

Myth Busters



Examining
Myths and
Misconceptions
about
Mental Health
and Suicide.

This Week

What do you know about mental health?

August 4th at 6:30pm in Founders Room. We will discuss myths and misconceptions around mental health and suicide.

Thursday

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

For adult participants 18 and older.

Contact Beth.Gaudette@stfrancisraleigh.org for questions.



Faith & Family Night at the DBAP
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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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How Do Catholics Understand the Word “Ministry?”

I have been asked by several parishioners about the academic paper I presented in June at the first session of a five-year series of ecumenical meetings between the Catholic Church and the Disciples of Christ Church. As you may remember, I was appointed by the Vatican's Dicastery for Promoting Christian Unity

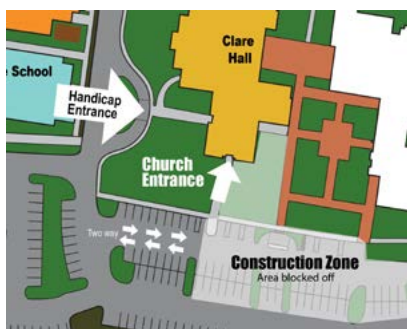
as one of seven Catholics in the world to serve on a team to dialogue with the Disciples of Christ Church for the sixth phase of ecumenical dialogue between our two Churches. Our topic focuses on the role of the Holy Spirit in ministry. My task was to lay out the parameters of a Catholic understanding of the word “ministry” as well as a Catholic understanding of the ways the Holy Spirit is involved in ministry and those who serve as ministers in the Church. Over the next few weeks, I will use this space to lay out some of the basic understandings of the word “ministry” as we understand it. We will start with a Theology 101 snapshot of the word “ministry.”

There are five essential components to this word that are in play when Catholics use the word “ministry.” All five are important. First, all ministries are rooted in the life of a faith community. This is because ministry, for us, is meant primarily to serve the needs of a faith community so it may be sent forth in mission. A second feature impacting an understanding of ministry is this: the Holy Spirit equips a wide variety of people for ministry so the Body of Christ can be built up into one body out of its diversity to meet the wide-ranging needs of the Body of Christ. No one receives all the gifts of the Holy Spirit. They are spread around for the health of the minister and the health of the community.

Third, ministry is the presence of God's grace, bestowed by the Holy Spirit, to the Church and ultimately to the world. It is never our possession. Rather, it is something given to us by the Holy Spirit to be given away and our ministry is always a manifestation of the presence of the Holy Spirit who uses us as its instrument of grace. Fourth, qualities of the Church such as being missionary, living in communion, receiving graces through the sacraments, serving others as a way of life, sharing our charisms in a diversity of ways, and pursuing the life of holiness determine and shape any Catholic understanding of ministry. Fifth, while baptism is the essential opening to all ministry, ministry in the Catholic tradition will also include a precise and special charism, service, commission, vocation, or ordination as a way of living out and embodying a baptismal call in service to the Church. Hence, the public nature of ministry (to, for, and from the Church) will often be signified by a special naming of the ministry and the designation of ministers will normatively, but not exclusively, occur publicly by installation, ordination, commission, or blessing. When all five components are present, we have the makings of “ministry” in the Catholic tradition.

Next week I will describe the various kinds of ministry we recognize in the Catholic Church.

Fr. Michael



Please note:

The parking area near Clare Hall, the short side of the Columbarium construction area will function as a two way deadend this weekend in order to allow parishioners to park in the handicapped spaces nearby.

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

Landon Patrick Hourigan

Son of Brian and Stacey Hourigan

Arabella Lukasik Espejo

Daughter of Brendan Lukasik and
Billie Espejo

Camila Ela Taylor

Daughter of Zachary and
Monika Taylor

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

+Dorothy Botjer

Wife of John Botjer

+Bernadette Rocha

Aunt/Mother of Jeremy Roca

Weekly Envelope Schedule

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 30 TO AUGUST 7



MASS INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions
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 and Karin Ruiz

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

Monday Aug 1, 9AM
+Robert Hughes
Requested by Margaret Mary Brogan and her five daughters

Tuesday Aug 2, 9AM
+Manuel Versola
Requested by Mila Versola
Anniversary of Death and Birthday

