

WOLF WATCH

— WEEKLY E-NEWS —

News for the Week of March 24

All School

Join Us Wednesday: Explore and Extend Easter Egg Hunt and Celebration

All students are invited to join the Explore and Extend family for our annual after-school Easter egg hunt and celebration this Wednesday, March 27. On both the Piney Point and Couper Campuses, participants will enjoy lots of games, activities, prizes, and surprises followed by an extended recess and a party on the lawn. The Easter egg hunt activities end at 4:30 p.m. We can't wait to see you!

If your child is not signed up for monthly Explore and Extend, this would count as a drop-in. Just a reminder that our drop-in fees are as follows:

- \$35 per day until 4:30 p.m.
- \$35 per day from Enrichment Class dismissal to 6:00 p.m.
- \$60 per day until 6:00 p.m.

Volunteers Needed: Employee Appreciation Luncheons Are April 4 and 5

The St. Francis Parents Organization is looking for volunteers to help with our Spring Employee Appreciation Luncheons. This is a fun opportunity to serve our teachers and staff and to thank them for all they do! Please consider helping us with your time and support by signing up via one of the links below:

- **Thursday, April 4:** [Click here](#) to sign up for the Piney Point Campus Luncheon.
- **Friday, April 5:** [Click here](#) to sign up for the Couper Campus Luncheon.

If you have any questions, please [email Alicyn Gawryliuk](#). Thank you!

Help Us Welcome Our New Wolves: Pickup Parade Is April 7

We are asking any and all St. Francis families to help welcome our newly enrolled families on Sunday, April 7, from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m.

- Please come dressed in your favorite St. Francis Spirit Wear or colors, and bring your cowbells, pom-poms, and homemade signs with special messages such as “Welcome New Wolves,” “Congratulations,” “Welcome to the Pack,” or whatever else you can think of!
- St. Francis families will line the circle drive around the Student Life Center. New families will drive through campus to pick up their swag bags and yard signs, and when they do, we will all be there showing our welcoming spirit and love to our new families.

Summer on the Point 2024 News

Registration continues for Summer on the Point 2024—St. Francis’s exciting summer program! Following are just a few of the camps on offer. Learn more by viewing the SOTP course catalog, [here!](#)

CREATIVE WRITING SUMMER CAMP (GRADES K–12)

The week of July 8–12, Writers in the Schools and Rice University will be hosting their Creative Writing Summer Camp. This will be for rising K–4 students. Students in grades 6–12 have the option to do a two-week virtual course on June 17–28. For more information and to register, please [click here](#).

SUMMER MUSIC CAMP AND PRIVATE LESSONS

This year, Summer on the Point will be hosting its very first Summer Music Camp. Under the supervision of Dr. Andrew Nishikawa, students will have the chance to expand their musical knowledge through various fun and exciting music classes. Students may also choose to start or continue private lessons with their favorite instructors this summer. (For private lessons, students are not required to participate in Summer on the Point.) For more information, please [email Andrew Nishikawa](#) or [Traci Callender](#).

Register Now: Varsity Cheer Clinic for Grades PII–4 Is April 6

The first St. Francis Varsity Cheer Clinic will be held on Saturday, April 6, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. in the Crum Gym on Couper Campus! Students in Primary II through fourth grade will learn how to cheer just like a member of the Varsity team. The squad will teach participants a chant, a dance, and everything else they need to know to cheer on our Wolves!

- [Click here to register.](#)
- The \$75 registration fee includes a T-shirt and a snack.

Primary School

From the Senior Chaplain: St. Francis Celebrates the Easter Holy Days

For Christians throughout the world, the Holy Days of Good Friday and Easter Sunday are quickly approaching. On Good Friday, we celebrate the love of God shown most vividly in Jesus's death on the cross; and on Easter Sunday, we celebrate God's awesome power in raising Jesus from the dead, offering to us this resurrected life.

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Father Wismer

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, March 25

- *Open Library:* 3:00 p.m.
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Tuesday, March 26

- *Chapel for Primary II and Pre-Primary (Husain, Oteiza, and Griffith):* Primary II parents may attend
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Wednesday, March 27

- *Chapel for Primary I and Pre-Primary (Labarthe and Britton):* Primary I parents may attend

- *Primary II Fathers and Friends Picnic: 11:00 a.m.; bring lunch for you and your child*
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Friday, March 29

- *Good Friday Holiday: No school*
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Monday, April 1

- *Easter Monday Holiday: No school*
-

Tuesday, April 2

- *Chapel for Primary II and Pre-Primary (Husain, Oteiza, and Griffith): Primary II parents may attend*
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Wednesday, April 3

- *Chapel for Primary I and Pre-Primary (Labarthe and Britton): Primary I parents may attend*
 - *Primary I Fathers and Friends Picnic: 11:00 a.m.; bring lunch for you and your child*
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Friday, April 5

