WOLF WATCH

WEEKLY E-NEWS

News for the Week of November 16

All School

This Week's Bible Verse

More than anything you guard, protect your mind, for life flows from it. —Proverbs 4:23

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.

Limited Gala Tickets, Tables, Sponsorships, and Sign-Up Parties Still Available

Tickets are going *fast*, but a handful of spots are still available for the 2026 Shine On St. Francis Gala on February 7, 2026, at the Post Oak Hotel. If you have not secured your place, act now before tickets sell out! **Visit the event website** for full details, and use the links below to reserve your selections.

- **Tickets and Tables:** **Visit the registration page.**
- **Underwriting Opportunities:** **View sponsorship options** that will make the Gala truly *shine*.
- **Winter Sign-Up Parties:** **Purchase tickets here.** If you need a refresher on how Sign-Up Parties work, see the **What is a Sign-Up Party?** page on the Gala website.

Treasure Island Book Fair: See You This Week!

The St. Francis Treasure Island Book Fair starts tomorrow—Monday, November 17—and runs through this Friday, November 21.

OPEN-TO-EVERYONE HOURS
The book fair will be open to everyone this Monday and Tuesday. All parents are welcome to shop at the book fair at these times.

- **Monday, November 17:** 8:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m.
- **Tuesday, November 18:** 7:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

LOWER SCHOOL BOOK FAIR VISITS
Lower School students will preview the book fair this Monday and Tuesday. **View the Lower School preview schedule here.** Lower School students will also visit the book fair with their grandparents and grandfriends this Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday.

MIDDLE SCHOOL BOOK FAIR VISITS
Middle School visits begin tomorrow—Monday, November 17. **View the Middle School shopping schedule here.**

- **Monday, November 17:** Seventh and eighth grades visit during English class.
- **Tuesday, November 18:** Fifth and sixth grades visit during English class.
- Middle School students will need to bring cash, **an I:55 gift card**, a credit card, or Apple Pay to make purchases.

SHOP ONLINE ANYTIME
Can't make it to the book fair? **Shop online here!**

Exciting Week Ahead—Come Join the Fun!
We've got a big, joy-filled week coming up at St. Francis, and we need **YOU** to help make Grandparents and Grandfriends Day truly special! If you're able to lend a hand, we'd love to have you. **Sign up to volunteer at Grandparents and Grandfriends Day**—there are still plenty of spots available. Thank you for helping us create a warm and memorable day for our St. Francis family!

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: Limited Quantity—Reserve Yours Today!

These festive plants not only decorate your home for the holidays, but also make great gifts for friends, family, and clients. Please share this opportunity with your networks, as the sale is open to everyone and proceeds benefit the St. Francis Parents Organization.

- Pickup will be Tuesday, December 2, and Wednesday, December 3. You will receive an email with instructions.
- **Click here** for more details and to purchase your poinsettias today.

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

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. in the Primary I pod
- *Pre-Primary Lunch on the Lawn:* 11:00 a.m. on the Pre-Primary playscape
- *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 19

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

Friday, November 21

- *PS Feasts (Student-Only Event)*
- *PS Students May Wear Fall Attire or Spirit Wear*

Monday, November 24–Friday, November 28

- *Thanksgiving Break:* No school

Monday, December 1

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

Tuesday, December 2

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

Wednesday, December 3

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

Lower School

St. Nicholas Toy Drive: Donate Through December 5
The St. Nicholas Toy Drive started 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.

Reminder: Adult Must Sign in Late/Returning Students

For security purposes, all students who are tardy or returning from appointments *must* be accompanied to the front office and signed in by an adult guardian. Please do not send students in alone.

Mark Your Calendar

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.

Thursday, November 20

- *No Regular LS Chapel:* All students are attending Chapel with grandparents and grandfriends on their assigned days
- *Third-Grade Grandparents and Grandfriends Day:* 8:45-10:45 a.m.
- *Second-Grade Grandparents and Grandfriends Day:* 12:15-2:15 p.m.

