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WEEKLY E-NEWS

News for the Week of October 26

All School

This Week's Bible Verse

Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord, my good above all other." —Psalm 16:1–2

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.

Parent Volunteers Needed for Fall Book Fair

Parents, please consider volunteering for a shift (or two!) at this year's Treasure Island Book Fair, which will be held Monday, November 17, through Friday, November 21. To volunteer, please **sign up here**. We greatly appreciate your help!

Late Start on November 3

Monday, November 3, is Late Start for Lower, Middle, and Upper School. Late Start does not apply to Primary School students, and their school-day schedule is not affected.

Parents have two options for carpool arrival: If your child needs care before 10:00 a.m., you may drop off at your regular arrival time. If your child does not need care before 10:00 a.m., you may drop off your child at the later carpool time designated for Late Start. Parents must drop off their child during one of these two carpool times, as staff will not be on carpool duty in between these two blocks of time.

- **Lower School:** Early drop-off begins at 7:00 a.m., and regular carpool is 7:30–8:00 a.m. Students will be supervised in the Dining Hall. Late Start carpool: 9:30–10:00 a.m. Classes begin at 10:00 a.m.
- **Middle School:** Early drop-off begins at 7:00 a.m., and regular carpool is 7:30–8:00 a.m. Students will be supervised in the Dining Hall. Late Start carpool: 9:30–10:00 a.m. Classes begin at 10:00 a.m.
- **Upper School:** Regular carpool from 7:30–8:30 a.m. Students will be supervised by staff in the Student Life Center on the grand staircase. Late Start carpool: 9:30–10:00 a.m. Classes begin at 10:00 a.m.

Festival Fun—What a Day!

A huge thank-you to everyone who came out to Festival—what an incredible day! From the pumpkin patch, Sugar Shuffle, and claw machine to the candy making, hair braiding, games, pitching competition, Grand Prize baskets, Dunk Tank, and so much more, it's hard to believe we fit it all into just four hours of fun!

VIEW PHOTOS OF FESTIVAL FUN

The gallery of photos from Festival Day is now available. **Click here to view pics of Festival fun!**

DUNK TANK PARTICIPANTS

A big shout-out to our fearless faculty and staff who took the plunge in the Dunk Tank—and to the students who showed off their amazing arms!

- Dr. Chelsea Collins, Head of School—Free Dress Day for the entire grade
- Stephen McCormick, Lower School Math Faculty—Homework Pass
- Ted Lakoski, Director of Counseling and Experiential Travel—10 Gift Basket Tickets
- Juliana Wagner, Second-Grade Math Faculty—No Shoes Pass
- H. Baber, Dean of Upper School—Free Dress Day for the entire grade
- Emily Graves, Second-Grade Humanities Faculty—Wear a Hat to School Day
- John Gibbs, PE and Strength Coach—Basketball Day instead of Strength and Conditioning
- Charlotte Morales, Third-Grade Humanities Faculty—Extra Recess
- Father Wismer, Senior Chaplain—Prepare the Feast (Choose the menu for the day)
- David Settle, Middle School Math and Science Faculty—Snack in Science
- Scott Gibbs, Middle School Performing Arts/Theatre—Extra Recess

FREE DRESS DAY WINNERS

- Third Grade—Tuesday, October 28
- Fourth Grade—Wednesday, October 29
- Fifth and Sixth Grades—Tuesday, November 4
- Seventh Grade—Wednesday, November 5

- Tenth Grade—Wednesday, October 22

Congratulations to all our student winners from the Dunk Tank, Grand Prize baskets, Sugar Shuffle, Candy Guess Game, Speed Pitching Contest, and Pick-a-Chop!

A heartfelt thank-you to our amazing **Festival Chairs, Alicyn Gawryliuk and Courtney Stevens**; our dedicated **Festival Committee**; and every volunteer, parent, student, and faculty and staff member who helped bring this joyful day to life. You filled our campus with laughter, community spirit, and Wolf Pack pride—we couldn't have done it without you!

Friday: Fright Night Under the Lights

This school year's **last** Varsity home football game is this Friday, October 31, at 7:00 p.m. Wear your costumes, and come celebrate Halloween *and* the Wolves!

- **Trunk or Treating** from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.
  - Come early and bring a bag or two of candy to hand out to the kids. Ideas for trunk decorations, along with links to affordable supplies, can be found in **this SignUpGenius**.
  - We need your help with Trunk or Treating! **Click here** to volunteer. Let's make this a special night for the kids.
- **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.

Primary School

Dress Code Reminders

- Please label all jackets, coats, and outerwear pieces.
- On Fridays, Spirit Wear is an option. Spirit Wear includes any **branded** St. Francis merchandise purchased through the school's Spirit Store or Uniform Resale. It does not include merchandise purchased from outside vendors.

