WOLF WATCH

WEEKLY E-NEWS

News for the Week of November 2

All School

This Week's Bible Verse

But I put my trust in your mercy; my heart is joyful because of your saving help. —Psalm 13:5

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 Message About Attending Chapel

We love having parents, guardians, grandparents, and other friends and family visit during our weekly Chapel services in all divisions! A reminder that this is a place of worship where we meet with God. As we try to engender an atmosphere of attentiveness to the presence of God, please refrain from bringing food or drinks into Chapel or taking video and photos during the service. Thank you for helping us to model worshiping God in holiness.

Late Start Tomorrow—November 3

Tomorrow—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.
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- **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.

Reminder From the Nurses: Parents Must Deliver Medications Directly to the Clinic

As a reminder, all medications (oral or topical) should be brought directly to the clinic by a parent. Medications must not be sent to school with students or left with the security guard. Parents are welcome to have their child called to the clinic to administer the medication themselves, or they can provide the nurse with the original prescription bottle, and she will administer it. If you have any questions, please call the nurse on your child's campus. The nurses appreciate your understanding and cooperation!

Shine On St. Francis Gala: Tickets and Winter Sign-up Parties

Save the date: Shine On St. Francis Gala tickets go on sale on Monday, November 10 and Winter Sign-up Parties go on sale Thursday, November 13. Keep an eye on your inbox this week for an email with all the dazzling details!

Makeup Picture Day Is November 10

If your student missed Picture Day, please note that Makeup Picture Day for all divisions is Monday, November 10. This day is for any student who is newly enrolled or who was absent on Picture Day. If you have questions, please contact your student's division office manager.

Volunteers Needed November 10: Art Change-Out on Piney Point Campus

Please join Friends of Fine Arts (FoFA) on Monday, November 10, from 9:00 a.m. to noon to help change out the Lower School and Middle School student art display on Piney Point Campus. Anyone is welcome to join—no experience needed! To volunteer, please **sign up here**.

Middle School Art Needs Empty Topo Chico/Danimal Smoothie Bottles

St. Francis's Middle School Art classes need your empty Topo Chico and Danimal

Smoothie bottles. Donated items may be dropped in the box labeled "Middle School Art Donations" at front desk security on Piney Point Campus. Thank you!

Buy Tickets Now: *Shrek the Musical* Is November 14–16

Upper School and Middle School students have joined forces to bring you the beloved story of an ogre named Shrek! Based on the Oscar-winning DreamWorks Animation film, *Shrek the Musical* is a Tony Award–winning fairy-tale adventure that brings all the beloved characters you know to life on stage.

Tickets are limited—**buy yours now**!

PERFORMANCE TIMES

All performances will be held in the Fine Arts Center at Piney Point Campus:

- Friday, November 14, at 7:00 p.m.
- Saturday, November 15, at 7:00 p.m.
- Sunday, November 16, at 2:00 p.m.

Congrats, Pumpkin Carving Contest Winners!

The Wolf Pack carved out some serious school spirit this past week! From big to small, spooky to silly, our annual Pumpkin Carving Contest showcased amazing creativity from students and families alike. Congratulations to everyone who participated! **Check out the full list of winners.**

All Are Welcome: Join Lower School for a Morning of Service on November 15

We invite all St. Francis students and families to join us for the Lower School Day of Service on Saturday, November 15, from 8:00 a.m. to noon in the Dining Hall on Piney Point Campus. (Note: It may not take the entire time.) Together, we'll live out our call to be People for Others as we partner with Kids' Meals to decorate and pack meals for children facing hunger in our city. We hope you'll join us for this meaningful morning of service!

Book Fair Is November 17–21

The St. Francis Book Fair is November 17–21, and we can't wait to see our students and families there!

