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Goal:	St. Francis
Pledge Total:	\$522,280
Participating Families:	\$514,006
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	98.4%

BAA Status
To-Go: \$8,274

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.



JOIN OUR TEAM

Altar Server

→ **Training**

Sunday, September 14th at 1pm
in the Church

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

A click away If you are receiving a paper copy, visit the parish website at www.stfrancisraleigh.org.

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Fr. Chris Koehn,
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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

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](#).

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.

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 - Pen Pal Ministry Meeting

7:00-8:30pm. Learn about the Pen Pal Ministry in the Stewardship Room after Mass on Sept 6 & 7 or on Sept 8th at 7p in the Founders Room. Our ministers write Death Row inmates or txt using a secure app. You too can make a difference to a guy on the row. Contact Catherine Maher sfapenpal@gmail.com.

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 13 - Corral Riding Academy Saturday on the Farm

9:30am-12:00pm. CORRAL Riding Academy is a faith-motivated nonprofit that serves adolescent girls in high-risk situations through a long-term, holistic program of equine therapy and education. Join us as we do hands-on projects to support the NEUSE RIVER (Raleigh) campus and learn more about CORRAL's mission and programs! Families welcome! [Register here](#). Contact Donna Schwede donna.schwede@gmail.com.

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 14 - Altar Server Training 1:00 -3:00pm.

Contact Shannon Hoffman, shannon.hoffman@stfrancisraleigh.org.

Employment Opportunities:**Part-time Administrative Assistant for Finance & Planning**

Please see our website for more information

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

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 17 - Prayer Shawl Afternoons Group 4:10-5:30pm. Join our Prayer Shawl Group once a month on Wednesday's afternoons from 4:15-5:30pm in Clare Hall, Room 201-202. Bring your knitting/crocheting and enjoy fellowship while creating shawls of comfort and prayer. Perfect for parents with children in choir or sports on campus. All are welcome! Contact Cindy Cardello, cjcardello@yahoo.com.

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, 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.



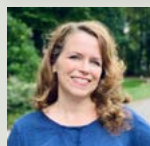
Francis and the Canticle of the Creatures

We continue to celebrate the 800th anniversary of many aspects of the life of Saint Francis here at the parish. Articles on when Francis received the wounds of Christ, or stigmata, and his creation of the tradition of having a creche at Christmas to celebrate Christ's birth, lead to this penultimate discussion of the 'Canticle of the Creatures.' We are recognizing these events leading up to the larger recognition, next year in 2026, of the anniversary of the death of Francis. [More](#)



Ministry Spotlight: Scouts

At St. Francis, we follow the tradition of many faith organizations in the United States of sponsoring scout troops. Cub Scout Pack 352 is open to boys and girls in grades kindergarten through 5th grade. For those in 6th grade through the age of 18, the Scouts BSA program, Troop 352 and 219, is available. Josh and Angela Riley, who are parents whose children are involved in the scouting program at St. Francis through the St. Francis Community Center, say about the program [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 21 - 2025 Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge

1:00-3:00pm. Boys and Girls ages 9-14 are invited to compete. Competitors will demonstrate their skill at penalty kicks, and winners will have the opportunity to progress through future higher-level contests. Parents and guardians, please [Click here to Sign up!](#) Contact Paul Geisen, pgeisen@comcast.net.

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 PM and Weds AM start soon. Register in Realm. Men and women welcome. [Click here for Tuesday PM](#) / [Click here for Wednesday AM](#) Contact Barbara Efird, 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 2 - Spiritual Warfare and Discernment of Spirits

- A Six Part Series 7:00-8:30pm. Anxiety, depression and angry thoughts are not who you are. Learn to beat back lies, from the enemy, you've come to accept instead of fighting. Six week video series by Avila Institute's Dan Burke incorporates scripture and St. Ignatius Rules for Discernment to help you renew your mind. Meets every Thursday evening for six weeks in Founders Room. Contact Maureen Costello sentout72@gmail.com. [Register on Realm](#).

October 4 - Habitat for Humanity Catholic Coalition Site Build

8:00am-3:30pm. [Register](#). Contact Will Connelly, st.francis.h4h@gmail.com.

**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.

Mark Your Calendars

SFA Convocation 2025

October 18

Keynote by Fr. Kenneth Paulli of Siena College

October 20-24 - St Francis Inn Volunteer Trip

Upcoming week-long mission trip, 10/20/25 to 10/24/25, where a delegation of 5 to 6 SFA volunteers prepare and serve hot meals to the hungry and homeless in St Francis Inn, a Franciscan Eucharistic community in urban Philadelphia. If interested please email or text Diana Melo, melo.diana@gmail.com.

November 16 - OCIA Sponsors Needed

10:30am-11:30am. The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults needs you! God has called and they have answered in abundance! Journey with one of our participants as they grow closer to God. Sponsor information session will be held on November 16 at 10:30am in Founders Room. [Submit your interest here!](#) Contact Charlee Halphen charleehalphen@gmail.com.

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.

Care for Creation

stfrancisraleigh.org/care-for-creation/

When you get takeout orders suggest to businesses that they ASK before supplying straws, utensils or napkins.

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



REGISTRATION VIA REALM



JOIN OUR TEAM

Altar Server



Training

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Thank you to all who attended the ministry fair last weekend. A special thanks to Stacey Shine and all the organizers and volunteers who helped make this our best ministry fair ever.

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