Mark Your Calendar

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*

Monday, November 3

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

Tuesday, November 4

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

Wednesday, November 5

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

Lower School

Halloween Is a Special Dress Day

On Halloween—Friday, October 31—students may wear school-appropriate Halloween costumes to school. (Please, no violence/weapons, gore, or masks.) Students should still wear athletic shoes for PE and recess. If students choose not to wear Halloween costumes, they may wear their uniform or regular Friday Spirit Wear.

Annual SFE Pumpkin Carving Contest Is Thursday

Final reminder! The annual St. Francis Pumpkin Decorating Contest is this Thursday, October 30.

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. this Friday, October 31, or they will be thrown away.

Check out our **Pumpkin Carving FAQ page** for a list of categories, competition rules, and more.

Mark Your Calendar

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.; Joyful Sounds Choir will sing
- *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, they can wear their uniform or regular Friday Spirit Wear.

Monday, November 3

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

Tuesday, November 4

- *Indigenous People's Month Event (Grades 3 and 4):* 9:40–10:20 a.m. in the Fine Arts Center

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Thursday, November 6

- *LS Chapel:* 8:20–8:50 a.m.

Middle School

MS Winter Sports Placements and Practices Start This Week
The first practices for Middle School Winter Sports will be held this week. Placements will be held tomorrow—Monday, October 27—through this Wednesday, October 29. The deadline to change your sport is October 29.

PRACTICE TIMES AND LOCATIONS

- *Basketball-Boys (Coach Baber/Coach Harris):* 3:00–4:20 p.m. in Piney Point Gym
- *Basketball-Girls (Coach Lyons/Coach Prejean):* 3:00–4:15 p.m. in Crum Gym
- *Soccer-Boys (Coach Serralta):* 2:50-4:30 p.m. at Piney Point Field
- *Soccer-Girls (Coach Donaldson):* 2:45-4:10 p.m. at Piney Point Field
- *Swimming (Coach Godley):* 3:15-4:45 p.m. at the Lakeside Country Club pool
- *Wrestling (Coach Lopez):* 2:55–4:15 p.m.; meet at the Wrestling Room on October 27

UPDATED PICKUP TIMES

- *Soccer-Girls:* 4:10 p.m. at Piney Point Campus
- *Wrestling:* 4:15 p.m. at Piney Point Campus
- *Basketball-Girls:* 4:15 p.m. at Couper Campus
- *Basketball-Boys:* 4:20 p.m. at Piney Point Campus
- *Soccer-Boys:* 4:30 p.m. at Piney Point Campus
- *Swimming:* 4:45 p.m. at Lakeside Country Club pool

Progress Reports Published October 24

Mid-semester progress reports were published to student portals on Friday, October 24. To view your student's report, please log in to Veracross, click on "Classes and Reports," and click "Reports."

Digital Wellness Parent Presentation: 'Dealing with Deep Fakes'

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Seventh-Grade Outdoor Learning Experience (OLE) Is November 6–7

On Thursday, November 6, and Friday, November 7, seventh-grade students and teachers will travel to Camp Olympia for a time of outdoor learning.

- Students should arrive on campus at 6:45 a.m. and will return to school at approximately 5:00 p.m. on Friday, November 7.
- They should have breakfast before arriving and may bring snacks for the bus ride.
- Medications administered at school will be sent with students for the trip.

WHAT TO BRING

It is very important that all students bring a **water bottle** and wear closed-toed athletic shoes (no Crocs). A more detailed packing list is provided in the parent email, which is linked below.

EMAIL SENT + MEDICAL RELEASE FORM DUE NOVEMBER 5

Seventh-grade families received **an email** on October 24 with more details, including information on dietary restrictions, as well as the **medical release form**. **The signed medical release form needs to be returned to your child's advisor by Wednesday, November 5.**

Substance Use Prevention Presentation Summary

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Please Review: Guidelines for Halloween Dress

This 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.

ERB Testing Is This Week

ERB testing will be held each morning this 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.
- ***Important: Please have your student charge their laptop nightly so that they arrive to school each testing day with a fully charged laptop.*** Students are welcome to bring a charger with them to school. The Technology Department is unable to provide students with chargers.
- 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

Monday, October 27

- *"B" Day (Special Schedule)*
- *Regular Uniform*
- *First Day of MS Winter Sports*
- *MS ERB Testing:* 8:00–10:40 a.m. (7:30–10:40 a.m. for extended time)
- *MS Chapel:* 10:45–11:10 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:* 8:00–10:40 a.m. (7:30–10:40 a.m. for extended time)

Wednesday, October 29

- *"B" Day (Special Schedule)*
- *Regular Uniform*
- *MS ERB Testing:* 8:00–10:40 a.m. (7:30–10:40 a.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)

Monday, November 3

- *Late Start:* 10:00 a.m.
- *"A" Day (Special Schedule)*
- *Regular Uniform*

Tuesday, November 4

- *"B" Day (Special Schedule)*
- *Regular Uniform*
- *Indigenous People's Month Event:* 9:40 a.m.; students only

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Wednesday, November 5

- *"A" Day (Special Schedule)*
- *Regular Uniform*
- *MS/US Parent Digital Wellness Coffee—Crime Stoppers of Houston Presents "Dealing With Deep Fakes":* 8:30 a.m. in the Hogan Board Room on Piney Point Campus
- *Crime Stoppers of Houston Presentation (Grade 8 Only):* 9:40 a.m.

