WOLF WATCH

WEEKLY E-NEWS

News for the Week of November 9

All School

This Week's Bible Verse
Happy are people who make peace, because they will be called God's children. — Matthew 5:9

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.

Can You Help? We Need Volunteers for Grandparents and Grandfriends Days!
We need volunteers for our upcoming Grandparents and Grandfriends Days on Wednesday, November 19, through Friday, November 21. If you can help during one of the available time slots, please **sign up using this link**.

Donate Now: SFPO Christmas Gift Collection for Faculty and Staff
Make your contribution to the St. Francis Parents Organization (SFPO) Christmas Gift Collection today! Each holiday season, the SFPO coordinates a Christmas Gift Collection in place of individual classroom gifts. This cherished tradition reflects what our faculty and staff have shared they value most—being honored together as one community. All contributions are combined and evenly distributed among every faculty and staff member as a heartfelt expression of gratitude for their care and dedication.

- We kindly ask families to refrain from organizing separate classroom gifts so we can celebrate and thank our entire team in this meaningful way.
- Please make your contribution by Monday, December 1, at 11:59 p.m.
- With any questions, please **email SFPO Treasurer Sidney Fagan**.

Holiday Poinsettias: Order Form Is Working

'Tis the season for tech troubles! We apologize if you received an error message when trying to reserve poinsettias last week. The form is now fixed. **Click here** for more details and to reserve your poinsettias today.

Makeup Picture Day Is Tomorrow

If your student missed Picture Day, please note that Makeup Picture Day for all divisions is tomorrow—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.

Dad's Club: Morning Carpool Crew

Calling all dads! We are seeking a couple more Lower School carpool helpers to open car doors this Friday, November 14. 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! (When you arrive, please be sure to park in front of the school, as faculty and staff park in assigned spots in the side lot.)
- Questions? **Email the St. Francis Dads' Club.**

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.

All Are Welcome: Join Lower School for a Morning of Service This Saturday

We invite all St. Francis students and families to join us for the Lower School Day of Service this 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 Monday, November 17, through Friday, November 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.
    - **Lower School parents, watch for flyers coming home with your student this week.**
- 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.**
- Forms of payment 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.

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!

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.

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!

Primary School

Reminder From the Nurses: Stay Home When Sick

As a reminder, students should stay home if they are suffering from fever, vomiting/diarrhea, or suspicion of a contagious disease. Prior to returning to school, students should be symptom-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication. The nurses appreciate your understanding and cooperation.

Mark Your Calendar

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

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Friday, November 14

- *MS/US Performance of* Shrek the Musical*:* 7:00 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center on Piney Point Campus; **buy tickets now**

Saturday, November 15

- *MS/US Performance of* Shrek the Musical*:* 7:00 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center on Piney Point Campus; **buy tickets now**

Sunday, November 16

- *MS/US Performance of* Shrek the Musical*:* 2:00 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center on Piney Point Campus; **buy tickets now**

Monday, November 17

- *Pre-Primary Parent Step Forward:* 10:45 a.m.
- *Pre-Primary Lunch on the Lawn:* 11:00 a.m. on the playscape on Couper Campus
- *Open Library:* 3:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 18

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

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Wednesday, November 18

- *Chapel:* 9:30 a.m.; Primary I parents are invited to attend
- *Primary I Parent Step Forward:* 10:45 a.m.
- *Primary I Lunch on the Lawn:* 11:00 a.m. on the playscape on Couper Campus

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Friday, November 21

- *Primary School Feasts (Students Only)*
- *Primary School Students May Wear Fall Attire or Spirit Wear*

Monday, November 24–Friday, November 28

- *Thanksgiving Break:* No school

Lower School

St. Nicholas Toy Drive Starts Tomorrow

The St. Nicholas Toy Drive starts tomorrow—Monday, November 10—and runs through Friday, December 5. Send in new, unwrapped toys to your child's homeroom teacher during this time. At the end of the toy drive, Santa will join the Piney Point Fire Department in collecting the toys and donating them to Toys for Tots for distribution this holiday season.

