

# ST. LUKE THE EVANGELIST

## CATHOLIC CHURCH COMMUNITY

### *St. Luke's Vision Statement:*

Joyfully living the Gospel through sacraments, service, and love.

**Weekend Mass Schedule:** Saturday: 5:30 pm, Sunday: 8:30 am & 11:00 am

**Daily Mass Schedule:** Tues. 5:30 pm, Wed. 12:00 pm, Thurs. 8:30 am, Fri. 8:30 am, First Sat. 9:30 am.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Friday 9:30 - 10:00 am, Saturday: 4:00 - 5:00 pm, Or by appointment

**Parish Office Hours:** Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm, Closed for lunch 12:00 - 1:00 pm

**Bulletin Announcements:** Due by Friday for the following Sunday bulletin: [communications@stlrnc.org](mailto:communications@stlrnc.org)

**Baptism:** Parents must be active and registered in the parish for at least three months prior to the celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism. Please call the Parish Office 919-848-1533 for more information.

**Sacrament of anointing:** Conferred upon request prior to surgery or at any time of illness. Please call the Parish Office **919-848-1533** to set up an appointment.

**Marriage:** Catholic parties should be registered and active parishioners for at least six months before the wedding to allow enough time in the formation of the sacrament. Please contact Barbara Bower at [weddingcoordinator@stlrnc.org](mailto:weddingcoordinator@stlrnc.org) for additional information.

**Sacrament of Holy Orders:** If anyone is discerning a call to the priesthood, please contact the Parish Office **919-848-1533** for additional information.



## 3rd Sunday of Advent

December 17th, 2023

### *Pastoral Staff*

**Rev. Msgr. Jeffrey A. Ingham, V.F. Pastor**  
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# MASS INTENTIONS



Watch our  
Live-Streamed Masses Here:  
[stlukesraleigh.org](http://stlukesraleigh.org)

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16

5:30 PM Vigil Mass Pro Populo

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17 *3rd Sunday of Advent, Gaudete Sunday*

8:30 AM Mass Pro Populo  
11:00 AM Mass Pro Populo

## MONDAY, DECEMBER 18

No Daily Mass

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19

5:30 PM + Kailyn Seickel  
By Eileen Browne

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20

12:00 PM Patrick Noelke (healing)  
By Loretta Schult

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21 *St. Peter Canisius*

8:30 AM + Nancy Catherine O'Hanlon  
By Orfeo & Carren Cicchetti

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22

8:30 AM + Margaret Travers  
By Sister Catherine

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23 *St. John of Kanty*

5:30 PM Vigil Mass Pro Populo

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24 *4th Sunday of Advent*

8:30 AM Mass Pro Populo  
11:00 AM Mass Pro Populo  
5:30 PM Christmas Eve Mass Pro Populo  
9:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass Pro Populo

## Parish Weekly Calendar

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16

JOUNEYMEN: INTO THE BREACH.....7:30 AM  
RECONCILIATION.....4:00-5:00 PM  
ROSARY BEFORE MASS.....5:00 PM  
VIGIL MASS.....5:30 PM

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17 *3rd Sunday of Advent, Gaudete Sunday*

ROSARY BEFORE MASS.....8:00 AM & 10:30 AM  
MORNING MASS.....8:30 AM & 11:00 AM  
ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION.....9:45 AM

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 18

MAGNIFICAT MOMS PLAYGROUP.....10:00 AM  
LEGION OF MARY.....6:30 PM  
FAMILY ROSARY.....7:30 PM

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19

REGNUM CHRISTI (WOMEN).....9:30 AM  
G.I.F.T.S.....9:30 AM  
EVENING MASS.....5:30 PM  
CHOIR AND SCHOLA PRACTICE.....6:30 PM

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20

NOON MASS.....12:00 PM  
RCIA.....6:30 PM

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21 *St. Peter Canisius*

MORNING MASS.....8:30 AM

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22

MORNING MASS.....8:30 AM  
ADORATION.....9:00 AM-4:00 PM  
RECONCILIATION.....9:30 AM-10:00 AM  
BENEDICTION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT.....4:00 PM

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23 *St. John of Kanty*

RECONCILIATION.....4:00-5:00 PM  
ROSARY BEFORE MASS.....5:00 PM  
VIGIL MASS.....5:30 PM

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24 *4th Sunday of Advent*

ROSARY BEFORE MASS.....8:00 AM & 10:30 AM  
MORNING MASS.....8:30 AM & 11:00 AM  
CHORAL PRELUDE.....8:30 PM  
CHRISTMAS EVE MASS.....5:30 PM & 9:00 PM

## SCAM Alert

Scammers are at it again sending malicious emails to parish-ioners. You will NEVER get a solicitation email from our Pastor, Staff or Bishop asking for a "favor" or for emergency help in the form of money. Please do not open or click on them - Mark them as spam or simply trash them.

# REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS



## Those Who Are Sick:

Rosemary McDermott, Marilyn Struckmeyer, Charles Fogarty, Mitch Galligan, Michael Dale, Bill Wolf, Thomas Quirk, Renee Raith, Eric Raith, Patrizia Dvinola, Phyllis Flanagan, Nicole Trojanowski, Helen Will, Joan Davis, Susie Burnette, Marie Antoinette DeYoung, Karen Huber, Chris Phillips, Bob Moser, Ro Marsiglia, Michael Miklosko, Nick Rodriguez, Sal Morici, Charlotte Boland, John & June Lefeber, Sue Schultz, Joseph Rothengast Jr., Lillian Hill, Lou Schultz, Eduardo Rodriguez, Daniel Wallace, Shannon Morock, Greg Lape, Joyce Ricci, Daniel Chorba, Susan Riordan, Lily Keas, Peggy Kearney, Saoirse Doherty, Luke Galligan, Luke Carusillo, Marilyn Flowers, John Loeffler, Rob Beyer, Noah & Flavia Langan, Debra Marsh, Vicky Loebach, Gloria Bannister, Al Przytulski, Doug Knoop, Walt Ostack, Gary Donaldson, Erin Bower, Joe Jacobs, Barry Johnson, Joseph McGurty, Robert Beyer, Lisa Hensley-Gregoire, Mike Lewis, William Michael Schultz, Hilda Irrizary, Emma Sepúlveda, Kelly Rose.

## Repose of the Soul:

Lynne Loebach, Joan Tullo, Dave Slater.

## Those Who Are In The Military:

Grace Washburn, Nico Muzo, James Zenker, Hannah Zenker, Andrew Burgess-Wise, Garrett Barrios, Brice Anthony, Jake Foscatto, James Boland, Gregory Boland, Kathleen M. Mills, Madeline E. Chafin, Abbey Moran, Bret Morrow, Devon Zillmer, Joseph Carmona, Adam R. Thompson, Heather Prior, Joel Chapman, Michael McMorrow, Thomas Phillips, Ryan A. Beale, Peter A. Beale, Jeffrey A. Beale, Derek Heinz, Cathy Crilley, Sean Crilley, Kevin Crilley, Caroline Todd.

## Please Pray For Our Family, Friends & Our Parish

If you would like to have someone's name added or removed from our prayer list, please email: [communications@stlrc.org](mailto:communications@stlrc.org) or contact the Parish Office. Names will be kept on the list for 3 weeks, if they need to remain longer please contact the Parish Office.

Thank you.



## Mary's Corner

*"There is no doubt whatever that all the praises we address to the Mother are also addressed to the Son and vice versa. We cannot do honour to the Son without at the same time giving glory to the Mother." - St. Bernard*

Want to learn more about the Legion of Mary.  
Contact Dennis Moya for more information. Join us in the  
St. Charles Borromeo room on Mondays at 6:30pm