- All students in grades K–8 will have a designated time to visit the Book Fair the week of November 17.
- Lower School students will preview the Book Fair on Monday, November 17, or Tuesday, November 18. **View the preview schedule here.** Parents are welcome to join their children to shop on these days. Lower School students may only make purchases on Monday and Tuesday when their parent is present. Lower

School students will also visit with their grandparents/special friends/teachers on their grade's Grandparents and Grandfriends Day.

- Middle School students will visit with their English teacher on Monday, November 17, or Tuesday, November 18. **View the shopping schedule here.** Parents are welcome to join their children to shop.
- The Book Fair will also be open for any parents to visit on Monday, November 17, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and on Tuesday, November 18, from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. **We encourage our families with Primary School students to plan on attending during these times.**
- Payments accepted are Apple Pay, debit and credit cards, **I:55 gift cards**, and cash. All Book Fair proceeds are used to purchase new books for the library.
- We have a few **volunteer spots still available** if you are interested in helping.

Holiday Poinsettias: Limited Quantity—Reserve Yours Now

Support the St. Francis Parents Organization by purchasing beautiful red poinsettias grown by The Brookwood Community. **Click here** for more details and to reserve yours today!

Primary School

We've Got Outerwear! Stop by the Pop-up Spirit Store This Friday

Cool mornings are here, so stop by the Pop-up Spirit Store this Friday, November 7, from 7:30 to 9:00 a.m. to grab cozy St. Francis outwear in Primary School sizes. Show your Wolf Pack pride, and keep your young Wolves warm in St. Francis style!

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, November 3

- *No Late Start for Primary School*
- *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
- *Primary II (Theis and Suckow) Steps Forward to Kindergarten:* Student-only event

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Friday, November 7

- *Primary II (Wiener and Capasso) Steps Forward to Kindergarten:* Student-only event

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Monday, November 10

- *Makeup Picture Day:* See more information in the All School section of this *Wolf Watch*
- *Open Library:* 3:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 11

- *Primary II Chapel:* Students only
- *Primary II Step Forward to Kindergarten (Parents Only):*
    - 9:45 a.m. in the Hogan Board Room on Piney Point Campus
    - Shuttles begin running between Couper Campus and Piney Point Campus at 9:15 a.m. to help with parking.
- *Primary II Lunch on the Lawn:* 11:00 a.m. at the playscape on Couper Campus

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Wednesday, November 12

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

Lower School

Lower School Morning of Service Is November 15

Join us for the Lower School Day of Service on Saturday, November 15, from 8:00 a.m. to noon in the Dining Hall. (Note: It may not take the entire time.) Together, we'll live out our call to be People for Others as we partner with Kids' Meals to decorate and pack meals for children facing hunger in our city. We hope you'll join us for this meaningful morning of service!

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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 (FAC)

Thursday, November 6

- *LS Chapel:* 8:20–8:50 a.m.

Monday, November 10

- *LS Chapel:* 8:20–8:50 a.m.
- *Makeup Picture Day:* 7:30–9:30 a.m. in the Hogan Board Room; see more information in the All School section of this *Wolf Watch*

Tuesday, November 11

- *ERB Testing for Grades 3 and 4:* 9:00–11:00 a.m.in classrooms

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- *LS Preview of* Shrek the Musical: 1:30–2:30 p.m. in the FAC

Friday, November 14

- *Car Door Dads:* 7:30–8:00 a.m.
- *ERB Testing for Grade 4:* 9:00–11:00 a.m. in classrooms

Middle School

ERB Makeup Testing: December 2–4

Makeup ERB testing will be held Tuesday, December 2–Thursday, December 4. Families with students who need to make up the tests will be contacted directly with more information the week before Thanksgiving Break.

Eighth-Grade Trip to *The Outsiders*: Please RSVP by Tomorrow

On Tuesday, October 28, eighth-grade parents received an email from the Middle School Office with an invitation to the 7:30 p.m. showing of *The Outsiders* at The Hobby Center for the Performing Arts. Please respond to the Google form in that email by tomorrow—Monday, November 3—at noon. After that time, any unclaimed tickets will be offered to seventh-grade families on a first-come, first-served basis.

