

August 22, 2021

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

# Preschool Staff: Ready for a Great Year!



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to Join Realm?**

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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](#)



**The Catholic Community of St. Francis of Assisi**

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### Request for Help to Haiti:

We are collecting funds to aid Haiti through Catholic Relief Services as the country endures ongoing natural disasters. If you would like to donate, there are several ways to do so. You may donate via Faith Direct by choosing "Disaster Relief."

A basket will be in the church narthex this weekend labeled "CRS Haiti Donation" for cash or checks. You may also send your donation to the parish through the mail. If you donate with a check please make it payable to "St. Francis" and put "Disaster Relief" in the memo line or on the envelope. Most importantly, let us pray for the Haitian people during this difficult time.

### New Director of Faith Formation:

I am happy to tell you that we have hired a new Director of Faith Formation. His name is Jonathan Vanegas and he will begin his ministry with us on Monday, September 13.

Jonathan brings several years of proven leadership experience along with a strong commitment to discipleship at all levels of faith development. His depth of knowledge of Catholicism and the catechumenate (RCIA), the basis for all catechesis in our Church, along with his pastoral aptitude will be an asset to our team and our community. Jonathan's love of the Catholic faith and enthusiasm in sharing that joy with others will be an inspiration for many.

### Education and Formation Move Forward Despite the Challenges:

In the midst of an uptick in C-19 cases, St. Francis is moving forward with education and faith formation for our children and youth. Following the wise counsel of our parish Task Force, comprised of experts in the medical field and staff, and following the direction of various governmental agencies, local, state, and federal, we begin TFS school year with 656 students and our Pre-School with 184 students. While our Faith Formation programs do not begin until later in the fall, so far 381 children/youth are currently enrolled. Registrations will close for Faith Formation on September 1. Always be assured that the health and safety of our children, youth, and teachers/staff are first and foremost among our considerations as we endeavor to live life as normally as we can in the midst of an ongoing pandemic.

*Msgr. Clay*



**MASS SCHEDULE**

WEEKEND MASSES\*

Saturday: 5:30pm

Sunday: 7:15am, 9:00am (also livestreamed), 5:30pm

WEEKDAY MASS\*

9:00am

\*Masks are required for ALL over the age of 4, regardless of your vaccination status, in all public areas of our campus.

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

**Elijah Joseph Bowser**

Son of Brandon and Sarah Bowser

**Cassel Jack Colgan**

Son of Jonathan and Christina Colgan

**Lillian Faye McHale**

Daughter of Paul and Heather McHale

**Camden Marie Miller**

Daughter of Michael and Caitlin Miller

**Carter Marie Polites**

Daughter of Whitney and Andrea Polites

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

**+Jean Marc Pelletier**

Husband of Yolande Pelletier

**+Bernadette Pavlic**

Mother of Eric Pavlic

**+Robert Janni**

Husband of Danette Janni

**+Steve Mohn**

Husband of Barbara Mohn

**+Jim Alexander**

Father of James Michael Alexander

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/>



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[www.stfrancisraleigh.org/treasure/](http://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/treasure/)

### August Envelope Schedule

August 22 Weekly  
August 29 Weekly

# MASS REQUESTS FOR AUGUST 21 TO AUGUST 29, 2021



## MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday Aug 21, 2021  
Saturday, 5:30  
+Dick and + Ruthanne Berger  
Requested by Karin Kuropas

Sunday Aug 22, 2021  
Sunday, 7:15  
+ Mildred Roett  
Requested by Grabiec Family

Sunday, 9:00  
+ Lucy and Anthony DiMaggio  
Requested by Marianne Heston

Sunday, 5:30  
For the Parishioners of St. Francis

Monday Aug 23, 9AM  
+Marquerite Stone  
Requested by Makoid Family

Tuesday Aug 24, 9AM  
+Gloria Safee  
Requested by Richard Hammer

Wednesday Aug 25, 9AM  
+Javier Henao  
Requested by Gladys Henao

Thursday Aug 26, 9AM  
+Edward Randall Hudson  
Requested by Edmund & Maria Gontram

