

# The Nonviolent Response of the Good Samaritan

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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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### Why I Celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day:

It is a sad fact that, despite all that makes us a great nation, racism is one blemish we have yet to deal with effectively. This is a very complex issue, one I have spent years studying and teaching on as part of a doctoral course on ministry in a multicultural church. We see

racism in the growing violence against our Jewish brothers and sisters praying at synagogues. We see it in the rise of movements that extol white supremacy and advocate for violence against people of other races. We see it in violence at a grocery store in an African-American neighborhood where people are simply doing a normal thing: buying food. These are blatant examples of racism and ones I imagine all of us lament.

Each year we set aside a day to celebrate the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. His work for racial equality is the gold standard for us as a nation. He accomplished many important things during his life and he and his efforts are worth reminding ourselves of this each year as we still have a way to go in achieving racial equality in our nation.

How might we grow personally in this area? I find it's normally in the small ways we manage our interactions with people of other races. Here's a short examination of conscience I have found helpful to reflect upon that I share with you. Perhaps you may reflect on this when you celebrate the life and ministry of Dr. King on Monday.

Have I ever said, "I don't see color?" The reality is that humans are biased for a number of reasons, some influences cultural and others biological. We see color. This is a fact. The invitation is to acknowledge this as a reality and not be afraid of it. Our diversity is a strength, not a weakness.

Have I ever said or thought to myself, "But I have black friends," as a reaction to someone or a situation where the question of racism has been raised. While this may be true, it is important to remember that racism is something we are connected with both personally and societally. While I may indeed have black friends, I also enjoy a certain systemic advantage as a member of the dominant race/culture in the U.S. that others do not enjoy because of their race.

I'm always happy to speak with others about this important topic and am proud of the work we have been doing at St. Francis for several years to help us grow in our awareness of racism and how we can have a positive impact on reducing it in our lives, our church, and our nation.

*Fr. Michael*

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

#### +Michael McMahon

Husband of Sheila McMahon

#### +Michelle (Mimi) Miller-Higgins

Wife of Noel Higgins

#### +Lois LeBlanc

Mother of Theresa LeBlanc

#### +Michael Fuchs

Husband of Peg Fuchs

### Weekly Envelope Schedule

January 15, Weekly

January 22, Weekly

January 22, Church in Latin America

January 29, Weekly

Through Faith Direct you can support our parish using an electronic funds transfer from either a bank account or credit/debit card.

To access, start here:



You can mail your contribution to us at:

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

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# PRAYER REQUESTS FOR JANUARY 14 TO JANUARY 22



## MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday January 14, 2023, 5:30pm  
+Suzan Mehalko  
Requested by Roy and Marianne Norris

Sunday January 15, 2023  
Sunday, 7:15  
+Thomas Casey  
Requested by The Fleischmann Family

Sunday, 9:00  
+Ann Mintel  
Requested by Celesta Carlson

Sunday, 11:45  
+Elenea Siegfried  
Requested by Judy Kundrick

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

Monday January 16, 9AM  
+Bach Mai Thi LE  
Requested by Hanh Boyar and Trinh Pham

Tuesday January 17, 9AM  
+Dr. Florian Mikulski  
Requested by The Weavil Family

Wednesday January 18, 9AM  
+Erlinda G Saballa  
Requested by Julita Lacuesta

Thursday January 19, 9AM  
+Henry and +Mary Margaret Johnston  
Requested by Mary Beth and Tony Immediata

Friday January 20, 9AM  
+Charlotte Ratka  
Requested by Suzanne and Dave Richmond

Saturday January 21, 2023, 5:30pm  
+Carey Yates Tilson  
Requested by Elizabeth Neal

Sunday January 22, 2023  
Sunday, 7:15  
+June M. Manfredi  
Requested by Meg Quinn and Mike Lewis

Sunday, 9:00  
+Mary Jo Stapelton  
Requested by Michele Forde Hertel

Sunday, 11:45  
+Therese McSween  
Requested by May Raymond

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

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

(ill) Bobbie McKenzie  
Requested by Jean Creede  
Health Wellness

(ill) Martha DeCain  
Requested by Mark DeCain  
Health Wellness

(ill) Barry Hedden  
Requested by Vicki Hedden  
Health Wellness

Recent Death  
+Michael McMahon  
Husband of Sheila McMahon  
Remembrance

+Michelle (Mimi) Miller-Higgins  
Wife of Noel Higgins  
Remembrance

+Lois LeBlanc  
Mother of Theresa LeBlanc  
Remembrance

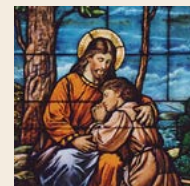
+Michael Fuchs  
Husband of Peg Fuchs  
Remembrance

## Mass Intentions

One of the spiritual works of mercy is to pray for the living and the dead. Requesting a Mass is a most wonderful way to exercise this spiritual work of mercy. Our register for Mass intentions **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.



