

November 6, 2022

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

# Fair Trade & Alternative Gifts Market 2022

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Fair Wages for Artisans  
Handmade Gifts for You



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## GOING, GOING, GONE: THE GREAT DEPARTURE FROM CATHOLICISM, PART III:

Departures from Catholicism in the U.S. are outpacing arrivals at an estimated 6-to-1 ratio. What is contributing to this decline and what can we, as parishioners and a faith community, do to stem this flow out of a faith community, especially among our youth and young adults? This is the third in a multi-part series addressing this issue. If you are just joining this series, please refer to my Pastor's Comments in the previous two bulletins for more background

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[Click here for part 2](#)

This week I would like to look at the culture in which we live and how it shapes our worldview. I note that these observations are generalizations distilled from several scholars but are considered descriptive of our modern western world.

I will focus on three points: 1) the modern world and its influence; 2) the post-modern world and its influence; and 3) the influence of consumer culture.

We take for granted that we live in a modern world but what actually characterizes it and what influences might it have on faith and religious affiliation? There are many good things about modern culture. Here are just a few:

1) equality for all is a high value; 2) one's status in society is significantly based on one's potential/ability rather than in what state of life one is borne into; 3) a middle class has emerged; and 4) democracy is a given. Here are some of its main attributes that have negatively impacted faith and organized religion: 1) empirical evidence (e.g., science) has dislodged religion as a source of truth; 2) interest in material things has overtaken interest in spiritual things; and 3) what I think/believe has become increasingly more important than what an institution/religion thinks/believes. To the extent that the latter three have become almost second

nature to us, belief in divinity and religion and being part of a faith tradition have receded in importance. This has contributed to the progressive departure of people from organized religion.

The post-modern world has emerged within the past 70 years and is likewise increasingly influential and subconsciously impacting the choice for or against faith. For the sake of brevity, I will only illustrate some of the negative influences of post-modernity: 1) the priority of pleasure over what is perceived as the prohibitive morality of religion; 2) freedom without restraints; 3) a sense of equality that eliminates any sense of a hierarchy of truth; and 4) an increased distrust of those in authority. A religious tradition like Catholicism is viewed as "old-fashioned" and therefore not relevant to those who live under the influence of post-modern culture.

Consumer culture also influences us subconsciously and has negative consequences for religion and faith. The term used by the scholars is "commodification." This means we treat everything, including faith, as having equal value and can be replaced by something else (e.g., Sunday youth sports is equal in value to Sunday Mass). It also means treating the journey of faith and sacraments as objects, as commodities which are disconnected from their larger meaning, especially a sense of belonging to a community. For example, baptism is experienced more and more as an "event" with photos and a party than the beginning of a relationship with Jesus Christ and a faith community.

When faith, which is transcendent, mysterious, and eternal, is no longer in vogue because of our preference for empirical evidence we can see with our own eyes, it decreases in value. When what I think/believe is increasingly considered superior to what a group/institution thinks/

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

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Mother of James Kearney

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believes, organized religions suffers. When pleasure and freedom without restraints are considered more important than a morality that places legitimate boundaries around us for the sake of the common good and the outcome of our life after death, a faith tradition with a morality is increasingly dismissed as quaint and irrelevant. When sacraments are viewed as something to obtain rather than as thresholds to a deeper faith and a more meaningful life, grace, salvation, and one's mission in life are not taken into consideration as an outcome of the sacrament celebrated.

This is the world western Catholics inhabit and it is having an increasingly negative impact on Catholicism as a community of faith and tradition. As a result, more and more people shun Catholicism, whether consciously or not, because it is increasingly perceived as having nothing to say to the modern world. Our youth and young adults inhabit this world and these cultural markers significantly influence their choice regarding faith and religion.

Next week, I will explore how the Church has struggled, even failed at times, to make its case to the modern world, which has also contributed to the departure of many.

