



The poster features a vibrant yellow background with several yellow stars. At the top, the text 'FAIR TRADE & ALTERNATIVE GIFTS MARKET' is written in large, bold, red capital letters. Below this, 'NOVEMBER 7-9' is written in a similar style. The central illustration depicts three market stalls with red awnings and string lights. The left stall has clothing and bags; the middle stall has hats and baskets of produce; the right stall has framed artwork. At the bottom, the phrase 'This Weekend!' is written in a large, red, cursive font.




Faith Direct transition to ParishSOFT Giving

As you know by now, Faith Direct has now become ParishSOFT Giving. For most of our parishioners, the transition should be rather seamless. Any appeal you may have selected will continue to be processed as requested without any action on your part.

There are a few things we would like to bring to your attention related to the transition:

- If you require any help donating or selecting appeals, the client service number is (866) 930-4774, or you can still use (866) 507-8757. If you do call for help, you will be serviced by the same people you may have worked with in the past.
- If you have been a weekly donor in the past, Faith Direct processed your weekly donations once a month on either the 4th or 15th, selected by you. Now weekly donations will be processed weekly rather than a lump sum.
- To access your account, use the following URL with your former Faith Direct ID and password: <https://giving.parishsoft.com/App/Giving/FD-674>
- If you have any further questions, please feel free to call either Toni Hammes or Rob Neppel at the parish office.

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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 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
Contact: dina.dare@stfrancisraleigh.org.

November 9 - Always God's Children

3:00-4:30pm. A confidential setting for those who identify as LGBTQ+, along with family and friends. This gathering provides a safe place to pray together, share our experiences, and support one another on our journey of faith and life. This meeting will be virtual. Please contact Stacey Shine for information on Zoom link. stacey.shine@stfrancisraleigh.org.

November 11 - The Chosen- Season 5 Viewing

Please note there will be no viewing of The Chosen on Tuesday Nov. 11th due to the Parish Holiday. Contact Tina Morgan tandmmorgan@earthlink.net.

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 13 - JCM Presents: Adapting to Change: How AI and the Economy are Redefining Work

8:30-10:30am, at St Francis of Assisi - Founders Room. In this session, Dana Gower explores how today's rapidly evolving economy, automation, and artificial intelligence are transforming the world of work. Participants will gain insight into how economic and technological shifts are reshaping industries, redefining job roles, and creating new opportunities for growth. [RSVP. More information.](#) Contact Paul Dean, vpauldean@gmail.com.

November 15 - November Center for Action & Contemplation Discussion

9:00am. Come see highlights from the Center for Action and Contemplation's recent conference on ReVision: What Do We Do with Christianity. Discussion, reflection and fellowship with Deacon Steve and Pam Peroutky. Bring a sack lunch, snacks and beverages provided. [Register.](#) Contact Deacon Steve Andrews, stephenwandrews@outlook.com. [Click here to watch video.](#)

Nov. 15/16 & Nov 22/23 - Our Lady of the Rosary Food Drive Volunteers

We need volunteers (families, adults, youth) to pass out bags after masses the weekend of Nov. 15/16. We also need volunteers (families, adults, youth) to collect and load a truck with the OLR food donations the weekend of Nov. 22/23. [Click here to sign up to assist.](#) [Sign up here.](#) Contact Tess Ferrer-Turner, tessferrer89@yahoo.com.

November 15 - Celebrating and Reflecting on Two Encyclicals on their 30th and 10th Anniversaries

9:00am-1:00pm. This event will focus on the encyclicals Evangelium Vitae (1995) and Laudato Si' (2015), written Pope St. John Paul II and Pope Francis respectively, which share complementary and prophetic messages promoting the protection, dignity, and thriving of human life. [Registration.](#) Contact Diocese of Charlotte & Sisters of Mercy, scaeducation@ccdoc.org.

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.

November 19 - 50+ Adult Group Potluck

11:30am Join us in Clare Fellowship Hall: If last name starts with, then bring: A thru D = Main Dish; E thru L = Salad/Side Dish; M thru Z = Dessert/Bread. Coffee, soda and water will be provided. Contact Pat Spencer, spencer1334@bellsouth.net.

