

January 22, 2023

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22ND

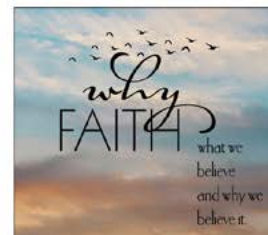


*This weekend!*

“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



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

Next session: February 26th with Jim Wahl.



See page 2 and 4

**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**

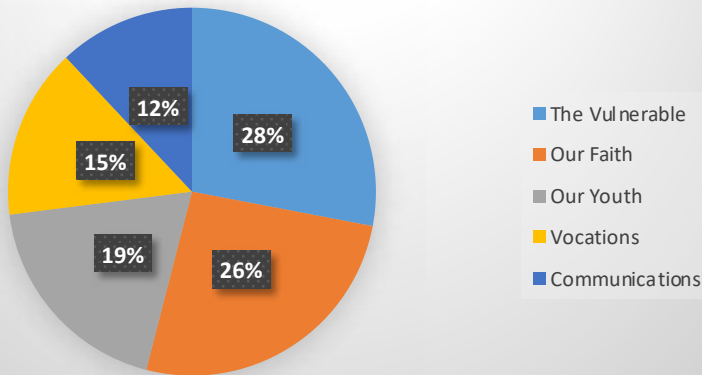
11401 Leesville Road, Raleigh, NC 27613 919-847-8205 [www.stfrancisraleigh.org](http://www.stfrancisraleigh.org)



## Why I Support the Bishop's Annual Appeal (B.A.A.) and Hope You Will Too:

Since the mid-70's, the Bishop's Annual Appeal has served hundreds of thousands of people throughout the Diocese of Raleigh. This year's appeal kicks off this weekend. I have supported it annually since I was ordained and ask you to join me this year to help fund 23 programs and ministries that benefit so many. Here are just a few of the beneficiaries: Catholic Charities, parish assistance to small rural parishes, grants to help small Catholic schools, and seminarian education.

### BAA Distribution



Each parish's goal is proportionate to its population and annual offertory. As the largest parish in the diocese with the highest offertory, our goal is the largest: \$473,565.35. Distributed evenly among our 5300+ households, this would translate into a gift of \$90 per household if all households participated. Last year some 1200 households helped us reach our goal for the second year in a row, an accomplishment I am very proud of. The median gift was \$400. I am pledging \$500 payable over five months. I ask you to consider a pledge or donation of equal value. If you are unable to match me, please know that any and all pledges or donations are gratefully accepted.

You may make your pledge or donation in a number of ways:

- 1) Online: <https://dioceseofraleigh.org/make-baa-pledge>
  - 2) Stock Transfer: <https://dioceseofraleigh.org/media/3763>
  - 3) Mail-in check using the pledge card you should have received in the mail
  - 4) QR Code located on the large table in the gathering space in the church
- Bishop Luis and I thank you for supporting this year's B.A.A. Please watch this 3-minute video showcasing the work of the B.A.A. and the bishop's thank-you.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1OJOhr46iJqKEuXPmtDF7gv7FUulj8x/view>

*Fr. Michael*

### Weekly Envelope Schedule

January 22, Weekly  
January 22, Church in Latin America  
January 29, Weekly

**To view the St. Francis of Assisi Annual Report**

[Click here](#)

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

### Abigail Rae Carlile

Daughter of Bradley and  
Carolyn Carlile

### Sebastián José Castellanos

Daughter of Lenin and  
Sayda Castellanos

### Sebastián José Castellanos

Son of Lenin and Sayda Castellanos

### Devan Rayshon Lee Curran

Son of Patrick and Heather Curran

### Beckett Maxwell Curran

Son of Chris and Marie Curran

### Vanna Guadalupe Iacuzio

Daughter of John and  
Andrea Iacuzio

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

You can give online through:



<https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/faith-direct/>



**Text-to-Give: 919-629-1199**

**Additional Online Giving Methods:**

[www.stfrancisraleigh.org/treasure/](http://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/treasure/)

# PRAYER REQUESTS FOR JANUARY 21 TO JANUARY 29



## MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday January 23, 9AM  
+Gail Celeste  
Requested by Randy and Vanessa Fleischmann

