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WEEKLY E-NEWS

News for the Week of November 30

All School

This Week's Bible Verse

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light. On those living in a pitch-dark land, light has dawned. —Isaiah 9:2

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.

Limited Gala Tickets, Tables, and Sponsorships 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*.

*If you expected to receive an invoice for tickets but have not received one, please **reach out to us for assistance**.*

Monday Deadline: Buy Tickets to Winter Sign-Up Parties Now

Shine On St. Francis Sign-Up Parties are the perfect way to celebrate the season while

supporting our school community! Spots are selling quickly, so be sure to grab your tickets soon. **Ticket sales close tomorrow—Monday, December 1.**

- **Purchase tickets to Winter Sign-Up Parties 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.
- **Party sold out?** Please **email Alicyn Gawryliuk** to get added to the party waitlist!
- **Want to host a Spring Sign-Up Party?** Have an idea? Please fill out **this form** or contact our Gala 2026 Sign-Up Party Committee Chair, **Alicyn Gawryliuk**.

Now Delivering Letters to Santa!

Starting tomorrow—Monday, December 1—all of our St. Francis families are invited to drop letters to Santa in the special red mailboxes on both campuses. It's the fastest service around, with direct delivery to the North Pole—guaranteed! To give Santa and his busy elves enough time to reply, **please make sure your child's letter is in the mailbox by Monday, December 8.**

Click the links below for form letters you can print at home. Students are also welcome to write their own.

- **Primary School** (This is also a coloring page—Santa loves seeing pictures from the kids!)
- **Lower School**

Letters need to include the following information:

- Student's first and last name
- Grade
- FULL Return address

Siblings not attending St. Francis are also welcome to submit. Thank you for helping us spread some Christmas cheer!

Helpers Needed: Decorate the FAC for the Holidays

Friends of Fine Arts (FoFA) is seeking helpers to deck the halls of the Fine Arts Center (FAC) for the holiday season of concerts and performances tomorrow—Monday, December 1—from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. FoFA also needs volunteers to assist with teardown on Tuesday, December 16, from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. **Sign up to volunteer.**

Holiday Poinsettias: Last Chance to Purchase + Volunteers Needed This Week

Poinsettias 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 (SFPO).

- Pickup will be this week on 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!

TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP WITH POINSETTIA DISTRIBUTION

The SFPO is seeking additional volunteers to help with unloading the poinsettia delivery and distributing poinsettias this Tuesday, December 2, and Wednesday, December 3. Please **click here** to see the time slots available, and join if you can!

Donate Baked Goods to Make SFPO's Employee Appreciation Christmas Social Extra Sweet

The St. Francis Parents Organization (SFPO) Employee Appreciation Christmas Social is Friday, December 12, and your help is needed! Please consider donating baked goods to make this event extra special. You can drop off your treats at both campuses on December 12 between 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. Please sign up to bring treats via the links below:

- **Sign up to bring treats for Couper Campus.**
- **Sign up to bring treats for Piney Point Campus.**

Midnight Deadline: Contribute to the SFPO Christmas Gift Collection for Faculty and Staff

Make your contribution now! The collection closes today—Sunday, November 30—at 11:59 p.m.

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.
- With any questions, please **email SFPO Treasurer Sidney Fagan**.

Primary School

Mark Your Calendar

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

Monday, December 8

- *Open Library:* 3:00 pm

Tuesday, December 9

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

Wednesday, December 10

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

Lower School

St. Nicholas Toy Drive: Donate Through Friday

The St. Nicholas Toy Drive runs through this 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

Monday, December 1

- *LS Chapel:* 8:20–8:50 a.m.

Wednesday, December 3

- *Kindergarten Christmas Concert:* 1:00–1:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center (FAC)

Thursday, December 4

- *LS Christmas Eucharist Chapel:* 8:20–8:50 a.m.

Friday, December 5

- *Car Door Dads:* 7:30–8:00 a.m.
- *LS St. Nicholas Toy Ingathering With Santa:* 9:00–11:00 a.m. in the People Place; students only
- *Hot Cocoa With Explore and Extend:*
  - 5:30–7:30 p.m. on the Piney Point Campus
  - Come meet the Explore and Extend team and enrichment vendors.
  - **View this flyer for more information.**
- *Explore and Extend Spring Enrichment Registration Opens*

Monday, December 8

- *LS Chapel:* 8:20–8:50 a.m.
- *First- and Second-Grade Christmas Concert:* 1:00–2:00 p.m. in the FAC

Tuesday, December 9

- *Third- and Fourth-Grade Christmas Concert:* 1:00–2:00 p.m. in the FAC

Thursday, December 11

- *LS Chapel:* 8:20–8:50 a.m.
- *Christmas Choir Concert for Lower (Joyful Sounds), Middle, and Upper School Choirs:* 6:30–7:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center

Middle School

A Thanksgiving Message From Your MS Chaplain

Thanksgiving wishes to our amazing Middle Schoolers and families. As the leaves turn brilliant shades and the air grows crisp, we find ourselves on the threshold of the Thanksgiving Break—a time specifically set aside for gratitude, reflection, and connection.

