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Goal:	St. Francis \$522,280	BAA Status To-Go: \$13,069 Last Week's Numbers
Pledge Total:	\$509,211	
Participating Families:	1,110	
Percentage of Goal	97.5%	

Faith & Immigration Justice

In the safety of community, and with the help of resources from a variety of perspectives, your small group will explore misconceptions and truths around immigration, as well as discern how our Christian faith calls us to respond. Your group will hear and read the stories of immigrants, explore current topics such as family separations, DACA, TPS, and border security.

**What does the Bible say about immigration?
 Why don't people 'get in line' to become citizens?
 How do we respond in a Christ-like way?**

Session 1: Introductions To Each Other and to a Theology of Migration
 Session 2: History of Immigration to the U.S.
 Session 3: "Why Don't They Just Get in Line?"
 Session 4: Why do People Migrate? Part One
 Session 5: Why do People Migrate? Part Two
 Session 6: Current Issues in Migration
 - Immersion Experience -
 Session 7: Advocating for Change
 Session 8: Turning to Action

REGISTER BY SEPTEMBER 9

[Click here for Tuesday, 6:30pm-8:30pm](#)

[Click here for Thursday, 10:00am-12:00pm](#)

Small groups meet 8 weeks
 Virtual beginning week of September 15th.

MINISTRY Fair

This weekend after each Mass
FELLOWSHIP HALL

See page 5 for the Ministry Fair Map

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The Catholic Community of St. Francis of Assisi - 11401 Leesville Rd - NC 27613 - Tel: 919-847-8205



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 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 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 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 4 - Join Cub Scouts Night 6:30-7:30pm

Join us in Jacoba Hall to learn how scouting helps your child learn new skills, build confidence, and make lifelong memories. Meet leaders, get answers to your questions, and learn about the activities we have planned for the year. This is a great chance to see what scouting is about. Contact David Bauer, davidbauer1214@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. 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.

Employment Opportunities:

Part-time Administrative Assistant for Finance & Planning

Please see our website for more information

<https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/jobs/>.

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 8 - Seminar - Investing In Alignment with

Catholic Social Teaching 6:30-8:30pm. Understanding how to ensure your financial decisions reflect Catholic faith values can be complex. Learn practical options for Catholics interested in "Investing with Integrity"; Seminar sponsored by Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors – [See Details](#). September 8th, Fellowship Hall. Reception 6:30 pm; Presentation 7 pm. [Registration suggested](#) (optional). Contact Mark Baumgartner, Contact Email markbaumga@gmail.com.

September 9 - December 9, (Tuesdays) Fall DivorceCare

Fall Series 6:30-8:00pm. Don't go through the pain of separation or divorce alone. Join the DivorceCare group where you'll find caring people who understand and provide support. [Register here](#). Contact Bill Morgan, dejanuts@yahoo.com.

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 - Diocesan Information Session for Potential Permanent Deacon Applicants

For those interested in exploring the Permanent Diaconate in the Diocese of Raleigh, there will be information sessions from 10 am to noon and from 2 pm to 4:00pm at the: Catholic Center, Room 1A, 7200 Stonehenge Dr., Raleigh, NC 27613. Contact Deacon Felix Saez, Deacon.Felix.Saez@raldioc.org.

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. Feel free to bring your favorite summer side dish. We can't wait to see you there! Contact Michelle Kaiser, mmk4894@yahoo.com

September 15 - Faith and Immigration Justice 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 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 18 - Women's Ministry: Discovering Our Dignity

Book Study, 7:00-8:30pm. Women of the Old and New Testaments were as flawed and broken as we can be, yet the power of God worked in their lives. Discovering Our Dignity will allow you to learn from their experiences and uncover ways to deal with unwanted circumstances and deferred hopes. [Register here](#). Contact Julia Snyder, [snnyder-jules5720@gmail.com](mailto:snyder-jules5720@gmail.com).

September 19 - The Community Supported Agriculture Program CSA

CSA invites you to purchase a fall subscription! This Farm to Church program supports local BIPOC farmers and sustainable farming methods. The fall season will include cabbage, collards, kale, broccoli, turnips, beets, mustard, Swiss chard, and carrots. Pick up your veggies Saturday mornings at St. Francis. **Order by 9/19/25**. [Click here to register and learn more](#). Contact Elizabeth Kearse, eskearse@gmail.com

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 20 - Spaghetti Dinner hosted by Knights of Columbus

6:30pm in Fellowship Hall. Join friends and family for an end of summer Spaghetti Dinner. Meal includes salad, bread, dessert, and beverage. Discounted, early purchase price: \$10/individual; \$35/family (household). After 9/17/25 increases to: \$12/individual and \$45/family. Limited walk-up availability. [Pre-order link](#). Contact: Nick Renga nrenga@msn.com.



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.

September 23 - November 5 Virtual Study: Women of the New Testament 7:00-8:30pm. Join us for a virtual 7-week study of the women of the New Testament. Learn more about how women were essential to the ministry of Jesus and the flourishing of the early church. Sessions on Tues AM and Weds PM start soon. Register in Realm. Men and women welcome. [Click here for Tuesday PM](#) / [Click here for Wednesday AM](#)
 Contact Barbara Efrd, barbaraefirdlpc@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.

New Catholic High School Town Hall

The Diocese of Raleigh is partnering with Cardinal Gibbons High School to develop a new Catholic high school in the Triangle, scheduled to open in the fall of 2028. The school's mission will focus on addressing each student's academic and spiritual needs, and cultivating an environment of support and growth while maintaining a strong Catholic identity.

