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*“You are the salt of the earth...  
You are the light of the world.  
A town built on a hill cannot be  
hidden... In the same way, let  
your light shine before others, that  
they may see your good deeds and  
glorify your Father in heaven.”*


Matthew 5:13-16

## PERMANENT PROFESSION *Secular Franciscan Order*



Congratulations to Maria Marge, OFS - Robert Marge, OFS - Judy Newell, OFS - Marianne Norris, OFS on their Permanent Profession to the Secular Franciscan Order. Fr. Hugh Macsherry, OFM was the celebrant, Fr Chris co-celebrated the Mass last Saturday.



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### **June 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 Zwerneman [alysonzwerneman@gmail.com](mailto:alysonzwerneman@gmail.com).

### **June 8 - Sept 7 Migrant Ministry volunteers needed**

Please consider helping the Migrant Ministry this summer. We are currently looking for volunteers either driving migrant workers to mass on Sunday or providing food donations on select Sundays. This is an excellent opportunity to serve our Migrant brothers. Please learn more and [sign up](#) using St Francis Serves. Contact Tom Carlson, [tcarlson28@gmail.com](mailto:tcarlson28@gmail.com).

**June 8 - Always God's Children** 3:30-5:00pm. A confidential setting for members of the LGBTQ+ Catholic community. This meeting provides a safe place to pray and share our experiences together in relation to our faith. Contact Stacey Shine Curbside Care Ministry Care Packages, [stacey.shine@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:stacey.shine@stfrancisraleigh.org).

**June 8 - Baccalaureate Mass** 5:30-6:30pm. All recent high school and college graduates are invited to participate in the Baccalaureate Mass on Sunday, June 8 at 5:30pm. Please gather in the gathering space prior to the service and come dressed in your cap and gown to join the procession and be honored for your achievement. Contact Stacey Shine, [stacey.shine@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:stacey.shine@stfrancisraleigh.org).

### **July 12 Women's Ministry Yoga and Breakfast**

9:00-11:00am. Ladies, join us for yoga & breakfast on Saturday July 12th from 9-11am in Fellowship Hall. No experience necessary! We will be guided in a 45 minute beginner yoga class, followed by food & fellowship. [Register in Realm](#). Contact Kathy Eick, [sfawomensministry@gmail.com](mailto:sfawomensministry@gmail.com).

**June 12 - JCM Presents: Tell Me About a Time: Story telling in Interviews** 8:30-10:30am. Join JobWorks Career Ministry as we welcome Stephanie Newstrom, Founder of Peak Potential Talent Solutions. Stephanie, a SHRM-CP and aPHR-certified HR leader with 20+ years of experience, will share how to craft stories that make you stand out in interviews. Register Via LinkedIn at: <https://tinyurl.com/3a8k5yfk> or email [vpauldean@gmail.com](mailto:vpauldean@gmail.com).

### **June 16-20, June 23-27, July 7-11, July 14-18, July 21-25 Camp Francis Explorers Counselors in Training**

An opportunity for teens (rising 9th-12th grade) interested in developing leadership skills and working with children. They will work with other C.I.T.s and Camp Staff. They are to look at themselves as role models for the campers they will be working with. For information and to apply Contact Ashley Watson, [ashley.watson@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:ashley.watson@stfrancisraleigh.org).

### **June 14 - Corral Riding Academy Saturday on the Farm**

9:30am-12:00pm 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 NEUSE RIVER (Raleigh) campus and learn more about CORRAL's mission and programs! Families welcome! [Register here](#). Contact [donna.schwede@gmail.com](mailto:donna.schwede@gmail.com).

**July 18-20 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 in Spanish for married couples in Raleigh July 18-20, 2025. Please visit [www.helpourmarriage.org](http://www.helpourmarriage.org) - call 248-789-0276 for more information (Spanish spoken), or please email [retrouvailleraleigh@gmail.com](mailto:retrouvailleraleigh@gmail.com) in English or in Spanish.

Ayuda Matrimonial - Retrouvaille ha ayudado a decenas de miles de parejas en todas las etapas de desilusión o miseria en su matrimonio. Este programa también puede ayudarte a ti. Para obtener información confidencial o inscribirse en el programa de verano en español que comienza con un fin de semana del 18-20 de julio, llame al 248-789-0276 (español e inglés) o envíe un correo electrónico a: [retrouvailleraleigh@gmail.com](mailto:retrouvailleraleigh@gmail.com) o visite el sitio web en [HelpOurMarriage.com](http://HelpOurMarriage.com).