Lower School Morning of Service Is Saturday

Join us for the Lower School Day of Service this 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!

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, November 10

- *LS Chapel:* 8:20–8:50 a.m.
- *Makeup Picture Day:* 7:30–9:00 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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Wednesday, November 12

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

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Thursday, November 13

- *LS Chapel:* 8:20-8:50 a.m.
- *ERB Testing for Grades 3 and 4:* 9:00–11:00 a.m. in classrooms
- *LS Preview of* Shrek the Musical: 1:30–2:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center

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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
- *MS/US Performance of* Shrek the Musical*:* 7:00 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center; **buy tickets now**

Saturday, November 15

- *MS/US Performance of* Shrek the Musical*:* 7:00 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center; **buy tickets now**

Sunday, November 16

- *MS/US Performance of* Shrek the Musical*:* 2:00 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center; **buy tickets now**

Monday, November 17

- *LS Chapel:* 8:20–8:50 a.m.

Wednesday, November 19

- *Fourth-Grade Grandparents and Grandfriends Day:* 12:15–2:15 p.m., with chapel at 12:15–12:45 p.m.

Thursday, November 20

- *Third-Grade Grandparents and Grandfriends Day:* 8:45-10:45 a.m., with chapel at 8:45-9:15 a.m
- *Second-Grade Grandparents and Grandfriends Day:* 12:15-2:15 p.m., with chapel at 12:15-12:45 p.m.

Friday, November 21

- *First-Grade Grandparents and Grandfriends Day:* 8:45-10:45 a.m., with chapel at 8:45-9:15 a.m.
- *Kindergarten Grandparents and Grandfriends Day:* 12:15-2:15 p.m., with chapel at 12:15-12:45 p.m.

Monday, November 24–Friday, November 28

- *Thanksgiving Break:* No school

Middle School

Cell Phone/Smart Watch Reminder

Students are reminded that smart devices are required to be turned in during Advisory every morning, according to our Middle School cell phone policy. If the schedule does not allow for Advisory Check-In, students are still expected to stop by the appropriate classroom to turn in their device. Students should not use smart devices “car door to car door.” Devices discovered with students during the day will be kept in the Middle School Office.

ERB Makeup Testing Dates: December 2–4

Makeup ERB testing will be administered in the Hogan Board Room during the first week of December, according to the following schedule:

- **Tuesday, December 2, 8:00–11:00 a.m.:** Makeup testing for Monday, October 27
- **Wednesday, December 3, 12:30–2:30 p.m.:** Makeup testing for Tuesday, October 28
- **Thursday, December 4, 8:00–11:00 a.m.:** Makeup testing for Wednesday, October 29

If your student needs to make up a test, you will receive an email with additional details during the week of November 17.

A Note on Recording Service Hours Using MobileServe

On Wednesday evening, an email was sent to all students who have yet to claim their MobileServe account. MobileServe is the platform we use to record students' service hours. Please look for the email from MobileServe and follow the instructions to log in, so that you can begin logging your hours electronically. This reduces the administrative load and gives up-to-date data on our progress in achieving our mission to be People for Others. Students will soon find a link to MobilServe on Veracross so they may easily access their dashboard and track their hours.

Table Talk With the Chaplain: Navigating the Holidays with Your Middle Schooler

Parents are invited to join Reverend Katie Mitchell, Middle School religion teacher and chaplain, for our monthly Table Talk on Tuesday, November 18, from 8:05 to 8:50 a.m. in the Bride's Room, located in the foyer of the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary.

Feeling the holiday squeeze? This judgment-free conversation offers space to share real struggles and find practical hope. Reverend Mitchell will guide a discussion on the "Middle School Paradox"—how breaks from school stress can bring new challenges, from disrupted routines to family dynamics and shifting social expectations.

Together, we'll explore ways to move from doing to being: choosing presence over presents and connection over perfection. Come share your wins and worries, and discover that you're not alone. Find community, encouragement, and peace for the journey ahead.

