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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:	\$420,882	\$499,669	\$148,468
Percentage of Goal	80.6%	109.5%	101.6%




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Please take a moment to participate in the parish survey. All St. Francis parishioners are invited to provide feedback so we can better plan and prioritize parish resources. Thank you for providing this valuable information.

<https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/8283808/SFA-Parishioner-Survey-2025>

Daily Mass will resume in the Chapel on Monday, April 28th.  
On Tuesday, April 29th there will be a Communion Service instead of Daily Mass. Thank you for your understanding.

A click away  If you are receiving a paper copy, visit the parish website at [www.stfrancisraleigh.org](http://www.stfrancisraleigh.org).

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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

**April 23 - May 28 - Women's Ministry Bible Study: Reclaiming Friendship** 10:00am-12:00pm. What does the Bible say about friendship? A Women's Bible study group welcomes new and current members to read Reclaiming Friendship: God's Plan for Deep Connection by Mallory Smyth. The group will meet from 10AM to noon, April 23-May 28, in the Padua Room of the Community Center. [Register Here](#). Contact Heather Thorstensen, [heather.thorst@gmail.com](mailto:heather.thorst@gmail.com).

**April 27 - Earth Day Celebration** 10:00am-1:30pm  
AFTER 9AM AND 11:45AM MASS. Join us in Fellowship Hall as we recognize our call to "Care for God's Creation" and celebrate our beautiful planet! Peruse educational stations and activities for all ages on topics such as recycling, composting, Laudato Si', and more! ([Volunteer? Click here to learn more!](#)) Contact Pam James, [stfccreation@gmail.com](mailto:stfccreation@gmail.com).

**Apr 27-28 Recycle! "Anything with a Plug"** 7:30-10:30am  
Drop off electronics and home appliances in the Community Center parking lot at traffic circle next to the Chapel on April 27.  
On April 28 drop off at school parking lot next to the dumpsters.  
Click here to see what is accepted. **No large appliances please!**  
<https://www.anythingwithaplugrecycling.com/>

**April 27 - 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](mailto:mary.arleth@stfrancisraleigh.org).

**April 27 - Young Adult Bonfire & Discussion on Prayer**  
6:30-8:30pm. Join fellow young adults (20-30s) at a relaxed bonfire, featuring sweet and savory s'mores! Fr. Joseph will be joining us to lead a discussion on prayer, and how we can navigate questions and challenges many of us face when approaching prayer. [Registration](#).  
Contact Michelle Kaiser, [mmk4894@yahoo.com](mailto:mmk4894@yahoo.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](mailto:barbaraefirdlpc@gmail.com).  
[Weds AM Session](#) / [Tues PM Session](#)

**April 29 - Recycling 101, a Webinar with Interfaith Creation Care of the Triangle** 7:00 – 8:00pm via Zoom in Founder's Room.  
Join John Wilson, a documentary filmmaker and conservationist from Chapel Hill, as he explains how to recycle more effectively. Sponsored by ICCT, its Earth Friendly Practices Team, and Orange-Chatham Interfaith Care for Creation.  
[Learn more about the speaker, watch parties here.](#)

**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 1 - L'Arche Ministry: Cooking Together!**  
1:30-4:00pm. Join us every 1st Thursday of the month! Be with adults/youth with and without intellectual disabilities as you make fun foods together! New recipes each month! Build relationships, foster connection, and build inclusive communities! To learn more about L'Arche NC, [click here!](#) To [sign up online](#) [CLICK HERE!](#) Contact Gladys Whitehouse, [gladys.whitehouse@gmail.com](mailto:gladys.whitehouse@gmail.com).

**May 7 - Alzheimer's | Dementia Caregiver support Group**  
1:00-3:00pm. Are you caring for a loved one with Alzheimer's or dementia? Join us for support, understanding, and shared resources at our next meeting on Wednesday, May 7, at 1 PM in Padua. Connect with others who understand your journey. All are welcome! Contact Kathleen Boate, [kboate@msn.com](mailto:kboate@msn.com).

**May 8 - JCM Presents: Inside State Jobs: Landing a Career with North Carolina** 8:30-10:30am. Whether you're a job seeker or a professional looking to expand your network, this event will help you meet more people, gain career insights, and boost your confidence—all in a supportive and engaging environment! Location: St Mary Magdalene Catholic Church 625 Magdala Pl, Apex, NC 27502. [Register here](#).  
Contact Paul Dean, [vpauldean@gmail.com](mailto:vpauldean@gmail.com).

