

November 13, 2022

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Fair Trade & Alternative Gifts Market 2022

For Your Holiday Shopping

This Weekend!

Market Schedule

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
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Fair Trade
Fair Wages for Artisans
Handmade Gifts for You

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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.



The Catholic Community of St. Francis of Assisi

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GOING, GOING, GONE: THE GREAT DEPARTURE FROM CATHOLICISM, PART IV:

Departures from Catholicism in the U.S. are outpacing arrivals at an estimated 6-to-1 ratio. This is the fourth in a multi-part series describing some of the major factors contributing to this phenomenon, and what are some positive steps we as a community of faith can take to remediate this departure, especially among our youth and young adults. If you are just joining this series, please refer to my Pastor's Comments in the previous three bulletins for more background

[Click here for part 1](#)

[Click here for part 2](#)

[Click here for part 3](#)

This week I would like to examine how dynamics within the Church have contributed to the problem.

I will focus on three points: 1) the struggle by the Church to accept modernity; 2) the struggle to accept Vatican II after the Council; and 3) the disillusionment the Church has inflicted upon its members by its failure to address internal problems. All these issues are very complex and I hope that this simplified snapshot does not create the impression that what I am saying is the definitive word on these issues.

I need to say from the start that there is so much good found within what the Church believes and does. Due to space limitations, I will only highlight a few. We believe in the inherent dignity of everyone without exception as someone made in the image and likeness of God. We believe in a Trinity that is perfect love and who knows and loves each and every one of us personally and ceaselessly. We have scripture, sacraments, community, and a care for our neighbor, especially those most in need, that are meant to help us live out our mission and to thrive. We believe in a Savior, Jesus Christ, who came to restore us to our best selves by removing what keeps us from being our best selves, sin. All of this and much more are what keep me in the Catholic fold.

But there remain challenges. Until recently, the Catholic Church was living in a world that largely separated itself from the contemporary reality that surrounded it. It held on tightly to a very hierarchical view of life, what some have described as a "pray, pay, and obey" world for its laity and unordained vowed religious. Those in authority were not to be questioned, and it was not unusual that those who challenged the Church were silenced or even expelled.

Two world wars that began in Christian Europe within 25 years in the last century and the horrors that emerged from those wars contributed to Pope John XXIII's decision to convene the Catholic bishops of the world in an attempt to move the Church out of isolation and into the modern world. That gathering is known as Vatican II (1962-1965). What emerged was epochal and brought a wholesale blessing to the Church and also some serious growing pains. Historians tell us that while there has been some resistance to the renewal brought about by the council, overall the outcome has been positive. We now have worship in the living languages of the people, ecumenical and interfaith relationships have flourished, and the Church reoriented the way it sees itself by starting first with our collective identity as People of God rather than starting with the traditional hierarchical view of the Church with the Pope and the bishops as the center of our identity. These are only a few of the developments that emerged under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit at Vatican II.

There have also been some strong pockets of resistance to the implementation of Vatican II. While there have been legitimate challenges to those who have taken unwarranted liberties with the renewal brought by Vatican II, by and large, the main resistance has been around being a Church in a living relationship with the modern world rather than apart from or

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

+Tom Dingbaum

Husband of Judie Dingbaum

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against it. Pope Francis is attempting to steer the Church to a more intentional embrace of the vision of Vatican II, something welcomed by a lot of Catholics who have become marginalized by what they perceive to be a resistance of some to embrace "the signs of the times."

The largest damage to the Church's credibility, especially in the past 20 years, has been the clergy sex abuse crisis, the delayed incorporation of women into meaningful roles of leadership, and the lingering clericalism that keeps the baptized from claiming their legitimate right to be partners in building up the Church. From my perspective, the Church currently has little credibility to speak a word to the contemporary world that can heal, inspire, and bring more people to Christ. The Synod process has raised these very issues by laity throughout the world. It remains to be seen what the institutional Church will do in response to the pleas of so many to fix our internal problems so we may become a credible institution again. The lack of this credibility and the wounds that have been inflicted by some who lead the Church and its communities have not made the Church a place where people are drawn in, especially our youth and young adults.

Next week I will look at how our teens are bearing the brunt of these collective cultural and ecclesial problems I've described in Parts II-IV of this series.

