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TO
EXPLORE YOUR
spiritual gifts.

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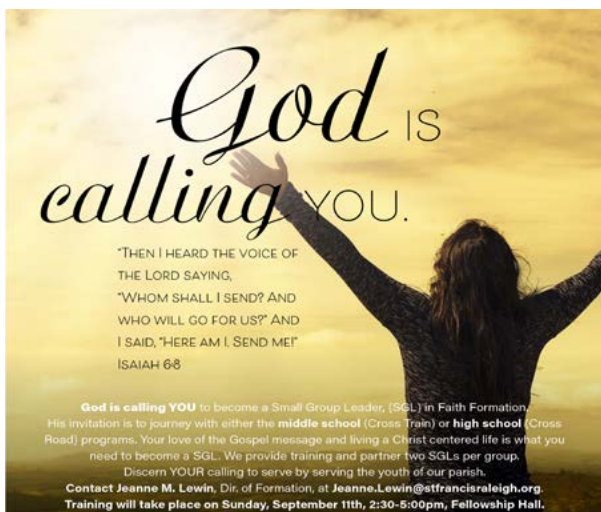
How Do Catholics Understand the Word “Ministry?” PART V:

I have been asked by several parishioners about the academic paper I presented last June at an international ecumenical meeting for which I serve as a delegate between the Catholic Church and the Disciples of Christ Church. Our topic for this phase of dialogue focuses on the role of the Holy Spirit in ministry. My task in this paper 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. Today’s focus, the final one in this series, will describe the various types of lay ministry. You may view the earlier parts of this series by going to the August 2, 9, 21, and September 4 bulletins. (<https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/bulletins/>)

Various Types of Lay Ministry: The Church identifies four types of lay ministry: de facto, commissioned, lay ecclesial, and instituted. De facto ministers, the largest group of lay ministers, are individuals who serve within the community as volunteers in keeping with their sanctifying (priestly), teaching (prophetic), and/or governing (royal) offices received in baptism. In the sanctifying office, some examples would include lectors, cantors, and altar servers. In the teaching office, some examples would include leaders of Bible study, catechesis of a particular age of children, and advocacy on some dimension of the Church’s social teaching. In the governing office, some examples would include advisors on a parish Finance Council or Pastoral Council. Second is commissioned ministry. Those serving at this level receive local training in the parish and are commissioned for a defined period of time either by a bishop or a pastor. Some examples would include pastoral ministers to the parish sick/shut-ins and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion.

The third level is lay ecclesial ministers. Some laity experience a call to focus their service full time in an ecclesial community. They often have specialized training and credentials such as a college degree in a relevant field of study. They fill significant roles of leadership in a community of faith (e.g., pastoral associate, director of music, youth ministry leader, school principal, chancellor of a diocese). The fourth level of lay ministry is called instituted ministry. This is a permanent ministry in the same way the deacon, priest, and bishop is a permanent ministry. There are currently three expressions of instituted ministry: lector, acolyte, and catechist. These individuals are more than readers of Scripture at Mass, altar servers, or First Communion catechists. These individuals have received specialized training, are recognized as leaders in their ministries, and have a proven track record of service in their area of ministry. For example, an instituted catechist is a master catechist who has skills in all the areas of catechesis and is recognized by the community as not only competent in this field of ministry but also as competent to train others in all areas of catechesis and has a history of success and respect within a parish community in their ministry. A bishop installs those serving at this level into their ministry as a permanent configuration of their lives.

Fr. Michael



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

+Elizabeth Harms

Mother of Pam Redmond

+Marie Clark

Mother of Maureen Maingi
and Kathy Hampton

Weekly Envelope Schedule

September 11 Weekly

September 11 The Catholic University
of America

September 18 Weekly

September 25 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/

For a complete list of SFA contacts
Group Opportunities,
Volunteer Opportunities
and Ministries, click here.

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR SEPTEMBER 10 TO SEPTEMBER 18



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday September 10, 2022
Saturday, 5:30
+Virginia Orband
Requested by Lisa Miller

Sunday September 11, 2022
Sunday, 7:15
+George Apuzzi
Requested by Carmela and George Brocco

Sunday, 9:00
+Alan Lougee
Requested by Mary Lougee

Sunday, 11:45
+Ed Marshall
Requested by Juanita Marshall

Sunday, 5:30
For the Parishioners of St. Francis

Monday September 12, 9am
+Agnes McCaffrey
Requested by Jackie Wier-Smith

Tuesday September 13, 9am
+Michael Walshe
Requested by The Kelly Family

Wednesday September 14, 9am
+Bernadette Rocha
Requested by Jeremy Roca and Winn Decker

