



A NEW AUDIO-VISUAL SYSTEM IN THE CHURCH: I am very excited to see a new audio-visual system installed in our church this summer. This state-of-the-art technology will vastly improve your audio and visual experience of our weekend and school liturgies and enable us to expand the use of the church for other types of worship, for formation, and for other evangelization events.

The audio system will feature top quality microphones with a dynamic array of speakers that can be adjusted to reach all parts of our church building. In addition, our tech ministry will have real-time control over all aspects of the system, allowing us to adjust volume whether the attendance is one hundred or one thousand people. We will need additional tech ministers, so if you might be interested in being trained for this important new ministry, please be in touch with Jim Wahl. We will also update our hearing assistance system and install monitors in the gathering space. Unfortunately, we are unable to sync hearing aids to the sound system via Bluetooth as this would involve tearing up the entire floor which is cost prohibitive. However, the system we currently use will be updated. You will notice during this installation that hearing in some parts of the church will be negatively impacted. We apologize in advance for this, but there is nothing we can do to prevent this from happening.


The video system in the church will utilize powerful projectors to display video and other images on large, retractable screens, approximately 15' x 9.' They can be used to display what currently appears in our worship aids, significantly reducing the waste and cost of paper. In addition, announcements and other visual elements can be shown prior to, during, and after liturgies. All of these audio and visual elements will be fully integrated with our current video streaming capabilities, allowing us to better celebrate as one community, whether present in the church or homebound. We will continue to print a limited number of worship aids to assist those who need them.

As this project unfolds, there are several adjustments we need to make in order for the company to complete the project by their deadline. They are:

- For safety reasons, the area inside the oak doors of the nave (where we celebrate liturgies) will be **closed** on all weekdays, Monday through Friday. Construction will be occurring in this area and your safety is always our top concern. This project will last into August, and we anticipate the nave will be closed on weekdays throughout this period.
- The Blessed Sacrament will not be kept in the Reservation Chapel in the church, even on the weekends. The Eucharist will remain in the weekend tabernacle located up near the sacristy for liturgies on Saturday and Sunday.
- Weekday funerals will be held in St. Mary of the Angels chapel.
- St. Mary of the Angels **chapel will be opened** for all weekday Masses, for private prayer, and for eucharistic ministers to receive the Eucharist for the homebound.
- If eucharistic ministers need to receive the Eucharist for the homebound on Saturday or Sunday, you may receive what you need from the weekend tabernacle provided you avoid doing so during weekend liturgies.
- The **church will be open every weekend**, Saturday through Sunday, for all scheduled liturgies and events.
- The **parish offices will remain open** as scheduled (M-F, 9am-4pm).

I look forward to experiencing the new audio-visual system sometime this fall when I am back for a visit to the parish.

-Fr. Michael

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July 8-12, July 15-19, July 22-26

Camp Francis is our popular summer camp, and has lots of cool opportunities in athletics, technologies, arts and various enrichment areas! Camps are half day or full day based on age for the 2024-2025 school year. (Rising K-Rising 8th grade) Contact Ashley Watson, Ashley.Watson@stfrancisraleigh.org Contact Phone 919-847-8205 ext. 444 Registration Link: <https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/camp-francis/>

Camp Francis Explorers Counselors in Training

An opportunity for teens (rising 9th-12th grade) interested in developing leadership skills and working with children. They will work with other C.I.T.s and Camp Staff. They are to look at themselves as role models for the campers they will be working with. For information and to apply. Contact Ashley Watson, Ashley.Watson@stfrancisraleigh.org.

Level C Personnel - UPDATE

On July 15th 2024, the safe environment training renewal and criminal background screening system will be updated. Everyone (clergy, volunteers, and staff) who entered our database in 2023 or earlier, will be asked to verify the data we have in our system and to begin the process of annual safe environment training renewal. All clergy, religious, seminarians, staff and volunteers (in ministry with children and teens) are LEVEL C PERSONNEL!

You will receive an email from; Tech support noreply@dioceseofraleigh.safeenvironment.org. You will be asked to verify your profile data and renew your safe environment training via the new online system.

If you have not updated your email address with your local parish/school or agency, or if you do not get the July email, please send your name and correct email to SET.support@raldioc.org.

