WOLF WATCH

WEEKLY E-NEWS

News for the Week of April 12

All School

This Week's Bible Verse

Thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. —1 Corinthians 15:57

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.

Reminder of Late Start Carpool Times on April 15

This Wednesday, April 15, is Late Start for Lower, Middle, and Upper School. Late Start does not apply to Primary School students, and their school-day schedule is not affected. Parents have two options for carpool arrival. If your child needs care before 10:00 a.m., you may drop off at your regular arrival time. If your child does not need care before 10:00 a.m., you may drop off your child at the later carpool time designated for Late Start. Parents must drop off their child during one of these two carpool times, as staff will not be on carpool duty in between these two blocks of time.

- **Lower School:** Early drop-off begins at 7:00 a.m., and regular carpool is 7:30–8:00 a.m. Students will be supervised in the Dining Hall. Late Start carpool is 9:30–10:00 a.m. Classes begin at 10:00 a.m.
- **Middle School:** Early drop-off begins at 7:00 a.m., and regular carpool is 7:30–8:00 a.m. Students will be supervised in the Dining Hall. Late Start carpool is 9:30–10:00 a.m. Classes begin at 10:00 a.m.
- **Upper School:** Regular carpool is 7:30–8:30 a.m. Students will be supervised by staff in the Student Life Center on the Grand Staircase. Late Start carpool is 9:30–10:00 a.m. Classes begin at 10:00 a.m.

Special Spirit Store Hours This Week

The Spirit Store on Piney Point Campus will be open before and after the Woolrich Luncheon on Friday, April 17, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. and from the time the luncheon ends until 2:30 p.m. The store will not be open on Wednesday, April 15, which is a Late Start day.

Mark Your Calendars! St. Francis Fine Arts Festival Is April 22–24

The St. Francis Fine Arts Festival is fast approaching! Join us Wednesday, April 22, through Friday, April 24, for a fun, family-friendly experience where attendees can enjoy student performances and visual art displays. The schedule of events is as follows:

- **Lower School/Middle School Art Pop-Up:** Wednesday, April 22, at Piney Point Campus
- **Upper School Coffee House Concert:** Wednesday, April 22, 6:00 p.m. at Couper Campus
- **Middle School/Upper School Dance Concert:** Thursday, April 23, 7:00 p.m. at Piney Point Campus
- **Joyful Sounds/Middle School/Upper School Choir Concert:** Friday, April 24, 6:30 p.m. at Piney Point Campus

SFPO End-of-Year Employee Gift Collection Opens April 26

The St. Francis Parents Organization (SFPO) End-of-Year Faculty and Staff Gift Collection will open Sunday, April 26. This year's collection will only run for 10 days, so don't miss the window!

One simple contribution checks teacher gifts off your already full end-of-year to-do list while honoring the school's policy for class gifts, ensuring that every faculty and staff member is recognized equally. This is a direct gift from families to all SFE employees—a meaningful way to thank the full team who supports our children every day.

Get details about the SFPO End-of-Year Gift Collection, including the link to give.

Save the Date: Middle School Musical Performances Are May 1–3

Kick off the last month of the school year in style as St. Francis's Middle School students share the magic and music of the beloved classic, *The Wizard of Oz*. Performances are scheduled for Friday, May 1, through Sunday, May 3, and tickets go on sale to the public on Sunday, April 19. Stay tuned for details!

Preorder Your Dads' Club Poncho Button-Down Shirt

The St. Francis Dads' Club brings dads together to connect, volunteer, and support school spirit, community, and service through a variety of events throughout the

year. **Preorder your Dads' Club shirt for fall**—orders close Sunday, May 31.

Help Us Welcome Our New Wolves: Pickup Parade Is TODAY at 5:00 p.m.

All St. Francis families are invited to help welcome our newly enrolled families this afternoon—Sunday, April 12—from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m.

- **Where We'll Gather:** St. Francis families will line the circle drive around the Student Life Center. New families will drive through campus to pick up their swag bags and yard signs, and when they do, we will all be there showing our welcoming spirit and love to our new families.
- **How to Show Your St. Francis Spirit:** Please come dressed in your favorite St. Francis Spirit Wear or colors, and bring your cowbells, pom-poms, and homemade signs with special messages such as "Welcome, New Wolves," "Congratulations," "Welcome to the Pack," or whatever else you can think of!

Hope to see you there!

Pack the Park and NEW Baseball Field Ribbon Cutting Are April 16

Join us Thursday, April 16, to cheer on our Varsity Boys Baseball team at their last home game of the season—and their first on the new baseball field at Couper Campus! We'll celebrate the ribbon cutting for the new field at 5:30 p.m., then the Wolves will take on Rosehill Christian at 6:00 p.m. We'll also be celebrating Senior Night for baseball and tennis.

