WOLF WATCH

WEEKLY E-NEWS

News for the Week of October 19

All School

This Week's Bible Verse

The Lord will be your confidence; he will guard your feet from being snared. —Proverbs 3:26

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.

The Fest Is Here: See You This Afternoon!

Join us today (Sunday, October 19) from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m. for an amazing day of community, connection, and celebration! All the details you need—from parking to punch cards—are linked **here**.

Late Start Tomorrow, October 20

Monday, October 20 (tomorrow—the day after Festival) is a Late Start Day for all faculty, staff, and students. Classes in all divisions will begin at 10:00 a.m. There will be no early childcare. Carpool for all divisions will begin at 9:30 a.m.

Fright Night Under the Lights on October 31

The last Varsity home football game is on Friday, October 31. Wear your costumes, and come celebrate Halloween *and* the Wolves!

- **Trunk or Treating** from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.
    - Want to participate in trunk or treating with your car? **Click here** for details and to volunteer.

- **Senior night** for Cross-Country, Cheer, and Football at 6:30 p.m.
- **Costume contest** at halftime, with prizes for best costume, scariest costume, funniest costume, and best couple costumes.

Treasure Island Book Fair Is November 17–21

Save the date: St. Francis's Treasure Island Book Fair will take place on the Piney Point Campus from Monday, November 17, through Friday, November 21. We can't wait to see you there!

All Divisions: Kitty's Coat Drive Is This Week

Every division on both Piney Point and Couper campuses will join forces for Kitty's Coat Drive this week—from Monday, October 20, through Friday, October 24. During this annual ingathering, we collect winter coats to donate to neighbors in need so they stay cozy all winter long.

- All gently used and new coats are welcome—you can even **order directly from Amazon via this curated link**!
- To donate, look for collection bins near carpool drop-offs and reception areas. Donations may also be brought directly to classrooms.
- Kitty's Coat Drive is a joint initiative of our Middle School's National Junior Honor Society students, our Upper School's National Honor Society students, and St. Francis Episcopal Church.

Primary School

Mark Your Calendar

Sunday, October 19

- *St. Francis Festival:* 12:00–4:00 p.m.

Monday, October 20

- *Late Start (No Early Birds):* Classes begin at 10:00 a.m.; carpool runs 9:30–10:00 a.m.
- *Open Library:* 3:00 p.m.

Tuesday, October 21

- *Chapel:* 9:30 a.m.; PII parents are invited to attend
- *PII Sings in Chapel (Theis and Suckow)*

Wednesday, October 22

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

Monday, October 27

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

Tuesday, October 28

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

Wednesday, October 29

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

Friday, October 31

- *Halloween Attire (No Costumes, Please), Spirit Wear, or Regular Uniform*

Lower School

Dad's Club: Morning Carpool Crew

Calling all dads! Dr. Collins is inviting you to help us spread some early-morning cheer at Lower School carpool. Volunteer one Friday per month—October 24, November 14, and December 5. We'll gather at 7:15 a.m. and start opening doors at 7:30 a.m., and you'll be on your way by 8:15 a.m.

- **Click here** to sign up and be part of the fun!

- Questions? **Email the St. Francis Dads' Club.**

It's Time! Annual SFE Pumpkin Carving Contest Is October 30

Our popular Pumpkin Carving Contest will be held on Thursday, October 30, in the Gay Foyer at Piney Point Campus. First time participating? Have questions? Check out our **Pumpkin Carving FAQ page** for a list of categories, competition rules, and more.

Entries may be dropped off at Piney Point Campus in the Gay Foyer/Fine Arts Center Lobby during one of the following times:

- Wednesday, October 29, from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m.
- Thursday, October 30, from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. Judging begins at 8:30 a.m. sharp!

Help us keep this a fun, welcoming tradition for everyone by keeping entries family-friendly and steering clear of political or otherwise off-theme content. Please have your **entry form** completed ahead of time or be prepared to fill one out when you drop your entry off. Pumpkins must be picked up by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, October 31, or they will be thrown away.

