

June 2, 2024

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ Corpus Christi

Daily Mass M-F: 9:00am in the Chapel
Weekend Mass Times: Saturday | 5:30pm
Sunday | 7:15 am, 9:00 am (also live streamed),
11:45 am, and 5:30 pm



A 5-YEAR PASTORAL PLAN FOR OUR PARISH COMMUNITY, PART 3:

Healthy organizations are known for having a vision and concrete steps to implement this vision. The same is true for a parish. Over the past year, several people have been working together to develop a five-year pastoral plan for our faith community which they completed in early May. Because the plan was just completed, well after budgets have been established for the new fiscal year that starts on July 1, and because there is a need for several groups of parishioners to be established and come together to brainstorm actions that will facilitate the accomplishment of this plan, the Pastoral Plan will begin on July 1, 2025 and will conclude on June 30, 2030.

Last week I presented the first of the three priorities of the plan. This week I would like to address the second of three priorities, its two goals, and three objectives. **Priority Two is: Because of who Christ is and what He has done for us, we are a joyful, listening, interdependent Catholic community of faith that fully engages with one another in ways that are welcoming, inclusive, respectful, and co-responsible. We seek to help each other grow in the light and joy of Christ through shared responsibility, engagement, and solidarity. Building community that leads to engagement by and among all** who are part of our St. Francis family is the heart of this priority.

The first goal is: *Cultivate a climate of hospitality that permeates every facet of parish life and increases opportunities to build friendships and strengthen bonds of community across generations. There are two objectives associated with this goal: 1) Create a Hospitality Committee composed of volunteers (particularly those with the charism of hospitality) that develops and continuously improves hospitality, liturgical ministry, and systems of welcome for new parishioners, new school parents, new employees, and visitors; and 2) Create a Belonging Committee composed of volunteers (particularly those with a charism of wisdom, knowledge, pastoring,*

and/or encouragement) that develops and continuously improves methods for creating and deepening a sense of belonging for all members of our community with particular attention to those on the margins.

We want to continue developing greater energy and enthusiasm for the spirit of hospitality for which our community is well known. We are particularly interested in strengthening our outreach to all newcomers and visitors and, for those who are already part of our community, a stronger sense of belonging so that those who are part of our faith family have a clear sense that their relationship with us matters because our relationship with them, as sisters and brothers in faith, matters.


The second goal is: *Invite and involve parishioners in all aspects of parish life. The objective of this goal is to: Create a Network Committee of volunteers to identify ways for parishioners to connect their interests, talents, skills, and charisms to ministries or the needs of others. If we take seriously the importance of welcoming and belonging, we believe this will motivate more of our members to become engaged in what we are about as a faith community. To make this engagement meaningful for them and those they serve, we want to help parishioners also to align their interests, talents, skills, and charisms by knowing what spiritual and natural gifts have been given to them and to empower them to use them to connect those interests, talents, skills, and charisms through networking.*

Each objective will have a group of parishioners who are committed to implementing the objective by developing action plans to concretely move the needle in a positive direction over the course of five years. An opportunity to be part of a group will occur in July-August. Stay tuned for an invitation to be part of the effort to help our parishioners build community, especially by and to our young adults and youth.

-Fr. Michael

SCAM ALERT:

Please be aware that a staff member of the parish, including the pastor, will never contact you via text message requesting assistance from you.

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

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The Catholic Community of St. Francis of Assisi - 11401 Leesville Rd - NC 27613 - Tel: 919-847-8205

Low Gluten hosts available at all Masses beginning June 1/2

Currently, Low Gluten hosts are available for those with a gluten intolerance to receive the Body of Christ with prior check-in with a hospitality coordinator. Beginning in June, you will not need to check in with a liturgical minister as we have a new vessel to safely use for low gluten hosts. Please process in the priest's line for communion and indicate that you require a low gluten host. Questions?

Kathy.Sales@stfrancisraleigh.org



[Click here for Mass Intentions](#)

There are many ways to give to St. Francis.



Scan the QR code to give

Text-to-Give: From your smartphone screen, create a new message. Click the "To:" field and enter 919-629-1199. Enter the dollar amount then tap the link to complete your gift. Register your credit/debit card.

To learn about all our giving options, [click here](#).

June 1-2 - Curbside Care Ministry Care Packages

Our Curbside Care Ministry provides care packages you can keep in your car to hand out when needed. Pickup from the Stewardship Center the first full weekend each month. Donate supplies or volunteer with this ministry at St. Francis serves. Contact Alyson Zwerneman, alysonzwerneman@gmail.com.

