



Everyone is invited!

**Food Trucks!
Fun Activities for All!
Live Music and More!**

Sunday, October 6, 12:45 - 4:30
www.stfrancisraleigh.org/FrancisFest



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY CONFIRMED!

- Abraczinskas Tyler
- Alec Arens
- Jonas Arens
- Cole Beck
- William Becom
- Matthew Bridgers
- Tate Chamberlin
- Will Connelly
- Victoria Cook
- Julia Enders
- Emily Graham
- Elle Hallihan
- Paul Joseph Jukic
- Bridget Karcher
- Sierra Kish
- Barbara Koval
- Meredith Longo
- Indigo Mareno
- Abigail Martin
- Aedan McDonald
- Calvin Meintel
- Christopher Miranda
- Karina Miranda
- Jayden Nguyen
- Connor Peden
- Jack Petschke
- Daniela Plata
- Mason Tabor
- Nicholas Valas
- Edrien Wangsawidjaja
- Kirana Wiguna
- Nicholas Wiguna
- Gavin Yopp

September 7/8 - 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 Zwerneeman, alysonzwerneeman@gmail.com.

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! 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

3:30-5:00pm. 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.

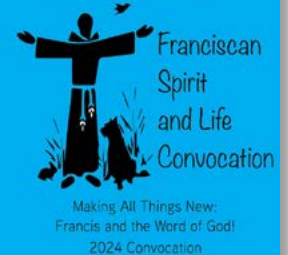
September 9 - Prison Pen Pal Meeting


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 7pm 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.

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.

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Registration will open on
Realm September 23rd.



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

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September 9 - 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 [September](#). Contact pperoutky@gmail.com.

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 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 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 12 - Career Networking Ministry

8:30-10:30am. Unleashing the Potential of GenAI in the Enterprise. St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church in Apex - RM #4
725 Magdala Pl, Apex, NC 27502 | Register [here](#).
Contact: Paul Dean vpauldean@gmail.com.

September 15 and 29 - Synodal Listening Sessions.

See page 3.
Contact Jay Landry, jay.landry@stfrancisraleigh.org.

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 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.

September 18 - Fall Parent Child Classes: Making Music and Sing & Sign

These classes are a fun way 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 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 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 10/11-October 29/30 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 19 - Coffee with Chris

9:40-10:30am. Join us Thursday, September 19 at 9:45am for Coffee with Fr. Chris in Padua. It will be a time to visit with fellow parishioners and Fr. Chris to celebrate as we continue to walk this journey of faith together as a community dedicated to our Franciscan heritage. Contact shannon.hoffman@stfrancisraleigh.org.

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, membershpack352@yahoo.com.

September 21 - Habitat for Humanity Wall Build

8:10am-3:30pm. Come swing a hammer and help us build walls for a new home. Habitat Wake wall builds are exciting and fast paced. Volunteers will work to build all the walls for a new home. After building the walls, we will drive to the build site to raise them up. Contact Will Connelly, st.francis.h4h@gmail.com.
[Click here for FLOWERS PLACE WALL BUILD](#)

September 13 - Stigmata, Jazz and Gelato

See page 4.

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/>

Employment Opportunities:**[Middle School Formation Coordinator, Afterschool Staff](#)**

See our website: <https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/jobs/>
Contact Trish Adamkowski, trish.adamkowski@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 - Call All Teens! Become a Lector?

10:00-11:30am. We want more teens as lectors at all weekend Masses! Special training just for teens will be on Sunday, Sept. 22 after 9a Mass in room 403 down the hallway from the bathrooms in the church. Schedule ministry according to your calendar. Contact kathy.sales@stfrancisraleigh.org.

September 22 - Coffee and Donuts

10:00-11:10am Join us Sunday, September 22, for Coffee and Donuts after the 9am Mass in Fellowship. It will be a time to visit with fellow parishioners to celebrate as we continue to walk this journey of faith together as a community dedicated to our Franciscan heritage. Contact stacey.shine@stfrancisraleigh.org.

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.

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](#)



September 28 - Habitat for Humanity Site Build

8:10am-3:30pm. Come swing a hammer and help us build a new home. Join us as we work to build safe and affordable homes in the Flowers neighborhood in Knightdale. Need a St Francis parishioner/family to provide 35 lunches for our crew this day!
Contact Will Connolly, st.francis.h4h@gmail.com.
[Click here for KNIGHTDALE FLOWERS PLACE](#)

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 5 - Farm to Church CSA Sign Up (Fall Veggie Box)

9:00-10:00am. The Community Supported Agriculture Program invites you to purchase a fall subscription! This Farm to Church program supports local BIPOC farmers and sustainable farming methods. The fall season will include cabbage, collards, broccoli, beets, brussel sprouts, and lettuce. Additional items may be available throughout the season.
[Learn more here!](#) Elizabeth Kearse, eskearse@gmail.com.

October 6 - FrancisFest 2024 See page 1. [visit our website](#) for more information. Contact ashley.watson@stfrancisraleigh.org.

October 8 - Register Now - Faith and Poverty: A Solidarity

Response Register on Realm or call the office to join a transformative small group and explore the rise in poverty through a Catholic Social Teaching lens. Email JaVon Hansknecht, javon.hansknecht@stfrancisraleigh.org, for more information. [Click here for event registration.](#)

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, budwayjji@bellsouth.net.

October 19 - Franciscan Spirit and Life Convocation See page 1.

Safe Environment Level C Renewals

Emails have been going out from techsupport@dioceseofraleigh.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.

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WE'VE SAVED 401K PLASTIC WATER BOTTLES



JAZZ, GELATO, AND STIGMATA

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH | 6:30PM | CHAPEL & LABYRINTH

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!**



[Click here for a special 1-minute peek/invite for our Revelation Discipleship Study](#)



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To learn about all our giving options, [click here](#).

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.



St. Vincent dePaul helps people in need.

<https://stfrancisvdp.org/blog/>

Visit the SVdP [Facebook page](#). [Click the SVdP Website to learn more.](#)

Contact Cathy Smith, smithtcr@gmail.com.



St. Francis TV



Last weekend parishioners were treated to a special Mass with presiders Monsignor Lewis, Father Chris, Monsignor Wall and Monsignor Staib. It was a wonderful celebration. Before Mass, Fr. Chris, Monsignor Wall, and Monsignor Lewis sat down and shared some thoughts and memories about the early days of our parish. [Click here to watch the St. Francis TV - Episode 42 featuring these wonderful men of God.](#)