# WOLF WATCH

WEEKLY E-NEWS

## News for the Week of August 24

## All School

### This Week's Bible Verse

*All who lift themselves up will be brought low, and those who make themselves low will be lifted up.* —Luke 14:11 CEB

### Submit Prayer Requests via the Care and Compassion Form

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.

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Carpool Safety and Security

Thank you for your patience during our first week of carpool! With so many visitors driving on campus, safety and security are especially important. Please help us with the following:

- **Review Dismissal Times:** Review your child(ren)'s division and athletics dismissal times as provided to you by division or team. Please do **NOT** arrive before your child(ren)' designated dismissal times to allow carpool to run smoothly as the afternoon progresses.
- **Replace Security Decal:** Please make sure you remove the square '24–'25 security decal from your vehicle and replace it with the circle '25–'26 security decal. It should go in the lower driver's side corner of your windshield near your registration sticker.
    - If you registered for a decal by 11:59 p.m. on Friday, August 15 (before Meet the Teacher and Orientations), and have **NOT** yet received it, please contact your child(ren)'s division office manager.
    - For those who registered your vehicle from Saturday, August 16, through this weekend, thank you for your patience as our office managers verify

that the registered driver is authorized to pick up on campus. Those decals will be available at the location you selected on the form beginning on Wednesday, August 27. (Note: You can add an authorized pickup person on your Parent Portal under Household Profile. This is the information office managers are looking for before they will issue the decal.)

## Concessions Are Cashless This Year

Concessions this year will be cashless at both campuses. Credit cards and Apple Pay will be accepted. See you at the games, and go Wolves!

## Booster Club First General Meeting Is September 5

The Booster Club will have its first general meeting of the school year on Friday, September 5, at 8:30 a.m. in the Hogan Board Room (HBR) on Piney Point Campus. Come see what's going on in Booster Club, and learn more about how to get involved!

## September 6: People for Others Service Opportunity

Join us for a People for Others service opportunity on Saturday, September 6, from 8:00 a.m. to noon in the People Place (Piney Point Campus). **Click here to let us know you are coming!**

- All are invited—students, parents, faculty, and staff—as we create heartfelt tokens of appreciation for local first responders. We'll craft thank-you cards and make pace count beads fashioned after Anglican prayer beads to deliver to local firefighters, police officers, and EMTs. No special skills required—just bring your willing heart and hands!
- This morning's event brings our school family together while honoring those who dedicate their lives to keeping our community safe and thriving. We will work alongside one another, strengthening bonds while living out our "People for Others" mission.
- Light refreshments will be provided.

Come serve with purpose. Come be People for Others.

## The FEST Is Yet to Come!

Join us for the **St. Francis Festival** on **Sunday, October 19, from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m.** More details coming soon—mark your calendars!

## Wednesday: SFPO Volunteer Kickoff Coffee and Spirit Wear Sale

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

- Representatives from the SFPO, Gala, Festival, Booster Club, Friends of Fine Arts, Library, and more will be there to answer questions and help you get signed up!
- This is your chance to snag brand-new Spirit Wear styles for the 2025–26 school year!
- With any questions, **email SFPO President Courtney Schilling**.

## SFE Dads' Club: First General Meeting Is September 3

Join us for our first **Dads' Club meeting** of the year on **Wednesday, September 3, at 8:00 a.m. in the Hogan Board Room on Piney Point Campus**.

Grab a breakfast taco and hear all about the ways Dads' Club can support St. Francis this school year. Can't make it on the 3rd, but want to stay in the loop? **Click here** to provide your info and get updates on Dads' Club events and volunteer needs.

## MORE UPCOMING DATES

- **Friday, August 29:** Orders for custom Dads' Club Poncho shirts close. All orders are final sale. **Click here to order.**
- **Friday, September 5:** Volunteers needed to cook burgers and hotdogs for the Upper School Volleyball and Football games. Please **email Dads' Club Chair Stedman Grigsby** for more information.

