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Goal:	\$522,280	\$456,448	\$146,556
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Percentage of Goal	83.6%	114.9%	102.8%



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**We Honor our Fallen Heroes  
this Memorial Day**

*They fought with courage, firm and true,  
Their faith in God their guiding view.  
Through darkest night and battle's cry,  
They bore their cross, prepared to die.  
Now crowned in light, their rest is won,  
At peace with Christ, the risen Son.*

**Please take a moment to fill out the  
parish survey. **Deadline May 30****




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>



**August 23-24 Ministry Fair**

Join us after all Masses the weekend of August 23-24 for our Parish Ministry Fair! Representatives from all of our ministries will be available to share information, answer questions, and help you discover ways to get involved. Whether you're looking to serve, grow in faith, or connect with others, there's a place for you. Come explore the many opportunities to share your time and talents! Contact Stacey Shine, [stacey.shine@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:stacey.shine@stfrancisraleigh.org)

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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Parochial Vicar



Stephen Andrews  
Deacon In Residence

**May 26 - Memorial Day** Parish offices will be closed on Monday, May 26 in observance of Memorial Day (see page 4). The weekend Mass and reconciliation schedule remain the same. **Daily Mass on Memorial Day will be held in the church at 9:00am and will include a Memorial Day tribute.**

**May 29 - Lord of the Harvest Healing Ministry**

7:00-9:00pm. Facing problems? WE ENCOURAGE you to experience the healing love of Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit. WE INSPIRE you to use your God-given authority. WE TEAM UP to strengthen each other. WE PRAY "Ask the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into his harvest field." Contact Maureen Costello, [sentout72@gmail.com](mailto:sentout72@gmail.com). No registration is necessary. [Watch video.](#)

**May 31 - Mass of Permanent Profession**

11:00 Mass. With great joy Padre Pio Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order Invites you to join us for the Permanent Profession of: Maria Marge, OFS, Robert Marge, OFS, Judy Newell, OFS, Marianne Norris, OFS. Celebrant Fr. Hugh Macsherry, OFM Reception immediately following Mass, in Clare Fellowship Hall

**June 1 - Caring for Our Common Home Prayer Service**

You are invited to Gather at the Globe, Sunday, June 1 at 3:00. NC Catholics Caring for Our Common Home is hosting a prayer service for our planet on June 1, 3:00-4:00. We will meet by the globe at the NC Museum of Natural Sciences in Raleigh (11 W. Jones St.) You are invited to bring a sign sharing how you are praying and working to protect Our Common Home. For more information, contact [socialconcern@hnojnc.org](mailto:socialconcern@hnojnc.org).

**June 1 and 3 - Eucharist Minister Training** - See page 4

**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 4 - Alzheimer's | Dementia Caregiver support Group**

1:00pm 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, June 4, 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).

**June 8 - Sept 7 Migrant Ministry volunteers needed**

Please consider helping the Migrant Ministry this summer. We are currently looking for volunteers either driving migrant workers to mass on Sunday or providing food donations on select Sundays. This is an excellent opportunity to serve our Migrant brothers. Please learn more and [sign up](#) using St Francis Serves. Contact Tom Carlson, [tcarlson28@gmail.com](mailto:tcarlson28@gmail.com).

**Employment Opportunities:**

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

**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@raldi-oc.org](mailto:project.rachel@raldi-oc.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 8 - Baccalaureate Mass** 5:30-6:30pm. All recent high school

and college graduates are invited to participate in the Baccalaureate Mass on Sunday, June 8 at 5:30pm. Please gather in the gathering space prior to the service and come dressed in your cap and gown to join the procession and be honored for your achievement. Contact Stacey Shine, [stacey.shine@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:stacey.shine@stfrancisraleigh.org).