Liturgy & Prayer		
Adoration	Mary Kate Travers	919-528-1068
Altar Flowers	Carol Blando	919-427-3865
Altar Linens	Joan Beebe	316-347-9060
Altar Preparers	Beverly Weiland	919-294-4398
Altar Servers	David Sofra	919-847-9978
Eucharistic Ministers	Virginia Todd	919-845-1279
Family Rosary	Savage Family	919-431-9883
Mass Coordinator	Randi Ostack	919-559-7745
Minsters of Hospitality	Luke Masinick	919-971-8155
Prayer Line	Teres Scofield	919-412-6542
Readers	James Mooney	510-774-5613
Live Streaming	Joe Jacobs	919-272-8314
Outreach		
Bereavement	Parish Office	919-848-1533
Catholic Parish Outreach	Ken Low Dennis Jacobs	919-397-4018 408-823-4865
G.I.F.T.S.	Grace Benigno	919-426-7874
Habitat for Humanity	Randy Giggard	919-637-1893
Hospital Ministry	Winnie Lewis	919-263-8102
Nursing Home Ministry	Rick Beebe	919-418-0845
Reception Committee	Allison Agnelli	919-244-3149
Respect Life	Diane Masinick	919-971-7792
St. Luke's Parish	Community Life &	Facilities
God's Housekeepers	Diane Johnston	919-847-2488
Knights of Columbus	Chris Taurence	919-349-9851
Parish Kitchen	Missy Savage	919-431-9883
Parish Library	Allison Coates	612-418-8201
Wedding Coordinator	Barbara Bower	919-841-2202
Evangelization		
Legion of Mary	Dennis Moya	919-740-2471
RCIA Coordinator	Mike Sanchez	Email on Front
Pastoral Council		
Dave Olechovsky	<a href="mailto:stlukepc@gmail.com">stlukepc@gmail.com</a>	919-420-7410
Finance Council		
Andy Kleitsch	<a href="mailto:akleitsch@gmail.com">akleitsch@gmail.com</a>	919-274-9766



*Altar Flowers*

In Honor of Our 34th  
Wedding Anniversary

*Donated By*

Timothy & Maria Tucker



## SAINTS FUN FACTS

Written and illustrated  
by John Sheppard

After retrning from 8 years "in disgrace" to Cracow, St. John of Kanty had a distinguished career as a professor of sacred Scripture. He socialized with nobility yet always helped those in need.



### Weekly Readings, December 17 - December 24

**Sunday:** Is 61: 1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1: 46-48, 49-50, 53-54 . V/1 Thes 5: 16-24/ Jn 1: 6-8, 19-28

**Monday:** Jer 23: 5-8/Ps 72 (71): 1-2, 12-13, 18-19/ Mt 1: 18-25

**Tuesday:** Judg 13: 2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71 (70): 3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/Lk 1: 5-25

**Wednesday:** Is 7: 10-14/Ps 24 (23): 1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/ Lk 1: 26-38

**Thursday:** Song 2: 8-14/Ps 33 (32): 2-3, 11-12, 20-21/Lk 1: 39-45

**Friday:** Ps 24 (23): 7 . 11/1 Sm 1: 24-38/1 Sm 2: 1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Lk 1: 46-56

**Saturday:** Mal 3: 1-4, 23-24/Ps 25 (24): 4-5ab, 8-9, 10, 14/Lk 1: 57-66

**Next Sunday:** 2 Sam 7: 1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89 (88): 2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 . VI/Rom 16: 25-27/Lk 1: 26-38

**Christmas Eve:** Is 62: 1-5/Ps 89 (88): 4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 . VI/ Acts 13: 16-17, 22-25/ Mt 1: 1-25

## Adoration of the Eucharist: Fridays' 9 AM-4 PM Benediction 4 PM

Advent Word Study

### Agape: "Love"



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### Agape/Love | Advent: Word Studies | The Bible Project

The word "love" is one of the sloppiest words in our language, as it primarily refers to a feeling that happens to a person. In the New Testament, "love" refers to a way of treating people that was defined by Jesus himself: seeking the well-being of others regardless of their response.

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# PARISH FINANCE & FACILITIES REPORT

December 17, 2023

Our Parish website: [www.stlukesraleigh.org](http://www.stlukesraleigh.org)

## Upcoming 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection

### Priest Welfare & Retirement Collection

**December 25, 2023**

Please consider a generous gift to the Priest Welfare & Retirement Fund! These are the ones who have baptized our children, forgiven our sins, challenged us to live the Gospel, been at the bedside of the dying in the middle of the night and are at the altar every Sunday to bring us Jesus. Now it is our turn to say:

**Thank you!**

## Christmas Flowers for the Church



**Donation Envelopes  
are available in the  
gathering space.**



FY23-24 Weekly YOY					
November 371,939.86		November 365,033.96			
Current Year (FY 2024)		Prior Year (FY 2023)		Difference	
December	Total 2023	December	Total 2022	\$ YOY by WK	% YOY by WK
3rd	17,388.03	4th	14,823.00	2,565.03	17%
10th	32,603.13	11th	20,343.75	12,259.38	60%
17th		18th	19,010.50	(19,010.50)	-100%
Christmas		Christmas	22,593.75	(22,593.75)	-100%
31st		31st	13,281.00	(13,281.00)	-100%
Total	49,991.16	Total	90,052.00	(40,060.84)	-44%
Thru Dec-23	421,931.02	Thru Dec-23	455,085.96	(33,154.94)	-7%

## Budget Comparison

Dec-23 Through 12/10/2023	Mo Budget	77,860.00
	Actual	49,991.16
	Over Under	(27,868.84)
	YTD Budget	467,160.00
	YTD Actual	421,931.02
	Over/Under	(45,228.98)
	Budget	-9.68%

## Sancti Simus | Sundays, 9:45 - 10:45 am

Elementary (K-5) Faith Formation focused on raising a holy generation who desires to be saints together

*Open Registration – online or in-person*

### Upcoming Dates:

Sunday, 12/17	Lesson 11
Sunday, 12/24	No Faith Formation
Sunday, 12/31	No Faith Formation

## **RCIA** | **R**ite of **C**hristian **I**nitiation for **A**dults

*If you are (or someone you know is) seeking to learn more about Catholicism or to enter the Church, welcome!*

### **Please contact:**

Rebecca Grant ([FaithDirector@STLRNC.org](mailto:FaithDirector@STLRNC.org)) or  
Cecile Hosey ([cawalc@gmail.com](mailto:cawalc@gmail.com)) - **Inquiry**

### **Upcoming Dates:**

Wed. 12/20	No Meeting
Wed. 12/27	No Meeting
Wed. 1/3/24	Meeting

## Confirmation | Sundays, 9:45 - 10:45 am

Sacrament Preparation for high schoolers who desire to complete their Christian initiation into the Catholic Church  
*Years 1 & 2 meet together.*

***Must attend Sacrament Family Meeting to register!***

### Upcoming Dates:

Sunday, 12/17	No Confirmation Class
Sunday, 12/24	No Confirmation Class
Sunday, 12/31	No Confirmation Class

## **Community of Young Catholics**

Catholic young adults in their 20s and 30s who desire meaningful, Christ-centered friendships

### Upcoming Dates:

January | TBD

To stay updated on events,  
please join our GroupMe: **St. Luke's CYC.**

## **Adult Bible Studies**

Please continue checking for other 2023-2024 opportunities!

Opportunities for men and women to grow in Christian maturity through ongoing conversion to Jesus, active membership in Christian community, and preparation to be Christ's missionaries to the world

### **walking with purpose**

Enabling women to know Christ personally through Scripture

**Mondays 9-10:30am &  
Tuesdays 6:30-8pm**

### Upcoming Dates:

Lesson	Mon.	Tues.
10	1/8	1/9
11	1/22	1/23
12	1/29	1/30

*There's always an open chair for you!*

## **Tuesday Morning Bible Study**

*Tues. mornings from 9:15-11am in the Holy Family Room*

**Stay tuned for our Spring 2024 study!**

## **Wednesdays in the WORD**

*Wed. evenings from 6:30-8pm*

**Stay tuned for our next study!**

## **JOURNEYMEN | INTO THE BREACH**

Strengthening men as disciples of Christ through prayer, spiritual formation, and brotherhood

*1<sup>st</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> Sat. mornings from 8-9am in the Holy Family Room*

### **Upcoming Dates:**

Sat. 1/6	Fatherhood
Sat. 1/20	Life

### **Rebecca Grant**

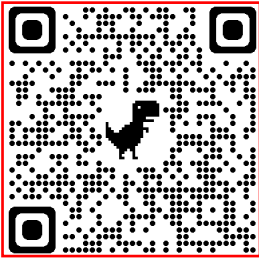
Director of Faith Formation  
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## **CONTACT US!**

### **Katja Mulligan**

Faith Formation Assistant  
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# YOUTH GROUP (6<sup>TH</sup>-12<sup>TH</sup>)

Join for Free! | Signup for Our Email List

Questions? Contact our Youth Minister  
Conor Mulligan @ Youth.Ministry@STLRNC.org