## Helpful Primary School Carpool Reminders

We had a great first three days of school and look forward to our first full week! Here are a few helpful reminders to help carpool run smoothly:

- If you have children in Pre-Primary **and** Primary I or II, you will drop them off and pick them up at the Pre-Primary Cottage daily, even if your Pre-Primary student only attends school three days a week.
- Have your child remain buckled in their car seat until your car is ready to be unloaded. Our campus traffic flow is constant in the mornings, and our students' safety is our top priority.
- Remain in your vehicle during drop-off and pickup. Our faculty members will unload and load the children.

- If you arrive on campus after 8:15 a.m., you will be directed to pull up in front of the Primary School Office and walk your child in the front door.

**Don't Miss Out! Sign Up for After-School Enrichment** There's still time to join our after-school enrichment program! We offer a variety of engaging classes for Primary and Lower School students—**click here to view the list of classes with available space**. For details or help choosing a class, please **email the Explore and Extend Office**.

**REGISTRATION, CHANGES, AND REFUND DEADLINES**

- **Full Refund:** Register or drop by Tuesday, September 2.
- **80% Refund:** Register or drop by Monday, September 15.
- **50% Refund:** Register or drop by Friday, September 19.
- **After Friday, September 19:** No cancellations, class swaps, or refunds

**READY TO ENROLL?**
To register for Explore and Extend After-School Enrichment Classes, **visit the registration portal** or **email the Explore and Extend Office** for assistance.

## Primary School

### Mark Your Calendar

**Tuesday, August 26**

- *Chapel:* Students only

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**Monday, September 1**

- *Labor Day Holiday:* No school

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**Tuesday, September 2**

- *Chapel:* 9:30 a.m.; Primary II parents are invited to attend

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**Wednesday, September 3**

- *Dads' Club Breakfast Meeting:* 8:00 a.m. in the Hogan Board Room (HBR) on Piney Point Campus
- *Chapel:* 9:30 a.m.; Primary I parents are invited to attend

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**Friday, September 5**

- *Booster Club General Meeting:* 8:30 a.m. in the Hogan Board Room (HBR) on Piney Point Campus

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**Saturday, September 6**

- *People for Others Service Opportunity:* 8:00 a.m.–noon in the People Place on Piney Point Campus

# Lower School

### Use 2025–26 Afternoon Carpool Hangtags for Piney Point Campus

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### Register Now: Varsity Cheer Clinic for K–4

The St. Francis Varsity Cheer Clinic will be held on Saturday, September 6, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. in the Crum Gym on Couper Campus. Students in kindergarten through fourth grade will learn how to cheer just like a member of the Varsity Cheer team!

- The squad will teach participants a chant, a dance, and everything else they need to know to cheer on our Wolves.
- Those who attend the clinic will participate in a performance between the JV and Varsity Volleyball games on Tuesday, September 9.
- **Click here to register.** The $100 registration fee includes a T-shirt and a snack.

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## Digital Wellness Series Kicks Off September 23

St. Francis Episcopal School is excited to announce our 2025–26 Digital Wellness series featuring parent coffee discussions led by experts in digital wellness, online safety, and creating positive online communities. Join us to learn valuable strategies for navigating the digital landscape safely and for helping our children build online habits that support well-being and academic success.

**JOIN DR. CRYSTAL COLLIER ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, AT 8:30 A.M.**

On Tuesday, September 23, at 8:30 a.m., join us at St. Francis to learn about the impact of technology on child brain development from Dr. Crystal Collier, a licensed therapist and educator, and the author of *The NeuroWhereAbouts Guide* and *Know Your Neuro: Adventures of a Growing Brain*. Later in the day, Dr. Collier will present to students in grades 4–8 to help them understand their own choices with technology. **Click here to register for this event.**

## Mark Your Calendar

**Monday, August 25**

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

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**Wednesday, August 27**

- *SFPO Volunteer Kickoff Coffee and Spirit Wear Sale:* 8:15–10:15 a.m. in the Fine Arts Center (FAC)

