WOLF WATCH

WEEKLY E-NEWS

News for the Week of September 7

All School

This Week's Bible Verse

God is our refuge and strength, a help always near in times of great trouble. —Psalm 46:1

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.

From the Nurses' Desk: Bring in Rescue Meds ASAP

If you have not brought your child's emergency rescue medications to the clinic, please bring them in ASAP. The nurses need this medication in hand to help ensure your child's safety and well-being. Thank you!

Save the Date: New Parent Blessing and Coffee Events

New St. Francis parents, please plan to join us for coffee, conversation, and a special new family blessing on the following dates:

- **Primary School:** Monday, September 15, 7:45–8:30 a.m. in the Primary School, prior to Reggio event (Couper Campus)
- **Lower School:** Monday, September 29, 8:50–9:45 a.m. in the Gay Foyer (Piney Point Campus)
- **Middle School:** Monday, September 22, 9:00–9:50 a.m. in the Gay Foyer (Piney Point Campus)
- **Upper School:** Tuesday, September 23, 9:00–9:50 a.m. in the Nau Dining Hall, Student Life Center (Couper Campus)

Keep an eye on your inbox for the invitation and registration link, which will be emailed this week.

Register Now: Expert-Led ISACS Parent Series

Let leading experts equip you to support and guide your children through all ages and stages when you sign up for the Independent Schools Association of the Central States (ISACS) Parent Series.

- As a St. Francis parent, you'll get free access to six exceptional webinars offered throughout the school year.
- Topics range from building school skills and the science of motivating young people to happier parenting and raising resilient kids.
- **Register now for the ISACS Parent Series.**

Upcoming Spirit Wear Sale: This Wednesday on Couper Campus

Join us this Wednesday, September 10, for two more opportunities to shop for Spirit Wear! After these sales, the window to exchange will close and all sales will be final.

- All current Spirit Store inventory will be available at these times:
  - **Morning Sale:** Wednesday, September 10, 7:45–9:00 a.m.
  - **Lunch Sale:** Wednesday, September 10, 12:00–1:00 p.m.
- **If you plan to shop, please park in one of the spots adjacent to Crum Gym and avoid blocking carpool lines.**
- At this time, we are not placing reorders of sold-out items. We have limited storage space and still have a large inventory to sell through before additional orders can be considered.
- Questions? **Contact SFPO President Courtney Schilling.**

Homecoming Is September 26 + Pre-Order Homecoming Food Now

Pre-order your meals from The Pit Room BBQ to enjoy at Homecoming on Friday, September 26. ***Pre-order sales will close at 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, September 21.*** Limited meals will be available for purchase the day of the event, so buy in advance now! **View information on meal options** and other food offerings at the event.

- During the big Homecoming game on September 26, the Wolves will take on The Village School at 7:00 p.m.
- All Middle School and Upper School teams playing during Homecoming week will be celebrated.
- **View complete game schedules for the week of September 21 in Veracross.**

Stay tuned for more details about Homecoming festivities—coming soon!

Picture Day Is September 29

Monday, September 29, is Picture Day for all divisions. Mark your calendar and be on the lookout for pre-order information.

St. Francis Festival: Website Is Live + Buy Your T-shirts Now

Don't miss the St. Francis Festival on Sunday, October 19, from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m. on Piney Point Campus. The website is live, so snag your swag today before T-shirt sales close Friday, September 19, at 11:59 p.m. **Get more details here.**

Admissions Is on the Hunt for New Wolves

The Admissions Office is ready to begin receiving new student applications for the 2026–27 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.

Primary School

September 9–19: Primary School Hearing and Vision Screenings

St. Francis will be offering hearing and vision screenings for Primary School students over the next two weeks. Vision screenings will be provided Tuesday, September 9, through Friday, September 12, and hearing screenings will be provided Monday, September 15, through Friday, September 19. Screenings will be conducted by SFE nurses, who attended the vision and hearing training with the Texas Department of State Health Services this past spring.

Here's what else you need to know:

- Screenings will be held during school hours.
- A copy of the results will be provided for school files. Students who have not passed a screening will receive a referral form for follow-up with a physician or specialist.
- **Students who wear glasses should bring them to school.**
- We do not refer to the screening as a "test." Please help us by doing the same. The teachers will explain the process to our students, who will discover that they are playing two games with the nurses.
- Screenings are nondiagnostic and are not intended to be an equal alternative to an in-depth exam by a licensed physician or specialist.

- If you have any questions, please contact School Nurse Abigayle Harrington via **email** or at 713.458.6167.

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, September 8

- *Open Library:* 3:00 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

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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

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Monday, September 15

- *PS New Parent Coffee:* 7:45 a.m. in the Multipurpose Room
- *"Getting to Know the Reggio Approach" Coffee:* 8:30 a.m. in the Multipurpose Room
- *Open Library:* 3:00 p.m.

Tuesday, September 16

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

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Wednesday, September 17

- *Late Start:* 10:00 a.m.
- *No Chapel*

Lower School

October 6–9: Lower School Hearing and Vision Screenings

From Monday, October 6, through Thursday, October 9, St. Francis will be offering hearing and vision screenings for all students in kindergarten, first grade, and third grade. Screenings will be conducted by SFE nurses, who attended the vision and hearing training with the Texas Department of State Health Services this past spring.