**May 11 - Knights of Columbus Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast**  
Join us after the 9:00 am mass in the Fellowship Hall. 3 Pancakes, 3 Sausages, Donuts, Coffee, Juice etc. will be priced at \$7.00 per person and \$24.00 for a nuclear family of 4 or more. Net proceeds will support many worthy charities. Contact Nick Renga, [nrenga@msn.com](mailto:nrenga@msn.com).

**May 12 - Prison Pen Pal Ministry** Virtual meeting at 7:00pm about this important corporal act of mercy. We will have guest speakers and other pen pals sharing their experiences serving the men on Death Row, as well as Q & A. If you would like to learn more about this writing ministry and receive the attendance link, please email [sfapenpal@gmail.com](mailto:sfapenpal@gmail.com).

**May 15 - Coffee with Chris**  
9:40-10:30am Join us Thursday, May 15 at 9:45am for Coffee with Fr. Chris in Padua. It will be a time to visit with fellow parishioners and Fr. Chris to celebrate as we continue to walk this journey of faith together as a community dedicated to our Franciscan heritage.  
Contact Stacey Shine, [stacey.shine@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:stacey.shine@stfrancisraleigh.org).

**May 16-18 - Spring High School Youth Retreat**  
High schoolers! Join us for the Spring High School Youth Retreat at Camp Chestnut Ridge! We will find God in the peaks & valleys together as we build community. Enjoy a weekend of talks, small group discussions, prayer and worship, free time, fun and making connections with God and one another. [Register](#). Contact Tim Hetzel, [tim.hetzel@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:tim.hetzel@stfrancisraleigh.org).

**May 17 - Women's Pickleball & Happy Hour**  
3:30-5:30pm. Ladies, join us for a free, fun social event! Pickleball open play (all skill levels welcome!) at Seven Oaks from 3:30-5:30 followed by Happy Hour at the The Wandering Moose Tavern at 5:45. [Register in Realm](#). Contact Jess Kelly, [sfawomensministry@gmail.com](mailto:sfawomensministry@gmail.com).

#### **Employment Opportunities:**

Director of Justice and Peace, Full-time, immediate opening. Visit our website for more information: <https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/jobs/>



### 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 6-8 Project Rachel Post Abortion Healing Retreat

If you desire healing from a past abortion, you are invited to experience the love of Jesus Christ at a Project Rachel weekend retreat June 6-8, 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 if you register before May 9**, Spanish and English speakers are welcome. If there is a financial burden, assistance is always available.

### June-July Men's 18+ Summer Basketball League Registration

League play during June and July on weekends only. Teams will have no practice time. Registration is TEAM BASED only. Players will form their own teams and submit their registration and fee as a team. Each player must also complete an Individual Player Registration. Teams will provide their own jerseys. [Register here](#). Contact [Mary.Arleth@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:Mary.Arleth@stfrancisraleigh.org)

### 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](mailto:ashley.watson@stfrancisraleigh.org).

### 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/>

### 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.



## Stewardship Without Assumption

JaVon Hansknecht joined the staff of St. Francis of Assisi as the Director of Justice and Peace in the summer of 2023, bringing an open mind and knowledge of the parish's welcoming reputation, and for its supportive outreach to those in need. JaVon was now leading the effort to provide that outreach through the dozens of ministries under the Justice and Peace Office's umbrella. Since the beginning of Father David McBriar's tenure as our first Franciscan pastor at St. Francis, a tithe from the parish's offertory, received through the generosity of our parishioners, has been provided to support the Justice and Peace office. Father David always made sure that the parish was looking outward in service. [More](#)



## Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministry is a ministry at St. Francis of Assisi in which trained and supervised laypeople, called Stephen Ministers, provide one-to-one Christian care to individuals facing life's challenges, whatever those challenges may be. The USCCB highlights the seven themes of Catholic Social Teaching on its website. Of these seven themes, there is one that Stephen Ministry addresses directly: Call to Family, Community, and Participation. Stephen Ministers are ready to walk alongside those in need and provide comfort and support for as long as needed. As it says in James 2:14-17, "Our faith is dead if we ignore others in need." [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."



# EASTER VIGIL



# SUNRISE EASTER SERVICE



# HOLY THURSDAY



# GOOD FRIDAY





# Knights of Columbus Memorial Day Mass

The Knights of Columbus will be recognizing deceased family members of parishioners who served in the military. Please share the name of your loved ones who served our nation with the Knights before and after Mass the weekends of May 10th-11th and May 17th-18th.

Please contact Mike Wrzesien if you have any questions ([wrzesien1963@gmail.com](mailto:wrzesien1963@gmail.com)).


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Questions, contact Diogenes Ruiz, [diogenes.ruiz@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:diogenes.ruiz@stfrancisraleigh.org).

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