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**Thursday, August 28**

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

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**Friday, August 29**

- *Last Day to Order Dads' Club Poncho Shirts:* All orders are final sale; **click here to order**

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**Monday, September 1**

- *Labor Day Holiday:* No school

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**Wednesday, September 3**

- *Dads' Club Breakfast Meeting:* 8:00 a.m. in the Hogan Board Room (HBR) on Piney Point Campus

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**Thursday, September 4**

- *LS Chapel:* 8:20–8:50 a.m.
- *LS Parent Information Night:* 6:00–7:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center (FAC)

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**Friday, September 5**

- *Booster Club General Meeting:* 8:30 a.m. in the Hogan Board Room (HBR) on Piney Point Campus

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**Saturday, September 6**

- *People for Others Service Opportunity:* 8:00 a.m.–noon in the People Place on Piney Point Campus
- *Varsity Cheer Clinic for Grades K–4:* 9:00–11:00 a.m.; **click here to register**

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**Tuesday, September 23**

- *Digital Wellness Series—Parent Coffee With Dr. Crystal Collier:* 8:30–9:30 a.m.

# Middle School

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## Updated Athletics Dismissal Times for Piney Point Campus

Pickup times for the Piney Point Campus have been adjusted as follows to alleviate long car lines at dismissal. Please do **NOT** arrive before your child's practice dismissal time. This disrupts the previous sports' dismissal and you will be asked to exit the parking lot and return at your designated time. Thank you for your patience and cooperation.

- **4:00 p.m.:** Coed Cross-Country
- **4:15 p.m.:** Boys and Girls Volleyball
- **4:30 p.m.:** Boys Football

The pickup time for students who practice at Couper Campus remains the same. It is extremely important that you do **NOT** arrive before 4:15 p.m. so that Primary and Upper School carpool can clear out of campus. This will alleviate long lines.

- **4:15 p.m.:** Eighth-grade Girls Volleyball, Seventh/Eighth Gray Girls Volleyball, all Boys Volleyball, all Middle School Field Hockey

## Table Talk With the Chaplain: Join Mtr. Hylden on Tuesday for MS Parent Connection

This **Tuesday, August 26, from 8:05 to 8:50 a.m. in the Hogan Board Room** (HBR), join Mtr. Emily Hylden, our eighth-grade religion teacher and one of our chaplains, for an intimate morning of connection and conversation. Bring your parenting concerns, celebrations, and questions about navigating this unique Middle School (MS) season. Together, we'll share collective wisdom, offer prayers, and explore the joys and challenges of MS parenting through a spiritual lens. This is your space to connect with other MS parents while gaining insight and encouragement for the journey ahead. Coffee, community, and spiritual care—all before 9:00 a.m.

## MS Parent Information Night Is September 2

You are invited to attend our **Middle School (MS) Parent Information Night on Tuesday, September 2, from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.**

- We begin the evening in the Fine Arts Center (FAC).
- From there, you will head off on an adventure to meet your students' teachers. You will follow their schedules, which will take you all the way from the science labs near the gym to the Spanish and math classrooms on the second floor and down to the Villas for history and English.
- The campus is big, so please wear comfortable shoes.

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## Note About Community Service Hours

St. Francis Episcopal School recognizes and celebrates students who involve themselves in helping others.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE HOUR MINIMUMS**

During the 2025–26 school year, students in each grade level are required to participate in completing a minimum number of service hours, as follows:

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

**ACHIEVEMENT CERTIFICATES**

At the Recognition and Awards Ceremony in the spring, students in any grade level who have gone above and beyond the minimum requirements 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" over the course of their Middle School (MS) career at St. Francis.

**HOW TO SUBMIT COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS** **To submit your service hours, complete this Community Service Hours Request Form, and drop it off in the box outside the MS Chaplain's Office.** The deadline to submit community service hours for the 2025–26 school year is Friday, May 1, 2026.

**COMING SOON: NEW ONLINE SYSTEM** We will be introducing a new online system this year. Be on the lookout for more information in future *Wolf Watch* newsletters.

