

December 18, 2022



Fourth Sunday of Advent

# *Lessons and Carols*

Thursday, December 22  
at 7:00pm in the church



Join us for a celebration of Christmas  
featuring our wonderful choirs

## Virtual Adult Bible Study



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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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## Getting Ready to Celebrate the Christmas Season at

**St. Francis:** I'm looking forward to celebrating the Christmas season with you this year if you will be in the area. If you are traveling, I will be praying that your journey to your destination and back to us will be safe. Here is some information you may find helpful for your planning:

**CHRISTMAS:** There will be seven Masses for the feast of the Nativity of the Lord (a.k.a., Christmas), five on Christmas Eve and two on Christmas Day morning. The three 4pm Masses will be geared to children, one of which will be livestreamed. The 7:30pm Mass will be in Spanish. The traditional, more "solemn," Christmas Mass will be at 10:00pm later that night, and it, too, will be livestreamed. On Sunday, Christmas Day, we will celebrate Mass at 9:00am and 11:45am. There will be no 7:15am or 5:30pm Mass on Christmas Day.

With many visitors joining us for Christmas, I ask you to consider the following:

1. Hospitality is an intrinsic part of our parish identity and Christmas is a time when many visitors, who do not receive our bulletin or see our website, are among us. Let's help to make their visit a positive one by experiencing the welcoming presence for which we are so well known.
2. Kindness and patience are virtues. The 4:00pm liturgies will provide us with an opportunity to practice them! Keep in mind that the church will only fit a finite number of people. If we have discerned that we are at capacity in the church, we will ask you to proceed to another building for this Mass time.
3. Because the first three Masses (all at 4:00pm) may be quite full, we ask you to consider attending one of the other Masses this year, especially the ones on Christmas morning (9:00am and 11:45am), to help us manage the numbers of potential worshipers. It might be nice to try something new and have a story to tell in the future about the time you broke with custom and went to Mass on Christmas Day and still found that "all was calm and all was bright."
4. While Bishop Luis has reimposed the obligation to worship in person on Sundays and Holy Days since Easter, two Christmas Masses will be livestreamed (4:00pm and 10:00pm on Christmas Eve) for those who are being cautious about being in crowded spaces.
5. Masks will remain required in the left transept section nearest the baptistery at all Masses in the church and in one section in the gym for the 4pm Mass. Holy Communion will be distributed in those sections only in the hand.

**NEW YEAR'S DAY:** The Feast of Mary, Mother of God, and the World Day of Prayer for Peace will be celebrated on December 31-January 1. Coming for Mass is a great way to celebrate the new year, and I hope many of you in the area that weekend will join us. We will celebrate four Masses that weekend at the same times as our regular Sunday Mass schedule with the exception of the 5:30pm Mass on Sunday, January 1, which will be dropped based on previous history of attendance for this Mass. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will not take place on Saturday.

On Sunday, January 1, after the 9:00am Mass, we will process to the newly renovated Peace Pole to bless it and to pray for peace in our world. We are in desperate need of peace and I cannot think of a better way to kick off the new year than to pray for peace in our world at the Peace Pole. I hope we have a large crowd.

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The parish offices will be closed from December 24, 2022 through January 2, 2023

THROUGH BAPTISM MAY  
THEY WALK ALWAYS AS  
CHILDREN OF THE LIGHT:

**Caleb Alexander Barry**

Son of Patrick and Sofia Barry

**Luca Anthony Bonanza**

Son of Steven and Caroline Bonanza

**David Jackson Buland**

Son of Brian and Jennifer Buland

**Easton Benjamin Confessore**

Son of Michael and Jaclyn Confessore

**Renee Farrell DeLaRosa**

Daughter of Bradley Farrell and  
Rebecca DeLaRosa

**Clara June Haden**

Daughter of Andrew and Katie Haden

**Wren Elliot Kennedy**

Son of Jon and Jenna Kennedy

**Xavier Michael Nieves**

Son of Pablo and Janessa Nieves

**Clara Barbara Penney**

Daughter of Clay and Sarah Penney

**Caleb Harrison Ray**

Son of Brandon and Bridget Ray

**Julia Hannah Ray**

Daughter of Brandon and  
Bridget Ray

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

**+Carol Ware**

Mother of Bonnie Farlow and  
Cindy Metcalf

**+Maria Cristina Cortez**

Mother of Cristina Cortez

## Weekly Envelope Schedule

December 18 Weekly

December 25 Christmas

December 25 Diocesan Priest  
Retirement

January 1 New Year's Day/  
Mary Mother of God

# PRAYER REQUESTS FOR DECEMBER 17 TO DECEMBER 25



## MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday December 17, 2022  
Saturday, 5:30  
+Luke Michael Blanton  
Requested by The Misko Family

Sunday December 18, 2022  
Sunday, 7:15  
All Souls in Purgatory  
Requested by Theresa Rakshys

Sunday, 9:00  
+Angela and +Ernest Hendrickson  
Requested by The Gerard Family

Sunday, 11:45  
+Virginia McGuinness  
Requested by Richard McGuinness

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

Monday December 19, 9am  
+Severina Sahagun  
Requested by Julius and Rolina Fajardo

Tuesday December 20, 9am  
+Fernando Bernal  
Requested by Lucila Bernal

Wednesday December 21, 9am  
+Mary Lee Kearney  
Requested by Katherine Arleth

Thursday December 22, 9am  
+Quang Doan Nguyen  
Requested by Thanh Pham

Friday December 23, 9am  
+Rob Day-Lewis  
Requested by The Wursta Family

Saturday December 24, 2022  
Saturday, 4:00PM-Church  
+Gilbert Mundela  
Requested by Beatrice Bukasa

Saturday, 4:00PM-Fellowship Hall  
+Robert F O'Keefe  
Requested by The O'Keefe Family

Saturday, 4:00PM-Gymnasium  
+Lou Heydet  
Requested by Tom Byrnes

Saturday, 7:30pm-Church  
+Elsa Vicente and +Rosa Martinez Guerrero  
Requested by Oscar Perez

Saturday, December 24, 10PM  
+Jack Hughes  
Requested by The Hughes Family

Sunday December 25, 2022  
Sunday, 9:00AM  
+Elizabeth Engelhardt and +Robert Bradford  
Yound  
Requested by John & Barb Young

Sunday, 11:30AM  
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

+Ramona Rodriguez  
Requested by Elsa Rein Remembrance

Maria Wildman  
Requested by Maria DiCarlo  
15th Birthday

+Veronica Frances Weiland  
Requested by The Neal Family  
Remembrance

Recent Death  
+Edward Litts  
Husband of Rita Litts  
Remembrance

+Clarence Samelko  
Husband of Joann Samelko  
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.

## **December 22** **Lessons and Carols**

7:00pm in the church

## **December 25** **Christmas**

## **December 25** **Oak City Cares**

Help during the holiday season.

<https://bit.ly/BreakfastatOCCDecember252022>

## **December 31** **Used Cell Phone Drive**

The Knights will have a manned collection table in the Stewardship area of the church.

## **January 4** **Revelation Bible Study Deadline**

Registration open through January 4. Limited to 20 participants. 2 sessions.

*Tuesday Evening: 7:00-8:30pm*

January 24 through March 21.

*Wednesday Morning: 10:00-11:30am*

January 25 through March 22

<https://litpress.org/Products/6709/Revelation>

## **January 5**

Coffee with Clay

In the Assisi Cafe after Daily Mass

## **January 6-8** **Project Rachel**

Weekend retreat January 6-8.

[www.rachelnc.org](http://www.rachelnc.org). Cost is \$200.

## **January 7** **Habitat for Humanity**

The following are our St. Francis Habitat Saturdays where we need volunteers:

January 7 (a wall build), January 21 (a wall build), March 4, and April 22.

[Catholic Coalition](#). To sign up for the Apostles Build on January 21, please go to the link at [Apostles Build](#).