Thursday September 15, 9am
+Samuel Marchu
Requested by Joe and Helen Noonan

Friday September 16, 9am
+Joan Veit (VEET)
Requested by Christopher Veit

Saturday September 17, 2022
Saturday, 5:30
+Jane Hernandez and +Jim Sweden
Requested by The Wellen Family

Sunday September 18, 2022
Sunday, 7:15
+Bach Mai Thi Le and (ill) Gary Boyar
Requested by Gary and Hanh Boyar, Hung and Trinh Pham

Sunday, 9:00
+Steven Winzeler
Requested by Sharon Winzeler

Sunday, 11:45
+Lawrence and +Clare Vivencio
Requested by Connie and Michael Vivencio

Sunday, 5:30
For the Parishioners of St. Francis

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

+Bach Mai Thi Le
Requested by Hanh and Gary Boyar, Hung and Trinh Pham Remembrance

Recent Death
+Elizabeth Harms
Mother of Pam Redmond
Remembrance

+Marie Clark
Mother of Maureen Maingi and Kathy Hampton
Remembrance

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.stfrancisleigh.org/mass-intention-prayers/>) or by calling the parish office at 919-847-8205 during normal business hours M-F.



Daily Mass at 9:00am is held in the chapel on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. The Wednesday Daily Mass is held in the church.



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.

Laudato Si' - In action

"I ask you in the name of God, to defend Mother Earth"
Pope Francis

Celebrate the Season of Creation

Sunday, September 11, 4:15 pm
Join Michelle for a meditative tour of our campus.
"Through the Windows of St Francis"



Next week – Visit our EV car show!

Keep reading

Regeneration: Ending the Climate Crisis in One Generation

stfrancisleigh.org/care_for_creation

To connect with us: stfccreation@gmail.com

At a Glance

This week's events are shown in red.

September 11 Coffee and Donuts

Following 9:00am Mass, in Clare Hall
beth.gaudette@stfrancisraleigh.org

September 11 Creation Care

4:15p-5:15pm Reflective Tour
of the Church Grounds
stfccreation@gmail.com

September 11 Small Group Leader Training

2:30-5:00 in Clare Fellowship Hall
jeanne.lewin@stfrancisraleigh.org

September 10/11 Catholic Parish Outreach

Bags will be passed out after Masses
the weekend of Sept 10/11. To sign up to
assist

September 14 Monthly Grief Support Group Good Grief

First meeting, 10:00am in Laverna
beth.gaudette@stfrancisraleigh.org

September 14 50+ Adult Group Game Day

12:00 noon in Clare Fellowship Hall for
an exciting game of BINGO.

September 15 Cancer Support Group

Meets virtually at 1:00pm
SuzanneSziemer.slp@gmail.com

September 15 Braver Angels Workshop

of "Families and Politics" 7pm – Address-
ing polarization and civil dialogue in our
families – Sign-up: <http://bit.ly/depolarizeSFA2022a>

September 16 Spaghetti Dinner

6:30pm Knights of Columbus
[Register here.](#)

September 17/18 Catholic Parish Outreach

The CPO Truck will be on site the week-
ends of Sept. 17/18 and 24/25 to collect

your filled grocery bags. Drop off times to
the truck those 2 weekends are: Saturday
4:45-6:00pm and Sunday 7:00am-1:15pm
and 4:45-6:00pm.

September 17-18 Catechetical Weekend

All catechists, religion teachers, and
small group leaders are invited to be
commissioned and received a blessing
(all Masses)

September 18 Small Group Leader Training

6:30-8:15pm, contact Jeanne Lewin at
jeanne.lewin@stfrancisraleigh.org

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

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

September 24 Blood Drive

8:00am-2:00pm in Clare Fellowship Hall
Sign up on line at www.redcrossblood.org. Contact SFA Coordinator: Bryan
Kozak at: bryan.c.kozak@gmail.com.

September 24/25 Catholic Parish Outreach

The CPO Truck will be on site the week-
ends of Sept. 24/25 to collect your filled
grocery bags. Drop off times to the truck
are: Saturday 4:45-6:00pm and Sunday
7:00am-1:15pm and 4:45-6:00pm.