## Mark Your Calendar

### Monday, August 25

- *Grades 5–7:*
  - "B" Day
  - **Dress Uniform**
  - Middle School (MS) Chapel: 9:55–10:20 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary
- *Grade 8 Departs for Pali:* Eighth-grade students should arrive at 7:00 a.m.

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### Tuesday, August 26

- *"A" Day*
- *Regular Uniform*
- *Table Talk With Mtr. Hylden—MS Parent Connection:* 8:05–8:50 a.m. in the Hogan Board Room (HBR) on Piney Point Campus

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### Wednesday, August 27

- *"B" Day*
- *Regular Uniform*
- *SFPO Volunteer Kickoff Coffee and Spirit Wear Sale:* 8:15–10:15 a.m. in the Fine Arts Center (FAC)

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**Thursday, August 28**

- *“A” Day*
- *Regular Uniform*
- *Grade 8 Returns From Pali*

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**Friday, August 29**

- *“B” Day*
- *Regular Uniform or St. Francis Spirit Shirt and Jeans/Uniform Bottoms*
- *No Classes for Eighth-Grade Students and Teachers*
- *Last Day to Order Dads’ Club Poncho Shirts:* All orders are final sale; **click here to order**

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**Monday, September 1**

- *Labor Day Holiday:* No school

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**Tuesday, September 2**

- *“A” Day*
- *Regular Uniform*
- *MS Parent Information Night:* 6:00–7:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center (FAC)

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**Wednesday, September 3**

- *“B” Day*
- *Regular Uniform*
- *Dads' Club Breakfast Meeting:* 8:00 a.m. in the Hogan Board Room (HBR) on Piney Point Campus

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**Thursday, September 4**

- *"A" Day (Special Schedule)*
- ***Full Dress Uniform for Opening Eucharist***

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**Friday, September 5**

- *"B" Day*
- *Regular Uniform or St. Francis Spirit Shirt and Jeans/Uniform Bottoms*
- *Booster Club General Meeting:* 8:30 a.m. in the Hogan Board Room (HBR) on Piney Point Campus

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## Upper School

### Afternoon Carpool Updates

To aid in the quick collection of your student and reduce your wait time, we will be utilizing the following procedure:

- The first few cars will be queued in front of the SLC. After those cars in front of the SLC are in place, we will cone off that area. Once the cones are in place, all other vehicles will follow the inside red fire lane (the lane closest to the SLC) with your front left tire around the back of the SLC. The first car in this line should pull up as far as possible to the front of the SLC.
- There are only two lanes around the SLC. The left lane is for the pick up line and the right lane is for moving through traffic only. We will have cones to separate

the two lanes. If your student gets to your car and the car in front of you has not moved, we ask that you use your signal indicator and carefully exit into the right lane, around the lane dividing cones.

- When picking up your student, please do not arrive on campus before 3:45 p.m. As a reminder, our Upper School is an open campus with security at the front gate every day until 6:00 p.m. To lessen your wait time, if you would like to pick up your student at 4:15 p.m. or later, please feel free to do so. This can help you avoid the 3:50 p.m. rush.

## Apply to Join the Spiritual Life Council

As a Spiritual Life Council leader, you will have the experience needed to succeed in your future endeavors—we organize and plan Chapel services; create and sponsor spiritual events (Bible studies, a Prayer and Meditation Space on campus, and Spiritual Conversations events); and support the spiritual growth of all students in the Upper School. See Mtr. Hylden for an application to join the Spiritual Life Council.

## Tomorrow: Wrestling Informational Meeting for Parents/Students

Coach Lopez invites parents and students to a brief meeting tomorrow—Monday, August 25—at 7:00 p.m. in the Fishbowl on the second floor of Crum Gym.

## This Thursday: Free Dress Day

This Thursday, August 28, freshmen and seniors will participate in our Big/Little Program. This is where freshmen are paired with a senior to do fun activities, enjoy games, and have lunch together. The freshmen and seniors will also create an appropriate themed dress day for this event.

Sophomores and juniors have a free dress day and must adhere to the information below.

