WOLF WATCH

WEEKLY E-NEWS

News for the Week of March 22

All School

This Week's Bible Verse

The Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him. —Habakkuk 2:20

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.

Today: *This is Us* Cultural Festival Starts at 1:30 p.m.

Join us today—Sunday, March 22—from 1:30 to 4:00 p.m. at Couper Campus for our *This Is Us* Cultural Festival. Come experience food, fun, culture, and performances from around the world. See you there!

April 11: People for Others Service Opportunity—Artwork and Cards for Veterans

All St. Francis families are invited to join us for a People for Others event on Saturday, April 11, from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. in the Primary School Multipurpose Room on Couper Campus.

- **What We'll Be Doing:** The Primary School will lead us in an atelier experience where we will create heartfelt artwork and cards for veterans.
- **Why Join Us?** This hands-on service project will empower attendees to practice gratitude, build empathy, and discover the joy of brightening someone's day! This meaningful experience embodies our school's commitment to nurturing "people for others" who bring positive change to the world around them.
- **RSVP by April 9:** Please **RSVP here** by Thursday, April 9, if your family will attend.

We look forward to seeing you!

Don’t Miss Out! Register Now for Summer on the Point

There's still time to secure your child's spot for Summer on the Point (SOTP). From hands-on discovery camps to engaging specialty experiences, SOTP offers something for every camper to explore, learn, and enjoy this summer.

- **Click here to register today**—and get ready for an unforgettable summer at St. Francis!
- Spots are limited, and camps will close as they reach capacity, so we encourage families to register soon to ensure availability.
- Please Note: In case your student needs to withdraw from a class, the last day to receive a 100% refund is Friday, March 27.

Be a 2026–27 Art à la Carte Docent: Interest Form Opens April 2 + Attend an Information Session

Are you interested in bringing the joy of art into the classroom? The interest form to become an Art à la Carte (AALC) Docent will open for submissions on Thursday, April 2, at 10:00 a.m.

WHAT DO AALC DOCENTS DO?

AALC Docents are parent volunteers who share an established art curriculum with students both in the classroom and on field trips.

WHO MAY APPLY?

All parents of rising kindergarteners through eighth graders are invited to submit an interest form. The link will be emailed to all current and new parents on April 2. We particularly encourage parents of new students to participate—AALC is a wonderful way to get involved with the St. Francis community! Please note that spots are limited.

ATTEND AN INFORMATION SESSION—REQUIRED FOR NEW APPLICANTS

If you have not previously served as an AALC Docent, you must attend one of the required informal information sessions before submitting your interest form:

- Monday, March 30, 12:30 p.m., Hogan Board Room (Piney Point Campus)
- Tuesday, March 31, 12:00 p.m., Hogan Board Room (Piney Point Campus)
- Wednesday, April 1, 8:30 a.m., via Zoom (link provided in the registration form)

Register for an information session via this SignUpGenius form.

NEED MORE INFORMATION?

For questions, please **email Amanda Ollison**, AALC Chair.

SFE Spirit Store: Extended Hours Wednesday for Conference Day

Stop by the SFE Spirit Store on Conference Day—Wednesday, March 25—for the latest T-shirts and sweatshirts in sizes 2T–XL, as well as hats, hair bows, throw blankets, yard signs, and more!

- **Extended Hours on March 25:** 8:00–11:00 a.m. and 2:00–4:00 p.m.
- **Regular Store Hours:** Wednesdays, 7:30–9:30 a.m.
- **Location:** Outside the Fine Arts Center entrance on Piney Point Campus
- **Questions?** Please **email Annie Hartigan**, Spirit Store Associate.

Volunteer Opportunity: SFPO Spring Employee Appreciation Luncheons Are March 26–27

The St. Francis Parents Organization (SFPO) is hosting its annual Spring Employee Appreciation Luncheons on Thursday, March 26, and Friday, March 27. Help us say "thank you" and make this a special occasion by signing up for a shift during lunch!

- **Piney Point Campus: Thursday, March 26**
- **Couper Campus: Friday, March 27**

Buy Tickets Now! *Much Ado About Nothing* Is March 27–29

Upper School students bring you Shakespeare at its finest for our spring play! ***Much Ado About Nothing*** follows the wittily antagonistic courtship of Beatrice and Benedick, two happily single rivals tricked into falling in love by friends during a post-war house party in Messina.

