

## AUGUST IS INTERNATIONAL PEACE MONTH



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Goal:	St. Francis	\$522,280
Pledge Total:		\$508,809
Participating Families:		N/A
Percentage of Goal		97.4%

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**BAA Status**  
**To-Go: \$13,471**



Cristo Rey High School's freshman class attended morning Mass at St. Mary of the Angel's chapel on Friday. Fr. Chris presided and students participated in the readings.

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Fr. Joseph Ita-Sam, CM  
 Parochial Vicar



Stephen Andrews  
 Deacon In Residence

**August 1 - October 7 - St Francis Youth Basketball League**  
3:00-4:00pm. Join us for the 35th season of the St Francis Youth Basketball League. This program is open to girls and boys grades 1 thru 8. Registration is NOW! Regular Registration ends Sept,17 and late registration runs thru Oct 7. Contact Mary Arleth, [mary.arleth@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:mary.arleth@stfrancisraleigh.org). [Register Here](#).

**August 8-17 - Curbside Cares Ministry Supply Drive | Welcome Center Drop-Off Bins** Help us share compassion and care by supporting our Curbside Cares Supply Drive! We're collecting supplies to create 200 care bags that will be distributed to those experiencing homelessness or hardship throughout the Triangle. 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](mailto:stacey.shine@stfrancisraleigh.org).

**August 10 - Always God's Children** 3:30-5:00pm. A confidential and welcoming 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](mailto: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](mailto:dawn.smith@stfrancisraleigh.org).

**August 12 - September 2 Habitat Door of Gratitude**  
Habitat Door of Thanksgiving - In celebration of Habitat's 40th Anniversary, we are one of 20 congregations chosen to write messages of gratitude for Habitat. The door will be in the welcome center from 8/12-9/2. Come and write your THANK YOU on the door! Contact, Mary Ellen McGuire, [maryellen.mcguire@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:maryellen.mcguire@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

**August 15 - Register for Crosses Faith Formation and First Eucharist/Confirmation Prep** [Click here for more information](#).

**August 16 - We Keep Us Alive - Anti-Death Penalty Event**  
2:00-6:00pm. Join Catholics for Abolition in NC (CANC) at the NC Coalition for Alternatives to the Death Penalty's (NCCADP) annual remembrance of those executed at Central Prison and to commemorate the 19 years since the last execution! Learn more and [register here](#): [nccadp.org](http://nccadp.org). Contact Noel Nickle, Executive Director, [noel@nccadp.org](mailto:noel@nccadp.org).

**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](mailto: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.

**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).

**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](mailto:stacey.shine@stfrancisraleigh.org).

**September 3 - 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](mailto:gladys.whitehouse@gmail.com).

**September 6/7, 13/14, 20/21 Catholic Parish Outreach (CPO) Volunteers Needed** Two ways to help (1) distribute bags after Mass on weekend of Sept 6/7 or (2) Collect donated items/load truck (1.25 hr. shifts) weekends of Sept. 13/14 & 20/21. See links for details. Bag Distribution [Volunteer Sign-Up](#) / [Donation Collection Volunteer Sign-Up](#). Contact Anne-Marie Summers at: [summers51984@gmail.com](mailto:summers51984@gmail.com)

**Help Feed Durham Seniors! BROWN BAG MINISTRY NEEDS YOUR HELP! 9/6, 9/20, 9/27...** 9:00-11:30am. ... and all Saturdays in October and November. 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](mailto:pperoutky@gmail.com).

**September 7, 14, 21 & 28 Co-ed Fall Youth Basketball Skills**  
This clinic is designed for players to work on dribbling, passing, rebounding, shooting and defensive drills with Triple Threat Triumph. **1st Grade -4th Grade: 1:30-2:30 / 5th Grade -8th Grade: 2:35-3:35**  
Cost is \$20.00 for each session/ All dates \$75.00 [Click here for more information and to register](#). Contact [Mary.Arleth@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:Mary.Arleth@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](mailto:tcarlson28@gmail.com).