### **June 21 - Habitat for Humanity Beloved Build in Clayton, NC**

8:10am-3:30pm. Can you join our team to build homes in the Habitat neighborhood of Stone Creek? No construction experience is necessary. Habitat has site supervisors skilled at teaching people how to build. You must be 16 years old to volunteer with Habitat. [Sign up](#). \*\*Need 25-30 lunches.\*\* Contact Will Connelly, [st.francis.h4h@gmail.com](mailto:st.francis.h4h@gmail.com).

### **Camp Francis - Registration is Open via Realm**

#### **June 16-20, June 23-27, July 7-11, July 14-18, July 21-25**

Our popular summer camp, has lots of cool opportunities in athletics, science, arts and various enrichment areas! Camps are half-day or full-day based on age for the 2025-2026 school year. (Rising K-Rising 6th grade) Registration Link: <https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/camp-francis/>



### **August 23-24 Ministry Fair**

Join us after all Masses the weekend of August 23-24 for our Parish Ministry Fair! Representatives from all of our ministries will be available to share information, answer questions, and help you discover ways to get involved. Whether you're looking to serve, grow in faith, or connect with others, there's a place for you. Come explore the many opportunities to share your time and talents! Contact Stacey Shine, [stacey.shine@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:stacey.shine@stfrancisraleigh.org).

## END OF SCHOOL YEAR CONCERT



The school was treated to an end-of-school-year concert by Jim Wahl and members of the music ministry. The students joined in singing many of their favorite Mass songs and swaying to the wonderful music. Thank you to Jim, Jenn, Matt, and Ryan who brought great worship songs to life for the entire student body. It was an epic send off!



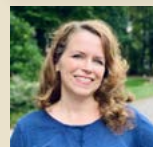
## Pope Leo XIV, New Leadership For The Church

Pope Leo XIV, formerly Robert Francis Cardinal Prevost, was born in Chicago, Illinois, the first Pope of American birth. His biography within the Church began when he became an Augustinian friar in 1977 and was ordained as a priest in 1982. His service includes extensive missionary work in Peru during the 1980s and 1990s. He was elected prior general of the Order of Saint Augustine in 2001 and served until 2013. He then returned to Peru as Bishop of Chiclayo from 2015 to 2023. It was just in 2023 that Pope Francis appointed him prefect of the Dicastery for Bishops, appointed him president of the Pontifical Commission for Latin America, and made him a cardinal. [More](#)



## Ministry Spotlight: Prayer Shawl

The Prayer Shawl Ministry is one of the Pastoral Care ministries at St. Francis that impacts so many of our other ministries. This ministry has been at St. Francis for 20 years. Cindy Cardello, a current ministry leader, and Regina Sissini founded it, and it has grown to 50+ members. They lovingly create handmade shawls, lap robes, children's blankets, hats, and scarves through knitting, crocheting, and sewing. These items are crafted with care and compassion for individuals who are ill, homeless, hospitalized, or experiencing [More](#)



**Are you New to St. Francis?** We warmly welcome you to our community! If you have any questions or are interested in learning more about how to get involved, please don't hesitate to reach out to [Stacey Shine](#). We look forward to connecting with you and helping you feel right at home."

He gives  
**POWER**  
to the weak and  
**STRENGTH**  
to the powerless

ISAIAH 40:29

We are in need of Eucharistic Ministers to join our EM to Rex Hospital. If you are interested or would like to learn more please contact, [Shannon.Hoffman@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:Shannon.Hoffman@stfrancisraleigh.org)

*“Peter replied, ‘Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.’”*

Acts 2:38-39

# Mass Intentions

Mass intentions can be requested for Birthdays, Anniversaries or In Remembrance. If you would like to request a Mass there are plenty available dates for 2025.

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

## October 24-26 - ReVision: What Do We Do with Christianity?

Join Richard Rohr and others from the Center for Action & Contemplation in Albuquerque, NM, to reimagine Christianity as a living, evolving path rooted in love. Explore faith, tradition, and spirituality for today's world. Details & registration: [www.cac.org/events](http://www.cac.org/events)  
Contact: Pam Peroutky [pperoutky@gmail.com](mailto:pperoutky@gmail.com)

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Lugar: **St. Raphael the Archangel Catholic Church.**  
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### SCAM ALERT

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# You're Invited!



## St. Francis Online Social Network

Creating a Safe Digital Community for Parishioners

Please accept this invitation to join fellow parishioners on the SFA Social Network - *Diogenes Ruiz, Communications Coordinator*



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You are invited to join fellow parishioners on the St. Francis online social network, a digital sanctuary where we can continue to be Church, even when we're not physically together. Endorsed by Fr. Chris and The Pastoral Council, this safe, parishioner-led space is designed to foster connection, collaboration, and faith-building—free from the toxicity and negativity that often plague mainstream social media platforms.

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