WOLF WATCH

WEEKLY E-NEWS

News for the Week of August 31

All School

This Week's Bible Verse

The Lord gives wisdom; from His mouth come knowledge and understanding. — Proverbs 2:6

Prayer and Other Support

Use the **Care and Compassion Support Request form** to submit confidential prayer requests directly to the chaplains. There is also a section on the form to request specific tangible support for yourself or others, beyond prayer, if needed.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Security Decals

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 **email Kristal St. Clair** and she will make sure you are authorized to pick up on campus and direct you on where to pick up your decal.
- For those who registered your vehicle from Saturday, August 16, through this weekend, thank you for your patience as we verify that the registered driver is authorized to pick up on campus. (Note: You can add an authorized pickup person on your Parent Portal under Household Profile. This is the information the school is looking for before we will issue the decal.)
- To pick up your decal, please visit the Primary School Office or Upper School Office on Couper Campus or front desk security on Piney Point Campus. Please note that decals will NOT be sent home in students' backpacks/bags. **Email Kristal St. Clair** with any questions.

Admissions Is on the Hunt for New Wolves!

The Admissions Office is ready to begin receiving new student applications for the 2025–26 school year.

- Admissions tours are starting soon—please spread the word to your friends, neighbors, and coworkers!
- **View tour dates here.**
- Current families with an additional student applying do not need to attend an Admissions tour, but are welcome to do so.

Save the Date: Homecoming 2025 Is September 26

Mark your calendars to come cheer on our Wolves during Homecoming week! The big Homecoming game and celebration is on Friday, September 26, as the Wolves take on the Village School at 7:00 p.m. **View complete game schedules for the week of September 22 in Veracross.**

All Middle School and Upper School teams playing during Homecoming week will be celebrated. Stay tuned for more details coming soon about Homecoming festivities!

Friday: Booster Club's First General Meeting

The Booster Club will have its first general meeting of the school year this Friday, September 5, at 8:30 a.m. in the Hogan Board Room (HBR) on Piney Point Campus. Homecoming is around the corner, and we'll need lots of hands to make HOCO25 a success. Come see what's going on in Booster Club, and learn how to get involved!

Dads' Club: Location Change for Meeting + Volunteers Needed

Join us for our first Dads' Club meeting of the year this **Wednesday, September 3, at 8:15 a.m. in the Black Box Theatre on Couper Campus**.

- **Stay in the Loop:** **Sign up for updates** on Dads' Club events and volunteer needs.
- **Volunteers Needed:** We need volunteers this Friday, September 5, to flip burgers and hot dogs for the Upper School Volleyball and Football games. Shifts begin at 4:30 p.m. Please **email Dads' Club Chair Stedman Grigsby** to volunteer.

Primary School

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—**view the list of classes**

with available space, as well as canceled classes. 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.

AFTER-SCHOOL ENRICHMENT INFORMATION

After-School Enrichment Classes begin this Tuesday, September 2, and run through Monday, December 8. Please take a moment to check your email for updates on any canceled classes.

- Enrichment carpool will be conducted from the Primary I Cottage from 3:15 to 3:30 p.m.
- After 3:30 p.m., students will be escorted to Explore and Extend After-School Care in the Primary II Cottage, where they will be charged a drop-in fee.

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, September 1

- *Labor Day Holiday:* No school

Tuesday, September 2

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

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Wednesday, September 3

- *Dads' Club Breakfast Meeting:* 8:15 a.m. in the Black Box Theatre on Couper Campus
- *PS 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; **please let us know you will attend**

Monday, September 8

- *Open Library:* 3:15 p.m.

Tuesday, September 9

- *PS Chapel:* 9:30 a.m.; Primary II parents are invited to attend
- *Pre-Primary Parent Information Night:* 6:30 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room and classrooms

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Wednesday, September 10

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

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Thursday, September 11

- *Primary I and II Parent Information Night:* 6:30 p.m. in classrooms

Lower School

Carpool Reminders

MORNING DROP-OFF REMINDERS

- Early Bird Drop-off begins at 7:00 a.m. Students should not be dropped off prior to this time, as there is no staff supervision for students until 7:00 a.m.
- As previously announced, the Lower School start time changed to 8:00 a.m. this year. Please plan your morning drop-off routine to ensure that your student is in the building by this time.

JOYFUL SOUNDS CARPOOL PICKUP

- Carpool pickup for Joyful Sounds Choir members begins at 3:50 p.m.

