

# Looking for Someone to Coordinate our Habitat for Humanity Partnership



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### Our Mission Statement

Inspired by our patron Francis of Assisi, we seek to proclaim the reign of God by growing in Holiness through our experience of Christ in word, sacrament and one another, offering Hope to those who hunger for human dignity, and extending Hospitality to all.



**Forward In HOPE**  
 Our parish journey of resurrection  
[Click here for updates on our parish reopening](#)





# Since You Asked

More and more of you are stopping after Mass, calling, or sending emails to me asking questions tied to some dimension of our Catholic faith. I'm always happy to answer them. It occurred to me that other parishioners may also like to know the answers to these questions. Occasionally on this page, I'll take up some of these inquiries when current events do not require me to use this space for commentary. Some of your questions and my response will be more substantial than others (e.g., doctrine); others are less so (e.g., tradition) but noteworthy because they are asked more frequently. This week we'll look at an example in the second category.

I've noticed more than a few parishioners apologizing when addressing me as "Father," and then changing immediately to "Monsignor." No apology is needed and I am honored to be addressed as "Father." Either title is fine when using a title to address me. I have no preference. I'm also comfortable being address by my baptismal name.

So what is a "monsignor?" The title is an honorific, in my case a title bestowed by the Pope on a priest at the request of a bishop. In 2005, Bishop Gossman asked the Pope to bestow this honorific on several priests who had served the diocese during his many years as our bishop as a token of gratitude from him. I happened to be one of those priests. In 2006, Pope Benedict XVI granted his request and named 10 priests "monsignor." My salary didn't increase, I didn't get an extra week of vacation, and I received no "benefits" from this honorific except getting to wear a cassock with some red piping. I continue doing what I've always done as a priest of the diocese and continue to do so until today.

The title might be likened to what Queen Elizabeth does when bestowing honors at the request of members of the royal family on men and women for their work/service. Men receive the title, "Sir," and women receive the title, "Dame." It's an honorific. People like Paul McCartney, Sidney Poitier, Elton John, Adele, and JK Rowling are recipients of this honor. The Pope also bestows honorifics on lay men and women upon the request of a bishop and several people in our diocese have been recipients of these honorifics over the years.

On a related topic, some have asked why we call priests, "Father." Often the question comes from their friends who are not Catholic who question the use of this title citing Jesus' admonition in Matthew 23:9, "Call no one your father on earth, for you have but one Father in heaven." Catholic and Orthodox Christians would say in response that, taken literally, this would mean that we could not refer to our natural fathers by that name. Surely this is not what Jesus intended. Scripture scholars tell us that, in this section of Matthew, Jesus was condemning the practice of some religious leaders who were fond of bestowing titles on themselves to feed their egos.

For a Catholic priest, the title, "Father," is tied to his role as a spiritual father to those he serves. As such, it is a high honor for priests to be called by this title and reminds them that their role is serving as spiritual mentors who help others live the spiritual life in a fuller and richer way over the course of a lifetime. If you call me "Father," I am honored to be acknowledged this way and reminded of my fundamental call to serve as a spiritual father, in your case, as your pastor.

*Msgr. Clay*

## THROUGH BAPTISM MAY THEY WALK ALWAYS AS CHILDREN OF THE LIGHT:

**Cole James Braga**

Son of Chris and Suzanne Braga

**Eliana Grace Laska**

Daughter of Mark and Alyssa Laska

**Madelyn Grace Long**

Daughter of Brett and Danielle Long

**Liam Douglas Lyons**

Son of Timothy and Christi Lyons

**Sage Hope McLoughlin**

Daughter of Joseph and Shannon McLoughlin

**Lucas Bryant Naglee**

Son of David and Christina Naglee

**Jayden Quang Truong Nguyen**

Son of Nick and Ly Nguyen

**Isla Noelle Payne**

Daughter of Jon and Meghan Payne

**Sloane Elizabeth Rosenblum**

Daughter of Dan and Ashley Rosenblum

**Maeven Sparrow Snider**

Daughter of Christine Burke

**Marie Adaline Teklits**

Daughter of Michael and Laurie Teklits

**Ava Rose Truesdale**

Daughter of Andrew and Kathryn Truesdale

**Adeline Grace Werts**

Daughter of Scott and Katie Werts

**Garrett Francis Williams**

Son of David and Laura Williams

## MAY THEY REST IN PEACE AND PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON THEM:

**+ Irene Nugara**

Wife of Millio Nugara

**+ Joseph Meyers**

Husband of Kathy Meyers

**+ Annamae Smith**

Wife of Ron Smith



The Catholic Community of St. Francis of Assisi

## REMINDER

**EFFECTIVE SUNDAY, JULY 4:** One more Mass will be added back to our current weekend schedule. The Mass time will be **7:15am on Sunday** (note the time change).

*The weekend schedule **until August 15** will be:*

*Saturday  
5:30pm*

*Sunday  
7:15am  
9:30am*

*5:30pm (Masks required by all for this Mass)*

**EFFECTIVE, TUESDAY, JULY 6:** The parish will be open to the public M-F, 9am-4pm. Receptionists will be available at the Pastoral Offices to assist you with your pastoral needs.

