



SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY MASS

Come celebrate this feast with our SFA family on August 15th! We will have three Masses: 9:00am (with the TFS students present), 11:45am, and 7:00pm.


Contact kathy.sales@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 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/>




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.



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



GET CONNECTED

Connecting Parishioners to Events and Volunteer Opportunities

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 *This Weekend!*

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 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.

August 15 - Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass

See page 1.

August 17 and 18 Welcome Fr. Chris Reception

Join us as we welcome. See pg 1.

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 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, sghnraleigh@aol.com.

August 18 - Abolish the Death Penalty

Join SFA Pen-Pal Ministry, Catholics for Abolition in NC (CANC) and NCCADP on August 18th at the Church on Morgan, Raleigh from 3:30 to 5:00 PM. for "Time is Running Out". Program information and registration : [Events from August 7 – May 7, 2025 \(nccadp.org\)](#). Contact Paul Wilson, wilsonpf99@gmail.com.

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.

August 24-25 Ministry Fair - After ALL Masses

See 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/>

Walking with Purpose Bible Study: Touching the Divine

September 4 - AM Study: Weds AM, 10-12 in Padua starting 9/4

September 19 - PM Study Thurs PM, 7-8:30 in Anthony starting 9/19

Join Women's Ministry for Touching the Divine, a Walking with Purpose Bible Study. This study focuses on the many qualities of Jesus revealed through the Gospel of John. It draws us into deeper, loving relationship with Jesus as we reflect on His life, personality and true satisfaction for our soul. Contact Jess Kelly, sfawomensministry@gmail.com.

September 10 - DivorceCare Fall Series

6:00-7:30pm. You don't need to go through the pain of separation or divorce alone. With DivorceCare you'll find caring and supportive people who understand the emotional turmoil and pain. Meets weekly in the Padua Room of the Community Center/Gym. [Register here](#). Contact Bill Morgan, dejanuts@yahoo.com.

September 10 - Grief's Journey-Coping with loss of a loved one,

10:30am-12:00pm every Tuesday in Anthony Hall Conference Room.

A seven week series offering hope following the loss of a loved one through death. A safe place to share your journey and to learn from others. Intended for those who are three months or more after a death of their loved one. Contact: dina.dare@stfrancisraleigh.org. [Register here](#).

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.

September 19 Regular Registration ends for the

St Francis Youth Basketball League Join us for the 34th 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.

September 21 - Sacred Silence: An Invitation

Join the Women's Ministry on Saturday, 9/21 for our fall retreat: Sacred Silence: An Invitation. Experience what can happen when we spend quiet time recognizing Christ's presence within and all around us. We'll conclude the day with Adoration and experience Christ present to us in the consecrated host. [Click here to register](#).

Contact Rosemary Czejkowski, czejkowskir@gmail.com.

There are many ways to give to St. Francis



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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](#).

Employment Opportunities:

[TFS Media Specialist, Coordinator of Cross Step Program.](#)

[Middle School Formation Coordinator](#)

See our website: <https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/jobs/>

Contact Trish Adamkowski, trish.adamkowski@stfrancisraleigh.org

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Find Your Purpose
SFA Ministries

St. Francis of Assisi

Ministry Fair

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 24 and 25

Fellowship Hall | After each Mass

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](#)

St. Vincent dePaul helps people in need.
<https://stfrancissvdp.org/blog/>
Visit the SVdP [Facebook page](#).
[Click the SVdP Website to learn more.](#)

Contact Cathy Smith, smithcr@gmail.com.



Join us to mark 18 years since NC's last execution

Time's Running Out: Commute Death Row!

Sunday, August 18th, 2024
 136 E Morgan St., Raleigh NC
 3:30 to 5:00pm

Come hear Rev. Risher's powerful story and the debut of a new song and poem written for this event! Following the one-hour program, we'll walk 3 blocks to the gates of Governor Cooper's mansion to deliver our strongest message yet: Commute death row now!



Rev. Sharon Risher
Author & Murder Victim
Family Member



Nick Courmon
NCCADP Community Engagement
Coordinator & Spoken Word Artist



Britton Buchanan

Register for more info:
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Safe Environment Level C Renewals
Are you returning to volunteer ministry with children and youth? Every Wednesday emails have been going out from techsupport@dioceseof-raleigh.safeenvironment.org to remind existing volunteers to update their safe environment compliance. If you have not gotten this email, please contact Safe@stfrancisraleigh.org. Thank you for being active in our ministries! Contact trish.adamkowski@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. Register [August](#) or [September](#). Contact pperoutky@gmail.com.

BAPTISM MINISTRY FACILITATORS 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

Due to the size of our parish, submitted names for the Intercessions of the sick will be limited to 2 weeks, beginning Sunday, September 1st

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 for more information.

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

Additional Pastoral Care Ministries



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

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

Kathy.Sales@stfrancisraleigh.org

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!**



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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.