Fr. Michael

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR NOVEMBER 12 TO NOVEMBER 20



MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday November 14, 9am

+John Skvarla

Requested by Maureen and Tom Lindgren

Tuesday November 15, 9am

Oliver Thomas Banhegyi

Requested by Myrna Sands

Blessing of New Birth

Wednesday November 16, 9am

+Roy Roberts

Requested by Lisa Roberts

Thursday November 17, 9am

+Bach Mai Thi Le

Requested by Gary and Hanh Boyar, Hung and Trinh Pham

Friday November 18, 9am

+Thomas Jacobs

Requested Richard and Alma Hammer

Saturday November 19, 2022

Saturday, 5:30

+Lawrence A Gianni

Requested by Dennis and Kathy McKinley

Sunday November 20, 2022

Sunday, 7:15

+Paulette Jo Frederick

Requested by Connie Gibbons

Sunday, 9:00

+Michael & Mary Vincitorio

Requested by Michael Vincitorio

Sunday, 11:45

+Eugene Francis Alexandre

Requested by The Givens Family

Sunday, 5:30

For the Parishioners of St. Francis

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

+Bill and +Eileen Roth

Requested by Mia Batz
Remembrance

+Bach Mai Thi Le

Requested by Hanh and Gary Boyar,
Hung and Trinh Pham
Remembrance

+Frank Adamo

Requested by Jackie and Joe Adamo
Remembrance

(ill) Donna Naeser

Requested by Scott Naeser
Health and Wellness

Recent Deaths

+Tom Dingbaum

Husband of Judie Dingbaum
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.stfrancisleigh.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 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 12/13

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

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

November 16

50+ Adult Group Potluck Lunch

In Clare Fellowship Hall. Contact Pat Gerney at pgerney@gmail.com or call 919-803-8276

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

November 24

Thanksgiving Day Mass

9:00am in the church

Weekly Envelope Schedule

November 13	Weekly
November 13	Christmas Flowers
November 20	Weekly
November 20	Catholic Campaign for Human Development Thanksgiving/Food for the Poor
November 27	Weekly

[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



Fair Trade Market



NOVEMBER 11-13
FELLOWSHIP HALL

SOAPS &
JEWELRY

BASKETS
& ART

TOYS &
FOODS

Join us for our annual Fair Trade and Alternative Gifts Market! Purchasing Fair Trade and Alternative Gifts insures fair wages and dignity for vulnerable people around the world as they work to lift themselves out of poverty and other difficult situations. Come shop at our market and deepen your Christmas shopping experience and feel a renewed holiday spirit while finding beautiful and thoughtful gifts for those you love.

Our Fair Trade Market is in full swing!
Please come on by during one of these remaining times to do some early, and ethical, Christmas shopping!

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
[Go here to learn more about this year's vendors](#)

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.

"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



Wedding Coordinator Ministry!

The good news: weddings at St. Francis have picked up!

We need more volunteers to help with weddings! If you are interested in assisting the bride and groom at their rehearsal and on their special day, please reach out to Tim Hetzel to learn more: tim.hetzel@stfrancisraleigh.org.

Young Adult Ministry

Invites all 20- & 30-somethings to

Traditions & Reflections:

How do we celebrate the Holidays & Holy Days?



Join the Young-ish Church for
Small Group Discussion & Prayer + Snacks & Drinks

Thursday, Dec 1 @ 7 to 9 PM
On-Campus at the LaVerna Cabin

For Questions, Directions, and to RSVP contact:
gus.franceschi@stfrancisraleigh.org

CREATE ADVENT ART

WITH WOMEN'S MINISTRY

November 17, 6 pm to 8pm

*Padua Room
in the Community Center*

REGISTER on Realm

Bring a treat or
snack to share



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.



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 adamkowski@stfrancisraleigh.org

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 if you have any questions and also to request the Zoom link.

EDUCATION MINISTRIES

Celebrating all Veterans Within Our Community

Dawn Smith, Principal



Thank you to all those who despite the risk and sacrifice raised their hand to serve and defend this beautiful country. Thank you for your time, bravery and sacrifice. We are forever grateful for what you've done to maintain America's freedom.



Guest speaker- Sara Trepanier, US Navy

EDUCATION MINISTRIES

Heidi Hobler, Preschool Director

Harvesting Goodness in All That We Do

This past week, there were several examples of this at preschool. We began the week with our Harvest Moon Festival which was able to be held again in-person for the first time since 2019. "Harvesting Goodness" was seen through the work of the countless volunteers and great fellowship between families. Many thanks to all those who planned for and participated in this amazing annual tradition!



We also "harvested goodness" by celebrating our veterans and all that they have done for us and our country. Each class decorated cards that one of our families then delivered to the local VA hospital. "Caring for others and showing them that they are appreciated is critical to not only in harvesting" today, but also for the future!



We ended the week with a visit from 2 dogs at Saving Grace, a local animal rescue. The "goodness" that was done a couple of weeks ago when our preschoolers mixed, baked, and packaged dog biscuits for those dogs without a home came full circle at the visit. Our preschoolers kindness in making the biscuits was well appreciated (and devoured) by two excited dogs!





Where Are Our Friends?