SAVE THE DATE

# Freshman Retreat

SUNDAY . SEPTEMBER 12  
11:45 am MASS - 8:00 pm  
FALLS LAKE . details to come

You can mail your contribution to us at:

**St Francis Of Assisi  
11401 Leesville Road  
Raleigh, NC 27613**

You give can Online through:



<https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/faith-direct/>



**Text-to-Give: 919-629-1199**

**Additional Online Giving Methods:**  
[www.stfrancisraleigh.org/treasure/](http://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/treasure/)

## July Envelope Schedule

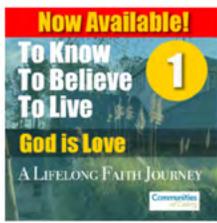
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July 18	Weekly
July 25	Weekly
July 25	Sister Parish in NC & Guatemala

If you have a great smile and like meeting new people, please **consider joining our Weekend Receptionists**. They are available before and after Masses to answer questions, help people find their way and take messages to give to staff. If this sounds interesting, please contact MaryLou Holloway at [mlholly10@gmail.com](mailto:mlholly10@gmail.com).

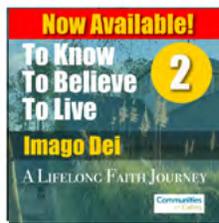
## SCAM ALERT

Scammers are at it again sending malicious emails to parishioners. You will NEVER get a solicitation email from our pastor or bishop asking for "a favor", or for emergency help in the form of money. Please do not open or click on them. Simply trash them. They could cause havoc on your computer and your pocketbook.

# KBL Episodes and Release Dates



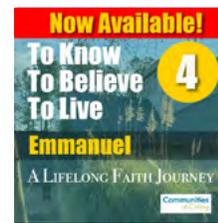
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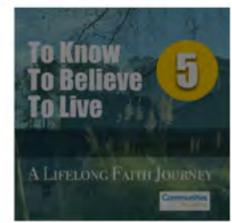
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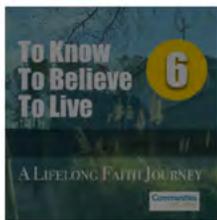
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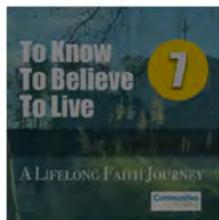
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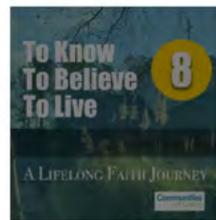
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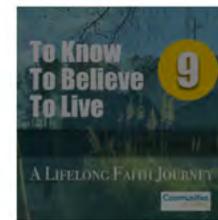
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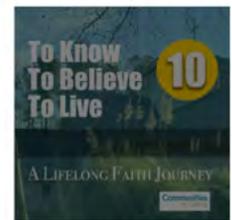
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## Available July 12

# To Know To Believe To Live

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## The Reign of God

### A LIFELONG FAITH JOURNEY

Communities  
of Calling

Watching Msgr. Clay's To Know, To Believe, To Live series but are not part of a small group?

If you are planning to participate in the Know, Believe, Live series, but are not in a small group, we invite you to join a Realm Group so you can receive updates and communications about the series as they occur.

Please note: you do not have to join the Realm Group to view the series which will be posted twice a month at <https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/know-believe-live/>

To join the Group:

- 1.) Login to Realm on the web <https://onrealm.org/StFrancisRaleigh> or on the Realm Connect app.
- 2.) Select "Groups" (or "More" and then "Groups" if you're using the App)
- 3.) Select "Find Groups"
- 4.) Select "Formation & Education"
- 5.) Look for the Group "KBL – Participants Not in a Small Group"
- 6.) Click the "Request to Join" button and a staff member will add you to the Group!

Please contact [Patti.Panizza@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:Patti.Panizza@stfrancisraleigh.org) or [Ashley.Watson@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:Ashley.Watson@stfrancisraleigh.org) with questions about joining the Realm group for non-small group KBL participants.

# Registration for Faith Formation K-12 Opens July 19!



Families **MUST** be registered parishioners at St. Francis of Assisi to participate in Faith Formation.

Our Cross Walk (K-5), Cross Train (6-8) and Cross Road (9-12) programs are designed to make our youth/children feel “at home” at St. Francis, a place where they can have fun and be themselves, while knowing that they are valued and loved by God! Our programs include:

- Small group-based model
- Centered on the Sunday mass, 9am mass (K-5), 5:30pm mass (6-12)
- Meet twice per month, September through May
- Offer fellowship in a fun, safe environment
- Include monthly Family events, youth retreats and socials to build relationships
- Encourage and provide opportunities where families can grow together in faith.
- For the 2021-2022 school year, we are offering a home-based faith formation program for grades K-5 only.
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Visit <https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/faith-formation-k-12/> for additional information about our K-12 program and how to register. A Realm login is required to register. Details on how to register via Realm and establish a Realm login can be found on this page, or visit <https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/realm/>.

## Would you consider becoming a Formation Volunteer?



We have a large K-12 Formation program at St. Francis of Assisi and serve more than 600 children/youth in our Cross Walk, Cross Train, and Cross Road Sunday programs. Because Mass is the source and summit of our faith, our programs are scheduled following the Sunday Masses to break open treasures of the faith that have just been proclaimed. Because we offer a small group-based faith formation program for K-12th grade, Small Group Leaders are always needed!

Our Sunday programs meet twice a month, September through May, during the traditional academic year. The time commitment for Small Group Leaders over the course of the year is 16 sessions, or approximately 20 hours.