**NO MEETING: 12/17**



Caroline W. | 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade | 2<sup>nd</sup> Place



Luna W. | K | 1<sup>st</sup> Place



Anna B. | K | 3<sup>rd</sup> Place



Josie F. | 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade | 1<sup>st</sup> Place



Marian M. | 5<sup>th</sup> Grade | 1<sup>st</sup> Place

## Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest

Thank you to all the young people who participated in the Poster Contest! Their creativity and artistic ability really exhibit the true Christmas spirit. The winning posters are shown below. Please view all the beautiful entries in the Parish Hall. *Merry Christmas!*



Catherine H. | 6<sup>th</sup> Grade | 2<sup>nd</sup> Place



Theo C. | K | 2<sup>nd</sup> Place



Maggie M. | 7<sup>th</sup> Grade | 1<sup>st</sup> Place



Matthew V. | 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade | 3<sup>rd</sup> Place



Natalie H. | 4<sup>th</sup> Grade | 3<sup>rd</sup> Place



Sofia Q. | 1<sup>st</sup> Grade | 1<sup>st</sup> Place



Rory C. | 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade | 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

## REAL LOVE & REAL LIFE

Family Honor will present its newly-updated retreat program, Real Love & Real Life, for parents with their 7th or 8th grade child at **St. Michael the Archangel parish** in Cary on **February 1** and **February 3**. This program builds a bridge for parents and adolescents to talk about love, life, God's gift of sexuality, true worth, future dating and lots more.

The Thursday night session is for **parents only** and will equip parents to talk about some of the hot button issues in our culture, including gender dysphoria, pornography, same sex attraction, comprehensive sex education and God's plan for sexual intimacy.

A portion of the Saturday session includes a parent-teen fertility presentation with Q&A, divided by gender to protect modesty. Cost is **\$10** and lunch is included on Saturday. The program is fun, interactive and informative and guaranteed to strengthen the bond between parent and teen. To register, scan the QR code.



Courage is a Roman Catholic apostolate which ministers to persons, both men and women, who experience same-sex attractions and desire support to live the Catholic Church's teaching on chastity. The local chapter of Courage in the Diocese of Raleigh can be reached at **courage@couragenc.org**, or **984-900-3212**.

EnCourage is a related program for the loved ones – parents, siblings, spouses, or children – of persons who experience and act on same-sex attractions. These chapters meet separately from Courage chapters, but with similar aims to devote their whole lives to Christ and the life of grace, and so to be a good example to their loved ones and to the world. The local chapter of EnCourage meets monthly and can be reached at **encourage@couragenc.org**, or **984-900-3212**.

## *Night to Shine*

**St. Catherine of Siena, Wake Forest** is excited to host Night to Shine, sponsored by the Tim Tebow Foundation, on **Friday, February 9, 2024!** Night to Shine is an unforgettable prom night experience, centered on God's love for people with special needs, ages **14 and older**. We are blessed to be a part of this growing worldwide movement through the local church where thousands of people with special needs will be celebrated, given the royal treatment, and reminded of God's love for them!

Please visit **scswf.org** to learn how to register to become a guest, volunteer or donate. Time is **6-9 PM**. Address: **520 Holding Ave. Wake Forest, NC 27587**. For more information, contact Juan Aguirre Robles at **nts.kofc11234@gmail.com**.

### Assisted Listening Devices:

As part of our continued effort to make sure everyone has a good listening experience during Mass we wanted to make you aware that we now have several new Assisted Listening Devices.

**They are very easy to use.**

You basically put the earpiece on your ear, turn the little device on, and adjust the volume to your liking. Several parishioners have also found that their personal earbuds plug into the devices and work really well.

**They are available at each Mass by simply asking one of our Ministers of Hospitality to get one for you.**

We have had several parishioners test these, including some of our seniors. They tell us that the earpieces provide excellent enhanced sound.