Buy your tickets here.

PERFORMANCE TIMES

All performances will be held in the Black Box Theater on Couper Campus:

- Friday, March 27, at 7:00 p.m.
- Saturday, March 28, at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.
- Sunday, March 29, at 2:00 p.m.

Join Us for the Woolrich Luncheon on April 17

You're invited to our annual Sarah W. Woolrich Fund for Faculty Luncheon on Friday, April 17. For more details and to purchase your table or ticket(s), please **click here**.

Primary School

Join Us: Special Open Library on March 23

Primary School students and families are invited to a special Open Library on Monday, March 23, at 3:00 p.m.

- **Special Guest Speakers:** In celebration of Women's History Month, we are excited to welcome two members of the St. Francis faculty: Director of Library Services Ruth Stubbs and Assistant Director of Library Services Monica Masini. Last summer, Mrs. Stubbs and Ms. Masini traveled to Kenya through a Woolrich grant. They are excited to share stories and photos from their adventure with our Primary School families!
- **Take a Book Home:** After enjoying a read-aloud and learning about their travels, families will have time to browse the library and check out a book to take home.

Mark Your Calendar

Sunday, March 22

- This Is Us *Cultural Festival:* 1:30–4:00 p.m. at Couper Campus

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Monday, March 23

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

Tuesday, March 24

- *Chapel:* 9:30 a.m.; Primary II and 5-Day Pre-Primary parents are invited to attend

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Wednesday, March 25

- *Parent-Teacher Conference Day:* Student holiday
- *SFE Spirit Store Open on Piney Point Campus **(Special Hours)**:* 8:00–11:00 a.m. and 2:00–4:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 26

- *Primary II Fathers and Friends Picnic:* 11:00 a.m.

Monday, March 30

- *Open Library:* 3:00 p.m.
- *Pre-Primary Fathers and Friends:* 8:15 a.m.

Tuesday, March 31

- *Chapel:* 9:30 a.m.; Primary II and 5-Day Pre-Primary parents are invited to attend
- *Primary I Fathers and Friends Picnic:* 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday, April 1

- *SFE Spirit Store Open on Piney Point Campus:* 7:30–9:30 a.m.
- *Chapel:* 9:30 a.m.; Primary I and 3-Day Pre-Primary parents are invited to attend

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Friday, April 3

- *Good Friday:* School holiday

Monday, April 6

- *Easter Monday:* School holiday

Lower School

Fourth- to Fifth-Grade Step-Up Parent Meeting

On March 3, parents of fourth-grade students received an email invitation to our Fourth- to Fifth-Grade Step-Up Parent Meeting on Tuesday, March 31, from 8:15 to 10:15 a.m. in the Hogan Board Room. Please check your email box for detailed information from the Middle School Office. Following the sessions, we will share the informational

slideshow for families who are unable to attend, and there will be a Parent Orientation in August before school starts.

Conversation & Cocktails: Lower School Division Updates on March 26

An all-community email was sent on March 2 inviting you to an evening event to hear about the meaningful work happening within the framework of our Strategic Plan and about the continuing formation of the Campus Master Plan. The Lower School session will be held on Thursday, March 26, from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. at St. Francis Episcopal Church. It will be led by Head of Lower School Marsha Palmer, who will provide division-specific updates and be available to answer your questions. **Register for the Lower School session by clicking here.**

Advanced Academics Placement Testing Is April 15

As we begin creating students' schedules for 2026–27, we wanted to remind you that your child has the option to apply for Advanced Academics courses next school year. The advanced courses will be offered for grades 5–8 in both Math and English. If you are interested in having your child apply, **complete this interest form**.

- The Advanced Academics application process includes a review of students' grades, ERB scores, and teacher recommendations. The school will arrange teacher recommendations for students who apply.
- Students who choose to apply for Advanced Academics will take a placement test on Wednesday, April 15, which is a Late-Start Day. Those students will arrive at the regular start time to complete their testing before their classes begin at 10:00 a.m.
- **Students currently enrolled in Advanced Math and/or Advanced English do not need to reapply to continue in these courses next year.**

Mark Your Calendar

Sunday, March 22

- This Is Us *Cultural Festival:* 1:30–4:00 p.m. at Couper Campus

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Monday, March 23

- *LS Chapel:* 8:20–8:50 a.m.