## **January 17** **Book Group Opportunity**

Dignity and the Death Penalty: Evolution of Catholic Teaching (Alice Hugh Brown, author) Meets online Tuesday evenings, January 17 through February 21, from 7pm to 8pm. For more information or to register: [Complete this short Google Form](#). Registration is required.

## **January 18** **Why Faith? How Do I Pray and Know God is Listening?**

10:15-11:15am in Founders Rm / refreshments

## **February 11** **Day of Reflection with Steve Kluge**

9:00am to 3:00pm. Registration opens in mid January

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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8TH



“How do I Pray  
and know  
God's Listening?”

presented by Kathy Sales



10:15AM -11:15AM | FOUNDERS RM | REFRESHMENTS

“Why Faith: what we believe and why we believe it.” Next session: January 22nd.



# THE SEASON OF CHRISTMAS

## **Saturday, December 24th, Christmas Eve**

4 pm Mass in Church, Children Focused (also Live-Streamed)\*

4 pm Mass in Gym, Children Focused\*

4 pm Mass in Fellowship Hall, Children Focused\*

**\*Expect full capacity at each mass site as well as a full parking lot.**

**As we reach the set capacity at each location,  
it will be closed to any additional attendees.**

7:30 pm **Misa en Español** in Church

10 pm Mass in Church (also Live-Streamed)

## **Sunday, December 25th, Christmas Day**

9 am and 11:45 am Mass in Church

**No 7:15 am or 5:30 pm Mass on December 25.**

**Daily Masses on December 28 and 29 only.**

## **Sunday, January 1st, Mary, Mother of God**

Saturday, December 31st, Mass at 5:30 pm

Sunday, January 1st: 7:15 am, 9 am, 11:45 am

Peace Pole Blessing after the 9 am Mass

**NO 5:30 pm Mass on Sunday Evening, January 1.**



# Registration Now Open for Upcoming Virtual Adult Bible Study **Revelation** by Little Rock Scripture Study

## Two sessions available

Registration open through January 4, 2023 – Limited to 20 participants.

Tuesday Evening: 7:00-8:30 PM - January 24 through March 21, 2023

Wednesday Morning: 10:00-11:30 AM – January 25 through March 22, 2023

NOTE: WE WILL NOT MEET DURING THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 22.

Cost: \$15.00 (cost of book) – Pick up books in parish reception area beginning January 20, 2023.

Facilitated by: Barbara Efird, Cindy Cardello and Diane Rosendahl

<https://litpress.org/Products/6709/Revelation>

**Synopsis:** Break open this ancient text with Little Rock Scripture Study's Revelation and discover its ongoing relevance for us today. This study will be available on Zoom. The link will be sent to participants before the first sessions. Questions? Contact Janie Hebert, [janie.hebert@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:janie.hebert@stfrancisraleigh.org).

# SAVE THE DATE:

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2023

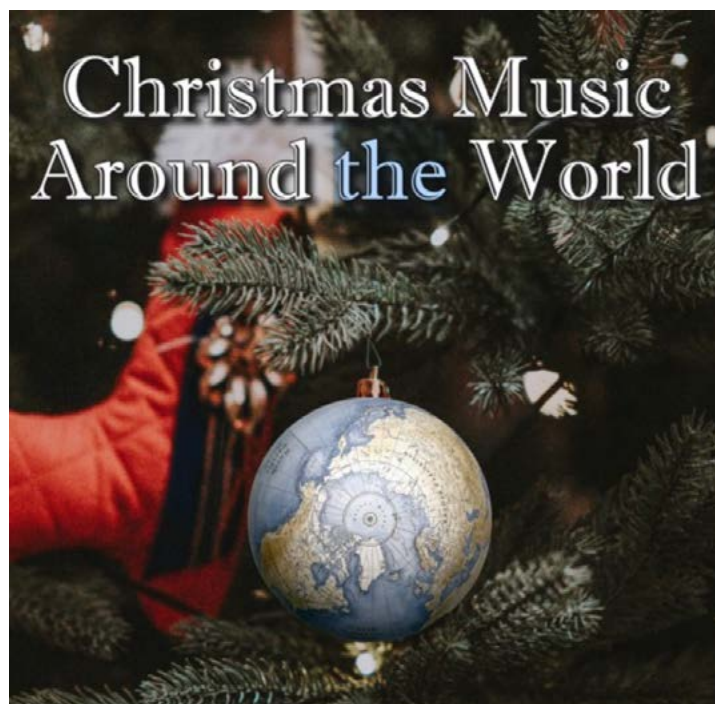
Join us for a **Day of Reflection with Steve Kluge** on Saturday, February 11th from 9am to 3pm.  
Registration will open mid January on Realm.