*Fr. Michael*

# PRAYER REQUESTS FOR OCTOBER 29 TO NOVEMBER 6



## MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday November 5, 2022  
Saturday, 5:30  
+Rachael Cerretani  
Requested by Lisa Miller

Sunday November 6, 2022  
Sunday, 7:15  
+Marie Clark  
Requested by Tom and Maeve Byrnes

Sunday, 9:00  
+Jeanne Imbruce, +Vincent Imbruce, +Josephine Theuer, & +Paul Theuer  
Requested by Carol Ann Theuer

Sunday, 11:45  
+James Kielty  
Requested by Marc Kielty

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

Monday November 7, 9am  
Rev. Dominick O'Dwyer  
Requested by Myrna Sands  
Birthday

Tuesday November 8, 9am  
+Maureen Leney  
Requested by Dave Leney

Wednesday November 9, 9am  
+Thomas and +Rosemarie Gambini  
Requested by The Gayle Family

Thursday November 10, 9am  
+Frances Mary Slobodzian  
Requested by Stephanie Slobodzian

Friday November 11, 9am  
+William Callista  
Requested by The Subasic Family

Saturday November 12, 2022  
Saturday, 5:30  
+Ted Meserole  
Requested by Lynn Meserole

Sunday November 13, 2022  
Sunday, 7:15  
+Matthew Carr  
Requested by Digna Bogan

Sunday, 9:00  
+Dawn Crotty  
Requested by Michael & Niamh Crotty

Sunday, 11:45  
+Donald James Gingerella  
Requested by Donna Gingerella

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

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

+Jeanne Imbruce, +Vincent Imbruce, +Josephine Theuer, & +Paul Theuer  
Requested by Carol Ann Theuer  
Remembrance

+William Callista  
Requested by The Subasic Family  
Remembrance

+Ronald Schoen  
Requested by Mary Lee Schoen  
Remembrance

(ill) Glenn Gerney  
Requested by Pat Gerney  
Health and Wellness

(ill) Donna Naeser  
Requested by Scott Naeser  
Health and Wellness

Recent Deaths  
+Paula Hornbaker  
Mother of Michael Adamio  
Remembrance

+Mary Lee Kearney  
Mother of James Kearney  
Remembrance



**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

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 for 2023 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.

# At a Glance

This week's events are shown in red.

## November 6

### Harvest Moon Festival

1:00-3:00pm Preschool Fundraiser

[shelley.freeman@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:shelley.freeman@stfrancisraleigh.org)

## November 6

### Food Drive Basketball Clinic

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f-0c44aeae28a1fa7-food>

## November 7 at 8:30am

## November 9 at 1:30pm

### TFS Campus Tour

## November 10

### Young Adult Trivia Night

7:00pm in the Community Center

[gus.franceschi@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:gus.franceschi@stfrancisraleigh.org)

## November 11,12,13

### Annual Fair Trade and Alternative Gift Market

In Clare Fellowship Hall

Friday Nov. 11, 8:15 am – 4:00 pm

Saturday Nov. 12, 4:00 pm – 7:30 pm

Sunday Nov. 13, 8:15 am – 2:00 pm

Sunday Nov. 13, 6:15 pm – 8:00 pm

## November 12

### Veterans Appreciation Breakfast

9:00am Please sign up at this LINK to permit proper preparations for the event: [bit.ly/2022vetbreakfast](https://bit.ly/2022vetbreakfast). A ceremony will follow breakfast and start at about 10:15 am in Founders Room.

