

Meet Fr. Chris Koehn, Our New Pastor

St. Francis TV Episode 40

Premieres
Saturday,
July 20 at 8:00pm
on the parish
YouTube Channel

Don't miss it!

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This ELF Isn't For The Shelf!

To quote Pope Francis' reflection on Saint Francis in *Laudato Si'*, the Pope's encyclical on "Care for our Common Home," he says, "Saint Francis is the example par excellence of care for the vulnerable and an integral ecology lived out joyfully and authentically. He is the patron saint of all who study and work in ecology and is loved (for his legacy) by Christians and non-Christians. He was particularly concerned for God's creation and the poor and outcast. He shows us how inseparable the bond is between concern for nature, justice for the poor, commitment to society, and interior peace."

Our patron inspires us to be mindful of our impact on the world, and our parishioner, Rob Cotter, has taken that to heart. However, [more...](#)

Volunteer Spotlight: Michael & Julie Ducatte

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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.

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: retrouvaille@stfrancisraleigh.org o visite el sitio web en HelpOurMarriage.com.

July 20-28 Back to School Drive
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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, 919-847-8205X444 Registration Link: <https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/camp-francis/>

July 28 - Loaves and Fishes: Formation & A Call To Action
Event attendees after the 9:00am Mass are welcome to bring donated food items such as: canned tuna or chicken, rice (1lb), canned pasta sauce, pasta (1lb), personal hygiene items including diapers of all sizes.) that will go to Catholic Parish Outreach, Our Lady of the Rosary, and Interfaith Food Shuttle. Mark & Theresa Baumgartner, JaVon Hansknecht, and Jay Landry will lead this event.



[Click to watch short video for details](#)

July 31 - Thinking of Becoming Catholic? Come & See
Contact Jay Landry, jay.landry@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/>

August 11 and 13 Annual Mass Volunteer Training

Are you a current Eucharistic Minister (EM) or Master of Ceremonies (MC)? Would you like to become one? If so, please sign up for one of the required training dates below.

[Sunday, August 11](#)

[EM Training: 1-2pm, MC Training: 1-3pm](#)

[Tuesday, August 13](#)

[EM Training: 6:30-7:30pm, MC Training: 6:30-8:30pm](#)

Contact kathy.sales@stfrancisraleigh.org.

August 17 and 18 Welcome Fr. Chris Reception

Join us as we welcome Fr. Chris to our community on **Saturday, August 17 at 6:30pm and Sunday, August 18 at 10am.** Please sign up to bring food on St. Francis Serves.

[Click here.](#)

August 17 and 18 Tech Ministry Training

We need at least fifteen people to step forward and share their technical skills and gifts. Training on our new sound and video equipment will be before and during all Masses on 8/17 and 8/18. Contact Jim Wahl at jim.wahl@stfrancisraleigh.org for more information.

August 22 - Documentary & Discussion: Preserving our Planet.

Thursday, August 22 7-9pm Founder's Room. Join us to watch The Minimalists: Less is Now and an animated short on the Pope's Laudato Si. Panel presentation followed by small group discussions, then learn about opportunities to engage. Refreshments served. [Click here to sign up on Realm.](#) Contact Heather Scanlon 7scanlons@gmail.com.

August 24-25 Ministry Fair - After ALL Masses

We invite you to attend our Annual Ministry Fair in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, August 24, and Sunday, August 25, following all Masses. This event offers a unique opportunity to meet with ministry leaders and discover the many ways you can become actively involved in our parish community. See you at the fair!

September 15 and 29 - Synodal Listening Sessions. Join us for Synodal Listening Sessions after the 9 am Mass, Sundays. We embrace Pope Francis' call to become a Church that listens to the needs of everyone. Contact Jay Landry, jay.landry@stfrancisraleigh.org.

Employment Opportunities:

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



Welcome FATHER CHRIS

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St. Vincent dePaul

helps people in need.

<https://youtu.be/4qHxd8qG8aU>

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Visit the SVdP [Facebook page.](#)

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Contact Cathy Smith,

[smithtcr@gmail.com.](mailto:smithtcr@gmail.com)

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 stacey.shine@stfrancisraleigh.org or call 919-847-8205x234 .

WELCOME HOSTS NEEDED!

Are you outgoing and friendly? We're looking for enthusiastic individuals to serve as Welcome Hosts at our weekend Masses! Your role will be to greet parishioners warmly and answer any questions they may have before and after Mass in the Welcome Center.