Wednesday, March 25

- *LS Parent-Teacher Conferences:* Student holiday
- *SFE Spirit Store Open on Piney Point Campus **(Special Hours)**:* 8:00–11:00 a.m. and 2:00–4:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 26

- *LS Journey to the Empty Tomb Chapel:* 8:20–8:50 a.m.
- *Lower School Conversation & Cocktails:* 6:00 p.m. at St. Francis Episcopal Church

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Friday, March 27

- *Joyful Sounds Field Trip to PS/US:* 8:30–10:30 a.m.

Monday, March 30

- *LS Chapel:* 8:20–8:50 a.m.

Tuesday, March 31

- *Fourth- to Fifth-Grade Step-Up Parent Meeting:* 8:15–10:15 a.m. in Hogan Board Room
- *Second-Grade Biome Bonanza:* In classrooms
    - 10:30–11:15 a.m. (Carl/Shindler)
    - 12:45–1:30 p.m. (Graves/Wagner)

Wednesday, April 1

- *SFE Spirit Store Open on Piney Point Campus:* 7:30–9:30 a.m.

Thursday, April 2

- *LS Maundy Thursday Chapel:* 8:20–8:50 a.m.

Friday, April 3

- *Good Friday:* School holiday

Monday, April 6

- *Easter Monday:* School holiday

Middle School

Mid-Semester Progress Reports Are Live
Mid-Semester 2 Progress Reports for Middle School were posted to Veracross on March 20. To access your child's report, log in to Veracross and click "Classes & Reports" for each of your Middle School students. There you will find the Mid-Semester 2 Progress Report, which includes current grades and individualized teacher comments.

This Week in Middle School Chapel
Click here for devotionals to use at home that connect to Chapel this week.

MONDAY, MARCH 23

- **Scripture: Ezekiel 37:1-14**
- **Song Leaders:** Leonie Makol and Belle Gao
- **Ushers:** Parker Caughlin, Leo Dahr, Caroline Duncan, Galilea Handler
- **Acolytes:** Madeline Moar, Lexi Cotuno
- **Crucifers:** Harrison Oshins, Pearce Persia
- **Readers:** Braxton Derrick, Ava Ganjineh
- **Homilist:** Rev. Katie Mitchell+

JOURNEY TO THE EMPTY TOMB CHAPEL—THURSDAY, MARCH 26

- **Scripture:** Various readings in Matthew, from Jesus's triumphal entry into Jerusalem to the disciples finding the empty tomb
- **Ushers:** William Holstein, Neema Mays, George Plumhoff, Brooklyn Prior
- **Acolytes:** Jordan Hunt, Hamilton Barrow-Tetley

- **Crucifers:** Lucia Valerio, Witt Graham
- **Readers:** 2025–26 MS Chapel Council members

March 27: Eighth-Grade AALC Trip to the Menil

On Friday, March 27, eighth-grade students and teachers will be visiting the Menil Collection for their Art à la Carte (AALC) field trip. Students should wear their regular school uniform for this day, with comfortable walking shoes.

Conversation & Cocktails: Middle School Division Updates on March 30

An all-community email was sent on March 2 inviting you to an evening event to hear about the meaningful work happening within the framework of our Strategic Plan and about the continuing formation of the Campus Master Plan. The Middle School session will be held on Monday, March 30, from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. at St. Francis Episcopal Church. It will be led by Head of Middle School Dr. Byron Williams, who will provide division-specific updates and be available to answer your questions. **Register for the Middle School session by clicking here.**

Table Talk With the Chaplain: Join Us for Coffee, Conversation, and Community on March 31

As we enter the final stretch of the school year, you are warmly invited to Table Talk With the Chaplain: Rooted to Finish Strong, a morning of coffee, conversation, and community for parents of Middle School students.

