

February 5, 2023

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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](#)



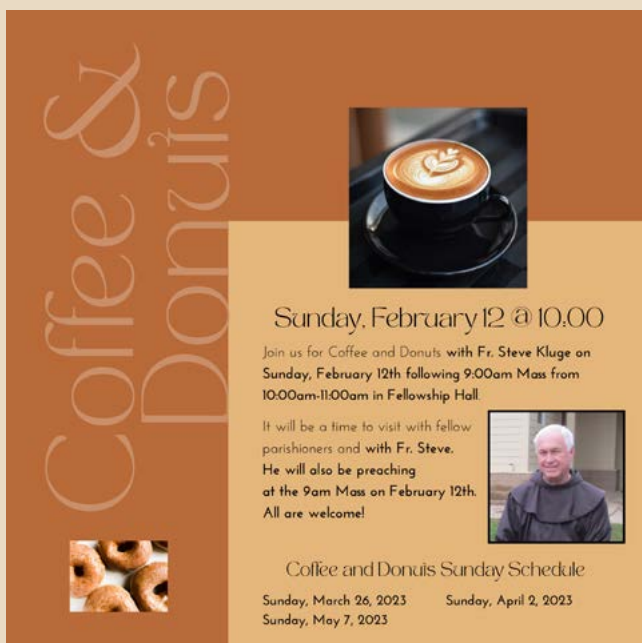
LGBTQ+ Small Group
Chris O'Neill on **Fridays at 6:30pm**
Book TBD
[Click HERE to JOIN](#)

Registration Opens Friday, January 20th on Realm



Fr. Michael is on vacation this weekend.
His column will resume next weekend.

Fr. Kluge's event *Living Christ with a Franciscan Heart* is sold out, but you can join him on Sunday, Feb. 12 after the 9:00 Mass for coffee and donuts. He will be preaching at the 9:00 Mass.



Coffee & Donuts

Sunday, February 12 @ 10:00

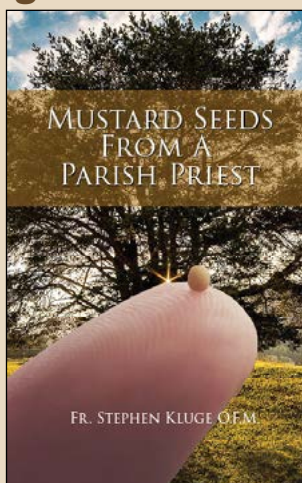
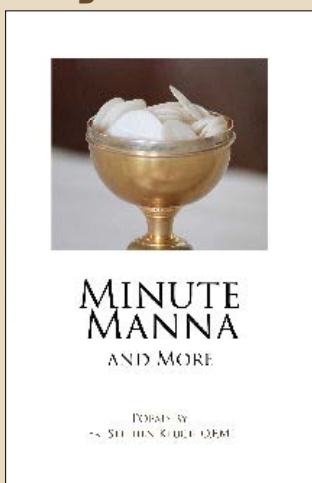
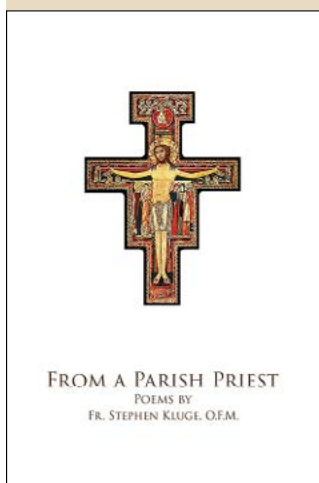
Join us for Coffee and Donuts with Fr. Steve Kluge on Sunday, February 12th following 9:00am Mass from 10:00am-11:00am in Fellowship Hall.

It will be a time to visit with fellow parishioners and with Fr. Steve. He will also be preaching at the 9am Mass on February 12th. All are welcome!

Coffee and Donuts Sunday Schedule

Sunday, March 26, 2023 Sunday, April 2, 2023
Sunday, May 7, 2023

Books by Fr. Steve Kluge



Proceeds from the sales of Fr. Steve's books go to the Franciscan Monastery of St. Clare in Chesterfield, NJ.

