



A BUSY LITURGICAL SEASON AT ST. FRANCIS:

Between Mother's Day and Father's Day we will see an uptick in liturgical celebrations. We completed four First Eucharist Masses in late April for over 150 children. Below is a list of all we will celebrate in the coming weeks:

- Weekend of May 13-14: Blessing of Mothers at All Masses
- Sunday, May 14: Infant Baptisms: 9AM Mass
- Sunday, May 21: Last Children's Mass of School Year: 9:00am Mass
- Sunday, May 21: RCIA Rite of Election: 11:45am Mass
- Sunday, May 21: RCIA Rite of Confirmation: 5:30pm Mass
- Wednesday, May 24: TFS 8th Grade Baccalaureate Mass: 9:00am Mass
- Thursday, May 25: Music Ministry Concert at 7:00pm
- Monday, May 29: Memorial Day Mass & Veteran's Remembrance: 9:00am Mass
- Sunday, June 4: RCIA Full Communion, Confirmation, Eucharist: 5:30pm Mass
- Saturday, June 10: Infant Baptisms: 5:30pm Mass
- Sunday, June 11: Adult RCIA Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist: 11:45am Mass
- Sunday, June 11: High School/College Baccalaureate Mass: 5:30pm
- Weekend of June 17-18: Blessing of Fathers at All Masses



[Click to watch Rise Up!](#)

This is a testimony to the vibrancy of our parish, especially the excellent ministry our RCIA Team has provided in helping over 70 adults and children of catechetical age be prepared for and celebrate the sacraments of initiation in the past 12 months at St. Francis.

Fr. Michael

Happy Mother's Day

Thank you to everyone who supported our collection for Our Lady of the Rosary's food pantry. Together you helped collect 6,000 lbs. of food and raised \$5,000! Way to go St. Francis! - *Tim Fasano*

Bishop's Annual Appeal: [Click on the link](#) to strengthen the vulnerable, our faith, our youth, our vocations and HIS Presence. Thank you for your generosity.

BAA totals for our Parish as of Thursday May 4 as reported by the Diocese:

	2023 Campaign (5/4/23)	2022 Campaign (4/21/22)
Goal:	\$473,565	\$509,088
Pledge Total:	\$406,223 85.3%	\$396,712 77.9%
Received Total:	\$367,690 77.6%	\$357,471 70.2%
Participating Families:	1000 18.2%	935 18.3%
Total Families:	5,500	5,100
To-Go:	\$67,342	

A click away If you are receiving a paper copy, visit the parish website at www.stfrancisraleigh.org

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May 19 - Altar Server Extravaganza for 4th – HS students, in Clare Fellowship Hall

6-8 pm in Join us for music, pizza, fun games, prizes, and altar server awards. Supported by the St. Francis Knights of Columbus [Click here to register](#)

May 20 - Curbside Care 4:00pm

We will make care packages and be joined virtually by Franciscan Friar of the Renewal and cohost of the hit Poco a Poco Podcast, Fr. Innocent Montgomery, as he shares about his experience serving those on the margins. Sign up to bring supplies for the care package. You can sign up separately by going [here](#). To register [click here](#).

Contact: tim.fasano@stfrancisraleigh.org.

May 21 - 9:00am Mass: This will be a **child-oriented Mass** with a homily directed towards children and featuring our children's choir.

May 21 - Why Faith? Founders Room, 10:15am Join Gladys Whitehouse on Sunday, May 21 at 10:15am in | Refreshments will be served | Come and See How Our Seeds Have Grown: Update on the Synodal Listening.

May 21 - Always God's Children

Always God's Children is holding its monthly gathering on Sunday, May 21st. It will be held in-person on our parish campus. Contact Kathy Sales for the exact location. Contact: kathy.sales@stfrancisraleigh.org

Celebrating Fr. Alex! Save the Date! June 11 - 10:00am

We will celebrate and thank Fr. Alex after 9am Mass for the gifts he has shared with our parish community during the past year. Please join us in Fellowship hall and as we offer gratitude to him.

Contact: kathy.sales@stfrancisraleigh.org



Tell us what you think off the new parish bulletin. [Click here to participate in the survey](#)

A paper copy of the survey is available in the church office area until May 19 if you need it to complete this survey.



Mortgage Free in 2023

[Click here to read story](#)

May 21 - Community Showing of "The Letter" in Founders Room, 7:00pm. Learn the story behind Pope Francis' 2015 letter, Laudato Si. Contact pam72j@gmail.com [More info and Register](#)

May 23,24 - Adult Bible Study - The Eucharist In Scripture (Virtual) by *Little Rock Bible Study*
2 sessions: [Tuesdays PM](#) 6:30-8:00pm, May 23-June 27 (or)
[Wednesdays AM:](#) 10:00-11:30am May 24-June 28
Biblical theme of meals being shared in relationship with God. Register through Realm-no fee. Purchase books once registered. Barbara Efirid, Cindy Cardello and Diane Rosendahl, Co-Facilitators
Contact Person: Janie Hebert at 919-847-8205X237
<https://e.onrealm.org/events> Email: janie.hebert@stfrancisraleigh.org