- **Date:** Tuesday, March 31
- **Time:** 8:05 a.m.
- **Location:** Bride's Room at St. Francis Episcopal Church on the Piney Point Campus

This month, we will explore how to help your middle schooler end the year grounded in who they are. As the school year winds down, our children are wrestling with real questions about identity, belonging, and where they fit. In a season of heightened social demands and screen noise, we'll talk honestly about what we're seeing in our kids, share what's working at home, and explore how faith can be an anchor in this final sprint.

This is one of our last two gatherings of the year, so we hope you'll make time to be there. Come as you are—the coffee will be ready!

April 9: Fifth-Grade OLE Trip to Camp Allen

On Thursday, April 9, fifth-grade students and teachers will travel to Camp Allen for their Outdoor Learning Experience (OLE). On Monday, March 23, parents will receive an email with further details, and students will receive paper copies of the permission forms

that Camp Allen requires from their advisors to bring home and return signed. (Those forms will also be linked in the parent email.)

April 15: Explore Undergraduate Study in the United Kingdom

Upper School students and families are invited to learn about undergraduate study in the United Kingdom at an evening information session featuring representatives from the University of Cambridge, Durham University, and Newcastle University.

- **Date:** Wednesday, April 15
- **Time:** 6:00–7:30 p.m.
- **Location:** British International School of Houston (2203 N. Westgreen Blvd, Katy)

Bake Treats for Service Hours

Get in the kitchen and bake something yummy for the upcoming St. Francis Parents Organization (SFPO) Employee Appreciation Luncheons! Students may participate to earn one service hour. All desserts **must** be baked (not store-bought) to earn your service hour.

- To participate, please **sign up here** and deliver your treats to the table outside of the Hogan Board Room by 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 26. Please label the container with your name.
- If you have any questions, please **reach out to Kathryn Bailey**.

Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences and Science Fair: March 25

Please sign up for a time to meet with your child's teacher on Wednesday, March 25, using the link now open on your Veracross portal. Students are expected to attend conferences with their parents to discuss plans for a successful end of the school year.

While on campus on March 25, we invite you to visit the Fine Arts Center to view the Science Fair displays showcasing our students' results of their experiments applying the Scientific Method.

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- The Advanced Academics application process includes a review of students' grades, ERB scores, and teacher recommendations. The school will arrange teacher recommendations for students who apply.

- Students who choose to apply for Advanced Academics will take a placement test on Wednesday, April 15, which is a Late-Start Day. Those students would arrive at the regular start time to complete their testing before their classes begin at 10:00 a.m.
- **Students currently enrolled in Advanced Math and/or Advanced English do not need to reapply to continue in these courses next year.**

Middle School Girls Bible Study: Clare's Company Meets on Fridays

Middle School girls are invited to join us every Friday during lunch in the Fine Arts Center for Clare's Company, a Bible study focused on community and conversation and named in honor of St. Clare—a woman of remarkable strength and a devoted friend to St. Francis. We are currently diving into some of the high points of Scripture and reflecting on how ancient lessons continue to apply to the middle school girls' experience today. It's the perfect way to recharge your heart before the weekend!

Mark Your Calendar

Sunday, March 22

- This Is Us *Cultural Festival:* 1:30–4:00 p.m. at Couper Campus

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Monday, March 23

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

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Tuesday, March 24

- *"B" Day/Special Schedule*
- *Regular Uniform*
- *Science Fair Visits in Science Classes*

Wednesday, March 25

- *Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences*

- *Science Fair Displays in FAC:* Parents are invited to view while on campus for conferences; see announcement above
- *SFE Spirit Store Open on Piney Point Campus **(Special Hours)**:* 8:00–11:00 a.m. and 2:00–4:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 26

- *"A" Day*
- *Regular Uniform*
- *Holy Week Reflection Chapel:* 9:50–10:20 a.m. in the FAC

Friday, March 27

- *"B" Day/Special Schedule*
- *Women in History Presentation:* 9:40 a.m.
- *Eighth-Grade Art à la Carte Field Trip to the Menil Collection:* 10:30 a.m.–2:00 p.m.
- *Regular Uniform or St. Francis Spirit Shirt and Jeans/Uniform Bottoms*

Monday, March 30

- *"A" Day*
- ***Regular Uniform***
- *Chapel:* 9:50–10:20 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary
- *Middle School Conversation & Cocktails:* 6:00 p.m. at St. Francis Episcopal Church

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Tuesday, March 31

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

Wednesday, April 1

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

- *SFE Spirit Store Open on Piney Point Campus:* 7:30–9:30 a.m.