Wednesday Aug 3, 9AM
+Ronald McCaffrey
Requested by Randy and Vanessa Fleischmann

Thursday Aug 4, 9AM
Naomi Zucker
Requested by Donna Gingerella
Special Intention

Friday Aug 5, 9AM
+Manfred Varnhold
Requested by Kathleen Varnhold

Saturday Aug 6, 2022
Saturday, 5:30
+James Halligan
Requested by Lori and Dale Zagiba

Sunday Aug 7, 2022
Sunday, 7:15
+Janet Buskirk
Requested by Martin Buskirk

Sunday, 9:00
+Patrick Tighe
Requested by Maureen and Tom Lindgren

Sunday, 11:45
+Irene Austin
Requested by Lisa and Michael Austin

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

+William Roth
Requested by Mia Batz
Remembrance

+Maureen Leney
Requested by Dave Leney
Remembrance

+Susan Cogut Mankad
Requested by Nancy and Peter Sorge
Remembrance

Recent Deaths
+Dorothy Botjer
Wife of John Botjer
Remembrance

+Bernadette Rocha
Aunt/Mother of Jeremy Roca
Remembrance



**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.

Aug 4

Myth Busters

Msgr. Clay will share the Church's teaching on suicide. 6:30pm in Founders Room. Contact beth.gaudette@stfrancisraleigh.org

August 2

Gospel Study for Young Adults

Tuesdays at 6:30pm. Contact beth.gaudette@stfrancisraleigh.org

August 3

Summer Youth Fest - Movie Night

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August 4

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Training for new volunteers. Contact Cathy Smith at smithtcr@gmail.com

August 8

Prison Pen Pal Ministry Meeting

7:00 pm in Founders Room. Contact us at sfapenpal@gmail.com

August 14

Pancake Breakfast

10:00am in Clare Fellowship Hall. Contact beth.gaudette@stfrancisraleigh.org

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

<https://onrealm.org/StFrancisRaleigh/PublicRegistrations/Event?link-String=M2M0N2M0MDAtYzZhMy00YjU-4LWJjODktYWVjYTAxMDAyZTNi%20>

August 20

Emmaus Walk and Breakfast

Contact beth.gaudette@stfrancisraleigh.org

August 23

Durham Bulls Faith & Family Night

Tickets are \$13.50 for St. Francis parishioners. <https://offer.fevo.com/nashville-sounds-th2avzo-58ef1ba?fevoUri=nashville-sounds-th2avzo-58ef1ba%2F>
Contact Hanna Gertz 919-687-6522.

August 31

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

with Jim Wahl
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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

Adult Bible Study
\$25.00 covers cost of both books.
Questions? Contact Janie Hebert, janie.hebert@stfrancisraleigh.org.
<https://litpress.org/Products/6455/Letters-from-Prison-Part-One>
<https://litpress.org/Products/6454/Letters-from-Prison-Part-Two>

September 22

"Come and See" open house sponsored by the Padre Pio Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order on Sunday, September 22, 2022 from 2:30-4:30pm
Questions ofscentralnc@gmail.com or visit <https://ofscentralnc.org>.

September 24

Adoration and Breakfast

9:00-11:00. Contact beth.gaudette@stfrancisraleigh.org

October 2

FrancisFest

Our annual parish wide celebration of our patron saint. Contact ashley.watson@stfrancisraleigh.org if you are interested or want to learn more about this opportunity visit www.stfrancisraleigh.org/francisfest

October 8

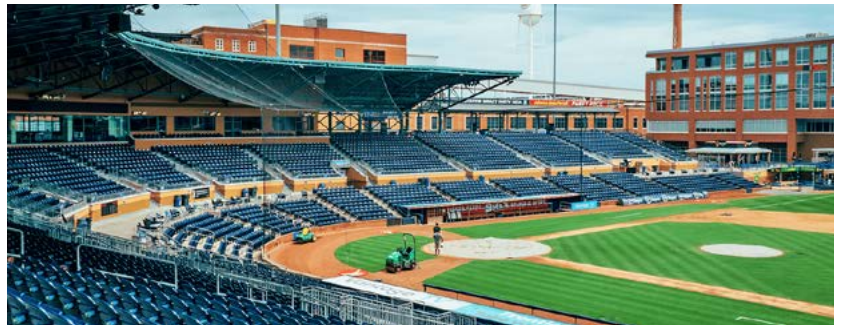
Herencia Hispana Mass

11:00am Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral
Celebrated by Bishop Zarama.
Questions: 984-900-3182

October 15

Wedding Anniversary Mass

10:00am Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral.
Celebrated by Bishop Zarama.
Questions: 984-900-3184
<https://raldioc.configio.com/wam2022>



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.