May 25 - Music Ministry Concert - in the church, 7:00pm
Join the choirs and ensembles of our Music Ministry at St. Francis as we sing music that has been part of our liturgical life this past year.
Contact: jim.wahl@stfrancisraleigh.org, 919-847-8205

May 25 - A peaceful, sidewalk witness commemorating the death of George Floyd, 4:00pm [Info and signup here](#)
Contact: Paul Williams 919-306-6844 paul.williams3rd@gmail.com

May 26 - TFS Odyssey of the Mind
One of the TFS Odyssey of the Mind teams is competing in the World Finals at the University of Michigan this weekend.
Contact: dawn.smith@stfrancisraleigh.org, 919-534-4840

June 3-July 30 - Summer Men's 18+ Adult Basketball League
This program is open to Men who are age 18 or older. Registration is TEAM BASED only. Players will form their own teams and submit their registration as a team (max 15 players). Games will be held on Saturdays and Sundays in June and July.
Contact Mary.Arleth@stfrancisraleigh.org
919-847-8205x358 Register <https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/athletics/>

June 5-July 28 - Youth Volleyball League Registration
Coed League for children of all skill levels - rising 3rd graders through 9th graders. Teams have an hour practice on Mon. or Wed. Games are held on Thurs. nights. Contact Mary.Arleth@stfrancisraleigh.org
919-847-8205x358 Register <https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/athletics/>

June 6 or 7 - Marriage Mentor Couples Needed!
Info Meeting for those who feel this ministry might fit their gifts on June 6 [via zoom](#) at 7:00pm or June 7 in-person. Mentor couples can be interfaith but must have been married in the Catholic church. Contact Rosemary Czejkowski, czejkowskir@gmail.com. Mentor couples meet with each couple 2-3 times before their wedding to facilitate deeper communication around the results of a marriage prep survey. We provide 2-3 training sessions and ongoing support for all mentors. Mentors are matched with 2-3 couples per year and work around their families' schedule.

Parishioner Owned Businesses Ad Page
Support our local parishioner-owned businesses
To advertise email: diogenes.ruiz@stfrancisraleigh.org
Link: <https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/parishioner-businesses/>

June 11 - Baccalaureate Mass Class of 2023, 5:30 PM
Save the date! Join us at the 5:30 pm Mass on June 11 to celebrate the graduating class of 2023 for high school and college graduates. You are welcome to wear your cap and gown.

Camp Francis
June 12-16, June 19-23, July 10-14, July 17-21, July 24-28
Camp Francis has opportunities in athletics, technologies, arts and enrichment areas! Half-day or full-day camps based on age for the 2023-2024 school year. (Rising K-Rising 12th grade)
Contact Ashley.Watson@stfrancisraleigh.org 919-847-8205x444
Registration <https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/camp-francis/>

June 12-16 - Mercy Camp – Middle School and 9th Graders
8:30am-3:00pm. Teens get a hands-on opportunity to perform many Corporal Works of Mercy throughout the community. Contact becky.cawley@stfrancisraleigh.org / Register through [Realm](#)

June 26-30 - Mission Mercy, 9:00am-6:00pm
High School Youth are invited to a week-long mission experience, serving families in need right here in Raleigh. Youth will serve as camp counselors for this camp, as well as have time for unpacking their experience, fellowship with other youth, and worship opportunities after the camp concludes for the day. Contact Tim Hetzel: tim.hetzel@stfrancisraleigh.org Register through Realm. Register through [Realm](#).

July 27-30 Recovering Our Soul Connections
A retreat for women who have been sexually abused.
Contact: soulconnection366@gmail.com

2023-2024 Cross Step (Preschool-Aged Faith Formation) Registration Open in Realm
Cross Step provides weekly liturgical lessons for preschool-aged children, ages one (and walking) through age five, who are not enrolled in kindergarten. [Info](#) Contact andrea.javier@stfrancisraleigh.org, 919-847-8205X489 [Register here](#)

Knights of Columbus Memorial Day Mass Honorees Sign up
The Knights of Columbus will be recognizing deceased family members of parishioners who served in the military. Please share the name of your loved ones who served our nation to have their names read at the Memorial Day Mass. Sign up after Masses.
Contact Mike Wrzesien, wrzesien1963@gmail.com

Francis Fest Event Staff Volunteers
FrancisFest volunteers needed now.
Contact Ashley.Watson@stfrancisraleigh.org, 919-847-8205x444

Employment Opportunities
The Franciscan School for the 2023-2024 Academic Year: Social Studies Teacher (Gr. 6), Teacher (Gr. 4), Instructional Teaching Assistants. The Church has immediate openings for: Coordinator of Liturgy and Sacraments, Coordinator Middle School Formation, and Director, Pastoral Care. See our website: <https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/jobs/>
Contact Trish Adamkowski, trish.adamkowski@stfrancisraleigh.org