### Small Group Leaders

- Lead sessions during the time that their child/youth attend the programs
- Love God and want to show others how to walk with Jesus
- Are paired up with at least one other adult volunteer
- Do not create lessons. Lesson plans are emailed the Wednesday prior to each session and all materials are provided
- Guide conversations, facilitate discussions, and invest in the lives of youth
- Build trusting relationships through prayer, games, hands-on activities, discussion on Catholic teachings, and service projects.
- Lead their small group in an activity with the objective of connecting with the Gospel/Catholic Teaching for the week
- Help keep the youth focused and engaged
- Supervise safe transition to parents

It takes a village to make it all happen! Won't you join our village?

Click here to complete the [Interest Form](#) or contact one of our Coordinators:

Grades K-5:

[Tara.Moore@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:Tara.Moore@stfrancisraleigh.org)

Grades 6-8:

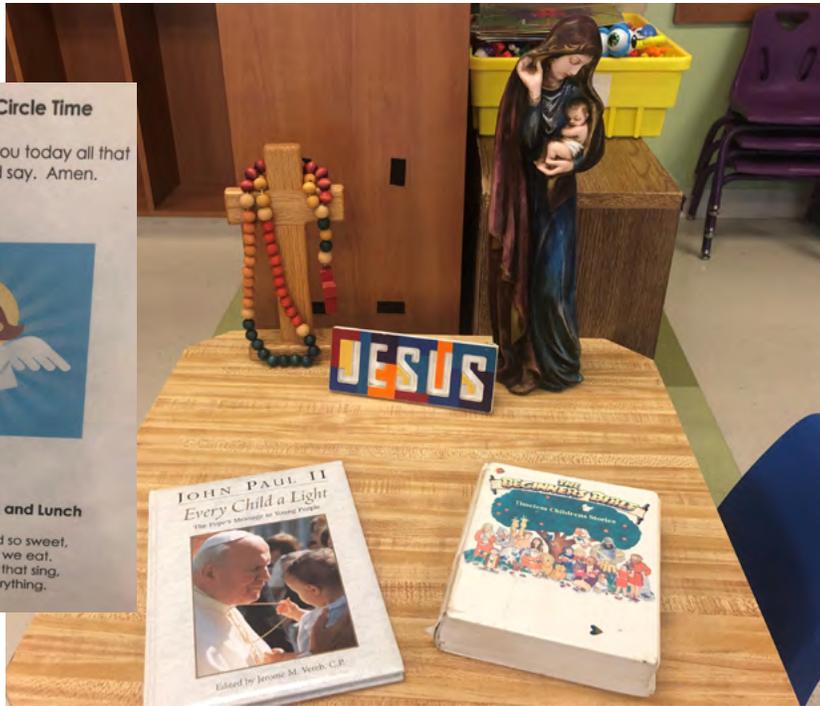
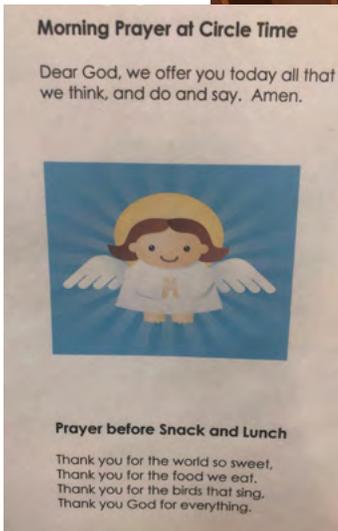
[Thomas.Bulick@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:Thomas.Bulick@stfrancisraleigh.org)

Grades 9-12:

[Marisa.Ferrara@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:Marisa.Ferrara@stfrancisraleigh.org)

# EDUCATION MINISTRIES

Heidi Hobler, Director St. Francis Preschool



*“For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.”* Matthew 18:20

Last week, I was fortunate to go visit my remaining family in upstate NY. Like many, the pandemic has kept us apart longer than we would have hoped so it was an extra joyful reunion for sure!

During our visit, I had the opportunity to go to mass at the church where my mother and my brother's family attend. I very much enjoyed being able to celebrate the liturgy with them. As we were leaving, my daughter noted that the majority of the people at mass were older adults, particularly those of retirement age or beyond. At first, I didn't really think much of her observation (other than that it was an accurate one), but then I took a trip down memory lane. In the 20 years since my husband and I have been living in Raleigh, the church in which I grew up and many of the surrounding churches have either closed or merged. The church from my youth now shares a priest with 2 other neighboring parishes. Churches with schools have either closed, downsized, or had to reinvent their education model in some way. Over the years since we moved, I have found that many others have relocated to North Carolina, particularly from the

northeast. A dwindling population of the city in which I grew up could certainly account for some of these changes, but not all. The church where my mother and brother's family attend is in a suburb with a robust population. The neighboring town in which my brother lives is actually expanding and developing. Why does the population of the church not mirror more closely the community that surrounds it?

While I am certainly not qualified to speculate about the cause or the solution to the population shift in the church I visited, it does give me some pause. As Catholic educators, the teachers and I understand how important our roles are in helping to set the youngest students in our parish community on a path which will allow them to build a relationship with the Lord, even if we can't directly impact what goes on in a church in NY. We take very seriously how critical it is to encourage our preschoolers in their faith. Songs, stories, imaginative play, art, and hands-on activities are all used to help them learn about God. We also work hard to partner with parents, the first teachers of faith, to foster a love of God.

Although our teachers and families are essential in helping our children grow in their faith, the power of our church community can't be underestimated. All that our parishioners do in service, all the words said with compassion, and all the prayers humbly offered in prayer become mighty examples to our children of what it means to be followers of Jesus. Each week at mass, we model how to nurture our faith. How lucky our children are to see constant examples of care, generosity, and love in our parish community!

