

Volunteer Ministry Match-Up

Want to become more involved at St. Francis but are overwhelmed by the myriad of ministries listed on the back of the bulletin? Have lots of talents to offer but very little spare time? Like to do things 'behind the scenes'? Want to involve the whole family? Here is a list of ministries that St. Francis offers that might be perfect for your situation!

Driving Ministries – or, "Goin' my way?"

Caregivers Ministry: Provides assistance to the incapacitated, infirmed or elderly in the parish by taking individuals to doctor's appointments or grocery shopping. You can bring your little ones along with you for the ride! Contact Carol Derrenbacher 554-2578 or go to <http://stfrancisraleigh.wordpress.com/pastoral-ministries-overview/care-and-wellness>

Mass Transit Ministry: Provides transportation to parishioners who have no means of getting to church for weekend liturgies. Swing by and pick up a new friend to take to mass with you and the whole family! Contact Kathleen Owen 847-8205 ext. 241 or go to <http://stfrancisraleigh.wordpress.com/pastoral-ministries-overview/care-and-wellness>

Valet Ministry: Help for those parishioners who have difficulty making the walk from the parking lot to the church. They pull into the portico, you park their car or you can choose to help usher them to their seats. Contact Kathleen Owen 847-8205 ext. 241 or go to <http://stfrancisraleigh.wordpress.com/pastoral-ministries-overview/care-and-wellness>

Behind the Scenes Ministries – or, "I can do that while the kids are sleeping/at school!"

Prayer Line Ministry: Intercedes for the prayer requests of the parishioners. The whole family can participate! Contact Mary Grace Sellars 676-6022 or go to <http://stfrancisraleigh.wordpress.com/pastoral-ministries-overview/care-and-wellness>

Prayer Shawl Ministry: Knits prayer shawls, lap blankets and other items for infirmed members of our parish. Knit as a group – bring your kids, if you'd like! Donations of yarn and needles are always appreciated and accepted. Contact Regina Sisinni 841-5866 or go to <http://stfrancisraleigh.wordpress.com/pastoral-ministries-overview/care-and-wellness>

Funeral Reception Ministry: Shops for the cheese/crackers or desserts (or bakes) for the reception after the funeral. Another aspect of this ministry is the set-up and replenishment of the refreshments and cleaning up after the reception. Children would not be able to join you in this aspect of the ministry. Contact Kathleen Owen 847-8205 ext. 241 or go to <http://stfrancisraleigh.wordpress.com/pastoral-ministries-overview/care-and-wellness>

St. Francis Feeds: Prepares a meal, monthly, for the neighborhood families in southeast Raleigh at the Safety Club. Each month **donations of food items** are needed and can be dropped off at the preschool with Donna Mariani. Another aspect of this ministry would be to help serve the families. Children are welcome, but contact Donna to find out what ages would be appropriate – 326-3768 or go to <http://bit.ly/A8o72x>

Wake Interfaith Hospitality Network (WIHN): Provides food and support for homeless families that are hosted by our parish on a quarterly basis. Lots of opportunities to provide food or volunteer to serve and converse with the families. Contact Sherry Oliver 866-0715 or go to <http://bit.ly/AtnNsS>

Ronald McDonald House: Prepares and delivers dinner once a month for families residing near their sick children. Contact Rich Rogers 844-2217 or go to <http://bit.ly/AE2MBU>

Prison Pen Pal Ministry: Writes letters to prisoners, creating a relationship based on human dignity. Fr. Emmet shared with us that many of these people have been forsaken by their families and friends and so are just waiting for their sentence to be carried out. Contact Kathleen Owen 847-8205 ext. 241 or go to <http://bit.ly/AE2MBU>

Restoring Hope: Refurbishes and decorates apartments to create a welcoming home for homeless families. Contact Donna Mariani 326-3768 or go to <http://bit.ly/AtnNsS>

New Parent Ministry: Provides meals to families with newborns – whether it is their first or one of many. Another aspect of this ministry would be to provide a friendly face and general parenting wisdom to these families. Contact Jason Lillis 847-8205 ext. 244 or go to <http://stfrancisraleigh.wordpress.com/pastoral-ministries-overview/family-life>

Welcoming Ministries – or "How can I help you today?"