## November 12/13

### Our Lady of the Rosary Food Drive (OLR) Volunteer Sign-up

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e-0d44aeae23a5fc1-november>

## November 17

Frozen Turkey Drive

7:30-12pm Community Center parking lot

## November 17

### Create Advent Art with Women's Ministry

6:00-8:00pm

[Click here to register](#)

## November 19/20

### Our Lady of the Rosary Food Drive

Drop off your food donations

[For a complete list of SFA contacts Group Opportunities, Volunteer Opportunities and Ministries, click here.](#)

# THE SEASON OF ADVENT

Advent begins on Sunday, November 27, 2022

### Advent Giving Trees

Saturday, November 19th Trees will be up in the Stewardship Center

### Reconciliation Service

Friday, December 2nd at 11 am

Tuesday, December 6th at 7 pm

### Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Thursday, December 8th at 9 am, 11:45 am, & 7 pm

### Our Lady of Guadalupe

Monday, December 12th at 7:00 pm **Misa en Español**

### Lessons and Carols

Thursday, December 22nd at 7:00 pm





## 2022 Fair Trade Market: Mark Your Calendars and Lend a Hand

2022 Fair Trade Market: Mark your calendar and maybe even volunteer!

It is almost here! We are less than one week away from our annual Fair Trade and Alternative Gifts Market. We have so many amazing vendors with some really amazing missions and products joining us this year. The Market will be taking place from Friday, November 11th through Sunday November 13th in Fellowship Hall. You can find the exact times below:

Friday Nov. 11, 8:15 am – 4:00 pm

Saturday Nov. 12, 4:00 pm – 7:30 pm

Sunday Nov. 13, 8:15 am – 2:00 pm

Sunday Nov. 13, 6:15 pm – 8:00 pm

We are closed during Mass.

Please [click here](#) to check out to learn more about fair trade and this year's vendors!

Additionally, in order to make this all happen, we need your help! Whether it is offering a gift of you time, cooking skills, or even donating some supplies, we are counting on you to help make this market great.

You can see the many ways you can help below:

Click here to offer the gift of your time:  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040d45a9a-c2aaaf58-20221>

Click here for donation, food prep, and other opportunities: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040d45a9ac2aaaf58-2022>

Thank you so much for any help you can provide! Please contact me at [tim.fasano@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:tim.fasano@stfrancisraleigh.org) if you have any questions.

*We need  
volunteers!*

# Fair Trade Market

**We're looking for volunteers to help with our Fair Trade Market. Can you help set up, clean up, serve snacks, greet shoppers or donate? Volunteers can sign up via the website or by scanning the QR code below!**

NOVEMBER 11, 12, & 13

[WWW.STFRANCISRALEIGH.ORG/FAIR-TRADE-MARKETPLACE](http://WWW.STFRANCISRALEIGH.ORG/FAIR-TRADE-MARKETPLACE)



### Weekly Envelope Schedule

November 6	Weekly
November 6	Mortgage Sunday
November 6	Archdiocese for the Military Services
November 13	Weekly
November 13	Christmas Flowers
November 20	Weekly
November 20	Catholic Campaign for Human Development
November XX	Thanksgiving/Food for the Poor
November 27	Weekly

Frozen Turkey Drive  
Thursday, Nov. 17  
7:30am-12:00pm



Bring your turkey to the  
Community Center parking lot

Frozen Turkey Drive: It is that time of year! On Thursday, November 17, from 7:30am – 12pm, we will be collecting frozen turkeys to benefit Passage Home. Would you please consider donating? To donate, please bring your turkey to the Community Center parking lot, where a volunteer dressed in silly Turkey hats will pick it up right from your car! Thank you for your generous donations.

## Veterans Appreciation Breakfast

The Saint Francis Assisi Assembly of the Knights of Columbus invites all Veterans and their families to a Veterans Day observance and breakfast on Saturday, November 12 starting at 9:00am. The Assembly is affiliated with the Knights of Columbus Councils at St. Francis of Assisi, St. Luke's, St. Raphael's, St. Bernadette's and St. Sharbel parishes, and this invitation is extended to Veterans and families from those parishes.

The Knights would like to honor the men and women of our community, and their family members, for their military service. A full breakfast of eggs, sausage, pancakes, fruit, and beverages will be served by the Knights. Please sign up at this [LINK](https://bit.ly/2022vetbreakfast) to permit proper preparations for the event: [bit.ly/2022vetbreakfast](https://bit.ly/2022vetbreakfast)

A ceremony will follow breakfast and start at about 10:15 am. Please join fellow Veterans for this event at no charge to those attending. It will be held in the Founders Room.



