

# WOLF WATCH

— WEEKLY E-NEWS —

## News for the Week of December 3

### All School

#### **Getting to Couper Campus**

On November 29, the City of Houston announced that access to Fondren from Westheimer will be restricted twenty-four hours a day until repair work to the sanitation line is completed. Please [review this email](#) for important information about traveling to Couper Campus.

#### **Spirit Wear Sale: Check Out the Latest Styles on Wednesday**

Come see our latest styles at the next Spirit Wear Sale this Wednesday, December 6, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the People Place on Piney Point Campus.

- We have new outerwear for our youngest Wolves, in both toddler and youth sizes.
- Cash, credit card, and Apple Pay will be accepted.
- Questions? [Email Jennifer Gerry.](#)

#### **Parents' Night Out Is Friday: Register Today!**

Parents' Night Out is back! Students are invited to join us this Friday, December 8, between 6:00 and 10:00 p.m. The cost per child is \$45, and it includes dinner, fun games, dessert from a Mister Softee Ice Cream Truck, and a movie. [Click here to register](#) via our new Explore and Extend Registration Portal.

#### **Winter Sign-up Parties: Secure Your Spots by Friday**

There are still a few spots available for several Winter Sign-up Parties! These Gala fundraisers are great opportunities for some fun for you, your children, or the whole family. Registration closes this Friday, December 8—[click here now](#) to grab your spots ... before it's too late!

### **School of Music Recitals Are December 10 & 17**

Mark your calendar! Our fall School of Music recitals will be held Sunday, December 10, and Sunday, December 17. If your child participates in School of Music lessons, please refer to the email sent by Andrew Nishikawa to learn the day and time of your child's recital, as well as expectations for the day. With questions, please [email Mr. Nishikawa](#).

### **Now Delivering Letters to Santa: Drop Them in the Mailbox by December 11!**

From now until December 11, all of our St. Francis families are invited to drop letters to Santa in the special red mailboxes on both campuses. It's the fastest service around, with direct delivery to the North Pole ... guaranteed! To give Santa and his busy elves enough time to reply, please make sure your child's letter is in the mailbox by Monday, December 11, with the following information:

- Student's first and last name
- Grade
- Return address on the envelope

**Letters without a return address will not receive a reply, so please include the return address.** Thank you for helping us spread some Christmas cheer!

### **Joyful Sounds, MS, and US Christmas Choir Concert Is December 15**

Please join us for our Christmas Choir Concert featuring the Joyful Sounds, Middle School, and Upper School choirs on Friday, December 15, from 6:30 to 7:15 p.m. at Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church (11612 Memorial Dr.). Doors open at 6:15 p.m. We hope to see you there!

### **Gala Special Project: Buy a Book in Honor of Father Wismer**

*There's No Place Like Home* is a book dedicated in honor of Father Bob Wismer, a cherished member of our community. Proceeds from this Gala Special Project will be combined with proceeds from Paddles Up (a Gala night tradition) to create **The Father Bob Wismer "People for Others" Endowed Fund for Tuition Assistance**.

- These books make great Christmas gifts! All books ordered on or before Friday, December 15, will be sent home with your child before the holidays.
- [Purchase yours online today.](#)
- Books will also be on sale at all the Lower School Christmas concerts—December 5, 11, and 12. (You can also pick up copies you've already purchased at the same Christmas concerts!)

### **Calling All Bakers! Help Provide Festive Treats for Faculty and Staff**

The St. Francis Parents Organization will distribute teacher and staff Christmas gifts on

Friday, December 15, and we need your help providing festive holiday cookies and treats! Feel free to either bake or purchase items. Additional information is provided on the SignUpGenius pages for each campus:

- [Click here to provide treats for Piney Point Campus.](#)
- [Click here to provide treats for Couper Campus.](#)

If you have any questions, please contact Alicyn Gawryliuk, Teacher Appreciation Chair, at 937.367.5883. Thank you!

### **Important Dates r.e. Fall Enrichment Classes**

Thank you all for contributing to the success of our Fall Enrichment Classes! As we approach December, we want to remind you of key dates. Please [click here](#) to view the list of class end dates, as well as dates for recitals, open houses, and belt ceremonies. With questions, [email Traci Callender](#).