September 24 Be Still - Adoration and Breakfast

9:00-11:30. Contact beth.gaudette@stfrancisraleigh.org

September 25 Why Faith

Topic: Turning Red Through the Lens

of Faith. 10:15-11:15am. Presenter Tim
Hetzel. tim.hetzel@stfrancisraleigh.org

September 25

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

September 27 Bereavement Series Begins Grief's Journey

Tuesday's at 5:00pm in Laverna
beth.gaudette@stfrancisraleigh.org

October 2 FrancisFest

Our annual parish wide celebration of our
patron saint. Contact ashley.watson@stfrancisraleigh.org if you are interested or
want to learn more about this opportunity
visit 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>

October 22 Franciscan Spirit and Life: Repairing and Reforming the Church Convocation

Saturday, Oct 22, 8:30am to 1:30pm
More information to come.
Registration opens on September 16
via Realm. Questions, contact Kathy.Sales@stfrancisraleigh.org

October 23 Coffee and Donuts with the Friars

Following 9:00am Mass. From 10:00-
11:00am in Clare Fellowship Hall



Franciscan Spirit and Life

Rebuilding and Reforming the Church
2022 Convocation

Join us on

October 22nd

for a Franciscan Convocation

from **8:30am to 1:30pm.**

Keynote Speaker,

Dr. Joshua Benson,

*"Repairing the Church
with Letter and Spirit."*



Fr. Steve



Fr. Dan



Fr. Jim



Fr. Julian



Fr. Bill



Fr. Ray

- Two breakout sessions with various topics
- **The convocation will conclude with lunch with the Friars (for registered participants only)**
- Registration fee: \$10

Registration
Opens
Sept. 16th
via Realm



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 ofscentralinc@gmail.com with your name, email address, mailing address and telephone number. For additional information please see our website <https://ofscentralinc.org>.



*Please pray for these newly confirmed
that they use the gifts bestowed upon them by the Holy Spirit
to spread the Good News wherever they may go.*

Alexander Adams
Manuela Arbelaez Perez
Lukas Bridges
Kylie Bullard
Evan Burfeind
Samantha Cartier
Matthew Cash
Tyler Cataruzolo
Finn Chamberlin
Brady Conlin
Justin Conly
Keira Cox
Broderick Crafts
London Crotty
Kate Daly
Soliana Daniel
Alexander DeBender
Albert Dell'Arciprete
Megan Diamond
Kate Doggett
Brogan Dunn
Thomas Dunn
Andrew Dusanenko
Juan Elizondo-Alvarez
Everett Emerson
Isabella Fiduccia
Alexis Fischlein
Colin Force
Elisa Fullen
Anthony Gardner
Jonathan Gardner
Elise Germano
Allyson Gouveia
Savannah Gracey
Ian Graham
Anna Greene
Brian Griffith
Sydney Grove
Angie Gunter

Blase Harriss
Owen Hines
Isabella Hoffmann
Alina Hovey
Hannah Jenkins
Nicholas Jerden
Dunn Johnson
Patrick Johnson
Joseph Jonske
Charles Kearse
Audrey Kelly
Zachary Kerner
Brendan Kozak
Lily Langbo
Cameron Lape
Riley Lawton
Luke Leshner
Katharine Lopez
Ewan Mackey
Jeffrey Mandler
Sebastian Martinez
Sophia Martinez
Nicholas Masterson
Meghan McAdams
Matthew McGinn
Emma McKenzie
Cole Mesler
William Michel
Hannah Morgan
Iris Morgan
Hannah Morris
Sophia Moscato
Mark Murray
Diego Murtinho
Mateo Murtinho
Rachel Nackashi
Olivia Nels
Janelle Novido
Matthew Owens

Liliana Palermo
Graziella Pizon
Nathan Preston
Lucas Purcell
Nathaniel Reardon
Meghan Roach
Caroline Robbins
Aryia Roberts
Benjamin Roberts
Angel Rodriguez Ventura
Benjamin Romano
Kaitlynn Sadler
William Sadler
Vernice Salcedo Camacho
Ashlyn Sarmiere
Rachael Setia
Clara Simmons
Michael Slock
Sofia Sonye
Sean Stapleton
Ava Staub
Spencer Sterling
Claire Stewart
Sophia Tamayo
Oscar Torry-Smith
Hannah Tran
Travis Ulrich
Hayden Vaughan
Sarah Veach
Andrew Wessels
Jacob Wilkens
Delanee Williams
Alexander Wilson
Jacob Winter
Zuzanna Wolak
Tucker Wood
Nathan Worsham
John Ziobrowski, Jr.

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- Groups meet once a week from Sept 25th to Oct. 29th for 90 minutes.
- Registration for The Spiritual Gifts Journey small groups CLOSES Sept 19th.

Register HERE through Realm - \$25 Registration Fee for materials and online access.

