

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



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](#)

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.


There are many ways to give to St. Francis.



Scan the QR code to give

Text-to-Give: From your smartphone screen, create a new message. Click the "To:" field and enter 919-629-1199. 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](#).

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

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Sept 21/22 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 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.

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 24 - Come and See "The Chosen" Season 3

Join fellow St Francis parishioners in watching one episode of season 3 of "The Chosen" each Tuesday at 9:45am in the Padua room through November 26. Contact Tina Morgan, TandMMorgan@earthlink.net.

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.

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. [Click here for KNIGHTDALE FLOWERS PLACE](#)

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/>

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.

September 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.

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.

October 3 - Coffee with Chris

Join us Thursday, October 3rd 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.

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 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 Kears, eskearse@gmail.com.

Employment Opportunities:

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

October 7 - Youth Basketball Late Registration 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. For more information and to register visit: <https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/athletics/> Contact [Mary Arleth, mary.arleth@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:Mary.Arleth@stfrancisraleigh.org)

October 7 - JustFaith: A Solidarity Response
Discover with friends common hurdles people in poverty face and how to help alleviate poverty in our communities. Meet virtually, Tuesdays, 1-3pm or in-person Wednesdays, 6:45-8:45pm. Meets 8 weeks starting week of October 7th. Contact JaVon Hansknecht, javon.hansknecht@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.](#)

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.

October 9- November 13 Advent Bible Study - Mary and Finding Peace 7:00pm. As Advent approaches, join our 6-week Bible study, split into two 3-week segments: “Mary, Favored by God” and “Finding Peace, Letting Go of Stress and Worry.” Explore Mary’s pivotal moments and discover peace amidst stress. Suitable for both newcomers and seasoned Bible students! Contact Rich Zemonek, rzemonek@yahoo.com.

October 10 - Support Affordable Housing
See page 1. Contact Nancy Dilger, ndilger3@gmail.com.

October 10 World Day Against the Death Penalty
Please join with Catholics for Abolition in North Carolina, on Thursday, October 10 as we stand in solidarity with those on Death Row in North Carolina. For more details, go to www.catholicsforabolitionnc.org or email director@catholicsforabolitionnc.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 13- Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship: A Call to Political Responsibility - A presentation on the latest version of the U.S. Catholic bishops’ letter addressing political engagement and voting. Nancy Dilger and Doug James will walk us through the bishops’ wise, nuanced counsel on how to navigate the messiness we face during this important but polarizing election season. Contact JaVon Hansknecht, javon.hansknecht@stfrancisraleigh.org.
Sun, Oct 13, 2024, 10:15-11:15am, Fellowship Hall (hosted by Justice and Peace).
Sun, Oct 13, 2024, 3pm, Founders Hall (hosted by Young Adults Ministry, but open to all).

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
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. Registration will open on Realm September 23.

October 26 - Emmaus Walk 9:00-10:30am
Join Women’s Ministry for an encounter with Christ. In this Emmaus Walk you will be paired with a partner and invited to experience your own Emmaus walk around the campus, discovering Christ in your own lives through your connection with one another. The event is free. [Register here via Realm.](#) Contact Jess Kelly, sfawomensministry@gmail.com.

October 27 - CROP Hunger Walk 2:30-4:00pm. Walk with fellow parishioners to support just and sustainable responses to hunger, poverty, displacement, and disaster both locally and around the globe. Family Friendly! [Register](#) today to join our parish team. Opportunities exist to walk, donate, or both. Contact Casey Slock, casey.slock@stfrancisraleigh.org.

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.



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WE SEEM TO BE RUNNING LOW AND ARE MISSING A NUMBER OF THEM.

 **BUY A REUSABLE WATER BOTTLE INSTEAD OF PLASTIC** CARE FOR CREATION CORNER

WE’VE SAVED **401K** PLASTIC WATER BOTTLES

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2024 CONVOCAATION



THE FRANCISCAN SPIRIT AND LIFE CONVOCAATION

“ Making All Things New: St Francis and the Word of God! ”



Keynote speaker Fr. Regis Armstrong, OFM Cap. will present on St Francis of Assisi's "Rag-and Bone Shop of the Heart".
Contact: Stacey.Shine@stfrancisraleigh.org

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19

8:30AM TO 1:30PM



Francis Fest

Live Music • Food Truck • Kids Activities • Fun for ALL

OCTOBER 6TH | 12:45PM - 4:30PM



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SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER



St. Vincent dePaul helps people in need. Hear about how volunteers prevent the loss of Section 8 vouchers that enable the working poor to afford their rent in these challenging times. <https://youtu.be/HylogriEk5o>

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Contact Cathy Smith, smithtcr@gmail.com.