### **Book Fair 2023: Thank You for Your Support!**

As we wrap up our Bookopoly Book Fair, we would like to extend **a huge thank-you to our parent volunteers, led by Nicole Ali and Kady Van Hook**. They spent countless hours helping us plan, decorate, unpack, and staff the book fair. Without this team, we could not have pulled it off!

- If you still have money in your eWallet or didn't quite find everything you were looking for in person, **please consider shopping our book fair online via [this link](#)**. Online shopping will close on Tuesday, December 12, and all online orders will be shipped directly to your home.
- Remember, **every purchase made at the book fair—in person or online—directly benefits our library** with funds for books and materials for student activities.

Happy reading!

## **Primary School**

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### **Mark Your Calendar**

#### **Monday, December 4**

- *Open Library:* 3:00 p.m.
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#### **Tuesday, December 5**

- *Chapel:* Primary II parents may attend
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#### **Wednesday, December 6**

- *Chapel:* Primary I parents may attend
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#### **Monday, December 11**

- *Open Library:* 3:00 p.m.
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#### **Tuesday, December 12**

- *Chapel:* Primary II parents may attend
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#### **Wednesday, December 13**

- *Chapel:* Primary I parents may attend
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#### **Monday, December 18**

- *Primary I Christmas Parties:* 1:30 p.m.

- *Open Library: 3:00 p.m.*
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## **Tuesday, December 19**

- *Primary II Nativities and Parties*
    - 9:00 a.m.—Hughes
    - 10:00 a.m.—Wiener
    - 12:00 p.m.—Capasso
    - 1:00 p.m.—Owens
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## **Wednesday, December 20**

- *Primary I and Primary II Lessons and Carols Chapel: No parents in Chapel—students only*
  - *Pre-Primary Christmas Parties: 1:45 p.m.*
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## **Thursday, December 21**

- *Early Dismissal at 11:00 a.m.*
  - *No Explore and Extend*
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## **Friday, December 22–Friday, January 5**

- *Christmas Break: No school*
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## **Monday, January 8**

- *Classes Resume*

## **Lower School**

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### **Mark Your Calendar**

#### **Monday, December 4**

- *Chapel for Grades K–4*
    - 8:20 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary
    - Please be advised that there are limited parking spots in front of the school.
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#### **Tuesday, December 5**

- *Kindergarten Christmas Concert: 9:00–9:30 a.m. in the Fine Arts Center*
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#### **Wednesday, December 6**

- *Late-Start Day: 10:00 a.m.*
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## **Thursday, December 7**

- *Eucharist Chapel for Grades K–4*
    - 8:20 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary
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## **Monday, December 11**

- *Chapel for Grades K–4*
    - 8:20 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary
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  - *First- and Second-Grade Christmas Concert: 1:00–2:00 p.m.* in the Fine Arts Center
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## **Tuesday, December 12**

- *Third- and Fourth-Grade Christmas Concert: 1:00–2:00 p.m.* in the Fine Arts Center
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## **Thursday, December 14**

- *Chapel for Grades K–4*
    - 8:20 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary
    - Please be advised that there are limited parking spots in front of the school.
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## **Friday, December 15**

- *Joyful Sounds/MS/US Choir Christmas Concert: 6:30–7:15 p.m.* at Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church
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## **Monday, December 18**

- *Chapel for Grades K–4*
    - 8:20 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary
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## Tuesday, December 19

- *Joyful Sounds Christmas Party*: 3:00–4:00 p.m.
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## Wednesday, December 20

- *LS Christmas Parties (Students Only)*
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## Thursday, December 21

- *LS Lessons & Carols (Student-Only Event)*: 8:20–8:50 a.m.
  - *Early Dismissal*
    - 11:15 a.m. for Kindergarten and First Grade
    - 11:30 a.m. for Grades 2–4
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## Friday, December 22–Friday, January 5

- *Christmas Break*: No school
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## Monday, January 8

- *Classes Resume*

## **Middle School**

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### **Grade 7: Field Trip to Alley Theatre Is Tuesday**

St. Francis's seventh-grade students will be attending an Alley Theatre performance of *A Christmas Carol* this Tuesday, December 5. Students will board buses at 8:45 a.m. and will return at 1:00 p.m. They must wear their dress uniforms.