SMALL GROUP OPTIONS

Sundays: 7pm with Rosemary Somich - Zoom

Monday Mornings: 10am with Ellen Ferrone - in-person Founders Room

Monday Evenings: 7pm *Men's Group* with Jacob House - Hybrid (in-person or zoom)

Tuesday Mornings: 10am with Gladys Whitehouse - Zoom

Tuesday Evenings: 7pm with Michael Somich - Zoom

Wednesdays: 12pm (Lunch hour) *Young Adult Group* with Beth Gaudette - Zoom

Thursdays: 9:30am with Mae Villanueva - in-person



Scan to Register

SMALL GROUP REGISTRATION CLOSES MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH

SMALL GROUP LEADER TRAINING

CROSS TRAIN & ROAD

ATTENDANCE IS REQUIRED

"The small group leader, then, is a Christian who is mindful of God, who is guided by the memory of God in his or her entire life and who is able to awaken that memory in the hearts of others."
Pope Francis

09.11.2022

Sunday | 2:30PM - 5:00 PM

FELLOWSHIP HALL | LIGHT REFRESHMENTS

RSVP is required:

jeanne.lewin@stfrancisraleigh.org

St Francis of Assisi Environment and Arts Ministry

Have you ever been interested in volunteering behind the scenes – decorating the church for the liturgical seasons and/or providing essential water for the greenery?

If so, we have a spot for you!!

With this flexible and creative ministry, you can serve the community with every lily, mum and poinsettia to your hearts content!

If you would like to be included on the email distribution highlighting environment volunteer opportunities, please follow the link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0449AFAB2EABFD0-stfrancis>

If you have questions with this ministry please reach out to Theresa Baumgartner at theresabaumgartner@nc.rr.com

Bereavement Ministry

Bereavement Series: Grief's Journey

Tuesday's at 5:00pm in the LaVerna

September 27

October 25

October 4

November 1

October 11

November 8

October 18

November 15

Register for Grief's Journey Series

Monthly Grief Support Group: Good Grief

Second Wednesday of the Month at 10:00am in LaVerna

First Meeting 9/14 at 10:00am What is Grief?

Register for Good Grief Monthly Support Group

Contact beth.gaudette@stfrancisraleigh.org

CATECHETICAL



SEPTEMBER 17-18 AT ALL MASSES



WEEKEND

All catechists, religion teachers, and small group leaders are invited to be commissioned and receive a blessing on September 17-18 at all Masses.

Thank you to all who fill this vital role in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel!

Thank you catechists!



Sunday, October 23rd @ 10:00

Join us for Coffee and Donuts Sunday, October 23rd following 9:00am Mass from 10:00am-11:00am in Fellowship Hall hosted by LGBTQ+. The Friars who are visiting us for the Convocation will also be joining us that morning.

It will be a time to visit with fellow parishioners and to celebrate as we continue to walk this journey of faith together as a community dedicated to our Franciscan heritage. **All are welcome!**



Coffee and Donuts Sunday Schedule

Sunday, November 13 th	Sunday, March 26, 2023
Sunday, January 29, 2023	Sunday, April 2, 2023
Sunday, February 12, 2023	Sunday, May 7, 2023



Youth Basketball Season

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/>

Strength and Yoga

Monday, Wednesday, Friday
8:00am-9:00am

DVD Guided Classes

Classes run from mid-September through May in the Cupertino Room at the Community Center. For more Information please visit: <https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/fitness-classes-and-programs-2/> or contact Ashley.watson@stfrancisraleigh.org

why
FAITH what we
believe
and why we
believe it.



Join us
Sunday, Sept. 25th
at 10:15 to 11:15 am
Founders Room

THIS MONTH'S TOPIC
"Turning Red through the Lens of Faith.
Faith through the Lens of Turning Red"
presented by Tim Hetzel



WOMEN'S BASKETBALL OPEN PLAY

TUESDAY NIGHTS

8:00PM-10:30PM

IN THE COMMUNITY CENTER

\$5 PER PLAYER

**THE MINISTRY LEADER WILL BE
JESSICA DOUGHERTY.**

DOUGHERTY_JESS@YAHOO.COM



Parent Child Classes

Registration is now open for Fall classes! Are you looking for a fun filled activity to do with your young child? Want to learn sign language to better communicate with your infant or toddler? Want to connect with your toddler or preschooler with music? Check out Community Life's Parent Child Classes. All Parent/Child Classes are located in the Cupertino Room of the Assisi Community Center. For more information, visit our website at <https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/parent-child-classes-2/>.

Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge - Boys and Girls aged 9-14

The Knights of Columbus are hosting a soccer challenge for boys and girls, aged 9-14, on Sunday, September 11th at 1:00pm. This athletic event for youth of our parish and our community encourages the values of sportsmanship and healthy competition. Children demonstrate an important skill in soccer – shooting accuracy on the penalty kick. There will be five scoring zones -- upper and lower corners and the center of the goal. Winners will be announced for each age group.

The challenge will be held on the St. Francis of Assisi sports field. Please complete the on-line registration form: bit.ly/koc2022

Please direct questions to Mike Wrzesien, wrzesien1963@gmail.com.



