WOLF WATCH

WEEKLY E-NEWS

News for the Week of August 17

All School

This Week's Bible Verse

Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. —1 Peter 5:7

From the Chaplains: Submit Prayer Requests via the Care and Compassion Form

Welcome to the 2025-26 school year! Whether it is exams, the loss of a pet, a big sports competition, the death of a loved one, major surgery, a marriage, or the birth of a child, we want to pray for you. Submit confidential prayer requests directly to the chaplains via the Care and Compassion button on Veracross. (Find it under “Important Links.”) There is also a section on the form to request specific tangible support for yourself or others, beyond prayer, if needed.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to one of us directly with any questions.

In Christ,

Father Wismer, Reverend Katie, and Mother Emily

From the Nurse’s Desk: Start-of-School Reminders

Welcome back to a new school year! The Nurse’s Clinic is excited to see all our students and support them in having a healthy, successful year. Please note the following:

- As a reminder, all students’ Magnus Health files must be completed, and all required documents must be submitted before the first day of school.

- Medication drop-off continues this Monday and Tuesday from 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Please ensure all medications are brought to the clinic by the first day of school, in their original packaging and not expired.

If you have any questions, please contact the nurse for your child's division:

- **Primary School:** Contact Abigayle Harrington via **email** or at 713-458-6167.
- **Lower School and Middle School:** **Email Fay Gant** or **Anna Klauer**, or reach them at 713-458-6128.
- **Upper School:** Contact Madeleine Tiemann via **email** or at 713-458-6445.

Thank you for helping us keep your children safe and well!

Tomorrow Only! Snag Incredible Deals at the Uniform Resale Pop-up Sale

Come shop gently used uniforms at unbeatable prices tomorrow—Monday, August 18—from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Gay Foyer on Piney Point Campus.

- The 2025–26 school year will be the final year students may wear DENNIS Uniform items, so all remaining DENNIS inventory is now just $5 per item.
- Limited inventory of FlynnO'Hara Uniforms will also be available at regular resale prices.
- As an extra bonus, we'll also have the last of our 2024–25 Spirit Store T-shirts—brand new and unworn—for only $5 each.
- For questions, **email SFPO Uniform Resale Lead Alison Meyer**.

SFPO Volunteer Kickoff Coffee and Spirit Wear Sale Is August 27

Join the St. Francis Parents Organization (SFPO) for the SFPO Volunteer Kickoff Coffee and Spirit Wear Sale on Wednesday, August 27, from 8:15 to 10:15 a.m. in the Fine Arts Center.

- Representatives from the SFPO and other St. Francis volunteer organizations will be there to answer any questions you have about getting involved as a volunteer at SFE.
- We'll also be launching **brand-new Spirit Wear styles** for the 2025–26 school year. Come browse the latest gear to show your Wolf pride!
- With any questions, **email SFPO President Courtney Schilling**.

Order Your Custom SFE Dads' Club Poncho Shirt by August 29

Show your Wolf pride with a custom SFE Dads' Club Poncho shirt! These special-offer Poncho The Del Mar men's shirts have "SFE Dads' Club" embroidered on the left sleeve.

- **Please Note:** These shirts are custom and therefore FINAL SALE. Please refer to the size chart on the ordering page before placing your order.
- **Order your shirt by Friday, August 29.**
- For questions, please **email Dads' Club Chair Stedman Grigsby**.

Primary School

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, August 18

- *Primary School Meet the Teacher:* 4:00–6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, August 20

- *First Day of School*
- *Kisses and Coffee for Pre-Primary:* 8:30–9:30 a.m.

Tuesday, August 26

- *Primary II Chapel (Students Only)*

Wednesday, August 27

- *Primary I Chapel (Students Only)*

Lower School

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, August 18

- *Lower School Meet the Teacher:* In classrooms
  - *M–Z:* 1:00-2:30 p.m.
  - *A–L:* 2:30–4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, August 20

- *First Day of School*
- *Lower School Semester 1 Begins*

Thursday, August 21

- *Lower School Chapel:* 8:20–8:50 a.m.

Monday, August 25

- *Lower School Chapel:* 8:20–8:50 a.m.

Thursday, August 28

- *Lower School Opening Eucharist Chapel:* 8:20–8:50 a.m.