Friday Aug 27, 9AM  
+ Larry Richardson  
Requested by Eileen McEntegart

Saturday Aug 28, 2021  
Saturday, 5:30  
+ Vincent Pribish  
Requested by Dorothy Pribish

Sunday Aug 29, 2021  
Sunday, 7:15  
+Gloria Marsosudino  
Requested by Mita Bacugan

Sunday, 9:00  
+ Roy Roberts  
Requested by Vicki Roberts

Sunday, 5:30  
For the Parishioners of St. Francis

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

(ill) Daniel Maldonado  
Requested by Msgr. Clay  
Heath & Wellness

+Rose Pertusiello  
Reuquested by Joan Kowalsky  
Remembrance

+ Carol Wedde  
Requested by Jackie Adamo  
Remembrance

+Adam Price  
Requested by Hector Javier  
Remembrance

+ Eleanor Javier  
Requested by Hector Javier  
Remembrance

+Jean Marc Pelletier  
Husband of Yolande Pelletier  
Remembrance

+Bernadette Pavlic  
Mother of Eric Pavlic  
Remembrance

+Robert Janni  
Husband of Danette Janni  
Remembrance

+Steve Mohn  
Husband of Barbara Mohn  
Remembrance

+Joseph-Tuan Nguyen  
Requested by Ann and Hoa Le  
Remembrance

+ Jim Alexander  
Requested by Alexander Family  
Remembrance

+Josephine Morse  
Requested by David Crout  
Remembrance

(ill ) Joseph Arleth  
Requested by Mary Arleth  
Heath & Wellness



# KBL Episodes and Release Dates



May 3



May 17



June 7



June 21



July 12



July 26



August 9



August 23



September 6



September 20

## Available August 23

# To Know To Believe To Live

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## The Holy Spirit

### 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.

# PARISH LIFE MINISTRIES

Kathleen Owen, Director of Parish Life

## Seasons of Hope Grief Support Group



Each year, many families face the loss of loved ones who are members of the parish. Our Catholic tradition provides funeral support and now Seasons of Hope can carry that caring spirit into the difficult period that follows when grief can overwhelm. It also serves those who mourn loved ones from outside our parish community. They too may feel isolated, empty, and broken-hearted. For those searching for hope, a Seasons of Hope group is a nurturing link to the Church, the Almighty, and other people of faith who are also mourning. Come and be comforted.

Seasons of Hope meets for six consecutive weeks. Any parishioner who is mourning the loss of a loved one is encouraged to attend and invited to bring a guest. Our group is hosted by Stephen Ministers. Please join us on Tuesdays at 1:00pm, starting on September 14 via Zoom. We will be working from Book 3.

To register, visit <https://membership.faithdirect.net/events/details/7556>. After registering, you will receive a link for the weekly virtual meetings.

## DivorceCare



A Seminar with Experts. During the first 30–40 minutes of the meeting, the Divorce Care group watches a video seminar featuring top experts on divorce and recovery subjects. These videos are produced in an interesting-to-watch television magazine format featuring expert interviews, real-life case studies and on-location video. You will hear experts discuss topics like loneliness, anger, depression, financial changes in divorce, and you will hear how others coped with feelings like these and found recovery and healing. A Support Group with Focus. After viewing the video, Divorce Care participants spend time as a support group discussing what was presented in that week's video seminar and what is going on in the lives of members. Come find healing and restoration when you are facing a very difficult time in your life.

**Tuesday September 7- December 14**

**6:00 to 8:00 pm**

**\$20.00 per book**

Register and purchase your book at  
<https://www.divorcecare.org/groups/134249>

Each week is different, you can join anytime –  
All are welcome!