*"Living Christ with a Franciscan Heart"*





Click image above to view Episode 24



[Click to listen](#) to a collection of Advent and Christmas music from various continents, countries, and cultures, celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ, our true Prince of Peace. - Jim Wahl



### Feed the Need

*Hope and hospitality for parish families in times of need.*

As we reflect on what is most important during this Holy season, we are grateful for the continued support of the St. Francis community for the Feed the Need ministry. Since the inception of this program, you have generously supported our ministry to provide hope and nourishment to parish families who were facing significant life events. Because of your unwavering support, we have provided homemade meals and a listening ear to nearly 200 families in need.

**We must take the time to recognize and express gratitude for Susie Bahaman one of our volunteer leaders over the past almost 10 years.** Susie has devoted an incredible amount of time to help organize this program to share the graciousness of our parish. The entire committee is appreciative of her guidance as we continue on this important ministry.

#### *Feed the Need Ministry program highlights:*

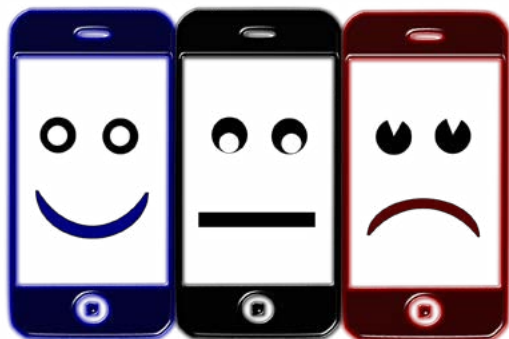
- The Giving Tree to provide gift cards to help us service our families.
- Cooks who use their time and talent to prepare Caring Casseroles and homemade meals for our families.
- Caring Connections drivers who faithfully deliver meals to those who cannot drive.

If you know of a parishioner who may need some help or if you would like to become involved in this ministry, please contact Beth Gaudette, Coordinator of Care and Wellness at 919-764-4815



### RALEIGH DEANERY ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES

December 20:	7:00pm:	Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral, Raleigh
December 21:	12:30pm:	St. Catherine of Siena, Wake Forest
December 21:	7:00pm:	St. Raphael, Raleigh



## Knights of Columbus Used Cell Phone Drive

The St. Francis Knights of Columbus Council 9709 will be conducting a used cell phone drive to benefit InterAct of Wake County ([www.interactofwake.org](http://www.interactofwake.org)). InterAct provides support services for victims of domestic violence. The used cell phones we collect are used to call 911 emergency services. All cell phones are required to have this capability with or without a cell phone service provider.

This event will be happening for the two weekends following Christmas before and after every mass on 12/31, 1/1 and 1/7, 1/8. The Knights will have a manned collection table in the Stewardship area of the church.

When donating, please data wipe (reset) your phone before donation. We cannot turn over any phones that still have data on it. If you're not sure how to do this, contact [support@kofc9709.org](mailto:support@kofc9709.org) or leave your email address and phone number with the phone. Also, we are just collecting the phones, accessories such as chargers are not necessary. Thank you from your Knights of Columbus!"



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

Thursday, January 5th  
Thursday, February 9th  
Thursday, March 9th

# Registration Opening Soon

## 2023-2024 School Year



January 12th - Alumni/TFS Siblings/Parish

January 19th - Community

[www.preschoolatstfrancis.com](http://www.preschoolatstfrancis.com)



# EDUCATION MINISTRIES

Dawn Smith, Principal

## The Story of Jesus' Birth told by First Grade Students

On Friday, we heard how the Wiseman headed for Bethlehem where they found baby Jesus with Mary and Joseph and they presented Him with the gifts they had brought and bowed down and worshiped Him. Then they returned to their own country having seen the newborn king of Israel who was God incarnate, come to save His people from their sins. Jesus Christ is born!





