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BAA Status: How Are We Doing?

	St. Francis	St. Michael	St. Luke's
Goal:	\$522,280	\$456,448	\$146,556
Pledge Total:	\$366,183	\$470,135	\$130,592
Percentage of Goal	70%	103%	89%

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VOLUNTEERS
 WE THANK YOU ALL!

SATURDAY, APRIL 5 | 6:30PM TO 7:30PM
 SUNDAY, APRIL 6 | 8AM TO 11:45AM









JOIN US IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

JOIN OUR TEAM



Altar Server

Training

Sunday, March 30th at 1pm
 Monday, March 31st at 5pm
 in the Church

Contact Shannon.hoffman@stfrancisraleigh.org

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Last week we introduced a convenient option for those who prefer to use a credit card for contributing to offertory as the basket is passed around during Mass. [Click here to learn more.](#)

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Fr. Chris Koehn,
 Pastor



Fr. James Singarayar, HGN
 Parochial Vicar



Fr. Jim Sabak, O.F.M.
 In Residence



Fr. Joseph Ita-Sam, CM
 Parochial Vicar



Stephen Andrews
 Deacon In Residence

March 29/30, April 5/6 - Our Lady of the Rosary Food Drive Volunteers On March 29/30 weekend we need volunteers (families, adults & youth) after each Mass to handout bags with the Our Lady of the Rosary food donation list. On April 5/6 weekend we need volunteers (families, adults, youth) to collect and load a truck with the OLR food donations. Please bring your filled bags with you to Mass on the weekend of April 5/6. [Click here to sign up](#) to assist at one of the weekends and to see the list of food needs for OLR Food Drive. Contact Tess Ferrer-Turner, tessferrer89@yahoo.com.

March 30 - Come and See: An Invitation to Spiritual Direction 1:00-2:00pm. Spiritual Direction is an ancient Christian tradition of holy listening, where a trained director journeys with you as you reflect on your faith, vocation, and relationships. Join us for a Come and See session to learn more about this meaningful practice and how it might support your spiritual growth. All are welcome! Contact Nancy Jones, prayerfulheart3@gmail.com.

March 30 - Altar Server Training: If you are interested in becoming an Altar Server, please join us in the Church on March 30, 1-2:30pm or March 31, 5-6:30pm. Contact Shannon.hoffman@stfrancisraleigh.org for more information.

March 30 and April 5 - Youth Volleyball Skills Clinics This clinic is designed for players to work on skills and gear up for the season ahead. Rising 3rd-Rising 6th Grade, Each Session is \$20. [Info/Register Here](#). Contact Mary.Arleth@stfrancisraleigh.org.

April 1 - June 15 - Recovering Our Soul Connections: A Retreat for Women Who Have Been Sexually Abused Begins online April 1 and culminates in an in-person retreat June 12-15, at St. Francis Springs Prayer Center, Stoneville, NC. Applications accepted until March 1. Email soulconnection366@gmail.com. [Click here for the flyer](#).

April 3 - May 15: Women's Ministry Bible Study: Living in the Father's Love 7-8:30pm "Living in the Father's Love" is a Women's Catholic Bible Study that guides us to discover God's unconditional love and how the gospels are deeply relevant to our relationship with God. Share your Faith Journey with other women in this 6-week study beginning Thursday, April 3rd at 7pm in Anthony Hall- Room 403. [Register here](#). Contact Julia Snyder, snyderjules5720@gmail.com.

April 5-6 Join Us for Our Volunteer Celebration! We are incredibly grateful for our dedicated volunteers and want to celebrate all that you do! Join us on Saturday, April 5, at 6:30 PM, or on Sunday, April 6, 8:00-9:00 AM or 10:00-11:45 AM These gatherings provide a wonderful opportunity to express our appreciation and celebrate together after Mass. We look forward to honoring you! In Fellowship Hall. Contact Stacey Shine, stacey.shine@stfrancisraleigh.org.

April 6-12 - Family Promise Family Promise of the Triangle: Small Commitment. Big Impact. Make a difference by helping support the lives of families experiencing temporary homelessness. We provide meals and groceries for one week while families work towards permanent housing. Be part of our next hosting, April 6 - April 12. Contact Jim Packard, stfa.fp@gmail.com.

Employment Opportunities:

The Franciscan School is seeking a 4th grade teacher for the 2025-26 academic year. Visit <https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/jobs/>

April 6, April 13 - Co-Ed Spring Youth Basketball Skills Clinic This clinic is designed for players to work on dribbling, passing, rebounding, shooting and defensive drills with Triple Threat Triumph 1st Grade-4th Grade 1:15-2:15pm / 5th-8th Grade: 2:30-3:30pm Each Session is \$20 or \$75.00 for all 4 sessions. [Info/Register Here](#). Contact Mary Arleth, mary.arleth@stfrancisraleigh.org.