We can't wait to see what you come up with! Please contact 2025 Pumpkin Carving Leads **Shäna Johnson** or **Claire de Roode** with any questions.

Deadline TONIGHT: Order Your 2024–25 Scrapbooks

Today is the last day to order scrapbooks for students who were in Primary II through fourth grade last school year (2024–25). These beautiful Shutterfly keepsakes feature 40+ pages of grade-specific events like class activities and projects, seasonal celebrations, fun at lunch and recess, school spirit, athletics, and special days like Grandparents' Day, Splash Day, St. Francis Festival, and more.

- Remember to order for your child's grade *last year* (2024–25 school year).
- **Click here** to purchase your scrapbooks today! **The order deadline is TONIGHT—Sunday, October 19—at 11:59 p.m.**
- With any questions, please **email Lauren Brown**, 2024–25 St. Francis Parents Organization Scrapbook Lead.

Mark Your Calendar

Sunday, October 19

- *St. Francis Festival:* 12:00–4:00 p.m.

Monday, October 20

- *Late Start for All:* 10:00 a.m.; **no early dropoff for students**

Thursday, October 23

- *LS Chapel:* 8:20–8:50 a.m.

Friday, October 24

- *Car Door Dads:* 7:30-8:00 a.m.; dads will open doors at carpool
- *Joyful Sounds Field Trip to The Buckingham and The Tradition:* 9:15 a.m.–12:15 p.m.
- *Mid-Semester 1 Progress Reports*

Monday, October 27

- *LS Pumpkin Carving Chapel:* 8:20–8:50 a.m.

Wednesday, October 29

- *All Saints' Parties (Grade 4):* 1:15–2:30 p.m. in classrooms

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Thursday, October 30

- *All Saints' Eucharist Chapel:* 8:20–8:50 a.m.
- *All Saints' Parties (Grades 2 and 3):* 12:45–2:15 p.m. in classrooms

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Friday, October 31

- *All Saints' Parties (Grades K and 1):* 11:15 a.m.–1:30 p.m.
- *Special Dress:* Students may wear school-appropriate Halloween costumes. (Please no violence/weapons, gore, or masks.) Students should still wear tennis

shoes for P.E. and recess. If students do not wear Halloween costumes then they can wear their uniform or regular Friday Spirit Wear.

Middle School

Please Review: Guidelines for Halloween Dress

On Friday, October 31, students and faculty are invited to wear Halloween costumes in accordance with the casual-dress guidelines. Students not wearing a costume are welcome to wear Spirit Wear shirts with uniform bottoms or jeans.

Students are NOT allowed to incorporate the following into their Halloween costumes:

- Blood or weapons
- Immodest dress
- Cigarettes, alcohol, or drugs
- Tank tops, spaghetti straps, or basketball jerseys, except over a T-shirt

Remember that we share our hallways with our Lower School friends. We wouldn't want any of them to be frightened by scary or horror-themed costumes, so no skeletons, zombies, ghosts, goblins, demons, or devils, please. The same rules for the length of shorts and skirts apply to costumes as to regular uniforms or casual-dress days. Leggings are permitted with long T-shirts.

DEADLINE TONIGHT: Current Fifth-Grade Students, Order Your 2024–25 Scrapbooks

Today is the last day to order scrapbooks for students who were in fourth grade *last school year* (2024–25). These beautiful Shutterfly keepsakes feature 40+ pages of grade-specific events like class activities and projects, seasonal celebrations, fun at lunch and recess, school spirit, athletics, and special days like Grandparents' Day, Splash Day, St. Francis Festival, and more.

- Remember to order for your child's grade LAST YEAR (2024–25 school year).
- **Purchase your scrapbooks today! The order deadline is TONIGHT—Sunday, October 19—at 11:59 p.m.**
- With any questions, please **email Lauren Brown**, 2024–25 St. Francis Parents Organization Scrapbook Lead.

