

**DID YOU  
KNOW..**

**FAIR MARKET RENT IN WAKE COUNTY HAS  
INCREASED 52% IN THE LAST 5 YEARS?**

**ONE WAKE** HAS LAUNCHED AN AMBITIOUS HOMEOWNERSHIP TO EQUITY CAMPAIGN TO MAKE AN IMPACT ON A GRAND SCALE, ENVISIONING 1,000 NEW AFFORDABLE RENTAL UNITS, AND 1,000 AFFORDABLE HOMES!


**ON OCTOBER 10TH**, ONE WAKE MEMBERS PLAN TO PRESENT CANDIDATES FOR RALEIGH CITY COUNCIL AND WAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONER WITH **10,000 SIGNATURES** ON A PETITION IN SUPPORT OF THIS VISION.

**ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI HAS PLEDGED 750 SIGNATURES** AND OUR ASSEMBLY PARTICIPATION TO PUT OUR LOVE IN ACTION ADDRESSING THE LOCAL AFFORDABLE HOUSING CRISIS. WILL YOU JOIN?

SIGN THE ONLINE PETITION IN SUPPORT OF  
**AFFORDABLE HOUSING!**



**CLICK THIS IMAGE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT ONE WAKE'S CAMPAIGN!**

A click away  If you are receiving a paper copy, visit the parish website at [www.stfrancisraleigh.org](http://www.stfrancisraleigh.org).

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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.



### Supporting The Mission

As with any family or business, churches have expenses and depend upon their parishioners for support of their mission. Hard costs such as utilities, personnel, mortgages, and maintenance are similar to those of other organizations, but churches have a higher calling. While the offertory graciously given by parishioners funds these necessary costs, including paying off our mortgages over the past several years, St. Francis of Assisi Parish strives to use these generously provided funds to “give back” by ‘tithing.’ Tithing is a biblical practice of giving 10% of one’s income or resources to support the church’s work. [More...](#)

### Volunteer Spotlight: Nancy Falanga

#### August 3/4 - 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 Welcome Center the first full weekend each month. Donate supplies or volunteer with this ministry at St. Francis serves. Contact Alyson Zwerneman, [alysonzwerneman@gmail.com](mailto:alysonzwerneman@gmail.com).

#### August 18 - Abolish the Death Penalty

The SFA Pen Pal Ministry and Catholics for Abolition in North Carolina (CANC) invite you to “Time is Running Out” sponsored by NCCADP. August 18 from 3:30 to 5:30pm at the Church on Morgan, Raleigh. Click link for Details / registration. Contact Paul Wilson, [wilsonpf99@gmail.com](mailto:wilsonpf99@gmail.com).

#### 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).

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

See ad on page 3.

#### August 11 - Always God’s Children

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 at [stacey.shine@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:stacey.shine@stfrancisraleigh.org).

#### Helping Education: Info Session (Tutoring)

The Education Issues Committee encourages you to attend an informative gathering in August or September 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 [pperoutky@gmail.com](mailto:pperoutky@gmail.com). Register [August](#) or [September](#). Contact [pperoutky@gmail.com](mailto:pperoutky@gmail.com).

#### 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 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!

#### 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.

#### 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).

#### August 18 - CPO Children’s Clothing Collection

CPO is in need of children’s clothing. We accept size infant through 5. Boys and girls size 3 through 5 are in short supply. Clothes can be left in CPO bins in Clare Hall. Contact Sue Hand, [sgnraleigh@aol.com](mailto:sgnraleigh@aol.com).

#### St Francis Youth Basketball League

Join us for the 34rd season of the St. Francis Youth Basketball League. This program is open to girls and boys grades 1 thru 8. Registration is NOW open! [Regular registration](#) ends Sept.19 and late registration runs thru October 3. Contact Mary Arleth, [mary.arleth@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:mary.arleth@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/>

#### Employment Opportunities:

[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)

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

## BAPTISM MINISTRY FACILIATORS NEEDED

We are looking for adult volunteers to assist with our Baptism Prep Classes.

Help welcome new parents and facilitate small group discussions based on the presenter's questions.

Training sessions are available!

For more information please contact Karin Kuropas at [kkuropas@gmail.com](mailto:kkuropas@gmail.com)

# 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 23rd

October 6th, 17th, 20th, 22nd, 28th, 29th 30th

November 3rd, 10th, 12th, 14th, 17th, 22nd, 25th, 27th, 29th

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



### 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.

[Click here for Mass Intentions](#)

Due to the size of our parish, submitted names for the Intercessions for the sick will be limited to two weeks effective September 1, 2024.

Please see the several opportunities below that our parish community offers for prayer and support for those who are injured, sick or in need of additional prayers:

Prayer Line: We have dedicated daily pray-ers for your intention.

Eucharistic Ministers to the homebound: Contact Shannon Hoffman, [shannon.hoffman@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:shannon.hoffman@stfrancisraleigh.org) for more information.

Rosary Ministry: Members prayer for the petitions and intentions of our parishioners.

Additonal Pastoral Care Minintries



### St. Vincent dePaul

helps people in need. <https://youtu.be/4qHxd8qG8aU>

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

## GETCONNECTED

Connecting Parishioners to Events and Volunteer Opportunities



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THROUGHOUT YOUR  
NEIGHBORHOOD

CARE FOR CREATION CORNER

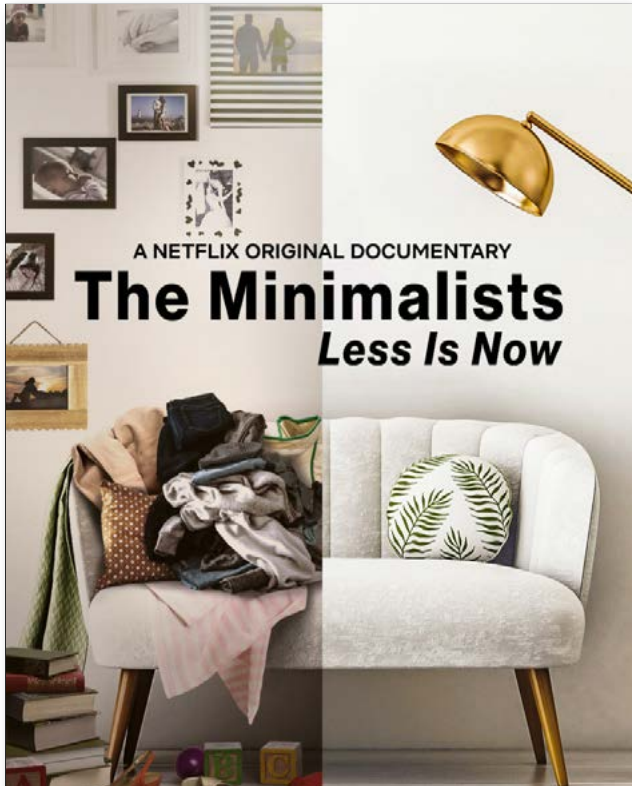
WE'VE  
SAVED  
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WATER  
BOTTLES



# 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)



A NETFLIX ORIGINAL DOCUMENTARY

# The Minimalists

## Less Is Now



# Welcome FATHER CHRIS

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.



Scan to Bring Food!

**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).

## There are many ways to give to St. Francis



**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](#).



# 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)