Here's what else you need to know:

- Screenings will be held during school hours.
- If your child has had any problems of which we should be aware, please send a note to school with them.
- A copy of the results will be provided for school files. Students who have not passed a screening will receive a referral form for follow-up with a physician or specialist.
- **Students who wear glasses or contacts should bring them to school.**
- Screenings are nondiagnostic and are not intended to be an equal alternative to an in-depth exam by a licensed physician or specialist. If you have concerns about your child, do not hesitate to take them to your personal physician or specialist for evaluation.
- If you have any questions, please contact School Nurse Fay Gant, RN, via **email** or at 713.458.6128.

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, 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 Fine Arts Center (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

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Monday, September 15

- *LS Chapel:* 8:20–8:50 a.m.

Wednesday, September 17

- *Late-Start Day:* 10:00 a.m.

Thursday, September 18

- *LS Honor Code Chapel:* 8:20–8:50 a.m.; students only

Middle School

Eighth-Grade Tie Ceremony: One Car Per Family, Please

Parents, please join us for the Eighth-Grade Tie Ceremony TOMORROW—Monday, September 8—at 9:20 a.m. in the Fine Arts Center. Limited parking is available on the Piney Point Campus, so we are asking family members to ride together so that

everyone may enjoy this event with their children. (One car per family, please.)

Discover the Season of Creation

As we approach St. Francis Day on Saturday, October 4, we invite families to explore the Season of Creation. This is a time from September 1 to October 4 for Christians worldwide to renew our relationship with God, one another, and all creation.

The Middle School is joining this initiative by reducing paper use and using the Book of Common Prayer instead of printed bulletins during our biweekly Chapel services. We encourage you to discover ways your family can participate in caring for God's creation this season.

Learn more:

- **The Episcopal Church's Creation Care Ministry**
- **Diocese of Texas Creation Care**

This Week in MS Chapel

Here's what's happening in Middle School Chapel this week:

- **Monday, September 8:** Eighth-Grade Tie Ceremony
- **Thursday, September 11:** MS Chapel
  - **Scripture:** Luke 15:1-10 (Rejoicing over finding what was lost!)
  - **Musicians:** MS Seventh-Grade Choir
  - **Ushers:** Blair Davidson, Madeleine Hoehne, Hunter Jennings, Emmie Lundquist
  - **Acolytes:** Caroline Shackouls, Martina Torres
  - **Crucifers:** Pearce Persia, Natalie Thompson
  - **Readers:** Sofia Pace, Elizabeth Schilling

Fall Social Is September 19

All St. Francis Middle School Students in grades 5 through 8 are invited to attend the Middle School Fall Social on Friday, September 19. **Learn more about the Fall Social.**

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October 6–9: Hearing and Vision Screenings for NEW Students in Grades 6 and 8

From Monday, October 6, through Thursday, October 9, St. Francis will be offering hearing and vision screenings for any **new** sixth and eighth graders. Screenings will be conducted by SFE nurses, who attended the vision and hearing training with the Texas Department of State Health Services this past spring.

Here's what else you need to know:

- Screenings will be held during school hours.
- If your child has had any problems of which we should be aware, please send a note with them.
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Summer Travel 2026—Save the Dates!

For over 15 years, the St. Francis Experiential Travel Program has been offering optional summer trips to Washington, DC; Costa Rica; Japan; Europe; and beyond. Below are the dates for our summer 2026 trips. We are currently in the final planning process for the DC and Costa Rica trips, and registration details will be published in *Wolf Watch* later this semester. (Please note: All students participating in the trips must be re-enrolled for the 2026–27 school year.)

WASHINGTON, DC

- **Who:** Rising/re-enrolled sixth graders
- **Dates:** May 31–June 4, 2026
- **Trip Leader:** Maria Cruzalegui, Middle School Spanish Faculty

- **Trip Information and Registration Requirements:** Sign-ups and more info coming this fall

COSTA RICA

- **Who:** Rising/re-enrolled eighth graders
- **Dates:** May 31–June 13, 2026
- **Trip Leader:** Liz Ward, Middle School Spanish Faculty
- **Trip Information and Registration Requirements:** Sign-ups and more info coming this fall

GREECE

- **Who:** Rising/re-enrolled Upper School students (rising grades 9–12)
- **Dates:** June 1–10, 2026
- **Trip Leaders:** Ted Lakoski, Director of Counseling/Director of Experiential Travel, and Marion Tolon (Coach T), PE Teacher/Student Transition Liaison
- **Trip Information and Registration Requirements:** Rising ninth graders are invited to join our rising tenth through twelfth graders on the trip of a lifetime to Greece. Over ten amazing days, we will see the sights of Athens; cruise the islands in the Saronic Gulf; travel to mythical Delphi; and, yes, smash some plates along the way!
    - **View the trip flyer** for more details.
    - We will be hosting a Parent Information Session later this month—details will be announced in *Wolf Watch* soon. Please **email Ted Lakoski** with any preliminary questions.
    - Ready to sign up? **Register here.**