"Coffee with Clay"  
in the Assisi Café

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

December 1st  
December 15th



A colorful advertisement for a music program. At the top, it says "WEDNESDAYS NOV. 2ND - DEC. 14TH FROM 9:30AM-10:30AM". The main title is "MAKING MUSIC PRAYING TWICE". Below the title, there is a paragraph of text: "Music is a fun way to connect with your child. Join us for this fun, low-pressure, hands-on parent/child music course for our youngest parishioners (0-5 years of age). Children and parents use instruments, toys, and scarves to dance, chant, sing, play games, and pray together. The curriculum is carefully chosen to enhance music aptitude and attitude in growing brains, while remaining sensitive to maturing souls." Below this, it says "Limited to 12 children per class. (Minimum 5 students)" and "For more information and questions Contact Jessica Kelly at: info@signsoflearning.com". The bottom half of the ad features an illustration of six diverse children playing various instruments like a violin, trumpet, guitar, and xylophone.

## Parent Child Classes

Registration is now open for our second session of 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/>. This session of classes starts November 2 and runs until December 14 (with no classes on November 23)

# CREATE ADVENT ART

WITH WOMEN'S MINISTRY

November 17, 6 pm to 8pm

Padua Room  
in the Community Center

REGISTER on Realm  
by November 2

Bring a treat or  
snack to share



**YOUNG ADULT  
MINISTRY  
TRIVIA &  
FAIR TRADE  
NIGHT**

Grow in Community  
& Win Prizes!

**Thu, Nov 10th @ 7PM**

Venue: Community Center\*  
Trivia Master: Thomas Bulick  
Menu: Lights Snacks &  
Drinks provided

Please bring your favorite  
fall treat to share + friends  
are welcome too!

**\$50**  
Grand Prize  
gift card to  
Bull City Fair  
Trade



For Questions, Directions, Etc. Contact  
[gus.franceschi@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:gus.franceschi@stfrancisraleigh.org)



## Corporal Works of Mercy "Bury the Dead" Outside Volunteer Opportunity

The columbarium attendant offers quiet, behind the scenes assistance for parishioners being laid to rest in our columbarium. The attendant prepares the columbarium niche to receive cremated remains after a funeral liturgy. Those who serve must be physically able to remove, lift, and replace the granite niche cover, which weighs approximately 60 pounds. Services are typically Tuesday thru Saturday and take approximately 1 to 1 ½ hours of time. Columbarium attendants serve as their schedule allows. To learn more or volunteer, please contact Trish Adamkowski 919-847-8205x236 or [trish.adamkowski@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:trish.adamkowski@stfrancisraleigh.org) [trish.adamkowski@stfrancisraleigh.org](http://trish.adamkowski@stfrancisraleigh.org)

# EDUCATION MINISTRIES

## Second Grade Celebrates All Saint's Day

Dawn Smith, Principal

*May all the Saints make your burden light and the blessings heavy!*



We welcome you to become a part of The Franciscan School. Enrollment for 23-24 is open now. We also have a virtual information session on Wednesday, November 30th. You may register on our website. More information regarding our school and the admissions timeline can be found on our website at [www.franciscanschool.org/](http://www.franciscanschool.org/) or contact Principal Dawn Smith at [dawn.smith@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:dawn.smith@stfrancisraleigh.org).

## Sign up for a parishioner tour of Saint Francis

New to the parish or just want to know your way around SFA? Signup for a tour.