Since asking our parish-wide community several weeks ago about their thoughts regarding our Catholic community bulletin, we have learned at least two things: one, our parishioners care about our bulletin (thank you again for all your feedback, we are working hard to continue to serve you!) and two, that most of you who read the bulletin, read Msgr Clay's pastor comments.

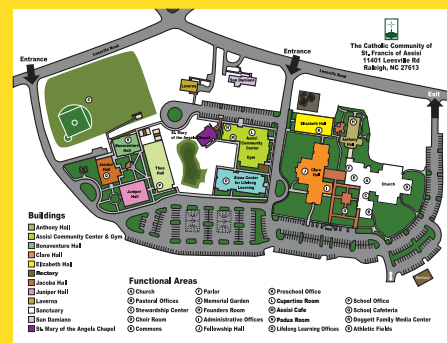
If you are anything like me, reading the pastors comments the past three weeks, has been tough, if not depressing. Three weeks ago, Msgr talked about the declining numbers of Catholics celebrating sacraments over the past 50 years. Two weeks ago, he talked about the decline in a personal relationship with God/Jesus and that God/Jesus wants to have a relationship with us. Finally, last week he talked about how for every 1 person that is becoming Catholic, 6 people are leaving, and how the modern world/its influence, post-modern world/its influence and the influence of consumer culture have shaped that.

Since the pandemic started, so many of our 15k registered parishioners have not shown their face back on campus. For reasons stated in the last 3 bulletins (pastor's comments) as well as thoughts shared in the [synod reports](#), the reasons are many. However, as parishioners who are on campus worshipping together and doing our best to form a relationship with Christ/teaching our children to do the same, what is our responsibility and what can we all do to see more of our friends in the pews next to us?

As faithful Catholic stewards, we are called to be more vibrant witnesses in the world, starting with ourselves, our families and then radiating outwards. I once heard someone say that they believed the 29th chapter in Acts is us! (for the record, Acts has only 28 chapters) So many of these people that are no longer worshipping alongside us are friends, neighbors, colleagues and even family members.

Can we pick one person a week that we know used to go to church and invite them back? A call, text, email or in person visit to say: I have not seen you at Mass in a while and I miss you. Would you sit next to me this week at the (whatever mass you attend)? Could we invite a person we know that is Catholic but may have never been to St. Francis to be our guest? Whether it's the retired Catholic that Fr. Bill McConville spoke of several weeks ago, enjoying Mass in their living room with a cup of coffee - or someone you know that maybe just needs to be asked by you. We know that community (fellowship) is formed by relationships.

Last week, I talked about how even though my daughter yearns to eat/drink Jesus (partake in the Eucharist), she is being Jesus to others every day by being kind and compassionate. I'm going to work on being Jesus to others by reaching out to my sisters and brothers, telling them I miss them and inviting them back to Mass, to sit with me, to worship with me, to be in community with me. Will you join me?



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:

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Chris Damico

chris.damico@stfrancisraleigh.org

Heidi Hobler

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

Twice a year we help to fill the pantry at OLR, which serves the poor and rural communities, where approximately 24% live below the poverty line. Please consider filling a bag! Bags will be distributed after Masses on November 12 and 13. A complete list of foods needed includes: rice and maseca flour, canned tomatoes, vegetables, fruit and meats, pasta and rice, macaroni and cheese, boxes of cereal, fruit juice, dried beans, peanut butter and jelly, and baby wipes. Please drop off your bag on Saturday, November 19 from 5:15 - 6:45pm or Sunday, November 20 from 7:00am - 1:15pm or 5:15pm - 6:45pm. For more information, the list of foods needed or to volunteer, please visit <https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/our-lady-of-the-rosary>. Thank you for your generosity!

Some Stories From Oak City Cares



Dear friends of Oak City Cares,

Do you ever wonder if your service, be it cooking eggs, donating food, or serving guests at Oak City Cares makes a difference? The answer is a resounding YES!

Over the past six months or so, the number of guests we've been serving has increased. Most are men, but women and children come too. As staff from Oak City Cares tell us, the number of guests is increasing, and our help really goes a long way.

As we spend time with OCC guests, we learn of their stories and serve Christ:

After waiting to see if seconds were available for over an hour, one guest said,

"Thank you so much. I didn't eat yesterday, so I appreciate it."

A young man with a beautiful toddler girl, came for breakfast. He looked like he had the weight of the world on his shoulders, but when offered help managing getting food and everything that goes along with getting her settled to eat, he said in a very dignified voice that he was good. Then we watched as his face was transformed into a huge smile when his darling daughter ate her biscuit.

These are just two of the many people you've helped through your generosity. THANK YOU SO MUCH for your generous and kind spirit to help God's children in need.

Please keep those who are homeless in your powerful prayers. Christ's peace be with you!

