

Help Our Youth Grow in Faith!



A group of our parish youth is preparing for an incredible faith-filled trip to the National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) that will deepen their relationship with God and one another.

We need YOUR support to make this journey possible! Every donation — big or small — helps our young people experience Christ's love in new and powerful ways. We hope to achieve our **goal of \$10k in the next two weeks!**


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How can you help?

- **Pray** We welcome prayers for a safe journey!
- **Donate during Mass this weekend**
- Members of the delegation will be on hand before and after each Mass in the Welcome Center to answer questions and receive your donations at the Board of Support. All checks can be made out to St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, please add NCYC in memo line
- Or **give online** through Faith Direct (now ParishSoft): here is the link: <https://membership.faithdirect.net/givenow/NC674/61176> (just pick NCYC in the drop-down menu).

Thank you for helping us plant seeds of faith in the next generation!

A click away  If you are receiving a paper copy, visit the parish website at www.stfrancisraleigh.org.

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The Catholic Community of St. Francis of Assisi - 11401 Leesville Rd - NC 27613 - Tel: 919-847-8205

St. Francis TV - Episode 46

Vocations
with Fr. Mike Schuetz



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Fr. Chris Koehn,
Pastor



Fr. James Singarayar, HGN
Parochial Vicar



Fr. Jim Sabak, O.F.M.
In Residence



Fr. Joseph Ita-Sam, CM
Parochial Vicar



Stephen Andrews
Deacon In Residence

Respect Life Month Every October, we celebrate Respect Life Month. We consider more deeply why every human life is valuable and reflect on how to build a culture that protects life consistently from conception to natural death. Office of Justice and Peace. Contact Mary Ellen McGuire maryellen.mcguire@stfrancisraleigh.org. or Casey Slock casey.slock@stfrancisraleigh.org.

Cancer Support Group - Thursdays in October

7:00-8:00pm. Do you need to find comfort and peace within the storm? Is your storm cancer? St. Francis has a ministry for that, and we are here for you. Contact Suzanne Ziemer suzanne.zierner@stfrancisraleigh.org.

TFS 2026/27 Application is now OPEN The application for the 2026-27 school year opened on October 1. We invite all parishioners to apply. If you are new to TFS, please visit our website (franciscanschool.org) and click [Apply Today](#) to begin an application. Current TFS families who have a rising kindergarten student should apply through the [Family Portal](#). Contact Dawn Marie Smith, dawn.smith@stfrancisraleigh.org.

October 28 - The Chosen- Season 5 Viewing

9:45am. Join us in watching one episode of Season 5 of "The Chosen" each Tuesday at 9:45am in the Padua room beginning Oct. 21- Dec 16th. Contact: Tina Morgan tandmorgan@earthlink.net.

October 28 - Altar Server Training 4:30pm.

Contact Shannon Hoffman shannon.hoffman@stfrancisraleigh.org.

November 1 – Memorial Garden Mass - (see page 4)

November 2 - Harvest Moon Festival 1:00-3:00pm (see pge 5)
Saint Francis Preschool's Annual Harvest Moon Festival will take place on Sunday, November 2, from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. Join us for food, games, basket raffles and an online silent auction. Online auction opens on October 26 at 12:00 pm. [Click here for more information](#). Contact Shelley Freeman, shelley.freeman@stfrancisraleigh.org.

November 2 - First Meeting for Walking with Moms in Need Ministry 10:15-11:30am. First meeting of new Ministry: Walking with Moms in Need to educate parishioners and to attract volunteers. No registration required. Contact Janine Costello, sfarespectlife@gmail.com.

November 3 – Mass of Remembrance - (see page 4)

November 7-9 Fair Trade and Alternative Gifts Market!

Shop returning and new vendors for the holidays! Market Hours:
Friday, November 7 – 8am-4pm
Saturday, November 8 – 4pm-5:30pm & 6:15pm-7:30pm
Sunday, November 9 – 8am-9am, 9:45am-11:45am,
12:30pm-2pm & 6:15pm-8pm

We are looking for donations for meals for the vendors. [Please sign up in St Francis Serves!](#) Thank you! Contact: dina.dare@stfrancisraleigh.org.

November 5- December 17: Fall Session II Parent Child Classes

These classes are a fun ways to connect with your child. Join us for these fun, low pressure, hands on classes (0-5 years of age). Join us Wednesdays for Making Music Praying Twice and/ or Sing & Sign at the Community Center. [Click here for more Information and to register](#).

November 8 - Knights of Columbus Appreciation Breakfast

9:00am-11:30am Join us at St. Luke the Evangelist Church 12333 Bayleaf Road Raleigh, NC 27614. All men and women who are currently serving, or have served, in the military are invited to attend. Please also bring your family members to enjoy a hot breakfast served by the Knights of Columbus. [Sign up here](#).

