski@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:Trish.Adamkowski@stfrancisraleigh.org) to obtain an application.



## Church openings

### Community Center Facility Specialist – Part Time

We are seeking part-time employees to work evenings and weekends in 5-8 hours shifts. These staff members oversee the safety and security of community life programs, activities, and events that strengthen the communal aspects of our parish, community, and neighborhood in light of our mission to be “one family living in community”. The position supports operation of the Assisi Community Center by ensuring a clean, safe, controlled environment in accordance with the Diocese of Raleigh and parish procedures and guidelines. Duties will include but are not limited to:

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A high school diploma or equivalent is required and the applicant must possess, or be able to obtain, Red Cross or American Heart Association CPR Certification with First Aid training, and Diocese of Raleigh Safe Child training. For a complete job description, questions, or to submit a resume, please email Ashley Watson, [Ashley.Watson@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:Ashley.Watson@stfrancisraleigh.org).

## Substitute Teachers Needed!

The Franciscan School is seeking Substitute Teachers for the 2022-23 school year. The substitute teacher is an important part of our school and allows our teachers the time they may need away from the classroom. In this role, you will be stepping in and carrying out the lesson plans of the teacher for whom you are substituting. A substitute teacher may be called to work with students at any of the grade levels and/or subject areas. However, applicants who may prefer specific grade levels and/or subject areas are welcome to let us know their preference.

If you have availability during the school day, are flexible, creative, comfortable with technology, and have an interest in assisting our teachers and students, we welcome you to apply. Please email a resume to [colette.dziadul@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:colette.dziadul@stfrancisraleigh.org) if you are interested.



## Preschool Openings

### Spanish Enrichment Instructor Part time (8-10 hours per week)

St. Francis Preschool is seeking an enthusiastic individual who is bilingual in Spanish to join our staff as a Part Time Spanish Enrichment instructor. This person will be responsible for developing and delivering fun-filled lessons that will engage and enhance the preschool experience of our three, four and five year olds. Successful completion of the Diocesan background check and experience working with 3-5 year olds is required. Knowledge and experience in lesson planning for 3-5 year olds is preferred. To apply, please email [Heidi.hobler@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:Heidi.hobler@stfrancisraleigh.org).

## Recognizing and Reporting Child Abuse and Neglect

Part of the Diocesan Safe Child Program, and required for all Level C volunteers. Please click on a specific date below to register. If these dates don't work for your schedule, please [click here](#) to view additional classes within the Diocese of Raleigh

[Thursday, 8/11 at 2:30pm](#)

[Tuesday, 8/16 at 7:00pm](#)

[Wednesday, 9/7 at 9:30am](#)

[Tuesday, 9/20 at 7:00pm](#)

[Wednesday, 8/17 at 7:00pm \(In Spanish\)](#)

[Wednesday, 9/21 at 7:00pm \(In Spanish\)](#)

# Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## August 7, 2022

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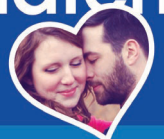


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