From the bottom of my heart, I would like to express my sincere gratitude for this incredible school community. To continue reading, **click here**.

Eighth-Grade Parents, Honor Your Student With a Yearbook Recognition Ad

Attention, parents of eighth graders! Yearbook recognition ads are a wonderful way to celebrate your student's time at St. Francis. To purchase your ad online, please **visit this link** and follow the instructions to create a half-page ad.

A Note on Recording Service Hours Using MobileServe

All students have received an email from MobileServe, inviting them to accept their membership. MobileServe is the platform we use to record students' service hours. Please look for the email from MobileServe in your student's inbox 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. A link has been added to Veracross that allows

students to easily access their dashboard and track their hours.

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.

ERB Makeup Testing Dates: December 2–4

Makeup ERB testing will be administered in the Hogan Board Room this week, 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

Families with students needing to make up tests were emailed by Julie Downs last week. Please **reach out to Mrs. Downs** with any questions.

Summer Travel 2026: Sign Up for American Heritage and Washington, DC, Trips by December 5

AMERICAN HERITAGE TRIP TO BOSTON, NEW YORK CITY, AND PHILADELPHIA—REGISTER BY DECEMBER 5

The American Heritage trip to Boston, New York City, and Philadelphia is open for registration! Please review the links below for all the details. Note that you must turn in your St. Francis travel form and travel fee to trip leader Shannon Shrader by this Friday, December 5.

- **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:** **Watch the Zoom recording.**

- **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—along with a check made payable to St. Francis Episcopal School in the amount of $350 (SFE travel fee)—to Shannon Shrader.

WASHINGTON, DC—REGISTER BY DECEMBER 5

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—REGISTER BY 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.

Mark Your Calendar

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 (HBR)

Wednesday, December 3

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

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:* 9:40–10:40 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*

Monday, December 8

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

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Tuesday, December 9

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

Wednesday, December 10

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

Thursday, December 11

- *"B" Day*
- *Regular Uniform*
- *Christmas Choir Concert for Lower, Middle, and Upper School Choirs:* 6:30–7:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center

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Friday, December 12

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

Upper School

Technology Reminders: On-Campus Laptop Use and Loaner Laptop Responsibilities

ON-CAMPUS LAPTOP USE
Students are expected to use only school-issued laptops on campus. Personal laptops and iPads are not allowed on our network. We have this rule to protect the privacy, security, and academic integrity of all students.

LOANER LAPTOP RESPONSIBILITIES
Loaner laptops are provided to students on a short-term basis. Families are responsible for any damage, theft, or loss on a loaner laptop while it is checked out to a student.

This Week: Exam Bootcamp Workshops

To prepare our students for the upcoming midterm exams, Student Support Services will be offering Exam Bootcamp Workshops this week. Workshops are designed to equip our students with academic strategies and wellness tips as they navigate the weeks leading up to the exams:

- **Grade 9:** Tuesday, December 2, and Wednesday, December 3, during Freshman Seminar
- **Grades 10–12:** Tuesday, December 2, during lunch

From College Counseling: Learn About Pre-College Programs, Enrichment, and More

Students and parents are invited to join us for "Countdown to Summer: Pre-College Programs, Enrichment, and More" to learn about summer enrichment programs and how students can have fun, while also exploring their interests. We're hosting two different sessions—one on-campus College Bites session for students only, and one virtual session for caregivers.