# EDUCATION MINISTRIES

Heidi Hobler, Preschool Director

## Joyful Celebrations

As we finished up this final week of preschool before the holiday break, there were many festive activities occurring! There was wrapping, painting, singing, and even some baking! Amidst all of the frivolous merry-making, there were, of course, also several celebrations and activities recognizing the true meaning behind the season, the birth of the Lord. In addition, some of our classes learned about the special celebrations around the feasts of Lady of Guadalupe and of St. Lucia. It was a wonderful opportunity for our students!



Registration for the 2023-2024 school year is opening on January 12!  
Please visit our website to learn more about how your child might become part of our amazing preschool family!

[Preschoolatstfrancis.com](http://Preschoolatstfrancis.com)





## Striving for a Better Grade?

As we both progress through Advent and get closer to Christmas, many of us are thinking about the end of one year and the beginning of another one. For many, this gets us thinking in terms of resolutions.

This past weekend, Msgr Clay's homily centered around getting closer to God. As a parent myself, what is my responsibility for initiating my daughter to the faith? How am I being a model for her?

I found it interesting when Msgr focused on the gospel reading where Jesus says John the Baptist is the greatest that ever lived but for all in heaven, John is the least? What does this mean?

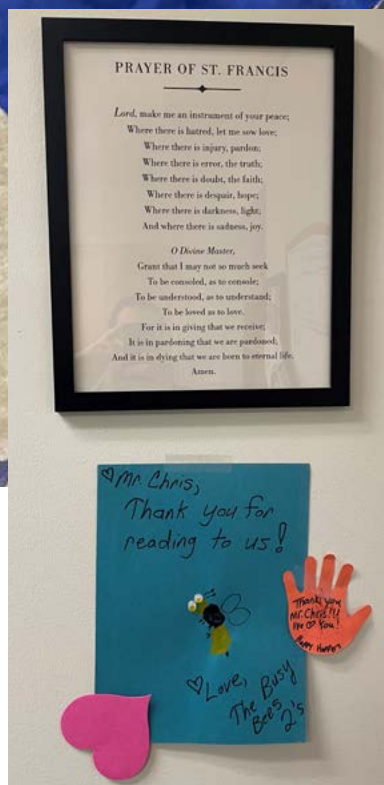
With our baptismal vow, we are greater than John the Baptist.

Wow.

If I asked my daughter what grade she would give her Dad on how I'm helping my daughter live her baptismal vow and how I'm modeling it for her, what would she give me? Would I want to hear?

Reflecting on this, asking my daughter and looking for ways to improve as a parent sharing my faith with my daughter and helping her with her own, I'm reminded on just how amazing and special our kids are.

Special thanks to the Happy Hoppers, Busy Bees and all our kids of The Catholic Community of St. Francis of Assisi.





# Book Group Opportunity on Catholic Teaching and Death Penalty

Trevor Thompson, Director of Justice and Peace

Starting in January, the St. Francis Office of Justice and Peace is beginning a 6-week virtual study group that turns a spotlight on the death penalty in order to appreciate the evolution of Catholic teaching on this topic.

Sister Helen Prejean, author of *Dead Man Walking*, once wrote, "If we believe that murder is wrong and not admissible in our society, then it has to be wrong for everyone, not just individuals but governments as well." *Dignity and the Death Penalty: Evolution of Catholic Teaching* (Alice Hugh Brown, author) is a 2021 publication based on decades of experience and insights from Sister Helen. This slim volume, heralded by the Catholic Mobilizing Network, is an excellent means of bringing to light the evolution of Church teaching and to illuminate Pope Francis's 2018 statement, "The death penalty is inadmissible, and Catholics should work for its abolition."