For more information please contact Bill Morgan  
at [dejanuts@yahoo.com](mailto:dejanuts@yahoo.com) or Sue Ward at  
[ward.sueward@gmail.com](mailto:ward.sueward@gmail.com).



# The Deadline to Register for Formation K-12 is September 1st!

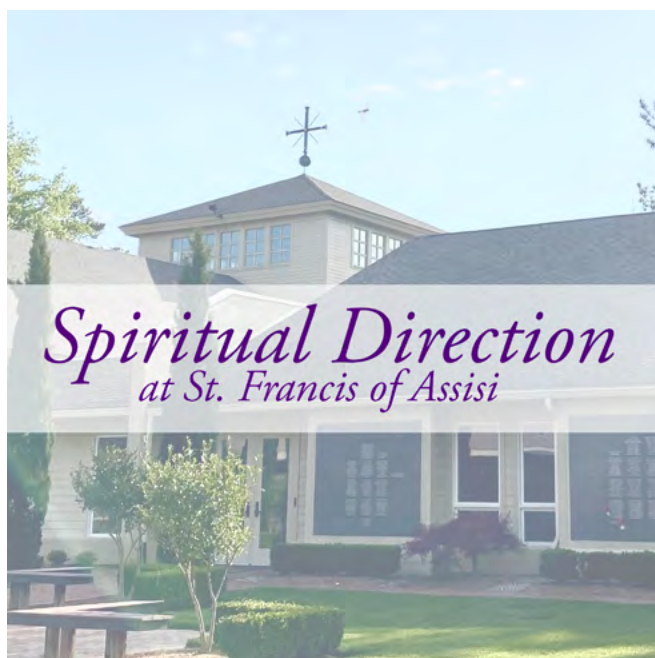


Families **MUST** be registered parishioners at St. Francis of Assisi to participate in Faith Formation.

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, 9:00am 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.
- If your family requires special accommodations, we will be offering virtual small groups as a substitute for grades 6-12.

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/>.



As we navigate the ups and downs of the pandemic, there are many people who cannot come to the table with us at Mass. If you are able, would you consider being trained as an Extraordinary Minister of The Eucharist for Traveling Eucharist Ministries? Training is provided and you'll meet the nicest people! For more information, contact:

**Melanie Fraites at 407-718-3537 for Homebound**  
**Janice Horner at 484-949-1417 for Springmoor**  
**Jacob House at 781-290-8813 for Magnolia Glen**



# EDUCATION MINISTRIES

Heidi Hobler, Director St. Francis Preschool

## “On Your Mark...Get Set....”



The copier is buzzing, staplers are clicking, and markers are squeaking! Our teachers/staff returned this past week and have been hard at work preparing for students to come! They are cutting, drawing, printing and organizing at a furiously enthusiastic rate!

Even though the days were extra busy getting ready, you didn't have to look very far to see the proof of this enthusiasm. All of the staff were not only enjoying time being together again, but also time to prepare to do what we all are most passionate about.....teaching our preschoolers. A particularly noteworthy event during the week was when all of our staff joined grades 5-8 from The Franciscan School for an opening Mass.

Our preschool spirit was captured in our worship and joyful singing. It was also represented in all of the staff donning their new 30th anniversary shirts; they created a sea of white gathered together in the pews. It was beautifully touching to be united in celebrating our faith together. Unfortunately, the COVID virus continues to plague us, but being able to return to our family at preschool makes it more bearable and our children bring us hope. They give us hope for a happy day and better tomorrow.

We know that the year ahead will have challenges, but I am confident that the dedication and care that our staff bring to each day will go a long way in overcoming any obstacles. I am also very

sure that God will be watching over us as we share and deepen our Christian faith with our students. I ask you to join me in a prayer for all teachers that they work amongst some of the youngest members of our community with great compassion, wisdom, and faith. May they guide, nurture, and strengthen each child's growth so that they are on their way to becoming kind, loving and generous people who follow the example of our Lord.