Connect with Colette Dziadul, [colette.dziadul@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:colette.dziadul@stfrancisraleigh.org)

Chris Damico, [chris.damico@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:chris.damico@stfrancisraleigh.org)

Heidi Hobler, [heidi.hobler@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:heidi.hobler@stfrancisraleigh.org)



## Do you have a rising 6th 7th or 8th grader?

The Franciscan School meets the academic, social, and emotional needs of students as they prepare to be citizens of the world in a faith-based environment

### Upcoming Campus Tours & Information Sessions

**November 7th at 8:30 AM**

**November 9th at 1:30 PM**

*Admissions and financial aid support available*

Contact Principal Dawn Smith for more details at

**[Dawn.Smith@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:Dawn.Smith@stfrancisraleigh.org)**



# EDUCATION MINISTRIES

Heidi Hobler, Preschool Director

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC PRESCHOOL

## 2022 HARVEST MOON FESTIVAL

NOVEMBER 6TH 1-3PM

FOOD, GAMES, RAFFLE, AUCTION + FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

### *This Weekend*

#### BASKET RAFFLE

\$2 per entry

Raffle tickets can be purchased before and after school the week leading up to the festival. Take a look the baskets on display at the school office and decide which one to try your luck on! Winners drawn at the end of the festival.



#### ONLINE AUCTION

Bidding opens on October 30th!

A variety of exciting items are available to bid on - including local goodies, amazing experiences, class parties and more!

Scan this QR Code to go to directly to the auction site and bid!

[go.rallyup.com/harvest-moon-sfa-2022](https://go.rallyup.com/harvest-moon-sfa-2022)



Come and join the fun of our Harvest Moon Festival from 1-3:00pm on 11/6 in Fellowship Hall! The silent auction can be found online by scanning the QR code above while raffle tickets for our class baskets can be purchased after mass or at the event. We are so excited that the in-person portion of the festival has returned for the first time since 2019! There will be food provided by the Knights of Columbus and a multitude of

children's games available to play. There will also be a service opportunity for the homeless by preparing a bag for the Curbside Care Ministry.

The funds raised from our festival go directly back to preschool to help provide additional learning programs for our students. This year, the majority of the monies raised will be put towards establishing a fund which would be used to bring in enriching community programs

such as Farmer Minor and his pig, Daisy, as seen in the pictures on the next page. They visited our preschool students a couple of weeks ago and offered a program which emphasized reading and a love of books. Daisy even shared her favorite books with the children and also offered several hugs once the children had recited a literacy oath which made them promise to read more books and watch less television! It was a wonderful day for all!

# EDUCATION MINISTRIES

Heidi Hobler, Preschool Director



**Always God's Children:** The monthly AGC ministry meets via Zoom in October through April on the second Sunday of the month. You are welcome to join us online from 3:00 to 4:30 pm. Contact Beth Gaudette, Director of Parish Life, at [beth.gaudette@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:beth.gaudette@stfrancisraleigh.org) if you have any questions and also to request the Zoom link.

**Bereavement Ministry:** The monthly support group Good Grief has their monthly meeting Wednesday, November 9th. The topic for this month is: Coping with grief during the holidays and special anniversaries.



## The SFA Library

Come to the Stewardship Center and check out a book from our library cart. Our parish librarians have pulled books on care for creation and on St. Francis to focus on this quarter.

# Update from this year's CROP Hunger Walk



Dear St. Francis Community,

I would like to personally thank you for your tremendous support for the CROP Hunger Walk this year. You all came together to do some amazing things, and I would just like to take a moment to highlight a few. First, we had a mini-CROP Walk at The Franciscan School on October 22nd. This was an opportunity for students at TFS to learn about hunger and food insecurity in many creative, interesting, and fun ways. In addition, TFS gathered food for three community agencies (Interfaith Food Shuttle, Catholic Parish Outreach, and TriArea Ministries) that address issues of hunger and food insecurity in our community. Together students collected over a ton, 2,370 lbs. to be precise, of food!!

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Our community also raised \$2,705 for our local CROP walk through the efforts of 34 donors! That money will go to support international and local agencies fighting hunger and food insecurity. Finally, last Sunday, over 50 members of our parish and school community registered to walk at the annual CROP Hunger Walk in downtown Raleigh. It was a beautiful and exciting day where we joined individuals and communities from throughout Wake County who gathered to walk for the end of hunger.