- *Primary II Field Trip*
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Monday, April 8

- *Open Library: 3:00 p.m.*
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Tuesday, April 9

- *Chapel for Primary II and Pre-Primary (Husain, Oteiza, and Griffith):* Primary II parents may attend
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Wednesday, April 10

- *Chapel for Primary I and Pre-Primary (Labarthe and Britton):* Primary I parents may attend
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Friday, April 12

- *Primary II Plays*
 - 9:00 a.m.— Hughes
 - 10:00 a.m.—Wiener
 - 11:00 a.m.—Owens
 - 12:00 p.m.—Capasso
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Monday, April 15

- *Open Library:* 3:00 p.m.
 - *Primary II Field Trip to Piney Point Campus*
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Tuesday, April 16

- *Chapel for Primary II and Pre-Primary (Husain, Oteiza, and Griffith):* Primary II parents may attend
-

Wednesday, April 17

- *Chapel for Primary I and Pre-Primary (Labarthe and Britton):* Primary I parents may attend
-

Friday, April 19

- *PS Parent Conference Day*: Student holiday
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Monday, April 22

- *Open Library*: 3:00 p.m.
-

Tuesday, April 23

- *Chapel for Primary II and Pre-Primary (Husain, Oteiza, and Griffith)*: Primary II parents may attend
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Wednesday, April 24

- *Chapel for Primary I and Pre-Primary (Labarthe and Britton)*: Primary I parents may attend
 - *Pre-Primary Mothers and Others*: 1:30 p.m.
 - *Primary School Book Fair*: In the Primary School Library
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Thursday, April 25

- *Primary II Mothers and Others*: 1:30 p.m. **(Please note time change.)**
 - *Primary School Book Fair*: In the Primary School Library
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Friday, April 26

- *Primary I Mothers and Others*: 11:00 a.m.
 - *Primary School Book Fair*: In the Primary School Library
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Sunday, April 28

- *St. Francis Festival*

Lower School

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Mark Your Calendar

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- *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.

Thursday, March 28

- *Eucharist Maundy Chapel Service 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, March 29

- *Good Friday Holiday:* No school
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Monday, April 1

- *Easter Monday Holiday:* No school
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Tuesday, April 2

- *Late-Start Day:* 10:00 a.m.
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Thursday, April 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.
- *Biome Bonanza:* In the second-grade pod
 - 10:00–10:45 a.m.—Quine/Wagner
 - 12:45–1:30 p.m.—McCormick/Shindler

Middle School

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Seventh-Grade AALC Field Trip Is Wednesday

We are excited about our upcoming seventh-grade Art à la Carte field trip this Wednesday, March 27, to BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, a Hindu temple in Stafford. As this is a house of worship, the temple has very specific dress-code requirements, and we are asking students to wear modified Spirit wear on this day. Please note the following:

- Both boys and girls must wear either the uniform shirt or a short- or long-sleeve St. Francis Spirit wear shirt with khaki pants or blue jeans.
- Shorts and skirts are not permitted in the temple. (Your child will be given a sarong to wear if his or her knees are showing.)
- Students will be required to remove shoes during their visit.

This Summer: Middle School Athletic and Academic Camps

Middle schoolers, your coaches and teachers have formulated a summer program that will get you in gear both academically and athletically! To register for any of the following Summer on the Point camps, please [click here](#).

- **Athletes:** We will be hosting a three-week **Preseason Football Training Camp in July**, overseen by the entire coaching staff. During the final week, the camp will end with preseason games between our students and teams from other schools in the area. Sign up today!
- **Academics:** We will be offering the following two academic camps, which will be the Middle School version of Jumpstart:
 - **Beyond the Books (Rising Grades 5–8):** This camp will help students not only reintegrate back into school, but also strengthen executive-function skills like planning, organization, perseverance, and self-control through games, brainteasers, and activities. While this camp will be helpful for all Middle School students, it will be especially useful to fifth graders who will be new to the Middle School environment.
 - **Step Up to Math (Rising Grades 6–8):** Help set your student up for success in algebraic process math with this review of foundational fifth- and sixth-grade

math. One of our Middle School math teachers will cover fractions, decimals, and basic whole number operations, as well as the ability to analyze a problem and use critical-thinking skills to solve it.

Coming Up: Advanced Academic Applications

As we begin creating students' schedules for 2024–25, we wanted to remind you that your child has the option to apply for Advanced Academic courses next school year. The advanced courses will be offered for grades 5–8 in both math and English. **The deadline to register for testing is coming up this Wednesday, March 27.** More information will follow in the coming weeks.

Seventh-Grade Parents, Save the Date! Medieval Faire Day Is April 3

Seventh-grade parents, please save the date for this year's Medieval Faire Day on Wednesday, April 3!

