

Invited to Serve Now and in the Future




Seth, one of our TFS students, was invited to serve at St. James in Rockford, Illinois. Sandy and I are from Rockford, grew up at St. James and Seth always serves when we go back to visit, which is quite often. Seth served at the Solemn Mass of the Dedication of a Church and an Altar at St. James. St. James was built in 1853 and in August 2022 had a terrible fire. The inside of the church was almost totally destroyed, and we have watched the restoration progress over the last two years.

When they called and invited us to the Mass on October 24, we decided to take Seth out of school that day, since Friday was a teacher service day. Father Sarmiento said he had a special job for Seth and it was to hold Bishop David Malloy's crozier. He wore a vimpa. Seth was thrilled and was next to the Bishop for the entire mass, seeing the relics placed in the altar, seeing the altar and the church blessed. It was an honor for him and something he will remember the rest of his life. We will too. It was an absolutely beautiful Mass. What a blessing that he was asked to serve at the Mass with all the priests and seminarians.

Bishop Malloy was wonderful and when we were walking out, he told Seth to remember that he had the papers ready to sign for Seth to become a priest in the Diocese of Rockford :)

- Denise (Seth's Mom)

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Pastor



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

November 10 - Always God's Children

3:30-5:00pm. 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 talk over our concerns. Contact Stacey Shine, stacey.shine@stfrancisraleigh.org.

November 11 - Salute to Veterans at TFS 8:00-10:00am. TFS is looking for Veterans to speak from 9:00-9:55 a.m. to two different classes.

[Click HERE to sign up](#). In the comment section, please put the grade you would be comfortable speaking with or if you have a specific classroom, you'd like to speak in. Contact grace.gates@stfrancisraleigh.org.

November 12 - Women's Ministry Craft Night - Ornament Painting

630pm-8:30pm. Join Women's Ministry for a night of fun, fellowship and crafts! We will be painting two ornaments, one to keep and one to give away. Drinks and supplies will be provided, a Sign Up Genius will go out to participants to bring snacks/appetizers. Cost is \$12. Register in Realm. Contact Jess Kelly, sfawomensministry@gmail.com.

New Ministry! - November 13 - Lord of the Harvest Healing

Ministry 7:00-8:30pm. Difficult problems? WE ENCOURAGE you to experience the love of God to be healed and heal others through the power of the Holy Spirit. WE INSPIRE you to use your God-given authority. WE TEAM UP, like the 72, to strengthen each other and act on His commands. Contact Maureen Costello - register at sentout72@gmail.com.

November 14-17 Support our Fair Trade Market Vendors!

To show our appreciation and gratitude to the 11 Fair Trade Market vendors this year, our parish is seeking donations to provide meal items. Please click on the link below to see which items we need. Join us at the Fair Trade Market in December. Contact javon.hansknecht@stfrancisraleigh.org. Link: https://stfrancisraleigh.galaxydigital.com/need/?s=1&need_init_id=9474

November 14, Career Networking Ministry

10:00am at St. Michaels in Cary. 830 High House Rd, Cary. Conference Center CNM Presents: Clearing the Way for Calling-Maximize your Career Crossroad. [CNM is a group of working professionals](#) and job seekers committed to proactive career management through continuous learning and relationship building pursuant to the expansion of opportunities for immediate or future employment. Contact Paul Dean, ypauldean@gmail.com.

November 15-17 Annual Fair Trade Market!

Come shop at our annual Fair Trade and Alternative Gift Market! This event provides an opportunity to purchase fair trade products and art from a variety of vendors that ensure fair wages and dignity for vulnerable people around the world. Explore and join our 11 vendor tables in Fellowship Hall! Contact javon.hansknecht@stfrancisraleigh.org.

November 15 - Prayer Service for Peace in the Holy Land

Friday, 7:00-8:00pm. Christians, Jews, and Muslims look to the Holy Land as a place of sacred events, holy sites, and profound hopes. Yet the prevailing image of Israel and Palestine today is one of violence, injustice, and deep suffering. In response, Catholics in the United States are joining with people of other faiths to pray, and to work for a just peace in the region; one in which human dignity is protected, peoples are reconciled, and peace prevails. Web link: <https://dioceseofraleigh.org/event/prayer-service-peace-holy-land>

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To advertise email: diogenes.ruiz@stfrancisraleigh.org
Link: <https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/parishioner-businesses/>

November 16-17 Our Lady of the Rosary Food Drive

Please Drop your Bags of Donations to the Truck before and after masses! We need: rice and masa flour, dried beans, canned tomatoes/vegetables, canned fruit (no fruit cocktail), macaroni & cheese, canned meat, peanut butter & jelly, dry soup packages, juice, oatmeal or dry cereal, diapers (all sizes). Contact tessferrer89@yahoo.com.