Thursday, November 6

- *"B" Day*
- *Regular Uniform*
- *MS Chapel:* 9:50–10:20 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary
- *Seventh-Grade OLE to Camp Olympia:* Arrive to campus at 6:45 a.m.

Friday, November 7

- *"A" Day*
- *Regular Uniform or St. Francis Spirit Shirt and Jeans/Uniform Bottoms*
- *Seventh-Grade OLE:* Students will return to campus at approximately 5:00 p.m.

Upper School

Tomorrow: Cross-Country Competes in the TAPPS State Championship

The Upper School Cross-Country team will compete in the TAPPS State Championship tomorrow—Monday, October 27—at Cottonwood Creek Golf Course (5200 Bagby Ave. in Waco). Parents are warmly invited to come and cheer on our US athletes as they represent St. Francis at this exciting event.

Wednesday: 'Making College Affordable' Parent Education Webinar

Join us this Wednesday, October 29, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. for a parent education webinar on "Making College Affordable," presented by Smart Track College Funding. This live Zoom session is open to all families with students in grades 9–11 and will cover strategies for preparing financially for college. **Please click here to register.**

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Senior Night for Football, Cheer, and Cross-Country Is Friday

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

Halloween Costume Contest + Dress Guidelines

Calling all students and faculty: We're hosting a Halloween Costume Contest this 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.

Students are NOT allowed to include the following items with their Halloween costumes:

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

Leggings are permitted with long T-shirts. The same rules for the length of shorts and skirts that apply to regular uniforms or casual-dress days also apply to costumes.

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Monday, October 27

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

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 and University of Arkansas):* 10:00–10:30 a.m. in the Student Life Center (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 Halloween Varsity Football Game:* 6:45 p.m.
- *Halloween Varsity Football Game:* 7:00–10:00 p.m. on Couper Turf Field

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Monday, November 3

- *"A" Day (Special Schedule)*
- *Regular Uniform*
- *Late Start:* 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, November 4

- *"B" Day*
- *Dress Uniform*
- *US All Saints' Eucharist Chapel:* 10:00–11:00 a.m. in Crum Gym

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Wednesday, November 5

- *"A" Day*
- *Regular Uniform*
- *MS/US Parent Digital Wellness Coffee—Crime Stoppers of Houston Presents "Dealing With Deep Fakes":* 8:30–9:30 a.m. in the Hogan Board Room on Piney Point Campus
- *Student College Rep Visit (University of Massachusetts and University of San Francisco):* 10:00–10:30 a.m. in the SLC Conference Room

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Thursday, November 6

- *"B" Day*
- *Regular Uniform*
- *Student College Bites Meeting—"Résumé 101":* 12:30–12:55 p.m. in the Black Box Theatre

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Friday, November 7

- *"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
- *US Open House:* 5:00–7:00 p.m. at Couper 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

Endowment Gift for the 75th Anniversary of Our Parish

We invite all parishioners to participate in a special fundraising campaign for our Endowment Fund. This enduring resource will help sustain our mission, ministries, and outreach for generations to come. Make a contribution that reflects your gratitude and hopes, using "75" as your inspiration. Your gift—whether $75; $750; $7,500; or any other amount inspired by "75"—will help lay the foundation for an enduring future. Together, let us honor all that we have achieved and invest in all that is yet to come.

St. Francis 101: New Member Orientation Is November 9

On Sunday, November 9, join Father Bates for an introduction to St. Francis Episcopal Church. We are offering two class times: 10:10 a.m. in the Library, and 12:15 p.m. in the Hogan Board Room (light lunch provided). If attending the early class, parents are welcome to leave their children in the nursery. This is a great opportunity for new or prospective members to get to know St. Francis and Father Bates as he gives an overview of our mission, ministry, and programs. **RSVP to Julie Lowery.**

High Schoolers, Join Us This Evening

This evening—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.

Adult Formation Classes With Father Bates Continue November 2

Father Bates's remaining Adult Formation classes will continue to meet in the church library at 10:10 a.m. on the following Sundays: 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 (Final Session):** On Wednesday, December 10, Fr. Bates will present slides and lead a discussion on the pilgrimage 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.