This Week in Middle School Chapel

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10

- **Read the family devotional.**
- **Scripture: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13** (Discipline for the Undisciplined)
- **Musicians:** Elysse Balombin, Tina Le, Sofia Pace
- **Ushers:** Tiffany Defenbaugh, Taj Ducic, Belle Givens, Noble Goodman
- **Acolytes:** Katherine Thornock, Symeon Whitfield

- **Crucifers:** Vandan Nguyen, Benjamin Scott
- **Readers:** Valentina Tadlock, Kennedy Thomas
- **Homilist:** Mr. David Settle (MS Science Faculty)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13

- **Read the family devotional.**
- **Scripture: Luke 21:5-19** (The Temple's Fate)
- **Musicians:** MS Seventh-Grade Choir
- **Ushers:** Blair Hilliard, Everett Javidi, Paige Kothari, Ashley Leigh
- **Acolytes:** Hallie Abel, Fritz Boston
- **Crucifers:** Chloe Syon, Willow Bookmyer
- **Readers:** Kamila Almodovar, Cameron Ellis
- **Homilist:** St. Francis Chaplain

Summer Travel 2026: Washington, DC, Registration Now Open + Greece Registration Continues

WASHINGTON, DC—IT'S TIME TO REGISTER!
Registration for this summer's Washington, DC, trip is officially open! To register, please review the recording of the Parent Information Session (available via the link below), complete the St. Francis travel application, and return it along with the $350 St. Francis travel fee to Maria Cruzalegui, DC trip leader. Finally, register online with our travel partner, FEAT Travel.

- **Who:** Rising/re-enrolled sixth graders
- **Dates:** May 31–June 4, 2026
- **Trip Leader:** Maria Cruzalegui, Middle School Spanish Faculty
- **Parent Information Session: Watch the Zoom recording.**
- **Trip Information and Registration Requirements:**
  - Print, sign, and return the **St. Francis travel application for Washington, DC,** along with the $350 St. Francis travel fee.
  - Please register with our travel vendor at the **FEAT Travel website**.
  - **Email Maria Cruzalegui** with any questions.

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.

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, November 10

- *"B" Day*
- *Dress Uniform*
- *Makeup Picture Day:* 7:30–9:00 a.m. in the Hogan Board Room; see more information in the All School section of this *Wolf Watch*
- *MS Chapel:* 9:50–10:20 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary

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Tuesday, November 11

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

Wednesday, November 12

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

Thursday, November 13

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

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Friday, November 14

- *"B" Day (Special Schedule)*
- *Regular Uniform or St. Francis Spirit Shirt and Jeans/Uniform Bottoms*
- *MS Preview of* Shrek the Musical*:* 1:40–2:40 p.m.

- *MS/US Performance of* Shrek the Musical*:* 7:00 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center; **buy tickets now**

Saturday, November 15

- *MS/US Performance of* Shrek the Musical*:* 7:00 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center; **buy tickets now**

Sunday, November 16

- *MS/US Performance of* Shrek the Musical*:* 2:00 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center; **buy tickets now**

Monday, November 17

- *"A" Day*
- *Regular Uniform*
- *Book Fair for Seventh- and Eighth-Grade Students:* Visits occur during students' English classes
- *MS Chapel: 9:50–10:20 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary*

Tuesday, November 18

- *"B" Day*
- *Regular Uniform*
- *Seventh-Grade Field Trip to* A Christmas Carol*:* Students only
- *Book Fair for Fifth- and Sixth-Grade Students:* Visits occur during students' English classes

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Wednesday, November 19

- *"A" Day (Special Schedule)*
- *Dress Uniform*
- *Grandparents and Grandfriends Day for Grades 6 and 8:* 8:45–10:30 a.m.
- The Outsiders *Musical at The Hobby Center:* 7:30 p.m.; for those seventh- and eighth-grade families that have reserved tickets

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Thursday, November 20

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

Friday, November 21

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

Upper School

PSAT/NMSQT Scores Now Available

PSAT/NMSQT scores are now available for sophomores and juniors. The College Board has sent email or text notifications to students' school accounts.