Tuesday January 24, 9AM  
+Luke Barnum  
Requested by Wendy and Mark Litchfield

Wednesday January 25, 9AM  
No Mass

Thursday January 26, 9AM  
No Mass

Friday January 27, 9AM  
+Frank Kudlacz  
Requested by Mike and Cathy Lyons

Saturday January 28, 2023, 5:30pm  
+Marianne DiTonno  
Requested by Anthony and Adena DiTonno

Sunday January 29, 2023  
Sunday, 7:15  
+Austin Lee Moore  
Requested by The Detteline Family

Sunday, 9:00  
Augustus Tomas Alcala Lopez  
Requested by Aracely and Antonio Alcala-Lopez  
1st Birthday

Sunday, 11:45  
Dailyn and her family in Guatemala  
Requested by Joan Crennan  
Special Intention

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

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

+Cleta and +Vincent Nicholas  
Requested by Maria and Steve Nicholas  
Remembrance

+Rich Hoeman  
Requested by Mark Bednarcik  
Remembrance

+Annette Brandl  
Requested by Elizabeth Stachewicz  
Remembrance

+Josephine Morse  
Requested by David Crout  
Remembrance

(ill) Martha DeCain  
Requested by Mark DeCain  
Health and Wellness

(ill) Bobbie McKenzie  
Requested by Jean Creede  
Health and Wellness

(ill) Tom Zhang  
Requested by Hui Chen  
Health and Wellness

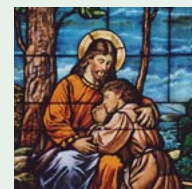
Recent Death  
+Karen Kell  
Mother of Bob and Kathleen Kell  
Remembrance

## 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 22

### Why Faith

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

## January 24

### Divorce Care

A Seminar with Experts: Come find healing and restoration when you are facing a very difficult time in your life. <https://www.divorcecare.org/leaderzone/my/groups/158303>

## January 26

### Caregivers Support

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).

## 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

## January 28

### Habitat for Humanity

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).

## February 4/5

### Catholic Parish Outreach

Bags will be passed out after Masses. To sign up to assist with passing out bags or working at the truck visit: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0449afab2e-abfd0-catholic#/>

## February 6

### Mens Prayer Breakfast

We will be dialoguing on Richard Rohr's "The Universal Christ" in the Padua Room. Deacon Steve, 732-213-0104 or [stephenwandrews@outlook.com](mailto:stephenwandrews@outlook.com)

## February 9

### Coffee with Clay

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

## February 11

### Day of Reflection with Steve Kluge

9:00am to 3:00pm. [Registration](#) is open on Tuesday, January 17 via Realm.

## February 11/12

### Catholic Parish Outreach

Drop off times to the truck those 2 weekends are: Saturday 4:45-6:00pm and Sunday 6:45am-12:30pm and 4:45-6:00pm.

## February 16

### Women's Group Mardi Gras

Happy Hour 7-9pm, Bottle Mixx, 8111 Creedmoor Rd. Bring a friend and an appetizer to share.

## Envelope Update

We are aware that many of our parishioners have not yet received their January envelopes. We have contacted the third party vendor about the problem and they have assured us steps have been taken to ensure the delay does not occur again. When you do receive your January envelopes, they will also include the first two weeks of February in an effort to get back on track. Thank you for your patience and support.



This week, we begin the 2023 Bishop's Annual Appeal. The Bishop's Annual Appeal is our opportunity as members of the larger Catholic community to have an impact on the physical and spiritual lives of our brothers and sisters in eastern NC. **We are STRONGER TOGETHER.**



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](#)



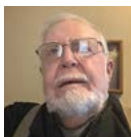
**Dads, Dudes and the Divine Small Group**  
Tim Hetzel on **Thursdays at 6:30pm**  
*Surprised by Joy* by C. S. Lewis  
[Click HERE to JOIN](#)



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

Registration Opens Friday, January 20th on Realm 5





**(Richard Hammer)** May 10, 1942  
I was gifted with the cleansing water of Baptism in the Church of the Blessed Trinity in Buffalo N.Y. because of the love of my parents, and years before the Buffalo Bill's were even thought of or formed! Today, after a lifetime of blessings involving Joy and sorrow, topped off by the Called and Gifted seminar, I have some sense of flowing Joy and Peace, after disregarding times of fear and sleepiness, in responding to "small" opportunities to witness and share with people who cross my path.