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

If you need assistance ordering call Hannah Gertz at 919.687.6522



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-a-half through four. The children come to us in Clare Hall during the 9:00 am Sunday Mass. Using Pflaum Gospel Weekie'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!

Interested families can register their children for the 2022-2023 year in REALM.

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

Cross Step (Formerly Play and Pray) Seeking Classroom Staff



Interested in sharing your faith with young children in a fun-filled and loving environment?

The Cross Step program is currently seeking part-time employees to lead our Parish's pre-school-aged faith formation classes for the upcoming 2022-2023 year. Our classes occur during the 9:00 am Sunday Mass and consist of playing, praying, sharing a short Gospel-based lesson that is provided in advance, and participating in a related arts-and-craft activity. No teaching experience is necessary, just the desire to have fun and share God's Word. Sharing a couple hours of your time on Sundays can forever transform a child's faith-journey!

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

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

God IS calling YOU.

"THEN I HEARD THE VOICE OF
THE LORD SAYING,
"WHOM SHALL I SEND? AND
WHO WILL GO FOR US?" AND
I SAID, "HERE AM I. SEND ME!"
ISAIAH 6:8

God is calling YOU to become a Small Group Leader, (SGL) in Faith Formation. His invitation is to journey with either the middle school (Cross Train) or high school (Cross Road) programs. Your love of the Gospel message and in living a Christ centered life is who we need to become a SGL. We provide training and partner two SGLs per group. Discern YOUR calling to serve the youth of our parish. **Contact Jeanne M. Lewin**, Dir. of Formation, at Jeanne.Lewin@stfrancisraleigh.org to join the FF family. Training will take place in August. Formation begins Sunday, September 18th, 6:30pm-8:15 pm.



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.



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.

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

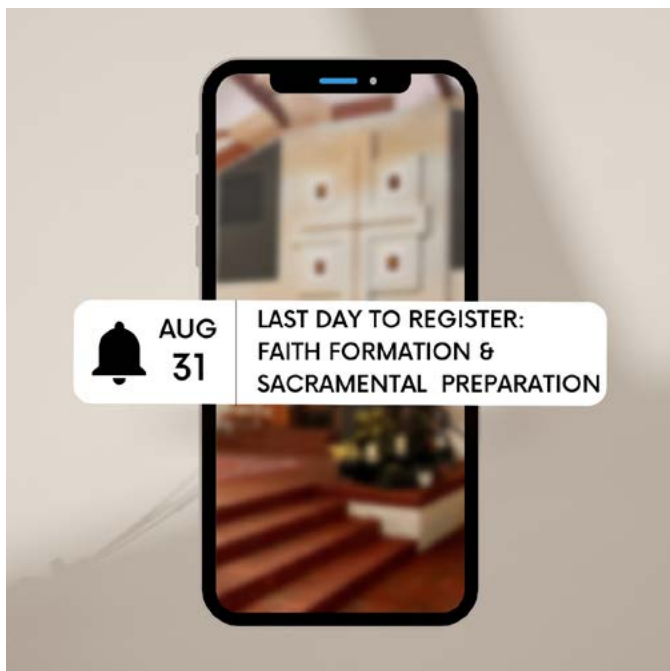


Francis Fest

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.



St. Francis of Assisi, not only wanted to live the gospel way of life, he wanted to be transformed into Jesus Christ. Are you interested in learning more about the Secular Franciscan Order, the Third Order founded by St. Francis 800 years ago? Please join us for an informative "Come and See" open house sponsored by the Padre Pio Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order on Sunday, September 22, 2022 from 2:30-4:30pm at the Catholic Community of St. Francis of Assisi. The "Come and See" will be held in the church, in the Founders Room. If you are able to join us, please send an email to ofscentrallnc@gmail.com with your name, email address, mailing address and telephone number. For additional information please see our website <https://ofscentrallnc.org>.