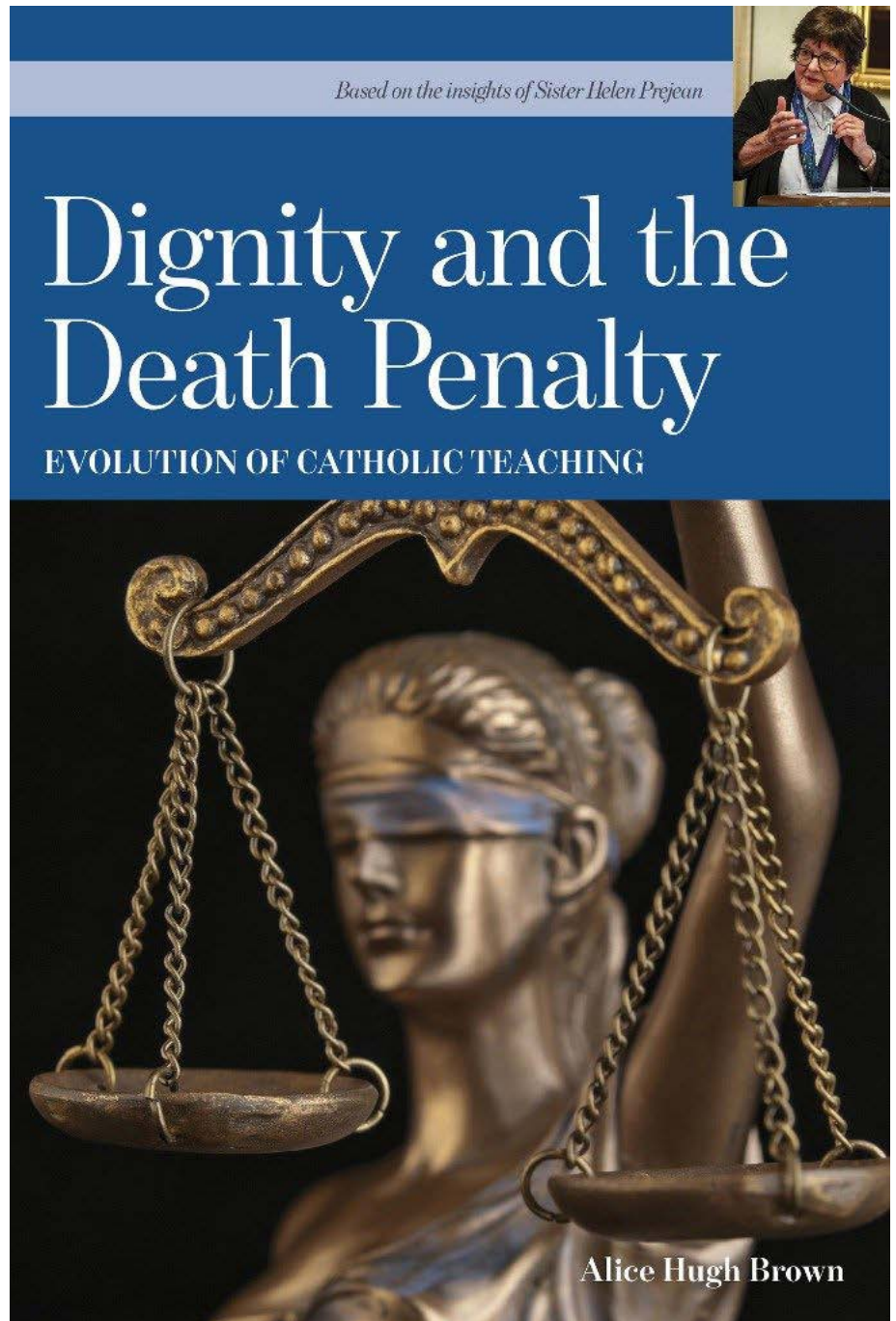
Join a parish-wide book group for information and dialogue on this very current topic. We will meet online Tuesday evenings, January 17 through February 21, from 7pm to 8pm. This book study will be facilitated by: Marianne Norris and Ellen Zaytoun, St. Francis parishioners and members of the Raleigh Diocese's Catholics for Abolition in North Carolina.