Friday, November 21

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

Monday, November 24–Friday, November 28

- *Thanksgiving Break:* No school

Middle School

Student Pickup Reminder

If you are picking up your Middle School student at a time other than their designated carpool time, please park at the front of the school, walk into the front office, and sign your student out at the front desk. Students are not permitted to leave without an authorized adult, nor may they sign themselves out. We ask that you follow this procedure to ensure the safety of all our students.

Students who live in the neighborhood and have completed the Walker/Biker permission forms may continue to follow the procedures communicated to those families earlier this fall.

Smartphone Policy Reminder

We have recently observed an increase in students bringing smartphones to school and not turning them in during advisory, which has resulted in instances of misuse and consequences for the students involved. Please ensure that your child follows the rules outlined in the Middle School Handbook: **"Smartphones/cell phones may be brought, but must be turned off and stored in advisory classrooms during the day."**

Pick Up Tickets Tomorrow: Seventh- and Eighth-Grade Trip to *The Outsiders* Is November 19

Seventh- and 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. All tickets have been claimed! Julie Downs will be handing out the tickets to families who requested them at Middle School carpool tomorrow morning—Monday, November 17. If you miss getting your ticket on Monday morning, please contact 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 this coming week.

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

Parents are invited to join The Rev. Katie Mitchell, Middle School Religion Teacher and Chaplain, for our monthly Table Talk this 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. Rev. 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 17

- **Read the family devotional.**
- **Scripture: Psalm 46**
- **Musicians:** Oliver Kelman, Witt Graham, Thomas Haidamous, William Allen
- **Ushers:** Thomas Sandoz, Wren Savoie, Asher Schabdach, Carter Spoon
- **Acolytes:** Emily Chain, Emma Claire Cunningham
- **Crucifers:** Linden Brierly, Madeline Dockery
- **Readers:** Belle Gao, Hudson Handel
- **Homilist:** Mrs. Wlede Frankfort (Middle School Science Faculty/Coordinator of Community and Inclusivity)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19 (GRANDPARENTS AND GRANDFRIENDS CHAPEL FOR GRADES 6 AND 8)

- **Read the family devotional.**
- **Scripture: Deuteronomy 26:1-11** (The ceremony upon entering the land)
- **Musicians:** Sixth-Grade Choir
- **Ushers:** Jonah Makol, Gabby Lehman, Emma Kaminsky, Hayes Hogan
- **Acolytes:** Mae Zorich, Javi Marcos
- **Crucifers:** Jackson Lehman, Vicky Marcos
- **Readers:** Leonie Makol, Quinn Persia

- **Prayers:** John Stewart, Michael Dale
- **Homilist:** Dr. Byron Williams (Head of Middle School)

Summer Travel 2026 NEWS FLASH: American Heritage Trip Just Added for Rising Seventh Graders

AMERICAN HERITAGE TRIP TO BOSTON, NEW YORK CITY, AND PHILADELPHIA
We're thrilled to announce that St. Francis has added an exciting new trip for rising seventh graders to explore the historic sites of Boston, New York City, and Philadelphia! Please join trip leader Shannon Shrader for a Zoom Parent Information Session this coming Tuesday morning.

- **Who:** Rising/re-enrolled seventh graders
- **Dates:** June 2–6, 2026
- **Cost:** $2,685 + $350 St. Francis travel fee
- **Trip Leader:** Shannon Shrader, Eighth-Grade History Teacher and History Department Chair
- **Parent Information Session:** Tuesday, November 18, at 11:15 a.m.; a recording will be posted in *Wolf Watch* next week
  - **Join the Parent Zoom Information Session**
  - *Meeting ID:* 993 1413 6494
  - *Passcode:* 405055
- **Trip Information and Registration Requirements:**
  - **View the trip flyer** for more details.
  - Print, sign, and return the **St. Francis travel application** for Boston, New York City, and Philadelphia.
  - Registration information will be provided in *Wolf Watch* next week.

WASHINGTON, DC—IT'S TIME TO REGISTER!
Registration for the summer 2026 trip to Washington, DC, is 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 trip leader Maria Cruzalegui. 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: SIGN-UP DEADLINE IS DECEMBER 15
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 (pricing may adjust after December 1) + $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.