In Called and Gifted I learned my charism is evangelization to people on the margins of Our Faith Community, while sharing in the support and responsibilities of Our Faith Community. For instance, as I write this, there was a request to serve as an Emmaus minister on short notice. I already had a funeral planning in process, but I find it helpful to discern using the four cardinal virtues:

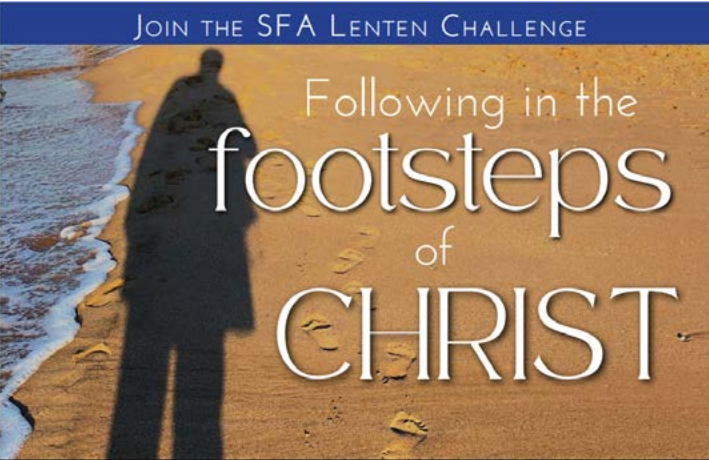
1. prudence (likelihood for success)
2. common good (justice)
3. self sacrifice (temperance); with joy resulting (fortitude)

So I volunteered. When I met with the family, I learned that the deceased was Catholic, but many in the family were not. As I assisted with the planning process, I experienced joy and their appreciation as we uncovered the symbolism and meaning in the practices of our Faith.

Another recent example of finding Joy from the Called and Gifted awareness was when a friend from Temple Beth Or asked me to speak to his 9th grade comparative religion class about why I am a practicing Catholic. I found the young high school students subsequently interested in joining us for Mass. The welcoming by St. Francis staff, youth and volunteers was a blessing to all of us.


I have also found more opportunities to lector at our own liturgies, which further reinforces the blessings I received from this seminar which helps us live out our vocation, not as the "chosen frozen" but as living witnesses in the grace filled NOW, members of the Mystical Body of Christ! Peace and Joy,  
Richard Hammer

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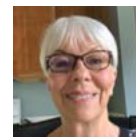
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<b>Mondays:</b> 7pm   Men's Group   Hybrid	

**Click HERE to JOIN**



**(Carol Murphy)** We moved from Dayton, Ohio to Wilmington, NC in the spring of 1979. It was our family's first time to move away from home. St. Mary's church in downtown Wilmington became our base of new, long-lasting friendships. Making a Marriage Encounter had given Bob and me the courage to make this move. It also gave us our first group of friends within a few weeks of the move. That led to Cursillo, Christian Family Living retreats, and Search for our children. Those programs gave me even more confidence to teach Confirmation classes, and to join the choir. That led me to learn to play the guitar and take singing lessons.

By the time we left Wilmington 27 years later, and through no fault of my own, I was leading the folk choir by myself, with the help of about 10 wonderful, faithful singing friends. There are a lot of possible charisms mixed into the above.

Fast forward to our joining St. Francis of Assisi parish. Our church is so full of ministries that I found it hard to know where I would fit in. Covid allowed me to sign up for so many courses that I started to forget the content of some of them until I went back to review them. Then Called & Gifted appeared out of nowhere! Maybe it was time for me to listen to the Holy Spirit.