I am confident that by working together, we can raise the next generation of followers of Christ. We can ensure that the seats in church continue to be filled with enthusiastic and devoted disciples of the Lord! In our prayers, let us ask the Holy Spirit to fill us with wisdom and grace to ensure that our efforts are continually successful!

To learn more about becoming part of our incredible preschool family and the opportunities we provide, please visit our website at [www.preschoolatstfrancis.com](http://www.preschoolatstfrancis.com) or contact Shelley Freeman at: [shelley.freeman@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:shelley.freeman@stfrancisraleigh.org).

# EDUCATION MINISTRIES

Mike Watson, Principal TFS

## Not Just Staying Afloat, but Thriving After 21 Years: School Counselor Laureen Wacenske



"The best school in Raleigh." These words were spoken to The Franciscan School Counselor Laureen Wacenske 22 years ago as she was deciding where to send her son to kindergarten. The advice came from a dear friend and teacher at Cardinal Gibbons. TFS was being built across the street from her home, and Wacenske knew she wanted to be a part of this incredible new school. Not only did she apply for a kindergarten spot, but she also applied to be a teacher. After 21 years, Wacenske is now one of the longest-standing staff members at TFS, instilling hope and love in students' lives each year.

Wacenske's career began in the Peer Counseling Program at Millbrook High School. During this time, she encountered a challenging situation as a teacher, which propelled her passion to help students in need. A few years later, Wacenske was a part of the inaugural first year at TFS, spending her first 6 years in kindergarten and 1st grade classrooms. "Being in the classroom was pivotal for understanding all stakeholders - parents, students, and teachers," she says. Now, as TFS's School Counselor, Wacenske gets to work with students to help them feel loved, that they matter, and that TFS is a better place because they are a part of it.

One particular student, Brianna Niemic, remained on Wacenske's heart for years after she taught her in 1st grade. Wacenske finished that school year unsure if Brianna felt she was loved and that she mattered. In fact, Wacenske kept Brianna's picture on her wall to remember to pray for her each day. Brianna was quiet, but Wacenske said it was important that Brianna knew she was loved. Fourteen years after she was in Wacenske's class, Brianna showed up at TFS to thank Wacenske for her support and guidance. Today, Brianna travels around the world doing mission work and aspires to become a teacher. She told Wacenske that yes, she felt loved, and that "I'm sure you've made many students, days, weeks, and overall lives so much brighter and better." This touched Wacenske deeply, as she receives great joy watching the ripple effect in her past students as they reflect the hands and heart of God.

This past year has proven to be the most interesting and most challenging for many reasons. Before the school year started, Wacenske was trying to figure out a way to stand out to new students as they navigated the halls for the first time, particularly with everyone wearing masks. Wacenske donned a bright orange life preserver and carried a classroom map to show students around and help them feel welcomed. But the life preserver became so much more. Wacenske said it became "a symbol of

hope, that we are in this together and we are staying afloat. I love to think of it as affirmation that it's been a tough year, but we will be stronger for it." Wacenske saw many positives from this year, including the bravery and courageous spirit exemplified by students, even the youngest kindergartners. "Students rose to the occasion and had to do tough things, but they served the school and the community so well."

Principal Mike Watson recognizes Wacenske's endless dedication: "Mrs. Wacenske has been here from the beginning of the school, and you couldn't find another person who is more responsible for creating the loving environment here at The Franciscan School. Her devotion to our students, her role in assuring their academic and social success, and her advocacy for those students who struggle exemplify our mission and all we have created and continue to develop, here. She truly lives our mission every day." But in Wacenske's humble eyes, she simply says, "I have the best job in the world."

Laureen Wacenske and the Franciscan School's faculty and staff are the underpinning on which we have built over twenty years of educational excellence. To find out more about The Franciscan School, please do not hesitate to [visit our website](#). You can also contact Principal Mike Watson at [michael.watson@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:michael.watson@stfrancisraleigh.org) or reach out to our admissions team at [admissions@franciscanschool.org](mailto:admissions@franciscanschool.org).

# JUSTICE AND PEACE MINISTRIES

Trevor Thompson, Director of Justice and Peace

## Looking for Someone to Coordinate our Habitat for Humanity Partnership



There's something meaningful about picking up a hammer and nail and building a wall with Habitat for Humanity. What makes it especially fulfilling is that these walls become an affordable home for families in need.

Every year, our parish works alongside other Wake County faith congregations to build two homes. This year the St. Francis of Assisi Habitat Ministry is looking for someone to help coordinate our Habitat for Humanity partnership and prepare to kick off the 2021-2022 building season.

This volunteer will work with parish staff, Habitat staff, and other faith leaders in Wake County to coordinate Saturday work days throughout the fall. This will entail gathering St. Francis volunteers and coordinating periodic lunches. This role also serves as the liaison with Habitat for Humanity, which includes attending a few meetings, house blessings, and house dedications throughout the year. If this is a ministry that interests you, please contact Trevor Thompson, [trevor.thompson@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:trevor.thompson@stfrancisraleigh.org).

### Back to School Supply Drive

Saturday July 24 - Sunday August 8  
St. Francis of Assisi Church



Drop off to bins in the Church before Mass or to the bin outside Cupertino on Sat/Sun 5-6pm, Sun 9-10am

Help us fill 200 backpacks for children in need.