- With rich Victorian costumes, exciting magical elements created by acclaimed illusionist Jim Steinmeyer, and beautifully sung holiday carols, *A Christmas Carol* tells the beloved story of Scrooge and his miraculous transformation.
- To prepare for the event, all seventh graders read a graphic novel of *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens. The Advanced English students also read the full-length novel, researched a literary allusion pertinent to the Victorian time period, and created a short slideshow to share with their peers.
- After the performance, students will participate in a "talk-back" facilitated by the Alley Theatre actors and stage-crew members.

### **Wednesday Is a Late-Start Day**

Parents, please note that this Wednesday, December 6, is a Late-Start Day. Classes will begin at 10:00 a.m. on this day.

### **ERB Makeups Are This Wednesday**

If your student missed the ERBs, please note that makeup tests will be held in the morning of the next Late-Start Day—this Wednesday, December 6. Students taking the ERB makeup test should arrive at school at 7:30 a.m. and go to Mrs. Fuller-Willis's classroom in the fifth-grade hallway. They will then join other students when classes begin at 10:00 a.m. on this day.

### **A Note About Community Service Hours**

St. Francis Episcopal School recognizes and celebrates students who involve themselves in helping others. During the 2023–24 school year, **students in each grade level are required to complete a minimum number of service hours**, as follows:

- **Fifth Grade:** 10 hours
- **Sixth Grade:** 10 hours
- **Seventh Grade:** 15 hours
- **Eighth Grade:** 20 hours

At the Recognition and Awards Ceremony in the spring, **students in any grade level who have completed 20, 30, 50, or 100+ service hours during the school term will receive a certificate recognizing their achievements.** In addition, one graduating student will be recognized for exemplifying and representing the quality of being a “person for others.”

To submit your service hours, complete this [Community Service Hours Request Form](#) and drop it off in the Middle School Office or email it to [Kelly Murray](#).

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### Monday, December 4

- *“A” Day*
  - *Regular Uniform*
  - *Middle School Chapel: 9:55 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary*
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### Tuesday, December 5

- *“B” Day*
  - *Regular Uniform*
  - *Seventh-Grade Field Trip to Alley Theatre for A Christmas Carol: Students board buses at 8:45 a.m. and return at 1:00 p.m.*
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### Wednesday, December 6

- *Late-Start Day: Classes begin at 10:00 a.m.*
  - *“A” Day*
  - *Regular Uniform*
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### Thursday, December 7

- *“B” Day*
  - *Dress Uniform*
  - *MS St. Nicholas Eucharist Chapel: 9:35 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary*
  - *Fifth-Grade Crime Stoppers Presentation: 12:30–1:00 p.m.*
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## **Friday, December 8**

- *“A” Day*
  - *Regular Uniform or St. Francis Spirit Shirt and Jeans*
  - *Clubs C1*
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## **Monday, December 11**

- *“B” Day*
  - *Dress Uniform*
  - *Middle School Chapel: 9:55 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary*
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## **Tuesday, December 12**

- *“A” Day*
  - *Regular Uniform*
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## **Wednesday, December 13**

- *“B” Day*
  - *Regular Uniform*
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## **Thursday, December 14**

- *“A” Day*
  - *Regular Uniform*
  - *Middle School Chapel: 9:55 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary*
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## **Friday, December 15**

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- *Regular Uniform or St. Francis Spirit Shirt and Jeans*
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## Upper School

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	Friday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
	12/15	12/18	12/19	12/20	12/21
<b>8:00 to 11:00 a.m.</b>	English I English IV AP Literature	World History I AP Psych AP Art History AP CompSci Principles	Physics 9 AP Biology Enviro AP Enviro	Algebra I Algebra II College Algebra AP CompSci A	Spanish (All) Latin (All)
<b>12:00 to 3:00 p.m.</b>	English II English III AP Language	World History II US History APUSH AP Euro	Chemistry AP Chemistry Physics 11	Geometry Pre-Calculus AP Calculus AP Statistics	School Day Ends at Noon on 12/21

## Midterm Exam Schedule for December

Please note the schedule for midterm exams, below. For tips and strategies on taking midterms, please refer to Mark Kelly's email from November 28.