The Cancer Support Group

Here there is hope. Here there is deep understanding. Here there is camaraderie. We are a group touched by cancer and we gather monthly to listen and offer support to each other. No matter where you are on your journey; newly diagnosed, long-hauler, or in survivorship come gather with us. Here is where we laugh, cry and pray with each other as we journey with cancer. We meet virtually the Third Thursday of the Month at 1:00pm. The next meeting is September 15. Contact Sziemer.slp@gmail.com for questions.



Catholic Parish Outreach
A Program of Catholic Charities

Catholic Parish Outreach

Bags will be passed out after Masses the weekend of Sept 10/11. The CPO Truck will be on site the weekends of Sept. 17/18 and 24/25 to collect your filled grocery bags. Drop off times to the truck those 2 weekends are: Saturday 4:45-6:00pm and Sunday 7:00am-1:15pm and 4:45-6:00pm. To sign up to assist with passing out bags or working at the truck visit: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0449afab2eabfd0-catholic>

For more information please visit: <https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/catholic-parish-outreach/>

50+ Adult Group Game Day September 14

The St. Francis 50+ Adult Group invites all those 50 years of age or older to join us Wednesday, September 14, at 12:00 noon in Clare Fellowship Hall for an exciting game of BINGO. Participants need not be members of the 50+ Adult Group or St. Francis Parish to attend, play and enjoy Game Day events, so bring your friends. No gaming skills are required to play BINGO and cash prizes will be awarded to the game winners. Please bring \$3 for Bingo Game Day. Drinks will be served and members are asked to bring a small snack to share.



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Welcome Back
Faith Formation Programs !
Elementary-Cross Walk, Middle School-Cross Train &
High School- Cross Road
Kick-Off Begins on Catechetical Sunday, September 18th

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI
EST. 1982
EXPERIENCE CHRIST
OFFER HOPE

BE STILL
Psalm 46:11
Women's Ministry Morning Retreat
September 24 9:00am-11:30am
Join us for moments of stillness, reflection, and prayer. Take some time out from the hustle of daily life to enjoy fellowship and peace.
Cost \$5
Register on Realm.
Questions contact
beth.gaudette@stfrancisraleigh.org

EDUCATION MINISTRIES

Dawn Smith, Principal

Won't You Be My Neighbor



Joe Leone
Facilities Manager

Chris Damico
Director of Engagement
and Development

"You shall love the Lord your God, with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all your mind. This is greatest and first commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love thy neighbor as yourself" (Matthew 22:37-39).

As a child and now an educator, Mister Rogers has always been the barometer at which I measure kindness and compassion. Every day I come to work and I am surrounded by kind and compassionate faculty and students that demonstrate love in their thoughts and through their actions. It is our job to show our students to love as God did. We must love God with all that we are, all the way, all the time. In loving God, we come to understand what it means to love ourselves rightly, and what it means to love others.

We can all learn a great deal from Mister Rogers. He taught us that we are neighbors and that everyone has a place. Ev-

eryone matters. He had a vision, born of his relationship with God that highlighted every human life's innocence, beauty and uniqueness. To that end, he called us to be responsible for each other, saying nothing different than what Jesus said.

"We live in a world in which we need to share responsibility. It's easy to say, 'it's not my child, not my community, not my world, not my problem.' Then there are those who see the need and respond. I consider those people my heroes (Fred Rogers)."

We all have a need for love and acceptance. That is why Mister Rogers'

television show was so popular. It spoke to something deeper, something sacred about humanity. God didn't give us his law in a book. He wrote it on our hearts. We know what we need to do. It's a matter of choice. Love is sacred. When we love another human being, especially without regard for ourselves, it is a holy moment. These moments are often missed due to our own selfishness. In loving God, we come to understand what it means to love ourselves rightly, and also what it means to love others. It means to love all even those outside of our classroom, neighborhood or Parish. It means demonstrating love even when there nothing provided in return. We can all show love for one another by being approachable, understanding, open to growth and change, mindful and self-giving.

Won't you be my neighbor? I invite you all to learn more about The Franciscan School. We welcome you to join us for our first Virtual Information Session on Tuesday, September 20th. You may register on the website. More information regarding our school and the admissions timeline can be found on our website at www.franciscanschool.org/ or contact Principal Dawn Smith at dawn.smith@stfrancisraleigh.org

Call for Donations for The Franciscan Experience at TFS

Do you have your own business, work for a service company, own a rental home, or have season tickets for a sporting event or theater? If you answered yes to any of these questions, we'd appreciate your help!

The Home and School Association (HSA) of The Franciscan School is looking for additional items to be donated from you, your small business, or your company to offer in this year's Franciscan Experience. The Franciscan Experience is the school's annual online silent auction fundraiser that is set to go live on Friday, September 30. The proceeds from the fundraiser are used to fund the many HSA sponsored events, such as Catholic Schools Week and field day, and for various teacher grants and capital improvements such as security enhancements around campus and playground updates. Please reach out to Carolyn Sanspre or Sue Jakubowski at TFSfundraiser@gmail.com if you have any questions or wish to donate an item.

