

Myth Busters

Examining Myths and Misconceptions about Mental Health and Suicide.

What do you know about mental health?

Join us as we begin examining mental challenges starting on Thursday, July 28th and August 4th at 6:30pm in Founders Room. We will discuss myths and misconceptions around mental health and suicide.

July 28th - Beth Gaudette, LCSWA MSW will share a social work perspective

Aug. 4th - Msgr. Clay will share the Church's teaching on suicide

These events are for adult participants 18 and older.

Contact Beth.Gaudette@stfrancisraleigh.org for questions.

Mental Health Matters: Thursday, July 28th and August 4th at 6:30 pm

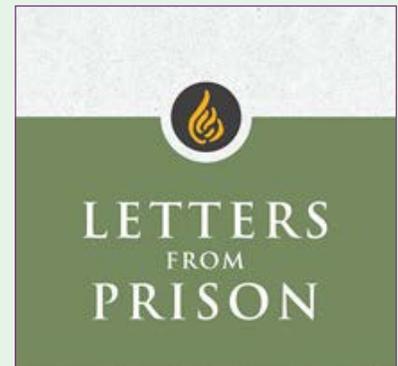
WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS



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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.



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The Catholic Community of St. Francis of Assisi

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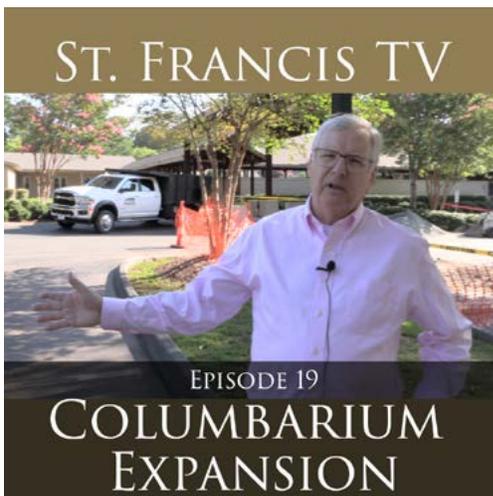
NEW DIRECTORS AT ST. FRANCIS: We have been conducting searches for the Director of Faith Formation and the Director of Engagement and Development. I am happy to announce that both positions were recently filled. Allow me to tell you a bit about what these directors do and who we have hired.

The Director of Faith Formation oversees all aspects of faith formation apart from our schools and collaborates with TFS in some aspects of the faith formation/religious education of its students. The department focuses on children ages 1-4 (Cross Step), grades K-5 (Cross Walk), Middle School grades (Cross Train), and High School grades (Cross Road). It also oversees adult formation, young adult ministry, and the R.C.I.A. Jeanne Lewin is the new director. She started with us last May after serving in formation positions over the past 17 years within the Diocese of Raleigh.

The Director of Engagement and Development is a re-visioned position in the parish. Formerly called the Director of Stewardship, this position follows current trends in the Catholic Church to see engagement as a pre-eminent and unique role in fostering deeper relationships with and among parishioners, staff, and the public so that development unfolds more organically in the parish. Chris Damico is the new director effective August 1. Chris is well known in the parish. He joined us in 2010 and has extensive experience in marketing and sales as well as a solid track record of engaging others towards a common mission. He enjoys sharing his faith with others and inviting others to live out their baptismal offices of priest, prophet, and king/queen. He has been involved in several ministries in the parish.

CONG LE RETURNS TO THE SEMINARY: Cong will conclude his year-long pastoral internship at St. Francis on July 24. While here, he was involved with learning practical things about the life and ministry of a parish community. He certainly had plenty of life and ministry to experience here! He tells me he especially enjoyed learning how a large parish functions, about the R.C.I.A., and the innumerable opportunities to get involved with parish life. He will continue his formation at Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans and will return as a third year theology student (in a four-year program). Please keep him in your prayers and continue to ask the Lord to see fit that more young men and women, especially from our own parish, will have the courage to explore a possible vocation to the priesthood and religious life. We are blessed to have many lay ministers at St. Francis and we would be lost without them but we also need more priests and vowed religious.

Fr. Michael



Join Rob Neppel, our Director of Finance and Planning for a five minute overview of our Columbarium Expansion. Click the image to watch the video.

