



Many blessings on our celebrations of love. God is present in the world! Please help our community with participation in the Bishop's Annual Appeal. Every family is invited to contribute to the life of love in our world and especially right here in eastern and central North Carolina. Your help is appreciated!

Many blessings,
 Fr. Chris



Our Current BAA Status



Goal:	\$522,280	
Pledged:	\$178,764	34.2%
Received:	\$156,193	29.9%
Families:	443 out of 5400	8.2%

Five Catholic women who dream of ordination as deacons

Women cannot be ordained in the Catholic Church, but many feel God is calling them to do more.



For decades, Gladys Whitehouse served the Catholic congregation at St. Francis of Assisi in Raleigh, North Carolina, eventually being named coordinator for evangelization. She helped... [Read full article](#)



Jodi and AJ Quinones celebrated their wedding at Duke Chapel on Saturday 2/8.

Church offices will be closed on Monday in observance of President's Day

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 Parochial Vicar



Stephen Andrews
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Every Tues 2/11-3/25 - Grief's Journey-Coping with Loss of a Loved One 10:30am-12:00pm. A seven week series that offers hope following the loss of a loved one through death. (Anthony Conference Room). A safe place to share your own journey with grief and to learn from others. Intended for those who are three months or more after the death of their loved one. [Click here to register in Realm](#). Contact Dina DaRe, dina.dare@stfrancisraleigh.org.

February 15/16 & 22/23 Catholic Parish Outreach (CPO) Food Drive Donations Needed Bring nonperishable food items, or a monetary donation, to the Catholic Parish Outreach (CPO) truck. Collections: before and after weekend morning Masses and only before 5:30 pm Masses (note: collections end at 6 pm Sat/Sun). Contact Ashley Watson, ashley.watson@stfrancisraleigh.org.

February 16 Knights of Columbus President's Day Weekend Pancake Breakfast 10:00am. Join us after the 9:00am mass in the Fellowship Hall. 3 Pancakes, 3 Sausages, Donuts, Coffee, Juice etc. will be priced at \$7.00 per person and \$24.00 for a nuclear family of 4 or more. Net proceeds will support Fathers James' and Joseph's seminaries. Contact Nick Renga, nrenga@msn.com.

February 20 - Coffee with Chris

Join us Thursday, February 20th at 9:45am for Coffee with Fr. Chris in Padua. It will be a time to visit with fellow parishioners and Fr. Chris to celebrate as we continue to walk this journey of faith together as a community dedicated to our Franciscan heritage. Contact Stacey Shine, stacey.shine@stfrancisraleigh.org.

February 22 - 2025 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest

9:00-11:00am. The Knights of Columbus Council 9709 will host the annual Basketball Free Throw Championship on Saturday, Feb. 22 from 9am-11am in the Assisi Community Center Gym. Please register at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D48A9A92BA2FE3-54496752-2025>. Contact Will Austin, will.austin@gmail.com.

February 26 - April 2: Women's Ministry Bible Study:

Fearless & Free 10:00am-12:00pm. Join us for a Women's Ministry Bible study based on the book of Ephesians. Sessions are on Wednesdays for 6 weeks. This study is ideal for those of us who long for wholeness of heart and are in need of freedom from past wounds. [Register here](#). Contact Eva Socko, esocko44@gmail.com.

February 26 - 50+ Adult Group Potluck Lunch

11:30m. Join us in Clare Fellowship Hall. If last name starts with, then bring: **A thru C** = Salad/Side Dish, **D thru L** = Main Dish, **M thru Z** = Dessert/Bread. Coffee, soda and water will be provided. We will have a Catholic Parish Outreach children's book drive for new & gently used children's books. Contact Pat Spencer, spencer1334@bellsouth.net.

Employment Opportunities:

See our website: <https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/jobs/>
Contact Trish Adamkowski, trish.adamkowski@stfrancisraleigh.org

March 1, Women's Ministry Retreat: Encountering Jesus

9:00am-2:30pm. Join Women's Ministry for a retreat: Encountering Jesus this Lent. Hear stories of women who experienced the Paschal mystery through their encounter with Christ, the cycle of living, dying, and rising. The retreat includes presentations, reflection time, group interactions and lunch. Childcare available. Register in Realm. [Retreat registration click here](#). / [Childcare registration click here](#). Contact Rosemary Czejkowski, czejkowskir@gmail.com.

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS SCHEDULE



Wednesday, March 5, 2025 - Distribution of Ashes at ALL Services

7:00am Liturgy of the Word (No Communion) 5:30pm Liturgy of the Word (No Communion)
9:00am School Mass 7:00pm Mass
11:45am Mass

Dates for Lent Dinners, Stations and Evening Prayer.

