



A 5-YEAR PASTORAL PLAN FOR OUR PARISH COMMUNITY, PART 4:

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 second of the three priorities of the plan. This week I would like to address the third and final priority, its two goals, and three objectives. **Priority Three** is: **As Christians inspired to share the Good News, our love for the poor and each other, dignity for the marginalized, care for the human family and our planet, and love for salvation are our way of life. We do this because of Christ, thereby creating opportunities to inspire others to encounter Him with us.** As the Lord's disciples on mission, our faith cannot be exclusively focused inwardly. As a parish under the patronage of St. Francis, we are especially called to go out and serve those on the margins as well as promote the care of our common home, the earth. All this is done as a way to proclaim the importance of salvation Christ brought to us and in imitation of Him, especially as it was exemplified by St. Francis and his methods of evangelization.

The first goal is: *Form a community where parishioners are spiritually awakened to live their faith lives and desire to answer the call to share this Good News with others.* There are **two objectives** associated with this goal: 1) *Educate/inform/invite parishioners from both schools and the church to explore and develop adult faith formation groups and studies where people can grow in their understanding of the Gospel, Church teaching, and*

how to live the Christian life. The days of cultural Catholicism are over in the U.S. wherein one lived and practiced their faith because they were born into it. We must be intentional about awakening our spiritual family to the significance of being a Catholic and why it is a way of life that enriches and strengthens both us and others. We will focus on adult formation because we are learning that many adults' formation ended when they were confirmed and there is so much they are missing that can be so beneficial to them and others, especially those who are raising children.


2) *Encourage, increase the visibility of, advocate for, and embrace the leadership of women in the Church in light of the Synodal Process (i.e., staying open to the wisdom, experience, and insights of women).* As a parish noted for its inclusion, it is especially important that women be included in all aspects of parish life and to advocate for their increased leadership in the Church.

The second goal is: **Know, embrace, and live the principles of Catholic Social Teaching (i.e., life and the dignity of the human person, family life and social participation, rights and responsibilities, care for the poor and vulnerable, dignity of work and workers' rights, and care of creation).** This has been an important dimension of our community's life for several decades. Helping more people, especially our younger members, know, embrace, and live the teaching of the Church expressed in its doctrinal social beliefs cannot be overlooked. In fact, it needs to be emphasized even more as we become more individualistically and inwardly oriented as a society. The **objective** of this goal is *to educate/inform/invite parishioners into understanding and living Catholic Social Teaching in the areas of liturgy, formation, TFS, and the Preschool through engagement, involvement, and communication. One particularly helpful*

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SCAM ALERT:

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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 click the [link here](#). Contact 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 in Founders Room. Contact Kathy Sales, kathy.sales@stfrancisraleigh.org. 919-847-8205x488. See display ad on page 4.

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.



Explore all the Volunteer Opportunities at St. Francis through St. Francis Serves

[Click here for volunteer ministry and service, St. Francis Serves.](#)

Contact Dina DaRe at dina.dare@stfrancisraleigh.org.

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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 18 - Laudato Si in a Year 7-8pm, 3rd Tuesday every month. 'Laudato Si' Encyclical in a Year' is for those who have not read the encyclical or who desire a better understanding in anticipation of its Jubilee Year and the 800th Anniversary of the 'Canticle of the Creatures'. Meet by Zoom on the 3rd Tuesday of the month 7-8 pm ET. To join or for further information email: socialconcern@hnojnc. Contact Monica Kleimeyer, Mitzkleimeyer@gmail.com.

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

June 25 - Mystical Hope Book Study 7:00-8:30pm. Beginning 6/25, engage in contemplative dialogue on Mystical Hope:Trusting in the Mercy of God by Cynthia Bourgeault, a book for people yearning for good news. Find our way to hope that does not disappoint or fail. [Click here to register in Realm](#) for virtual study on 2nd & 4th Tuesdays from 7-8:30pm. Contact Lori Zagiba, lorizagiba@gmail.com.

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.

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/>

July 13 - Women's Ministry Yoga and Breakfast 9:00-11:00am.

Join the Women's Ministry for a morning of yoga, breakfast and community! We will be meeting in Fellowship Hall for a 45 minute beginner yoga class followed by a prayerful meditation, food and fellowship! Please bring your water bottle, yoga mat and your own coffee/tea cups. Contact sfawomensministry@gmail.com with questions. [Register here](#).