Middle School

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, August 18

- *WEB Orientation: 8:00-10:00 a.m. in the Piney Point Gym*
- *Fifth Grade Laptop Distribution: 10:00-11:30 a.m. in the FAC*
- *Fifth Grade Parent Orientation: 10:00-11:30 a.m. in the Hogan Board Room*
- *Fifth Grade Meet the Teacher and Locker Setup (Students and Parents): 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in the MS hallway*
- *New Student Sixth, Seventh, and Eighth Grade Laptop Distribution: 8:30-10:00 a.m. in the FAC*
- *New Sixth–Eighth Grade Student Orientation: 10:00-11:30 a.m. in Science Room 104*
- *New Sixth–Eighth Grade Parent Orientation: 10:00-11:30 a.m. in the Library*
- *New Sixth, Seventh, and Eighth Grade Student Meet the Teacher & Locker Setup: 11:30 a.m. -12:15 p.m. in the MS hallway*

- *Returning Sixth, Seventh, and Eighth Grade Student Meet the Teacher & Locker Setup:*
    - *Last names M-Z from 1:00-2:30 p.m. in the MS hallway*
    - *Last names A-L from 2:30-4:00 p.m. in the MS hallway*

Wednesday, August 20

- *"A" Day*
- *Regular Uniform*
- *First Day of School*

Thursday, August 21

- *"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, August 22

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

Monday, August 25

- *"B" Day*
- ***Dress Uniform***
- *Middle School Chapel:* 9:55–10:20 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary
- *Eighth Grade Departs for Pali:* Students should arrive to SFE at 7:00 a.m.

Tuesday, August 26

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

Wednesday, August 27

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

Thursday, August 28

- *"A" Day*
- *Regular Uniform*
- *Eighth Grade Returns From Pali*

Friday, August 29

- *"B" Day*
- *Regular Uniform or St. Francis Spirit Shirt and Jeans*
- *No Classes for Eighth-Grade Students and Teachers*

Upper School

Wednesday: Bible Study on the Monumental Steps

Join Mother Hylden for Bible study and baked goods on the Monumental Steps at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday.

Thursday: Lunch with Mother Hylden

Thursday at lunchtime, swing by and grab a cookie from Mother Hylden, and talk about the heart of your summer!

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, August 18

- *Parent of New Student Orientation:* 8:30–10:30 a.m. in Crum Gym
- *New Student Orientation:* 8:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m. in Crum Gym
- *Upper School Student Orientation:* 12:00–3:30 p.m. in Crum Gym

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Tuesday, August 19

- *Senior Paint the Parking Lot:* 6:45 a.m. in the Senior Lot

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Wednesday, August 20

- *First Day of School*
- *A Day*
- *Regular Uniform*
- *Regular Class Schedule*
- *Senior Sunrise:* 6:30 a.m. on Crum Turf Field

Thursday, August 21

- *B Day*
- *Regular Uniform*
- *Regular Class Schedule*
- *Upper School Senior College Parent Night (Virtual Meeting):* 7:00–8:00 p.m.

Friday, August 22

- *A Day*
- *St. Francis Spirit Wear:* St. Francis Spirit Wear tops with full-length blue jeans or St. Francis uniform bottoms; St. Francis sweats
- *Regular Class Schedule*

Saturday, August 23

- *Freshman Retreat:* 6:30 a.m.–10:45 p.m. at Camp Cho-Yeh

Church

Join Us Each Sunday for Worship and Family-Focused Events

- **Sunday Family Worship Service:** 9:00 a.m. in the church
- **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 and Donuts:** Every Sunday at 10:00 a.m. (after the 9:00 a.m. Family Worship Service), get a cup of coffee and enjoy a time of fellowship.
- **Lighthouse Children's Art:** 10:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall
- **Holy Eucharist Rite II Traditional Service With Choral Music:** 11:00 a.m.
- **Holy Eucharist Rite I Service:** 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. in the St. Clare Chapel

Notes for Next Sunday, August 24

FAMILY BLESSING FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR
Family Blessings will be given next Sunday, August 24, at the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services. Our vision is for the families of St. Francis to desire and engage in a daily relationship with God. Be a part of this family blessing and make a commitment to modeling the Christian faith this school year in your homes with your children.

FAMILY MINISTRY FALL KICKOFF
Next Sunday, August 24, at 10:00 a.m., come learn about all we have planned this fall for the families of our church! We will have special activities for families with toddlers and elementary school–aged children, including live animals, crafts, and special snacks.

FAMILY BACK-TO-SCHOOL BINGO BASH
Join us at 5:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall for an evening of bingo! We will have pizza and plenty of prizes. For our younger bingo players, we will also offer dot art, playdough, and a puppet theater. Please respond to your Evite. $10/person.

Women's Bible Study Returns on August 27

Beginning August 27, women of all ages and life stages are invited to join us for a Bible study on the Parables of Jesus. The study will be held on Wednesdays from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall. We'll kick off at 9:30 a.m. with fellowship and a speaker, followed at 10:00 a.m. by small-group discussion and prayer. For more information or to sign up, **email Allison Devlin**.

