



**Accolades for The Franciscan School:** Barb Dobner, a kindergarten teacher at TFS, was publicly recognized by the Diocese of Raleigh as a finalist for this year's prestigious Lewis Award for Excellence in Teaching on April 18. Since its inception in 1992, one TFS teacher has won this award and three others, inclusive of Barb, have been finalists, a testimony to the excellence of our faculty. We are so proud of Barb and all she brings to our school. She is seen in the middle of the photo below.



I am happy to tell you that TFS was recently re-accredited by COGNIA, our accreditation agency. This is a rigorous process and our school received many accolades. Congratulations to all who helped us achieve this goal.

The diocese has implemented a new program this year to help all diocesan schools strengthen their efforts to provide strong content in the Catholic faith and form a stronger relationship between our students and the Lord. Its goal is to improve our religion standards, curriculum, and instruction, focusing on six main topics: the creed, the sacraments, morality, prayer, Christian discipleship, and virtue. I'm looking forward to the potential impact this will have on our students in a school built around faith, academics, and service.


We are blessed to have The Franciscan School as part of our faith community.

*Fr. Michael*

**Bishop's Annual Appeal:** [Click on the link](#) to strengthen the vulnerable, our faith, our youth, our vocations and HIS Presence. Thank you for your generosity.

**BAA totals for our Parish as of Thursday (4/20) as reported by the Diocese:**

	2023 Campaign (4/13/23)		2022 Campaign (4/21/22)	
Goal:	\$473,565		\$509,088	
Pledge Total:	\$392,887	83.0%	\$396,712	77.9%
Received Total:	\$344,144	72.7%	\$357,471	70.2%
Participating Families:	965	17.5%	935	18.3%
Total Families:	5,500		5,100	
To-Go:	\$80,678			

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**April 29/30**

**Our Lady of the Rosary (OLR) Food Drive** Handing out Bags Volunteers (families, adults and youth) after each Mass to handout bags with the Our Lady of the Rosary food donation list. Report to the Stewardship Center at your allotted time, grab grocery bags and stand either at the Stewardship Center or the main church entrance near the breezeway to hand them out to interested parishioners. [Click here to Register](#)

**April 30 - 9:00am Mass:** This will be a **child-oriented Mass** with a homily directed towards children and featuring our children's choir.

**April 30 - The Shroud of Turin: Truth or Myth** 10:10 AM, in Founders Room | Refreshments will be served. As part of the Adult Formation: Why Faith? Ron Monti and John Orth will speak about the Shroud of Turin: Truth or Myth.

**May 1 in Realm - Cross Step Registration Opens** 9:00am (Preschool-Aged Faith Formation) Cross Step is St. Francis' faith formation program for preschool-aged children, ages one (and walking) through age five, who are not enrolled in kindergarten. Registration for the 2023-2024 school year will open in Realm on May 1st. Contact [andrea.javier@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:andrea.javier@stfrancisraleigh.org), 919-847-8205X489

**May 6 - Spirits with the Spirit**, 6:30pm. Join the young adult ministry for a happy hour following Saturday 5:30pm Mass on the first Saturday of the month. Individuals in their 20's and 30s are welcome to gather at the Assisi Café for wine, snacks, and fellowship. Questions, contact [young.adults@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:young.adults@stfrancisraleigh.org). Email [young.adults@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:young.adults@stfrancisraleigh.org)

**May 6 - Women's Ministry Outdoor Mass with Fr Jim and Hike** Saturday, 9:30-11:30 (You are welcome to stay for a hike after Mass as long as you'd like) Location: Annie Wilkerson Nature Preserve Park, 5229 Awls Haven Drive, Raleigh NC 27614. Capped at 40 people. Register on Realm closes May 1st, Free.



**Option For The Poor & Vulnerable**

[Click here to read story](#)

### **May 6/7 - Our Lady of the Rosary (OLR) Food Drive**

We need volunteers (families, adults & youth) to collect and load a truck with the OLR food donations before and after each Mass on May 6 and 7. All volunteers should report to the truck in our parking lot at your allotted time to receive grocery bags from parishioners and place them in the bins located in the truck.

[Click here to register.](#)

**May 7 - 9:00am Mass:** This will be a **child-oriented Mass** with a homily directed towards children and featuring our children's choir.

### **May 7, Sunday, after 9am Mass Celebrating our Volunteers:**

We would like to celebrate all of our volunteers on Sunday, May 7th after the 9am Mass in Fellowship Hall. Extra special refreshments will be served by our staff. There will be a blessing at every Mass for our wonderful volunteers on May 6 and 7.