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: retrouvailเลอร์aleigh@gmail.com o visite el sitio web en HelpOurMarriage.com.

June 25-Aug 15 - Tutors Needed -The Education Committee of St. Francis of Assisi (programs operated by Wake Together).

You can start working this summer as a volunteer for 2nd through 5th grade students. For more information contact k.llewellyn@helpingeducation.org or via phone at 1-833-726-8855x714. The time commitment includes 4 hours of online training at your convenience and one hour a week meeting virtually with students from June 25-Aug. 15.

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.

Catholic Charities - Home Repair Program

Volunteers are needed for multi-day trips (3-7 days) to build a tiny home in the Cape Fear Region for a Hurricane Florence survivor. Volunteer housing, tools/equipment, and supportive instructions for all experience levels will be provided! [Learn more about this build here!](#) Please reach out to CC directly with questions. Contact Daniel Altenau, Daniel.Altenu@cccharitiesdor.org.

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.

Geraldine Pfeiffer- June 14th- 1pm-Chapel

[Click here for Mass Intentions](#)

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



Happy Anniversary Father Jim

Everyone knows Father Jim. If they don't, he will leave an impression soon after the first time they meet him or see him say mass. As those who work closely with him say, "Father Jim's compassion, humility, authenticity, inclusivity, sense of humor, spiritual guidance, and accessibility contribute to his popularity at St. Francis of Assisi, endearing him to parishioners and making him a beloved figure within the community." But as we celebrate his 25th anniversary as a priest, we discover.... [More](#)

[Volunteer Spotlight: Jim Sutton](#)

yoga breakfast
with women's ministry
Saturday July 13
9 to 11 am

Register in Realm

'Laudato Si Encyclical in a Year'

Every 3rd Tuesday of the month starting May 21 by
Zoom 7-8pm ET
OR
through Flocknote text/email



From NC Catholics Caring for our Common Home and HNOJ Laudato Si' Circle

JUNE OFFERTORY

CHALLENGE

Donor will match up to \$35K

One of our generous families has stepped forward to offer the following challenge to the Parish. During the month of June, **They will match any additional Offertory Donations, dollar for dollar, up to \$35K.** Eligible donations may be made thru Faith Direct using the "June Offertory Challenge" appeal option or by writing a check with "June Offertory Challenge" on the memo line.

Thank you for your donation!

STACEY.SHINE@STFRANCISRALEIGH.ORG



SCAN TO GIVE

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This Weekend!



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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 919-847-8205 x488

way to do this is by reviewing and implementing our current *Laudato Si* Action Plan on a parish-wide scale. In 2022, a parish assembly brought parishioners together to learn more about Pope Francis' doctrinal encyclical, *Laudato Si* (On the Care of our Common Home). An action plan was developed but has remained largely inert. The pastoral plan calls for it to be understood and implemented along with all other doctrinal beliefs contained in our Social Teaching.

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 become 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



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!

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

A CONTEMPLATIVE CONVERSATION

[Click here to register in Realm](#) ON Contact lorizagiba@gmail.com.

MYSTICAL HOPE BY CYNTHIA BOURGEAULT

Online Meetings begin in June
 2nd and 4th Tuesdays
 7 to 8:30 pm



St. Vincent dePaul helps people in need.
<https://youtu.be/ZXdYulrtPVE>

[Click here to learn about SVdP.](#)
 Visit the SVdP Facebook page.
 Visit the SVdP website.
 Contact Cathy Smith, smithcr@gmail.com.

Bishop's Annual Appeal

The following are the BAA totals for our Parish as reported by the Diocese

| | 2024 Campaign (5/30/24) | | 2023 Campaign (6/1/23) | |
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| Goal: | \$473,612 | | \$473,565 | |
| Pledge Total: | \$448,703 | 94.7% | \$440,547 | 93.0% |
| Received Total: | \$411,619 | 86.9% | \$399,743 | 84.4% |
| Participating Families: | 1000 | 18.5% | 1083 | 19.7% |
| Total Families: | 5,400 | | 5,500 | |
| To-Go: | \$24,909 | TYT we are ahead on giving but falling behind on participation. | | |



Go to givetobaa.org and follow the prompts to make a one-time donation, set up a pledge or become a SUSTAINER with a recurring gift. Make sure to select Saint Francis of Assisi as your parish affiliation. [Click here to give](#). Contact Stacey Shine, stacey.shine@stfrancisraleigh.org.