Use 2025–26 Afternoon Carpool Hangtags for Piney Point Campus

If you have a Lower and/or Middle School student and have not received your 2025–26 afternoon carpool hangtags, please contact your child(ren)'s division office manager. Please note that you must use the hangtag provided for this school year. Many families' numbers have changed, so if you are a returning family, please do not use the hangtag from last year.

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**.

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AFTER-SCHOOL ENRICHMENT INFORMATION

After-School Enrichment Classes begin this Tuesday, September 2, and run through

Monday, December 8. Please take a moment to check your email for updates on any canceled classes.

- Enrichment carpool will be conducted from the Dining Hall from 4:00 to 4:15 p.m. and from 5:00 to 5:15 p.m. Carpool for Woodworking students will be conducted from the Explore and Extend building.
- After your child's carpool ends, students will be escorted to the Explore and Extend building, where they will be charged a drop-in fee.

New After-School Enrichment Classes for Third and Fourth Graders

- **Class:** Empowering Academic Independence (Grades 3 & 4)
- **Meets:** Twice a week on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 3:45–4:45 p.m.
- **Instructors:** Academic Independence instructors
- **Cost:** $1,000 (Please note that the price of the class includes both days of the week that students will attend.)
- **Dates:** September 2–December 4
- **Pickup Location:** Piney Point Campus Dining Hall
- **How to Register:** **Register in the Explore and Extend Registration Portal.**

Students will join this class twice a week to build the skills and confidence they need to succeed. On Tuesdays, students will dive into a focused executive-functioning lesson, building habits that support organization, time-management skills, and study skills. On Thursdays, they'll meet for a supportive Study Lounge, where they can apply new strategies while getting real work done. Through fun, hands-on activities, students will learn how to become self-regulated learners—a process that empowers them to use effective strategies, manage their learning, and reach their personal best across all subjects.

Cub Scouts Kickoff Meeting Is September 14

Calling all Lower School students: Cub Scout Pack 1703 invites YOU to be part of a year full of fun, friendship, and adventure! Our kickoff meeting will be held Sunday, September 14, at 3:00 p.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Parish Hall on Piney Point Campus. The kickoff meeting will feature a live predator bird demonstration by Birds of Prey and delicious ice cream. Whether you love the outdoors, creating things, helping others, or just having fun, Cub Scout Pack 1703 has something for you!

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, September 1

- *Labor Day Holiday:* No school

Wednesday, September 3

- *Dads' Club Breakfast Meeting:* 8:15 a.m. in the Black Box Theatre on Couper 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)

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; **please let us know you will attend**

Monday, September 8

- *LS Chapel:* 8:20–8:50 a.m.

Thursday, September 11

- *LS Leadership Induction Chapel (Fourth-Grade Parents Only):* 8:20–9:00 a.m. in the FAC

Sunday, September 14

- *Cub Scout Pack 1703 Kickoff Meeting (Grades K–4):* 3:00 p.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Parish Hall on Piney Point Campus

Middle School

Use 2025–26 Afternoon Carpool Hangtags for Piney Point Campus

If you have a Lower School and/or Middle School student and have not yet received your 2025–26 afternoon carpool hangtags, please contact your child(ren)'s division office manager. Please note that you must use the hangtag provided for this school year. Many families' numbers have changed, so if you are a returning family, please do not use the hangtag from last year.

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 Middle School students, such as Homework Club, Academic Independence, and Media Makers Lab. **View available and canceled classes.** For details or help choosing a class, please **email the Explore and Extend Office**.

REGISTRATION, CHANGES, AND REFUND DEADLINES

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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.

AFTER-SCHOOL ENRICHMENT INFORMATION

After-School Enrichment Classes begin this Tuesday, September 2, and run through Monday, December 8. Please take a moment to check your email for updates on any canceled classes.

- Enrichment carpool will be conducted from the Dining Hall from 4:00 to 4:15 p.m. and from 5:00 to 5:15 p.m. Carpool for Woodworking students will be conducted from the Explore and Extend building.
- After your child's carpool ends, students will be escorted to the Explore and Extend building, where they will be charged a drop-in fee.

New After-School Enrichment Classes for Middle School

SPANISH SPARKS (GRADES 5 & 6)

- **Meets:** Wednesdays, 4:00–5:00 p.m.
- **Instructor:** Betty Smith, Middle School Spanish Instructor
- **Cost:** $450
- **Dates:** September 3–December 3
- **Pickup Location:** Piney Point Campus Dining Hall
- **How to Register:** Register in the Explore and Extend Registration Portal.