November 20 - Frozen Turkey Drive

7:30am - 12:00pm. We will be collecting frozen turkeys to benefit Passage Home. Please bring your turkey to the Community Center parking lot, where a volunteer dressed in silly Turkey hats will pick it up right from your car! Thank you for your generous donations. Contact Ashley Watson, Ashley.Watson@stfrancisraleigh.org.

November 22/23 Our Lady of the Rosary Food Drive Food Collections

Bring nonperishable food items, or a monetary donation, to the truck. Collections: before and after weekend Masses. [Click here](#) to see a list of the current needs and for a link to make a donation through Parish Soft (formerly Faith Direct) Contact Tess Ferrer-Turner, tessferrer89@yahoo.com.

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.

Click to Join



Join fellow parishioners on the St. Francis social network (like Facebook only better, no ads, no spam) - a safe toxic free online platform. Meet/Connect with fellow parishioners - set up a personal page, upload pictures, post blogs, share interests, There is no cost to join. Must be 18+



TFS Wins Bronze in Raleigh Best

We are excited to announce that The Franciscan School has been voted as one of the best in the annual News & Observer Raleigh Best Awards! The Franciscan School is the BRONZE winner for Favorite Private School. Thank you to everyone who voted for and continue to support our mission. Contact Dawn Smith, dawn.smith@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.



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St. Francis TV - Episode 46

Vocations
with
Fr. Mike Schuetz



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Ministering To Our Youth

The Youth Ministry at St. Francis is an integral part of our faith formation ministries, fostering faith, friendship, and service. Tim Hetzel, Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry, and Jess Montrella, Middle School Evangelization and Formation coordinator, spoke about the resurgence of youth ministry following the pandemic.

"For at least a year," says Tim, "we had kind of a virtual youth ministry, or were trying to do virtual youth ministry when we're on Zoom in our small groups. That worked as well as it could, and then when we got back, it was similar to how schools did it, which was sort of like 'being in your cohort' kind of thing. You didn't really see [More](#)



Ministry Spotlight: Rosary

The focus of the ministry is in answer to Our Blessed Mother's call for us to "pray, pray, pray," as requested in her appearances at Guadalupe, Lourdes, Fatima, and Medjugorje. To accomplish this calling, prayer is held after daily Mass, as mentioned above, and, once a month, the ministry has a special gathering in honor of Our Lady. Eucharistic Ministers who serve at some of the Senior Living Centers also pray the Rosary before the weekly Communion Service. Other Rosary members have formed a Rosary Group at home, with family and neighbors. There are many opportunities to answer Mary's call to pray the Rosary. [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.



FROZEN TURKEY DRIVE
HELP US, HELP OTHERS
COMMUNITY CENTER PARKING LOT
7:30am -12pm



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

Mass Intentions
Mass Intentions for 2026 are now available. Mass Intentions can be requested through the Parish Website or through the Front Office. For additional information please visit the Parish Website. Contact Shannon Hoffman shannon.hoffman@stfrancisraleigh.org.

Feed the Need – Intake Volunteer Opportunity Help coordinate meal support for parishioners in need! Intake volunteers collect basic information through an online form from home, ensuring confidentiality and sharing details with our meal team. Flexible schedule and full training provided. Great volunteer opportunity. Please contact Mary Morch or Celesta Carlson for more information at feedtheneedSFA@gmail.com.



Serving With Heart, Offering Hope
How One Mother Found a Fresh Start--and How You Can Help

Click [here](https://stfrancissvdp.org/blog/) to read more or visit <https://stfrancissvdp.org/blog/>

Serve Learn Donate

If you need help, please call our helpline at (919) 534-4842

Staff Service Day

participated in our annual Staff Service Day! We began with mass, and then some people stayed on campus doing shifts in the garden, making rosaries for our sister parish in Guatemala, cooking for Feed the Need, and making blankets for Project Linus. Others travelled off campus and helped at some of our partner organizations: Brown Bag Ministry, Capitol Tower retirement community, L'Arche, and more!



Come and See!



Join the OCIA & become a sponsor today!

Information session:

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

Care for Creation

stfrancisraleigh.org/care-for-creation/

"... the land and the poor people are victims ...
at ... of the ... consumer society ... treating
people and ... nature as if they were useless
waste ..." Appalachian bishops - 1995

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John.Hajdin@stfrancisraleigh.org

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

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