ABOUT MEDIEVAL FAIRE DAY

A fun-filled day spent exploring multiple cultures during the medieval time period, Medieval Faire Day has been celebrated in seventh grade at St. Francis since 1987. During the event, students immerse themselves in different cultures by participating in interactive and hands-on activities that highlight art, music, food, clothing, weaponry, and daily life in Medieval Europe, Japan, and the Arabian Peninsula. This event fully aligns with the seventh-grade World History curriculum students have been studying this year. **You should have received an email from Mrs. Sullivan with costume recommendations**, which have been assigned by region per advisory.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED ON MARCH 28 AND APRIL 3

In order for this event to be a success, we need parent volunteers this Thursday, March 28, as well as all day for the Faire on Wednesday, April 3. If you are unable to give your time, donations toward our event are greatly appreciated!

- [Click here](#) to volunteer. For those parents who are also helping as an advisory volunteer or a regional-activity volunteer, your sign-up would be in addition to your volunteer assignment on April 3.
- With questions, please contact Jacqui Mackel via [email](#) or at 832.721.8571.

Thank you in advance for your time and support as we continue this special tradition for our seventh graders!

Huzzah!

Medieval Faire Chairs Maggie Baker, Sarah Cotting, Jacqui Mackel, and Lauren Wuertz

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 [**Sarah Flores**](#).

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Monday, March 25

- *“B” Day*
 - **Regular Uniform**
 - *Middle School Chapel: 9:55–10:20 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary*
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Tuesday, March 26

- *“A” Day*
 - *Regular Uniform*
-

Wednesday, March 27

- *“B” Day*
 - *Regular Uniform*
 - *Seventh-Grade Art à la Carte Field Trip*
-

Thursday, March 28

- *"A" Day*
 - **Dress Uniform**
 - *Middle School Maundy Thursday Eucharist: 10:05–11:05 a.m.*
-

Friday, March 29

- *Good Friday Holiday: No school*
-

Monday, April 1

- *Easter Holiday: No school*
-

Tuesday, April 2

- *"B" Day*
 - *Regular Uniform*
-

Wednesday, April 3

- *"A" Day*
 - *Regular Uniform*
 - *Seventh-Grade Medieval Feast*
-

Thursday, April 4

- *"B" Day*
 - **Regular Uniform**
 - *Middle School Chapel: 9:55–10:20 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary*
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Friday, April 5

- "A" Day
- Regular Uniform or St. Francis Spirit Shirt and Jeans

Upper School

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Mandatory ISAS Arts Festival Meeting Is March 27

The 2024 ISAS Arts Festival *mandatory* Parent-Student Meeting is this Wednesday, March 27, at 6:15 p.m. in the Student Life Center. *All participating students and at least one parent/guardian per student must attend.* Topics of discussion will include festival protocols, roommate assignments, medication disbursement procedures, and behavior expectations, along with a short Q&A session.

The Social Institute: Use Your Mic for Good

In the past week, each advisory group ran a specific Social Institute lesson on the topic of *Use Your Mic for Good*, challenging students on using and amplifying their voice to create meaningful change. Please click on your student's grade link below for further information on the curriculum and for resources on how to continue the conversation at home.

- **Ninth Grade**: “Overcoming Nervousness Around Public Speaking in School and Beyond”
- **Tenth Grade**: “Using Social Media to Tackle Some of Our Generation’s Biggest Challenges”
- **Eleventh Grade**: “Examining How the Brands We Support Impact the World”
- **Twelfth Grade**: “Exploring AI’s Impact on Jobs in the Age of Automation”

Sign Up Now: For-Credit Summer Geometry Class

This summer, St. Francis will be offering a for-credit geometry class for SFES students in rising grades 10–12. Register now through our Summer on the Point (SOTP) [summer camp web page](#).

- The four-week course will be held on Mondays through Thursdays from June 17 to July 18, with a break over the week of July 4 when campus is closed. Sessions will be held on Couper Campus and will run from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. daily.
- More information—including the course description and details on cost and required materials—can be found on pages 28–29 of the SOTP course catalog, [here](#).
- With registration questions, please [email Traci Callender](#).
- With class-related questions, please [email Jared Staller](#).
- **Be sure to check out our Specialty Camp offerings in the SOTP course catalog ([here](#)), as we are also offering Fine Arts summer camps geared toward Upper School students.**

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- *“A” Day*
 - *Regular Uniform*
-

Tuesday, March 26

- *“B” Day*
 - *Regular Uniform*
-

Wednesday, March 27

- *“A” Day*
- *Regular Uniform*
- *Eucharist Will Be on Thursday at Piney Point Campus*

Thursday, March 28

- *"B" Day*
- *Dress Uniform*
- *Eucharist: 10:05–11:05 a.m. at Piney Point Campus; students will be taken by bus*