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

Bella Sofia Gonzalez-Duran

Daughter of David Gonzalez and Jovany Duran

Thea Layne Laferriere

Daughter of Chris and Astin Laferriere

Lucy Joy Lipetzky

Daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth Lipetzky

Cole Thomas Morgan

Son of Carey and Erin Morgan

Weekly Envelope Schedule

July 24 Weekly

July 31 Weekly

July 31 Catholic Parish Outreach

You can mail your contribution to us at:

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

You can give online through:



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



Text-to-Give: 919-629-1199

Additional Online Giving Methods:

www.stfrancisraleigh.org/treasure/

[For a complete list of SFA contacts
Group Opportunities,
Volunteer Opportunities
and Ministries, click here.](#)

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR JULY 23 TO JULY 31



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday July 23, 2022
Saturday, 5:30
George and Shirley Beserock
Requested by Natalie Meador and Family
50th Wedding Anniversary

Sunday July 24, 2022
Sunday, 7:15
+Ted Meserole
Requested by Lynn Meserole

Sunday, 9:00
+Gerry Back
Requested by Deborah DiPierro

Sunday, 11:45
+Bernard H Olding
Requested by Bill Olding

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

Monday July 25, 9AM
+ Joseph Debold
Requested by Tom & Maureen Lindgren

Tuesday July 26, 9AM
+Paul V. Hurley
Requested by Mary O'Neill

Wednesday July 27, 9AM
+Rory Doran
Requested by Tom and Maureen Lindgren

Thursday July 28, 9AM
+Bach Mai Thi Le and (ill) Gary Boyar
Requested by Gary and Hanh Boyar, Hung
and Trinh Pham

Friday July 29, 9AM
+Rosemary McNamera
Requested by Maureen Bender

Saturday July 30, 2022
Saturday, 5:30
+Frank & Helen Kotlarz
Requested by Nancy Schanz

Sunday July 31, 2022
Sunday, 7:15
+Alvin Baigis
Requested by Lucille Koprowski

Sunday, 9:00
+William Roth
Requested by Mia Batz

Sunday, 11:45
+Dana King
Requested by Diogenes Ruiz

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

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

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

(ill) Clarence Dordulaw
Requested by Veneriches Dordulaw
Health & Wellness

(ill) Fr. David McBriar, OFM
Requested by Msgr. Clay
Health & Wellness

(ill) Gary Boyar
Requested by Hahn Boyar
Health & Wellness



**Daily Mass
at 9:00am
is held in
the Chapel**

Mass Intentions

One of the spiritual works of mercy is to pray for the living and the dead. Requesting a Mass is a most wonderful way to exercise this spiritual work of mercy. Our register for Mass intentions is open. You may make your request(s) by going to our website (<https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/mass-intention-prayers/>) or by calling the parish office at 919-847-8205 during normal business hours M-F.

Upcoming At a Glance

This week's events are shown in red.

July 23 - August 7
Back to School Drive

(See pg 9)

July 24
Cong Farewell

10:00am in Clare Fellowship Hall

July 27
50+ Group - Bring Your Own Lunch

(See pg 7)

July 28 & Aug 4
Myth Busters

(See cover)

August 2
Bible Study for Young Adults

(See pg 8)

August 3
Summer Youth Fest - Movie Night

(See pg 7)

August 4
Society of St. Vincent de Paul
Training for new members (See pg 13)

August 5
Line Dancing (See pg 8)

August 8
Prison Pen Pal Ministry Meeting

(See pg 8)

August 14
Pancake Breakfast (See pg 8)

August 14
Ecumenical Delegation to the US/Mexico Border

Delegates will travel to sister cities on the US-Mexico Border, Agua Prieta, Sonora, Mexico, and Douglas, Arizona, USA, with organization Frontera de Cristo. Cost is \$1000 per person, plus airfare. Contact Trevor Thompson, trevor.thompson@stfrancisraleigh.org.

August 17
Summer Youth Fest - Dance Party

(See pg 7)

August 20
Emmaus Walk and Breakfast

(See pg 8)

August 23
Durham Bulls Faith & Family Night

(See pg 12)

August 31
Summer Youth Fest - Praise, Worship, and S'Mores

with Jim Wahl

(See pg 7)

September 6: Divorce Care
The Next Series of Divorce Care will be Sep 6, 2022 – Dec 13, 2022, for more information please contact Bill Morgan at dejanuts@yahoo.com.