October 2

Save the Date



Join us for our annual parish-wide celebration.

Everyone is invited!

12:45-4:30pm

Check our Francis Fest webpage for updates!

Ticket sales and volunteer sign up will begin in Mid-September.

Don't miss out on the fun!

Live Music and Entertainment

Fun for all ages!

Game Truck

Mobile video theater with over 7 TVs

Carnival World

Crafts and games all day

Inflatable Zone

Bounce, Bounce, Bounce!

Food Truck Rodeo

Varieties of venues visiting

Franciscan Tasting Room

Local and regional beers and wine

Young Adult Dinner

You're Invited!

To our first Young Adult Dinner.

What: Casual dinner and Social

When: Thursday, Sept 22 at 6p

Where: Founders Hall

Dinner provided by

Sassool Mediterranean Restaurant

Walk-ins welcome!

Please RSVP, Walk Ins Also Welcomed!

Questions: contact

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give blood, give life

American Red Cross Fall 2022

The American Red Cross is in need of blood donations. Some surgeries are having to be cancelled due to the lack of blood available as blood reserves across the country are sitting at a day to day and a half of supply right now. This is the lowest the American Red Cross has seen in 10 years.

So help us, help the American Red Cross and sign up for one of the 100 appointments still available for the American Red Cross blood drive, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, Saturday, September 24 from 8:00am-2:00pm in Clare Fellowship Hall.

To SCHEDULE an APPOINTMENT: Please sign up on line at www.redcrossblood.org. Search by Zip code 27613 for events on 9/24/22 More information, contact SFA Coordinator: Bryan Kozak at: bryan.c.kozak@gmail.com.

Spaghetti Dinner

Join us for the Knight's of Columbus annual Spaghetti Dinner on Friday, September 16th at 6:30 pm in Jacoba Hall
\$8 per person | \$25 per family
[Sign up here](#)

Click here to register



Signups (reservations) are being taken through Wed night. Walkups and takeout meals are offered subject to availability. Credit cards or exact change are preferred. The meal is true Italian with spaghetti with meat or veggie sauce (gluten free option available), mixed green salad, garlic bread, cannoli, and tea/lemonade/water. We have not one but two executive chefs preparing the meal from scratch (plus a couple of gourmet home cooks)!

Friday, September 16th @ 6:30 pm

EDUCATION MINISTRIES

Heidi Hobler, Preschool Director

Happy Grandparent's Day!



On behalf of myself and the staff at preschool, let me extend warm wishes to our preschool grandparents, those in our church community, all grandparents near and far, and those with us in spirit! It's a special day to remember our grandparents and those who are "grandparent-like" in our lives! This year, Grandparent's Day happens to also coincide with Patriot Day and those we remember who served and sacrificed on September 11, 2001.

It seems odd to me that somehow these two nationally observed days happen to fall together this year. Grandparent's Day is generally celebrated the first Sunday after Labor Day and thus, it occurs on September 11th this year. I daresay that I originally was slightly aghast that these two days collided on the calendar this year. One conjures up images of milk and cookies while the other reminds me of horrific tragedy. I know that it is coincidence and attributed to how the calendar worked this year, but I was a bit dismayed- at first. I thought about it over this past week and even prayed a bit about it. Shouldn't someone, somehow have considered adjusting the calendar

so at least Grandparent's Day, a joyous occasion, didn't have to be celebrated on a day of national sadness?

The more I thought and prayed about it, the more I began to realize that one of the main things that these two days have in common is service. There is no question that the countless men and women who selflessly intervened, protected, and even sacrificed their own lives on September 11, 2001 are amazing heroes of service. There are also many who came before them who were similarly also service heroes, whether in peaceful or tumultuous times. Aren't grandparents and those like grandparents generally high role models of service? Afterall, by nature of their part in a child's life they offer so many lessons of giving to others. I know that my own grandparents were always there for my brother and I, whether it was making us one of our favorite desserts, taking care of us overnight, washing off scraped knees, and everywhere in between. I also know that they were a great support to my parents. My own children's grandparents have gone above and beyond to do similar things which expressed their love through their

own service to their grandchildren. They have spent countless hours, invested much effort, and given in so many ways to ensure that their grandkids knew how much they were loved and cherished!

I firmly believe that God made sure that Jesus had his own grandparents, St. Anne and St. Joachim to know in His life. I think that God knew how necessary it would be at times for children to have as many examples as possible of giving to others so He gave the world grandparents. Many of the aforementioned service heroes were also grandparents. They were also amazing models of giving to others.

As you go about this weekend, remember to keep yours, your child's, or someone else's grandparent in your prayers. Remember to thank God for giving our world many examples of what it means to do for others and to serve those around us!