For donations and a list of needs:  
<https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/back-to-school-supplies-drive/>

Volunteers/Families are welcome:  
[www.bit.ly/SFA-BTSSdrive2021](http://www.bit.ly/SFA-BTSSdrive2021)

The Curbside Care Ministry is Beginning again!  
St. Francis of Assisi Church - Stewardship Center

### Curbside Care Ministry

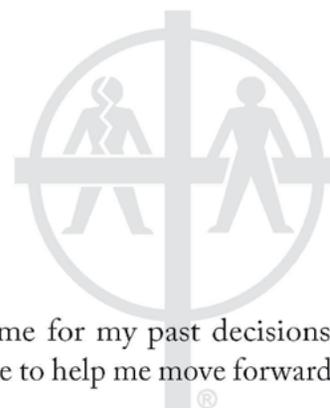


Justice & Peace

Take a bag.  
Then give it away, with Love!

# I'M SO GRATEFUL FOR STEPHEN MINISTRY!

By a man who received care from a Stephen Minister



**F**ourteen months ago, I was at a point where I needed someone to talk to about the struggles in my life. My pastor recommended I consider meeting with a Stephen Minister—another man, trained as a caregiver, who would walk with me during this difficult time. Trusting someone with personal information about my life was something I feared at first, but my pastor reassured me that everything was confidential, so I agreed to give it a try. I'm so glad I did!

Soon after meeting my Stephen Minister, I quickly sensed I could trust him. Part of that trust came from knowing he was trained to help people through their problems. He made me feel comfortable by not prying for information, but instead just letting me share what was on my mind. Any questions he did ask fit our conversation appropriately. Probably the best thing he did for me

was not judging me for my past decisions; rather, he was there to help me move forward.

I think another significant trust-building factor was being able to talk with someone who was not in my regular circle of friends. My friends certainly continued to have a very important place in my life, but I also needed someone who could see me objectively. That helped make it easier to share personal parts of my life. Also, knowing my Stephen Minister would be there for me “next week” (we usually met for an hour each week) gave me confidence. I see now how

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## WHAT IS STEPHEN MINISTRY?

Stephen Ministry is a way congregations can provide high-quality care and outreach to hurting people in the congregation and community.

Stephen Ministers are congregation members who have gone through 50 hours of training to provide one-to-one, Christ-centered care. Each Stephen Minister is matched with a hurting person—men are paired with men, women with women—and meets weekly with that person to listen, care, pray, and encourage.

Stephen Ministers care for those dealing with grief, divorce, job loss, hospitalization, financial struggles, loneliness, convalescence, terminal illness, and many other life difficulties.



Written by a man who received care from a Stephen Minister at Emmanuel Evangelical Free Church in Steinbach, Manitoba, this story originally appeared in the May 2010 issue of *Emmanuel Living*, the congregation's newsletter. Reprinted by Stephen Ministries St. Louis with permission.

# Employment Opportunities



## Director of Faith Formation

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Raleigh, NC announces an opening for a director of faith formation. The parish, an award winning and nationally recognized community of nearly 5000 households with a pastoral staff of 30, seeks an innovative, enthusiastic, and collaborative individual to oversee our comprehensive formation program serving pre-K through adults, including sacramental preparation and a year-round RCIA. The director supervises and collaborates with a formation and administrative team in establishing goals and implementing programs. The successful applicant will have a graduate degree in theology or related field, be conversant in the fields of evangelization and contemporary approaches to catechesis and have a minimum of five years in successful leadership in formation ranging from young children to adults.

A minimum of three years of supervisory experience is required along with demonstrated knowledge and skills in adult initiation and adult faith formation. The director works with the leadership team in building on the parish's longstanding history of bringing baptismal and ministerial priesthood together in the collaborative vision of Vatican II.

Applicants should submit a résumé, a 1-2 page statement explaining why the applicant is well suited for the position, three references, and salary requirements to:

[Search.Committee@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:Search.Committee@stfrancisraleigh.org).



The Play and Pray Sunday morning ministry is currently accepting applications for childcare providers in our 1 and 2 year old rooms. The goal of Play and Pray is to partner with parents of young children, providing an opportunity for parents to attend Mass as a couple, and their children to begin to hear the stories of Jesus, and learn about our Catholic traditions using language and activities that are age appropriate. Providers play, sing songs and read Bible stories with the children. A strong candidate will have experience working with young children and be excited to share their faith with toddlers. Employees are required to be Level C certified, which includes successful completion of a background check. Play and Pray hours are 8:30am-1:00pm every Sunday, except for major holidays.

If interested, please send a cover letter and resume to [Tara.Moore@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:Tara.Moore@stfrancisraleigh.org).



The Franciscan School, part of the education ministry of St. Francis of Assisi, has the following position available beginning in the 21-22 school year.

## Elementary Teacher - Kindergarten

The Franciscan School is seeking a qualified kindergarten classroom teacher. The primary role of the classroom teacher is to instruct students in the Diocesan Curriculum for that specific grade, while challenging them to move beyond their current level of academic success. The candidate will demonstrate the ability to draw the students out to reach their full potential as it applies to the goals and requirements of the Diocesan curriculum.

As an instructor in a school with over 650 students, the ability to tie together the lessons within each grade as part of the grade level team, and make them build upon each other year after year, using established best practices and methods for instruction, is essential. The applicant would be responsible for working together with the entire faculty and the administrative team to provide a safe and academically challenging environment; one that builds upon the charism of the Catholic Church, and our Franciscan traditions, to form our students as fine young men and women prepared for their futures academically, socially, and morally.

If you are interested in joining a dynamic educational environment working with dedicated professionals to provide an academically challenging experience for our students, please send a cover letter, résumé, educational philosophy, and three references to:

[Dawn.Smith@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:Dawn.Smith@stfrancisraleigh.org).