**AUG
31**

**LAST DAY TO REGISTER:
FAITH FORMATION &
SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION**



August 20 at 9:00am

Women's Ministry Emmaus Walk

We hear in Scripture that two followers of Jesus walked along a path toward Emmaus comforting each other after Jesus' death. Though they didn't recognize him, Jesus joined them on the walk and ministered to them. In this Emmaus Walk you will be paired with a partner and invited to experience your own Emmaus walk around the campus, discovering Christ in your own Lives through your connection with one another.

Register on Realm

Questions:

beth.gaudette@stfrancisraleigh.org

Click here to register



Starting Tuesday, August 2nd.

Gospel study for young adults.

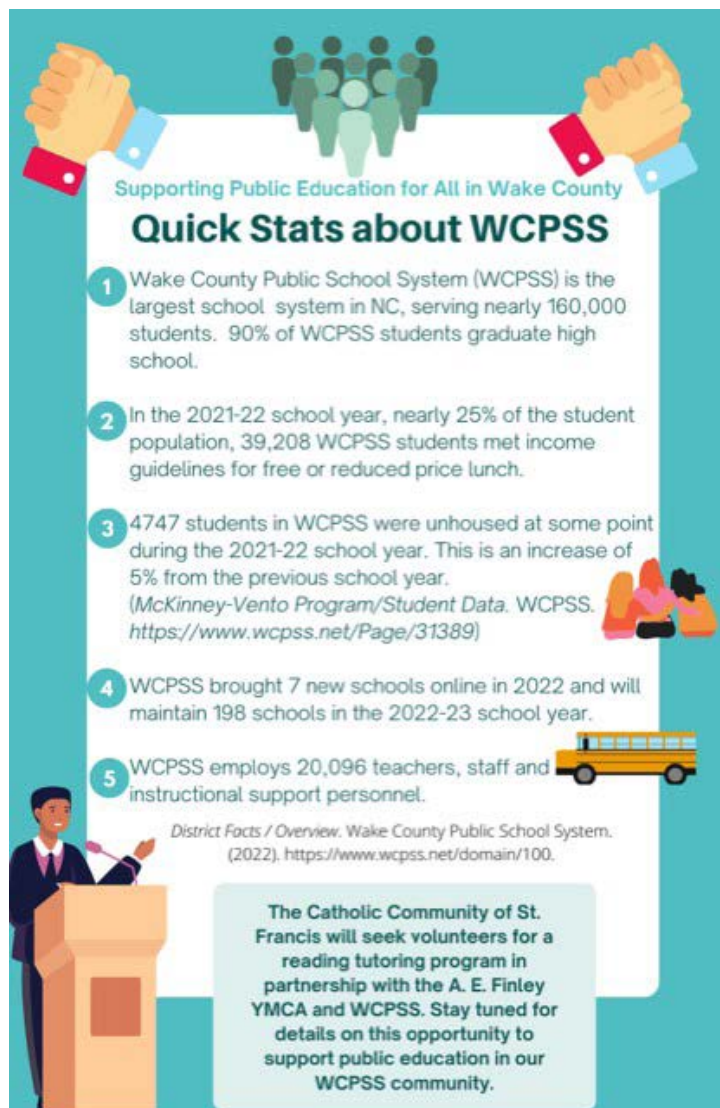
Starting August 2nd, join us each Tuesday at 6:30pm as we take a closer look at the upcoming gospel.

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

Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast

Join us for a delicious hot breakfast Sunday, August 14th, at 10:00 am in Fellowship Hall. This event is a fundraiser for the Knights to donate to community charities. Suggested donations collected at the event: \$5 per person, \$15 per family.