**Please let us know if you would like to try one!**





## St. Luke the Evangelist Church Advent & Christmas Schedule

### DECEMBER 19TH

Advent Penance Service: **11:00 AM**

(ST. LUKE AND ST. FRANCIS ADVENT  
SERVICE @ ST. LUKE)

### DECEMBER 24TH

4th Sunday of Advent Masses:

**8:30 & 11:00 AM**

Christmas Masses: **5:30 & 9:00 PM**

Choral Prelude at **8:30 PM**

### DECEMBER 25TH

Mass of the Nativity of the Lord: **8:30  
& 11:00 AM**

### DECEMBER 30TH & 31ST

Mass of the Holy Family of Jesus,  
Mary, and Joseph: **8:30 & 11:00 AM**

### JANUARY 1ST

Mass of the Solemnity of Mary  
Mother of God: **9:30 AM**

## New Year's Retreat.

Let a certified 'coach' guide you through some time-honored spiritual practices in this year's retreat, "Spiritual Exercises for the New Year."

Enter the year spiritually renewed and well-equipped with some techniques to keep you spiritually fit throughout the year. In addition to engaging presentations, there'll be Mass, confession, Matins, Vespers, and Adoration. Plus time to simply reflect upon the New Year in our sacred spaces, enjoy the gas logs in our lounge, or explore the beautiful grounds of the Catholic Conference Center in Hickory, NC. Two nights, **December 30-January 1**. As a special treat, there will be a New Year's Eve banquet with some traditional festivities.

The last two years have sold out, so register now at [www.catholicconference.org/new-years](http://www.catholicconference.org/new-years). For more information email [info@catholicconference.org](mailto:info@catholicconference.org) or call (828) 327-7441.

## CATHOLIC PARISH OUTREACH

CPO can always use donations of personal care items (any size):

- Toothbrushes • Toothpaste • Dental floss
- Bar soap • Shampoo & Conditioner • Hand Lotion

The things your dentist and hotels give you...and you never use!

Why not collect them and give them to our needy neighbors?

These items can be placed in the CPO box in the ministry closet, next to the women's restroom.

## Project Rachel Post Abortion Healing Retreat


If you desire healing from a past abortion, experience the love of Jesus Christ at a Project Rachel weekend retreat **January 5-7, 2024**, in the Raleigh area. The weekend retreat is strictly confidential, for both women and men and includes discussions,



spiritual exercises, the sacrament of reconciliation, a Memorial Service, and a Mass of

the Resurrection. Participation offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness, and compassion.

For more information or to register for the retreat, contact Project Rachel at: [project.rachel@raldioc.org](mailto:project.rachel@raldioc.org) or call (919) 852-1021. The website is: [rachelinc.org](http://rachelinc.org). Cost is \$200 for lodging, meals, and all retreat materials. Discount of \$50 for early registration. If there is a financial burden, assistance is available.

		
Day	Time	Location
12/04 Mon.	7:00 pm	St. Eugene, Wendell
12/05 Tues.	7:00 pm	St. Bernadette, Fuquay Varina
12/06 Wed.	10:00 am	St. Catherine, Wake Forest
12/06 Wed.	7:00 pm	St. Francis & St. Luke @ St. Francis, Raleigh
12/06 Wed.	7:00 pm	Our Lady of LaVang, Raleigh
12/07 Thur.	11:00 am	St. Bernadette, Fuquay Varina
12/07 Thur.	7:00 pm	St. Andrew, Apex
12/13 Wed.	11:00 am	Our Lady of Lourdes, Raleigh
12/13 Wed.	7:00 pm	St. Michael & Mother Teresa @ St. Michael, Cary
12/15 Fri.	11:00 am	St. Michael, Cary
12/15 Fri.	7:00 pm	St. Catherine, Wake Forest
12/18 Mon.	6:30 pm	Our Lady of the Rosary, Louisburg
12/19 Tues.	11:00 am	St. Luke & St. Francis @ St. Luke, Raleigh
12/19 Tues.	7:00 pm	HNOJ, NCSU CCM, St. Joseph, St. Mary @ HNOJ
12/20 Wed.	7:00 pm	St. Raphael, Raleigh