November 16 - Catholic Scouting Mass of Thanksgiving

10:30am-12:30pm. We'll give thanks for the gift of Catholic Scouting in our Diocese via Mass (celebrant: Bishop Luis Zarama) and lunch. All current and former scouts (Scouts BSA, Girl Scouts, etc.), and parents and friends are welcome! Location: St. Andrew the Apostle, Apex, NC Cost: FREE (please RSVP [Click here to RSVP](#)). Contact Mike Nemecek, mikenemecek1@gmail.com

November 17 - Young Adult Bonfire Social Join peers in their 20s and 30s for a cozy, fall bonfire social! Partake in hot chocolate and sweet and savory s'mores, as well as an introduction to the Rosary as a group. Located at the Labyrinth behind the Community Center.

[Register on Instagram](#). Contact Michelle Kaiser, mmk4894@yahoo.com.

November 21 - Frozen Turkey Drive 7:30-12:00pm. 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@stfrancisraleigh.org.**November 21 - Coffee with Chris** 9:40am. Join us Thursday, for Coffee with Fr. Chris in Padua. It will be a time to visit with fellow parishioners and Fr. Chris to celebrate as we continue to walk this journey of faith together as a community dedicated to our Franciscan heritage. Contact stacey.shine@stfrancisraleigh.org.**November 24 - Coffee and Donuts** 10:00am

Join us for coffee and donuts in Fellowship Hall after the 9am Mass. It will be a time to visit with fellow parishioners to celebrate as we continue to walk this journey of faith together as a community dedicated to our Franciscan heritage. Contact stacey.shine@stfrancisraleigh.org.

December 1, Advent Retreat: What Am I Longing For?

Advent is a time to listen to the longings planted by God in our hearts, inspiring us to build the Reign of God today, preparing for the Second Coming of Christ. Join us for an Advent Retreat on Sunday, Dec. 1 (1-5PM, Founders Room) led by Jay Landry. [Register Here](#).

December 1 - Young Adult Advent Small Groups

Join peers in diving deeper into the season of Advent. In small groups, we'll reflect upon God's presence coming to earth in Jesus' birth, as well as in our everyday lives. [Please register here at the provided link](#) or contact Michelle at mmk4894@yahoo.com by November 27th.

December 8 - Adult Listening Session

10:00am-11:10am. How is God calling you to hope in this Advent season? Join us on Sunday, December 8th at 10:15 am for a "Listening Session" in which we reflect on this question in light of the Gospel and listen to the Holy Spirit's voice through one another. [Register here](#). Contact Jay Landry, jay.landry@stfrancisraleigh.org.

Employment Opportunities:**Afterschool Staff**

See our website: <https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/jobs/>
Contact Trish Adamkowski, trish.adamkowski@stfrancisraleigh.org

Join us at our Annual
**Fair Trade & Alternative
 Gifts Market**

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NOVEMBER 15-17
 JOIN US IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

11-15 8am-4pm	11-16 4pm-7:30pm (closed 5:30pm-6:15pm)	11-17 After Mass
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December 9 - Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary In the church - Holy day of obligation, 9:00am, 11:45am, 7:00pm, also streamed.

December 13 - Christmas at Duke Children's Hospital!
 8:30am-2:00pm. ELVES NEEDED! Join Mr. & Mrs. Claus at Duke Children's Hospital as they organize and provide gifts to youth patients! Help wrap presents, walk children to Santa, and help kids select a holiday gift! We will be located in the front lobby area of the hospital. Elf Costumes encouraged! Contact Email javon.hansknecht@stfrancisraleigh.org.



Why is Fr. Chris Smiling? We've recently intalled a "Tap to Give" system at St. Francis for those who like the convenience of using their credit card to give to the Offertory. It's easy - just tap your credit card on the amount you would like to give. You can "tap to give" anytime not just after Mass. Try it out and let us know what you think.



Alzheimer's Awareness and Caregiver Support

At St. Francis, as part of the Pastoral Care Ministries, Kathleen Boaté coordinates the Alzheimer's / Dementia Caregiver Support Group. Kathleen believes it is essential to highlight this group for Alzheimer's Awareness Month, "It is so important we reach as many people as possible because if people don't need us today, someday they might or know of someone who could benefit from our group." "The Alzheimer's/Dementia caregiver support group is a passion of mine," she says. "I am a retired Executive Director of Assisted Living and Memory Care Communities and a Dementia Specialist from the Alzheimer's Foundation." The challenge of being a caregiver has been [More...](#)

Ministry Spotlight: Oak City Cares



The Oak City Cares ministry at St. Francis couldn't assist in a more aptly named cause. Oak City Cares is a community organization named after the City of Raleigh's nickname, and what it does is care for those in need. As St. Francis of Assisi Oak City Cares ministry volunteer Ann Lassiter said, "It is a hub for those experiencing homelessness. They provide breakfast, lunch, and dinner on the weekend, and different community organizations serve them." Our ministry at the parish specifically provides [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."