**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.



# At a Glance

This week's events are shown in red.

**January 15**

## **Columbarium and Franciscan**

**Garden Blessing:** Bishop Luis will bless after the 9:00am Mass

**January 17**

## **Anointing of the Sick Mass**

9:00am in the church

**January 16**

## **Mass celebrating the legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.**

on Monday at 12:00pm at Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral.

**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**

The 50+ Adult Group invites you to our monthly luncheon in Claire Fellowship Hall for "Potluck Lunch" on Wednesday, at 11:30.

**January 21**

## **Habitat for Humanity**

The following are our St. Francis Habitat Saturdays where we need volunteers: 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 22**

## **Why Faith**

Building an Adult Conscience  
10:15-11:15am Founders Room  
Presented by Msgr. Clay.

**January 26**

## **Mental Health Series: Dementia**

6:30pm in Founders Rm. Contact [beth.gaudette@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:beth.gaudette@stfrancisraleigh.org)

**January 28**

## **Women's Ministry - Yoga and Breakfast**

9-11am in Clare Fellowship Hall

**February 11**

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


9:00am to 3:00pm. Registration is open on Tuesday, January 17 via Realm

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



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SUNDAY, JANUARY 22ND




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

Next session: February 26th with Jim Wahl.

“Building  
an Adult  
Conscience:  
A User's Guide.”

Come to a deeper appreciation of how to make the right decision when it comes to moral and doctrinal matters by equipping yourself with the right information and tools.

presented by Msgr. Michael Clay



JOIN THE SFA LENTEN CHALLENGE

# Following in the footsteps of CHRIST

**Challenge yourself** by prioritizing your faith journey with Jesus  
and walk with him this Lent. Join one of our small groups this Lent season.

**Register on Realm | Registration OPENS Friday, January 20th. | \$10 Registration Fee**



**Spiritual Gifts Small Groups** will explore the charisms that you have been given to share with the world. Our small groups will work together to unlock and find the gifts you have been given.

**Sundays:** 7pm | Zoom      **Tuesdays:** 10am | In-Person  
**Mondays:** 10am | In-Person      **Tuesdays:** 7pm | Zoom  
**Mondays:** 7pm | Men's Group | Hybrid

[Click HERE to JOIN](#)



**Engaging Spirituality Small Groups** guides individuals in developing spiritual practices to ground their faith lives and to have honest conversations about the joys and struggles in our lives and world.

**Mondays:** 9:30am | In-person      **Tuesdays:** 7pm | Virtual  
**Tuesdays:** 9:30am | In-person      **Thursdays:** 3pm | Virtual  
**Tuesdays:** 3pm | Virtual      **Thursdays:** 3pm | In-person

[Click HERE to JOIN](#)



**Young Adult Small Group**  
Beth Gaudette on **Wednesdays at 7pm**  
*Tattoos on the Heart* by Gregory Boyle  
[Click HERE to JOIN](#)



**Dads, Dudes and the Divine Small Group**  
Tim Hetzel on **Thursdays at 6:30pm**  
*Surprised by Joy* by C. S. Lewis  
[Click HERE to JOIN](#)



**LGBTQ+ Small Group**  
Chris O'Neill on **Fridays at 6:30pm**  
*Book TBD*  
[Click HERE to JOIN](#)

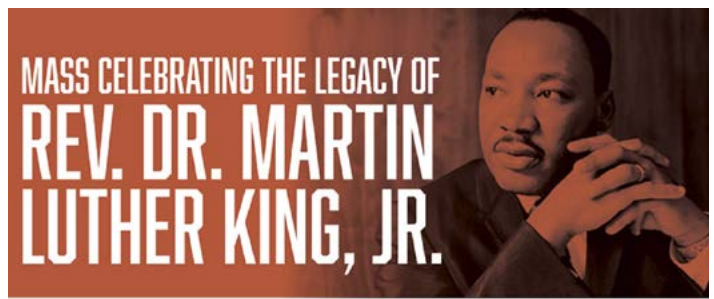
Registration Opens Friday, January 20th on Realm



## New Service Opportunity Dinner at Helen Wright Center!



Our breakfast ministry at the Helen Wright Center, a shelter serving women experiencing homelessness, has now shifted to serving dinners on the first Saturday of each month from 6-8pm. Serving and donation needs can be found [HERE](#). Please email Angela James at [2angelajames@gmail.com](mailto:2angelajames@gmail.com) with any questions. We look forward to seeing you there!