- **For Students Only (College Bites):** Thursday, December 4, at 12:25 p.m. in the Black Box Theater
- **For Parents/Guardians (New Date):** Wednesday, December 10, at 7:00 p.m., via Zoom; **join the Zoom meeting when it starts.**

Much Ado About Nothing: Auditions Are Saturday

Hot off the heels of the successful run of *Shrek,* the St. Francis Fine Arts Department is excited to announce auditions for the Upper School play, William Shakespeare's *Much Ado About Nothing.* Auditions will take place this Saturday, December 6. **View the official announcement for instructions and additional details.**

December 8–12: Dress Up for Holiday Spirit Week

Student Council invites students to get into the spirit of the season in the week leading up to midterms during Holiday Spirit Week, held Monday, December 8, through Friday, December 12. There will be a different dress-up theme for each school day, as follows:

- **Monday:** Cozy Sweatpants Day (Sweatpants need to be school-appropriate.)
- **Tuesday:** Holiday Sweater Day (Who will win the Ugly Sweater Contest?)
- **Wednesday:** Red and Green Day (Juniors and seniors wear red; freshmen and sophomores wear green.)
- **Thursday:** Christmas Movie Character Day (Dress up as your favorite character from a Christmas-themed movie, such as *The Grinch*, *Elf*, etc.)
- **Friday:** Candy Cane Day (Pull your fashion inspiration from this holiday-favorite red-and-white striped treat!)

Note About Spirit Week Dress: Students should wear school-appropriate attire that is THEME-RELATED. This is NOT free dress. If students don't want to participate in the themed dress-up day, they should wear their regular school uniform.

Senior Parents, Honor Your Student With a Recognition Ad

Attention, senior parents! Yearbook recognition ads are a wonderful way to celebrate your student's time at St. Francis. To purchase your ad online, please **visit this link** and follow the instructions to create either a full-page or half-page ad.

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!

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- **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**. **The registration deadline is Monday, December 15.**
  - Print, sign, and return the **SFE Travel application for Greece**.
  - **Email Ted Lakoski** with any questions.

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, December 1

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

Tuesday, December 2

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

Wednesday, December 3

- *“B” Day*
- *Special Schedule*
- *Regular Uniform*
- *Winter Pep Rally:* 3:20–3:50 p.m. in Crum Gym

Thursday, December 4

- *“A” Day*
- *SFES Spirit Dress:* Wear a St. Francis Spirit shirt with full-length jeans or uniform bottoms
- *College Bites ("Countdown to Summer: Pre-College Programs, Enrichment, and More"):* 12:25–12:55 p.m. in the Black Box Theater; for students only

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Friday, December 5

- *“B” Day*
- *Dress Uniform*
- *St. Nicholas Eucharist Chapel:* 9:55–10:55 a.m. in Crum Gym

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Monday, December 8

- *“A” Day*
- *Holiday Spirit Week*
- *Regular Uniform or Themed Dress:* Cozy Sweatpants Day; sweatpants must be school-appropriate

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Tuesday, December 9

- *"B" Day*
- *Holiday Spirit Week*
- *Regular Uniform or Themed Dress:* Holiday Sweater Day, plus Ugly Sweater Contest
- *Chapel:* 10:00–10:30 a.m. in Crum Gym

Wednesday, December 10

- *"A" Day*
- *Holiday Spirit Week*
- *Regular Uniform or Themed Dress:* Red and Green Day
  - Juniors and seniors wear red
  - Freshmen and sophomores wear green
- *Parent College Counseling Program ("Countdown to Summer: Pre-College Programs, Enrichment, and More"):* 7:00–8:00 p.m. via Zoom; **join the Zoom meeting when it starts**

Thursday, December 11

- *"B" Day*
- *Holiday Spirit Week*
- *Regular Uniform or Themed Dress:* Christmas Movie Character Day
- *Christmas Choir Concert for Lower, Middle, and Upper School Choirs:* 6:30–7:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center on Piney Point Campus

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Friday, December 12

- *"A" Day*
- *Holiday Spirit Week*
- *SFES Spirit Dress or Themed Dress:* Candy Cane Day
- *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

Poinsettia Dedications: Sign Up by December 18

Be a part of the St. Francis tradition of making a Christmas poinsettia dedication to be listed in the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day worship bulletins. Make your dedication "In Memory" of a loved one or "In Thanksgiving" for your many blessings. Dedication forms are located on the tables in the Narthex or you may submit the form and pay online on the **St. Francis Episcopal Church website**. The cost is $30 per dedication, and the sign-up deadline is 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 18.

Adult Formation Book Study: *The Holy Longing*

Join us for the remaining two sessions of a four-week discussion on *The Holy Longing: The Search for a Christian Spirituality* by Ronald Rolheiser, facilitated by Fr. David Price. The final two meetings will be on Sundays, 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 feelings of sadness, loss, or loneliness. This gentle, reflective service honors the full range of human emotions 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.

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 Sunday, December 7. You may also purchase the cards anytime this week 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:** Jude
  - **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.