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

# TFS Alumni Spotlight: “Others Above Self” Jared Leins '13



This is part of a continuing profile series on alumni of The Franciscan School.

Jared Leins, TFS Alumni Class of 2013, uses this verse in Colossians 3:23 to serve as his guiding light “Work willingly in everything you do as if you were working for the Lord, rather than man.”

Leins graduated TFS in 2013 after attending preschool through 8th grade. Leins says TFS was instrumental in laying a solid foundation in faith, academics, and serving others: “I am grateful for the emphasis of putting Christ and others above self.” Leins has carried this foundation through his years following TFS.

After graduating high school, Leins attended The United States Naval Academy where he majored in Mechanical Engineering. He is currently working in the USNA Physical Education Department to train incoming freshmen who are participating in a boot camp called Plebe Summer. This month, in August, Leins will report to flight school where he will train to become a Navy pilot.

Leins admits that his first inspiration to the Naval Academy was to play baseball and get a quality education, but, since then, it has become so much more. He says, “As I progressed through the Academy, my reason to continue changed to become a selfless leader, friend, and future father.”

Leins’ inspiration is fitting for his career path. One of the US Navy’s unofficial mottos is “Non sibi sed patriae,” which means “Not Self, but Country.” During his time at TFS, Leins says the school taught him empathy and striving for a profession that puts people first. “I would not be where I am today without the hundreds of people who have sacrificed for me in some capacity, and I know that service will always be on the forefront of my mind for the rest of my life.”

Not only was TFS foundational to his path towards service, but so was the encouragement and support of his family and the character of people he interacted with in the military. Both his family and Naval students and officers showed traits of sacrifice and love that Leins knew he

wanted to emulate. Mrs. Laureen Wacenske, School Counselor at TFS, was one of those people who set a strong example for Leins: “She remains one of the most caring and compassionate people and teachers that I have interacted with to this day.”

One of Leins’ most treasured memories of his time at TFS was the Wednesday morning Mass. He enjoyed attending church with his classmates, all coming together to worship and pray. Leins encourages students at TFS today to have an attitude of gratitude, and to remember those around you: “When things are going well, always remember those who helped you get to where you are, and when things aren’t going well, always remember that you have people who will help you.”

The Franciscan School wants to partner with you to achieve the goals you have for your child and their educational experience. More information can be found on our website at [www.franciscanschool.org](http://www.franciscanschool.org) or contact Principal Mike Watson at [michael.watson@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:michael.watson@stfrancisraleigh.org).



# JUSTICE AND PEACE MINISTRIES

**New Date**  
**Sunday, September 26**  
**3:00 pm, via Zoom**  
**Civil Rights Pilgrimage Information Session**



Sign up at [www.bit.ly/CRP-2022-Info](http://www.bit.ly/CRP-2022-Info)  
Civil Rights Pilgrimage - March 2-6, 2022  
five-day, four-nights - travel by luxury coach.  
Visit historic sites and museums in Alabama and Georgia.

## Save the Date Civil Rights Pilgrimage Information Session

Sunday, September 26 at 3:00 pm, via Zoom

Civil Rights Pilgrimage - March 2-6, 2022 - Spend an enlivening five-day, four-night "Social Justice Race Relations Tour" with fellow parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi and Baptist Grove Church. We will travel by luxury coach to visit historic sites and museums in Alabama and Georgia - The National Memorial for Peace and Justice, The Legacy Museum, Freedom Rides Museum, The Edmund Pettus Bridge and much, much more!

Sign up here [www.bit.ly/CRP-2022-Info](http://www.bit.ly/CRP-2022-Info) to attend an Information Session Sunday, September 26 at 3:00pm, via Zoom to receive more detailed information including cost, itinerary, accommodations and COVID-19 restrictions/precautions. Get all of your questions answered and save your spot!



