

AUGUST IS INTERNATIONAL PEACE MONTH

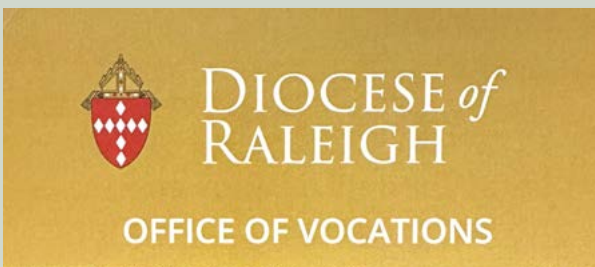


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Goal:	\$522,280
Pledge Total:	\$503,493
Participating Families:	27.8%
Percentage of Goal	96.4%

We can do it!

BAA Status
To-Go: \$18,787



Discernment Retreats


Sep 13	Raeigh	NCSU
Oct 04	Durham	Duke
Nov 22	Greeville	ECU
Jan 24	Chapel Hill	UNC Chapel Hill
Mar 21	Wilimington	UNC Wilmington
Apr 25	Elon	Elon University

Because a vocation is a serious commitment of one's life to follow God's call, proper effort and care are required to determine what God's call is. This diligent consideration of what God is calling one to do is called vocational discernment.

If you want help diserning where God may be leading you - from simple question to more in-depth guidance - **we can help!**

To learn more about the priesthood:
 Scan the QR code or visit ncpriest.org



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 Pastor



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 Parochial Vicar



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



Fr. Joseph Ita-Sam, CM
 Parochial Vicar



Stephen Andrews
 Deacon In Residence

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 6 - 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, August 6 at 1:00pm in Founders Rm - Note the location change for the summer. Connect with others who understand your journey. All are welcome!
Contact Kathleen Boate kboate@msn.com.

August 8-17 - Curbside Cares Ministry Supply Drive | Welcome Center Drop-Off Bins

Help us share compassion and care with our neighbors in need by supporting our Curbside Cares Supply Drive! We are collecting supplies to create 200 care bags that will be distributed to those experiencing homelessness or hardship throughout the Triangle area. Donations can be dropped off in the Welcome Center. [See list of supplies needed on St. Francis Serves](#). Contact Stacey Shine, stacey.shine@stfrancisraleigh.org.

Help Feed Durham Seniors! BROWN BAG MINISTRY NEEDS YOUR HELP! 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.

August 10 - Always God's Children

3:30-5:00pm.
A confidential setting for all members of the LGBTQ+ community, plus their parents and grandparents. This meeting provides a safe place to pray and share our experiences together in relation to our Catholic faith. Contact Stacey Shine, stacey.shine@stfrancisraleigh.org.

August 10 - The Franciscan School Back to School Mass

4:00-5:00pm. The TFS community is invited to kick off the new school year with a special Back to School Mass. Join us as we come together in faith and gratitude to celebrate the start of another wonderful year at The Franciscan School. Contact dawn.smith@stfrancisraleigh.org.

August 14 - JobWorks Career Ministry: Cringe-Free Networking for Career Success

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! It will take place at St. Michael Conference Center 830 High House Rd, Cary, NC

Employment Opportunities:

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

August 15 - Register for Crosses Faith Formation and First Eucharist/Confirmation Prep

[Click here for more information.](#)

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.



Click to view Fr. Chris' message

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.

August 23-24 Volunteer at the Ministry Fair – Adults & Teens Needed!

Looking for a fun and meaningful way to earn service hours and support your parish community? We're looking for teen and Adult volunteers to help at the Ministry Fair on August 23-24! Your time and energy will make a big difference, and it's a great way to give back. [Register here.](#) Contact 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 - Celebrate the Feast of St. Phoebe | Padua Room 7:00-9:30pm. Join us as we honor St. Phoebe, a faithful servant and deaconess in the early Church. All are welcome to come together for an evening of prayer, learning, and reflection on the life and legacy of this remarkable woman of faith. Discover how St. Phoebe's witness continues to inspire discipleship and service in today's Church. Contact Gladys Whitehouse, gladys.whitehouse@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 13 - Discernment Retreat See page 1.

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.

FrancisFest Committee Team Members Needed We are looking for volunteers to be join the event planning team. If you love planning events and having a good time with our community this is for you. Volunteer opportunities include: Logistics, Preschool & Youth Activities, Volunteer Management, Entertainment, Food Trucks etc. Contact Ashley Watson, ashley.watson@stfrancisraleigh.org.



Mark Your Calendars
SFA Convocation 2025
October 18
Keynote by Fr. Kenneth Paulli of Siena College



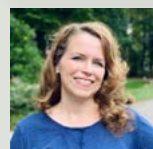
Knights of Columbus: Christian Men in Service

Do you know what organization was founded on the principles of charity, unity, and fraternity in 1882 by Father Michael J. McGivney, assistant pastor of St. Mary's Church in New Haven, Connecticut, and a group of parishioners? They intended to bring financial aid and assistance to the sick, disabled, and needy members of the parish and their families. This organization is the Knights of Columbus, an international fraternity of men dedicated to living Catholic values, and St. Francis has had its council here since 1988. According to the most recent past... [More](#)



Ministry Spotlight: Habitat for Humanity

Most people are familiar with "Habitat for Humanity" or have at least heard of the organization. As they say on their website: "At Habitat for Humanity, we build. We build because we believe that everyone, everywhere, deserves a healthy and affordable place to call home. When a family helps build or improve a place they can call home, they are also building a better community, a better life for themselves. We help families in need of a decent place to build long-term financial security..." [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.



Jesus, the Immigrant of Love: A reflection from Bishop Luis

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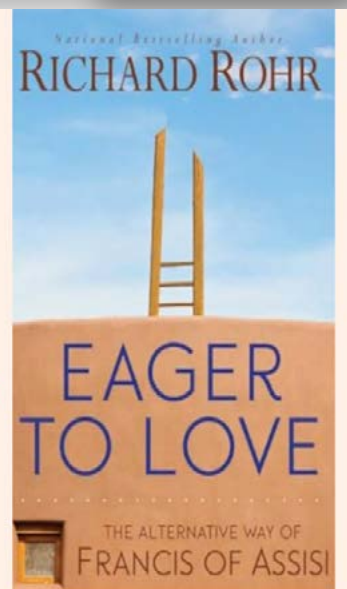
Employer Matching Gift Program

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.

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



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



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

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