It was so inspiring to see our community come together in support of such an important cause. I am moved with gratitude for all you have done. Remember, this is in addition to all of our regular service ministries that consistently work to

support our brothers and sisters in need. And so I will conclude with an invitation. We have eight ministries at our parish (Brown Bag Ministry, St. Francis Inn, Migrant Curbside Care, Oak City Cares, two different ministries to the Helen Wright Center, Ronald McDonald House, and our Panera Pickup ministry) that put tremendous effort into addressing and responding to hunger issues. You can find information about each by going to our website [here](#). I encourage you to prayerfully consider becoming more involved with one or more of these ministries so as to continue the work you have begun in advocating for and serving others.

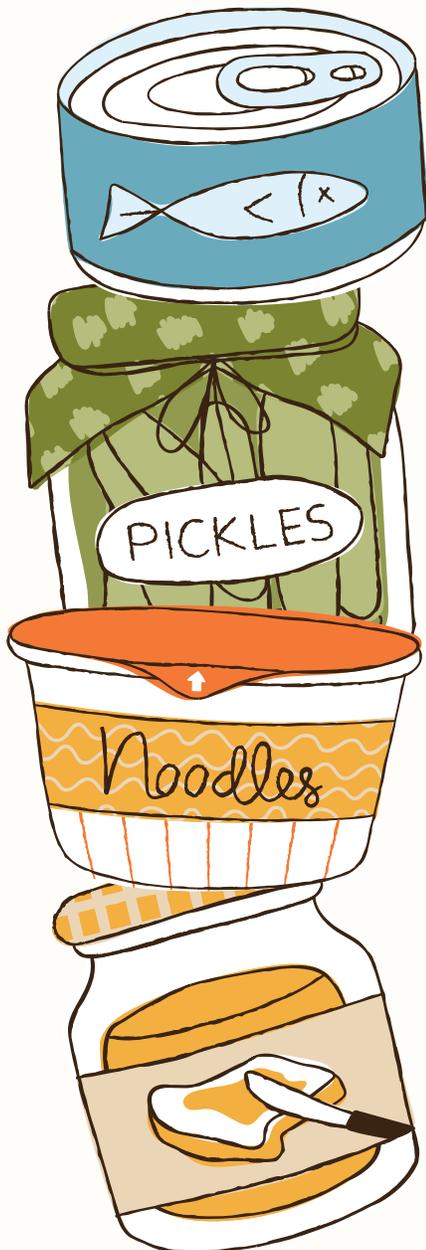
Peace and Blessings,

Tim Fasano

*Coordinator in the Office of Justice and Peace*

# *This Weekend* Food Drive Basketball Clinic

Sunday, November 6th 2022



1:00pm - 2:25pm

Girls & Boys  
1st & 2nd Grade

2:35pm - 4:00pm

Girls 3, 4 & 5 Grade  
Boys 3 & 4 Grade

4:05 pm - 5:20pm

Girls 6, 7, & 8 Grade  
Boys 5, 6, 7, & 8 Grade

Donation of 5 or more cans for food per participants.  
All food will be donated to Our Lady of the Rosary  
Parish in Louisburg NC

Canned tomatoes/Vegetables  
Canned fruit (no fruit cocktail)  
Macaroni & cheese  
Canned meats  
Peanut butter & jelly  
Dry soup packages  
Oatmeal or dry cereal

Space is limited!

Sign Up by Thursday, November 3rd.

Please sign up at this link:

[https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0c44aeae28  
alfa7-food](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0c44aeae28alfa7-food)



## Chris, what is “fellowship”?

One of the things I love most about The Catholic Community of St Francis is it's truly a community. If you look online, you will see many different definitions of the word community, but perhaps the one that binds our community together is a feeling of **fellowship**.

Celebrating all Saints Day and All Souls Day this week, I wanted to share two examples of fellowship I witnessed.