To learn more about the wonderful opportunities that we provide, please visit our website at www.preschoolatstfrancis.com or contact Shelley Freeman at: shelley.freeman@stfrancisraleigh.org



SEASON OF CREATION

Celebrate the Season of Creation

1. Join us for Reflective Tour of the St. Francis Church Grounds – “Through the Windows of St. Francis” : meet Sunday, September 11 from 4:15-5:15 pm in front of St. Mary of the Angels Chapel. Then join parishioner Michelle Kaiser for a short three-stop walking tour of our campus. Each will use a different spiritual tradition to guide us to a prayerful connection with creation. Or use the QR code below to do a self-guided tour during this Season of Creation. To RSVP for this event, [go to this link](#).



2. Read the book ***Regeneration: Ending the Climate Crisis in One Generation*** and mark your calendar for an in-person **book discussion** on September 27 in Founder's Room. You can find this book at your local library or purchase at your favorite book store/outlet. There is a lot of information in this book, so please start early! Read and mark the areas that interest you most to be ready for discussion on the book. Check here for more information; bit.ly/phregbk. To RSVP for this event, [go to this link](#).

Listen to the Voice of Creation

This week begins the month-long Season of Creation, a time that churches around the world focus on our call to care for God's creation. Pope Francis wrote in his [2015 teaching document called Laudato Si'](#) that our earth is like our sister, “This sister now cries out to us because of the harm we have inflicted on her by our irresponsible use and abuse . . . the earth herself . . . is among the most abandoned and maltreated of our poor; . . . We have forgotten that we ourselves are dust of the earth (cf. Gen 2:7); our very bodies are made up of her elements, we breathe her air, and we receive life and refreshment from her waters.” This year's Season of Creation theme is “Listen to the Voice of Creation.”

In this Season of Creation, our Care of Creation Ministry (stfccreation@gmail.com) is offering a number of opportunities to learn more about our earth, to experience it spiritually, to listen deeply, and to demonstrate our care for creation. We look forward to you joining us.

Braver Angels

LAST CALL: Parish Workshop on Families and Politics Thursday, September 15, 7:00-9:15pm

Are you looking for more effective ways to address political differences with those you love? If so, please consider joining fellow parishioners and friends on Thursday, Sep 15, 2022, 7-9:15pm, Founders Room in Anthony Hall for "Families and Politics", a workshop designed to help participants learn strategies and practice skills for addressing polarization within families. Register at bit.ly/depolarizeSFA2022a.

Skilled, experienced moderators from Braver Angels will lead this, our second parish workshop on depolarization. Braver Angels, a national organization with a strong presence in the Triangle area and across North Carolina, exists to promote respect, civility, empathy, and goodwill in our interactions with those with whom we disagree politically.



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Want to Go on Pilgrimage to Civil Rights Sites?



St. Francis Church and Baptist Grove Church are working together to plan a Civil Rights Pilgrimage March 1-5, 2023. We invite you to join us and spend an enlivening five-day, four-night "Social Justice Race Relations Tour" with fellow parishioners and members of St. Francis of Assisi and Baptist Grove Church. We will travel by luxury coach to visit historic sites and museums in Alabama and Georgia - The National Memorial for Peace and Justice, The Legacy Museum, Freedom Rides Museum, The Edmund Pettus Bridge, The Rosa Parks Museum and much, much more!

Sign up here to attend an Information Session Sunday, September 25, 2022 at 3:00 pm, via Zoom to receive more detailed information including cost, itinerary, accommodations and COVID-19 precautions. Get all of your questions answered!

Please reach out to Deacon Keith Shannon from Baptist Grove at kshanpr@aol.com or St. Francis parishioner Paul Williams at paul.williams3rd@gmail.com for questions/comments before the information night. This is being coordinated with assistance from the St. Francis Office of Justice and Peace.

A Zoom link will be sent to you closer to the event.

Thank you so much for your interest in this very important topic

New Transportation Ministry

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Interfaith Prison Ministry for Women (IPMW)

As you may know women are the fastest-growing segment of the prison population in our country. In particular, sisters of color are unfairly over-represented in this population due in large measure to negative racial bias toward poor communities of color.

Upon release and having paid their debt to society, these sisters in Christ are very motivated to become successful, productive citizens. But far too often they face significant barriers to obtaining and keeping employment, housing and social services. As a result, almost 30% of them return to prison within three years; even more return over time.

IPMW works to eliminate these barriers and end the cycles of poverty, addiction, and violence by resourcing formerly incarcerated women emotionally, spiritu-

ally, and physically. Transportation to and from work, to and from medical appointments and to and from social services is perhaps the most fundamental barrier these women face. Without transportation, little progress can be made.