June 2 and 5 - Lector Formation and Training All lectors and those interested in becoming a lector are strongly encouraged to attend one of the upcoming formation and re-training sessions held on [Sunday, June 2](#) from 10:15a-12:15p or [Wednesday, June 5](#) from 6:30p-8:30p. Registration via Realm: Sunday, June 2nd or Wednesday, June 5th. Please contact Kathy Sales, kathy.sales@stfrancisraleigh.org. 919-847-8205x488

June 6 - Women's Ministry Happy Hour at Zinc House

6:30-8:30pm. Women's Ministry Summer Happy Hour Thursday June 6th, 6:30-8:30pm at ZincHouse Winery & Brewery (6225 Wake Forest Hwy, Durham). We'll provide light fare, fellowship and fun! Beverages and an on site food truck for purchase. We'll scope a spot, weather and space dependent; find us at the green balloons. [Register here](#).

June 6 - Daily Mass Coffee Connections! Join us Thursday, June 6 at 9:45am for Coffee after daily Mass in Padua. It will be a time to visit with fellow parishioners to celebrate as we continue to walk this journey of faith together as a community dedicated to our Franciscan heritage. Contact Stacey Shine, stacey.shine@stfrancisraleigh.org.

June 9 - Always God's Children

3:30-5:00pm. 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 Stacey Shine, stacey.shine@stfrancisraleigh.org.

June 9 - Want to Serve as a Wedding Coordinator?

If this sounds like a ministry you would like to join, please join us on Sunday, June 9 from 1-2pm. Contact Kathy Sales, kathy.sales@stfrancisraleigh.org. 919-847-8205x488. See display ad on page 3.

June 9 - Fr. Jim's 25th Anniversary

Fr. Jim's 25th Anniversary: Join us on Sunday, June 9 between 10am-11:45am in Clare Fellowship Hall to celebrate Fr. Jim's 25th Anniversary of his ordination. If you would like to volunteer to bring food, please scan the QR code or [link here](#). Contact stacey.shine@stfrancisraleigh.org. See ad on page 3.

Support our Local Parishioner-Owned Businesses

Parishioner Owned Businesses Ad Page

To advertise email: diogenes.ruiz@stfrancisraleigh.org
Link: <https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/parishioner-businesses/>

June 10-14, June 17-21, July 8-12, July 15-19, July 22-26

Camp Francis is our popular summer camp, and has lots of cool opportunities in athletics, technologies, arts and various enrichment areas! Camps are half day or full day based on age for the 2024-2025 school year. (Rising K-Rising 8th grade) Contact Ashley Watson, Ashley.Watson@stfrancisraleigh.org Contact Phone 919-847-8205 ext. 444
Registration Link: <https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/camp-francis/>

Camp Francis Explorers Counselors in Training

An opportunity for teens (rising 9th-12th grade) interested in developing leadership skills and working with children. They will work with other C.I.T.s and Camp Staff. They are to look at themselves as role models for the campers they will be working with. For information and to apply. Contact Ashley Watson, Ashley.Watson@stfrancisraleigh.org.

June 15-16 - LGBTQ+ Ministry 25th Anniversary

The LGBTQ+ Ministry of St Francis is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year. Members of the ministry will be in the Welcome Center after Mass on June 15-16. Please stop by to learn about the impact the ministry has had on members of our parish and the wider Raleigh community. Contact stacey.shine@stfrancisraleigh.org.

June 17 - 21 Mercy Camp

8:00am-3:00pm . Rising 6th – 9th graders!
Come join us for Mercy Camp!

July 8 - 12 Mission Mercy

8:30am-9:00pm. Rising 10th graders through College Freshmen!
Join us for Mission Mercy!

For more information and to register for Mercy Camp or Mission Mercy visit: <https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/service-camps/>
Contact Becky Cawley, becky.cawley@stfrancisraleigh.org.

June 25 - Pitch In for Charity and support Catholic Charities

6:30pm. Durham Bulls at Durham Bulls Athletic Park. Each ticket purchased through Catholic Charities link will support our neighbors in need. [Pitch 4 Charity](#). Contact Malcolm.Nicol@ccharitiesdor.org. 984-900-3116

July 19-21 - Ayuda Matrimonial - Retrouvaille (pronunciado retro-vi) ha ayudado a decenas de miles de parejas en todas las etapas de desilusión o miseria en su matrimonio. Este programa también puede ayudarte a ti. Para obtener información confidencial o inscribirse en el programa de verano en español que comienza con un fin de semana del 19 al 21 de julio, llame al 305-915-4607 (español e inglés) o envíe un correo electrónico a: retrovaille Raleigh@gmail.com o visite el sitio web en HelpOurMarriage.com.

