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St. Francis
Goal: \$522,280
Pledge Total: \$514,006
Participating Families: 1,118
Percentage of Goal: 98.4%

BAA Status
To-Go: \$8,274
Last week's numbers

CONFIRMATION

Congratulations to our newly confirmed! Please pray for them that they use the gifts bestowed upon them by the Holy Spirit to spread the Good News wherever they may go.

Allison Albion
Morgan Aristizabal
Ella Bednasz
William Bender
Aiden Berner
Gabriel Blanco
Charlotte Blue
Cooper Bray
Jose Burbano
Kya Chakkalakal
Vincent Chakkalakal
Deona Chorappillil
Charlotte Clark
Luke Conly
Andrew Cook
Bryce Cox
Sadie Crafts
Benjamin Cunningham
Sophie Cygnarowicz
Ava Davis
Ashley Dean
Cullen DeForge
Avery Dell'Arciprete
Jose Dimanlig
Gavin Dolby
Lilah Dougherty

Lennon Downey
Caroline Earnhardt
Diego Elizondo-Alvarez
Olivia Erazmus
Brendan Feltey
Alexander Fiduccia
Henry Gaul
Abigail Gerding
Austin Harrington
Ella Hazelton
Denali Hindenburg
James Howard
Anderson Hurd
Edison Hurley
Olivia Jackson
Jackson Janicek
Austin Jean
Taylor Jenkins
Tyler Joyce
Augustine Jukic
Jaxon Keating
Olivia Kesler
Ariana Kish
Juliana Larson
Isabella Learn
Max Leuchtmann

Apollo Lin
Joseph Lin
Christian Logallo
Riley Lumley
Anderson Lyman
Olivia Maglio
Alexander Mancuso
Nicholas Mandler
Jackson Marcinkowski
Bryce Marks
Ethan Merrill
Fiona Milz
Riley Miranda
Hailey Mizell
Jacobie Nathan
Chidere Ogbu
Chimere Ogbu
Fiona O'Malley
Reid Orning
Zavier Ortiz
Natasha Ortiz Aleman
Lara Palomar
Braedon Peterik
Brianna Peterson
Laura Pietrzak
Madeline Price

Mia Puhak
Aveline Purser
Daniel Rahe
Alexander Randazzo
Gabrielle Rhodes
Luke Richards
Anna Riely
Jessica Rivera
Megan Rivera
Anthony Sales
Kylie Saylors
James Sharp
Phoebe Shaughnessy
Chelsea Simpson
Sarah Soderblom
Lauren Sopko
Liam Staub
Eleanor Sterling
Presley Stokes
Julia Studnek
Farrah Thalheimer
Elizabeth Thomy
Italo Valdivieso-Prado
Veronica Weavil
Arden Wilkins
Ryan Williams

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Fr. Chris Koehn,
Pastor



Fr. James Singarayar, HGN
Parochial Vicar



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



Fr. Joseph Ita-Sam, CM
Parochial Vicar



Stephen Andrews
Deacon In Residence

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

September 6/7 -Curbside Care Ministry Care Packages Our Curbside Care Ministry provides care packages you can keep in your car to hand out when needed. Pickup from the Welcome Center the first full weekend each month. Donate supplies or volunteer with this ministry at St. Francis Serves. Contact Alyson Zwerneman, alysonzwerneman@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

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.

September 14 - Always God's Children 3:30-5:00pm. A confidential and welcoming setting for all members of the LGBTQ+ community, plus their friends and family. 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.

September 14 - Volunteers Needed – Help with Coffee & Donuts! 8:30-11:00am. We need volunteers (teens and adults) to help with the preparation for coffee and donuts. We also need one volunteer to pick up donuts at Daylight Donuts at 8:00am. This is a fun and meaningful way to earn service hours and support your parish community! [Sign up on St. Francis Serves](#). Contact Stacey Shine, stacey.shine@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 6.

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 - 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 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, 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 21 - Padre Pio Fraternity Of Secular Franciscans Migrant Novena, 2025

7:00-8:00pm via zoom, beginning September 21. This coincides with the USCCB National Migration Week. It will include praying the novena followed by discussion on various aspects of immigration. To register, please email doug thoren at dpthoren66@gmail.com.

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](#).

Oct. 2-Nov. 20 - Fall Bible Study: Unlocking the Mysteries of the Bible

7:00-8:30pm. Join Rich Zemonek for a virtual and in-person study, Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible. This study helps you get the "big picture" by showing how fourteen narrative books of the Bible tell the complete story from Adam and Eve to Christ and the Church. [Register here](#).

October 4 - Habitat for Humanity Catholic Coalition Site Build

8:00am-3:30pm. [Register](#). Contact Will Connolly, 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.

Through 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](#).

Mark Your Calenders

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 charleelhalphen@gmail.com.

Brown Bag Ministry - Help needed as a Brown Bag Ministry coordinator. Great way to meet the wonderful community of St. Francis and serve the senior citizens of Durham. You would be part of a 4 person team with a very flexible schedule of once a month. If interested contact Karina Miranda at karinamiranda86@yahoo.com.



St. Francis of Assisi
Raleigh, NC

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Through prayer, home visits, and financial support, SVdP volunteers were able to help a father of four sons facing eviction.

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Nora, Otto, Mason and Reese
TFS

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

JOIN OUR TEAM

Altar Server

→ Training

Sunday, September 14th at 1pm
in the Church

 Shannon.Hoffman@stfrancisraleigh.org



Thank you to all who donated to the truck fund which our maintenance team desperately needed. Here they are with the pickup truck, ready to serve.



Fr. Chris spent a few days in Houston on a well-deserved break. St. Francis would have been proud of him. Although he did not embrace a leper, he did sit next to a Yankee fan.

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**

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Virtual beginning week of September 15th.

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