September 20 and 21
Letters from Prison

Adult Bible Study

(See pg 5)

September 24
Adoration and Breakfast

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October 2
FrancisFest

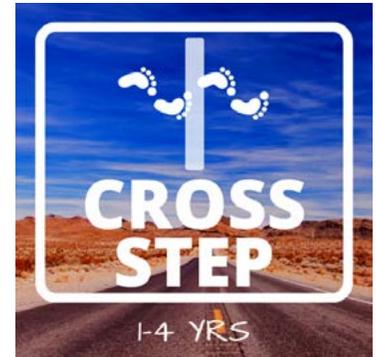
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October 8
Herencia Hispana Mass

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October 15
Wedding Anniversary Mass

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Cross Step (Formerly Play and Pray) Registration is Open!

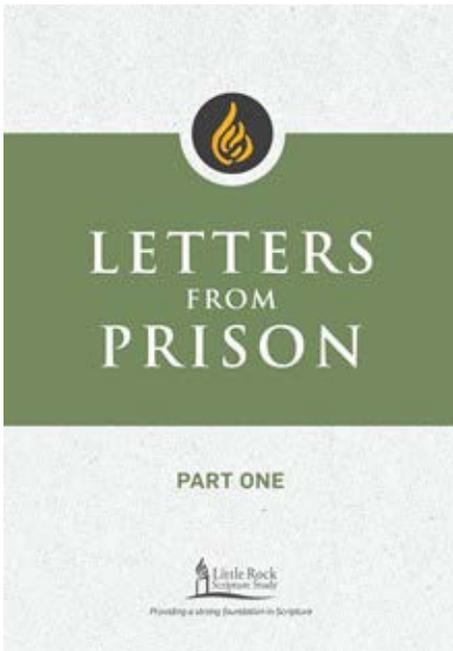
Cross Step (formerly known as Play N' Pray) is the newest addition to St. Francis' Crosses Faith Formation programs. Our mission is to develop the faith of children, ages one-and-walking through four. The children come to us in Clare Hall during the 9:00 am Sunday Mass. Using Pflaum Gospel Weeklie's SEEDS curriculum, the children learn about the weekly Gospel and participate in fun, interactive activities that focus on Catholic doctrine and traditions. Let us help your children to take their first STEPS on their walk with God!

Registration for the 2022-2023 year in REALM is officially open.

We are currently seeking part-time employees to lead our Cross Step classes for the upcoming 2022-2023 year.

Interested in volunteering? We could use your help as well!

Please contact Andrea.Javier@stfrancisraleigh.org for more information.



Francis Fest

FrancisFest Volunteers needed now. The event planning team is forming now to plan our annual parish wide celebration of our patron saint, St Francis of Assisi. This Event will take place October 2nd. Our whole parish community joins for an afternoon of Holiness, Hope, and Hospitality! Contact ashley.watson@stfrancisraleigh.org if you are interested or want to learn more about this opportunity visit www.stfrancisraleigh.org/francisfest.

Adult Bible Study Opportunities Letters From Prison, Parts One And Two

by Little Rock Scripture Study (2 books = 9 lessons)

Register Monday, July 25th through Wednesday, September 14th. Space is limited to 20 registrants per session. Two sessions are offered for this 10 session VIRTUAL Bible study. First session is a "get to know you," and orientation to the study.

Tuesday-7:00-8:30PM from September 20 through November 15, 2022,
facilitated by Barbara Efird.

Wednesday-10:00-11:30AM, from September 21 through November 16, 2022,
co-facilitated by Barbara Efird and Cindy Cardello

Study Cost: \$25.00 covers cost of both books. - Books will be available for pick up in the church reception area beginning on September 15th.

Incarcerated numerous times "for the defense of the gospel" (Phil 1:16), Paul wrote several letters from the confines of prison. Letters from Prison, Part One explores the letters of Philippians and Philemon in four sessions, explaining the reason each letter was written and addressing various themes such as joy, unity in Christ, reconciliation, and the close relationship between Paul and his communities. Commentary, study and reflection questions, prayers, and access to online lectures are included.

Letters from Prison, Part Two provides an in-depth investigation of Paul's letters to the Colossians and Ephesians, two letters with a great deal in common. Besides being written from prison, both letters address Gentile communities learning to live faithful Christian lives. Exploring themes such as God's eternal plan, the unity of the church, and the fullness of life in Christ, these letters offer a sweeping and still relevant vision of faith in Christ and the church as his body. Commentary, study and reflection questions, prayers, and access to online lectures are included.