### Helpful Links for You and Your Family to Prepare for The New School Year

1. This past Monday the Office of Justice and Peace's Education Issue Team hosted school administrators and a HS school counselor to discuss a number of questions related to returning back to school in the face of COVID. You can find a recording of this panel discussion on the parish YouTube channel and [at this link](#).
2. Many have inquired about the public health guidelines for schools in North Carolina. You can find this document called "Strong Schools NC Public Health Toolkit (K-12)" [at this link](#).
3. If you are looking for presentation videos that offer a series of strategies, solutions, and encouragement to help students and families thrive during these unusual times, we encourage you to check out "Virtual Parent Summit" [at this link](#).
4. You might be aware but this year there is a federal child tax credit within the American Rescue Plan that provides the largest Child Tax Credit ever and historic relief to the most working families ever. To read more about this good news for working and vulnerable families, [go to this link](#).

We wish everyone a happy, healthy, and enlightening school year!

If you are interested in the ministry of supporting education issues for vulnerable families in Wake County, contact the chair of our Education Issue Team in the Office of Justice and Peace: Pam Peroutky, [pperoutky@gmail.com](mailto:pperoutky@gmail.com).

# Refugee Resettlement Ministry Welcoming People “Home” in Wake County

Trevor Thompson, Director of Justice and Peace



Over the last half dozen years, our parish has helped resettle two refugee families into Wake County through our partnership with the local resettlement organization called the U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants (USCRI).

We now have the opportunity to help once again as USCRI begins to ramp up their resettlement efforts.

Will you join our effort?

We are looking for a core group of parishioners willing to lead this effort in the coming months that involve preparing an apartment with donated furniture for the family, welcoming them into the country, and providing ongoing support in the form of transportation, ESL tutoring, and mentorship. There will be orientation, training, and support of this journey from USCRI and St. Francis parish staff.

You can check out our webpage, <https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/refugee/>, or contact Trevor Thompson, Director of the Office of Justice and Peace, [trevor.thompson@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:trevor.thompson@stfrancisraleigh.org) with any questions.

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Related to this, many of us have been glued to the news coming out of Afghanistan this past week. After 20 years of war, unimaginable violence, and so many lives lost, it's heartbreaking to see a worsening humanitarian crisis unfold before our eyes.

Our focus now must be on the safety of the people who remain in Afghanistan — American citizens, our allies, and those in danger of violent retribution from the Taliban. The U.S. has a moral obligation to help the Afghan people.

We received word this week from USCRI that North Carolina is preparing to welcome Afghans who assisted American troops and are now fleeing for their safety. If you are feeling called to immediately help with housing, education, or employment opportunities for these individuals who will be looking to rebuild their lives and restore their hope, please contact USCRI directly – 919-334-0072x4000 or [volunteer@uscricnc.org](mailto:volunteer@uscricnc.org).



A couple had been experiencing homelessness for two years. Since the man and woman used any income from various jobs to rent a hotel room, they had no money to put down on an apartment and came to St. Vincent de Paul for help.

After a referral to a caseworker, the couple was able to obtain a housing voucher and secured an apartment to move into on September 1.

Because they have no money in reserve, SVdP stepped in to help them get started. The couple is looking forward to moving into their home.

Volunteers at SVdP care about each neighbor in their caseload. Sometimes they are rewarded by observations such as this one by a neighbor they couldn't help but was nonetheless grateful for the contact because she said, "Other people won't even return our phone calls, but you came and listened to our story."

SVdP needs assistance to handle the workload. In particular, we need someone who can speak Spanish to assist with calls and visits to our neighbors in need. All work with our neighbors is completed virtually. All volunteers will receive extensive training. If you are interested in helping, contact Cathy Smith at [smithtcr@gmail.com](mailto:smithtcr@gmail.com).