After taking the Charism Inventory, Encouragement came out the highest. I wasn't sure how that fit in until I started to contemplate what it might mean. I began to realize I seemed to have used this Charism for many years. For one thing, I have always considered myself as a glass half full type of person. I also believed if I was not part of a solution, I was part of a problem and it was time to move on. I definitely believed in "fake it til you make it" and "this, too, shall pass" when going through tough times.

At this point in my life, I find myself being drawn to the much older folks who are going through health and mental problems. I listen to their stories told over and over. I offer snarky retorts to make them laugh, and then they make me laugh. Just because they can't remember my name does not mean they can't remember funny comebacks!

# 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](#)



## 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)



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ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI,  
JOIN IN A

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**HAPPY HOUR**

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY  
16 7 TO 9 PM  
BOTTLE MIXX  
8111 CREEDMOOR RD

BRING A FRIEND  
& AN APPETIZER  
TO SHARE






## 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!




# Women's Ministry

## 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.






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)





## New Year - New Busy?

Darn.

I knew this could happen; I just did not think it would happen this fast...especially with how intentional I have tried to be.

We are only a few weeks into the New Year and for all my musings about resolutions, the little things are the big things and focusing on our children, guess where I still find myself some of the time? That's right, checking off the to-do lists, going through the motions and reverting to my old self of 'just trying to get things done'.

Unfortunately, as my 'old self' remembers, I may be crossing more things off the list but I'm hardly more productive, simply busier.

What about you? Are you going in a million different directions at a million miles an hour but not making much progress?

Same here.

While I'm typing this, I'm smiling thinking, as 'busy as I think I am', God is right next to me. In my corner, our corner, calling us, waiting for us, watching us.

Are we so busy we do not hear, see, or notice?

What about what God wants for us?

All good questions, it's not too late to change course and in fact, we are always on time for God.

Now is the time to be productive. To be focused. To do the things that matter.

How?

To quiet ourselves with prayer. To think. To spend intentional time alone with God.

Stay vigilant friends, the Holy Spirit is always working.

Pax Et Bonum

(Prayer is not asking. Prayer is putting oneself in the hands of God, at His disposition, and listening to His voice in the depth of our hearts. -Mother Teresa)



### Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest

On Sunday January 8th 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!

### Thank You St. Francis!

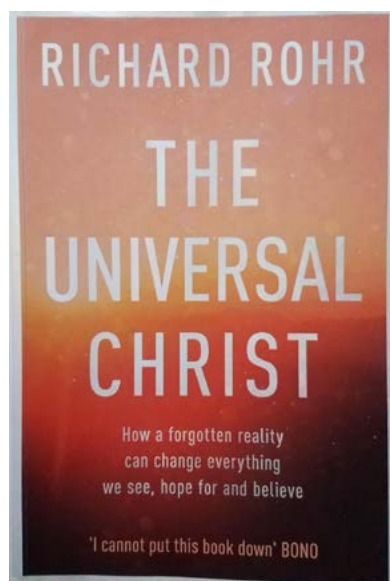
The Knights of Columbus, All Saints Council here on campus just completed its review of 2022 activities and wish to extend our gratitude to the Clergy, Staff Members, and Parish families for your continued support. We raised \$82,203 in donations and amassed 6,395 service hours in 2022. You supported many of our activities that created opportunities for us to raise funds for Vocations and Seminarians, TFS, Food for Families, Coats for Kids, Our Lady of the Rosary, Duke Children's Hospital, Special Olympics, Blood Drives, Veterans Administration, and Culture of Life just to name a few. Again, thank you for your support of the Knights of Columbus.

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

# Catholics for Abolition in NC Celebrate Mass for Life with Bishop Zarama



Catholics for Abolition in NC (CANC), a diocesan group of Catholics committed to work towards the abolition of the death penalty in North Carolina, was co-founded last year by St. Francis parishioner Nancy Jones. She and other St. Francis parishioners and members of CANC attended last Saturday's Mass for Life at the Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral. They were able to disperse 250 cards about CANC and prayer cards from Catholic Mobilizing Network. As Nancy Jones noted, "It was a beautiful Mass celebrating God's love for ALL of God's children." For more information about CANC, contact Nancy Jones at [catholicsforabolitionnc@gmail.com](mailto:catholicsforabolitionnc@gmail.com) or go to [CatholicsforAbolitionNC.org](http://CatholicsforAbolitionNC.org).