<https://litpress.org/Products/6455/Letters-from-Prison-Part-One>

<https://litpress.org/Products/6454/Letters-from-Prison-Part-Two>

Questions? Contact Janie Hebert, janie.hebert@stfrancisraleigh.org.

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Bishop Zarama

MASS

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15 | 10AM

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To register to attend the Mass and/or
to receive a Commemorative Certificate go to:
<https://raldioc.configio.com/wam2022>



For questions, call 984-900-3184

50+

50+ Group Bring Your Own Lunch

The 50+ Adult Group will have its "Bring Your Own Lunch" and drink in lieu of the normal potluck luncheon on Wednesday, July 27, 2022, at 12:00 noon, in the Founders' Room. PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS IS THE FOUNDERS ROOM NOT FELLOWSHIP HALL. In addition to a different location, due to construction, both walkways to the church from the main church parking lot will be temporarily closed and sections of that parking lot will be cordoned off. Please come to the church via the Clare Hall doors or by walking down the sidewalk between the Preschool playground and the Preschool and enter Clare Hall from that end. Those with mobility issues may be dropped off under the Clare Hall portico on the left (where the parish mailbox is located) as you proceed down the main campus driveway from Leesville Road.

We are starting a new fiscal year, so the annual dues of \$15 can be paid at this July 27 luncheon. Bring a check or cash to pay the dues. Dues are used to buy supplies for the luncheons, and any funds remaining at the end of the year are distributed to charities.

You are invited to bring dessert items to share if you wish. Come enjoy a meal and lively conversation with your friends from the 50+ Group, many of whom you haven't seen for some time, and perhaps make new friends. Please arrive early so you can see some of the exciting things the group has planned for the upcoming year. We look forward to seeing you on July 27, 2022.

If you have any questions, please contact Pat Gerney at pgerney@gmail.com or call 919-803-8276.



SUMMER YOUTH FEST

WEDNESDAYS

AT 6:30PM TO 9PM - FELLOWSHIP HALL

AUGUST 3 - MOVIE NIGHT / POPCORN

AUGUST 17 - DANCE PARTY

AUGUST 31 - PRAISE, WORSHIP, & S'MORES WITH JIM WAHL

Calling all middle school and high school youth to come and enjoy fun, fellowship, and snacks!

Youth are invited to experience an awesome evening with your peers on

Wednesday evenings beginning on July 20th through August 31.

Our Summer Youth Fest is filled with games for all to enjoy and to socialize with your peers.

Sign up on Realm - [Sign up here!](#)

For August 3rd event please donate school supplies for Back Pack Buddies.

Laudato Si'

"I ask you in the name of God, to defend Mother Earth"

Pope Francis

How do we respond to the Cry of the Poor?

Learn

about REALLY urban gardening! ted.com/talks/pam_warhurst_how_we_can_eat_our_landscapes

Respond

Help the Interfaith Food Shuttle respond to our local food deserts foodshuttle.org/feed

stfrancisraleigh.org/care_for_creation

NEW resources coming soon!!

To connect with us: stfccreation@gmail.com

WOMEN'S MINISTRY EVENTS

July 23rd 9:00-11am Yoga & Breakfast
 August 5 7-9pm Line Dancing
 August 20th 9-11:00am Emmaus Walk
 and Breakfast
 September 24th 9-11:00am Adoration
 and Breakfast

Contact beth.gaudette@stfrancisraleigh.org
 for questions

WOMEN'S MINISTRY LINE DANCING EVENT

Friday August 5th at 7pm
 in Founders Room

Contact
beth.gaudette@stfrancisraleigh.org
 register on Realm.

Starting Tuesday, August 2nd.

Gospel study for young adults.

Starting August 2nd, join us each Tuesday at 6:30pm as we take a closer look at the upcoming gospel.



Contact Beth.Gaudette@stfrancisraleigh.org for more information.

Save the Date!

Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, August 14th, at
 10:00 am in Fellowship
 Hall

Questions: contact
beth.gaudette@stfrancisraleigh.org



August 8 Prison Pen Pal Ministry Meeting

"Thanks for your time and thoughts. You really are a blessing and it's good to have someone to talk to." A pen pal in the ministry recently received these thoughts in response to a letter sent to her pen pal in prison. Are you interested in finding out more about the Prison Pen Pal Ministry from those of us who write to men on Death Row? We have men who are waiting for a pen pal. Please join us Monday, August 8, at 7:00 pm in the Founders Room. All are welcome! Questions? Contact us at sfapenpal@gmail.com. A leader in the ministry will be glad to respond to your email.



