



Fr. Chris and the power of 3 at last Wednesday's Community Mass - with a little help from a couple of TFS students and his three prehistoric friends.




Land, Lots of Land, and A Starry Sky Above

It's been over 40 years since the founding of the St. Francis of Assisi Parish and over 45 years since the Diocese first purchased the property where the parish sits. A series of stories will chronicle and help us all remember where we came from and how the wonderful community of St. Francis, built by those initial 'founders,' continues to... [More](#)

Volunteer Spotlight: Trish Villareal



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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.](#)

September 7/8 Hospitality Ministry Training, after all Masses

People of all ages are invited to be hospitality ministers according to your schedule at each Mass. This is a great opportunity for families to serve together! Training will be next weekend, Sept. 7 and 8, after all Masses. Questions? Contact Kathy.Sales@stfrancisraleigh.org.

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 8 - 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.

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 - 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.](#)

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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 - 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 Efird, barbaraefirdlpc@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 12 - Join Scouts Night 6:30-7:30pm.

Join Cub Scout Pack 352! For K-5th grade boys and girls. Come learn about scouting through this in person information session. This will take place in Jacoba Hall (TFS Cafeteria). [Click Here To Register with the BSA for Cub Scouts.](#) Contact Ali Burns, membershippack352@yahoo.com.

September 13 - Stigmata, Jazz and Gelato See page 4.

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. See page 3.

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:

[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 18 - Fall Parent Child Classes: Making Music and Sing & Sign These classes are a fun ways to connect with your child. Join us for these fun, low pressure, hands on classes (0-5 years of age). Join us Wednesdays for Making Music Praying Twice and/ or Sing & Sign at the Community Center. [Click here for more information and to register](#). Contact Jess kelly info@signsoflearning.com.

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 - American Red Cross Fall 2024 Blood Drive 8:00am-2:00pm. This drive is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. Join us 8am-2pm in Jacoba Hall (TFS Cafeteria). There will be drinks, snacks & lunch (after 11:30am) after you give blood. Please sign up for an appointment at: www.redcrossblood.org. Search by Zip code 27613 for events on 9/21/24. Contact bryan.c.kozak@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.

September 29 - Fiat Franciscus Kickoff Cookout 3:00-5:00pm. Join fellow peers in their 20s-30s for the Fiat Franciscus Ministry 2024 Kickoff in the Founders Room! We'll grill the main courses, and attendees are welcome to bring their best summer side dishes. All are welcome (kids too!) Contact Michelle Kaiser, mmk4894@yahoo.com.

October 6 - FrancisFest 2024 Save the Date! Join us to celebrate our parish with a day of fun and fellowship. Please [visit our website](#) for more information. Contact ashley.watson@stfrancisraleigh.org.

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.

October 19 - Franciscan Spirit and Life Convocation See page 4.

JUST FAITH - Starting Soon - Faith and Poverty: A Solidarity Response JustFaith Starting Soon! Register on Realm or call the office to join a transformative small group in September and explore the rise in poverty through a Catholic Social Teaching lens. Interested in facilitating? Give us a call! Email JaVon Hansknecht, javon.hansknecht@stfrancisraleigh.org, for more information. [Click here for event registration](#).

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/>

Synodal Listening Sessions

September 15 and 29

Following 9AM Mass in Fellowship Hall - light refreshments will be served

Be a part of Pope Francis' call to be a Synodal Church and experience a "Conversation in the Spirit." Enjoy an opportunity to listen to our sisters and brothers in Christ and share from our hearts our hopes and dreams for our journey and parish.

Attend one or both sessions.

[Click here for September 15](#)



[Click here for September 29](#)



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800 years ago St. Francis, in imitation of our Lord, received the wounds of Christ, a mark of his deep faith. Come and celebrate with us as we commemorate this event with an evening of prayer and community.

We'll kick off the night with a special prayer service in the chapel at 6:30 PM, then head to the labyrinth for an exciting evening filled with live jazz, delicious gelato, and a variety of ice cream treats. Bring your family, blankets, or chairs, and get ready to enjoy a night of prayer, music, sweet treats, and great company. **Don't miss out on this unique celebration!**



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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.

Join us for our 4th annual Franciscan Spirit and Life Convocation "Making All Things New: Francis and the Word of God!" Fr. Regis Armstrong, OFM Cap will be our keynote speaker.

OCTOBER 19 2024

Registration will open on Realm September 23rd.



Franciscan Spirit and Life Convocation

Making All Things New: Francis and the Word of God 2024 Convocation

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Contact Cathy Smith, smithtcr@gmail.com.

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.

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Please be aware that a staff member of the parish, including the pastor, will never contact you via text message requesting assistance from you.