Lenten Dinners - Fellowship Hall - 6:30pm - Friday nights
March 7 - 6:30pm after stations
April 11 - 6:30pm after stations

Stations of the Cross - Church 6:00pm - Friday nights

March 7 - Family Focused
March 14
March 21
March 28
April 4
April 11

Evening Prayer - Church - 6:30pm Wednesday nights

March 12
March 19
March 26
April 2
April 9

SCAM ALERT

Please be aware that a staff member of the parish, including the pastor, will never contact you via text message requesting assistance from you.

Now through Easter - Greener Lent

Greener Lent is Lenten fasting, prayer and almsgiving through the lens of Laudato Si. Last year we saved 60,000 lbs of CO2e going into the atmosphere and provided over 500 people in Catholic parishes in subsaharan Africa potable water, changing many lives. Many GL participants committed to daily prayer. Information.

Sign up at the Greener Lent website <https://greenerlent.org/index.html>

[Click here for the Lenten Sacrifice Flyer](#)

Contact Rosemary Herhold, rosemaryherhold@greenerlent.org.

April 1 - June 15 - Recovering Our Soul Connections: A Retreat for Women Who Have Been Sexually Abused

Begins online April 1, 2025, and culminates in an in-person retreat June 12-15, 2025 at St. Francis Springs Prayer Center, Stoneville, NC. Applications accepted until March 1. Email soulconnection366@gmail.com. [Click here for the flyer.](#)

Camp Francis - Registration is Open via Realm

June 16-20, June 23-27, July 7-11, July 14-18, July 21-25
Our popular summer camp, has lots of cool opportunities in athletics, science, arts and various enrichment areas! Camps are half-day or full-day based on age for the 2025-2026 school year. (Rising K-Rising 6th grade) Registration Link: <https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/camp-francis/>

Encountering Jesus

Preparing for Lent



Women's Ministry Retreat
March 1, 9 am to 2:30 pm

Catholic Parish Outreach Donation Drives Coordinator Needed

We are looking for a couple or 2 individuals to take over the volunteer role for coordinating the CPO food drives that are held twice a year. You would help coordinate volunteers, bags, and truck logistics alongside the parish staff. If you are interested and want to learn more, contact Ashley Watson, ashley.watson@stfrancisraleigh.org.



Composting With Class

As most everyone knows, 'Care for Creation' is ingrained in the Franciscan charism and the mission of The Franciscan School (TFS), our parish K-8 school. That's why the school was open to a new program when members of St. Francis of Assisi's Care for Creation (C4C) ministry contacted TFS principal Dawn Smith and JaVon Hansknecht, the Director of Justice and Peace at St. Francis Parish and Casey Slock, the Coordinator of Justice and Peace, to pilot a lunch waste composting program during May 2024. It was an idea that aligned with what we were teaching our students at TFS. [More](#)



St. Vincent de Paul

The St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP) Conference at St. Francis of Assisi (SFA) continues its devotion to those in our society experiencing poverty. It supports those in need by providing financial assistance for rent or utilities to those experiencing a temporary, acute economic crisis. Why is the ministry named after St. Vincent de Paul? Saint Vincent de Paul was an Occitan French Catholic priest dedicated to serving the poor. Vincent became the superior of the 'Congregation of the Mission,' the 'Vincentians' (in France, known as 'Lazaristes'). With vows of poverty, chastity, obedience, and [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."



Meet
Yeison (Jason) Guerrero
Seminarian

Meet our seminarian, Jason, in episode 43 of St. Francis TV.
[Click here to watch the video.](#)



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Raleigh's Kairos Prison Ministry International 40-man Christian volunteer team at Central Prison will present a 4-day Cursillo-like retreat to 42 residents from 3/5 to 3/8. We need your prayers and we need to let the residents know you are praying for them to receive the Love of Christ.

If you would like to participate in this important prayer effort, send your first name to Mike McGrail, mike@mcgrailgroup.com. Your first name will be added to a prayer link, like the ones in the photo above as a visible sign of those who are joining together in prayer during the four days.



St. Vincent dePaul helps people in need.
A mother of four who lost her home and most of her children's clothing and belongings. Read about how SVdP was able to help. Visit the [SVdP website](#). Contact Cathy Smith, smithtcr@gmail.com.

PLANT A TREE! AIM TO SHADE EAST/WEST HOME WINDOWS

CARE FOR CREATION CORNER

YTD WE'VE DONATED **2806** LBS OF FOOD

Immigration Assistance Available

If you know families in eastern North Carolina—from Alamance County to the Outer Banks—who need support with immigration matters, Catholic Charities Immigration Legal Services is here to help. They provide guidance and assistance with completing and submitting various immigration-related processes. For more information or assistance, please encourage them to reach out to Catholic Charities.

[Click here for more information: https://www.catholiccharitiesraleigh.org/immigration/](https://www.catholiccharitiesraleigh.org/immigration/)



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