**September 7-9 Fall EM Training** Join us for our Fall EM Training. There are 2 training sessions available; September 7 at 1:00pm or September 9 at 6:30pm. [Please sign up in realm](#) and let us know which training you plan on attending. Contact Shannon Hoffman, [shannon.hoffman@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:shannon.hoffman@stfrancisraleigh.org).

**Employment Opportunities:**  
**Part Time Admin for Liturgy and Technology** - Please see our website for more information <https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/jobs/>.

### September 9 - Eager to Love Book Study, Part 2

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](mailto:lorizagiba@gmail.com).

### September 13 - Women's Ministry Fall Retreat

9:00-11:30am. Anchored in Hope women's retreat is rooted in Hebrews 6:19 and Romans 15:13. Participants will rediscover hope in God as their steady anchor in turbulent times. Come as you are for fellowship and renewal — and leave steadied in hope. Childcare and scholarships available. [Register](#). Contact Rosemary Czejkowski [czejkowskir@gmail.com](mailto:czejkowskir@gmail.com).

### September 13 - Discernment Retreat Raleigh NCSU

If you want help discerning where God may be leading you - from simple question to more in-depth guidance - we can help! [Click here](#).

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:stfa.fp@gmail.com), 910-389-8936.



### October 5 - Francis Fest

Join us on Sunday October 5th from 12:45-4:30pm to celebrate our parish at FrancisFest 2025. More Details to come! Contact [ashley.watson@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:ashley.watson@stfrancisraleigh.org).

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



Mark Your Calendars

## SFA Convocation 2025

October 18

Keynote by Fr. Kenneth Paulli of Siena College



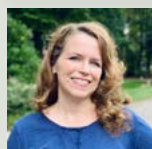
## Knights of Columbus: Christian Men in Service

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](#)

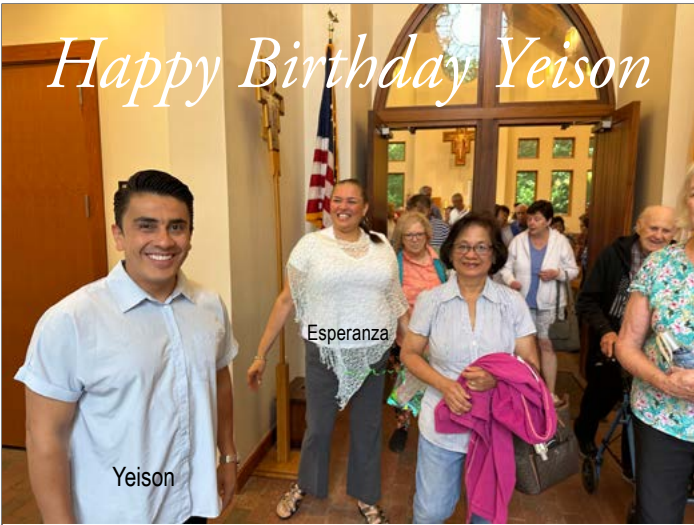


## Ministry Spotlight: Habitat for Humanity

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.



# Happy Birthday Yeison

On Tuesday, after morning Mass ended, parishioners made their way out the doors. Before they were able to exit the inner doors of the chapel, Happy Birthday singing broke out, led by Esperanza, and quickly spread from one person to another as the entire congregation joined in to sing Happy Birthday to Yeison, our seminarian. A little bit of grace on a beautiful day - a wonderful way to start a Tuesday!



Last week's Reflections on a Summer's Evening concert in the Chapel was amazing as members of the Music Ministry performed piano, flute, bass, and percussion. Thank you Jim Wahl, Matt Barbee, and Laura Capelletti for the excellent music - and thank you to all who attended. The concert highlight reel will premier on the St. Francis social network. [Click here to join.](#)

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

## ANCHORED IN HOPE

HEBREWS 6:19

### Women's Retreat

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13  
9 AM TO 11:30 AM

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

## Summer Craft Night

AUGUST 20  
6:30-8:30PM

REGISTER IN REALM

### Security Alert

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

### 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.

# Race Relations Tours

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**George Washington Carver Museum**  
**The National Memorial for Peace and Justice and The Legacy Museum {EJI}**  
**Freedom Rides Museum** ✦ **Dexter Avenue Church**  
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