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Find Your Purpose
SFA Ministries

This Weekend!



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



The Youth Advisory Council, Engaging the Future

St. Francis of Assisi Parish has many councils that serve as resources and advisors to the parish leadership. They exist to assist our Pastor, the TFS Principal, the Preschool Director, and the Justice and Peace Director with short and long-term policies and concerns of the Parish, the Franciscan School, and the Preschool. These consultative bodies [More...](#)

Volunteer Spotlight: Mae Villanueva

book of REVELATION

Join us for a Discipleship Study of one of the most hopeful and creative books of the Bible: The Book of Revelation. Is it about Armageddon and the end of the world? Or, is it God's loving call for us to turn back to God by following Christ?

Tues Evenings, 7-8:30PM (9/10-10/29)

or

Weds Mornings, 10:30AM-noon (9/11-10/30)

Led by Jay Landry,
Director of Evangelization & Faith Formation,
St. Francis of Assisi Parish

Sign up on Realm
Contact Jay Landry, jay.landry@stfrancisraleigh.org

A click away  If you are receiving a paper copy, visit the parish website at www.stfrancisraleigh.org.

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August 24-25 Ministry Fair - After ALL Masses

See page 1.

August 28 - 50+ Adult Group Potluck Lunch

11:30am. Join us in Clare Fellowship Hall. If last names start with, then bring: A thru C = Main Dish, D thru L = Salad/Side Dish, M thru Z = Dessert/Bread. Coffee, soda and water will be provided. Contact Pat spencer1334@bellsouth.net.

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 7 - Knights of Columbus End of Summer

Spaghetti Dinner 6:30pm. Includes salad, bread, dessert, and beverage. Discounted, Advance Sales Price: \$10 for individual and \$35 for family (living within a household). After 9/4/24: \$12/individual and \$45/family. Contact Wes Evans: weforevergreen@gmail.com
[To preorder click here.](#)

Sept 7 - 22 Catholic Parish Outreach (CPO) Food Drive Volunteers Needed

Catholic Parish Outreach (CPO) Food Drive Volunteers Needed: Two ways to help (1) distribute bags after mass on weekend of Sept. 7/8 (15-30 min.), (2) Collect donated items/load truck (1.25 hr. shifts) weekends of Sept. 14/15 & 21/22. See links for details or contact Mark Baumgartner, markbaumga@gmail.com.
[Bag Distribution Volunteer Sign-Up](#) / [Collection Volunteer Sign-Up](#)

September 9 - Prison Pen Pal Meeting

7:00pm. The SFA Prison Pen Pal Ministry serves and ministers to almost half of the 136 men on Death Row and we will meet on Sept 9 at 7 PM in the Padua Room, across from the Chapel. Come learn about the incredible stories of God's love permeating prison walls. Contact Ellen Zaytoun, erzaytoun@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.

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

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 10 - Women in the Old Testament Virtual Bible

Study Join us to begin a journey through Israel's beginnings, captivity and freedom from the earliest women in salvation history. We will learn the impact of women including Sarah, Deborah, Ruth, Judith, Ester and many others. Their complexities and gifts broke stereotypes and continue to reveal God to us. Contact Barbara Efirid, barbaraefirdpc@gmail.com. [Tuesday PM Sessions](#) / [Wednesday AM Sessions](#)

September 10/11-October 29/30 Book of Revelation -

Discipleship Study Join us for a Discipleship Study of one of the most hopeful and creative books of the Bible: The Book of Revelation. Is it about Armageddon & the end of the world? Or, is it God's loving call for us to turn back to God by following Christ? Contact Jay Landry, jay.landry@stfrancisraleigh.org.
[Tuesday evenings, 7pm - 8:30 pm in Founders Rm.](#)
[Wednesday mornings, 10:30 am - 12:00 pm in Founders Rm.](#)

September 14-22 "Feed-a-Family CPO Food Drive" Donations

Needed 7:00am 6:00pm. Donations Needed – September 14/15 and 21/22. Bring nonperishable food items, or a monetary donation, to the Catholic Parish Outreach (CPO) truck. Collections: before and after weekend morning masses and only before 5:30 pm masses (note: collections end at 6 pm Sat/Sun). Contact: Mark Baumgartner, markbaumga@gmail.com.

September 14 - A Mindset for the Care of Creation

10am-12pm
A Mindset for the Care of Creation – How two gifted humans with diverse backgrounds, Teilhard de Chardin, a Visionary Jesuit/Scientist and Robin Wall Kimmerer, a Native American with a PhD in Botany could help humanity on the path for the Care of Creation. Gathering in the Founders Room. Register at StephenWAndrews@outlook.com.

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 17 - The Chosen Season 3

9:45-11:00am. Join us in Padua to watch Season 3 of the Chosen! Every Tuesday from 9:45-11am Sept 17-Nov 26. Contact: Tina Morgan: tpm120@earthlink.net.

Employment Opportunities:

[TFS Media Specialist, Coordinator of Cross Step Program.](#)
[Middle School Formation Coordinator, Afterschool Staff](#)
See our website: <https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/jobs/>
Contact Trish Adamkowski, trish.adamkowski@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.

September 21 - Corral Riding Academy Saturday on the Farm 9:30am-12:30pm. CORRAL Riding Academy is a faith-motivated nonprofit that serves adolescent girls in high-risk situations through a long-term, holistic program of equine therapy and education. Join us as we do hands-on projects to support the Kildaire campus and learn more about CORRAL's mission and programs! Families welcome! [Register here](#). Contact Donna Schwede, donna.schwede@gmail.com.

September 22 - 2024 Knights of Columbus Council 9709 Soccer Challenge 2:00-4:30pm. Boys and Girls ages 9-14 are invited to compete. Competitors will demonstrate their skill at penalty kicks, and winners will have the opportunity to progress through future higher-level contests. Parents and guardians, please RSVP below adding the name(s) and age(s) of your competitors in the Public Comment field. [Click here to RSVP](#). Contact Will Austin at: will.austin@gmail.com.

October 12 - Hispanic Heritage Mass 11:00am at Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral with Bishop Luis Rafael Zarama. More information 984-900-3182.

October 14-18 St. Francis Inn Consider joining our October delegation to St. Francis Inn in Philadelphia for a mission of solidarity, hospitality, and compassion to the poor and hungry. This is an immersive Franciscan community experience to live, serve, and receive. Contact John Budway, budwayjj@bellsouth.net.

Faith and Poverty: A Solidarity Response Feeling conflicted about responding to rising poverty? Wondering "why are the poor poor" and "why don't people in poverty just get a job?" Explore common hurdles people in poverty face and practical tools for us to alleviate it and stand in solidarity. You are invited to a lively and challenging process of spiritual transformation through books, discussion, prayer, and immersion. Registration details coming soon... Email JaVon Hansknecht, javon.hansknecht@stfrancisraleigh.org, for more information.

Marriage Help – Retrouvaille has helped tens of thousands of couples at all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage. This program can help you too. Retrouvaille is hosting a weekend for married couples in Charlotte September 27-29, 2024. Please visit www.helpourmarriage.org or call 704-702-2112 for more information.



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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.

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.

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 .



The guy delivering those chairs sure does look like... WAIT... it is Fr. Chris!

Service with a smile. 😊

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

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.

November 4th, 11th, 14th, 17th, 22nd, 25th, 27th, 29th

December 1st, 2nd, 5th, 8th, 15th, 24th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st

2025 Dates now available

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



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



God has
GREAT
plans for
YOU

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

Kathy.Sales@stfrancisraleigh.org

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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