Thursday, April 2

- *"B" Day/Special Schedule*
- ***Dress Uniform***
- *MS/US Combined Maundy Thursday Eucharist:* 10:05–11:05 a.m. at Piney Point Campus

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Friday, April 3

- *Good Friday:* School holiday

Monday, April 6

- *Easter Monday:* School holiday

Upper School

Handbook Highlights

Each week, we'll shine a quick spotlight on a helpful tip from our *Upper School Handbook* to help keep our community informed and aligned with shared expectations. These little reminders are just an easy way to support our students and families as we navigate the year together.

HONOR CODE

This week, we are featuring our school's Honor Code:

As a citizen of St. Francis Episcopal School, I pledge to uphold the spirit of St. Francis of Assisi by respecting my school, myself, and my community; upholding my honor; engaging in service; and striving to be courageous and faithful in all that I do and say.

Access College Counseling Resources

We're excited to share **this Google Drive folder**, your one-stop resource for college counseling handouts, guides, and materials! Simply click the link to access our resources and download anything that's helpful for your college planning journey. These

files are also available in Scoir.

Learn More About Applying for the National Honor Society

In March, students will be invited to apply for membership into the National Honor Society (NHS). Qualified students have at least sophomore status, have spent two or more semesters at St. Francis, and have a **cumulative GPA of 3.5** or above.

- **Information Meetings Are March 23 and 24:** All eligible students are invited to attend an information meeting during the second half of lunch on Monday, March 23, in SLC 114 or during tutorials on Tuesday, March 24, in SLC 112. Any questions about the selection process should be directed to **Lorien Cuneo** or **Tim Holm**, chapter advisors.
- **Applications Due April 7:** Students who are interested in applying for membership will turn in their completed forms on Tuesday, April 7. Forms will be reviewed by our five-member Faculty Council to determine whether the student meets the standards of the NHS: outstanding community service, leadership, and character (exemplary disciplinary record). We will then communicate to our students and their families whether they have been accepted into our chapter.
- **Academic Awards Ceremony:** All inductees will be officially recognized at the Academic Awards Ceremony in May.

NHS Thanks You for a Successful Book Drive

Thank you to everyone who participated in the National Honor Society (NHS) annual book drive for Books Between Kids. Your generosity helped us contribute over 350 books, ensuring that at-risk students in Houston have access to age-appropriate books in their homes. Congratulations to Mr. Niestrawski's and Ms. Longofono's advisories for bringing in the most donated books and winning the free dress day!

Save the Date: US Athletic Awards Banquet Is May 12

Parents and student-athletes, please save the date for the second annual Upper School Athletic Awards Banquet. This special dinner will honor all Upper School teams, athletes, and seniors for their dedication and hard work throughout the year.

- **Who:** Every student-athlete who participated in sports this year
- **When:** Tuesday, May 12, at 6:00 p.m.
- **Where:** Crum Gym

An RSVP link will be sent next week—stay tuned for details!

Save the Date: Fine Arts Banquet Is May 6

The Fine Arts Banquet for Upper School will be held in the Fine Arts Center on

Wednesday, May 6, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Stay tuned for more details.

2026 AMIGOS Summer Programs Overview

Want your teen to build real confidence and independence this summer?

Amigos de las Américas (AMIGOS) offers leadership, service, and authentic immersion summer programs across Latin America for students ages 15 to 19. Participants live with carefully vetted host families, partner with local nonprofit organizations on meaningful community projects, strengthen their Spanish, and gain real-world leadership experience, all within a supportive and highly structured environment that includes in-country staff.

For more than 60 years, AMIGOS has helped teens grow in ways that last far beyond the summer. Students return home more confident, capable, and inspired by what they can accomplish.

- Summer 2026 programs run from two to six weeks and take place in Costa Rica, Panama, Paraguay, and the Dominican Republic.
- You can **read more about the programs here** and get a glimpse of the programs from this past summer in **this quick reel**.
- For more information, please **contact Viviana Denechaud** with AMIGOS.