Back to School Supply Drive
 Saturday July 23 – Sunday August 7
 St. Francis of Assisi Church

Drop off to bins in the church before or after Mass on weekdays and weekends.

Help us fill 200 backpacks for children in need.

For donations and a list of needs as well as opportunities for Volunteers/Families:
<https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/back-to-school-supplies-drive/>

Back to School Drive: List of Needed Items

New or Very Gently Used

Backpacks - greatly needed K-12

New Only

Notebooks, wide and college ruled

Composition notebooks

Three-ring binders – 1” and 3”

Loose-leaf Paper, wide and college ruled

Graph paper, Copy paper

Construction paper

Glue sticks, Bottles of glue

5-Subject dividers

Folders – all colors

Pens and #2 Pencils

Pencil cases, boxes and bags

Pencil Sharpeners

Highlighters, all colors

24-count Crayons

Colored pencils and Markers

Index Cards

Big pink and Pencil Tip Erasers

Dry erase markers

Hand sanitizer, Lysol wipes

Boxes of Kleenex

Scientific calculator, function keys

Protractors, Compasses

USB Flash drives

Rulers, Scissors, Ziploc bags



St. Francis Knights of Columbus Partner with Other Raleigh Council to Donate Ultrasound Machine

On July 14, 2022, Bishop Zarama blessed an ultrasound machine donated by the Knights of Columbus councils from St. Francis and Our Lady of Lourdes to Birthchoice, a nonprofit crisis pregnancy clinic in Raleigh. An ultrasound machine provides a “window to the womb” so an unborn child can be seen. A story on the donation and blessing is available on the diocesan website. To view the article, please go to: <https://dioceseofraleigh.org/news/birth-choice-aims-save-more-lives-new-ultrasound-machine-donated-knights-columbus>

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8 DE OCTUBRE DEL 2022

MISA 11:00 AM

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Heidi Hobler, Preschool Director

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To learn more about our wonderful preschool, please visit our website at: preschoolatstfrancis.com or contact Shelley Freeman at shelley.freeman@stfrancisraleigh.org.



FAITH & FAMILY NIGHT AT THE DBAP

TUESDAY, AUGUST 23RD - 6:35 PM

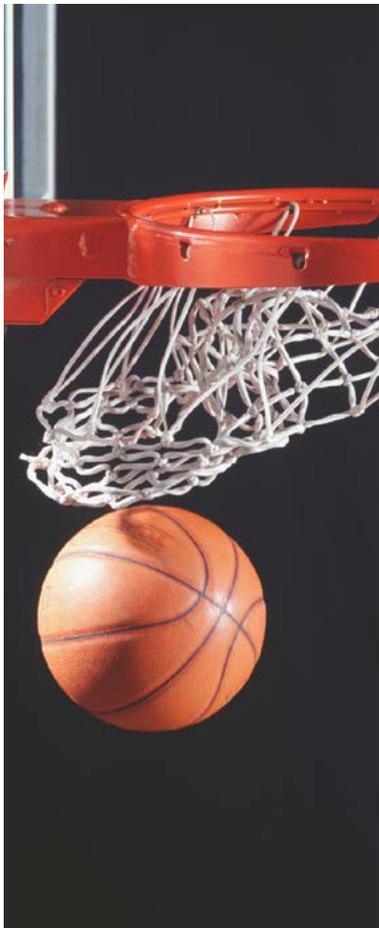
Join us Tuesday, August 23rd at 6:35pm for a fun filled night of baseball and faith based activities. The Durham Bulls will face the Nashville Sound at 6:35pm! This night will be dedicated to those of faith to come out and cheer on the Bulls! We have blocked 300 seats for St Francis. Questions contact stacey.shine@stfrancisraleigh.org.

Tickets are \$13.50 each and can ONLY be purchased using the FEVO link.

Use this FEVO link to order [Durham Bulls Tickets](#)

If you need assistance ordering call Hannah Gertz at 919.687.6522

St. Francis cannot directly purchase tickets or process payments for tickets.