For more information or to register:

[Complete this short Google Form.](#)

\*Registration is required.

This study group, the book, and its subject promise participants a prayerful and perceptive six weeks together!



## Project Rachel Post Abortion Healing Retreat

If you desire healing from a past abortion, you are invited to experience the love of Jesus Christ at a Project Rachel weekend retreat January 6-8, 2023, in the Raleigh area. The weekend retreat is strictly confidential, for both women and men and includes discussions, spiritual exercises, the sacrament of reconciliation, a Memorial Service, and a Mass of the Resurrection. Participation offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness, and compassion. For more information or to register for the retreat, contact Project Rachel at [project.rachel@raldioc.org](mailto:project.rachel@raldioc.org) or call 919-852-1021. The website is [www.rachelinc.org](http://www.rachelinc.org). Cost is \$200 for lodging, meals, and all retreat materials. If you have a financial burden, assistance is available.



## Volunteers Needed!

Can you help provide a hot, home-made breakfast for the Guests of Oak City Cares on Christmas Day?

Just like Jesus, Mary and Joseph, the guests at Oak City Cares are experiencing homelessness on Christmas Day. At St. Francis, we have the honor to bring them joy of Christmas by providing a special holiday breakfast. To do that, we need your help! We need hot breakfast casseroles, hot cinnamon rolls, and hot tater tots. We also have a few open slots for individually wrapped cookies, and even a few slots left to serve!

This is a great opportunity to share our gifts with those who need to experience the joy of Christ's birth.

We will provide the breakfast casserole recipe and cinnamon rolls can be store bought. All you have to do is bring your hot food to the church from 10:00-10:15 (right after the 9:00 Mass on Christmas Day) and we'll do the rest! Click on this link for specifics and to sign up to provide a hot dish for Christmas breakfast:

<https://bit.ly/BreakfastatOCCDecember252022> or reach out to Ann Lassiter at 501-258-4607 or [aclassiter@sbcglobal.net](mailto:aclassiter@sbcglobal.net) for more information.

Thank you for your generous spirit and support of the over 100 guests we serve every month at Oak City Cares!

Oak City Cares Leadership Team

*Ann Lassiter, Diana Melo-Cabanas, and Codi Southerland*

## Bringing Joy to others thru the Advent Giving Tree

Ashley Watson, Coordinator of Community Programs

I remember growing up in this parish and my family choosing items off the Advent Giving Tree, but I never truly grasped the depth of that gesture. Even as adults we do not always understand how great the needs are for those in our greater community especially at this time of the year. I have been blessed the last three years to help support the Advent Giving Tree here at St. Francis of Assisi in a different way than I ever have. Without COVID this is an opportunity I may never have gotten to experience at this level.

We returned to the more traditional ornaments on the tree model this year as well as the opportunity for giving on Faith Direct to support a number of organizations we are giving a financial donation to. Each and every morning I have gotten to walk into my office, that looks a lot like Santa's workshop, and be reminded how amazing a community St. Francis of Assisi is. We collected 1,000+ gifts, 150+ gift cards, and over \$6,300 to support many different organizations that are part of our Annual Giving Tree.

On behalf of the organizations and individuals who benefited from our Advent Giving Tree this year, thank you once again St. Francis of Assisi Community for all your love and support for our greater Community. It's because of all of your generosity that so many people have the opportunity to experience a little bit of Joy this Christmas.



### Christmas Eve Mass

Únase a nosotros a la misa especial en español el sábado 24 de Diciembre a las 7:30 pm.  
Nace Cristo nuestro Salvador!



### Have a **GREEN** Christmas!

- Use reusable gift bags -- and reuse them!
- Substitute time shopping for things, for times shared together year-round.
- Send email instead of paper cards.
- Have children leave donatable toys for Santa to take when he leaves new ones for them.