Wednesday Evenings Return Beginning September 3

On Wednesday evenings beginning September 3, join Father Price for dinner and

discussion centered on “Keeping the Fire Alive.” We’ll celebrate Holy Eucharist at 6:00 p.m., then enjoy dinner prepared by our wonderful Chef Alfredo. Father Price will offer a program with video presentations from Albert Haase, OFM—a course on navigating challenges in the Christian spiritual life. This engaging Franciscan friar offers helpful direction on spirituality, and we will discuss the material in our dinner-table groups.

Adult Formation Classes With Father Bates Starts September 7

Beginning September 7, Father Bates will lead six interactive Adult Formation classes. Classes will meet in the church library at 10:10 a.m. on the following Sundays: September 7, October 26, November 2, December 7, and January 11 and 18. Open to all adults who have a desire to deepen their understanding and practice of their Christian faith, these classes are required for adults being confirmed on Sunday, February 22, at the 9:00 a.m. service. For more information and to sign up, **email Sally Jo Flores**.

Sunday Morning Study on Grief and Healing

Sunday mornings in September, join Father Price for A Look at Loss: Tools for Grieving & Healing, with class content drawn from the book *Navigating Intense Grief: How to Recover From a Devastating Loss* by Emily Vandenberg. The study will be held 10:10–10:50 a.m. on September 7, 14, 21, and 28 in Room CH115. These four Sunday morning sessions will help you gain a deeper understanding of the stages of grief, and explore practical self-care techniques for physical and emotional well-being.

First Communion Classes Start September 7

Children in second grade and up are invited to participate in First Communion Classes to prepare for receiving the Holy Eucharist.

- Beginning September 7, students will attend First Communion Classes on Sundays after the 9:00 a.m. service in Room CE206. There will also be one Saturday class for families.
- Class dates are Sunday, September 7; Sunday, September 14; Sunday, September 21; Sunday, September 28; and Saturday, November 1 (Family Session and Class Service Project at 10:00 a.m.). First Communion Sunday is on November 2 at 9:00 a.m.
- For more information or to sign up, **email Allison Devlin**.

Feast of St. Francis: 75th Anniversary Family Celebration Is October 5

On Sunday, October 5, join us for one service at 10:00 a.m., followed by a celebration from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. We will rejoice in our fantastic community with food (both inside the Parish Hall and outside on the grassy lawn), plus lots of activities for families,

including carnival games, miniature golf, a bouncy house, a petting zoo, face painting, balloon art, kid-friendly hamburgers and hot dogs, and a DonutNV food truck.

12-Step Recovery Program at St. Francis

If you, a family member, or a friend have a problem with alcohol, help is available. Please come join one of the 12-step recovery programs being offered at St. Francis on Sundays at 5:00 p.m.

- Alcoholics Anonymous meetings are held weekly in Room CH207, upstairs in the Parish Hall building. For more information, please **email Joanie McLeod**.
- The Al-Anon Family Group meets weekly in Room CH211, upstairs in the Parish Hall.

All meeting rooms are ADA-accessible. Park in the north parking lot and come in through the Parish Hall doors.

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 **baby wipes, tissues, size 6 diapers, dish soap,** and **spray cleaner**.
- **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.

Now on Spotify: Sermons From St. Francis

Sermons From St. Francis are now 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!

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 on the **St. Francis Episcopal Church home page** by clicking on "Prayer & Worship" at the top left of the website, then clicking on the “Prayer Requests” link in the dropdown menu.

Bible Studies at St. Francis

MEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

- Tuesdays at 7:00–8:00 a.m.
  - **Study:** Acts of the Apostles
  - **Location:** La Madeleine (Except on second Tuesday of each month, when group meets in St. Francis Church Parish Hall)
  - **Contact: Fr. David Price**
- Men’s Fellowship Breakfast and Study: Second Tuesday of Each Month at 8:00–9:30 a.m.
  - **Study:** Resumes September 9, 2025
  - **Location:** St. Francis Church Parish Hall
  - **Contact: Sally Jo Flores**

WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY

- Wednesdays from 9:30–11:00 a.m.
  - **Study:** Resumes August 27, 2025
  - **Location**: St. Francis Church Parish Hall
  - **Contact: Allison Devlin**

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

- Sundays at 10:00–11:00 a.m.
  - **Study:** Resumes September 7, 2025
  - **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**. Scroll down to the “Watch Our Live Stream” section. Either the 9:00 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. service will be available.