## Bridges After School Program – Part-time positions

We are currently seeking candidates to work in our Bridges After School Program on a part time basis. Candidates must have a strong desire and ability to work with children, be at least 18 years old, and pass a background screening. Bridges staff work within the program hours of Monday through Friday from 2:00 to 6:00pm. If interested, please submit a cover letter and resume to Joey Bradshaw, Head of Bridges, [joseph.bradshaw@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:joseph.bradshaw@stfrancisraleigh.org).



St. Francis of Assisi Preschool  
Growing in Excellence Since 1991

### Spanish Enrichment Instructor (Part time)

St. Francis Preschool is seeking an individual who is bi-lingual in Spanish to join our staff as a Part Time Spanish Enrichment Instructor. This person will be responsible for developing and delivering fun-filled lessons that will engage and enhance the preschool experience of our three, four and five year olds. This position will be approximately 10 hours per week.

If interested in joining our wonderful preschool staff, please send resume and cover letter to Heidi Hobler at [Heidi.hobler@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:Heidi.hobler@stfrancisraleigh.org).

## I'M SO GRATEFUL FOR STEPHEN MINISTRY!

much I needed regular encouragement as I rode the roller coaster of emotions that came during this period of instability in my life.

I really appreciated our times together. Our weekly visits were more than just meeting to talk. They also helped keep me accountable between times, to carry through with the changes I said I wanted to make. My Stephen Minister often went out of his way to help me in my struggle.

My life experience during the 10 months I met with my Stephen Minister was not always one of progress. It took courage for me to honestly share when I had my failures and setbacks too. Even then my Stephen Minister was there for me. He encouraged me not to give up, but to pick up and keep going forward.

That genuine acceptance spoke to me the most; not to accept failure, but to confess, turn, and receive forgiveness. Having someone assure me

of that biblical truth was really encouraging and was exactly what I needed.

My Stephen Minister walked with me through a really dark part of my life, pointing me to the truth and love that is in Christ.

I thank the Lord for my Stephen Minister who did not try to solve all my problems but lovingly, as a Christian brother, walked along with me through this valley in my life.

If you are dealing with some type of crisis or difficulty in life, I encourage you to meet with a Stephen Minister. You won't regret it!



You can download this article, as well as several other stories about Stephen Ministry, at [www.stephenministries.org/stories](http://www.stephenministries.org/stories)

**Feed the Need  
and Caring Casseroles  
are located in the  
Community Center**



**Monday – Friday 8am-5pm**

Casseroles is accepting casseroles every week from Monday-Friday (with the exception of holidays when campus is closed). For more information, visit <https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/caring-casserole/>

### **Our Transportation Ministry needs volunteers!**

There are parishioners who would love to come to Mass, but no longer drive. Could you drive someone to your favorite Mass once every three weeks? This ministry is famous for lifelong friendships and celebrations. Contact Stephanie Smith at 919-302-0080 for more information.



## ZERO WASTE IN THE HOME

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Sharon Winzeler

A 40-year-old mother and her three children moved to Raleigh after a large retailer transferred her from New York. Not long after the move, the mother became sick and was diagnosed with cancer and had emergency surgery. This meant she no longer received her regular paycheck, and the disability payment was not enough to cover rent and car payments. Her teenage children obtained summer jobs at a local grocery store to help with expenses, but the income is not enough to meet the bills. The SFA St. Vincent DePaul Society (SVdP) was able to step in and help her with rent as well as seek other sources to help her family. The mother hopes to return to work at her regular job, which she's had for 17 years, in August.

SVdP teams with other agencies in the area to help neighbors in need.

If you need help, call SVdP at 919-534-4842.

If interested in helping, contact Cathy Smith at [smithtcr@gmail.com](mailto:smithtcr@gmail.com).

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## Help Needed for our Tech Ministry

One of the graces of the past year, has been our ability to stream our 9:30 Sunday liturgy to thousands of parishioners and guests each week. As we further reopen our liturgies, we want to ensure that this vital ministry continues. If you have experience with audio/visual equipment and want to share these talents with our community, please consider applying to assist us. We are looking for individuals who have:

- Experience with audio or visual technology
- Experience with streaming content
- Availability on Sundays for the 9:30am mass, maximum of 1x per month
- Potential availability other times for special events/liturgies
- Knowledge of/willingness to learn liturgical theology
- Knowledge and experience with OBS

Please prayerfully consider your participation and apply at the following link: <https://forms.gle/QEg4Dmiq9HdECHjPA>



# Bringing Home the Word

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)  
July 11, 2021

## Our Tradition of Service

By Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

**B**lessed Fra Angelico, a fifteenth-century Dominican brother, was also a famous painter—so much so that St. John Paul II made him the patron of painters. His chapel for Pope Nicholas V, dedicated to Deacon St. Lawrence, patron of Rome, still survives in the Vatican.

The emperor reportedly told St. Lawrence to show him the treasures of the Church, and so he brought the poor before the Roman emperor, saying that these are the Church's true treasures. Fra Angelico's wonderful 1449 fresco, *St. Lawrence Giving Alms*, shows Lawrence, who served

in Rome in the third century, giving coins to the poor and lame of the city.

Indeed, for the Church, those most in need are those who most interest us, because they are the ones who most interested Christ. From the very beginning, Jesus sent out his apostles, two by two, to prepare people to receive his preaching. They were to heal the sick, cast out demons, and preach the gospel of salvation. He did not concentrate his efforts only on the influential, although he didn't avoid them, but rather invested his efforts in forming his apostles in preaching and service.