November 8 - Greater Triangle CROP Hunger Walk

10:00am-12:30pm. Join fellow SFA community members and their families to walk in solidarity with those who are hungry and raise awareness of issues of hunger, poverty, displacement, and disaster both locally and around the globe. Opportunities exist to walk, donate, or both! Invite a friend. [Register online](#). Casey Slock, casey.slock@stfrancisraleigh.org.

November 11 - Salute to Veterans at TFS 8:00-9:50am TFS is looking for Veterans to speak to two different classes on November 11.

[Click here for more information and to sign up](#). In the comment section, please put an email address that we can use for communication. If you have any questions, please email grace.gates@stfrancisraleigh.org.

November 12 - Women's Ministry Holiday Service for Healing Transitions 7:00-8:30pm. Join us Wednesday, November 12, 7:00pm to 8:30pm at the Padua Room in the Community Center. We'll assemble hygiene gift bags for women at Healing Transitions. Donations of \$25-\$35 cover supply costs. Your support benefits our community. [Click to register](#). Contact Katie Coppins, sfawomensministry@gmail.com.

November 16 - OCIA Sponsors Needed 10:30am-11:30am. The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults needs you! God has called and they have answered in abundance! Journey with one of our participants as they grow closer to God. Sponsor information session will be held on November 16 at 10:30am in Founders Room. [Submit your interest here!](#) Contact Charlee Halphen charleehalphen@gmail.com.

November 16-18 EM and MC Trainings

All current & new Eucharist Ministers(EM) & Mass Coordinator (MC) please sign up on Realm to attend one of the following trainings.

Sunday, November 16 EM Training: 1:00- 2:30pm

MC Training: 2:30pm-4:00pm

Tuesday, November 18 EM Training: 6:30pm-8pm

Sign up on Realm or for more information contact: Contact Person John Hajdin, john.hajdin@stfrancisraleigh.org.

January 7 - Order of Christian Initiation for Adults

Interested in exploring the Catholic faith? Do you desire to experience full initiation into the life of the Church? A new cohort group for OCIA will begin January 7, 2026. [Complete the interest form to find out more!](#) Contact Charlee Halphen, charleehalphen@gmail.com.

Thank you St. Francis of Assisi from Catholic Parish Outreach (CPO)

Thank you for the wonderful support for CPO during September with over \$6,000 and 6800 pounds of food!! These donations will help CPO continue to feed many families across our area who experience food insecurities!



Shannon.Hoffman@stfrancisraleigh.org

JOIN OUR TEAM

Altar Server

→ **Training**

Tuesday, October 28th at 4:30pm
in the Church

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John.Hajdin@stfrancisraleigh.org



Confirming Your Faith

Did you know that it was the belief in the great importance of the Eucharist by Pope Pius X (Pope from 1903-1914) that led to the First Eucharist being moved to a younger age and flipped with the Sacrament of Confirmation? According to Tim Hetzel, Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry at St. Francis, whose undergraduate thesis was on Confirmation, says, "It was Pope Pius X who saw people weren't receiving communion; they would receive it maybe once or twice a year, an Easter and Christmas kind of thing. Even if they would go to Mass, they didn't feel worthy to receive it, or it wasn't really part of the culture to receive it." That broke his heart because he believed the Eucharist [More](#)

Book the Truck!
Bring Your Parish Together with the Savor Food Truck

SAVOR BOWLS

Savor is a food truck with a purpose. As a social enterprise of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Raleigh, Savor serves healthy, flavorful meals while raising critical funds to expand mobile food pantries across Eastern and Central North Carolina. When you book Savor, you become part of the solution!

WHY BOOK SAVOR?

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- Share Faith through service
- Crowd-Funding & Crowdsourcing
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PERFECT FOR:

- Parish Festivals & Great Days
- All-Mass Celebrations
- Retreats and Mission Weeks
- Faith Formation Initiatives

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Now Serving: The Savor Food Truck Hits The Road

After more than a year of planning, design, and preparation, Catholic Charities is proud to officially launch the Savor Food Truck, a new social enterprise that blends great food with an even greater mission. [More](#)



Ministry Spotlight: Lectors

"At St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church," says ministry coordinator Mike Wrzesien, "the lector ministry plays a vital role in the celebration of the Mass. Lectors are more than just readers; they are proclaimers of the Word of God, tasked with bringing the sacred scriptures to life for the parish community." As those who attend Mass at St. Francis know, the dedication and reverence our lectors demonstrate help to foster a deeper understanding and connection to the divine message within the congregation. [More](#)



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

Veteran's Day Breakfast

Hosted by the Knights of Columbus

November 8, 2025 at 9am

St. Luke's Parish Hall

12333 Bayleaf Church Road,
Raleigh, NC.



Scam Alert

Msgr. Clay (and those on the SFA staff) never request parishioner cell numbers via email. Always check the sender's email address to verify that the domain name appears after our name exactly like this (stfrancisraleigh.org).