**MONDAY, JANUARY 16, 2023 | 12:00 PM**

HOLY NAME OF JESUS CATHEDRAL | 715 NAZARETH STREET, RALEIGH, NC 27606

There is a Mass celebrating the legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on Monday January 16, 2023 at 12:00pm at Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral. The main celebrant is Bishop Luis Rafael Zarama and the homilist is Rev. Carl Gales, SVD, a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago. The intention of this Mass will be for the promotion of justice for social issues. Please bring disposable diapers, in the original, unopened packaging for the service project benefitting Catholic Charities.



## Registration Extended Revelation

by Little Rock Scripture Study

Choose Tuesday evening or Wednesday morning sessions. Sessions 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

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

NOTE: We will not meet on February 23rd or 24th in honor of Ash Wednesday.

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

Come, break open this ancient text with us and discover its ongoing relevance for us today. Studies conducted virtually via Zoom. A link will be sent to participants prior to the first session. Questions? Contact Janie Hebert, [janie.hebert@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:janie.hebert@stfrancisraleigh.org).



## Upcoming Young Adult Events

What?	When?	Where?
Sunday Socials	2nd & 4th Sundays after 9am Mass	Gathering-space Fireplace
Bible Study	January 25th & following 3 Wednesdays at 7pm	Laverna

Questions contact

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



## Yoga & Breakfast

Join the Women's Ministry for a beginners yoga class followed by a guided meditation, food & fellowship.

January 28th from  
9:00am – 11:00am  
in Fellowship Hall

Register in Realm. Cost is \$3 for teacher stipend.  
Please bring a light breakfast item to share.  
Email [morgan.jess@gmail.com](mailto:morgan.jess@gmail.com) for more info.



## MENTAL HEALTH SERIES

### January's Topic Dementia

A guest speaker from the Dementia Alliance of North Carolina will provide a presentation and share resources.

**Thursday January  
26th at 6:30pm in  
Founders Room**

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



## SAVE THE DATE:

SATURDAY, **FEBRUARY 11, 2023**

Join us for a **Day of Reflection** with Fr. Steve Kluge on Saturday, February 11th from 9am to 3pm.  
**Registration OPENS Tuesday, January 17th on Realm | \$15 Registration Fee.**

Morning refreshments and lunch will be served.

*"Living Christ with a Franciscan Heart"*

**Click [HERE](#) to Register**





# EDUCATION MINISTRIES

Heidi Hobler, Preschool Director



## Celebrating Our Differences

Our nation will soon honor the great Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., by setting aside a day to recognize everything that he tried to accomplish to encourage dignity for all human beings. Celebrating this holiday also reminds me how fortunate I am to be able to work in a place that supports, embraces, and respects all differences. At preschool, we not only get to interweave our faith into all that we do with the children but we also get to support teachings of our faith by emphasizing that we all are different in some way yet all part of a class family, a school family and ultimately God's family. It doesn't matter if we have black hair, wear pink glasses, are tall, can kick a ball far, or like spinach for dinner, our differences make us special and allow us to learn from each other. God made each of us unique and gave us different gifts to share with those around us. As we focus on Dr. King's efforts to ensure equality for everyone, no matter our differences, let us remember that we all were made by God, in His image. Let us also remember something I once read: "God doesn't make junk!"

Registration for the 2022-2023 school year is OPEN!  
Visit our preschool website for more information or to complete an application.

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

# EDUCATION MINISTRIES

Dawn Smith, Principal



**A single sunbeam is enough to drive away many shadows. -St. Francis of Assisi**







## The Nonviolent Response of the Good Samaritan

Carolyn D. Townes, OFS  
National Animator, Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation

[U.S. Secular Franciscan Order](#)

Although living a nonviolent life is a decision one needs to make each and every day, it is still a decision that eludes us. We live in a society that is inundated with violence, anger, hatred and war. These are the words and images we are faced with on a daily basis. Truly it can be difficult to act counter to the culture. Yet, during his life, Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. made nonviolence a way of life. Dr. King thought about nonviolent living every day as he worked towards racial equality and economic justice for all people.

King would also raise questions about being nonviolent in his sermons. In particular, he pondered the parable of the good Samaritan found in the Gospel of Luke. King thought about the questions in the minds of those who had the power to assist the man beaten and robbed and left on the side of the road. "The first question which the priest and the Levite asked was: 'If I stop to help this man, what will happen to me?' But... the good Samaritan reversed the question: 'If I do not stop to help this man, what will happen to him?'"

