



A Joyful Moment with Fr. Chris

Fr Chris shares the story of Msgr. Hadden's chalice and the special significance, and a wonderful tradition. [Click here to watch the short video.](#)

YOUNG ADULT
ADVENT
 SMALL GROUPS



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STARTING DECEMBER 1ST

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In feathers and foam, Fr. Chris and Fr. Jim pranced,
 With volunteers clucking in a turkey dance!
 They marched through St. Francis with a goal in sight
 To bring 222 turkeys to families tonight.

With feathers all fluffed and beaks held up high,
 They gathered the birds, and the donations did fly.
 Thanks to the kind folks who gave with good cheer,
 They've made Thanksgiving bright for families this year.

So here's to the turkeys—real and pretend—
 And to all who donated, our thanks never end!
 You helped spread joy, and that's no small feat,
 Making this Thanksgiving truly blessed and complete!

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Fr. Chris Koehn, 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 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 4 - Lord of the Harvest Healing Ministry - Advent Potluck Dinner Party 6:30-8:30pm.

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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.

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.**Now through Dec 10: Advent Giving Trees** - see page 3**December 11 Women's Ministry Christmas Music BINGO**

7:00-9:00pm. Celebrate the spirit of the season at the Women's Ministry Cookie Exchange and Social on 12/11, 7:00-9:00pm! Exchanging cookies is optional. Bring the number of cookies that you'd like to go home with (split into bags of 6). We will play Christmas Music BINGO, too! [Register via Realm.](#) Contact Jackie Schroeder, Schroederjackie@gmail.com.

December 11 - Celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe!

Join us for a special evening in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Wednesday, December 11, at 9:00 PM in the Chapel. The Mass will be celebrated in Spanish (Misa en Español), followed by a warm gathering with coffee and Pan Dulce in Padua. All are welcome! Contact Person Esperanza Neri, esperanza.neri@stfrancisraleigh.org.

December 12 - Advent Penance Service

11:00am-12:30pm

Employment Opportunities:**Afterschool Staff**

See our website: <https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/jobs/>

Contact Trish Adamkowski, trish.adamkowski@stfrancisraleigh.org

December 13 Crèches, Carols, Cookies Join us for a magical evening on Friday, December 13th, at 6:30 pm! Start in the Church with live music, then head to Fellowship Hall to see an extraordinary display of Fr. Jim Sabak's Crèches. This enchanting event is perfect for ALL ages and continues all weekend after each Mass. No registration needed—just bring your holiday spirit! Contact Email stacey.shine@stfrancisraleigh.org.

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.

Thank you from Our Lady of the Rosary (OLR)

The volunteers at OLR Food Pantry want to thank St. Francis of Assisi for the wonderful generosity! We were able to deliver about 8,000 pounds of food and \$5700+ to help them support those in need up in Louisburg. Thanks to all of the Volunteers at St. Francis as well.



Through-Dec 10: Advent Giving Trees

Share the spirit of the Christmas season with families in need by supporting the St. Francis of Assisi Advent Giving Tree. Our primary recipients are organizations in the community that work directly with people in need. There are 2 ways you can support the Advent Giving Tree.

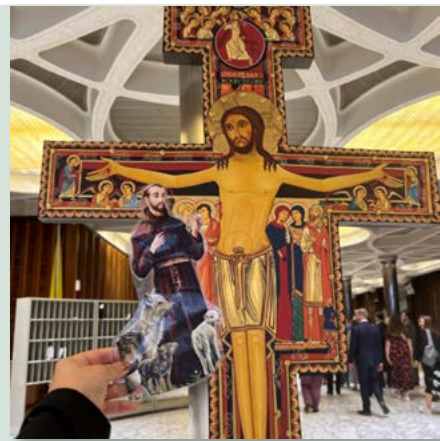
1. Take a paper ornament from the trees located in the Community Center and the Welcome Center and follow the instructions on the ornament for when to return the gift. Return gift by the date on the tag (or if no date then please return by December 9th) to:

Community Center Lobby: Monday-Friday from 8am-2:30pm thru December 6th OR In the Welcome Center: Before or after Mass on the weekends and during the week from November 18-December 9.

Community organizations whose families are included on our tree this year include Catholic Parish Outreach, Hispanic Family Center, Duke Children's Hospital, Emily K Center, Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Passage Home, St. Francis Inn in Philadelphia. Parish ministries that benefit include Prayer Shawl, Feed the Need, St. Francis Brown Bag Ministry, and Oak City Cares.

2. Make a Financial donation thru Faith Direct. <https://membership.faithdirect.net/givenow/NC674/40890>
The following organizations will be beneficiaries of our financial donations this year: Helen Wright Center, Ronald McDonald House in Durham, Helene Foundation, St. Vincent de Paul Ministry.

Contact Ashley.Watson@stfrancisraleigh.org



The Synod with Flat Francis in Rome

Gubbio and Flat Francis traveled with Marisa Ferrara, our parish's Elementary Formation and First Sacraments Coordinator, and students from the University of Dayton in Ohio in mid-October to Italy. Flat Francis says, "We embarked on a pilgrimage to Rome, one that would bring us face-to-face with the heart of the Church's discussions on synodality. Alongside over 150 students, campus ministers, and educators from 15 U.S. Catholic universities, we joined the Catholic Education Network to Encounter Rome and Synodality (CENTERS) group to explore what it means to build a more inclusive and [More...](#)

Ministry Spotlight: EM to Senior Centers and the Homebound



The celebration and reception of the Eucharist are fundamental as a sacrament in the Catholic faith. We often take for granted the ability to attend Mass and receive the body and blood of Christ; some are less fortunate. That is why the Catholic Community of St. Francis has eucharistic ministers who tend to those unable to attend Mass regularly. Shannon Hoffman, coordinator of the homebound ministry, explains, "Our ministry to the homebound and senior community parishioners focuses on [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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Presented by Jay Landry

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Women's Ministry
Christmas Social
& Optional
Cookie Exchange
December 11
7 to 9 pm

St. Vincent dePaul [helps people in need](#). Hear about how volunteers prevent the loss of Section 8 vouchers that enable the working poor to afford their rent in these challenging times.
<https://youtu.be/HylogrIEk5o> Visit the [SVdP website](#).
Contact Cathy Smith, smithtcr@gmail.com.

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The Advent Wreath



IF YOUR FAMILY WOULD LIKE TO LIGHT THE ADVENT WREATH PRIOR TO MASS PLEASE USE THE QR CODE TO SIGN UP. PLEASE ONLY SIGN UP FOR ONE MASS.

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Questions, contact Diogenes Ruiz,
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