Questions: contact beth.gaudette@stfrancisraleigh.org



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

EDUCATION MINISTRIES

Dawn Smith, Principal



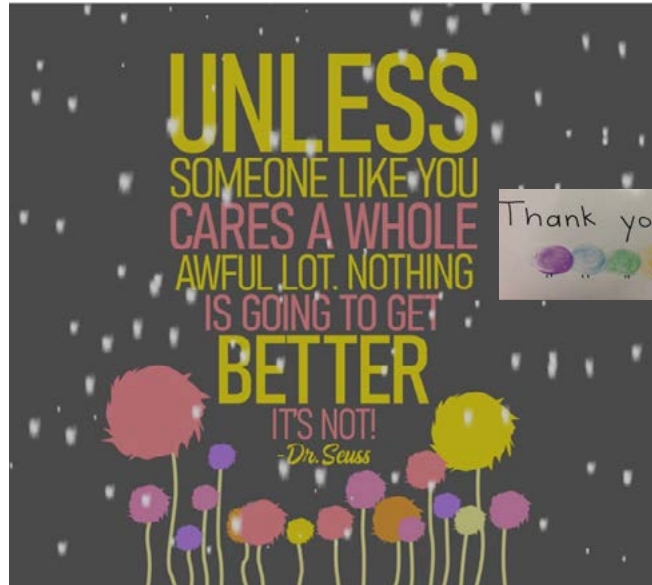
In Philippians 4:6-7 we read, “do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your mind in Christ Jesus.”

As I look around the fairly empty school campus, I am reminded daily that I should not worry. Why do we tend to shy away from change? The obvious answer seems to be that we take the easy path or predictable path. When we evoke and embrace change, we are learning, adjusting and reflecting. We may need to learn a new approach, new technology or new tool. Perhaps we are asked to work alongside

a new colleague. We are adjusting and morphing so that we do not become rote and routine. Along with learning and adjusting, change forces us to reflect and at times collaborate. For the students, they will all be assigned to a new teacher with a different group of students in a different classroom. While that can be exciting it also presents some worry. As principal, I am excited about the changes as I look around the campus. Walls are being painted, new floors are being installed and repairs are being made. I am so looking forward to welcoming faculty, students, and families in just a few short weeks. Together we will start the new school year with prayer, thanksgiving, and peace in our heart.

EDUCATION MINISTRIES

Heidi Hobler, Preschool Director



"Jesus said, 'Let the children come to me....' Matthew 19:14

Sadly, our fourth and final week of summer camp at preschool has come to an end. There was so much fun had by both our campers and staff! I previously mentioned that our camps were made extra special this year because we were finally able to bring them back after a two-year hiatus. The weeks were loaded with giggles, new friendships, and adventures both big and small!

We were fortunate to have several of our staff who work during the traditional school year also sign up to be at one or more weeks of camp. It was not only an opportunity for them to experiment with new activities and lessons, but some also worked with a different age group than they normally do during the year. Others spent the week with a partner with whom they don't generally work. While these are a few of the reasons why some of our staff chose to spend part of their summer at preschool, undoubtedly a major one is really the opportunity to be with the children.

I have written before about how dedicated my staff are at preschool. This dedication comes in part, because of their true love of being with the preschoolers. I am not the only one of the preschool staff who is energized, uplifted, and, refreshed, by being with our little people. Recently, I had a conversation with one of our longtime staff members who worked multiple weeks of camp this summer. In one of the 4-year old camps, she had a boy who had not

been to preschool. Drop-offs and separating from his mom were difficult for him at the beginning of the week. There were many tears and challenging transitions. This staff person shared with me that the mother gave her a 'thank you' card which expressed her gratitude for taking extra care of her son. The mom wrote that even though it was hard for her son to come at first, he would always come home and say how kind and loving this person had been to him. The mother further wrote that her son was soon back to his happy self because of how caring this person was to her son. This was a wonderful example of how much all of our staff care for and nurture those in their care. The staff person went on to eloquently sum up one of the many reasons why we do what we do. She said, "I saved this card because it lifts me up when I need it..."

Each and every day, I give thanks to our Lord for blessing our preschool with such incredible staff who love our students as if they were their own- who are vested so much in the children that they serve- who look at their position as more than a job- who understand the precious value of those entrusted to them!

To learn more about becoming part of our special preschool family, please visit our website at www.preschoolatstfrancis.com or contact Shelley Freeman at: shelley.freeman@stfrancisraleigh.org.

Camp Francis 2022 Summer Fun!

Ashley Watson, Coordinator of Community Programs



It's hard to believe that we just finished our 10th year of Camp Francis. This summer we spent 5 weeks with a big variety of options from Spies and Espionage to Rocket Building to Art to LEGO to Candy Chemistry to Basketball and everything in between which means something for everyone. It's always a joy to see all the smiling faces of these wonderful children as they spark their creativity with new ex-

periences each day. I loved popping into the classrooms while the children were busy learning new things about chemistry, practicing their math facts, building LEGO Creations, playing basketball, and so much more. The campers were always so excited and eager to share with me what they were working on that day. I have to say it's my favorite part of camp as they are so proud of what they have

learned and accomplished that week. I truly have missed having these smiling and happy children here at camp the last 2 summers thanks to COVID and was so excited to have them back this year with lots of new faces and fun experiences for everyone. Thanks for sharing your wonderful children with us this summer and we look forward to creating even more memories with your children next summer.