We at St. Francis have a wonderful opportunity to help! Please RSVP and come to learn about this new ministry.

New Transportation Ministry - IPMW Information Session

Tuesday, September 20th, 6:30 pm
Founder's Room in Anthony Hall

RSVP: <https://bit.ly/SFA-IPMWrides>

Whether you can give one hour a month, one hour a week, one hour a day or anything in between, your help is needed to drive our sisters in Christ to their daily

commitments and back home again. 'Home' is transitional housing here in Raleigh, not too far from St. Francis.

By taking a few minutes out of your day, you could help someone realize her own dignity and worth, heal from past traumas, succeed in the workforce, and mend her family and relationships. Won't you give it a try?



Society of St. Vincent de Paul

By Sharon Winzeler

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us that the shepherd rejoices when he finds one lost sheep. The story tells us that nothing and no one is insignificant to God who is compassionate and loving to all.

Is there a neighbor or friend of yours who is in temporary need because of a loss of a job or an illness? Please leave a message for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul at 919-534-484...we want to help!

A neighbor and her infant son were living with her mother but decided to move to a new apartment because there were continuous water backup issues in the building. She was concerned it would be a health hazard once her son started crawling.

Not long after moving into her new place, the business for which she was working closed. Although she found a new job, the lapse in paychecks meant she couldn't meet the month's rent. St. Vincent de Paul was able to help her with some of it, and the neighbor was able to cover the rest. In the meantime, she will begin paid training for her new job.

SVdP at St. Francis of Assisi provides hope, compassion, referrals, and short-term financial help for families in the area. Most of the cases are the working poor—families who can pay their bills until they get an unexpected situation—a funeral, a car needing service, a sickness. Any of those situations could make them need help with rent or utilities.



Join Monsignor Clay for
coffee and conversation from
9:30-10:30am, after Daily Mass.



October 6th
October 20th
November 3rd
December 1st
December 15th

SVdP is a volunteer lay Catholic organization that aspires to live the Gospel life. They are looking for people to help either by contacting those in need or behind the scenes.

If you are someone who doesn't feel comfortable working directly with people in need but really want to help, we could use someone to keep our resource sheets up to date. This is an important part of our mission that can be done from your own computer and impact the lives of others.

If you would like to volunteer, contact Cathy Smith at smithctcr@gmail.com.

Employment Opportunities

Employment Opportunity – The Franciscan School

Part-time Music Teacher (16 Hours – T, W, Th)

The Franciscan School is seeking an energetic individual to share a love of music teaching our students in grades 3, 4 and 5. If you are interested in joining a dynamic educational environment working with dedicated professionals to provide an academically challenging and faith-filled experience for our students, please send a cover letter and resume to: tfsresume@stfrancisraleigh.org.

Social Studies Teacher – Grade 8

The Franciscan School is seeking a qualified and passionate history/social studies teacher to join our middle school faculty. Preferred candidates will have previous experience teaching middle school social studies in an innovative way utilizing a variety of classroom technology. If you are interested in joining a dynamic educational environment working with dedicated professionals to provide an academically challenging experience for our students, please send a cover letter, that includes your educational philosophy, and resume to: tfsresume@stfrancisraleigh.org.

Employment Opportunity – St. Francis Preschool

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.

Register for Cross Step



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 for more information.

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 preschool-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!

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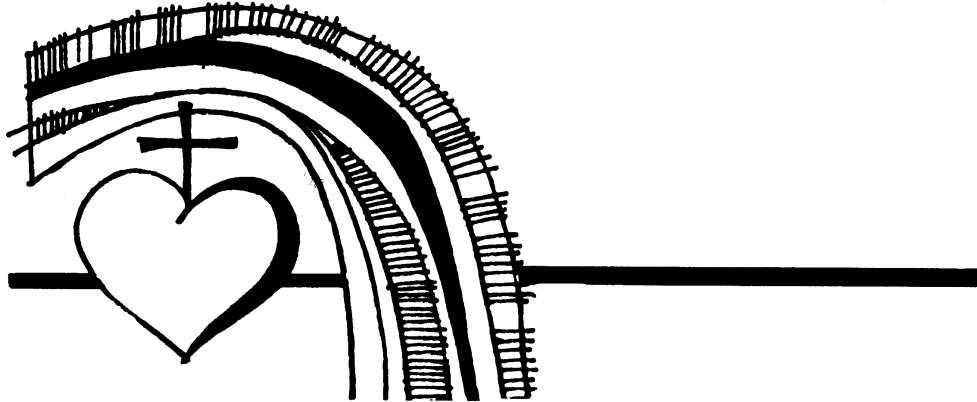
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Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 11, 2022

A clean heart create for me, O God,
and a steadfast spirit renew within me.

— *Psalm 51:12*



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