Thank you for being active in ministry!"





Mercy Camp is in full swing at St. Francis as youth participate in a series of fun faith-filled activities.

June 25 - Mystical Hope Book Study 7:00-8:30pm. Beginning 6/25, engage in contemplative dialogue on *Mystical Hope: Trusting in the Mercy of God* by Cynthia Bourgeault, a book for people yearning for good news. Find our way to hope that does not disappoint or fail. [Click here to register in Realm](#) for virtual study on 2nd & 4th Tuesdays from 7-8:30pm. Contact Lori Zagiba, lorizagiba@gmail.com.

June 25-Aug 15 - Tutors Needed -The Education Committee of St. Francis of Assisi (programs operated by Wake Together). You can start working this summer as a volunteer for 2nd through 5th grade students. For more information contact k.llewellyn@helpingeducation.org or via phone at 1-833-726-8855x714. The time commitment includes 4 hours of online training at your convenience and one hour a week meeting virtually with students from June 25-Aug. 15.

July 8 - 12 Mission Mercy

8:30am-9:00pm. Rising 10th graders through College Freshmen! Join us for Mission Mercy!

For more information and to register for Mercy Camp or Mission Mercy visit: <https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/service-camps/>
Contact Becky Cawley, becky.cawley@stfrancisraleigh.org.

July 13 - Women's Ministry Yoga and Breakfast 9:00-11:00am. Join the Women's Ministry for a morning of yoga, breakfast and community! We will be meeting in Fellowship Hall for a 45 minute beginner yoga class followed by a prayerful meditation, food and fellowship! Please bring your water bottle, yoga mat and your own coffee/tea cups. Contact stfawomensministry@gmail.com with questions. [Register here](#).

[Click here for Mass Intentions](#)

Support our Local Parishioner-Owned Businesses

Parishioner Owned Businesses Ad Page

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

July 13 - September 7 - Farm to Church CSA Sign Up (Summer Veggie Box) 9:00-10:00am. [Sign up here](#).

The Community Supported Agriculture Program invites you to purchase a summer subscription! This Farm to Church program supports local BIPOC farmers and sustainable farming methods. Purchase a full or half share of items such as cucumbers, zucchini, squash, beans, corn, kale, lettuce, onions, watermelon, cantaloupe, okra, peppers and tomatoes. [Link to website page](#). Contact Elizabeth Kearse, eskearse@gmail.com.

July 19-21 - Ayuda Matrimonial - Retrouvaille (pronunciado retro-vi) ha ayudado a decenas de miles de parejas en todas las etapas de desilusión o miseria en su matrimonio. Este programa también puede ayudarte a ti. Para obtener información confidencial o inscribirse en el programa de verano en español que comienza con un fin de semana del 19 al 21 de julio, llame al 305-915-4607 (español e inglés) o envíe un correo electrónico a: retrovaillealeigh@gmail.com o visite el sitio web en HelpOurMarriage.com.

Catholic Charities - Home Repair Program

Volunteers are needed for multi-day trips (3-7 days) to build a tiny home in the Cape Fear Region for a Hurricane Florence survivor. Volunteer housing, tools/equipment, and supportive instructions for all experience levels will be provided! [Learn more about this build here!](#) Please reach out to CC directly with questions. Contact Daniel Altenau, Daniel.Aldenau@ccharitiesdor.org.

Funerals at St. Francis

Would you like to be notified in advance of upcoming funerals at St. Francis? If so, please contact Joan Port, joankport@gmail.com and include "Funeral Notices" in the subject line.

Employment Opportunities:

[Preschool Teacher Assistant \(Part-time\) – two-year old classrooms.](#)
[Preschool Before and After school program workers.](#) [Coordinator or Cross Step Program.](#) [Preschool 3 year old TA.](#) [Middle School Formation Coordinator](#) See our website: <https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/jobs/>
Contact Trish Adamkowski, trish.adamkowski@stfrancisraleigh.org

If you can't access information through the hyperlink because you do not use the internet, please call the office to get information. (919) 847-8205

JUNE OFFERTORY CHALLENGE

Donor will match up to \$35K

One of our generous families has stepped forward to offer the following challenge to the Parish. During the month of June, **They will match any additional Offertory Donations, dollar for dollar, up to \$35K.** Eligible donations may be made thru Faith Direct using the "June Offertory Challenge" appeal option or by writing a check with "June Offertory Challenge" on the memo line. **Thank you for your donation!**

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Congratulations to our LGBTQ+ Ministry as we celebrate 25 years of ministry here at St. Francis. Thank you to all who are part of this important ministry. Eileen McEntaggart and Gladys Whitehouse were present after the 7:15am Mass last Sunday to greet parishioners and answer questions. The pope was also present in cardboard but more importantly in spirit.