**June 12 - JCM Presents: Tell Me About a Time: Story telling in Interviews** 8:30-10:30am. Join JobWorks Career Ministry as we wel-

come Stephanie Newstrom, Founder of Peak Potential Talent Solutions. Stephanie, a SHRM-CP and aPHR-certified HR leader with 20+ years of experience, will share how to craft stories that make you stand out in interviews. Register Via LinkedIn at: <https://tinyurl.com/3a8k5yfk> or email [vpauldean@gmail.com](mailto:vpauldean@gmail.com).

**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).

**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 21 - Habitat for Humanity Beloved Build in Clayton, NC**

8:10am-3:30pm. Can you join our team to build homes in the Habitat neighborhood of Stone Creek? No construction experience is necessary. Habitat has site supervisors skilled at teaching people how to build. You must be 16 years old to volunteer with Habitat. [Sign up.](#) \*\*Need 25-30 lunches.\*\* Contact Will Connelly, [st.francis.h4h@gmail.com](mailto:st.francis.h4h@gmail.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/>

**August 23-24 Ministry Fair** See page 1



# FR. JOSEPH IN NIGERIA



Fr. Joseph is in Nigeria visiting family. His parents celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at a Mass with Fr. Joseph (men sit on one side, women on the other). We miss you Fr. Joseph and look forward to your return to St. Francis.



CONGRATULATIONS!  
Class of 2025



## From Buddies to Leaders: Honoring the Class of 2025

The 2025 8th-grade graduating class is a remarkable group of kind, intelligent, and ambitious young students.

"They've shown compassion, curiosity, and determination throughout their years at The Franciscan School, especially over the past year," shares 8th-grade teacher Kristen Dellasega. "Each of them is stepping into the future with incredible potential, and as a community, we couldn't be prouder of the bright paths that lie ahead for them."

Principal Dawn Smith shares that the current graduating class is smaller than average, and many of these students have been a part of the TFS community for many years. [More](#)



## Centering Prayer Ministry

The Centering Prayer Ministry practices the monastic tradition of Christian meditation, and Flo and Robert Hardy established the ministry at St. Francis in 1990 at Father David McBriar's request. The group gathers on Thursday mornings to practice the contemplative prayer revised by American Trappist priests, Father William Meninger, Father M. Basil Pennington, and Father Thomas Keating, that emerged from St. Joseph's Abbey in Spencer, Massachusetts, in the mid-1970s. [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."



# Mass Intentions

Mass intentions can be requested for Birthdays, Anniversaries or In Remembrance. If you would like to request a Mass there are plenty available dates for 2025.

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



## Eucharist Minister Training

Sunday, June 1st at 1pm in the Church  
Tuesday, June 3rd at 6:30pm in the Church

If you're interested in attending this training, please sign up on Realm using this QR Code.



For more information contact  
[Shannon.Hoffman@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:Shannon.Hoffman@stfrancisraleigh.org)



## CELEBRATING 10 YEARS LAUDATO SI' : PRAISE BE



Watch short video

TFS 6th Grade teacher, Karin Kuropas, guided students in a special project as part of the 10th Anniversary of Laudato Si'. Click on her photo to find out how she inspired her students.



Fr. Chris invited the 8th grade class to join him at the altar at Wednesday's community Mass - a farewell to the 8th grade class with special prayers delivered by student representatives from each of the lower grades.



**ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI  
PK-12 FAITH FORMATION  
& SACRAMENTAL PREP  
2025-2026**



**REGISTRATION VIA REALM  
OPENS FRIDAY MAY 30**

**Tap to Give**



**Offertory - Anytime**

## Congratulations Tom Dupree!



Tom Dupree has won the State of North Carolina Golden Knight of the year award. This is a highly prestigious honor, which is so well deserved by Tom. Tom and Elaine spend countless hours on the road to support our Veterans, whether it be one day trips to the VA in Asheville to deliver coats to the veterans, working with the USO at RDU to send our veterans from Ft. Bragg to Lourdes, and driving to events all over the state to run events to support families of veterans.

**Thank you, Tom and Elaine!  
We are so proud of you!**

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