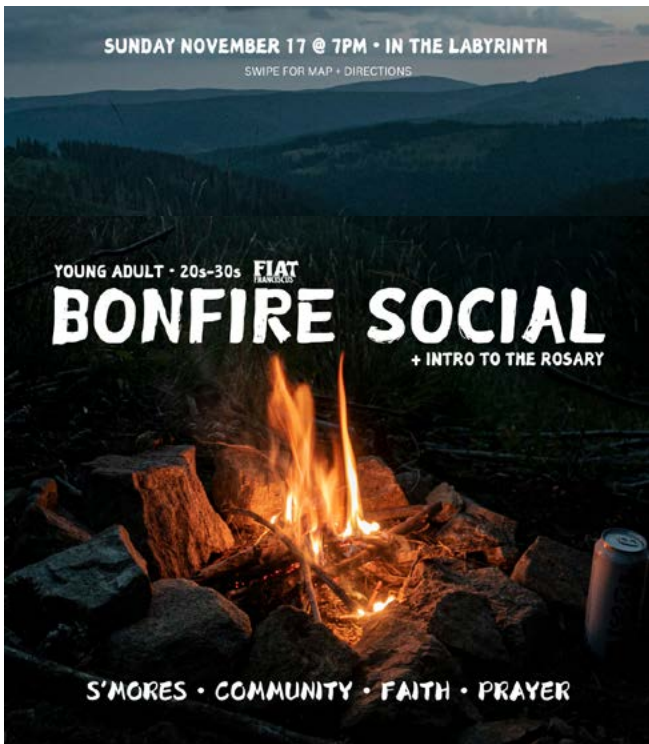


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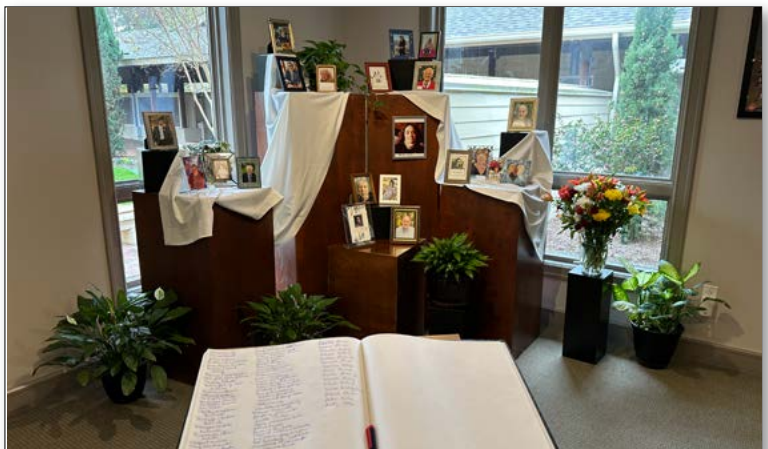
So here's to the ladies, with turkey-filled cheer,
 They'll save Thanksgiving—don't give them a sneer!
 Though they might have a feather or two in their hair,
 They're keeping the feast alive, and showing they care!

FROZEN TURKEY DRIVE

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21ST
 7:30AM-12PM
 COMMUNITY CENTER
 PARKING LOT



[Click here](#) to read about the 100th anniversary of the Diocese of Raleigh, let us briefly walk through the rich history of our mission diocese



November Book of Remembrance

Throughout the month of November, the Book of Remembrance will be displayed in the gathering space. You may add the names of your deceased loved ones directly into the book during this time.

Due to the overwhelming outpouring of support from our communities, warehouses are full of donated supplies for Western North Carolina and Catholic Charities will be pausing collection of additional supplies as of Friday November 1st.

[Please click here to see the attached.](#)

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 CAN IT, FREEZE IT,
 PICKLE IT, STORE IT**

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The Catholic Community of St. Francis of Assisi salutes all our veterans.
Thank you for your service.



Veteran, Major Karla White, Air Force Intelligence Officer. Karla is our preschool's music and movement teacher and assistant in toddler.



Veteran, Pete Scanlon, 24th Infantry Division, Army, and his daughter, Olivia who attends the St. Francis of Assisi Preschool. Pete also has a second grader, Jack, who attends TFS.

Photos taken on November 8 during the Preschool's Safety Parade

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

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