Summer Travel 2026: Register for Costa Rica by Tuesday + DC Parent Info Session Is Wednesday + Greece Registration Continues

WASHINGTON, DC—PARENT INFO SESSION IS WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, AT 8:15 A.M.

The launch of the Washington, DC, trip is here! Fifth-grade students will learn about this exciting summer opportunity during advisory sessions this week. Parents, please join **Maria Cruzalegui** via Zoom at 8:15 a.m. this Wednesday, November 5, for all the details!

- **Who:** Rising/re-enrolled sixth graders
- **Dates:** May 31–June 4, 2026
- **Trip Leader:** Maria Cruzalegui, Middle School Spanish Faculty
- **Parent Information Meeting via Zoom:** Wednesday, November 5, at 8:15 a.m.
    - **Link to Zoom Meeting**
    - *Meeting ID:* 916 707 7275
    - *Passcode:* wolves
    - This session will be recorded, and a link will be provided in the next *Wolf Watch*.

COSTA RICA: REGISTER BY TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4

The window for rising eighth graders to register for the Costa Rica summer trip closes this Tuesday, November 4. Please send all registration information to **Liz Ward**, Trip Leader and Sixth-Grade Dean, as soon as possible.

- **Who:** Rising/Re-enrolled Eighth Graders
- **Date:** May 31–June 13, 2026
- **Trip Leader:** Liz Ward, Sixth-Grade Dean/Middle School Spanish Teacher; **email with questions**
- **Tentative Trip Itinerary:** **2026 Costa Rica Itinerary**
- **Trip Application:**
    - Please print and return with deposit check to trip leader Liz Ward.
    - **2026 Costa Rica Trip Application**
- **Parent Information Session:** **Watch the Zoom recording.**
- **NOTE:** Sign-ups are on a first-come, first-served basis. Once we reach 30 travelers, all other applications will be placed in a lottery for any remaining spots.

GREECE REGISTRATION CONTINUES

Register now for a trip of a lifetime to beautiful Greece in summer 2026!

- **Who:** Rising/re-enrolled Upper School students (rising grades 9–12)
- **Dates:** June 1–10, 2026
- **Cost:** $6,522 + $350 St. Francis Travel Fee
- **Trip Leader:** Ted Lakoski, Director of Counseling/Director of Experiential Travel, assisted by Marion Tolon (Coach T), PE Teacher/Student Transition Liaison
- **Parent Information Session:** **Watch the Zoom recording.**
- **Trip Information and Registration Requirements:**
    - **View the trip flyer** for more details.
    - Please register with our travel vendor at the **ACIS Educational Tours trip website**.
    - Print, sign, and return the **SFE Travel application for Greece**.
    - **Email Ted Lakoski** with any questions.

Next Booster Club General Meeting Is Friday

Please join us for the next Booster Club General Meeting this Friday, November 7, from

8:30 to 9:30 a.m. in the Hogan Board Room at Piney Point Campus. Come and see what's happening with winter sports and special events. If you can't make it in person, you may **use this link to join the meeting virtually**, instead. See you then!

Wednesday: Digital Wellness Parent Presentation on 'Dealing With Deep Fakes'

This Wednesday, November 5, from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. in the Hogan Board Room (Piney Point Campus), experts from Crime Stoppers of Houston will present the latest research on the use of AI-generated deep fakes and their impact on school communities. Attendees will learn practical strategies to help their children stay safe and healthy online. **Click here to register.**

Seventh-Grade Outdoor Learning Experience (OLE) Is Thursday and Friday

This 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 at the Dining Hall doors at 6:45 a.m. and report to the Fine Arts Center. They 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 TOMORROW

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 tomorrow—Monday, November 3.**

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. **Visit the FlynnO'Hara website.**

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, 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":* 8:30–9:30 a.m. in the Hogan Board Room (HBR); **click here to register**
- *Crime Stoppers of Houston Digital Wellness 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 the Dining Hall doors at 6:45 a.m. and report to the Fine Arts Center

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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.

