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 Week 7 of 8

**BAA Status: How Are We Doing?**

	St. Francis	St. Michael	St. Luke's
Goal:	\$522,280	\$456,448	\$146,555
Pledge Total:	\$273,655	\$384,034	\$91,853
Percentage of Goal	52%	84%	62%



Click image above to view Fr. Chris' message.



Wow! What a great community Mass! Fr. Chris shared his acronym for "LENT" as he had students help him with each of the letters during his homily. **"Let's Eliminate Negative Thinking"**

**THIS WEEKEND**

**Introducing Tap-to-Give**

This weekend we will be introducing a convenient option for those who prefer to use a credit card for contributing to offertory as the basket is passed around during Mass. [Click here for learn more.](#)

A click away If you are receiving a paper copy, visit the parish website at [www.stfrancisraleigh.org](http://www.stfrancisraleigh.org).

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 [Click here to visit the parish website for all Lent activities](#)  
<https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/lent-2025/>

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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

## Raleigh Deanery 2025 Lenten Penance Services

<b>Wed. March 19</b>	<b>7:00– 9:00pm</b>	<b>St. Francis Catholic Church</b>
Thur. March 20	7:00– 9:00pm	St. Bernadette Catholic Parish
Mon. March 24	7:00– 9:00pm	St. Eugene
Wed. March 26	11:00am – 12:00pm 7:00– 9:00pm	St. Catherine of Siena St. Michael the Archangel and Mother Teresa (At St. Michael)
Thur., March 27	11:00am – 12:30pm 6:30– 8:30pm	St. Mary Magdalene Our Lady of La Vang
Tue. April 1	11:00am – 12:00pm 7:00– 9:00pm	Our Lady of Lourdes St. Catherine of Siena
Wed. April 2	7:00– 9:00pm	St. Raphael the Archangel
Fri. April 4	10:00– 11:30am	St. Michael the Archangel
Tue. April 8	7:00 – 9:00pm	Holy Name of Jesus, St. Joe, St. Mary and NC State (At HNOJ Cathedral)

### Dates for Lent Dinners, Stations and Evening Prayer.

Lenten Potluck Dinners - Fellowship Hall - 6:30pm - Friday nights  
April 11 - 6:30pm after stations. [Register in Realm.](#)

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

March 21  
March 28  
April 4  
April 11  
April 18 (7:00pm Outside)

Evening Prayer - Church - 6:30pm Wednesday nights

March 12  
March 19  
March 26  
April 2  
April 9

### March 16, March 23, April 6, April 13 - Co-Ed Spring Youth Basketball Skills Clinic

This clinic is designed for players to work on dribbling, passing, rebounding, shooting and defensive drills with Triple Threat Triumph  
1st Grade-4th Grade 1:15-2:15pm / 5th-8th Grade: 2:30-3:30pm  
Each Session is \$20 or \$75.00 for all 4 sessions. [Info/Register Here.](#)  
Contact Mary Arleth, [mary.arleth@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:mary.arleth@stfrancisraleigh.org).

### March 16 - Come and See: An Invitation to Spiritual Direction

1:00-2:00pm. Every spiritual journey is sacred and unique. At times, we may seek a companion to help us listen more deeply to God's presence in our lives. Spiritual Direction is an ancient Christian tradition of holy listening, where a trained director journeys with you as you reflect on your faith, vocation, and relationships. Join us for a Come and See session to learn more about this meaningful practice and how it might support your spiritual growth. Contact Nancy Jones, [prayerfulheart3@gmail.com](mailto:prayerfulheart3@gmail.com).

### March 19-May 7: Spring Parent Child Classes

These classes are a fun ways to connect with your child. Join us for these fun, low pressure, hands on classes (0-5 years of age). Join us Wednesdays for Making Music Praying Twice and/ or Sign Language at the Community Center. [Click here for more Information and to register.](#)  
Contact Jess Kelly, [info@signsoflearning.com](mailto:info@signsoflearning.com).

**March 23 - Solidarity Sunday: Sole Hope** 10:10-11:30pm. Together we will trace, cut and organize denim kits to be made into shoes for our brothers and sisters in Christ being treated for jiggers, a debilitating parasite. Sole Hope's mission is "equipping the vulnerable to walk in freedom from life-threatening diseases and exploitation; through education, empowerment, and medical relief." [Information and Registration.](#)  
Contact Casey Slock [casey.slock@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:casey.slock@stfrancisraleigh.org).

### March 29 - American Red Cross Spring 2025 Blood Drive

8:00am-2:00pm. This drive is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. Join us in Clare Fellowship Hall. There will be drinks, snacks & lunch (after 11:30 am) after you give blood. Please sign up for an appointment at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org). Search by Zip code 27613 for events on 3/29/25. Contact Bryan Kozak, [bryan.c.kozak@gmail.com](mailto:bryan.c.kozak@gmail.com).

### March 29/30 & April 5/6 - Our Lady of the Rosary Food Drive Volunteers

On March 29/30 weekend we need volunteers (families, adults & youth) after each Mass to handout bags with the Our Lady of the Rosary food donation list. On April 5/6 weekend we need volunteers (families, adults, youth) to collect and load a truck with the OLR food donations.

Please bring your filled bags with you to mass on the weekend of April 5/6. [Click here to sign up](#) to assist at one of the weekends and to see the list of food needs for OLR Food Drive. Contact Tess Ferrer-Turner, [tessferrer89@yahoo.com](mailto:tessferrer89@yahoo.com).

