

AUGUST IS INTERNATIONAL PEACE MONTH



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	St. Francis
Goal:	\$522,280
Pledge Total:	\$509,211
Participating Families:	1,110
Percentage of Goal	97.5%

BAA Status
To-Go: \$13,069

A large poster for the "Ministry Fair Fellowship Hall" event. The word "MINISTRY" is in large white letters, with "Fair" in a red script font. Below it, "FELLOWSHIP HALL" is in white letters on a red rectangular background. At the bottom, "AUGUST 23/24" and "AFTER EACH MASS" are in white. The background is dark purple with colorful bokeh lights and a golden particle trail. In the bottom left corner is the "do ONE THING" logo with the tagline "Find Your Purpose SFA Ministry Fair".

MINISTRY
Fair
FELLOWSHIP HALL
AUGUST 23/24
AFTER EACH MASS

do ONE THING
Find Your Purpose
SFA Ministry Fair

See page 5 for the Ministry Fair Map

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Stephen Andrews
Deacon In Residence

August 1 - October 7 - St. Francis Youth Basketball League

Registration 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. [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.

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.

August 23-24 Ministry Fair (See page 5) 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.

August 24 - The Annual African Heritage Mass will be held on Sunday, at 4:30 pm in the Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral.

August 27 - 50+ Adult Group Potluck Lunch

11:30am. Join us in Clare Fellowship Hall. If last name starts with, then bring; A thru C = Main Dish, D thru L = Salad / Side Dish, M thru Z = Dessert/Bread, Coffee, soda and water will be provided. Contact Pat Spencer, spencer1334@bellsouth.net.

August 28 - Lord of the Harvest Healing Ministry

7:00-9:00pm. WE ENCOURAGE YOU to experience the love of Jesus and the healing power of the Holy Spirit. Signs, miracles and wonders are part of the history of our Church. This week's class looks at the lives of Catholic saints who partnered with the Holy Spirit in prophecy, deliverance and healing. Contact Maureen Costello, sentout72@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

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.

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.

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

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 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.

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.

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.

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 14 - Fiat Franciscus: Young Adult BBQ

1:00-3:00pm. If you're in your 20s or 30s, come hang out with other young adults from the parish! Enjoy good food and great company at our cookout in the Founders Room at St. Francis of Assisi Church. We can't wait to see you there! Contact Michelle Kaiser, mmk4894@yahoo.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 17 - Catholic Social Teaching (CST) & the Death Penalty in NC | An Evening with Sr. Helen Prejean

7:00-8:00pm. Catholics for Abolition in NC invite you to a live Zoom conversation, before a gathered audience, with Sr. Helen Prejean - author and activist who helped shape the Church's opposition to capital punishment. Sr. Helen will speak on CST and the change to our Catechism #2267 for abolition of the death penalty. [Click here for more info and registration](#). Contact, Nancy J Jones, director@catholicsforabolitionnc.org. (in Clare Fellowship Hall)

September 20 - 2025 Convention: Grounded in Hope - Interfaith Creation Care of the Triangle

12:00 - 4:30pm, Join kindred spirits on September 20 at noon for the 2025 Convention Grounded in Hope as we connect with enlightening speakers, encounter one another and share our stories of Creation care, experience the natural world on a meditative walk, and find grounded hope in the face of ecological loss. Check-in begins at 11:30am. [Register here](#). Contact Joe Rabenstine, ICCTriangle@gmail.com.

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 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.

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.



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.



Sharing Faith to Discern God's Place in your Life

"Spiritual direction," says Nancy Jones, an Ignatian-trained spiritual director, "is a special time set aside to meet with another person who treasures their devotion to God, wants to nourish their relationship with Jesus, and is searching for the way the Holy Spirit is moving in their life." However, the term 'spiritual direction' can be a misnomer and could cause some confusion. As Nancy points out, "As a spiritual director, I don't actually direct anyone in their spiritual life, unless asked a specific question. But even then, each relationship with God is as unique as that person, and ultimately it is the directee's choice in how they live out their faith." [More](#)

If you would like to speak with someone about spiritual direction, please contact Nancy J Jones, prayerfulheart3@gmail.com.