NOVEMBER

A month of remembrance.

All Saints Day
Memorial Garden Mass

Saturday, November 1st
10am Mass in Memorial Garden

Mass of Remembrance

Monday, November 3rd
7pm Mass in Church

Incense will be used at this Mass



Memorial Garden Mass

Saturday, November 1st | 10:00am

We will celebrate the lives of those inurned in our Memorial Garden or buried in the St. Francis portion of the cemetery at Raleigh Memorial Park. All are welcome to attend.

Mass of Remembrance Monday, November 3rd, at 7pm in the Church

During this liturgy, we will honor and pray for all parishioners who have died in the past year with a special reading of names.

Parishioners are also invited to bring framed photos (max 5x7") of deceased loved ones to the Welcome Center or church office between October 15-29. These will be displayed near the altar during the liturgy and in the gathering space throughout November.

Please write your name and contact info on the back of each photo for easy return after the month ends.

For more information, please contact
shannon.hoffman@stfrancisraleigh.org



Faith Direct is now ParishSoft

Dear Parishioners,

I hope this message finds you well.

I'm writing to inform you of an important update regarding our parish's online giving platform. Our trusted provider, **Faith Direct**, has officially changed its name to **ParishSOFT**.

Please be assured that **there will be no disruption to your giving**. Your **recurring gifts, account information, and current fees will all remain unchanged**, and your data will be transferred seamlessly to the new platform. The only difference you'll notice is when you **log in through the upgraded interface**, where you'll see the new ParishSOFT branding.

We are grateful for your continued generosity, which allows our parish to thrive and carry out its mission. If you have any questions or need assistance, please don't hesitate to reach out to our parish office.

Thank you for your faithful support.

In Christ,
Fr. Chris 🙏❤️

FAIR TRADE & ALTERNATIVE GIFTS MARKET

NOVEMBER 7-9



Volunteer to donate food for vendors
on St. Francis Serves

Click to
Join



Join fellow parishioners on the parish social network - a toxic free online platform where it's safe and spam free. Meet great people and set up your own page so others can know you better. There is no cost to join. Must be 18+

St. Francis of Assisi Preschool



HARVEST MOON FESTIVAL

ANNUAL FUNDRAISER



November 2nd
1:00-3:00 Pm
Fellowship

Food
Games

Basket Raffle
Silent Auction

Women's Ministry invites
you to support our

Healing Transitions Service Project

What You Can Donate:

- \$20
- \$30
- \$40

November 12

7 - 8:30 pm

Assemble packages



Register and make donation through Realm

Care for Creation

stfrancisraleigh.org/care-for-creation/

We cannot love God . . . while despising his creatures.
Nor can we call ourselves disciples . . . without
participating in his outlook on creation and his care for
all that is fragile and wounded." Pope Leo

Come and See!



Join the OCIA & become a sponsor today!

Information session:

Sunday, November 16th @ 10:30 am in Founders Room

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

Let's
Start
The Journey

TALK TO US TODAY!
prayerfulheart3@gmail.com

Every spiritual journey is sacred and unique. At times, we may seek a companion to help us listen more deeply to God's presence in our lives.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH RETREAT

December 12- 14, 2025
Rockfish Retreat Center

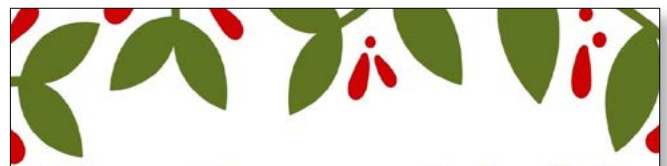
Come discover God's JOY this Advent season, deepen your faith, and build lasting community.

Register Here



follow @sfaretreat.team

for more info contact
morganjess@gmail.com



Advent Penance Schedule

Monday, November 17th at 11am
St. Francis of Assisi, Raleigh

Wednesday, November 19th at 6:30pm
Our Lady of the Rosary, Louisburg

Friday, December 5th at 7pm
at Our Lady of La Vang, Raleigh

Thursday, December 18th at 6:30pm
St. Luke's, Raleigh



GET CONNECTED
Connecting Parishioners to Events and Volunteer Opportunities

Interested in becoming Catholic?

Are you or anyone you know interested in exploring the Catholic Church as your church home? Let the Order of Christian Adults walk with you on your journey of faith. A new cohort will begin **January 7!** Fill out the interest form using the QR code.



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Questions, contact Diogenes Ruiz, diogenes.ruiz@stfrancisraleigh.org.
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