Drawing on Scripture, history and spiritual practice, Rohr articulates a transformative view of Jesus Christ as a portrait of God's constant, unfolding work in the world. Jesus' life was meant to declare that humanity has never been separated from God. – except by its own negative choice.

Beginning of Monday Feb 6th from 8 to 9 am the Men's Prayer Breakfast will be dialoguing on The Universal Christ. We will be gathering in the Padua Room; Egg Burritos and Coffee will be served. If you are interested in joining the group or have questions contact Deacon Steve at 732-213-0104 or [stephenwandrews@outlook.com](mailto:stephenwandrews@outlook.com)



# EDUCATION MINISTRIES

Heidi Hobler, Preschool Director

## Registration Now Open 2023-2024 School Year

Open House  
January 29th  
10:30-11:30



### Classes Offered

\*NEW\* Toddler Class (18 to 23 months)

Two Year Old

Three Year Old

Four Year Old

Transitional Class



Some of the Prayer Shawl Ministry had a luncheon last week for Fellowship. The ladies of the Ministry use their time and talent in making hats, shawls, blankets, etc. for those in need of comfort and prayers. The group meets twice a month from September through June. Of course, they do the majority of their knitting or crocheting at home and bring it into the meeting to be blessed, a cross sewn on and, then, wrapped with a card.



### 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).



### Catholic Parish Outreach:

Bags will be passed out after Masses the weekend of Feb. 4/5. The CPO Truck will be on site the weekends of Feb. 11/12 and 18/19 to collect your filled grocery bags. Drop off times to the truck those 2 weekends are: Saturday 4:45-6:00pm and Sunday 6:45am-12:30pm and 4:45-6:00pm. To sign up to assist with passing out bags or working at the truck visit: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0449afab2e-abfd0-catholic#/>

Items Needed for the Drive (No glass please) Cans of vegetables, tuna, chicken, soup, spaghetti sauce, fruit; boxes of cereal, macaroni and cheese, pasta, hamburger/ chicken/tuna helper, crackers, instant dry milk; bags of rice and beans. Peanut butter, fruit juice, salad dressing, laundry detergent, bathroom tissue, soap, diapers size 4-6, baby wipes, milk-based infant formula, Stage 1, 2, 3 or graduates baby food.



# 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.

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## 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.

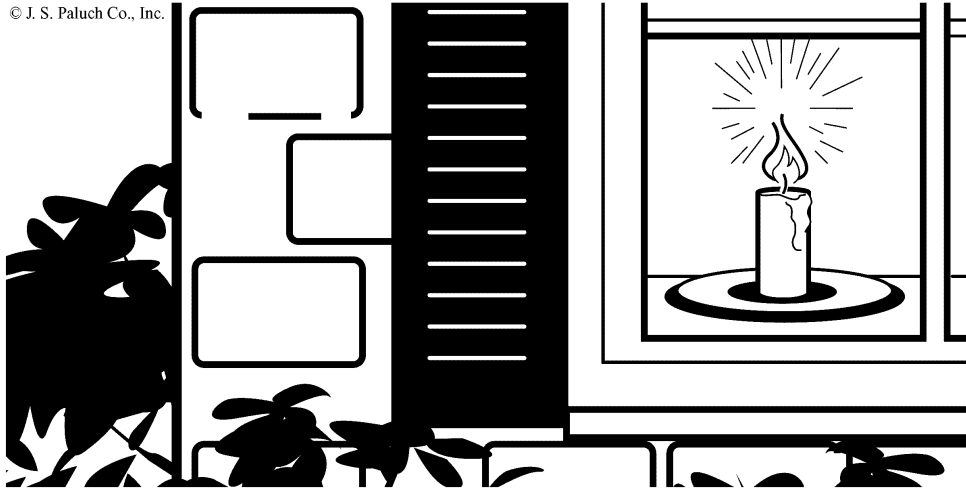
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## January 22, 2023

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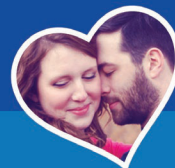
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