Living a nonviolent life not only means being nonviolent in your own life but doing what you can to help those who are met with violence along the side of the road. Are you willing to stop and give aid to the stranger or are you going to pass on by for fear of your own safety? Yes, the priest and the Levite had to look out for their own wellbeing, but what made the Samaritan stop and lend a hand, going the extra mile? Are you willing to go the extra mile? As Dr. King pondered these questions, ask yourself this: "What if I were the person beaten, robbed and left for dead on the side of the road? What is my response to people in need of safety from violence and brutality? What is mine to do?"

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:Andrea.Javier@stfrancis-raleigh.org)



## St. Francis Habitat for Humanity Ministry Begins Building New Homes in Wake County

On Saturday January 7 our team from St. Francis, along with other members from the Catholic Coalition, came together to build wall frames for the first home to be constructed at Old Poole Place! It was a great morning, and our own Monsignor Clay topped it off by blessing the walls that we had built.

Another wall build will occur on January 28 as part of our relationship with the Apostles Coalition. Sign up on the Habitat website, at [https://www.habitatwake.org/faith/apostles\\_fall](https://www.habitatwake.org/faith/apostles_fall). In addition, we anticipate sign up links for our site

builds on March 4 (Catholic Coalition), and April 22 (Apostles Coalition) to be posted shortly on the Habitat website.

If you have not done so already, please join the St. Francis Habitat for Humanity Ministry Group on the Realm App, using the Find Groups feature so you can receive communications about our ministry activities.

Thank you again for your continued support of this wonderful ministry. Please call or text Keith Mason, 412-965-6592, if you have any questions.



### Fun on the Farm!

Join us at Corral Riding Academy for an awesome work-day on the farm. The day runs from 9:30am to 12pm on Saturday, January 21. Learn more and sign up here!

### Congratulations



On Sunday afternoon the Knights of Columbus held their annual Free Throw Contest. They had 18 contestants covering age groups from 9-14 both boys and girls. All received participant certificates and, additionally, the winners received Champion Certificates. The winners are eligible to compete in the Knights of Columbus State-wide Competition in Burlington on March 11th. Congratulations to all who competed this year!



*Ask Chris*



**Chris Damico**

Director of Stewardship and Engagement

The last couple of weeks, I have shared thoughts about both the little things and family. This week, I wanted to include an experience that combines both, written by my friend and colleague, Diogenes Ruiz, and inspired by my pride and joy and 6 year old daughter, Kallie Mae Damico.

## A Little Trust?

Sometimes God blesses us in ways we don't expect, underserving as we may be.

I had the pleasure of walking with Chris and his 6-year-old daughter, Kallie Mae, who I had recently met. The destination is unimportant – the journey was pretty special.

As we walked, Chris and I talked about the area and how he remembered living in this particular development for a few years. We proceeded to walk toward our destination breathing the cool air as squirrels ran among the trees.

All of a sudden, I felt a little hand take mine. What? This child hardly knows me, I thought to myself. I was in what I can best describe as mild heavenly shock. I held her little hand as we walked. Why is this child holding my hand? Isn't that a huge sign of trust?... to a relative stranger no less! A little while later as we continued to walk hand-in-hand, Chris looked over at us and smiled.

A short walk, a small gesture of trust, an unsolicited blessing that I will always cherish - a blessing that you cannot put a price on. I did not win the billion dollar mega-millions jackpot last weekend, but I received something much more valuable, I was touched by an angel.

D. Ruiz





### Divorce Care Spring Series

January 24-May 2: A Seminar with Experts During the first 30–40 minutes of the meeting, the Divorce Care group watches a video seminar featuring top experts on divorce and recovery subjects. These videos are produced in an interesting-to-watch television magazine format featuring expert interviews, real-life case studies and on-location video. You will hear experts discuss topics like loneliness, anger, depression, financial changes in divorce, and you will hear how others coped with feelings like these and found recovery and healing. A Support Group with Focus After viewing the video, Divorce Care participants spend time as a support group discussing what was presented in that week's video seminar and what is going on in the lives of members. Come find healing and restoration when you are facing a very difficult time in your life. <https://www.divorcecare.org/leaderzone/my/groups/158303>



### 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. For more information and registration, please see: <http://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/high-school-basketball-leagues-2/>



We have lots of really cool opportunities in athletics, technologies, arts, and various enrichment areas! Kids can join us for half day or full day. All camps have min and max number of students so camp availability is based on enrollment. Registration and more information will be available late January. For questions contact: [Ashley.Watson@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:Ashley.Watson@stfrancisraleigh.org)



### Caregivers Support Group Info Session

January 26 at 2:00pm in the Padua Room: As a caregiver for my husband, I live my life just trying to make it from Sunday to Sunday. Each day is a new day in which my prayer is for the strength to make it through another day. The purpose of this group is to provide support to caregivers who are struggling to make it "from Sunday to Sunday." Please join us on January 26th at for an informational meeting. Together we can support each other and practice a little self-care as we care for those we love. For questions or to RSVP contact [beth.gaudette@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:beth.gaudette@stfrancisraleigh.org).