One of our parishioners and a good friend of mine, Jacob House, recently gave my daughter Kallie Mae, her 1st Rosary. She lit up when she saw it and knew it was from Mr. Jacob, as he always makes her feel so special and calls her, 'Her Royal Highness/Princess Kallie'. He even gifted her the instructions on how to pray the rosary but she insists Mr. Jacob show her as he makes

her feel special calling her Your Royal Highness. Mr. Jacob and so many faithful witnesses in our church, when they see Kallie, make her feel so special and she tells me after we leave, that person was being Jesus to her.

Kallie and I attended the 7 pm All Souls Celebration of Life. I got very emotional and hugged two of my friends, who lost someone to the next stage of life. Both of them said, thank you for your kindness and compassion and thank you for bringing your little girl to Mass. After the Mass, we stayed to venerate our friends, by looking at the pictures/candles and praying before The Blessed Sacrament. Several parishioners got down on their knees and pointed to pictures of people they have lost, and shared with Kallie stories of their loved ones. Again, I got emotional, watching others in such a tough time after having lost a loved one, sharing their family members' legacy, while making my daughter feel special.

Kallie is six years old and asks me regularly, when she can 'eat' Jesus. On both car rides home (Mr. Jacob/All Souls) I shared with her that she was being Jesus for others and they were being Jesus to her.

These are simply two examples of community and fellowship. People helping and walking with each other. Sharing stories. Listening. Loving. Being Jesus for others. Every day, I walk around and watch and experience the ongoing faith formation occurring among friends, families and strangers. These experiences are transformational, lead to conversion, and I'm so grateful to walk with you, who live every day striving to be disciples of Jesus Christ and helping others do the same.

## Our Lady of the Rosary Food Drive (OLR) Volunteer Sign-up

We are seeking volunteers (families, adults and youth) before and after each Mass on the weekend of Sat. November 12th & 13th to handout bags with the Our Lady of The Rosary food donation. The request list is attached to the bag. All you'll have to do is report to the Stewardship Center at your allotted time, pick up a stack of grocery bags and stand either at the Stewardship Center or the main church entrance near the breezeway to hand them out to interested parishioners. Additionally, we need volunteers (families, adults & youth) to collect and/or load a truck with the Our Lady of The Rosary food donations before and after each Mass on the weekend of Sat., November 19th and Sun. November 20th. Five (5) people are needed but if you want to bring more family/friends, you are welcome to do that. It is requested that all volunteers report to the truck in our parking lot at your allotted time, and kindly receive grocery bags from parishioners, and place them in the bins located in the truck. Thank you for any help you can provide! Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0d44e-ae23a5fc1-november>

## Adult Open Play

Monday-Thursday Evenings in the gym we have Adult Open Play with a different group each night from 8:45-10:30pm.

**Mondays- Co-ed Volleyball 18+**

**Tuesdays- Women's Basketball 18+**

**Wednesdays- Men's Basketball 30+**

**Thursdays- Men's Basketball 40+**

Please contact the appropriate ministry leader prior to attending Open Play to check on availability for that evening. All attendees will be required to fill out and sign a Code of Conduct form at their first visit. Each participant will need to pay \$5 each evening they attend (this can be paid via cash or credit card).

For More Information and the ministry Contacts visit: <https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/community-life-adult-open-play/>

# Where your treasure is there your heart will be also

Matthew 6:21.



**Gina Ceremuga**

*St. Francis Parishioner*

My name is Gina Ceremuga, and I have been asked to speak to you all today about what Saint Francis means to me and my family. I will start by telling you a little about myself and how I ended up as a member of this amazing parish.

My husband and I grew up in a small town in western Pennsylvania. Although we were both raised Catholic, he went to a Catholic school for a majority of his school aged years, while I did not. We both, however, went to the same Catholic church where we eventually got married. After college, my husband got into graduate school at UNC, so we decided to make the move south. After a couple months of sunny days and Carolina blue skies, we came to the mutual decision that we were absolutely never leaving. We had almost everything we needed, but we quickly realized we needed to find a church. We planned on starting a family in the next few years, and we both

knew we wanted to raise our kids with the same Catholic foundation that we had been given as children.