### **May 16 - Young Adult Kickball, 4:30 pm**

Join the Young Adult Ministry for a Kickball game on the baseball field on Sunday, May 16, at 4:30pm. Anyone in their 20s and 30s is welcome; feel free to bring a friend! For questions, contact [young.adults@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:young.adults@stfrancisraleigh.org).

### **May 19 - Altar Server Extravaganza for 4th – HS students**

6-8 pm in Clare Fellowship Hall Join us for music, pizza, fun games, prizes, and altar server awards. Supported by the St. Francis Knights of Columbus [Click here to register](#)

**May 21 - 9:00am Mass:** This will be a **child-oriented Mass** with a homily directed towards children and featuring our children's choir.

### **May 23,24 - Adult Bible Study -**

**The Eucharist In Scripture (Virtual)** by *Little Rock Bible Study*

2 sessions: [Tuesdays PM:](#) 6:30-8:00pm, May 23-June 27 (or)

[Wednesdays AM:](#) 10:00-11:30am May 24-June 28

Biblical theme of meals being shared in relationship with God. Register through Realm-no fee. Purchase books once registered. Barbara Efrid, Cindy Cardello and Diane Rosendahl, Co-Facilitators  
Contact Person: Janie Hebert at 919-847-8205X237

<https://e.onrealm.org/events> Email: [janie.hebert@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:janie.hebert@stfrancisraleigh.org)

### **Employment Opportunities**

The Franciscan School for the 2023-2024 Academic Year: Social Studies Teacher (Gr. 6), Teacher (Gr. 2), Teacher (Gr. 4), Instructional Teaching Assistants. The Church has immediate openings for: Coordinator of Liturgy and Sacraments, Coordinator Middle School Formation, and Director, Pastoral Care.

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

Contact Trish Adamkowski, [trish.adamkowski@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:trish.adamkowski@stfrancisraleigh.org)

### **June 3-July 30 - Summer Men's 18+ Adult Basketball League**

This program is open to Men who are age 18 or older. Registration is TEAM BASED only. Players will form their own teams and submit their registration as a team (max 15 players). Games will be held on Saturdays and Sundays in June and July.

Contact [Mary.Arleth@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:Mary.Arleth@stfrancisraleigh.org)

919-847-8205x358 Register <https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/athletics/>

### **June 5-July 28 - Youth Volleyball League Registration**

Coed League for children of all skill levels - rising 3rd graders through 9th graders. Teams have an hour practice on Mon. or Wed. Games are held on Thurs. nights. Contact [Mary.Arleth@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:Mary.Arleth@stfrancisraleigh.org)

919-847-8205x358 Register <https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/athletics/>

### **Camp Francis**

**June 12-16, June 19-23, July 10-14, July 17-21, July 24-28**

Camp Francis has opportunities in athletics, technologies, arts and enrichment areas! Half-day or full-day camps based on age for the 2023-2024 school year. (Rising K-Rising 12th grade)

Contact [Ashley.Watson@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:Ashley.Watson@stfrancisraleigh.org) 919-847-8205x444

Registration <https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/camp-francis/>

### **June 11 - Baccalaureate Mass Class of 2023, 5:30 PM**

Save the date! Join us at the 5:30 pm Mass on June 11 to celebrate the graduating class of 2023 for high school and college graduates. You are welcome to wear your cap and gown.

### **June 12-16 - Mercy Camp – Middle School and 9th Graders**

8:30am-3:00pm. Teens get a hands-on opportunity to perform many Corporal Works of Mercy throughout the community. Contact [becky.cawley@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:becky.cawley@stfrancisraleigh.org) / Register through [Realm](#)

### **June 19-23 - St. Francis Inn, 9:00am-5:00pm.**

St. Francis Inn, in the inner city of Philadelphia, is a soup kitchen and thrift store for those who find themselves poor, alienated, food insecure and homeless. Youth and chaperones are transformed through the Franciscan spirit of service. Contact Becky Cawley,

[becky.cawley@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:becky.cawley@stfrancisraleigh.org) / Register through [Realm](#)

### **June 26-30 - Mission Mercy, 9:00am-6:00pm**

Teens serve as camp counselors for Pequeños Gigantes at the Hispanic Family Center. The youth return to campus for prayer, spiritual experience, and fun social events. Contact Becky Cawley

Email: [becky.cawley@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:becky.cawley@stfrancisraleigh.org) / Register through [Realm](#)

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