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



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.



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 tells the parable about the rich man who selfishly stored all his grain and goods only to die and not enjoy his abundance anyway. What we struggle all our lives to learn is that life does not consist of possessions nor our perceived security, but of being possessed by God. Our ability to share our gifts reflects our faith.

The St. Vincent de Paul Society uses your generous donations to help those in need in the community.

For example, this week a neighbor and her partner who are in their early 50s and both disabled faced disconnection of their electricity. Both work from home

while caring for a 14-year-old daughter and four-year-old grandson. High medical bills and the cost of caring for the grandson with no financial assistance from his parents stretch their budget. A recent unexpected brake repair to their car caused them to get behind with bills. SVdP partnered with Our Lady of Lourdes SVdP to pay their electric bill and provide resources to stretch their monthly income.

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.

SVdP could use more volunteers. If our mission speaks to you but dealing directly with the people in need seems too intense, consider helping to keep our resource sheets updated. These updates are crucial to SVdP doing its job and can be done from your own computer.

If you would like to volunteer, please contact Cathy Smith at smithtcr@gmail.com.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

TFS

Teacher – Grade 1

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.

Afterschool Program Staff – Part Time

The Franciscan School is seeking energetic candidates with a positive attitude and love of children to work in our Bridges Afterschool Program. Hours and days of the week are flexible, Monday thru Friday 3pm – 6pm. Bridges staff are responsible for the supervision and well-being of students in our program. Candidates must be at least 18 years of age and successfully complete the Diocesan background check. To apply, please send resume and cover letter to tfsresume@stfrancisraleigh.org or contact Trish.Adamkowski@stfrancisraleigh.org to obtain an application.

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.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES



Preschool Openings

Spanish Enrichment Instructor

Part time (8-10 hours per week)

St. Francis Preschool is seeking an enthusiastic individual who is bilingual 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. Successful completion of the Diocesan background check and experience working with 3-5 year olds is required. Knowledge and experience in lesson planning for 3-5 year olds is preferred. To apply, please email Heidi.hobler@stfrancisraleigh.org.



Church openings

Coordinator of High School and Young Adult Formation

Full Time

We are seeking a passionate, dynamic individual to be a part of our 30 person pastoral staff as the Coordinator of High School and Young Adult Formation. In collaboration with the formation team and a large volunteer group, this position oversees a comprehensive formation program serving youth in grades 9 through 12, and leads the efforts to grow our young adult formation into a vibrant ministry. The coordinator will develop and implement programs using contemporary Catholic evangelization and catechetical approaches.

The successful applicant will have a bachelor's degree with strong relational, communication, organizational, and leadership skills. We strongly desire someone with understanding in the fields of evangelization and contemporary approaches to catechesis, as well as experience with youth/young adult ministry.

If you are an active, fully initiated Catholic, who desires to be a part of a truly collaborative and innovative team, please email a cover letter and resume to Search.Committee@stfrancisraleigh.org.

Community Center Facility Specialist – Part Time

We are seeking part-time employees to work evenings and weekends in 5-8 hours shifts. These staff members oversee the safety and security of community life programs, activities, and events that strengthen the communal aspects of our parish, community, and neighborhood in light of our mission to be "one family living in community". The position supports operation of the Assisi Community Center by ensuring a clean, safe, controlled environment in accordance with the Diocese of Raleigh and parish procedures and guidelines. Duties will include but are not limited to:

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Warning persons of code of conduct infractions or violations and dismisses violators from premises if necessary.

A high school diploma or equivalent is required and the applicant must possess, or be able to obtain, Red Cross or American Heart Association CPR Certification with First Aid training, and Diocese of Raleigh Safe Child training. For a complete job description, questions, or to submit a resume, please email Ashley Watson, Ashley.Watson@stfrancisraleigh.org.



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.

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 31, 2022

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that we may gain wisdom of heart.

— Psalm 90:12



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