# Volunteer Opportunities in the Community

As we enter the last few weeks of summer perhaps the time is right for you and your family to volunteer your time and talents directly with our community partners. We've put together a list of partners below that includes many opportunities available during the week and on weekends to volunteer doing many different tasks using many different talents. For instance, there are opportunities available in agriculture, hunger relief, transportation, care giver support, in-home connections, community health education, food recovery, crisis line help and administration.

Take a look, invite a friend, bring your family, follow the links to sign up and gather more information on the needs of each community partner and then relish in the fact that in volunteering you will be helping a neighbor and living the Gospel at the same time.

- Food Bank of NC - hunger relief, garden opportunities: <https://foodbankcenc.org/get-involved/volunteer/>
- Catholic Parish Outreach – hunger relief opportunities, contact Kathy their volunteer coordinator at [cpovol.coordinator@raldioc.org](mailto:cpovol.coordinator@raldioc.org) or phone/text at 919-847-1466
- Inter-Faith Food Shuttle - garden, hunger relief opportunities: <https://www.foodshuttle.org/volunteer>
- Oak City Cares - outreach to people experiencing homelessness - administration, hunger relief opportunities: <https://oakcitycares.org/volunteer/>
- Church World Services - welcoming and supporting new and settled refugees and immigrants in the community: <https://cwsrdu.org/get-involved/>
- Joseph's Primary Care, offering quality health care without regard to income, is in need of volunteer medical professionals: call 919-386-6866
- HopeLine, confidential crisis/suicide prevention helpline: <https://www.hopeline-nc.org/volunteer>
- Center for Volunteer Caregiving - transportation, care giver support, in-home connection opportunities: <https://volunteercaregiving.org/>
- Note in the Pocket - clothing children with dignity and love: <https://noteinthepocket.org/volunteer/>

If you have any questions or would like to discuss any of the above or other opportunities to volunteer please contact Becky Cawley at [becky.cawley@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:becky.cawley@stfrancisraleigh.org) or 919-847-8205x267.

And may these opportunities provide moments of deepening and awakening as you and your loved ones move along your spiritual journey.

## Employment Opportunities

### Elementary Teacher – Full Time

The Franciscan School is seeking an enthusiastic and qualified elementary classroom teacher. The primary role of the classroom teacher will be to instruct students in the Diocesan Curriculum, 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 600 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.

Candidates must have a NC teaching licensure or be able to obtain NC teaching licensure and pass the diocesan background check. Preferred candidates will have teaching experience in elementary education with a record of excellence.

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, that includes your educational philosophy, and resume 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 [dawn.smith@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:dawn.smith@stfrancisraleigh.org).



# Employment Opportunities

## Full-time Coordinator of Children's Formation

We are seeking a full time Coordinator of Children's Faith Formation to lead our vibrant elementary (K-5) faith formation ministry.

The successful candidate will be a practicing Catholic with a strong commitment and creative passion to evangelize and form young children and their parents in the Catholic faith. Excellent communication, time management, and organization skills are a must. Duties include designing and implementing formation and sacramental programs, selecting and providing catechetical materials for distribution via multiple platforms, recruiting, training, and nurturing volunteer catechists, and developing opportunities to deepen faith via retreats and Vacation Bible School. This person will be comfortable using a small groups model of formation and effective in engaging families both in on-site and virtual platforms. This position requires presence during formation programs for children and their parents which includes weekends and some evenings. Knowledge and experience with the Catechumenate adapted for children of catechetical age is an added advantage.

Candidates must have a bachelor's degree and 1-3 years' experience in one of the following areas: education, theology, or ministry. Candidates without academic credentials in theology or ministry need to be certified catechists. Preferred candidates will have pastoral experience in administering programs for children, to include sacramental preparation.

Letter of interest and resume should be sent by August 25th to [trish.adamkowski@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:trish.adamkowski@stfrancisraleigh.org).