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

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

### April 3 - May 15: Women's Ministry Bible Study: Living in the Father's Love

7-8:30pm "Living in the Father's Love" is a Women's Catholic Bible Study that guides us to discover God's unconditional love and how the gospels are deeply relevant to our relationship with God. Share your Faith Journey with other women in this 6-week study beginning Thursday, April 3rd at 7pm in Anthony Hall- Room 403. [Register here.](#) Contact Julia Snyder, [snyderjules5720@gmail.com](mailto:snyderjules5720@gmail.com).

### April 5-6 Join Us for Our Volunteer Celebration!

We are incredibly grateful for our dedicated volunteers and want to celebrate all that you do! Join us on Saturday, April 5, at 6:30 PM, or on Sunday, April 6, 8:00–9:00 AM or 10:00–11:45 AM These gatherings provide a wonderful opportunity to express our appreciation and celebrate together after Mass. We look forward to honoring you! In Fellowship Hall. Contact Stacey Shine, [stacey.shine@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:stacey.shine@stfrancisraleigh.org).

### April 29 - Gospel of John, Part 2 Virtual Study

The Gospel of John is a testament to the divine nature of Jesus, the Light of the World. Part Two of our study begins with the final "sign" of Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead, takes readers to the hour of Jesus' glorification in his passion, death, resurrection.

Contact [barbaraefirdlpc@gmail.com](mailto:barbaraefirdlpc@gmail.com).

[Weds AM Session / Tues PM Session](#)

### June 2-July 24 - Youth Summer Volleyball League Registration

Registration is open for Coed League for children of all skill levels - rising 3rd graders through rising 9th graders. Teams have an hour practice on Mon. or Wed. Games are held on Thurs. nights. [Click here for more Information and to Register](#)





Stop by the Welcome Center and take a note from one of the three crosses for activities during Lent: Fasting, Prayer, and Almsgiving.

## Holy Week & Easter Schedule

**PALM SUNDAY, April 12 & 13**

Regular Mass Schedule.

We will begin all Masses outside in the Memorial Garden

**WEDNESDAY, April 16**

6:30pm - Evening Prayer Service

**HOLY THURSDAY, April 17**

7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Reposition in Fellowship Hall until Midnight

11:45pm Night Prayer

**GOOD FRIDAY, April 18**

9:00am Morning Prayer

3:00pm Passion of the Lord

7:00pm Outside Stations of the Cross

**HOLY SATURDAY, April 19**

9:00am Morning Prayer

10:00am Easter Food Blessing

8:30pm Easter Vigil

**EASTER SUNDAY, April 20**

6:00am Sunrise Mass (Memorial Garden)

7:15am Mass (Church)

9:00am Mass (Church & Fellowship Hall)

11:00am Mass (Church & Fellowship Hall)

### 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/>

**The St. Francis Prison Pen Pal Ministry** has a long legacy of writing, sharing and praying with the men on NC's Death Row and practicing this important corporal act of mercy. The friendships that have resulted are spiritually enriching and life changing, but we still have several inmate requests for pen pals unfilled. If interested, please email Catherine at [sfapenpal@gmail.com](mailto:sfapenpal@gmail.com) and [click here to read our story.](#)



## Serving the Mission of the Diocese of Raleigh

Every year at this time, the Bishop's Annual Appeal (BAA) is shared through the local parishes in the Diocese and on the Diocesan website. This year's BAA campaign theme is 'Open Your Heart | Open a Door!' and reflects the BAA's impact on all aspects of our faith in the Diocese of Raleigh and the services it provides. Bishop Zarama says of the Appeal, "The BAA helps me to help the Diocese serve our people. Each parish has its own needs, but we are a family. Through your prayers, by your volunteer service in your parish, and through your resources...you can help this Diocese serve for 100 years more." [More](#)



## The Emmaus Ministry

We have all shared in the loss of a loved one, much as the disciples did when they suffered the loss of Jesus. In the Gospel of Luke, we read of two disciples walking home from Jerusalem to their village of Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, after experiencing the death of Jesus. While they were walking, the resurrected Jesus came upon them and began to walk with them. [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."

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A young men's retreat for high school juniors & seniors that want to grow closer to God.



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[vocations@raldioc.org](mailto:vocations@raldioc.org) / 984-900-3104



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## OAK CITY CARES MINISTRY LENTEN DONATIONS

In solidarity with Oak City Cares, we are collecting a variety of items that are much needed to provide our neighbors at Oak City Cares with a backpack, new and clean underwear and ball caps.

This Lenten Project recognizes that we are all part of one human family, regardless of our housing status and demonstrates our shared responsibility to reflect the love of Jesus towards everyone in society.

The Oak City Staff shared that guests will be excited to receive a backpack to carry their belongings!

Thank you for your generosity!!

Please have ALL Donations delivered to St. Francis no later than Wednesday, March 19th!



Contact: [aclassiter02@gmail.com](mailto:aclassiter02@gmail.com)



### Night of Worship

Friday Night, April 4th  
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Speaker/Author,  
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**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](mailto:karinamiranda86@yahoo.com).

**Stephen Ministry** - Stephen Ministers offer prayerful and emotional support by listening with their ears and hearts to your concerns. If you are in need of a Stephen Minister email [stephenministry@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:stephenministry@stfrancisraleigh.org) or [stacey.shine@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:stacey.shine@stfrancisraleigh.org), or call 919-847-8205x234

## Greener Lent



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Questions, contact Diogenes Ruiz, [diogenes.ruiz@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:diogenes.ruiz@stfrancisraleigh.org).

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