¡Bienvenidos! This fun and interactive Spanish course is designed to enrich students' journey with the Spanish language and Hispanic cultures. Through songs, games, stories, and hands-on activities, students will learn in-depth vocabulary, greetings, numbers, colors, days of the week, and simple conversational phrases. In addition to language skills, they will explore traditions, foods, music, and holidays from Spanish-speaking countries. By the end of the course, students will feel more confident as they continue in their Spanish class during the school day.

EMPOWERING ACADEMIC INDEPENDENCE (GRADES 5–8)

- **Meets:** Twice a week on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 4:00–5:00 p.m.
- **Instructors:** Academic Independence instructors
- **Cost:** $1,000 (Please note: The price of the class includes both days each week that students will attend.)
- **Dates:** September 2–December 4
- **Pickup Location:** Piney Point Campus Dining Hall
- **How to Register:** Register in the Explore and Extend Registration Portal.

Students will join this class twice a week to build the skills and confidence they need to succeed. On Tuesdays, they will dive into a focused executive-functioning lesson, building habits that support organization, time-management skills, and study skills. On Thursdays, they will meet for a supportive Study Lounge, where they can apply new strategies while getting real work done. Through fun, hands-on activities, students will learn how to become self-regulated learners—a process that empowers them to use effective strategies, manage their learning, and reach their personal best across all subjects.

Grade 5: Cub Scouts Kickoff Meeting Is September 14

Calling all fifth graders—Cub Scout Pack 1703 invites YOU to be part of a year full of fun, friendship, and adventure! Our kickoff meeting will be held Sunday, September 14, at 3:00 p.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Parish Hall on Piney Point Campus. The kickoff meeting will feature a live predator bird demonstration by Birds of Prey and delicious ice cream. Whether you love the outdoors, creating things, helping others, or just having fun, Cub Scout Pack 1703 has something for you!

Parent Information Night Is Tuesday

You are invited to attend our **Middle School Parent Information Night this 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.

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, September 1

- *Labor Day Holiday:* No school

Tuesday, September 2

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

Wednesday, September 3

- *"B" Day*
- *Regular Uniform*
- *Dads' Club Breakfast Meeting:* 8:15 a.m. in the Black Box Theatre on Couper Campus

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Thursday, September 4

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

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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Saturday, September 6

- *People for Others Service Opportunity:* 8:00 a.m.–noon in the People Place on Piney Point Campus; **please let us know you will attend**

Monday, September 8

- *“A” Day (Special Schedule)*
- ***Dress Uniform***
- *Eighth-Grade Tie Ceremony:* 9:40–10:20 a.m. in the FAC

Tuesday, September 9

- *“B” Day*
- *Regular Uniform*

Wednesday, September 10

- *“A” Day*
- *Regular Uniform*

Thursday, September 11

- *“B” Day*
- *Regular Uniform*
- *MS Chapel:* 9:55–10:20 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary

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Friday, September 12

- *“A” Day*
- *Regular Uniform or St. Francis Spirit Shirt and Jeans/Uniform Bottoms*

Sunday, September 14

- *Cub Scout Pack 1703 Kickoff Meeting (Grade 5):* 3:00 p.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Parish Hall on Piney Point Campus

Upper School

Add/Drop Period Closes Soon

The Add/Drop period is still open! Students can add classes until this Friday, September 5, and can drop classes until Friday, September 12. After September 12, any student who needs to be removed from a class will receive a Withdraw on their transcript, so it is best to make any necessary schedule changes as soon as possible.

College Representative Visits Start September 8

Each year, college representatives from across the country visit our school to connect with our students and share insights about their institutions. Students in grades 10–12 may sign up for these visits through Scoir. College visits begin Monday, September 8—don't miss the opportunity to learn more about your future options!

On-Campus Tutoring With Academic Independence Returns

The Upper School is pleased to continue **on-campus tutoring** with Academic Independence this year. Parents can enroll their students in tutoring during their student's study hall or free period. Academic Independence offers a range of services, from subject-area tutoring to assistance with executive-functioning skills to SAT/ACT prep. For more information (including their pricing), please **visit the Academic Independence website**.

Scotland Fringe Festival for the Arts

This summer, Associate Director of Fine Arts Kristina Revaz traveled to Scotland to learn more about the Edinburgh Fringe Festival, which SFE will be attending next summer. After seeing the festival this summer, she came back even more excited for the opportunity. The Fringe features plays, musical theater, improv, sketches, musicians, and so much more! We want all of our student artists to join us for this adventure. More detailed information about the trip can be found via the links below:

- **View the trip flyer.**
- **View detailed information from the parent meeting with Mrs. Revaz.**

To sign up or for questions, please **email Director of Fine Arts Lorna Jordan**.