Baptism Preparation: Here is a ministry that you can participate in with your spouse! Working in teams to facilitate sessions for parents who seek baptism for their child under the age of 7. **Bonus: Onsite childcare is provided to the families and to the facilitators!** Training is provided. Contact Jason Lillis 847-8205 ext. 244 or go to <http://stfrancisraleigh.wordpress.com/pastoral-ministries-overview/family-life>

CANCOPE: Offering a friendly face and community prayer to parish members struggling with cancer. Contact Donna Quirk 847-2084 or go to <http://stfrancisraleigh.wordpress.com/pastoral-ministries-overview/care-and-wellness>

Consolation and Care Ministries: Reaching out with God's healing love and compassion to those grieving the death of a loved one. Contact Celesta Carlson 788-8460 or go to <http://stfrancisraleigh.wordpress.com/pastoral-ministries-overview/care-and-wellness>

Eucharistic Ministers to the Homebound and Facilities: Bringing the Body of Christ to parishioners no longer able to leave their homes or independent living facilities. You can do this ministry with your little ones! Contact Kathleen Owen 847-8205 ext. 241 or go to <http://stfrancisraleigh.wordpress.com/pastoral-ministries-overview/care-and-wellness>

Job Connections: Meeting once a month to help parishioners who are seeking employment. Brushing up on resume skills, learning to network and an atmosphere of support and guidance for those in need of a job. Contact Vince Papi 926-7193 or go to <http://stfrancisraleigh.wordpress.com/pastoral-ministries-overview/care-and-wellness>

Marriage Preparation: Working with couples seeking to be married in the Catholic Church. This is another couples ministry and couples must be married for 5 or more years. Contact Jason Lillis 847-8205 ext. 244 or go to <http://stfrancisraleigh.wordpress.com/pastoral-ministries-overview/family-life>

Special Needs Ministry: Supports parents and caregivers of special needs children. Offers support and encouragement on their journey. Looking for therapists, people working in the school systems, etc. who can offer advice and expertise. Contact Heather Lisk at hlisk@nc.rr.com or go to <http://stfrancisraleigh.wordpress.com/pastoral-ministries-overview/family-life>

Wedding Directors: Facilitate wedding rehearsals at St. Francis and provide direction up to the start of the wedding ceremony. Contact Jason Lillis 847-8205 ext. 244 or go to

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Wedding Orientation Team: Help facilitate the first event engaged couples participate in as part of the Marriage Preparation Process. Contact Jason Lillis 847-8205 ext. 244 or go to

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Whole Family Ministries – or "We're all in this together"

Brown Bag Ministry: Purchase the supplies necessary to prepare brown bag lunches and distribute these to a low-income retirement area in Durham. 2 families usually work together to buy and put together the lunches on a Saturday morning and deliver them directly after. Great opportunity to involve your children –even the littlest ones can put a bag of chips in the brown bag! Contact Rich Zemonek at 847-4353 or go to <http://bit.ly/A8o72x>

Care of Creation Ministry: Educating, advocating for and serving on behalf of the environment. Think green! Contact Bill Rhodes 787-5973 or go to <http://bit.ly/xN9Vai>

Sister Parish, Guatemala: Even if you don't speak Spanish or are not able to make the trip to Las Margaritas, you can still do plenty to help. We need families to host the delegates when they visit from Guatemala. If you do speak Spanish, all the better! Contact CariePrue435-7467 or go to <http://bit.ly/zVddQA>

Spring and Fall Beautification Ministry: Planting flowers, spreading pine straw and making the grounds of St. Francis of Assisi ready for the next season. Fun to do with children! Contact Jim Anderson 847-8205 ext. 263

Evangelization Ministries – or "Sharing the Light of Christ during Mass"

Centering Prayer Ministry: Facilitates the development of the contemplative dimension of Christian life through Centering Prayer – a form of Christian meditation. Children as young as 3 can participate! Contact Alice Stanford 781-5860 or go to <http://stfrancisraleigh.wordpress.com/pastoral-ministries-overview/care-and-wellness>

Children's Liturgy of the Word: Presiding over or shepherding the 4, 5 and 6 year old children during the 9:30 or 11:30 mass. Presiders use the liturgical guide which outlines the readings, the psalms and the gospel for that week. The guide provides an in depth look at the gospel and gives several ways to share that message with the children. Shepherds provide support to the Presider and the children. Training is provided. Contact Sue DeBender 787-5665 or go to <http://stfrancisraleigh.wordpress.com/liturgical-ministries>

Cross Bearer: Leading the processional into church with the cross and placing it on the altar and then at the end of mass, retrieving the cross and leading the recessional. Contact Mary McReynolds848-1869 or go to <http://stfrancisraleigh.wordpress.com/liturgical-ministries>

Eucharistic Ministers: Sharing the body and blood of Christ with the assembly during weekend liturgies. Contact Michael and Julie Ducatte 528-5001 or go to <http://stfrancisraleigh.wordpress.com/liturgical-ministries>

Lectors: Reading the word of God and the Prayers of the Faithful during weekend liturgies. Contact Mike Wrzesien 624-1592 or go to <http://stfrancisraleigh.wordpress.com/liturgical-ministries>