


# Camp Francis Highlights



We are wrapping up a fun filled 5 weeks of Camp Francis where we had over 350 campers who attended 30+ camps. The kids did everything from shooting off rockets to learning how to survive in the wilderness to building LEGO Robotics to fun art projects and so much more! It's going to be quiet around the community center with out all the smiling happy campers. We cant wait for Camp Francis 2025!

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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 20-28 Back to School Drive

We will be collecting school supply donations in the Welcome Center  
[Click here for the supplies list](#)

### July 28 - Loaves and Fishes: Formation & A Call To Action

Event attendees after the 9:00am Mass are welcome to bring donated food items to Fellowship Hall, such as: empty boxes (all sizes), 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. 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](mailto:jay.landry@stfrancisraleigh.org).

### August 11 and 13 Annual Mass Volunteer Training

Are you a current Eucharistic Minister (EM) or Mass Coordinator (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](mailto:kathy.sales@stfrancisraleigh.org).

### Support our Local Parishioner-Owned Businesses

#### [Parishioner Owned Businesses Ad Page](#)

To advertise email: [diogenes.ruiz@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:diogenes.ruiz@stfrancisraleigh.org)

Link: <https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/parishioner-businesses/>

### 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](#). See pg 4

### 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](mailto:jim.wahl@stfrancisraleigh.org) for more information.

### August 22 - Documentary & Discussion: Preserving our Planet.

See ad on page 3.

### Helping Education: Info Session (Tutoring), 10-11am.

The Office of Justice and Peace's Education Issues Committee encourages you to attend an informative gathering to learn about the volunteer needs for reading tutors in the WCPSS elementary schools, through Helping Education! Help support the young citizenry of our county as they strive to become proficient readers. Contact [ppeeroutky@gmail.com](mailto:ppeeroutky@gmail.com). [Click here to register](#).

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:trish.adamkowski@stfrancisraleigh.org)



### 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](#)**

# God has GREAT plans for YOU

START BY BECOMING A EUCHARISTIC MINISTER  
CONTACT KATHY SALES FOR MORE INFORMATION

[Kathy.Sales@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:Kathy.Sales@stfrancisraleigh.org)

**Meet Fr. Chris Koehn  
Our New Pastor**



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**St. Vincent dePaul**

helps people in need.

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Contact Cathy Smith,

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

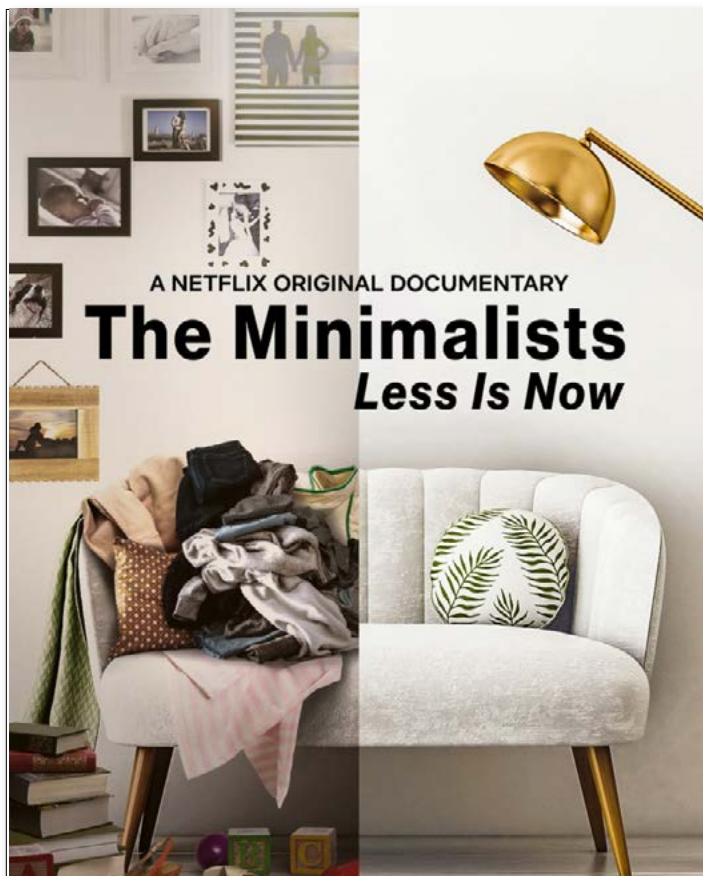
**Stephen Ministry**

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](mailto:stephenministry@stfrancisraleigh.org) or [stacey.shine@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:stacey.shine@stfrancisraleigh.org), or call 919-847-8205x234 .

**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](mailto:joankport@gmail.com) and include "Funeral Notices" in the subject line.

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**August 22  
Documentary & Discussion:  
Preserving our Planet.**

Thursday, August 22 7-9pm  
in 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](mailto:7scanlons@gmail.com).

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Connecting Parishioners to Events and Volunteer Opportunities





## 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](mailto:stacey.shine@stfrancisraleigh.org)


# 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/>




## Welcome FATHER CHRIS

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Food!**