Afternoon Carpool Updates

To aid in the quick collection of your student and reduce your wait time, we will be utilizing the following procedure (also outlined on the **Upper School carpool map/instructions**):

- The first few cars will be queued in front of the Student Life Center (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 pickup 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.

Parent Information Night Is Wednesday

Meet your child's teacher and tour the Couper Campus at Upper School Parent Information Night this **Wednesday, September 3, from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m.** in the Crum Gym and Student Life Center. **Check in from 6:00 to 6:15 p.m.** in the front entrance of Crum Gym.

First Varsity Football Home Game Is Friday

The first Upper School Varsity Football home game of the season is this **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 September 22 (Homecoming Week).
- Questions? **Email Ashley Grigsby.**

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.

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, September 1

- *Labor Day Holiday:* School closed

Tuesday, September 2

- *"A" Day*
- *Regular Uniform*
- *Student Bible Study:* 7:45–8:20 a.m. on the Monumental Stairs
- *US Chapel:* 10:00–10:30 a.m. in Crum Gym

Wednesday, September 3

- *"B" Day*
- *Regular Uniform*
- *Dads' Club Breakfast Meeting:* 8:15 a.m. in the Black Box Theatre on Couper Campus
- *US Parent Information Night:* 6:00–8:30 p.m. in Crum Gym

Thursday, September 4

- *"A" Day (Special Schedule)*
- *Regular Uniform*
- *Student Fall Pep Rally:* 3:20–3:50 p.m. in Crum Gym

Friday, September 5

- *“B” Day*
- *SFES Spirit Dress:* Wear a St. Francis Spirit shirt with full-length jeans or uniform bottoms
- *Booster Club General Meeting:* 8:30 a.m. in the Hogan Board Room (HBR) on Piney Point Campus
- *Chapel:* 10:00–10:30 a.m.
- *Dads’ Club Needs Volunteer Cooks for US Volleyball and Football Games:* **Email Dads' Club Chair Stedman Grigsby** to volunteer

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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; **please let us know you will attend**

Monday, September 8

- *“A” Day*
- *Regular Uniform*

Tuesday, September 9

- *“B” Day*
- *Regular Uniform*
- *Student Bible Study:* 7:45–8:20 a.m. on the Monumental Stairs
- *US Honor Code Chapel:* 10:00–10:30 a.m. in Crum Gym

Wednesday, September 10

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

Thursday, September 11

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

Friday, September 12

- *"A" Day*
- *SFES Spirit Dress:* Wear a St. Francis Spirit shirt with full-length jeans or uniform bottoms
- *US Chapel:* 10:00–10:30 a.m. in Crum Gym

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

Cub Scouts Kickoff Meeting Is September 14

Calling all girls and boys in kindergarten through fifth grade—Cub Scout Pack 1703 invites YOU to be part of a year full of fun, friendship, and adventure! Our kickoff meeting will be held Sunday, September 14, at 3:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. The kickoff meeting will feature a live predator bird demonstration by Birds of Prey and delicious ice cream.

Cub Scouts is all about learning new skills, making friends, and exploring the world around you. With Pack 1703, you'll get to:

- Go on exciting campouts.
- Build and race legendary Pinewood Derby cars.
- Blast off rockets at our rocket launch.
- Make a difference through community service projects.
- And much more throughout the year!

Whether you love the outdoors, creating things, helping others, or just having fun, Cub Scout Pack 1703 has something for you. Come see what Scouting is all about—bring the whole family and join the adventure!

First Responders Sunday Is September 14

Join us on September 14 for First Responders Sunday. We will recognize our local first responders at both the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services, and enjoy breakfast with them at the 10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour. This is an opportunity to thank and honor the men and women who choose to serve our community as dedicated police officers, firefighters, paramedics, EMTs, and dispatchers!

Fall Outreach Sunday: Come Lend a Hand

Our Fall Outreach Sunday will take place at the 10:00 a.m. hour on September 21 in the Parish Hall. Come lend a hand to make sandwiches and snack bags for distribution by Lord of the Streets.

Parenting Book Series Kicks Off September 21

Parenting is more than managing behavior—it's about shaping hearts. Join us to read and discuss *Parenting: 14 Gospel Principles That Can Radically Change Your Family* by Paul David Tripp. We'll explore biblical truths that transform the way we view our role and interact with our children. Classes will be held on Sunday, September 21, and Sunday, November 16, at 10:00 a.m. in CH211.

Women's Bible Study Returns Wednesday

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 This Week

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.