April 12-Corral Riding Academy Saturday on the Farm 1:00-3:30pm CORRAL Riding Academy is a faith-motivated nonprofit that serves adolescent girls in high-risk situations through a long-term, holistic program of equine therapy and education. Join us as we do hands-on projects to support the NEUSE RIVER (Raleigh) campus and learn more about CORRAL's mission and programs! Families welcome! [Event registration](#). Contact donna.schwede@gmail.com.

April 29 - Gospel of John, Part 2 Virtual Study The Gospel of John is a testament to the divine nature of Jesus, the Light of the World. Part Two of our study begins with the final "sign" of Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead, takes readers to the hour of Jesus' glorification in his passion, death, resurrection. Contact barbaraefirdlpc@gmail.com. [Weds AM Session](#) / [Tues PM Session](#)

April 29 - Recycling 101 Learn ways to recycle more effectively in the Triangle with documentary filmmaker John Wilson, presenting live on Recycling 101, an ICCT/OCICC webinar, April 29, 7:00pm

April 30 - Women's Ministry Caring Casseroles Social 7:00-9:00pm in Fellowship. Join Women's Ministry for an evening of fellowship and meal preparation for our Caring Casseroles Ministry. Ingredients will be provided with a requested donation at signup. All are welcome - a great way to check out our ministry. [Click here](#).

May 17 - A Silver Soiree - A Night to Celebrate The Franciscan School 7:30-10:00pm. Join us for a special dessert reception on Saturday, May 17, as we celebrate 25 years of excellence at The Franciscan School. This adults-only reception will bring together fellow parents, alumni, and staff, honoring our rich history, incredible journey, and exciting future. Enjoy delicious desserts, great company, and a memorable night of celebration. Before the Soiree, there will be a Mass at 5:30 pm honoring the 25th Anniversary. All families are welcome to join us as we reflect on the school's history and the many blessings we've shared over the years! Tickets are available for purchase [here](#).

June 2-July 24 - Youth Summer Volleyball League Registration Registration is open for Coed League for children of all skill levels - rising 3rd graders through rising 9th graders. Teams have an hour practice on Mon. or Wed. Games are held on Thurs. nights. [Click here for more Information and to Register](#)

June 16-20, June 23-27, July 7-11, July 14-18, July 21-25 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.



[Click here to visit the parish website for all Lent activities](https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/lent-2025/)
<https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/lent-2025/>

Raleigh Deanery 2025 Lenten Penance Services

Tue. April 1	11:00am – 12:00pm	Our Lady of Lourdes
	7:00– 9:00pm	St. Catherine of Siena
Wed. April 2	7:00– 9:00pm	St. Raphael the Archangel
Fri. April 4	10:00– 11:30am	St. Michael the Archangel
Tue. April 8	7:00 – 9:00pm	Holy Name of Jesus, St. Joe, St. Mary and NC State (At HNOJ Cathedral)

Dates for Lent Dinners, Stations and Evening Prayer.

Lenten Potluck Dinners - Fellowship Hall - 6:30pm - Friday nights
 April 11 - 6:30pm after stations. [Register in Realm.](#)

Stations of the Cross - Church 6:00pm - Friday nights
 April 4
 April 11
 April 18 (7:00pm Outside)

Evening Prayer - Church - 6:30pm Wednesday nights
 April 2
 April 9

Holy Week & Easter Schedule

PALM SUNDAY, April 12 & 13

Regular Mass Schedule.

We will begin all Masses outside in the Memorial Garden

WEDNESDAY, April 16

6:30pm - Evening Prayer Service

HOLY THURSDAY, April 17

7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Reposition in Fellowship Hall until Midnight

11:45pm Night Prayer

GOOD FRIDAY, April 18

9:00am Morning Prayer

3:00pm Passion of the Lord

7:00pm Outside Stations of the Cross

HOLY SATURDAY, April 19

9:00am Morning Prayer

10:00am Easter Food Blessing

8:30pm Easter Vigil

EASTER SUNDAY, April 20

6:00am Sunrise Mass (Memorial Garden)

7:15am Mass (Church)

9:00am Mass (Church & Fellowship Hall)

11:45am Mass (Church & Fellowship Hall)



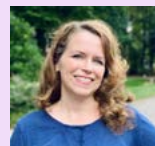
Holy Week: A Week to Consider the Whole

Holy Week and the lead-up to the celebration of Easter are all about family and community. As Pastor Chris Koehn emphasizes, "A lot of the gifts of Holy Week, that maybe all of us as a parish family don't take advantage of, model the idea that 'Church is always family.' If your family has traditions for that week, that's where our starting point is." When Father Chris grew up, Holy Week was time off from school, and many offices were closed, so it was a time for family for him. He remembers that people vacationed that week, and he recalls 'celebrating' and spending time with his family. "For Holy Week," Father Chris says, "families should consider 'What makes our life blessed?'" [More](#)



Women's Ministry

The Women's Ministry at St. Francis offers a space where women can gather to deepen our faith, share our gifts, lift each other up, and feel valued and loved," explains Jess Kelly. "In this space," she says, "women can find a connection in community, a sense of belonging, and opportunities to serve others, all while deepening our relationship with Christ. We do this by embracing our Catholic identity through events, such as ... [More](#)



Are you New to St. Francis? We warmly welcome you to our community! If you have any questions or are interested in learning more about how to get involved, please don't hesitate to reach out to [Stacey Shine](#). We look forward to connecting with you and helping you feel right at home."