Parent Presentation on Substance Use Prevention Is Wednesday

St. Francis has the honor of hosting Dr. Matt Bellace this Wednesday, October 22, at 8:30 a.m. in the Fine Arts Center on Piney Point Campus. During this presentation, Dr. Bellace will speak with our Middle School and Upper School parents on substance-abuse prevention and mental-health awareness in an insightful, science-based, and

seriously funny presentation. (He will also speak with our MS and US students later that day.)

Dr. Bellace has a PhD in clinical neuropsychology; trained at the National Institutes of Mental Health and The Mount Sinai Medical Center in New York City; and authored the best-selling book *A Better High: Laugh, Help, Run, Love and Other Ways to Get Naturally High*. He's a contributing author for *National Geographic Kids* and was featured in the PBS documentary *Voices of Hope*. He was also a recurring comedian on truTV's *World's Dumbest*. If you're planning to attend, please **RSVP here**.

ERB Testing Is October 27–29

ERB testing will be held each morning on Monday, October 27; Tuesday, October 28; and Wednesday, October 29. Test results are used to measure student progress and to guide instruction. Results from this testing are also used in the Advanced Academics application process, which begins at the end of March.

- Please avoid scheduling appointments before lunch on ERB testing days to minimize the number of makeup tests required.
- Students with extended time should report to school at 7:30 a.m. on these three days to begin testing by 7:45 a.m.
- All students are asked to eat a good breakfast, bring a healthy snack, and bring a book for independent reading.
- To encourage a good night's sleep for all students, there will be no homework due or additional assessments on these days.

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Uniform Reminders

As cooler temperatures have finally started to arrive in Houston, this is a good time for a few reminders about regular uniforms:

- Students should wear the uniform polo shirt underneath a sweatshirt. A sweatshirt alone is not considered proper uniform attire. Sweatshirts worn inside the building must be St. Francis attire.
- Please check the length of skirts or shorts. Skirts and shorts should be index-finger length. Undergarments or privacy shorts should not extend below the length of shorts or skirts.
- Only FlynnO'Hara or DENNIS Uniform bottoms should be worn. Khaki shorts or pants that are not one of these brands are considered out of dress code.
- FlynnO'Hara is the only place to purchase new uniform items. They are very responsive to orders, and they are working hard to fulfill our needs. Their website can be accessed **here**.

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 complete a minimum number of service hours, as follows:

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

Service hours in the Middle School are now being documented electronically through MobileServe. The program is very intuitive; just select the most appropriate category of service and answer the questions. Once you have submitted your hours, Rev. Mitchell will be able to approve them. **The deadline to submit volunteer hours for the 2025–26 school year remains Saturday, May 2, 2026.** If you have any questions, please **reach out to Rev. Mitchell**.

Mark Your Calendar

Sunday, October 19

- *St. Francis Festival:* 12:00–4:00 p.m.

Monday, October 20

- *Late Start for All:* 10:00 a.m.

- *“A” Day (Special Schedule)*
- *Regular Uniform*

Tuesday, October 21

- *“B” Day*
- *Regular Uniform*

Wednesday, October 22

- *“A” Day (Special Schedule)*
- *Regular Uniform*
- ***Parent** Substance Use Prevention Presentation:* 8:30 a.m. in the Fine Arts Center (FAC)
- ***Student** Substance Use Prevention Presentation:* 9:40 a.m. in the FAC

Thursday, October 23

- *“B” Day*
- *Regular Uniform*
- *MS Chapel:* 9:50–10:20 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary

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Friday, October 24

- *“A” Day*
- *Regular Uniform or St. Francis Spirit Shirt and Jeans/Uniform Bottoms*
- *Eighth Grade vs. Staff/Faculty Volleyball Game:* 2:45 p.m.
- *Progress Reports Released After 4:00 p.m.*

Monday, October 27

- *“B” Day (Special Schedule)*
- *Regular Uniform*
- *MS ERB Testing:* 8:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. (7:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m. for extended time)
- *MS Chapel:* 9:50–10:20 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary

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Tuesday, October 28

- *"A" Day (Special Schedule)*
- *Regular Uniform*
- *MS ERB Testing:* 8:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. (7:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m. for extended time)

Wednesday, October 29

- *"B" Day (Special Schedule)*
- *Regular Uniform*
- *MS ERB Testing:* 8:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. (7:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m. for extended time)

Thursday, October 30

- *"A" Day (Special Schedule)*
- ***Dress Uniform***
- *MS All Saints' Eucharist Chapel:* 9:40–10:25 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary

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Friday, October 31

- *"B" Day*
- *Special Dress:* Students may wear the regular uniform, a St. Francis Spirit Wear shirt with jeans or uniform bottoms, or school-appropriate Halloween costumes (see guidelines above in this section for details)

Upper School

Winter Sports Practices Start This Week

The first practices for Winter Sports will be held this week, according to the following schedule:

MONDAY, OCTOBER 20

- *Swimming (Coach Godley):* 6:15–7:45 a.m. at the Lakeside Country Club pool

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22

- *Wrestling (Coach Lopez):* 4:30–6:00 p.m. in the Motor Room
- *Girls Basketball (Coach Lyons):* 4:15–6:15 p.m. in Piney Point Gym
- *Boys Soccer (Coach Serralta):* 6:30–7:30 a.m. at Couper Turf Field
- *Girls Soccer (Coach Donaldson):* 6:40–7:40 a.m. at Couper Turf Field

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23

- *Boys Basketball (Coach Baber):* 5:45–7:45 p.m. in Crum Gym

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10

- *Wrestling (Coach Lopez):* 4:30–6:00 p.m. in the Motor Room

October 20–21: Hearing and Vision Screenings for NEW Upper School Students

This week on Monday, October 20, and Tuesday, October 21, St. Francis will be offering hearing and vision screenings for all Upper School students who are **new to St. Francis**. Screenings will be conducted by St. Francis 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.
- 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 Madeleine Tiemann, RN, via **email** or at 713.458.6445.

Upcoming Senior Night Events

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL ON OCTOBER 23

Come cheer on our Girls Varsity Volleyball seniors for Senior Night on Thursday, October 23, at 6:45 p.m. in Crum Gym.

FOOTBALL/CHEER/CROSS-COUNTRY ON OCTOBER 31

Come cheer on our Football, Cheer, and Cross-Country seniors under the Friday night lights for Senior Night at our very own Halloween football game, which will be held at 6:45 p.m. on Friday, October 31.

October 31: Halloween Costume Contest + Dress Guidelines

Calling all students and faculty: We're hosting a Halloween Costume Contest on Friday, October 31, and we want to see your most creative, funniest, or most original costumes! Whether you're channeling classic monsters, pop culture icons, or something unique, we can't wait to see what you come up with.

PLEASE REVIEW: GUIDELINES FOR HALLOWEEN DRESS

All costumes must follow school dress-code guidelines—keep it fun but appropriate for our school environment. Students not wearing a costume are welcome to wear a Halloween-themed or Spirit Wear T-shirt with uniform bottoms or jeans.

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- *Regular Uniform*
- *Late Start for All Students and Staff:* 10:00 a.m.
- *First Practice for Swimming:* 6:15–7:45 a.m. at the Lakeside Country Club pool (100 Wilcrest Dr.)
- *Student College Rep Visit (Texas Christian University):* 12:55–1:25 p.m. in the SLC Conference Room

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Tuesday, October 21

- *"B" Day*
- *Regular Uniform*
- *Grades Reported to TAPPS for Athletic Eligibility*
- *US Chapel:* 10:00–10:30 a.m. in Crum Gym

Wednesday, October 22

- *"A" Day (Special Schedule)*
- *Regular Uniform*
- *First Practice for Boys Soccer:* 6:30–7:30 a.m. at Couper Turf Field
- *First Practice for Girls Soccer:* 6:40–7:40 a.m. at Couper Turf Field
- *Substance Use Prevention Program:* 11:25 a.m.–12:15 p.m. in Crum Gym
- *First Practice for Girls Basketball:* 4:15–6:15 p.m. in Piney Point Gym
- *First Practice for Wrestling:* 4:30–6:00 p.m. in the Motor Room