- Students can get their scores at **studentscores.collegeboard.org** with their College Board account username and password. Don't have an account? **Create one here.**
- Learn more about PSAT scores at Revolution Prep's "PSAT, Now What?" webinar on Wednesday, November 12; Thursday, November 20; or Wednesday, December 3. **Click here to register.**

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to **contact Claudia Mejia**, Director of College Counseling.

From College Counseling: Save the Dates!

SOPHOMORE CLASS COLLEGE COUNSELING MEETING

On Wednesday, November 19, at 7:00 p.m., join us via Zoom to discuss sophomore-year essentials: PSAT scores, extracurricular involvement, college exploration, and key timelines. Learn how to prepare for junior year and the college process ahead. **Join the Zoom meeting.**

COUNTDOWN TO SUMMER: PRE-COLLEGE PROGRAMS, ENRICHMENT, AND MORE

On Tuesday, December 9, at 7:00 p.m., join us via Zoom to learn more about summer

enrichment programs and how to help your student have fun, while also exploring their interests. **Join the Zoom meeting.**

Midterm Exam Schedule Now Available

Midterm exams will be held Monday, December 15, through 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 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 Mother Hylden's office between 7:45 and 8:15 a.m. on Mondays for prayers. Open to staff and faculty, too!

2026 Summer Travel—Greece Registration Still Open

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- **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:**
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  - 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.

Mark Your Calendar

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
- *Opening Night of the MS/US Performance of* Shrek the Musical*:* 7:00 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center on Piney Point Campus; **buy tickets now**

Saturday, November 15

- *MS/US Performance of* Shrek the Musical*:* 7:00 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center on Piney Point Campus; **buy tickets now**

Sunday, November 16

- *MS/US Performance of* Shrek the Musical*:* 2:00 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center on Piney Point Campus; **buy tickets now**

Monday, November 17

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

Tuesday, November 18

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

Wednesday, November 19

- *"A" Day*
- *Regular Uniform*
- *Sophomore Class Parent College Night (Virtual Meeting):* 7:00–8:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 20

- *"B" Day*
- *Regular Uniform*
- *Winter Pep Rally:* 3:20 p.m. in Crum Gym

Friday, November 21

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

Church

Join Us Each Sunday for Worship and Family-Focused Events

- **Sunday Family Worship Service:** 9:00 a.m. in the church
- **Let It Shine Children's Bible Lesson:** On Sundays during the 9:00 a.m. Family Worship Service, join Mrs. Devlin to learn about the Bible as we act out Scripture with costumes and props and pray together.
- **Coffee and Donuts:** Every Sunday at 10:00 a.m. (after the 9:00 a.m. Family Worship Service), get a cup of coffee and enjoy a time of fellowship.
- **Lighthouse Children's Art:** 10:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall
- **Holy Eucharist Rite II Traditional Service With Choral Music:** 11:00 a.m.
- **Holy Eucharist Rite I Service:** 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. in the St. Clare Chapel

Critical Need: Fair Haven Food Pantry

One of the church's outreach ministries has now reached a critical-need status. The food pantry distributes hundreds of bags of groceries each week to food-insecure families in the Spring Branch/Memorial area. Non-perishable foods can be left at the church, or a monetary gift can be made to Fair Haven Food Pantry. (A gift of $1,000 provides 4,000 peanut butter sandwiches.) Gifts are appreciated in any amount. Know that your generosity truly makes a difference in people's lives.

This Evening: Recital and Choral Evensong

This evening—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.

Christmas Cards for LOTS Go on Sale November 16

This year's Confirmation Class will continue a long-time group tradition for their Christmas Outreach project benefiting individuals at Lord of the Streets (LOTS). The class will be selling the cards before and after the 9:00 a.m. service on the following Sundays: November 16, November 30, and December 7. The cards are $5 each and make wonderful Christmas gifts for teachers, coworkers, family members, and friends. Support the Confirmation Class in this special outreach effort! You may purchase the cards at any time in the church office or by **emailing Cindy Huteson**.

Register by Saturday: St. Francis Sports Association Basketball

Registration is now open for St. Francis Sports Association Basketball. The deadline to register is this 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.

- **Register online here.**
- If you have questions, please **email the St. Francis Sports Association**.

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 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**

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.