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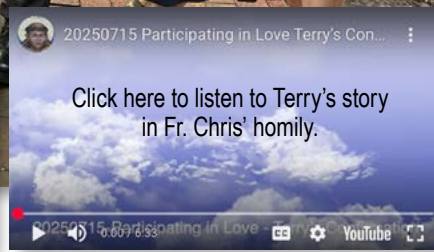
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Pledge Total:	\$496,731
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Fr. Jim Sabak, O.F.M.
 In Residence



Fr. Joseph Ita-Sam, CM
 Parochial Vicar



Stephen Andrews
 Deacon In Residence

Help Feed Durham Seniors! BROWN BAG MINISTRY NEEDS YOUR HELP! 7/28, 8/2, 8/9, 8/16, 8/23 9:00-11:30am.

We need volunteers to prepare bag lunches for seniors in two Durham apartment complexes on 8 Saturdays in July and August. These meals—sandwiches, fruit, snacks, and dessert—are delivered every other week and make a real difference. [Sign up via St. Francis Serves](#) or contact Pam Peroutky at pperoutky@gmail.com.

July 30 and August 4: Back to School Drive Volunteers Needed

Please join us in supporting the annual Back to School Supply Drive. There are opportunities to help collect, transfer, sort and pack backpacks with supplies to be distributed to students through Our Lady of the Rosary, Passage Home, the Hispanic Family Center, and Inter-Faith Food Shuttle. [Click to Volunteer](#).

July 31 - Lord of the Harvest Healing Ministry 7:00-9:00pm.

WE ENCOURAGE you to experience the love of Jesus. Does God still speak to us through our dreams? This week's class explores Acts 2:17. 'I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: your children shall prophesy, your young shall see visions, your old shall dream dreams.' Founders Room. Contact Person - Maureen Costello, sentout72@gmail.com.

July 31 - Reflections on a Summer's Evening - A Concert in the Chapel 7:30pm.

Join us for an evening of music designed for quiet listening and thoughtful reflection. "Reflections on a Summer's Evening" brings together members of the Music Ministry performing piano, flute, bass, and percussion, each inviting us to pause, and listen with open hearts. Contact James Wahl, jim.wahl@stfrancisraleigh.org.

August 6 - Interested in Becoming Catholic?

6:30-9:00pm Are you or anyone you know interested in exploring the Catholic Church as your church home? Let the Order of Christian Adults walk with you on your journey of faith. A new cohort will begin as soon as August 6! [Complete the interest form for more info](#). Contact Charlee Halphen, charleehalphen@gmail.com.

August 20 - Women's Ministry: Summer Craft Night 6:30-8:30pm

Ladies, join us for a Paint & Decoupage craft night hosted by Women's Ministry on August 20th from 6:30-8:30PM. We'll learn how to make some gorgeous DIY seashells using paint and paper designs in our easy step by step class. Perfect for gifts or ornaments. [Register in Realm](#). Rosemary Czejkowski, sfawomensministry@gmail.com.

August 20 - Women's Ministry Bible Study: Foundations of Faith: A Journey Through the Catechism of the Catholic Church

10:00am-12:00pm. Join the Women's Ministry Wednesday morning Women's Bible Study group as we discover the heart and soul of our Catholic beliefs with "Foundations of Faith: A Journey Through the Catechism of the Catholic Church." Study runs for 20 sessions/3 socials. [Register here](#). Book available for purchase from Ascension Press for \$52.90.

Employment Opportunities:

- TFS Elementary Instructional Teaching Assistant (Full-time)
- Preschool Teaching Assistant, Part Time.
- PT Admin for Liturgy and Technology

Please see our website for more information
<https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/jobs/>.

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.

Now - 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.

September 16 - Grief's Journey-Coping with loss of a loved one

10:30am-12:00pm every Tuesday in Anthony Hall Conference Room. Seven week series offering hope following the loss of a loved one through death. A safe place to share your journey and to learn from others. Intended for those who are three months or more after a death of their loved one. [Register here](#). Dina DaRe, dina.dare@stfrancisraleigh.org.

September 28 - October 4 - Family Promise of The Triangle

Family Promise. 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. Contact Jim Packard, stfa.fp@gmail.com, 910-389-8936.

October 24-26: Richard Rohr Conference 9:00am-5:00pm

What do we do with Christianity? Join Richard Rohr and other teachers from the Center for Action & Contemplation to explore how to reimagine the faith, stories and traditions that have shaped our Christian lives. Contact Pam Peroutky, pperoutky@gmail.com or Deacon Steve, stephenwandrews@outlook.com 732-213-0104.

*Welcome Mary Ellen McGuire
our Director of Justice and Peace*



After working in the financial services industry for many years, Mary Ellen switched career paths in 2000. Serving in various pastoral settings at colleges, hospitals, and parishes, she strives to cultivate a lived discipleship of Jesus. She was the Pastoral Associate at St. Thomas More in Chapel Hill for 17 years before joining the staff at St. Francis in 2025. Her husband, John, is a cabinetmaker and they have two teenage sons. Mary Ellen is currently pursuing a Doctor of Ministry in Spirituality at Fordham University, and she also likes to bake, cook, hike, and read.

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Repairs in Progress



For the next several weeks, the windows and acoustic panels over the altar will be in the process of being replaced. Due to the overhead work, the equipment that will be in place, and the inherent danger involved, the church will be closed to visitors Monday – Friday. During this time, please feel free to visit the chapel for personal prayer. Eucharistic Ministers to the Homebound may also pick up the blessed sacrament from the tabernacle in the chapel. The weekend church schedule will not be affected.

BACK TO SCHOOL DRIVE

JULY 19-27

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



Supplies List

Volunteer Opportunities



Care for Creation

Refuse plastic straws.
Carry your own fork/spoon for fast food.

Disaster Relief

To give to disaster relief efforts for victims of the recent flooding, please [click here to use Faith Direct for your one-time gift.](#)



Food Truck For The Hungry

Mike Dawson, who is the Director of Finance for Catholic Charities in the Diocese of Raleigh, and his team do fantastic work. Catholic Charities operates food pantries throughout the Diocese to serve those in need, but the demand for assistance has outpaced available resources. As Mike says, "In the 2024 fiscal year, we served over 235,000 individuals at our six food pantries around the diocese. As we look to match the increasing demand for our services, we knew we needed to come up with an innovative way to help fund our food pantry programming."

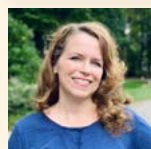
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Ministry Spotlight: Cross Train

Jess Montrella, the Coordinator of Middle School Evangelization and Formation at St. Francis, is charged with the 'Cross Train' Program in Faith Formation. "As the Middle School Faith Formation Coordinator, in collaboration with Tim Hetzel, Director of Youth Ministry, I work to help our youth build an ever-deepening relationship with God and Jesus Christ, create fellowship within the Cross Train community, and foster connections with the Parish of St. Francis. We work towards these goals by offering Cross Train meetings on Sunday evenings during the school year in which we establish a strong..."

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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.

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