- Please wear school-appropriate attire: no crop tops, short shorts, or tank tops.
- If you wear yoga pants, your T-shirt should cover your bottom.
- No house shoes (slippers) or flip flops.
- No athletic shorts.

Please remember we are setting the tone for future free dress days! If your outfit is distracting, you will be asked to sit in Coach Baber's office until your parent(s) can bring your regular school uniform.

## US Parent Information Night Is September 3

Upper School (US) Parent Information Night is **Wednesday, September 3, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the Crum Gym and Student Life Center** on Couper Campus.

## First US Varsity Football Home Game Is September 5

The first Upper School (US) Varsity Football home game of the season will be **Friday, September 5, at 7:30 p.m. on Couper Turf Field**, when the Wolves will take on the Austin Crusaders.

- The theme is "USA/American Out." Show your spirit by dressing in red, white, and blue. **(Theme dress at game only.)**
- This game will be played in honor of the St. Francis faculty, staff, and admin.

Come out and show your support for the Wolf Pack!

## Order Homecoming Mums/Garters by September 12

Show your support for the Wolves at the big Homecoming game with a custom mum or garter! Mums ($100) and garters ($75) can be personalized with a student's name, year, and/or art or sport.

- What are mums and garters? Who are they for? **Click here for FAQs and photos.**
- To order, **click here** or **visit the NEW Online Store** on the Parent Portal.
- Sales close Friday, September 12.
- All mums and garters will be delivered to students the week of Homecoming.
- Questions? **Email Ashley Grigsby.**

## Tuesday Mornings: Bible Study on the Monumental Steps

Tuesday mornings at 7:45 a.m., join Mtr. Hylden for study and conversation about Scripture and applying God's Word to our lives.

## Mark Your Calendar

**Monday, August 25**

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

- *Wrestling Informational Meeting for Parents/Students:* 7:00 p.m. in the Fishbowl on the second floor of Crum Gym

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**Tuesday, August 26**

- *"A" Day*
- *Regular Uniform*
- *Student Bible Study With Mtr. Hylden:* 7:45 a.m. on the Monumental Steps
- *Chapel:* 10:00–10:30 a.m. in Crum Gym

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**Wednesday, August 27**

- *"B" Day*
- *Regular Uniform*
- *SFPO Volunteer Kickoff Coffee and Spirit Wear Sale:* 8:15–10:15 a.m. in the Fine Arts Center (FAC)

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**Thursday, August 28**

- *"A" Day*
- *Free Dress Day*

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**Friday, August 29**

- *"B" Day*
- *Dress Uniform Day*
- *Special Class Schedule*
- *Opening Eucharist:* 10:00–10:40 a.m. in Crum Gym
- *Last Day to Order Dads' Club Poncho Shirts:* All orders are final sale; **click here to order**

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**Tuesday, September 2**

- *Student Bible Study With Mtr. Hylden:* 7:45 a.m. on the Monumental Steps

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**Wednesday, September 3**

- *Dads' Club Breakfast Meeting:* 8:00 a.m. in the Hogan Board Room (HBR) on Piney Point Campus
- *US Parent Information Night:* 6:30–8:00 p.m. in the Crum Gym and Student Life Center

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**Friday, September 5**

- *Booster Club General Meeting:* 8:30 a.m. in the Hogan Board Room (HBR) on Piney Point Campus
- *Dads' Club Needs Volunteer Cooks for US Volleyball and Football Games:* **Email Dads' Club Chair Stedman Grigsby** for more information.

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**Saturday, September 6**

- *People for Others Service Opportunity:* 8:00 a.m.–noon in the People Place on Piney Point Campus

## 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

## Tonight: Family Back-to-School Bingo Bash

Join us at 5:30 p.m. tonight—August 24—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 Wednesday

Beginning this Wednesday, 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.

## Houston Chamber Choir Concert Is October 24

Save the date! Plan to join us on Friday, October 24, at 7:30 p.m. for a Houston Chamber Choir concert at St. Francis Episcopal Church.

## 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.