### The St. Vincent de Paul Society at St. Francis of Assisi

In the Gospel after Jesus was baptized, John testified saying, "I saw the Spirit come down like a dove...and remain upon him."

The St. Vincent de Paul Society at St. Francis of Assisi is a sign of God's spirit of love to those who are suffering in our community. Every two weeks members meet to pray and converse about those in need. Most neighbors who call for help are the working poor, individuals and families suffering a temporary financial setback because of illness, death, or other challenges.

A bout of long Covid and weeks off work caused one neighbor to get behind in rent and utility bills. A working mother with pre-eclampsia was forced to take off work until her newborn arrived. Bills accumulated quickly, and eviction notices arrived.

Cases are not resolved by simply writing a check. SVdP limits how much it can provide each neighbor, and often additional sources of funding are needed.

Through the help of conscientious volunteers, SVdP maintains an extensive file of referral agencies so that it can match each neighbor with the help he or she requires, whether it is legal, financial, or governmental.

This means hours of listening and research for the visitor who then brings the case to the meeting. Sometimes eviction is imminent, and emergency funding is approved between meetings.

SVdP is our connection to those in financial need in the community. A team of caring, well-trained visitors meet our neighbors in need and provide them not only with financial help but also with a listening heart. If you would like to know more about SVdP at St. Francis, contact Cathy Smith at [smithtcr@gmail.com](mailto:smithtcr@gmail.com)



# Employment Opportunities

## The Franciscan School announces the following positions for the 2023-24 School Year

### School Counselor – Middle School

The School Counselor works with students, teachers, colleagues and parents individually and in groups to support academic, personal, and social growth of our students. The ideal candidate will have 3-5 years experiences in middle school counseling, hold a Master's Degree and be licensed by NCDPI as a school counselor (or be eligible for licensing).

### Religion Teacher – Middle School

The ideal candidate will embrace the Franciscan charisms and be able to deliver an engaging religious formation curriculum, hold or be willing to obtain basic catechist certification for catholic schools teachers and have prior classroom experience.

If you are interested in joining a dynamic educational environment working with dedicated professionals to provide an academically challenging experience for our students, please send a cover letter, that includes your educational philosophy, the position in which you have interest, and resume to: [tfresume@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:tfresume@stfrancisraleigh.org).

## 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).



## Happy Eco-New Year!

**Learn:** Check out Catholic teaching about the environment AND practical ways to practice it. [bit.ly/yearres](https://bit.ly/yearres)

**Act:** Check out a year long plan to up your eco-practices at "52 Things to Change Our Planet" and much, much more! [www.stfrancisraleigh.org/care\\_for\\_creation](http://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/care_for_creation)

Lots more information here!

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

To connect with us: [stfccreation@gmail.com](mailto:stfccreation@gmail.com)

## Parish will be Mortgage Free by March!

We are delighted to share with the Parish Community that we are on track to be Mortgage Free by March. Our last payment will be February. As a result, we will be transitioning the Mortgage Sunday giving option, via envelopes and Faith Direct, to becoming the Maintenance Reserve Sunday. As we have shared with you, the cost of maintaining our beautiful campus is increasing as our facilities age. A recent asset and reserve study projected over the next 20 years it will cost \$18 million dollars to maintain the campus.

For those of you who have been making Mortgage Sunday contributions, those envelopes will be replaced by Maintenance Reserve Sunday envelopes in March. We hope that you consider continuing your donations as we shift our focus to Maintenance. If you currently donate toward the Mortgage using Faith Direct, those donations will be transitioned to Maintenance Reserve donation for you. Thank you for your continued support as we reach this significant milestone.

# Registration Opening Soon

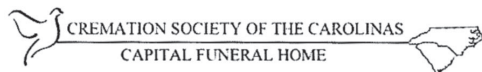
## 2023-2024 School Year



January 12th - Alumni/TFS Siblings/Parish

January 19th - Community

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



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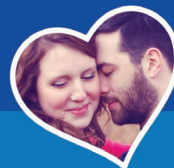
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