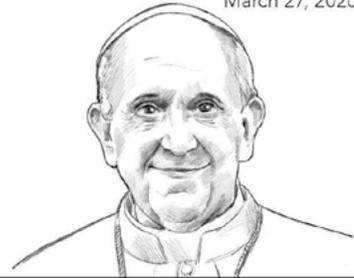
Christ has entrusted the Church with that same mission, and it continues to fulfill this charge worldwide. No continent or country is without the presence of the Catholic Church, with its missionaries and institutions who care for the materially, intellectually, and spiritually poor. We should be proud to be part of such a worldwide force for good that has served so many for so long. +

*For the Church, the neediest are those who most interest us, because they are the ones who most interested Christ.*

### A Word from Pope Francis

Our lives are woven together and sustained by ordinary people—often forgotten people—who do not appear in newspaper and magazine headlines...doctors, nurses, supermarket employees, cleaners, caregivers...and so very many others who have understood that no one reaches salvation by themselves.

—Extraordinary moment of prayer, March 27, 2020



### Sunday Readings

#### Amos 7:12–15

The LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, "Go, prophesy to my people Israel."

#### Ephesians 1:3–14 or 1:3–10

In him we have redemption by his blood, the forgiveness of transgressions, in accord with the riches of his grace.

#### Mark 6:7–13

[Jesus said,] "Whatever place does not welcome you...leave there and shake the dust off your feet in testimony against them."

### REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- How do I participate in the Church's mission of serving the poor?
- What more can I do to educate my children or others in this important aspect?



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## 27th Annual Run for Life

27TH ANNUAL RUN FOR LIFE is staying Virtual - We're looking for runners and sponsors for the annual 5k Run and 1 Mile Fun Run from August 21-29. Please check our website [www.raleighrunforlife.org](http://www.raleighrunforlife.org) or [www.runnc.com](http://www.runnc.com) for more info. If you have any questions, please contact Janelle Buchanan at 214-497-0756 or Kathy Klein 919-815-1369. All proceeds benefit Birth-choice.

# One World, Two Views

By Fr. Bruce Lewandowski, CSsR

I remember watching an elementary-school principal deal with a child who was sent to the office for bad behavior. She asked the youngster, “Do you know what you did?” Tearfully, without hesitation, the child answered, “Yes, I’m bad.” The principal countered saying, “No, you’re not bad. You just did a bad thing.”

For centuries the world has been labeled by Catholics as depraved, horrible, and bad. Men and women in religious life struggled to understand how to view, interact with, and engage the world around them. Why is it that saintly founders such as Francis of Assisi, Ignatius of Loyola, Vincent de Paul, Alphonsus Liguori, Teresa of Ávila, Catherine McAuley, Frances Cabrini and so many others were attracted to the monastery, the convent, and ministry among the economically poor, sick, uneducated, and marginalized? Certainly, it was because Jesus called them by his word and example. But wasn’t it also because of their worldview? Their vocations grew from their understanding of good and evil, that people needed to be saved from the world and that good people were needed to do the saving. Those who saw the world as God-forsaken ran to religious life, fleeing from the world, in the hope of finding salvation for themselves and others.

After the Second Vatican Council (1962–1965), however, some men and women entered religious life with a



different understanding. The Dogmatic Constitution of the Church (*Lumen Gentium*) and The Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World (*Gaudium et Spes*) articulated a different worldview and helped redefine our understanding of the relationship between the Church and the world. The world and all that is in it is good, and it is not only worthy of the Church’s attention, but the Church’s embrace. Interaction with the world and all who are in it can offer us an experience of grace and goodness. With Vatican II, it became more and more difficult to clearly define the world as good or evil, and consequently, to understand that people are so unequivocally in need of being

saved from it. The clear line between good and evil as it applies to the world was blurred. And so, one enters religious life not to flee the world but to engage it more fully and experience salvation by living in it.

Two distinct worldviews continue to exist in the Church and in religious life today. Are they simply two paths leading to the same destination? The one you espouse will determine the direction of your life. Condemn the world as evil and run away from it or run toward the world and embrace it in all its goodness? These are not easy questions to answer, that is, unless you remember the time you got sent to the principal’s office. Were you bad? Or did you just do a bad thing? +

*When you were reprimanded as a child, were you bad or did you just do a bad thing?*

## PRAYER

*Lord, you offered your life in humble service to humanity. Empower me with your Spirit, that I may be a humble servant of love and compassion to all people.*

—From *Faithful Meditations for Every Day in Ordinary Time*, Rev. Warren J. Savage and Mary Ann McSweeney

## WEEKDAY READINGS

July 12–17

**Monday, Weekday:**

Ex 1:8–14, 22 / Mt 10:34–11:1

**Tuesday, Weekday:**

Ex 2:1–15a / Mt 11:20–24

**Wednesday, St. Kateri Tekakwitha:**

Ex 3:1–6, 9–12 / Mt 11:25–27

**Thursday, St. Bonaventure:**

Ex 3:13–20 / Mt 11:28–30

**Friday, Weekday:**

Ex 11:10–12:14 / Mt 12:1–8

**Saturday, Weekday:**

Ex 12:37–42 / Mt 12:14–21

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## Group Opportunities

Due to the changing nature of reopening our doors, please check the group opportunity to confirm whether it is held in a virtual format or in-person.