Contact: Stacey Shine
stacey.shine@stfrancisraleigh.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.

[Click here for
Mass Intentions](#)



BACK TO SCHOOL DRIVE

JULY 20-28

We will be collecting school supply donations in the Welcome Center.



Supplies List



Volunteer Opportunities

2023-2024 Fiscal Year Offertory Status		
June Total	Year to Date	Budget Goal
\$366,426.61	\$4,201,802.81	\$4,196,509.05
Growth %	4.1%	4.0%
Exceeding the year's budget plan by:		\$5,293.76

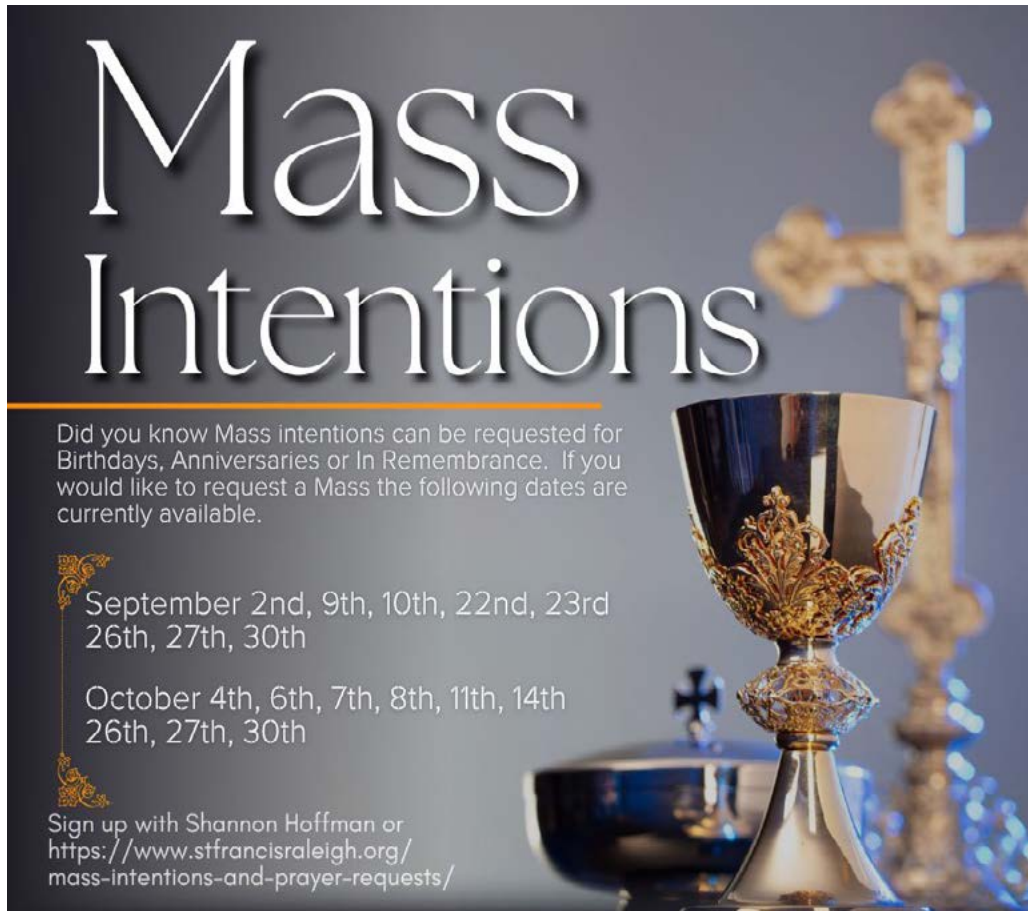
Financial Factoid: Due to the tremendous response to the June Offertory Challenge, we were able to close the Offertory forecasted gap and exceeded our year end goal by over \$5,000. Thank you to the family who established the Challenge, and all of you who responded.

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.



Mass Intentions

Did you know Mass intentions can be requested for Birthdays, Anniversaries or In Remembrance. If you would like to request a Mass the following dates are currently available.

September 2nd, 9th, 10th, 22nd, 23rd
26th, 27th, 30th

October 4th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 11th, 14th
26th, 27th, 30th

Sign up with Shannon Hoffman or
<https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/mass-intentions-and-prayer-requests/>