Thank you



The parish staff and parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi would like to express our heart felt thanks to Msgr. Michael Clay for his faithful service as our pastor during the last four years.

May God continue to bless you and may the Holy Spirit continue to guide you. We look forward to your visits in the future.



Attention All Happily Married Couples!

We are in great need of mentor couples to meet with newly engaged couples as part of their marriage prep!

What: Mentor couples meet with newly engaged couples to walk with them to help nurture a deep and lasting marriage, foster their relationship with Christ and provide a sense of belonging in our SFA community.

Who: Mentor couples are couples with a perfect marriage-Just Kidding! Mentor couples are living out the vocation of marriage as best as they can. Mentor couples can be interfaith but must have been married in the church.

When: Mentor couples meet with each couple 2-3 times in the months before their wedding to facilitate deeper communication between the couple around the results of a marriage prep survey.

How: Two training sessions will be offered with ongoing support for all mentor couples

Training Sessions:

Wednesday, July 10th, 6:30pm-9:30pm or Sunday, July 14th at 1pm-4pm in the Anthony Conference Room.

Please email kathy.sales@stfrancisraleigh.org for more information



yoga breakfast

with women's ministry

Saturday
July 13
9 to 11 am

Register
in Realm

'Laudato Si Encyclical in a Year'

Every 3rd Tuesday of the month starting May 21 by Zoom 7-8pm ET

OR

through Flocknote text/email



From NC Catholics Caring for our Common Home and HNOJ Laudato Si' Circle

Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministers offer prayerful and emotional support by listening with their ears and hearts to your concerns. If you are in need of a Stephen Minister email stephenministry@stfrancisraleigh.org or call 919-847-8205 x234 or contact Stacey Shine, stacey.shine@stfrancisraleigh.org.



St. Vincent dePaul helps people in need. <https://youtu.be/4qHxd8qG8aU>

Click here to learn about SVdP. Visit the SVdP Facebook page. Visit the SVdP website. Contact Cathy Smith, smithcr@gmail.com.

A CONTEMPLATIVE CONVERSATION

Click here to register in Realm ON Contact lorizagiba@gmail.com.

MYSTICAL HOPE BY CYNTHIA BOURGEAULT

Online Meetings begin in June
2nd and 4th Tuesdays
7 to 8:30 pm



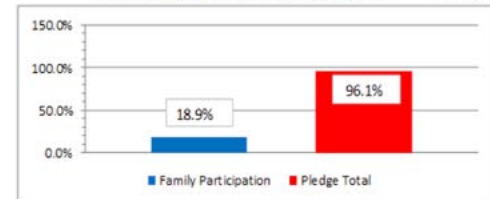
Bishop's Annual Appeal

The following are the BAA totals for our Parish as reported by the Diocese

	2024 Campaign (6/13/24)		2023 Campaign (6/15/23)	
Goal:	\$473,612		\$473,565	
Pledge Total:	\$455,265	96.1%	\$463,189	97.8%
Received Total:	\$427,529	90.3%	\$429,444	90.7%
Participating Families:	1,020	18.9%	1,109	20.2%
Total Families:	5,400		5,500	
To-Go:	\$18,347	TYT we are ahead on giving but falling behind on participation.		

2024 BAA Goal is \$473,612

Date as of 06/13/24



40% of donations above our goal are returned to St. Francis to support our ministries

Go to givetobaa.org and follow the prompts to make a one-time donation, set up a pledge or become a SUSTAINER with a recurring gift. Make sure to select Saint Francis of Assisi as your parish affiliation. Click here to give. Contact Stacey Shine, stacey.shine@stfrancisraleigh.org.