

November 12, 2023

# Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



**A New Position at St. Francis:** We have all watched in horror as gun violence continues to rear its ugly head in our nation. While most of these tragedies take place in commercial settings, churches and schools are not exempt as we all know too well. The Diocese of Raleigh created a position last summer within its Office of Education to guide the diocese and its parishes on how to keep the children and faculty/staff in our schools as safe as possible. We are fortunate that Bill Logallo, a parishioner, is serving in this position.

We have been studying our safety and security protocols for some time and have developed a plan and are implementing it to beef up our protocols, especially at our schools. A few examples include: enhanced door security, additional cameras installed, an updated P.A. system, and a Safety and Security Committee comprised of school faculty/staff and parents. You will also see a police officer occasionally at our weekend Masses, serving when they are available.

We have also been looking at the possibility of hiring a full-time safety and security director for our campus, working primarily with our two schools. Because we are a private school, we are ineligible to have a School Resource Officer. But we can hire a retired law enforcement officer for a comparable position. After assistance from Bill Logallo, we began a process of consultation with the staff of our schools and church, the Pastoral Council, the Finance Council, The Franciscan School Advisory Council, the St. Francis Preschool Council, and school parents to determine if this would be a good direction for us to pursue.

The discussion over the past couple of months has been very good. The reality of gun violence at schools is indeed a startling issue and some have been understandably anxious about having a plain clothes retired law enforcement officer who is licensed to carry a concealed weapon among our children. It has been edifying to learn that this anxiety has largely abated once people understand that this person will be thoroughly vetted and is not primarily present as a security guard but to be present to our children and staff as a friendly face and someone with whom they can interact in a positive and meaningful way who is also vigilant to their safety.

Having completed the consultation process and receiving an affirmative response to move forward, we will begin the vetting process to hire a Director of Safety and Security for our campus. This person will work primarily with our two school communities but, considering how our school communities are located around the campus at various times of the day/week, this person will become known to the entire community over time. This person will be on campus M-F with some flexible hours based on school activities outside of regular school hours. We'll update you when the hire is made so you may be aware of this individual's presence on our campus.

-Fr. Michael

## Fair Trade and Alternative Gifts Market

Saturday, November 11:

4:00pm - 5:30pm and 6:15pm - 7:30pm

Sunday, November 12:

8:00am - 9:00am, 9:45am - 11:45 am, 12:30pm - 2:00 pm,  
6:15pm - 8:00pm



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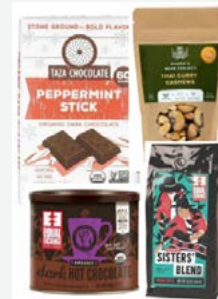
La Casa del Arte



Lumago Designs



Little Bethlehem Christian Group



Bull City Fair Trade



The Mighty River Project



Benevolence Farm



Pala Village

Purchase fair trade and alternative gifts from a variety of vendors that ensure fair wages and dignity for vulnerable people around the world. [Click here for more information](#). Contact JaVon Hansknecht, [javon.hansknecht@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:javon.hansknecht@stfrancisraleigh.org).

**TFS honored our vets on Friday in a ceremony which included talks to our students from several of our veterans. We Thank ALL our veterans for their service!**



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### For the Lord heareth the poor, and despiseth not his prisoners. Psalm 69:33

Our faith calls us to help the poor, the immigrant, the stranger, those who hunger and thirst, and the prisoner. As it relates to the latter, it is a delicate balance when considering societal ills, an imperfect criminal justice system, as well as...

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**Volunteer Spotlight:** [Marylou Holloway](#)



**November 11 - SFA Snippet: Helping a Family in Need:**

Shawn Subasic provides an overview of the work being done to help repair a family's home by St. Francis parishioners. [Click to watch.](#)

**November 11-12, 18-19 - Our Lady of the Rosary Food Drive**

Pick up a bag for the Our Lady of Rosary (OLR) food drive. We will be collecting your food donations the weekend of Sat. November 18 and Sun. November 19. Contact [tessferrer89@yahoo.com](mailto:tessferrer89@yahoo.com)

**November 12 - Always God's Children, 3:30pm**

A confidential setting for those who identify as LGBTQ+, along with family and friends. This gathering provides a safe place to pray together, share our experiences, and talk over our concerns.

Contact Kathy Sales, [kathy.sales@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:kathy.sales@stfrancisraleigh.org).

