

## FIND ONE WAKE IN THE WELCOME CENTER & SIGN THE PETITION TODAY!

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!

## Calling All To Action



St. Francis of Assisi Parish is a service parish with a long tradition of outreach. Since its founding, we have sought ways to impact the larger Raleigh community positively. Father David McBriar, the first Franciscan pastor here, said, "Let us find out what the community of Raleigh needs, figure it out, and go do it." That has been the culture and personality of our parish for over 40 years.

This service is primarily through the many ministries found at St. Francis of Assisi. Recently, the parish held its annual 'Ministry Fair', where we featured our over 90 ministries. St. Francis's Director of Engagement and Development, Stacey Shine, says, "The theme for this year is ...[More](#)

### Volunteer Spotlight: Pam James




**FRANCIS FEST**  
OCTOBER 6, 2024

# Everyone is invited!

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

**Sunday, October 6, 12:45 - 4:30**  
[www.stfrancisraleigh.org/francisfest](http://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/francisfest)

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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**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](mailto:markbaumga@gmail.com).

**September 15 and 29 - Synodal Listening Sessions.**

See page 3. Contact Jay Landry, [jay.landry@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:mary.arleth@stfrancisraleigh.org).

**September 19 - Daily Mass Coffee Connections!**

9:40-10:30am. Join us Thursday, September 19 at 9:45am for Coffee after daily Mass in Padua. 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, [stacey.shine@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:stacey.shine@stfrancisraleigh.org).

**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](mailto:st.francis.h4h@gmail.com). [Click here for FLOWERS PLACE WALL BUILD](#)

**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](http://www.redcrossblood.org). Search by Zip code 27613 for events on 9/21/24. Contact [bryan.c.kozak@gmail.com](mailto:bryan.c.kozak@gmail.com).

**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/>

**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](mailto:donna.schwede@gmail.com).

**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](mailto:czejkowskir@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 9am Mass in room 403 down the hallway from the bathrooms in the church. This ministry can be scheduled according to your availability. Contact [kathy.sales@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:kathy.sales@stfrancisraleigh.org).

**September 22 - Coffee and Donuts**

10:00-11:10am Join us Sunday, 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](mailto: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](mailto:will.austin@gmail.com).

**Sept. 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](mailto:markbaumga@gmail.com). [Bag Distribution Volunteer Sign-Up](#) / [Collection Volunteer Sign-Up](#)

**Sept. 22, 29 & October 13 Co-ed Fall Youth Basketball Skills**

**Clinic** This clinic is designed for players to work on dribbling, passing, rebounding, shooting and defensive drills with Triple Threat Triumph.  
1st Grade - 4th Grade: 1:30-2:30 PM  
5th Grade - 8th Grade: 2:35-3:40 PM  
Cost is \$20.00 for each session.  
[Click here for more information and to register](#)  
Contact [Mary.Arleth@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:Mary.Arleth@stfrancisraleigh.org).

**Employment Opportunities:**

[Middle School Formation Coordinator, Afterschool Staff](#)  
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

**September 25 - 50+ Adult Group September Potluck Lunch**  
11:30am. Join us in Clare Fellowship Hall. If last names start with, then bring: A thru C = Dessert/Bread, D thru L = Main Dish, M thru Z = Salad/Side Dish. Coffee, soda and water will be provided.  
Contact Pat Spencer, [spencer1334@bellsouth.net](mailto:spencer1334@bellsouth.net).

**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 Connelly, [st.francis.h4h@gmail.com](mailto:st.francis.h4h@gmail.com).  
[Click here for KNIGHTDALE FLOWERS PLACE](#)

**September 29 - Synodal Listening Sessions** - in Clare Fellowship Hall following 9:00am Mass. [Click here to register](#). 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.

**September 29 - Cross Step** 9:00-10:00am  
Parents with preschoolers ages 1-5, please join us for Cross Step beginning 9/29! [Register](#) your child in Realm and get your Level C training, as we prepare for kickoff. Please find all the specifics about Cross Step in the Realm. We look forward to playing and praying with your preschooler! Contact [jay.landry@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:jay.landry@stfrancisraleigh.org).

**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](mailto: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](mailto:eskearse@gmail.com).

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



**Stephen Ministry Training**  
Would you like to be part of a ministry that makes a real difference in others' lives when they need it most - and in your own? We will have a training starting in mid January to April on Thursday 7pm-9pm. To learn more or sign up contact: Tom Byrnes, [tjbyrnes@ncsu.edu](mailto:tjbyrnes@ncsu.edu).

**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](mailto:javon.hansknecht@stfrancisraleigh.org), for more information. [Click here for event registration](#).

**New Ministry!**  
**October 9 - Lord of the Harvest Healing Ministry** 7:00-8:30pm.  
Do you face difficult problems? WE ENCOURAGE you to experience the love of God to be healed and heal others through the power of the Holy Spirit. WE INSPIRE you to use your God-given authority. WE TEAM UP, like the 72, to strengthen each other and act on His commands.  
Contact Maureen Costello and/or register at [sentout72@gmail.com](mailto:sentout72@gmail.com).

**October 10 - Support Affordable Housing** - On, ONE Wake members plan to present candidates for Raleigh City Council and Wake County Commissioner with 10,000 signatures on a [supporting petition](#). Our parish has pledged 750 signatures and our assembly participation to put our love in action addressing the local affordable housing crisis. Will you join? Contact Nancy Dilger, [ndilger3@gmail.com](mailto:ndilger3@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, [budwayji@bellsouth.net](mailto:budwayji@bellsouth.net).

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

**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](mailto:jay.landry@stfrancisraleigh.org).  
[Tuesday evenings, 7pm - 8:30 pm in Founders Rm.](#)  
[Wednesday mornings, 10:30 am - 12:00 pm in Founders Rm.](#)



In honor of The Franciscan School's 25th anniversary celebration, we are excited to offer a special commemorative brick in the renovated courtyard (Summer 2025). This unique opportunity is a wonderful way to honor or remember a TFS student, a special teacher, or a group. These bricks will be sold to school, parish, and community members on a first-come, first-served basis. Each brick will hold up to three personalized lines.  
[Learn more](#)



**JUSTFAITH REGISTER NOW**

**“Faith and Poverty: A Solidarity Response”**

Wondering “why are the poor poor” and “why don’t people in poverty just get a job?”

Are you conflicted about how to respond to rising poverty?

**Register on Realm or call the office to join a transformative small group and explore these questions through a Catholic Social Teaching lens. Starts week of Oct 8.**

Questions about registration? Interested in facilitating? Give us call.




**NEW LECTOR TRAINING**

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH  
7pm – 7:30pm in the Church

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22ND  
1:15pm – 1:45pm in the Church

For more information please contact  
Kathy.sales@stfrancisraleigh.org



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

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.

**SAVE THE DATE**

**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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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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:joankport@gmail.com) and include “Funeral Notices” in the subject line.

**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.