AMERICAN HIGH SCHOOL THEATRE FESTIVAL (FRINGE FESTIVAL)

- **Who:** Rising/re-enrolled Upper School students (rising grades 9–12)
- **Dates:** August 1–14, 2026
- **Trip Leaders:** Lorna Jordan, Director of Fine Arts, and Kristina Revaz, Associate Director of Fine Arts/Dance Program Coordinator
- **Trip Information and Registration Requirements:** The St. Francis Fine Arts Department is offering an incredible opportunity to travel to the American High School Theatre Festival (aka “The Fringe”) in Edinburgh, Scotland—with two days in London! The Fringe features plays, musical theater, improv, sketches, musicians, and so much more.
    - All of our Upper School student artists are encouraged to join us for this adventure.
    - For additional information, **view the trip flyer** and the **presentation for families**.
    - If you haven’t signed up yet or have any questions about this Fine Arts Department trip, **email Lorna Jordan**.

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!

Note About Community Service Hours

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

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.

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 8

- *"A" Day (Special Schedule)*
- ***Dress Uniform***
- *Eighth-Grade Tie Ceremony:* 9:40–10:20 a.m. in the Fine Arts Center (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

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Monday, September 15

- *"B" Day*
- *Dress Uniform*
- *Middle School Chapel:* 9:55–10:20 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary
- *National Junior Honor Society Induction Ceremony*: 6:00 p.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary

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Tuesday, September 16

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

Wednesday, September 17

- *Late-Start Day:* Classes begin at 10:00 a.m.
- *"B" Day (Special Schedule)*
- *Regular Uniform*

Thursday, September 18

- *"A" Day (Special Schedule)*
- *Regular Uniform*
- *MS Honor Code Chapel:* 9:40–10:25 a.m.; students only

Friday, September 19

- *"B" Day*
- *Regular Uniform or St. Francis Spirit Shirt and Jeans/Uniform Bottoms*
- ***MS Fall Social:*** 6:30–8:30 p.m.; see note above for more information

Upper School

Add Period Has Ended

The time to add courses has ended. Students who are concerned about their ability to be successful in a class may still drop a course until this Friday, September 12. If they have concerns about a class at this point, the student should see their advisor or Dr. Staller. After September 12, any student who drops a class will receive a Withdraw on their transcript.

College Representative Visits Start Tomorrow

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**.
- **View the list of colleges scheduled to visit SFE.**

Junior Class: College Counseling Meeting Is September 17

All juniors and their parents are encouraged to attend our virtual College Counseling

Meeting on Wednesday, September 17, at 7:00 p.m. We will cover the junior class college prep timeline, the college application process, and next steps to support juniors in their college journey. **Click here to join the Zoom meeting** when it's time.

College Bites: 20-Minute College Planning Sessions Start September 18

Students are invited to join us on Thursday, September 18, for College Bites, a new monthly program designed to help students gain essential college planning knowledge during lunch. These 20-minute information sessions will be held once a month in the Black Box, starting at 12:30 p.m. Our first topic will be, "What Colleges Really Want."

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Homecoming Mums/Garters: Sales Close This Friday

You won't want to miss out—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 this Friday, September 12.**
- All mums and garters will be delivered to students the week of September 21 (Homecoming Week).
- Questions? **Email Ashley Grigsby.**

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, September 8

- *"A" Day*
- *Regular Uniform*
- *College Representative Visit for US Students (Kenyon College and Trinity University):* 10:00–10:30 a.m. in the Student Life Center (SLC) Conference Room

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Tuesday, September 9

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

Wednesday, September 10

- *"A" Day*
- *Regular Uniform*
- *Houston Crimestoppers Online Solicitation Meeting for US Parents:* 8:30–9:30 a.m. in the Crum Library on Piney Point Campus
- *College Representative Visit for US Students (University of Tulsa and Southern Methodist University):* 10:00–10:30 a.m. in the SLC Conference Room

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Thursday, September 11

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

Friday, September 12

- *"A" Day*
- *Last Day to Drop Classes*
- *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

Monday, September 15

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- *Regular Uniform*

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Wednesday, September 17

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- *"B" Day (Special Schedule)*
- *Regular Uniform*
- *College Counseling Meeting for Juniors and Their Parents:* 7:00–8:00 p.m.; **join the Zoom meeting**

Thursday, September 18

- *"A" Day*
- *Regular Uniform*
- *US Student Club Fair:* 10:00–10:35 a.m. in Crum Gym

Friday, September 19

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

Week of September 21

- *Homecoming Week*

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

Join Us for Women's Bible Study on Wednesday Mornings

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**.

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.

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 this Tuesday, September 9
  - **Location:** St. Francis Church Parish Hall
  - **Contact:** **Sally Jo Flores**

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

- Wednesdays from 9:30–11:00 a.m.
  - **Study:** Parables of Jesus
  - **Location:** St. Francis Church Parish Hall
  - **Contact:** **Allison Devlin**

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

- Sundays at 10:00–11:00 a.m.
  - **Study:** 1 John
  - **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.