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Thursday, October 23

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

- *Student College Rep Visit (Vassar College):* 10:00–10:30 a.m. in the SLC Conference Room
- *First Practice for Boys Basketball:* 5:45–7:45 p.m. in Crum Gym
- *Senior Night for Girls Varsity Volleyball:* 6:45 p.m. in Crum Gym

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Friday, October 24

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

Monday, October 27

- *"B" Day*
- *Regular Uniform*
- *Student College Rep Visit (University of Missouri):* 10:00–10:30 a.m. in the SLC Conference Room

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Tuesday, October 28

- *"A" Day*
- *Regular Uniform*
- *US Chapel:* 10:00–10:30 a.m. in Crum Gym

Wednesday, October 29

- *"B" Day*
- *Regular Uniform*
- *Student College Rep Visit (University of Denver):* 10:00–10:30 a.m. in the SLC Conference Room

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Thursday, October 30

- *"A" Day*

- *Regular Uniform*

Friday, October 31

- *"B" Day*
- *Special Dress:* School-appropriate Halloween costumes are permitted (see guidelines above in this section for details)
- *US Chapel:* 10:00–10:30 a.m. in Crum Gym
- *Senior Night for Football, Cheer, and Cross-Country at the US Halloween Football Game:* 6:45 p.m.

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

High Schoolers, Join Us October 26

On Sunday, October 26, all high school students are invited to join Father Wismer at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall for music and lively discussions with your fellow high schoolers.

St. Francis Festival Is This Afternoon

From 12:00 to 4:00 p.m. today—Sunday, October 19—head over to the St. Francis Episcopal School athletic field for fun-filled events. All the details you need—from parking to punch cards—are linked **here**.

Kitty's Coat Drive Is This Week

Our annual Kitty's Coat Drive starts today—Sunday, October 19—and will continue through Sunday, October 26. During this event, which is named after original organizer Kitty Elliott, St. Francis Episcopal Church and School collect coats for MAM to distribute

to Spring Branch Independent School District students who are in need. A collection area will be set up in the church narthex. Please bring your new or gently used children's and youth coat donations to church today or next Sunday, or to the church office this week.

Houston Chamber Choir Concert Is October 24

Join us this Friday, October 24, at 7:30 p.m. for a free Houston Chamber Choir concert at St. Francis Episcopal Church. The animals are coming! This is the final event of our 75th anniversary celebrations.

Adult Formation Classes With Father Bates Continue October 26

Father Bates's remaining Adult Formation classes will meet in the church library at 10:10 a.m. on the following Sundays: 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**.

November 9: Recital and Choral Evensong

On Sunday, November 9, join the Assisi Choir as we welcome back the wonderful tradition of Choral Evensong—the sung evening prayer of the Episcopal church—to St. Francis. This service, primarily led by the choir, features beautiful singing of psalms, canticles, and hymns of our church. An organ recital by John Kirk will precede the service at 4:15 p.m.

Join Us for Wednesday Evening Programs

On Wednesdays this fall after the 6:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist and dinner prepared by our wonderful Chef Alfredo ($15/person), we offer interesting programs:

- **Pilgrimage Presentation:** On selected Wednesday evenings—October 22 and December 10—Fr. Bates will present a program on the trip he took to Turkey this past June.
- **Keeping the Fire Alive:** On other Wednesdays, Father Price will lead 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.

Women's Bible Study Is Held 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**.

Youth Confirmation Class of 2027

Next year's Confirmation class is in the beginning stages. If your child is presently in the eighth grade or beyond and is interested in being confirmed into the Episcopal Church, please **email Cindy Huteson**. Classes will begin on January 25, 2026.

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:** Hebrews
  - **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:** 2 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.