**AA Meeting:** For our Alcoholics Anonymous friends whose meetings have been cancelled. The Internet is full of online recovery resources. Online meetings like this one - you can belong to more than one, or two, or three. AA.ORG main website has a list. There are private Facebook groups, endless websites, and speaker tapes. It's all there. AI-Anon Meetings: Sun. 7:00pm, LaVerna, lower level.

**Always God's Children:** Always God's Children: The monthly support group meeting for LGBTQ+ people and family and friends. To receive an invite to the online meeting, contact Kathleen Owen 847-8205x241

**Adult Open Play Nights:** Assisi Community Center Gym. Visit <http://stfrancisraleigh.org/adult-open-play> to contact the ministry leaders for each of our adult open play nights.

**Alzheimer's/Dementia Caregivers Support Group:** The first Wednesday of the month, 1:00-3:00pm and the third Wednesday of the month, 7:00-9:00pm, in the Padua Room of Assisi Community Center. Linda Tucker, ltucker40@nc.rr.com, 937-478-9537.

**Centering Prayer:** Thursdays, 9:35am or 7:30pm in St. Mary of the Angels Chapel.

**Community Center Classes:** Regular exercise classes and parent/child classes run weekly, September-May. [www.stfrancisraleigh.org/programs-and-classes](http://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/programs-and-classes).

**Community Garden:** Saturday mornings, 10:00am. Call Pat or Paul Kelly at 919-413-8833, email [mpmkelly@hotmail.com](mailto:mpmkelly@hotmail.com), or just drop by.

**Divorce Care:** Divorce Care – Our next session will begin meeting from September 7 to December 14, 2021 from 6:00 – 8:00pm. For more information contact Bill Morgan at [dejanuts@yahoo.com](mailto:dejanuts@yahoo.com) or visit <https://www.divorcecare.org/about>.

### Grief Support Group

Contact Marsha Riely at [marshariely@mac.com](mailto:marshariely@mac.com) or Marlys Varga at [marlysvarga@hotmail.com](mailto:marlysvarga@hotmail.com).

### GriefShare

Contact Kathleen Owen at [kathleen.owen@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:kathleen.owen@stfrancisraleigh.org).

**Job Connections:** We provide tools and advice on how to stay motivated and on target. To enroll, contact Mary Horner at [sfa.jcm@gmail.com](mailto:sfa.jcm@gmail.com).

**Men's Prayer Breakfast:** We will resume sessions on Monday September 20. The ministry meets the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month from 7 to 8 am via Zoom. Contact Deacon Steve Andrews at 732-213-0104 or [stephenwandrews@outlook.com](mailto:stephenwandrews@outlook.com)

**Padre Pio Secular Franciscans:** Learn more about living Franciscan spirituality in the secular world. Monthly Gatherings the 4th Sunday of the month, 1-3 Founders Room.

Contact: Ellen Ferrone - [ellen.ferrone@gmail.com](mailto:ellen.ferrone@gmail.com).

**Peace Pole Prayer:** Join us after the 9:30am Mass on Sundays to pray for peace in the world and our country. Meet in front of Clare Hall for a few minutes of prayer.

### Prayer Shawl Ministry:

Contact Cindy Cardello, 919-846-8825 or Diane Rotunno, 919-844-7153 for details.

**Rosary Ministry:** Mondays, 7:30 - 8:30pm, St. Mary of the Angels Chapel. Marian Monti, [ianmar94@aol.com](mailto:ianmar94@aol.com).

**50+ Adults Group:** Monthly potluck luncheons throughout the year and monthly game days, September through May in Clare Fellowship Hall. Contact Angela Azzopardi, 919-848-1347.

### Women's Ministry:

- Tue Evenings with Anna Fowler – [annafowler@nc.rr.com](mailto:annafowler@nc.rr.com)
- Friday Morning with Celesta Carlson – [ccarlson210@gmail.com](mailto:ccarlson210@gmail.com)

## Volunteer Opportunities

### To all our volunteers:

Here are a few ways you could help members of our parish:

### FaceTime and Zoom

If you'd like to learn how to use FaceTime or Zoom or be connected to watch our daily and Sunday programs, or if you'd like to teach someone over the phone, please visit our <https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/offer-or-receive-help/>

### Cards and Artwork

If you'd like to send or receive cards to/from fellow parishioners and establish a connection with other folks who are sheltering in place, or if you have kids who would love to send their artwork to brighten someone's day or if you'd like to receive some artwork, visit <https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/offer-or-receive-help/>

### Make a Meal and Deliver Groceries

If you would like to make a meal or help deliver groceries to those in need, please visit: <https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/offer-or-receive-help/>

### Thank you!

All of our Parish Life Ministries and the Community Center would like to thank you for serving the St. Francis Community. Please check your weekly bulletin for updates. Stay well.

You don't have to go through difficult times alone.

Our Stephen Ministers are there to care.

To find out more talk with Kathleen Owen at

[kathleen.owen@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:kathleen.owen@stfrancisraleigh.org)



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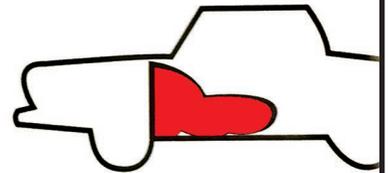
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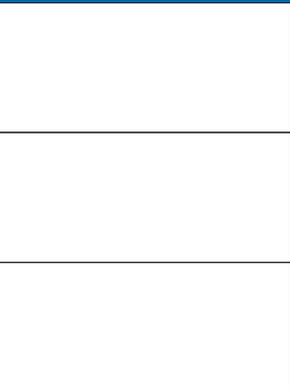
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