Join us for a town hall to learn more and ask questions. All are welcome!

September 2 | St. Raphael
[Registration](#)

September 3 | St. Michaels
[Registration](#)

September 8 | The Franciscan School
[Registration](#)

October 13 | St. Mary Magdalene
[Registration](#)

November 12 | Our Lady of Lourdes
[Registration](#)


All town hall meetings will begin at 6:30 p.m. Please visit [this link](#) to learn more about the new high school and submit questions to the planning committee.



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.

Children's Choir and Teen Singers
 Children's Choir serves the 9 am Mass and is open to 2nd through 8th graders. Rehearsals Wednesday from 4:15 to 5:45.
 Teen Singers serve the Sunday 5:30 Mass. Open to all Middle and High School students. Rehearsals 4:30 on Sundays and monthly on Wednesday evening.
 For information contact jim.wahl@stfrancisraleigh.org

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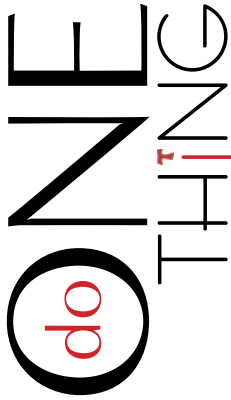
Mark Your Calenders
SFA Convocation 2025
 October 18
 Keynote by Fr. Kenneth Paulli of Siena College

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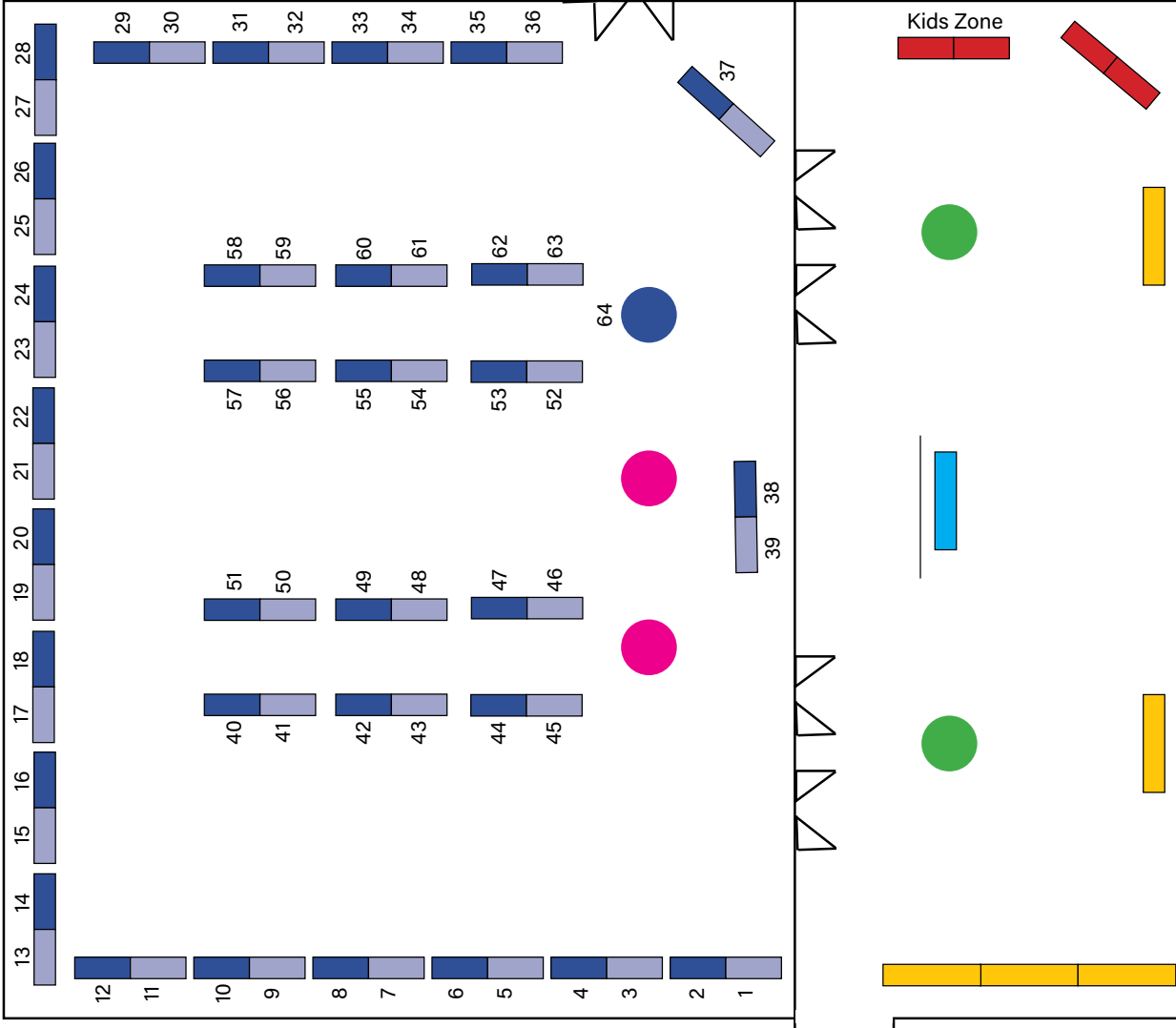
REGISTRATION VIA REALM

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. Differentabilites 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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