Friday, March 29

- *Good Friday Holiday: No school*

Monday, April 1

- *Easter Monday Holiday: No school*

Tuesday, April 2

- *"A" Day*
- *Regular Uniform*
- *Special Schedule/Late-Start Day: 10:00 a.m.*

Wednesday, April 3

- *"B" Day*
- *Regular Uniform*
- *Upper School Chapel: 10:00–10:30 a.m. in Crum Gym*

Thursday, April 4

- *"A" Day*
 - *Regular Uniform*
-

Friday, April 5

- “B” Day
- *SFES Spirit Dress*: Wear a St. Francis Spirit shirt with full-length jeans or uniform bottoms
- *Upper School Chapel*: 10:00–10:30 a.m. in Crum Gym

Church

Contribute Toward Easter Lilies and the Music Fund

Be a part of our Easter tradition at St. Francis as we decorate the church with Easter Lilies and support the beautiful music enjoyed during Lent, Holy Week, and Easter Sunday with a donation. Dedication forms for Easter lilies and the music fund are located on the tables in the Narthex, or you may [submit the form and payment online here](#) or via the Abundant app. The suggested Easter lily donation is \$30/dedication, with a deadline of **Wednesday, March 27**.

2024 Lenten Challenge: Add Prayer + Give Alms

Each year, St. Francis puts before our parish family a Lenten Challenge designed to engage our souls and our wills. This year, parishioners and friends of St. Francis are challenged to do two things:

- **Add daily prayer to your life during Lent.** Please [click here](#) to see page 3 of our Lent and Holy Week booklet for more details about how to easily enhance your spiritual life through daily prayer.
- **Give alms to your needy homeless neighbors** by supporting Lord of the Streets Houston (LOTS Houston), an Episcopal Mission in downtown Houston.
 - Lord of the Streets is a church community that relieves suffering and restores dignity by rebuilding lives through ministries and relationships with people facing homelessness.
 - LOTS meets people’s physical needs by providing or hosting life-sustaining services (meals, showers, clothing, medical care, mental health services, a vision clinic, a mailing address, etc.), and offers faith and community to meet people’s spiritual and relational needs, as well.

Walk to Calvary Is March 29

Children, join us for an interactive journey of the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday, March 29, at noon. Families are welcome to participate with their children. Please Note: Children ages 6 and up can be dropped off while parents attend the Good Friday service in the church at noon.

Easter Sunday Celebration Is March 31

He is risen! Join us on Sunday, March 31, at 9:00 a.m. for our Family Easter Service, where we will celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. After the service, children will have an opportunity to pet and feed bunnies, and will enjoy an Easter egg hunt. (Please bring a basket!)

May 12: High School Graduate Blessing

Graduating from high school and heading off to college or other pursuits is a life-changing event. We invite all high school graduates to join us on Sunday, May 12, at 6:00 p.m. in the church for a short service of prayers and blessings to mark this momentous event.

Spring Events at St. Francis

We have so many fun events planned over the next few months!

- [Click here](#) for details on church events and volunteer opportunities in spring 2024.
- To sign up to volunteer, please [click here](#).

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 Break Until After Easter)

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

Now on Spotify: Sermons From St. Francis

St. Francis has launched [Sermons From St. Francis](#) on **Spotify**. You can listen on an Apple or Android device, on your desktop computer, or on your tablet. The Sunday sermons are available anytime you want to be inspired while on the go. No Spotify account is

necessary. [Click here](#) to start listening today!

Outreach Ministries: Opportunities to Serve

For additional information about any of the following outreach opportunities, [visit the St. Francis Episcopal Church Outreach page](#) or contact the church's Director of Outreach [Heather Burkhart](#).

- **Memorial Assistance Ministries** has an urgent plea from the pantry team. For additional information, contact the church's Director of Outreach
- **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.
- The **Fair Haven Food Pantry** needs volunteers and donations of non-perishable food.

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 special events, 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](#) 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](#).

Bible Studies at St. Francis

MEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

- Tuesdays at 7:00–8:00 a.m.
 - **Study:** Exodus
 - **Contact:** [Fr. David Price](#)
 - **Location:** La Madeleine
- Second Tuesday of Each Month at 8:00–9:30 a.m. (**The next meeting is April 9.**)
 - **Study:** The Book of Genesis (Life of Jacob)
 - **Location:** [The Corner Bakery](#) (9311 Katy Fwy.), breakfast included
 - **Contact:** [Sally Jo Flores](#)

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

- Wednesdays at 9:00–10:00 a.m.
 - **Study:** Waiting on God (**New Study Begins April 3**)
 - **Contact:** [Louise Richman](#)
 - **Location:** Via Zoom (Contact Louise for passcode.)

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

- Sundays at 10:00–11:00 a.m.
 - **Study:** Articles of Religion
 - **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.