Summer Pre-College Programs: Start Planning Now!

Whether your student wants to dive into an academic interest, gain work experience, or try something new, summer offers valuable opportunities for growth and discovery.

- **View summer planning resources.**
- Questions? Please **contact Claudia Mejia, Director of College Counseling**.

Mark Your Calendar

Sunday, March 22

- This Is Us *Cultural Festival:* 1:30–4:00 p.m. at Couper Campus

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Monday, March 23

- *“A” Day*
- *Regular Uniform*

Tuesday, March 24

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

Wednesday, March 25

- *US Professional Development Day:* No school for students
- *SFE Spirit Store Open on Piney Point Campus **(Special Hours)**:* 8:00–11:00 a.m. and 2:00–4:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 26

- *“A” Day*
- *Regular Uniform*

Friday, March 27

- *“B” Day*
- *SFE Spirit Dress:* Wear a St. Francis Spirit shirt with full-length jeans or uniform bottoms
- *US Holy Week Chapel:* 10:00–10:30 a.m. in Crum Gym
- *US Play Performance:* 7:00 p.m. in the Black Box Theater on Couper Campus

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Saturday, March 28

- *US Play Performances:* 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. in the Black Box Theater on Couper Campus

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Sunday, March 29

- *US Play Performance:* 2:00 p.m. in the Black Box Theater on Couper Campus

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Monday, March 30

- *“A” Day*
- *Regular Uniform*

Tuesday, March 31

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

Wednesday, April 1

- *“A” Day*
- *Regular Uniform*
- *SFE Spirit Store Open on Piney Point Campus:* 7:30–9:30 a.m.

Thursday, April 2

- *“B” Day/Special Schedule*
- *Dress Uniform*
- *US/MS Combined Maundy Thursday Eucharist:* 10:05–11:05 a.m. at Piney Point Campus

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Friday, April 3

- *Good Friday:* School holiday

Monday, April 6

- *Easter Monday:* School holiday

Church

Walk With Us Through Holy Week and Easter: March 29–April 5

PALM SUNDAY (MARCH 29)

- 8:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m. (with pageant), 11:00 a.m., and 5:00 p.m. services

MAUNDY THURSDAY (APRIL 2)

- 7:00 p.m. service

GOOD FRIDAY (APRIL 3)

- 12:00 p.m.—Liturgy of Good Friday
- 12:00 p.m.—Walk to Calvary (Children meet in Parish Hall)
- 1:00 p.m.—The Seven Last Words
- 2:00 p.m.—Stations of the Cross

HOLY SATURDAY (APRIL 4)

- 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.—Private confession in St. Clare Chapel
- 4:00 p.m.—Baptisms

EASTER SUNDAY (APRIL 5)

- 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., and 11:00 a.m. services
- No 5:00 p.m. service on Easter Sunday

Alzheimer's Symposium Is April 20: Reserve Seats Now

St. Martin's Episcopal Church will host an Alzheimer's Symposium on Monday, April 20, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

- The symposium will feature expert speakers, an interactive workshop, and practical resources designed to deepen understanding of dementia and equip caregivers with meaningful, manageable ways to support those living with it.
- The event is free and open to the wider community, and breakfast, lunch, and snacks will be provided.
- Space is limited. **Reserve your seat now.**

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 I 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

Lenten Challenge

This year's Lenten Challenge involves basic practices of a faith that is alive—and are natural responses for those who personally know God's love and grace. Our Lenten Challenge is:

Morning Prayer as daily worship of God, and making a gift to Lord of the Streets (LOTS) Residency Fund.

Develop a habit of offering to God morning prayer during Lent. Offering to God your presence and attention is your daily worship. Struggling to pray to God every morning before your day begins is the gateway to grace and to the knowledge of God and yourself. Prayer and worship are what we are created for, and what God calls us to do. Prioritizing God's worship through prayer and praying for others and our own needs is the foundation of what is called life in Christ. Simply use the Morning Prayer format we sent to every parishioner.