Ann, Diana, and Codi

Oak City Cares Ministry Leaders

Looking to help during the holiday season? Check out these opportunities at Oak City Cares in November and December.

<https://bit.ly/3fCMrqIOCCNovember27-2022>

<https://bit.ly/BreakfastatOCCDecember252022>



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[Click here to view the National Synthesis of the People of God in the United States of America for the Diocesan Phase of the 2021-2023 Synod](#)



Youth Basketball Food Drive Clinic

Last Sunday, November 6, 2022 - Fifty 1st thru 8th grade kids participated in a Youth Basketball Clinic Food Drive for Our Lady of Rosary Parish in Louisburg, NC. Thank you to all that donated food, we collected approx. 400 pounds of food. A special thanks to William Strickland for coordinating the clinic and Scott Brassington, Chuck Whitehead, Eric Shearer, Rich Wessel and Rick Stutts for volunteering to help run the clinic.



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.



John Price

St. Francis Parishioner

I'm John Price and I have been asked to share a few words about what St. Francis means to me and why I am so passionate about the importance of supporting our parish.

My family and I joined St. Francis a few years ago and have been completely drawn in by the amazing spirit of this parish and the Franciscan School- where both of our kids are blessed to attend. There is a palpable and contagious spirit in this community- we felt it the first time we visited a Mass and the first time we toured the Franciscan School. Attend a Wednesday school Mass and witness the Priest's enthusiasm, the kid's participation and the beautiful music and you'll feel it too. It's tangible...it's real... It's moving. The Franciscan School is such a beautiful extension of our parish and the focus on education, faith and service pays off in a big way for the kids and the community.

Our Parish has a well-deserved reputation for its generosity and outreach. The list of ministries and initiatives is unbelievable. Did you know that there are over 100 active ministries? There is something for everyone! I have really enjoyed the opportunity to serve in various ministries, coach in the parish league, and to

join the Knights of Columbus who do a tremendous amount of work behind the scenes to serve our parish. I have met unbelievable people throughout these experiences! The energy and enthusiasm that I have encountered is contagious and motivating. My kids feel it too. After one of our Saturday mornings working at the Franciscan Community Garden, my 12-year old daughter looked at me and said "Dad- those are the nicest people... I feel like I've added 6 more grandmas and another grandpa!"

Under the leadership of Monsignor Clay, this parish also really stands out on Faith Formation at all levels. I've personally been moved by Monsignor's writings, video series and other efforts. I was also inspired to complete the RCIA journey earlier this year which took my faith to a whole new level. Again- all of the volunteers and participants in these programs set such an amazing example of faith and service. New faith formation opportunities are constantly being offered so that we can strengthen our faith. There is something for everyone!

This beautiful mix of service, evangelization and faith formation surrounded by an incredibly passionate and generous community really make this parish and school special and unique. Our Parish's

generosity and activism is astonishing. Did you know - 10% of our income goes to social justice and peace initiatives and another 10% goes towards financial need scholarships for attendees at the Franciscan school? Monsignor has shared that these are absolutely unprecedented ratios.

The good that this generosity creates is incalculable and none of it could be accomplished without the financial support of St. Francis parishioners. The costs of maintaining our operations and this beautiful campus are also substantial. All of this underscores the importance of the Offertory Pledge Appeal.

Can we work together to multiply the blessings of this parish? Can we get more involved in fueling our faith? Can we do more to help others? Can we share more of our time, talent and treasure to secure the financial underpinnings of this church?

I have been personally inspired by your example of service and generosity and I know that the answer is a resounding- YES! Let's join together to exceed the offertory goals set by Monsignor Clay so that we can continue to fuel the amazing mission of this church community. Thank you brothers and sisters- I'm honored to be part of St. Francis.

Connect with Creation

Hear the story of the farmer that YOU can buy vegetables from through a local Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program.

bit.ly/csafarmer

(12 minutes)

Local produce

Organic

Fresh

Supporting diversity

So much for us all to be thankful for!

For more information on this and other

Care for Creation activities visit:

stfrancisraleigh.org/care_for_creation

Or to connect with us go to: stfccreation@gmail.com

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 or call 919-803-8276.

It's on! This weekend! The Fair Trade and Alternative Gifts Market



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@stfrancis-raleigh.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@stfrancis-raleigh.org



Progress continues on the area in front of Clare Hall.

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

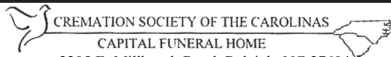
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Sing praise to the LORD with the harp,
with the harp and melodious song.

— Psalm 98:5



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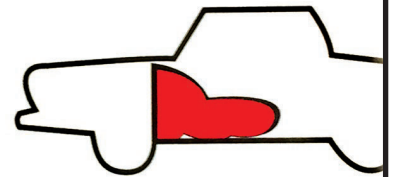
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