## Varsity Yard Signs and Car Decals Make Great Christmas Gifts!

Need an idea to put under the tree for your athlete or thespian? What about a Varsity yard sign or a car decal? St. Francis yard signs and car decals are now available for those who have lettered in Music, Art, Theatre, Theatre Tech, Dance, and Cheer, as well as for ALL Varsity sports, from Golf and Baseball to Soccer and Track. One sport is included with your yard sign, and more sports can be added to your yard sign via additional placards. [Click here](#) for pictures, and [place orders here!](#)

- Varsity Yard Signs: \$100
- Additional Placards: \$25
- Car Decals for Varsity and JV Sports: \$15

Items will be delivered to the Upper School Office Manager within approximately one week from the order date. Questions? Please [email Colleen Dunlap](#).

## This Tuesday: College Family Night for Grades 9 & 10

Ninth- and tenth-grade students and their parents/guardians are encouraged to attend College Family Night this Tuesday, December 5, at 6:30 p.m. in Crum Gym. Come learn more about college admissions and how underclassmen can prepare for their future! The event will be led by Director of College Counseling Claudia Mejia, along with Trinity University's Director of Admissions Gail Roberson and Drake University's Assistant Director of Regional Recruitment Jeremy Curtis.

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### Monday, December 4

- *"B" Day*
  - *Regular Uniform*
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### Tuesday, December 5

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  - *Regular Uniform*
  - *Freshman and Sophomore College Night: 6:30 p.m. in Nau Dining Hall*
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- *“B” Day*
  - *Dress Uniform*
  - *Late-Start Day:* Classes begin at 10:00 a.m. with special schedule
  - *St. Nicholas Eucharist:* 1:05–1:55 p.m. in Crum Gym
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### **Thursday, December 7**

- *“A” Day*
  - *Regular Uniform*
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### **Friday, December 8**

- *“B” Day*
  - *SFES Spirit Dress:* Wear a St. Francis Spirit shirt with full-length jeans or uniform bottoms
  - *Chapel:* 10:00–10:30 a.m.
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**Monday, December 18–Thursday, December 21**

- *Midterm Exams Continue: See chart above for details*
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**Thursday, December 21**

- *Noon Dismissal for MS*
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**Friday, December 22–Friday, January 5**

- *Christmas Break: No school*
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**Monday, January 8**

- *Classes Resume*
- *“A” Day*
- *Regular Uniform*

## **Church**

### **Join Us for Holiday Eucharist Services**

St. Francis Episcopal Church will be hosting several Eucharist services over the holidays, according to the following schedule:

#### **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24: CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES**

- 2:00 p.m.—Christmas Eve Holy Eucharist with Nativity pageant
  - Music begins at 1:30 p.m.
  - Childcare will be provided.
- 5:00 p.m.—Christmas Eve Holy Eucharist with Nativity pageant and choral concert
  - Music begins at 4:30 p.m.
  - Childcare will be provided.
- 9:00 p.m.—Christmas Eve Holy Eucharist with choral concert
  - Music begins at 8:30 p.m.

#### **MONDAY, DECEMBER 25: CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE**

- 11:00 a.m.—Christmas Day Holy Eucharist

#### **SUNDAY, JANUARY 7: EPIPHANY SERVICE**

- 9:00 a.m.—Family worship with Holy Eucharist
  - Kid-friendly, with contemporary music
  - Epiphany celebrates the Magi's visit to the baby Jesus.

### **Christmas Cards for LOTS: December 10 Is Last Day to Purchase**

This year's Confirmation Class is continuing a longtime group tradition for their Christmas outreach project benefitting individuals at Lord of the Streets (LOTS).

- The class will be selling Christmas cards before and after Sunday services on December 10.
- You may also purchase the cards at any time in the church office or by emailing **Cindy Huteson**.
- The cards are \$5 each and make wonderful Christmas gifts for teachers, coworkers, family members, and friends.

Support the Confirmation Class in this special outreach effort!

### **Outreach Ministries: Opportunities to Serve**

For additional information about any of the following outreach opportunities, please contact the church's Director of Outreach **Heather Burkhart**.