We went to quite a few churches in the area, but nothing seemed like a good fit. Some places felt too formal for us, others felt kind of “cold”, and then one day I remembered that I had been to a beautiful church in North Raleigh while visiting family as a child. After a quick phone call to my mom, I determined that the church I had such fond memories of was Saint Francis of Assisi. At first my husband thought it would be a little too far of a drive to attend church in Raleigh, as we lived in West Cary, but he agreed to give it a try.

From the second we set foot into Saint Francis, we felt like it was where we belonged. It was warm. It was welcoming. And we could tell we were already a part of an amazing community. We started our family, had all three of our children baptized here, and decided to begin their Catholic education at Saint Francis of Assisi preschool. It was at the preschool that I really started understanding what is so special about this parish. I could tell how much the staff truly loved the students and taught them from such an early age that Jesus loved them too. I made some of my best friends in the hallways, and everyone was always so friendly and willing to help. At the beginning of our preschool journey, I honestly had no intention of sending my kids to a Catholic elementary school. Whether it be the additional monetary output, or the fact that I did not attend Catholic school and turned out okay, I wasn't thinking that this is where we would end up. But by the time kindergarten registration rolled around, we had no doubt that The Franciscan School was the place for us.

We just couldn't leave the community we had come to love.

My twin daughters started kindergarten at TFS in 2019, and they have loved their school since the first day. I think what truly impressed me the most was how much the teachers were willing to give to their students mentally, emotionally, and spiritually. I don't know if you remember, but there was this pandemic that completely disrupted our lives in March of 2020. While our family, along with many others, struggled to make sense of this new normal, the teachers at TFS moved forward with the determination to keep the students learning, growing, and smiling. They more than succeeded, and as we moved through the next school year, our family became more and more invested in this amazing school and overall community.

When my youngest daughter started kindergarten last year, I decided that I wanted to give back to the place that had already given so much to me and my family. I have had the pleasure to volunteer as a room parent, lunch volunteer, HSA board member, and most recently as hospitality chair, where I coordinate things like the New Family Playdate, Teacher Birthday Lunches, Catholic Schools Week, and Teacher Appreciation. All of my volunteer work allows me to spend more time with my children, as I often see them frequently throughout the day. But more importantly, it allows me to give my time and talent to the place where my children spend a majority of their time - to the people I am entrusting to educate them about math and reading and how to be a good person - and to my partners in teaching my children to live and love as Jesus did. And for that, I am eternally grateful. Thank you so much.

# Employment Opportunities

THE FRANCISCAN SCHOOL

## 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 [fsresume@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:fsresume@stfrancisraleigh.org) or contact [Trish.Adamkowski@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:Trish.Adamkowski@stfrancisraleigh.org) to obtain an application.

ST. FRANCIS PARISH

## Part-time Community Center Staff (Evenings and Weekends)

Our community center offers programs and events that strengthen the communal aspects of our parish in light of our mission to be “one family living in community”. These part time evening and weekend positions support operations by ensuring a safe, clean, controlled environment for participants. 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).

**50+**  
Adult Group

## 50+ Adult Group Potluck Lunch

The 50+ Adult Group will have its “Potluck Lunch” on Wednesday, November 16 at 11:30 in Clare Fellowship Hall.

Come enjoy a meal and lively conversation with your friends from the 50+ Adult Group, many of whom you haven’t seen for some time, and perhaps make new friends.

If last names starts with, then bring

A thru C = Dessert/bread or rolls

D thru J = Salad/Side Dish

K thru Z = Main Dish

Coffee, soda and water will be provided.

If you have any questions, please contact Pat Gerney at [pgerney@gmail.com](mailto:pgerney@gmail.com) or call 919-803-8276.

## 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](mailto: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!

Please contact [Andrea.Javier@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:Andrea.Javier@stfrancisraleigh.org)

# Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

## November 6, 2022

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I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God.

— Psalm 17:5-6a

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