Over 375 people have joined already!

St. Francis is the largest participant and has already saved the carbon equivalent of 279 gallons of gas!

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Are you willing to give up beef for the final weeks of Lent?

Join Us!
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Book Studies at St. Francis of Assisi Church
Interested in joining other parishioners in growing your faith through book studies? Check out the Book Studies currently being run at our parish. We have Bible studies and book studies, both virtual and in person. [Click here](#) to learn more about our amazing God through book studies! Contact Deacon Steve Anderson stephenwandrews@outlook.com.

Camp Francis - Registration is Open via Realm
June 16-20, June 23-27, July 7-11, July 14-18, July 21-25
Our popular summer camp, has lots of cool opportunities in athletics, science, arts and various enrichment areas! Camps are half-day or full-day based on age for the 2025-2026 school year. (Rising K-Rising 6th grade) Registration Link: <https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/camp-francis/>

The St. Francis Prison Pen Pal Ministry has a long legacy of writing, sharing and praying with the men on NC's Death Row and practicing this important corporal act of mercy. The friendships that have resulted are spiritually enriching and life changing, but we still have several inmate requests for pen pals unfilled. If interested, please email Catherine at sfapenpal@gmail.com and [click here to read our story](#).

Brown Bag Ministry - Help needed as a Brown Bag Ministry coordinator. Great way to meet the wonderful community of St. Francis and serve the senior citizens of Durham. You would be part of a 4 person team with a very flexible schedule of once a month. If interested contact Karina Miranda at karinamiranda86@yahoo.com.

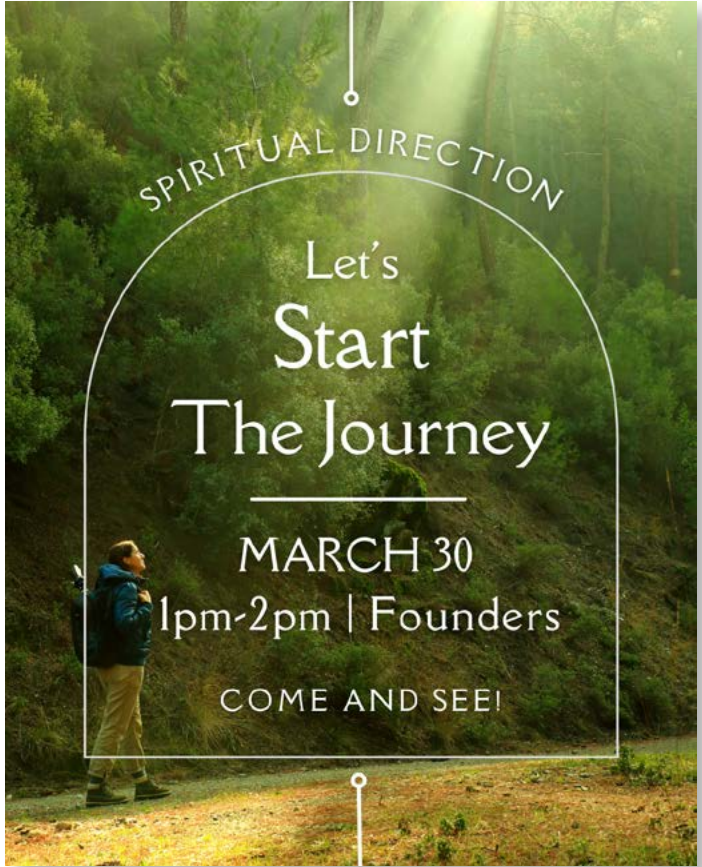
Stephen Ministry - Stephen Ministers offer prayerful and emotional support by listening with their ears and hearts to your concerns. If you are in need of a Stephen Minister email stephenministry@stfrancisraleigh.org or stacey.shine@stfrancisraleigh.org. or call 919-847-8205x234



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A mother with a sick son was saved from eviction this month when the St. Vincent de Paul Society, stepped in to help. Learn more at...
[Click here to read more or visit https://stfrancissvp.org/blog/](https://stfrancissvp.org/blog/)

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SPiritual DIREction

Let's Start The Journey

MARCH 30
1pm-2pm | Founders

COME AND SEE!

Night of Worship
Friday Night, April 4th
Praise, Adoration, & Music for ALL AGES
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