To order any of Fr. Kluge's books, visit:

<https://grateful-leper.com/>

"My prayer for those who peruse or read these books is this: As the LORD blesses and keeps you, may you bless and keep others, May you be the face and graciousness of the LORD in the world, May you give the peace of the LORD to all you meet." - Fr. Steve

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

Alexandra Charlotte Flowers

Daughter of Brandon and
Annie Flowers

Alexander Scott Gasperini

Son of Brad and Jennifer Gasperini

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

+Dorothy McNeely

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/

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR FEBRUARY 4 TO FEBRUARY 12



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday February 4, 2023, 5:30pm
+Douglas Warden
Requested by Eleonora Cafalu

Sunday February 5, 2023
Sunday, 7:15
+Bob Kleps and +Sue Sonoloski
Requested by Phillip Strand

Sunday, 9:00
+Joseph Horner
Requested by Janice and Mary Horner

Sunday, 11:45
+Tom Hayden
Requested By The Hayden and Dinin Family

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

Monday February 6, 9AM
+Patricia Mullen
Requested by Peg and Ron Hanna

Tuesday February 7, 9AM
+Gregory Edward Schweizer
Requested by Israel J. Pattison

Wednesday February 8, 9AM
+Erna Falco
Requested by Robert and Arlene Bagin

Thursday February 9, 9AM
+Lourdes Francisco
Requested by Emma Dempsey

Friday February 10, 9AM
+Attilio Madolo
Requested by Stephanie Modolo-Burrell

Saturday February 11, 2023, 5:30pm
+Albert and +Colleen Schanz
Requested by Steve and Nancy Schanz

Sunday February 12, 2023
Sunday, 7:15
+Bach Mai Thi LE
Requested by Hanh Boyar and Trinh Pham

Sunday, 9:00
+Genevieve Bourbina
Requested by Rick and Janie Bourbina

Sunday, 11:45
+Everett Johnson Jr.
Requested by Joan Crennan

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

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

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

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

(iii) Guido Innacelli
Requested by Kathy Sales
Health and Wellness

+Peter Huynh-Nguyen (Hwin Nguyen)
Requested by Hoa Le
Remembrance

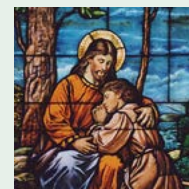
Recent Death
+Dorothy McNeely

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.

February 6 Men's 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.

February 8 Bereavement Ministry

Anthony Hall, large conference. Topic: *Understanding Emotions of Grief*. beth.gaudette@stfrancisraleigh.org

February 9 Coffee with Clay

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

February 11 (SOLD OUT) Day of Reflection with Steve Kluge

9:00am to 3:00pm.

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 12 Mass and Coffee and Donuts

Fr. Steve Kluge will preach at the 9:00am Mass. Join Fr. Steve for Coffee and Donuts after the 9:00am Mass.

February 12 Always God's Children

ministry meeting 3-4:30pm via Zoom. Contact beth.gaudette@stfrancisraleigh.org.

February 15 The 50+ Adult Group Potluck Lunch

Clare Fellowship Hall, 11:30am
The Potluck Lunch is one week earlier due to Ash Wednesday. We will be collecting new and gently used children's books to be donated to CPO.

February 15 Sound Techie Training

7 pm in the Church - a new ministry to help monitor and mix the sound experience at Mass. Contact jim.wahl@stfrancisraleigh.org

February 16 Women's Group Mardi Gras

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

February 18/19 Catholic Parish Outreach

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

February 19

Pancake Breakfast/Knights of Columbus 10:00am in Clare Fellowship Hall
\$5/person, \$18/family



St. Francis Serves is your new one-stop-shop for all things service at St. Francis! We know how important it is to you, our parishioners, to engage in service, and so we have worked hard to make finding those opportunities easier. Simply follow this link, <https://stfrancisraleigh.galaxydigital.com/>, to be brought to our new central hub for all service opportunities at our parish. No longer will you need to scour our website to find opportunities that fit your schedule and interests. Now they will be brought right to you!



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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.

[Click here to make your pledge to the BAA](#)



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CATHOLIC CHARITIES- DID YOU KNOW?

The Bishop's Annual Appeal supports approximately 25% of the total Catholic Charities budget.

Catholic Charities manages five food pantries, which last year distributed over 3 million pounds of food to over 34,000 families throughout Central and Eastern North Carolina.



Last year, the Durham Community Food Pantry grew by 13%, distributing healthy groceries to over 13,000 families in need.



In addition to distributing food, the Durham Community Food Pantry also offers financial assistance and the immigration legal services program.



Approximately **one-third of the Durham Community Food Pantry budget** is supported with funds from the Bishop's Annual Appeal.

[Click here to make your pledge to the BAA](#)



Contact:
919.364.8670



Email:
appeals.support@raldioc.org



Catholic Parish Outreach:

Bags will be passed out after Masses this weekend. 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/20f0449afab2eabfd0-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.

Calling all Techies!

We are beginning a new ministry to help monitor and mix the sound experience at Mass. Our initial meeting and training will be on Wednesday, February 15 at 7 pm in the Church. This ministry is for any adults and open to high school teens as well. Some experience with sound equipment and usage is preferred but not required... so long as you like buttons and knobs!

Please contact Jim Wahl at jim.wahl@stfrancisraleigh.org to inquire and sign up for the training.