## Community Center Facility Specialist

The Community Center is actively hiring, and always welcomes interest in part-time positions in the Community Center. We are seeking part-time employees to work evenings and weekends in 5-8 hours shifts. These staff members will oversee the safety and security of Community Life programs, activities and events that strengthen the communal aspects of parish, community and neighborhood in light of our mission to be "one family living in community"

For complete job description, questions or to submit a resume, please email Ashley Watson at: [Ashley.Watson@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:Ashley.Watson@stfrancisraleigh.org).

## Administrative Assistant for Formation Full Time, 40 hours

This position provides outstanding administrative support to the Faith Formation team, coordinating communication including website, social media, bulletin and other electronic communications. This position also coordinates registration for formation events in collaboration with the formation coordinators, maintains the account spreadsheet and serves as formation lead with the parish database. The hours of this position are Monday through Friday, although some evening and weekend work may be required as needed. Interested candidates should submit a cover letter and resume no later than September 7 to [trish.adamkowski@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:trish.adamkowski@stfrancisraleigh.org).

### Requirements

- Strong knowledge and experience with MS Office Suite and database management
- Excellent organization and time management skills
- Ability to work independently in a collaborative environment
- Strong communication and customer service skills
- Maintain a high level of confidentiality
- Successful completion of Diocesan background check
- Experience working in a ministerial environment is preferred.

## Community Center Admin Specialist

We are seeking a part-time employees to work daytime hours a couple days a week. This staff member will support the Coordinator of Community Programs and the Community Center Athletics Program Administrator. They will assist with a variety of administrative duties ranging from helping with the finances to Community Life programs to updating the website, etc. For complete job description, questions or to submit a resume, please email Ashley Watson at: [Ashley.Watson@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:Ashley.Watson@stfrancisraleigh.org).





# Bringing Home the Word

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)  
August 22, 2021

## Our Legacy of Faith

By Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

**W**e all want to leave a legacy, to be remembered when we're gone. A legacy comes from faithfully and lovingly living your convictions. Joshua challenges the Israelites, making a definitive statement as their leader and head of his family: "We will serve the LORD." Notice that it isn't a question of *if* you will serve someone, but *who* you will serve.

The easiest way to find out who you are serving is to look where your heart, thoughts, and worries are. Jesus said, "Where your treasure is, there also will your heart be" (Matthew 6:21).

Peter also had this hard choice placed to him, and he spoke up as the first pope, the head of a family of believers. When Jesus revealed the doctrine of the Eucharist, that it was truly his body and blood, many left him over this difficult saying.

Jesus asks the apostles if they want to leave, too. He could have said this was just a symbol—that those who left had misunderstood. But he doesn't change his teaching. He merely asks the apostles if they accept and believe him.

Peter's answer, like Joshua's, is a fundamental option. He finds in Jesus' words eternal life. There is nowhere else to go when you have tasted the goodness and truth of Jesus. As hard as some of those truths may be, for Peter there is no turning away. Following Jesus faithfully will lead him to lay down his life for Jesus, crucified upside down, and buried on Vatican Hill where you can visit his tomb today. How's that for a legacy? +

*The easiest way to find out who you are serving is to look where your heart, thoughts, and worries are.*

## Sunday Readings

**Joshua 24:1–2a, 15–17, 18b**

[Joshua said,] "Choose today whom you will serve....As for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

**Ephesians 5:21–32 or 5:2a, 25–32**

Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ loved the church and handed himself over for her.

**John 6:60–69**

Simon Peter answered..."You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God."

## A Word from Pope Francis

When someone is sick, we at times think: "Let's call for the priest to come"; "No, then he will bring bad luck. Let's not call him."...The idea is floating about that the undertakers arrive after the priest, and this is not true....It is Jesus himself who comes to relieve the sick person...and also to forgive his sins.

—General audience, February 26, 2014



## REFLECTION QUESTIONS

### ONE QUESTION FOR REFLECTION

- What are my convictions, and what ideal do I love and live for?
- Will that ideal last in time and into eternity? There is still time to adjust.