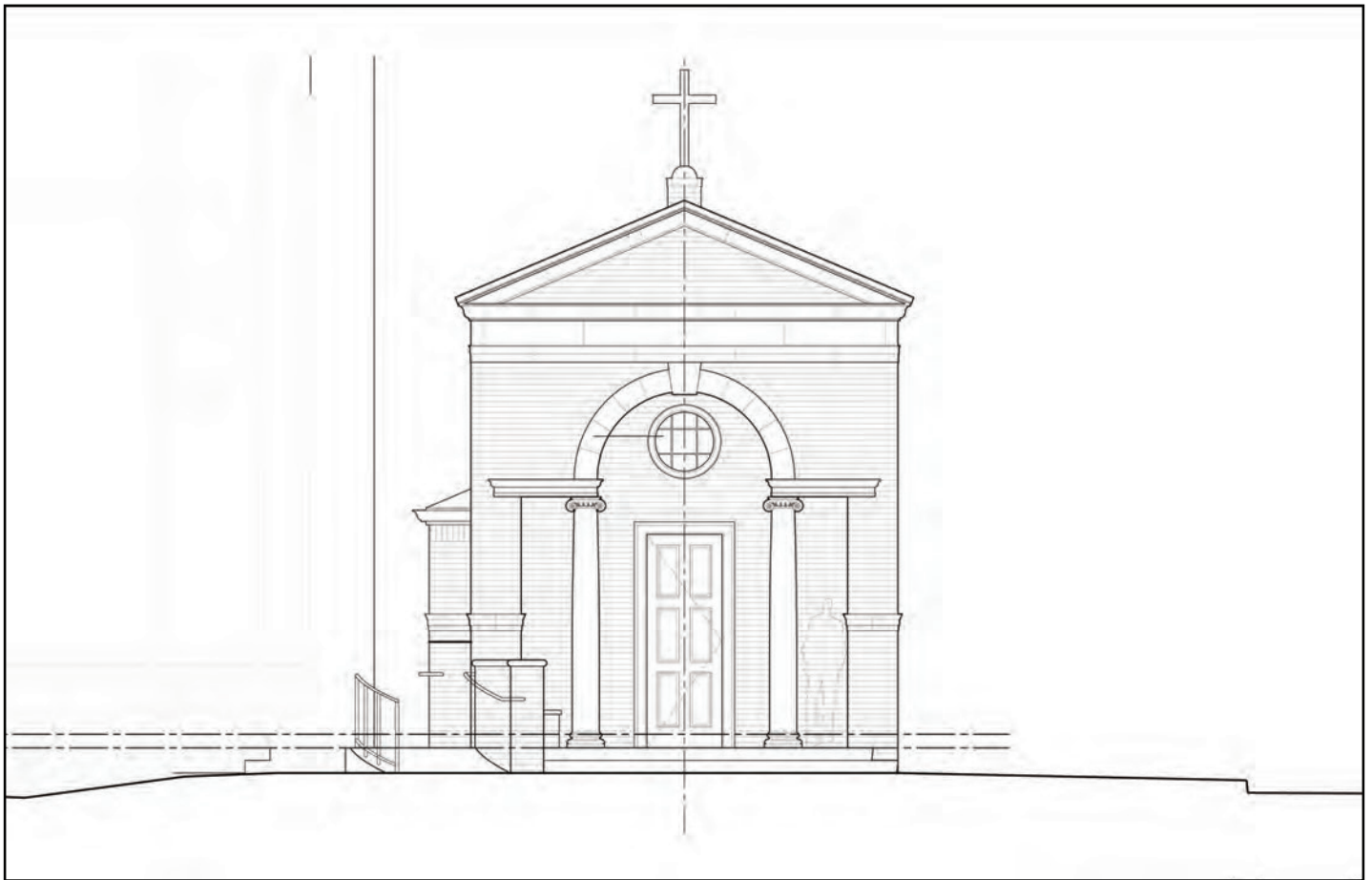
## PRAYER BOWLS & PYSANKY



An Art as Spiritual Therapy Retreat  
January 12-13, 2024

The Catholic Conference Center in Hickory, NC. invites you to come to a sacred art retreat **January 12-13**. Make your own kiln-fired prayer bowl with personalized prayer stones. Learn the ancient craft of making pysanky eggs, where the tradition is to pray for the person who will receive your creation as a gift. Spend some time in prayer in the beautiful indoor and outdoor spaces at the center.

Attendance is limited so register early. Call **828.327.7441**, email [info@catholicconference.org](mailto:info@catholicconference.org), or visit [www.catholicconference.org/pysanky](http://www.catholicconference.org/pysanky).



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