EDUCATION MINISTRIES

Heidi Hobler, Preschool Director

How We Celebrated National Catholic Schools Week



Celebrate Our Community-Wear your school shirt (Monday)



Celebrate Our Students
Wear your favorite character shirt (Tuesday)



Celebrate Our Nation
Wear red-white-blue (Wednesday)



Celebrate Vocations (Thursday)



Celebrate Your Teacher! (Friday)



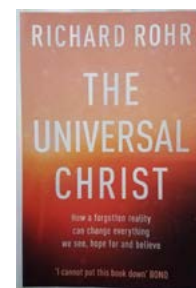
ASH WEDNESDAY MASS SCHEDULE



Wednesday, February 22, 2023 - Distribution of Ashes at ALL Services

7am Liturgy of the Word (No Communion)
9am School Mass
11:45am Mass

5:30pm Liturgy of the Word (No Communion)
7pm Mass



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

"Coffee with Clay" in the Assisi Café



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



Thursday, February 9th
Thursday, March 9th

Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast

Join us for a delicious hot breakfast
Sunday, February 19th,
at 10am in Fellowship Hall.

Any proceeds from this event will be used
by the Knights to donate to community
charities.

Cost is: \$5 per person, \$18 per family.
This will be collected day of and can be
paid by cash or credit (preferred)

***Menu includes:

Pancakes, Sausage, Coffee or OJ, Donut or Fruit.***



Always God's Children

The monthly Always God's Children ministry meets via Zoom on Feb 12th from 3-4:30. Contact Beth Gaudette, Director of Parish Life, at beth.gaudette@stfrancisraleigh.org if you have any questions and also to request the Zoom link.



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

In the Gospel today, Jesus says, "You are the light of the world," as He inspires us to live our Christian vocation in words and deeds. Neighbors call St. Vincent de Paul Society in their darkest times. St. Vincent de Paul at St. Francis of Assisi provides hope, compassion, referrals, and short-term financial help for families in the area.

Most of the cases are the working poor—families who can pay their bills until they get an unexpected situation—a funeral, a car needing service, a sickness. Any of those situations could make them need help with rent or utilities.

So far this year, SVdP has been a light to:

- A pregnant mother of two who was unable to keep working because of a troubled pregnancy and got behind on bills.
- A mother of an 8-year-old daughter who faced eviction because she had been off work with long Covid and her ex-husband no longer makes child support payments because he filed bankruptcy.
- A mother disabled at work who fell behind in rent after her disability payments ran out. She is seeking a new job.
- A military veteran whose water was disconnected for nonpayment.
- A couple whose main breadwinner lost his job at Christmas and was waiting to hear the results of a drug screen and background check so he could start a new one. Meanwhile, they were behind on rent.
- A mother with two daughters who is behind on expenses because of increasing medical bills for one of the daughters who is chronically ill.

Is there a neighbor or friend of yours who is in temporary need because of a loss of a job or an illness? Please leave a message for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul at 919-534-484...we want to help!

In addition to providing financial assistance, SVdP members have a large catalog of resource agencies that can help neighbors.

Upcoming Young Adult Events



50+ Adult Group

50+ Adult Group Potluck Lunch

The 50+ Adult Group will have its "Potluck Lunch" on Wednesday, February 15 at 11:30 in Clare Fellowship Hall. Please note that the "Potluck Lunch" is one week earlier due to Ash Wednesday.

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

If last names starts with, then bring

A thru C = Salad/Side Dish

D thru J = Main Dish

K thru Z = Dessert/bread

Coffee, soda and water will be provided.

We will be collecting new and gently used children's books to be donated to CPO.

If you have any questions, please contact Pat Gerney at pgerney@gmail.com or call 919-803-8276.

What?	When?	Where?
Sunday Socials	2nd & 4th Sundays after 9am Mass	Gathering-space Fireplace
Bible Study	February 8, and 15 at 7pm	Laverna

Questions contact
beth.gaudette@stfrancisraleigh.org

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).

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: tfsresume@stfrancisraleigh.org.

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.



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>

Summer at St. Francis

Looking for Summer Opportunities at St. Francis? St. Francis of Assisi has many activities for all age groups this summer. Look for the opportunity that meets your needs.

We offer a variety of summer camps with lots of different offerings in Camp Francis, faith based camps (Vacation Bible School, Mercy Camps, Mission Mercy), preschool aged camps in Summer Adventures, and drama camp with Justice Theater Project. For more information about planning your children's Summer at St. Francis visit: <https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/camps/>

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 8-12 For questions contact: Mary.Arieth@stfrancisraleigh.org. For more information and registration, please see: <https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/athletics/>



Resolve to Have a Green 2023

Visit: www.stfrancisraleigh.org/care_for_creation

Find: "52 Things to Change Our Planet" and "Zero/Low Waste Shopping Recommendations" and get started!

Or contact your Care for Creation team at
stfccreation@gmail.com