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Goal:	\$522,280	<i>So Close!</i> BAA Status To-Go: \$25,549
Pledge Total:	\$496,731	
Participating Families:	N/A	
Percentage of Goal	95.1%	

Last week's numbers



Last Tuesday we celebrated the feast of St. Mary Magdalene. It was a nice surprise to see Tom Costello at the morning's service - didn't recognize him at first. It was an awesome way to start the day. After the service, Tom was nice enough to spend a few minutes to share his story - his journey so far on his way to becoming a member of the clergy as a Deacon. Some of you may know Tom. He has been a St. Francis parishioners for some years. Here are some pictures from the service as well as Tom's interview.



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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

July 27 - Altar Server Training See page 4
1:00pm in the Church

July 30 World Day Against Trafficking in Persons

July 30 is World Day Against Trafficking in Persons. There are more than 40 million people who have been affected by human trafficking worldwide. To learn more about trafficking and how the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Migration and Refugee Services is helping survivors, visit: <http://bit.ly/2hAEFxD>. Contact Mary Ellen McGuire, maryellen.mcguire@stfrancisraleigh.org.

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, charleelhalphen@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.

Employment Opportunities:

-PT Admin for Liturgy and Technology
Please see our website for more information
<https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/jobs/>.

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.

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 9 - Eager to Love Book Study, Part 2 (See page 4)

Join in contemplative dialogue on part 2 of Richard Rohr's book Eager to Love about the spirituality of Saints Francis and Clare of Assisi. Meetings via Zoom Tuesday evenings from 7:00-8:30pm on 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month starting 8/9. We will begin with chapter 8. [Register here](#). Contact Lori Zagiba, lorizagiba@gmail.com.

September 16 - October 28: 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.



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](#).

Baptism & Baptism Prep

Help welcome new parents and facilitate small group discussions.

What is Baptism Prep?

A joyful and informative session for parents that covers:

- The meaning & significance of baptism
- The role of parents and godparents
- What to expect during the ceremony
- How to raise your child in the faith

For more information please contact:
Baptisms@stfrancisraleigh.org



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."

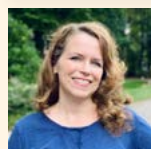
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Ministry Spotlight: Cross Train

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..."

[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.

Backgrounder on Conflict and Catholic Peacebuilding:

[Click here to learn more](#)

Did You Know?

At St. Francis, we offer low-gluten Communion hosts for those with a gluten sensitivity - just 0.01% gluten!

If you or a family member needs one, let a Eucharistic Minister know before Mass where you're sitting and how many you'll need.

Zero-gluten/Celiac? The safest option is receiving only the Precious Blood from the chalice - still the full presence of Christ!



Mark Your Calendars SFA Convocation 2025

October 18

Keynote by Fr. Kenneth Paulli of Siena College



❖ JOIN OUR TEAM

Altar Server

→ Training

Sunday, July 27th at 1pm
in the Church

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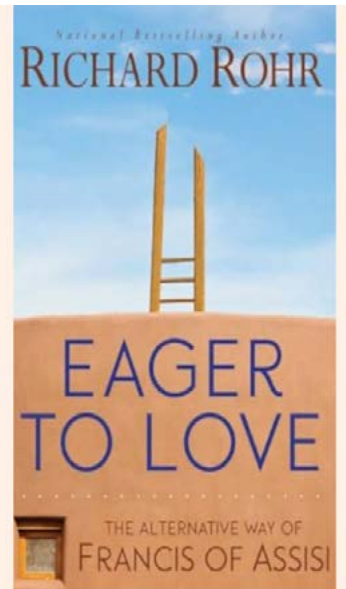
Employer Matching Gift Program

We encourage you to explore whether your employer offers a corporate matching gift program. Many companies will match charitable contributions made by their employees, effectively doubling—or even tripling—your generosity at no extra cost to you. These programs are a wonderful way to increase your impact on our parish community. If your employer does offer a matching gift program, or if you'd like help determining if one is available, please contact Toni Hammes, toni.hammes@stfrancisraleigh.org at the parish office. She will be happy to assist you in navigating the process.

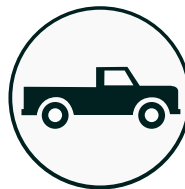
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**Book study
&
contemplative
dialogue**

**Eager to Love:
the Alternative Way
of Francis of Assisi**
Part 2 - starting with Chapter 8

7 to 8:30 pm on Zoom
2nd and 4th Tuesdays
resuming 9/9/25



Join fellow parishioners.
Click the red circle to join
SFA's Online Social Network.



Pick Up Truck Needed

The Parish Maintenance Team is looking to acquire a used Pickup Truck. If you have an old truck you are planning to sell, trade, or donate, we would be happy to talk to you about it. Please contact Joe Leone.

Joe.leone@stfrancisraleigh.org.

Security Alert

Please remember to lock your car and place any valuables in the trunk or completely out of sight.



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Serving With Heart, Offering Hope

For SVdP volunteer Maureen, it's about meeting people where they are and walking with them through their struggles.

Click [here](https://stfrancisvdp.org/blog/) to read more or visit <https://stfrancisvdp.org/blog/>

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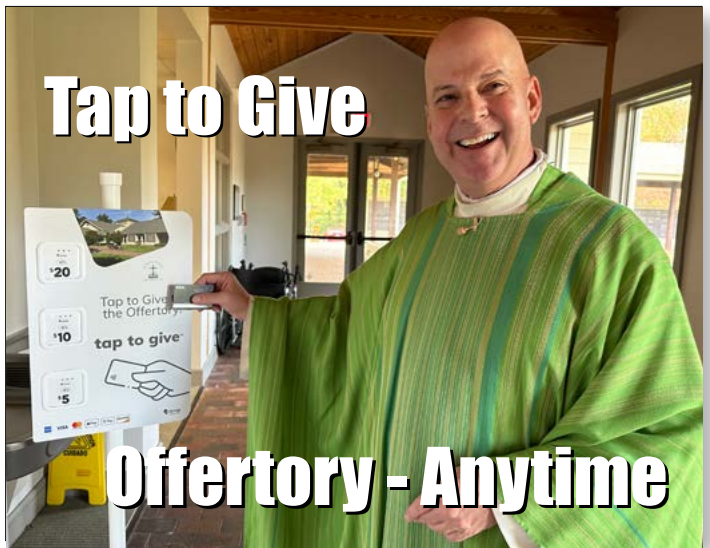


Repairs in Progress



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.

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