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## Rosary for our Nation

Ignited By Truth is organizing Rosary for Our Nation events on First Saturdays of each month in 2021. The September event is Saturday, September 4, 2021, at 11:00am at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 2718 Overbrook Dr., Raleigh NC 27606. Please join us in reverent and peaceful prayer and singing as we place our beloved nation under the mantle of Our Lady of Lourdes. Bring your whole family; all are welcome! Event will be held outside the church. Please dress weather-appropriate and follow the governor's guidelines for social distancing and mask wearing. For more information, visit [IgnitedByTruth.org](http://IgnitedByTruth.org).

# What if We Used God's Gifts?

By Kathleen M. Basi

The summer after I graduated high school, I toured Europe with a music ensemble. One afternoon in the Italian countryside, we passed a tenement in the ditch beside the highway. It flashed by so quickly, I didn't have time to form a clear picture; I only have an impression of shelters constructed from cardboard boxes with sheets draped over them.

That image has haunted me ever since. Seeing such things in pictures doesn't quite pack the same emotional punch as being there in real life. I couldn't believe anybody actually lived like that, especially in the First World.

Many things in the world defy comprehension, particularly for those of us comfortably ensconced in temperature-controlled homes with two- (or three-) car garages and multiple televisions. Terror attacks, genocide, poverty, and war brutal enough to cause millions to flee their homelands are unfathomable. So is the crucifixion, actually.

That image of a body stretched upon intersecting beams is unfathomable for the opposite reason. Its familiarity lessens its impact. To me, the icon of Our Mother of Perpetual Help offers a different way to approach this pivotal event in salvation history. It depicts the Christ Child shrinking away from the cross, the nails, the lance, and the gall and vinegar. Meanwhile, his Mother is



staring right at us while gesturing to her Son. I can just see in her eyes what she's thinking: "Look what he's done for you!"

Meditating on this image, I realize I may never be able to fully comprehend just what Jesus went through in order to win our salvation, any more than I can comprehend the desperation that leads parents to put their children in a raft in the middle of winter and cross the sea.

Yet comprehending isn't what matters most. The world is full of suffering, full of problems whose magnitude we will never understand, let alone figure out how to fix. And yet each of us is uniquely gifted, with a purpose in God's plan. Each of us

can toss a pebble and make a tiny ripple in that vast surface. One little throw might not make a difference, but if every Christian did the same, who knows what God might accomplish through us?

In the end, when I look at the icon of Our Mother of Perpetual Help, that is what comes to mind. "Look what he's done for you," she seems to be saying. "Now, what are you going to do?" +

*The icon of Our Mother of Perpetual Help gives people a powerful way to look at the crucifixion.*



*Lord, you have the words of eternal life.*

*Help me believe and trust in the power of your Word.*

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

## WEEKDAY READINGS

August 23–28

### Monday, Weekday:

1 Thes 1:1–5, 8b–10 / Mt 23:13–22

### Tuesday, St. Bartholomew:

Rv 21:9b–14 / Jn 1:45–51

### Wednesday, Weekday:

1 Thes 2:9–13 / Mt 23:27–32

### Thursday, Weekday:

1 Thes 3:7–13 / Mt 24:42–51

### Friday, St. Monica:

1 Thes 4:1–8 / Mt 25:1–13

### Saturday, St. Augustine:

1 Thes 4:9–11 / Mt 25:14–30

Bringing Home  
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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. Al-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

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**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, 1:00-3:00pm 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. Pat Gerney, 919-803-8276.

### Women's Ministry:

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- 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.

## Contact Us! Parish Office: 919-847-8205 fax: 919-870-1790

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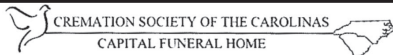
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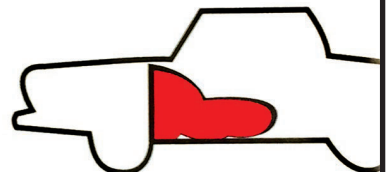
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