


# Mission Mercy Highlights



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## SCAM ALERT

Please be aware that a staff member of the parish, including the pastor, will never contact you via text message requesting assistance from you.



### The LGBTQ+ Ministry: 25 years of Service and Awareness

This year, the LGBTQ+ ministry will celebrate 25 years of service to the St. Francis of Assisi community. Jane Paris, one of the founding members, remembers, "We got started because the friars at St. Francis and Immaculate Conception invited 'New Ways Ministry' to do a workshop in Durham. A handful of people from St. Francis went, and we just kept meeting and talking. "New Ways Ministry," says Jane, "is a national organization founded by Father Robert Nugent and Sister Jeannine Gramick, both of whom had a history of supporting and ministering to the LGBTQ+ Community. New Ways provides [More...](#)

[Volunteer Spotlight: Jacob House](#)

### July 14 - Always God's Children 3:30-5:00pm

A confidential setting for those who identify as LGBTQ+, along with family and friends. This gathering provides a safe place to pray together, share our experiences, and talk over our concerns. Contact Stacey Shine at [stacey.shine@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:stacey.shine@stfrancisraleigh.org)

**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](mailto:Ashley.Watson@stfrancisraleigh.org), 919-847-8205X444  
Registration Link: <https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/camp-francis/>

### July 15 - Level C Personnel - UPDATE

On July 15 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 in our system and 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](mailto: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](mailto:SET.support@raldioc.org).

Thank you for being active in ministry!"

### July 20-28 Back to School Drive

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**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: [retrouvaileraleigh@gmail.com](mailto:retrouvaileraleigh@gmail.com) o visite el sitio web en [HelpOurMarriage.com](http://HelpOurMarriage.com).

### Support our Local Parishioner-Owned Businesses

#### [Parishioner Owned Businesses Ad Page](#)

To advertise email: [diogenes.ruiz@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:diogenes.ruiz@stfrancisraleigh.org)

Link: <https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/parishioner-businesses/>

### July 28 - Loaves and Fishes: Catholic Parish Outreach Food Drive

Join us for an exciting interactive faith-formation experience, leading to action on behalf of justice, flowing from Jesus' actions in John 6:1-15 to transform food insecurity in our local area. We will do a food collection on at this 9:00 Mass (food goes in Fellowship Hall). Contact Jay Landry, [jay.landry@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:jay.landry@stfrancisraleigh.org).



[Click to watch short video for details](#)

### July 31 - Thinking of Becoming Catholic? Come & See

Contact Jay Landry, [jay.landry@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:jay.landry@stfrancisraleigh.org).

### August 4 & 11 - Synodal Listening Sessions.

(see ad on page 4)  
Join us for Synodal Listening Sessions after the 9 am Mass, Sundays. We embrace Pope Francis' call to become a Church that listens to the needs of everyone. Contact Jay Landry, [jay.landry@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:jay.landry@stfrancisraleigh.org).

### August 11 and 13 Annual Mass Volunteer Training

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### Now - 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](mailto: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.

### 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](mailto: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

**St. Francis TV Episode 40**

Premiers Saturday, July 20 at 8:00pm

Don't miss it!

See link in next week's bulletin.



*"Meet Fr. Chris" our new pastor.*

**There are many ways to give to St. Francis.**



Scan the QR code to give

**Text-to-Give:** From your smartphone screen, create a new message. Click the "To:" field and enter 919-629-1199. Enter the dollar amount then tap the link to complete your gift. Register your credit/debit card.

**BACK TO SCHOOL DRIVE**

**JULY 20-28**

We will be collecting school supply donations in the Welcome Center.




Supplies List



Volunteer Opportunities


**Mass Intentions**

Did you know Mass intentions can be requested for Birthdays, Anniversaries or In Remembrance. If you would like to request a Mass the following dates are currently available.

August 8th and 25th

September 2nd, 9th, 10th, 22nd, 23rd, 26th, 27th, 30th

Sign up with Shannon Hoffman or <https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/mass-intentions-and-prayer-requests/>



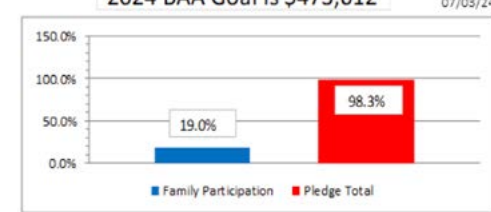
**Bishop's Annual Appeal**

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

	2024 Campaign (7/3/24)		2023 Campaign (8/2/23)	
Goal:	\$473,612		\$473,565	
Pledge Total:	\$465,448	98.3%	\$480,557	101.5%
Received Total:	\$443,557	93.7%	\$463,272	97.8%
Participating Families:	1,028	18.9%	1,145	20.8%
Total Families:	5,400		5,500	
To-Go:	\$8,164			

2024 BAA Goal is \$473,612

Data as of 07/03/24



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

Go to [givetobaa.org](http://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](mailto:stacey.shine@stfrancisraleigh.org).

# Annual Mass Volunteer Training

Are you a current Eucharist Minister (EM) or Master of Ceremonies (MC)? Would you like to become one?

If so, please sign up for one of the required training dates below;

Sunday, August 11th;

EM Training: 1pm- 2pm, MC Training: 1pm-3:00pm

Tuesday, August 13th

EM Training: 6:30pm-7:30pm, MC Training: 6:30pm-8:30pm

Sign up on Realm or for more information contact  
Kathy.Sales@stfrancisraleigh.org



## Synodal Listening Sessions August 4 and 11

Following 9 am Mass in Fellowship Hall - Refreshments will be served

At weekend Masses, we pray for the Synod on Synodality that has been underway since 2021. In August, we will offer opportunities to engage in listening and dialogue in our own community.

Consider these questions:

- How is the Church meeting your needs?
- How could we at St Francis meet your needs, draw you closer to Christ and send you in joyful mission?

We'd love for you to join a listening session, as we embrace Pope Francis' call to become a Church that listens to everyone and seeks to meet their needs.



### How would you like to assist those in need without leaving your home?

You can by volunteering as a resource coordinator for the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Helping those in need often involves more than providing money. It also includes referrals for help with rent, legal matters, utilities and medical services. SVdP keeps an extensive list of resources, but they are always changing, and someone is needed to keep the data accurate so volunteers can help the neighbors who contact us. If you can help, please contact Cathy Smith at [smithtcr@gmail.com](mailto:smithtcr@gmail.com).