For more information on this and other Care for Creation activities visit:

[stfrancisraleigh.org/care\\_for\\_creation](http://stfrancisraleigh.org/care_for_creation)

Or to connect with us go to: [stfccreation@gmail.com](mailto:stfccreation@gmail.com)



**EPIPHANY:** The weekend of January 7-8 will bring our Christmas season weekend worship to its conclusion. We will have our normal Mass schedule that weekend. At two of them, we will celebrate RCIA rites. On Saturday, January 7, we will celebrate the Rite of Welcome for baptized Christians who are ready to take a formal step forward on their journey to become members of our Church in the future at the 5:30pm Mass. On Sunday, January 8, three adults baptized in other Christian traditions will be received into the Full Communion of the Catholic Church and will be joined by three baptized Catholic adults who will celebrate Confirmation and receive the Holy Eucharist for the first time. This will be celebrated at the 5:30pm Mass. At 10:15am on Sunday, we will host another adult formation session on the question of how do we pray and know God is listening.

Please note there will be no bulletin the weekend of December 31-January 1 and the parish offices will be closed December 24-January 2. If you have a medical emergency requiring a priest, please call the office and leave a message on the emergency extension. We will do our best to respond as quickly as we can.

Merry Christmas!

*Fr. Michael*



**Habitat**  
for Humanity®

## Our 2023 Building Season



There's always something meaningful about picking up a hammer and nail and being part of a house building project with Habitat for Humanity. The St. Francis of Assisi Habitat Ministry is preparing to kick off the next building season.

We are involved in two building projects. One is where we work alongside several Protestant congregations in a project called Apostles Builds, and the other is with other Catholic communities in Wake County called Catholic Coalition Builds. With each building project, we also work alongside the family who will eventually move into the home.

**\*\*No matter your skill level, we would like to have you helping with our projects.\*\***

The following are our St. Francis Habitat Saturdays where we need volunteers: January 7 (a wall build), January 21 (a wall build), March 4, and April 22.

Currently, volunteers can only sign-up for the wall builds in January, but mark your calendars for the later dates. Habitat wall builds are exciting and fast paced where volunteers work to build all the interior and exterior walls for a new Habitat home. Once the walls are loaded onto a truck, you will go to the build site to help raise the walls and witness the start of a better future for a local family. Join us!

To sign up for the Catholic Coalition build on January 7, please go to the link at [Catholic Coalition](#). To sign up for the Apostles Build on January 21, please go to the link at [Apostles Build](#).



# Employment Opportunities

## Coordinator of High School and Young Adult Formation

We are seeking a passionate, dynamic individual to be a part of our pastoral staff as the Coordinator of High School and Young Adult Formation. In collaboration with the formation team and a large volunteer group, this position oversees a comprehensive formation program serving youth in grades 9 through 12, and leads the efforts to grow our young adult formation into a vibrant ministry. The coordinator will develop and implement programs using contemporary Catholic evangelization and catechetical approaches.

The successful applicant will have a bachelor's degree with strong relational, communication, organizational, and leadership skills. We strongly desire someone with understanding in the fields of evangelization and contemporary approaches to catechesis, as well as experience with youth/young adult ministry.

If you are an active, fully initiated Catholic, who desires to be a part of a truly collaborative and innovative team, please email a cover letter and resume to [Search.Committee@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:Search.Committee@stfrancisraleigh.org) by December 31, 2022.



### High School Basketball:

The Parish High School Boy's Basketball league registration is OPEN! This parish league is open to both parishioners and non-parishioners of the community. The boys league is for grades 9-12. For questions contact: [Mary.Arleth@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:Mary.Arleth@stfrancisraleigh.org). For more information and registration, please see: <http://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/high-school-basketball-leagues-2/>



### The Knights of Columbus will be holding their annual Free Throw Contest

on January 8th from 3:30-5 PM in the Community Center Gymnasium for boys and girls ages 9-14. Age Group winners will be eligible to move on to Regional and State Level contests. We hope to see you there!

Participants: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D45A4AF22ABF-CCE9-knights10>



# Fourth Sunday of Advent






## December 18, 2022

They shall name him Emmanuel,  
which means “God is with us.”

— Matthew 1:23



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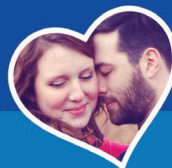
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