- **Lord of the Streets** needs weekday volunteers between 8:00 a.m. and noon to serve our homeless neighbors. Over 300 hot meals are served daily. St. Francis also collects men's clothes on an ongoing basis—men's shoes are always needed.
- **Memorial Assistance Ministries** has an urgent plea from the pantry team.
- The **Fair Haven Food Pantry** needs volunteers and non-perishable food donations.

### Join Us Each Sunday for Our Family-Focused Service and Events

- **Sunday Family Worship Service:** 9:00 a.m.
- **Let It Shine Children's Bible Lesson:** On Sundays during the 9:00 a.m. Family Worship Service, join Mrs. Devlin to learn about the Bible as we act out Scripture with costumes and props and pray together.
- **Coffee, Donuts, and Crafts:** Every Sunday at 10:00 a.m. (after the 9:00 a.m. Family Worship Service), get a cup of coffee and enjoy fellowship while young children color, create an art project based on the lesson learned at Let it Shine, and have fun with friends.

### Students, Join Us for Weekly Book Studies on Sundays

On Sundays at 10:00 a.m. in the cafeteria, join your friends for weekly meetings to talk about some amazing, Biblically inspired stories. Books will be provided. Please contact [Allison Devlin](#) to sign up.

- **Grades 1–4:** *The Dead Sea Squirrels* by Mike Nawrocki
- **Grades 5–8:** *The Chronicles of Narnia* by C.S. Lewis

### High School and Adult Volunteer Opportunities: Sign Up Now

This year, we are tracking and giving awards to high school students and adults for completing hours of service at St. Francis Episcopal Church.

- There will be a Gold Wolf Award for completing 50+ service hours, a Silver Rabbit Award for completing 25–49 service hours, and a Bronze Bird for completing 10–24 service hours. Award recipients will be recognized in May on Mother's Day.
- We need volunteers to help lead weekly book clubs and First Communion Classes, set up crafts and supervise kids on Sundays, serve at events like the Children's Christmas Party, and much more!
- To sign up, please [click here](#) or scan the QR code below with your mobile phone:



### **Healing Prayers and Anointings Available**

Healing prayers and anointings are always available after Sunday Eucharist services, or you may schedule an appointment with a priest. For more information or to schedule an appointment, email [Sally Jo Flores](mailto:SallyJoFlores@stfrancis.org) or call 832.325.2983.

### **Share Your Prayer Requests Online**

Share your prayer requests with us using the “Prayer Requests” link on the [St. Francis Episcopal Church home page](http://www.stfrancis.org).

### **Bible Studies at St. Francis**

#### **MEN'S BIBLE STUDIES**

- Tuesdays at 7:00–8:00 a.m.
  - **Study:** Articles of Religion
  - **Contact:** [Fr. David Price](mailto:DavidPrice@stfrancis.org)
  - **Location:** La Madeleine (1st, 3rd, and 4th Tuesdays of each month)
- Second Tuesday of Each Month at 8:00–9:30 a.m. (**The next meeting is December 12.**)
  - **Study:** The Book of Genesis (Life of Jacob)
  - **Location:** [The Corner Bakery](http://www.thecornerbakery.com) (9311 Katy Fwy.), breakfast included
  - **Contact:** [Sally Jo Flores](mailto:SallyJoFlores@stfrancis.org)

#### **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES**

- Wednesdays at 9:00–10:00 a.m.
  - **Study:** Women of the Old Testament
  - **Contact:** [Louise Richman](mailto:LouiseRichman@stfrancis.org)
  - **Location:** Via Zoom (Contact Louise for additional information.)

## **ADULT BIBLE STUDY**

- Sundays at 10:00–11:00 a.m.
  - **Study:** Exodus
  - **Location:** Hogan Board Room
  - **Contact:** **George Hippard**

### **How to Watch Sunday Service Via Livestream**

To join St. Francis Episcopal Church's 9:00 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. Sunday service via livestream, open an Internet browser on your computer, laptop, or phone. Type in the St. Francis website—**sfch.org**. Click on the "Watch Live Stream Worship Services" button. Either the 9:00 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. service will be available.