MINISTRY LEADERS NEEDED

**Do you enjoy Basketball?
Are you looking for a fun way to give back to
our wonderful community?
Then look no further than the St. Francis of
Assisi Community Center!**

**We are looking for Ministry Leaders for our
open play Men's Group (age 30+) and our
Women's Group (age 18+).**

**If you are interested in being a Ministry
Leader please reach out to Mary Arleth
mary.arleth@stfrancisraleigh.org
or 919-847-8205 ext. 358**



Society of St. Vincent de Paul

By Sharon Winzeler

In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches us that God is our Father. Just as a parents' love for their children is unlimited, God's love and care for us is unlimited.

The St. Vincent de Paul Society reaches out with unlimited love to the neighbors who ask for help. As one volunteer says, it's good to remind oneself, "Am I willing to give up my preconceived ideas and plans? Is our work just? Is it compassionate? Is it rooted in peace? If so, then may we walk with our neighbors as equals in God's eyes."

One mother of an eight-year-old son was helped by SVdP at St. Francis of Assisi and Our Lady of Lourdes plus the Friendship Fund at the First Presbyterian Church and avoided eviction. She quit her job to begin training as a nurse and got behind in rent. Moving forward, the neighbor started a full-time job with a delivery service in addition to her nurse's training to she can meet expenses.

SVdP at St. Francis of Assisi provides hope, compassion, referrals, and short-term financial help for families. Most of the cases are the working poor—families

who can pay their bills until they get an unexpected situation—a funeral, a car needing service, a sickness, or an unexpected increase in living expenses. Any of those situations could make them need help with rent or utilities.

Volunteers, or visitors as they are called, reach out to those who contact SVdP on the helpline.

A training for new volunteers is scheduled for Aug. 4. If you feel like you would like to volunteer, contact Cathy Smith at smithtcr@gmail.com



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The Franciscan School, established in 2000, provides a learning environment that embraces the Gospel values of the Roman Catholic faith and is rooted in the Franciscan tradition. We have the following position available for the 2022-2023 school year. Please visit our website for details.

Teacher – Grade 1

Social Studies Teacher – Grade 8

Part-time Music Teacher (18 Hours)

To apply: 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, the position in which you have interest, and resume with three references to: tfsresume@stfrancisraleigh.org.

Substitute Teachers Needed!

The Franciscan School is seeking Substitute Teachers for the 2022-23 school year. The substitute teacher is an important part of our school and allows our teachers the time they may need away from the classroom. In this role, you will be stepping in and carrying out the lesson plans of the teacher for whom you are substituting. A substitute teacher may be called to work with students at any of the grade levels and/or subject areas. However, applicants who may prefer specific grade levels and/or subject areas are welcome to let us know their preference.

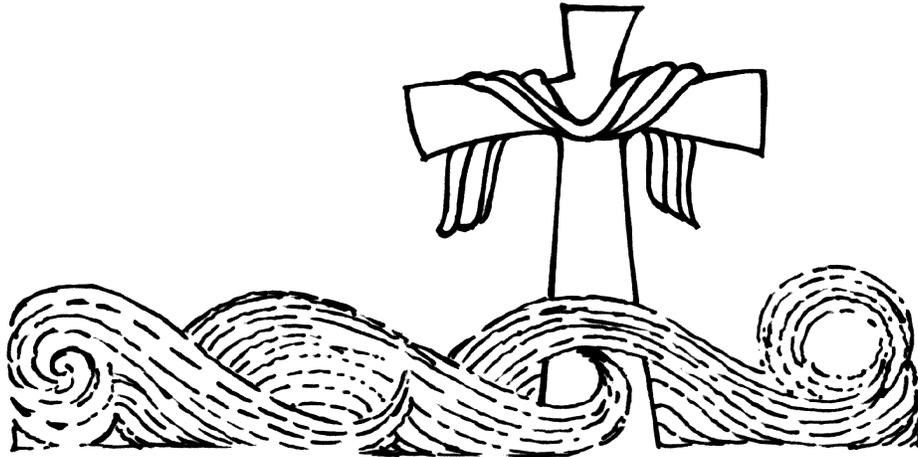
If you have availability during the school day, are flexible, creative, comfortable with technology, and have an interest in assisting our teachers and students, we welcome you to apply. Please email a resume to colette.dziadul@stfrancisraleigh.org if you are interested.

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

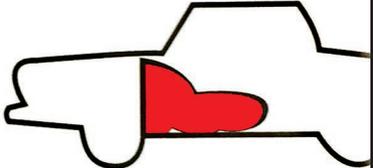
July 24, 2022

You were buried with him in baptism,
in which you were also raised with him
through faith in the power of God,
who raised him from the dead.

— *Colossians 2:12*



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