**Nov 14-21: Season 2 of "THE CHOSEN"**

**at St. Francis of Assisi** Every Tuesday 9:45am in the Padua Rm. Angel Studios-THE CHOSEN is the first ever multi-season series about the life of Christ. Contact Tina Morgan, [tandmmorgan@earthlink.net](mailto:tandmmorgan@earthlink.net).

**Nov 15 - 50+ Adult Group Potluck Lunch, 11:30am** Join us for our Monthly Potluck. If last names starts with, then bring

A thru C = Main Dish

D thru L = Dessert/bread

M thru Z = Salad/Side Dish

Coffee, soda, water provided. Contact Pat Gerney, [pgerney@gmail.com](mailto:pgerney@gmail.com).

**November 15 - Young Adult Ministry Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner and Discussion**

Come join other young adults on November 15th, 6-8pm, for our Thanksgiving potluck dinner; where we will enjoy wonderful food and great company! We will examine prayers and expressions of Thanksgiving from our faith as well as other cultures. Please sign up for a dish by [clicking here!](#) Contact [Brian.Herhold@gmail.com](mailto:Brian.Herhold@gmail.com)

**Nov 16 - Frozen Turkey Drive** From 7:30am – 12pm, we will be collecting frozen turkeys to benefit Passage Home. To donate, please bring your turkey to the Community Center parking lot, where a volunteer dressed in silly Turkey hats will pick it up right from your car! Thank you for your generous donations. Contact Ashley Watson, [ashley.watson@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:ashley.watson@stfrancisraleigh.org).

**Nov 18 - Corral Riding Academy Saturday on the Farm, 9:30am** CORRAL Riding Academy is a faith-motivated nonprofit that serves adolescent girls in high-risk situations through a long-term, holistic program of equine therapy and education. Join us as we do hands-on projects to support the Kildaire campus and have the opportunity to learn more about CORRAL's mission and programs! Families welcome! [Click here.](#) Contact Donna Schwede, [donna.schwede@gmail.com](mailto:donna.schwede@gmail.com)

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**Nov 19 Coffee and Donuts** - Please join us after the 9:00am Mass in Fellowship Hall for Coffee and Donuts. All families are encouraged to join and stop by for Faith Formation and special thanks to our LGBTQ+ ministry who will be providing hospitality. Questions, email Maggie Vladyka at [maggie.vladyka@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:maggie.vladyka@stfrancisraleigh.org).

**Dec 7 - Women's Ministry December Cookie Exchange and Social, 6:30pm.** Celebrate the spirit of the season at the Women's Ministry Cookie Exchange and Social on 12/7, 6:30-8:30pm. Exchanging cookies is optional! Bring the number of cookies that you'd like to go home with (split into bags of 6). We'll be collecting diapers for the January service opportunity. Register via Realm. Contact Jackie Schroeder, [schroederjackie@gmail.com](mailto:schroederjackie@gmail.com) [Parishioner Registration](#) / [Non-Parishioner](#)

**Through Dec 12: DivorceCare Fall Series, 6:00pm.** Don't go through the pain of separation or divorce alone. Join the Divorce-Care group where you'll find caring people who understand and provide practical counsel. [Register here.](#) Meets online weekly for group discussion and topical videos with experts. Contact Bill Morgan, [dejanuts@yahoo.com](mailto:dejanuts@yahoo.com)

**December 15 - Living Stations of the Creche, 6:30pm.** Come experience the living Stations of the Creche, Friday, December 15, 2023 6:30pm to 8:30pm. Celebrating the 800th year of St. Francis' living nativity of Jesus' birth. Contact James Wahl, [jim.wahl@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:jim.wahl@stfrancisraleigh.org).

**The Franciscan School - Faith - Academics - Service**

With the foundation of faith, academics and service at its core, The Franciscan School prepares confident, academically ready students who go out into the world ready for its challenges and always equipped to serve those in need! To learn more about The Franciscan School, [click here.](#)

**Feed the Need** - Our Feed the Need ministry provides temporary meal assistance to members of our community who are facing life transitions including job loss, new baby, grief, hospitalizations, illness etc. If you (or someone you know) would benefit from meals made with love during a life transition, please [click here](#) to complete the form, or email [feedtheneedsfa@gmail.com](mailto:feedtheneedsfa@gmail.com) and a ministry member will be in touch.

**Stephen Ministry** - The upcoming holidays can be filled with stress and anxiety. Stephen Ministers offer prayerful and emotional support by listening with their ears and hearts to your concerns. Email [stephen-ministry@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:stephen-ministry@stfrancisraleigh.org) or call 919-847-8205 x234 and leave a message. Contact Kathy Sales, [kathy.sales@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:kathy.sales@stfrancisraleigh.org).

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