Ministry Spotlight: Catholic Parish Outreach

"At St. Francis, we believe that living out our Catholic faith means more than attending Mass," says Anne-Marie Summers, coordinator of the Catholic Parish Outreach (CPO) Food Drive, "it means putting our faith into action, especially for those in need." The CPO Food Drive, a ministry that not only feeds the hungry but also strengthens our shared identity as a parish rooted in service, compassion, and community, is an excellent example of this 'action.' [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.

Have you been to morning Mass recently, WOW!



At Wednesday's morning Mass, we learned about, and celebrated, the work of the **Knights of Columbus** and the incredible story of **Father Michael J. McGivney**, and what led him to start the KoC. Who are these men and why do they do what they do? Learn about the largest Catholic service fraternity in the world...a fascinating story.

[Listen to Fr. Chris' homily by clicking here.](#)



At Thursday's morning Mass, we celebrated **The Memorial of Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr**. Fr. Chris spoke about this amazing saint's sacrifice during the Holocaust. At the end of Mass our preschool teachers were asked to stand as they received a special blessing to start their school year.

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



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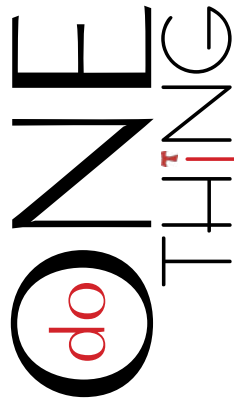
October 18

Keynote by Fr. Kenneth Paulli of Siena College

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.