Monday, November 10

- *"B" Day (Special Schedule)*
- *Dress Uniform*
- *Makeup Picture Day:* 7:30–9:00 a.m. in the HBR; see more information in the All School section of this *Wolf Watch*
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- *Regular Uniform*

Wednesday, November 12

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- *Regular Uniform*

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- *"B" Day (Special Schedule)*
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Upper School

Midterm Exam Schedule Now Available

Midterm exams will be held Monday, December 15–Friday, December 19, and you may **view the schedule here**. Please review the schedule to note the start and end times for exams. Students only need to be on campus for the duration of their exams.

Beginning early this month, teachers and advisors will work with students on their individual exam schedule, as well as on the logistics for exam week and the review sessions prior to exams.

Prayers and Anointing With Mother Hylden

Do you have a test you're nervous about? Are you recovering from an injury? Feeling stressed out about life? Swing by Mtr. Hylden's office between 7:45 and 8:15 a.m. on Mondays for prayers. Open to staff and faculty, too!

College Bites: 'Résumé and Activity Workshop'

Students in grades 9–11 are invited to join us this Thursday, November 6, from 12:15 to 12:50 p.m. in the Black Box for a hands-on workshop where they'll learn how to craft a compelling résumé and showcase their activities and service hours effectively.

Questions? Please reach out to **Claudia Mejia**, Director of College Counseling, or **Lorien Cuneo**, Upper School English Faculty.

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

Tuesday, November 4

- *"B" Day (Special Schedule)*
- *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; **click here to register**
- *Student College Rep Visit (University of Massachusetts and University of San Francisco):* 10:00–10:30 a.m. in the Student Life Center (SLC) Conference Room

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Thursday, November 6

- *"B" Day*
- *Regular Uniform*
- *Student College Bites Meeting—"Résumé and Activity Workshop":* 12:15–12:50 p.m. in the Black Box

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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

Monday, November 10

- *"B" Day*
- *Regular Uniform*
- *Makeup Picture Day:* 8:00–10:00 a.m. in Crum Gym; see more information in the All School section of this *Wolf Watch*

Tuesday, November 11

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

Wednesday, November 12

- *"B" Day*
- *Regular Uniform*
- *Indigenous People's Month Event:* 10:00–10:30 a.m. in Crum Gym

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Thursday, November 13

- *"A" Day*
- *Regular Uniform*
- *US Athletics Media Day*

Friday, November 14

- *"B" 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
- Shrek the Musical *Opening Night:* 7:00–10:00 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center on Piney Point Campus

Church

Join Us Each Sunday for Worship and Family-Focused Events

- **Sunday Family Worship Service:** 9:00 a.m. in the church
- **Let It Shine Children's Bible Lesson:** On Sundays during the 9:00 a.m. Family Worship Service, join Mrs. Devlin to learn about the Bible as we act out Scripture with costumes and props and pray together.

- **Coffee and Donuts:** Every Sunday at 10:00 a.m. (after the 9:00 a.m. Family Worship Service), get a cup of coffee and enjoy a time of fellowship.
- **Lighthouse Children's Art:** 10:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall
- **Holy Eucharist Rite II Traditional Service With Choral Music:** 11:00 a.m.
- **Holy Eucharist Rite I Service:** 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. in the St. Clare Chapel

Register Now: St. Francis Sports Association Basketball

Registration is now open for St. Francis Sports Association Basketball. The deadline to register is Saturday, November 15, and the cost is $235 per player. Both boys and girls in Pre-K through eighth grade are invited to participate. The season will run January 10–February 21, 2026. Don't miss this opportunity to join the fun on the court!

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.

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.

St. Francis 101: New Member Orientation Is November 16

On Sunday, November 16, 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.**

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

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