Funerals at St. Francis

Would you like to be notified in advance of upcoming funerals at St. Francis? If so, please contact Joan Port, joankport@gmail.com and include "Funeral Notices" in the subject line.

Employment Opportunities:

[Preschool Teacher Assistant \(Part-time\) – two-year old classrooms.](#)
[Preschool Before and After school program workers.](#) [Coordinator or Cross Step Program.](#) [Preschool 3 year old TA.](#) [Middle School Formation Coordinator](#) See our website: <https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/jobs/>
Contact Trish Adamkowski, trish.adamkowski@stfrancisraleigh.org

If you can't access information through the hyperlink because you do not use the internet, please call the office to get information. (919) 847-8205



Attention All Happily Married Couples!

We are in great need of mentor couples to meet with newly engaged couples as part of their marriage prep!

What: Mentor couples meet with newly engaged couples to walk with them to help nurture a deep and lasting marriage, foster their relationship with Christ and provide a sense of belonging in our SFA community.

Who: Mentor couples are couples with a perfect marriage-Just Kidding! Mentor couples are living out the vocation of marriage as best as they can. Mentor couples can be interfaith but must have been married in the church.

When: Mentor couples meet with each couple 2-3 times in the months before their wedding to facilitate deeper communication between the couple around the results of a marriage prep survey.

How: Two training sessions will be offered with ongoing support for all mentor couples

For more information or to sign up for training in July (more info soon!), please email Kathy at kathy_sales@stfrancisraleigh.org



Happy 25th Anniversary



Father Jim

Join us on Sunday, June 9th following 9am Mass to help us celebrate Father Jim's 25th Anniversary of becoming a priest.

[Sign up here to bring something to share!](#) or scan the QR Code.



Godspeed Monsignor Michael Clay

Monsignor Michael Clay came to St. Francis Parish at a uniquely challenging time. The Friars had chosen to withdraw in December of 2019, effective in the summer of 2020, and Bishop Zarama assigned Monsignor Clay as pastor. Having been established as a Franciscan-led parish shortly after its founding, the friars' withdrawal after 32 years of service shocked many in the community. Coming from Catholic University, Michael Clay was... [more](#)

[Volunteer Spotlight: Mary Cockrill](#)



Wedding Coordinators Needed!!

Do you enjoy helping others? Do you love weddings, but don't want the stress of having to plan one yourself? If you answered Yes, then this is the ministry for you!

What does a Wedding Coordinator Do?

- Contacts the bride two weeks before the wedding to confirm wedding details and last minute reminders
- Assists at wedding rehearsals on Friday evenings (1 hour) and is present on Saturday for one hour before the wedding to assist the wedding party with any needs and to get down the aisle! Commitment is 1.25 hour on Saturdays
- Training is provided and all volunteers assist around their schedule, approx. 1 time a month

If this sounds like a ministry you would like to join please join us on Sunday, June 9th from 1pm-2pm in the Anthony Conference Room

Kathy Sales
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St. Francis Minute with Kathy Sales



Click to view - 1 min.

We Need You

There are a number of ways to become involved and help support our celebration of the Mass.

As liturgy is the "work of the people," we are in need of liturgical ministers in all areas.

[Click here for the Interest Form](#) or scan the QR Code



Lector Training

Sunday, June 2nd 10:15am - 12:15pm in Founders
Wednesday, June 5th 6:30pm - 8:30pm in Fellowship

Please fill out the Interest Form before attending the training. Thank you!

WEDDING COORDINATOR

CROSS BEARER
(AGES 14+ YEARS)

EUCHARIST MINISTER

HOSPITALITY MINISTER
(GREAT FAMILY OPTION)

ADULT AND YOUTH LECTOR
(AGES 13+ YEARS)

MASS COORDINATOR

TECHNICAL MINISTER



Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministers offer prayerful and emotional support by listening with their ears and hearts to your concerns. If you are in need of a Stephen Minister email stephenministry@stfrancisraleigh.org or call 919-847-8205 x234 or contact Stacey Shine, stacey.shine@stfrancisraleigh.org.

Celebrating Long-Time Parishioner, Slavizza's 100th Birthday



The 50+ Club celebrated Slavizza's 100th Birthday in Clare Fellowship Hall last Wednesday. **HAPPY BIRTHDAY, SLAVIZZA!**