2025 ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI MINISTRY FAIR



Find Your Purpose
SFA Ministry Fair

1. Cross Step | Cross Walk

2. Cross Road | Cross Train

3. OCIA

4. Parish Registration Information

5. Faith and Science Forum | Men's Prayer Breakfast

6. Open Door | Adult Book & Bible Studies

7. Ronald McDonald House

8. Duke Children's Hospital

9. Helen Wright Center for Women

10. Family Promise

11. ONE Hope Refuge

12. St. Francis Inn Philadelphia

13. Prayer Line

14. Centering Prayer

15. Lord of the Harvest Healing Ministry

16. Rosary Ministry

17. Prayer Shawl Ministry

18. Tiempo de Revivir

19. St. Vincent de Paul

20. Prison Pen Pals

21. Finance Council | Count Team

22. Pastoral Council

23. St. Francis Community Garden

24. Care for Creation

25. JobWorks Career Ministry

26. Habitat for Humanity

27. Environment Arts

28. EM to Homebound | Hospitals
EM to Senior Living Centers

29. Baptism Prep | Baptism Team

30. Marriage Prep | Wedding Coordinator

31. CLOW | Cross Bearer | Altar Servers

32. Lectors | EMs | MCs
Hospitality Ministers
33. Music & Tech Ministry

34. Funeral Ministries

35. Safety and Security Ministry

36. St. Francis Online Social Network

37. Knights of Columbus

38. BSA Cub Scout Troops

39. BSA Scout Troops

40. LGBTQ+ | Always Gods Children

41. Stephen Ministry

42. Alzheimer & Dementia Caregiver

43. Cancer Support Group

44. Woman's Ministry

45. Young Adult

46. Brown Bag Ministries

47. Feed The Need

48. Our Lady of the Rosary
Pantry Drive

49. Panera Pick-Up

50. Curbside Cares

51. Catholic Parish Outreach CPO

52. One Wake

53. Oak City Cares

54. CORRAL Riding Academy

55. Differentabilities Ministry

56. L'Arche

57. Phoebe Circles

58. Spiritual Direction

59. St. Francis 50+ Adults Group

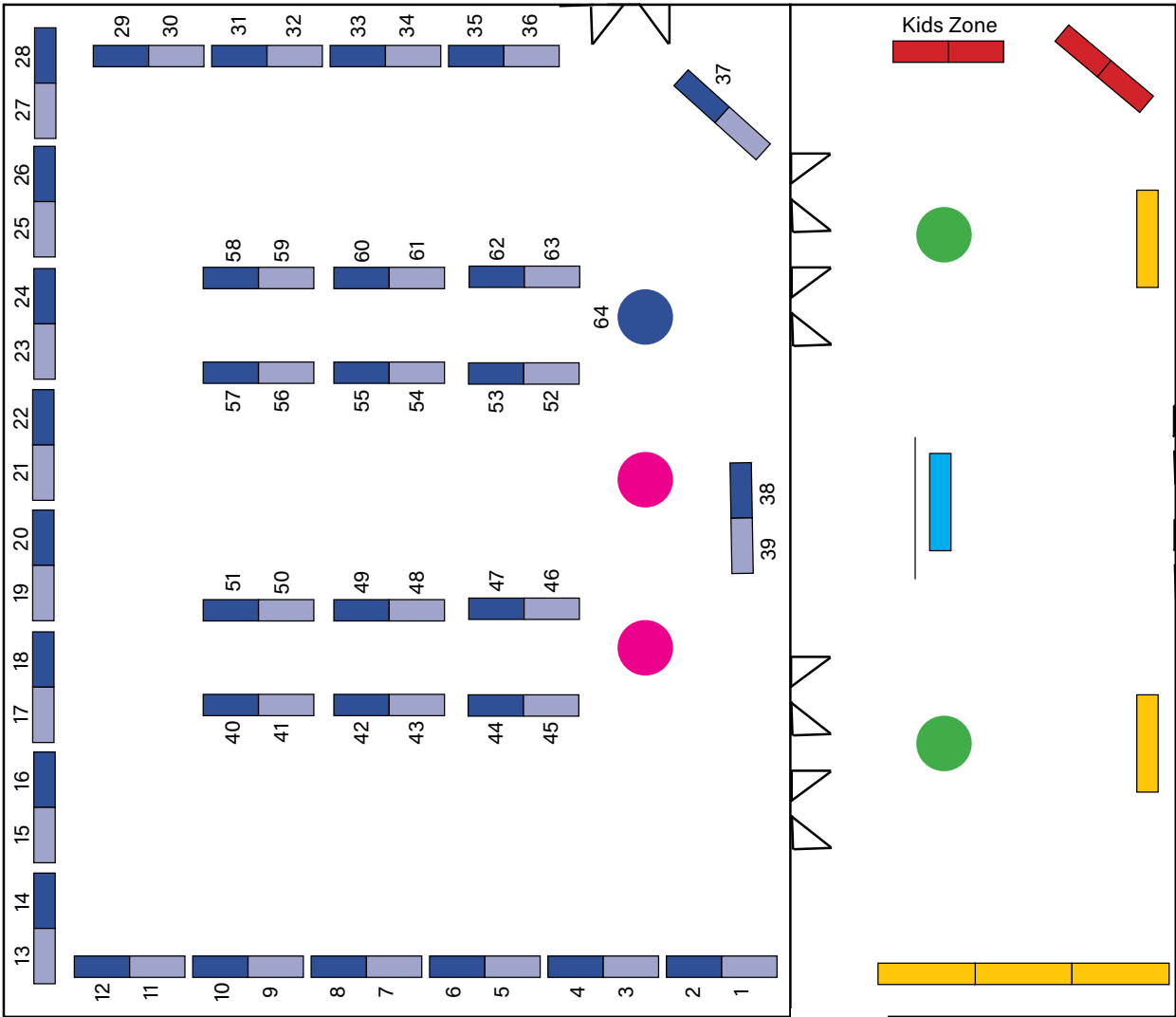
60. Community Center | Assisi Cafe
Athletics | Camps

61. Migrant Ministry | MM Drives

62. CSA - Community Support
Agriculture Program

63. Welcome Hosts | Volunteer
Receptionist

64. Sister Parish



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