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, The Rev. Katie 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, 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

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Tuesday, November 18

- *“B” Day*
- *Regular Uniform*
- *Seventh-Grade Field Trip to Alley Theatre for* 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 who 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*

Monday, November 24–Friday, November 28

- *Thanksgiving Break:* No school

Monday, December 1

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

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Tuesday, December 2

- *"A" Day*
- *Regular Uniform*
- *ERB Makeup Day #1:* 8:00–10:30 a.m. in the Hogan Board Room

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Wednesday, December 3

- *"B" Day*
- *Regular Uniform*
- *ERB Makeup Day #2:* 8:00–10:30 a.m. in the Hogan Board Room

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Thursday, December 4

- *"A" Day*
- *Dress Uniform*
- *ERB Makeup Day #3:* 8:00–9:30 a.m. (extended time starts at 7:30 a.m.) in the Admin Conference Room
- *MS Eucharist Chapel:* 9:40–10:25 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary

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Friday, December 5

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

Upper School

Sunday Tutoring Groups With Academic Independence

Academic Independence, our partners for on-campus tutoring, will soon start running study sessions for specific content areas on Sundays. These study sessions are specifically geared to get students ready for midterm exams in Spanish, chemistry, geometry, and many other subjects. Academic Independence is offering free enrollment through Sunday, November 16, for any new St. Francis students. Families can use the code SFE at checkout to waive the enrollment fee. **Use this link to enroll!**

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 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 when it starts.**

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

On Wednesday, December 10, 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 when it starts.**

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: Sign Up for Greece by December 15

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Monday, November 17

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- *Regular Uniform*
- *Student College Rep Visit (University of Bristol):* 10:00–10:30 a.m. in the Counseling Suite

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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*

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

Monday, November 24–Friday, November 28

- *Thanksgiving Break:* No school

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

Adult Formation Book Study: *The Holy Longing*

Join us for a four-week discussion of *The Holy Longing: The Search for a Christian Spirituality* by Ronald Rolheiser, facilitated by Fr. David Price. The group will meet on Sundays, November 23 and 30, and December 7 and 14, from 10:10 to 10:50 a.m. in the parish office conference room (CH-115). Fr. Price will have a number of copies of the book available for participants.

St. Nicholas Sunday Is December 7

Join us on Sunday, December 7, for St. Nicholas Sunday! Come to the 9:00 a.m. service and enjoy a special visit from St. Nick. Celebrate the season with joy, wonder, and the spirit of giving.

Advent Quiet Day Is December 13

Join us for an Advent Quiet Day on Saturday, December 13, from 9:00 a.m. to noon. The people of God waited centuries for the coming of the Messiah, and the spiritually nourishing season of Advent reminds us of our own longing for fulfillment, which Christ alone brings. During this morning of quiet reflection, we will meditate on the biblical themes of waiting and fulfillment. The day will begin in the St. Clare Chapel. For more information, please **contact Fr. David Price**.

Longest Night Service Is December 17

Have you ever experienced a “blue Christmas”? Join us for the Longest Night Service on Wednesday, December 17, at 6:00 p.m. in the St. Clare Chapel. Together we’ll gather in quiet hope, contemplating the birth of Christ while acknowledging that this season can also bring sadness, loss, or loneliness. This gentle, reflective service honors the full range of human emotion and reminds us that we are embraced by God’s compassionate love and by the care of one another. During the Prayers of the People, you are invited to light a candle—to honor a loved one, acknowledge grief, seek courage, or give thanks for love received. End the evening with a wonderful dinner in the Parish Hall ($15 per person). Come and find rest, light, and healing in the presence of Christ’s love.

Critical Need: Fair Haven Food Pantry

One of the church's outreach ministries has 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.

Christmas Cards for LOTS Now on Sale

This year's Confirmation Class is continuing 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 Sundays, November 30 and December 7. You may also purchase the cards anytime in the church office or by **emailing Cindy Huteson**. 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!

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.

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 Episcopal 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.