A practical way to help others and "give alms" as the Lord leads us to do is to participate in our parish-wide fundraising for LOTS. St. Francis has been supporting LOTS since its founding days. LOTS knows more about those who are homeless than almost anyone, and they can be trusted to utilize our gifts to bless, help, and heal the homeless they serve. Our funds this year are dedicated to remodeling some rooms at LOTS for a new residency program for homeless men.

Prayer and giving alms are eternal actions. Do not miss out on investing in the life that is eternal.

Week of Wonder: Vacation Bible School Registration Now Open

Registration is now open for the 2026 Vacation Bible School "Week of Wonder," an exciting week of faith, fun, and fellowship for children entering kindergarten through fourth grade. The program runs August 3–7, with a special WOW Sunday Service closing celebration on August 9 during the 9:00 a.m. worship service. Families are encouraged to mark their calendars and be part of the joy as participants learn, grow, and celebrate together.

- **Register for Vacation Bible School here.**

- Volunteers (from fifth grade through adults) are also needed to help make this joyful ministry possible.
- For more information, **email Khristina Ballard** or call 713.829.2531.

Wednesday Evening Lenten Study

Join us on March 25 and April 8 for the last two sessions in a special Wednesday evening course with a Lenten focus.

- We're studying "An Unlikely Lent" by Rachel Billups, which invites participants to explore the surprise and mystery of the Cross and Resurrection by considering several often-overlooked figures in the story.
- In Mark 14, we encounter the servant girl who boldly claimed Peter was with Jesus, presenting Peter with unlikely opposition. Participants will examine Peter's denial and be invited to explore their own experiences with oppositions—that is, challenges that unsettle us and sometimes transform us.
- We'll have Holy Eucharist at 6:00 p.m., followed by dinner ($15/person), and then we'll dive into the study at 7:00 p.m.

Forgiveness Workshop Is March 28

Father Bates will lead a Forgiveness Workshop on Saturday, March 28, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., in the Hogan Board Room. Consider who you need to forgive, and work through a process of learning to release others and yourself. Light snacks will be served. RSVP to Sally Jo Flores via **email** or at 713.782.1270.

Men's Fellowship Group Meets Thursdays

Held Thursdays from 7:00 to 8:00 a.m. in the Parish Office Conference Room (CH115), the weekly Men's Fellowship Group centers around the study of the Gospels and Epistles, with an emphasis on lived faith and practical application for husbands, fathers, and men at every stage of life. Through thoughtful, interactive discussion, we explore how Scripture speaks to everyday realities—faith and vocation, marriage and parenting, work and finances, prayer and worship, humility, forgiveness, joy, trust, and inner peace. We will begin with the Epistle of James, one of the most direct and practical books of the New Testament. For more information, **email Jason Martinez**.

Note About Holy Baptism

If you or your child would like to be baptized, please **contact Sally Jo Flores** in the church office for more information.

Grief Group Meets on Sunday Afternoons

A Grief Group meets weekly on Sundays at 1:30 p.m. in the Bride's Room. Grief takes many forms. It may follow the death of a loved one, but it can also arise from illness,

major life changes, broken relationships, or other profound losses. For more information, **contact Fr. David Price**.

Women's Bible Study Meets Wednesdays

Women of all ages and life stages are welcome to join us for Bible study, which meets Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall. Each meeting begins with time for fellowship and a short lecture. In our small groups, we will read and discuss the book of James. For more information, **email Allison Devlin**.

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** needs **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.

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 using the "Prayer Requests" link on the **St. Francis Episcopal Church home page**.

Bible Studies at St. Francis

MEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

- Tuesdays at 7:00–8:00 a.m.
  - **Study:** James
  - **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 Episcopal Church Parish Hall
  - **Contact: Sally Jo Flores**
- Thursday Men's Fellowship: Every Thursday at 7:00–8:00 a.m.
  - **Study:** Gospels and Epistles
  - **Location:** St. Francis Episcopal Church Parish Office Conference Room (CH115)
  - **Contact: Jason Martinez**

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

- Wednesdays from 9:30–11:00 a.m.
  - **Study:** James
  - **Location:** St. Francis Episcopal Church Parish Hall
  - **Contact: Allison Devlin**

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

- Sundays at 10:00–11:00 a.m.
  - **Study:** Isaiah
  - **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.