- Entry prizes will be given to the first 25 Primary and Lower School students to arrive!
- Primary and Lower School students will be able to run the bases on the new field after the game.
- Bring a folding chair—limited temporary bleacher seating will be available.

Bring the whole family to enjoy James Coney Island, sweet treats, and good ole' baseball fun. **Click here for more details.**

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:** If your student needs to withdraw from a class, the last day to receive an 80% refund is Friday, April 24.

Primary School

Adventure Awaits at the Primary School Book Fair: April 22–24

All Primary School families are invited to a **Safari Adventure** at our upcoming Book Fair in the Primary School Library! Join us from **Wednesday, April 22, through Friday, April 24,** as we celebrate reading and help our students discover exciting new books. Every purchase supports our school library—we can't wait to see our students get excited about reading!

BOOK FAIR HOURS

- **Wednesday, April 22:** 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.
- **Thursday, April 23:** 11:00 a.m.–5:30 p.m. *(extended afternoon hours)*
- **Friday, April 24:** 7:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. *(extended morning hours)*

TEACHER eWALLETS

Families who wish to donate a book to a teacher can do so through Teacher eWallets. These will be shared via Seesaw once they are set up.

QUESTIONS?

For more information, please **email Brittny Bush**.

We hope to see you there for this exciting reading adventure!

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Monday, April 13

- *Primary II Trip to Piney Point Campus for* The True Story of the 3 Little Pigs!*:* 8:40 a.m.; students only
- *Open Library:* 3:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 14

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

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Wednesday, April 15

- *Chapel:* 9:30 a.m.; Primary I and 3-Day Pre-Primary parents are invited to attend

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Friday, April 17

- *Sarah W. Woolrich Fund for Faculty Luncheon*
- *SFE Spirit Store Open on Piney Point Campus (Special Hours):* 10:30–11:30 a.m. and right after the Woolrich Luncheon concludes until 2:30 p.m.

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- *Chapel:* 9:30 a.m.; Primary I and 3-Day Pre-Primary parents are invited to attend
- *Pre-Primary Mothers and Others:* 11:00 a.m.
- *PS Book Fair:* 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. in the PS Library

Thursday, April 23

- *Primary II Mothers and Others:* 11:00 a.m.
- *PS Book Fair (Extended Afternoon Hours):* 11:00 a.m.–5:30 p.m. in the PS Library

Friday, April 24

- *Primary I Mothers and Others:* 11:00 a.m.
- *PS Book Fair (Extended Morning Hours):* 7:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. in the PS Library

Lower School

Advanced Academic Placement Testing Is April 15

Students entering grades 5–8 next school year who are applying for Advanced Academics will take a placement test on Wednesday, April 15, which is a Late Start day. Students should report to the fifth-grade hallway upstairs between 7:15 and 7:25 a.m. to find their testing rooms.

The schedule for that testing is as follows:

- 7:30–8:30 a.m.—Advanced English Testing
- 8:30–9:30 a.m.—Advanced Math Testing

Students who are testing for only one subject area (English OR math) may arrive by 8:15 a.m. to be in place for testing by 8:30 a.m.

If you have any questions or if your child is not able to attend testing that day, please **email Julie Downs**.

Digital Wellness: Family Code Workshop Is April 21

Join us on Tuesday, April 21, at 6:00 p.m. in the Hogan Board Room for an interactive evening with our partners at Smart Families. Parents and children will work together to develop personalized technology guidelines that reflect your family's values. Experts will share research and practical examples to guide the conversation.

- Dinner will be provided. **RSVP here** to let us know how many members of your family will be attending.
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- *LS Chapel:* 8:20-8:50 a.m.
- *Main Street Theater Presents* The True Story of the 3 Little Pigs! *for PII–Grade 2:* 9:00–11:00 a.m. in the FAC; students only

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Wednesday, April 15

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

Thursday, April 16

- *LS Chapel:* 8:20–8:50 a.m.
- *LS/MS Art Car Parade:* 1:15–1:50 p.m.; students only

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Monday, April 20

- *LS Chapel:* 8:20–8:50 a.m.

Wednesday, April 22

- *St. Francis Fine Arts Festival—LS/MS Art Pop-Up:* On Piney Point Campus
- *SFE Spirit Store Open on Piney Point Campus:* 7:30–9:30 a.m.
- *LS/MS Middle Eastern and North African Heritage Month Event:* 9:40–10:20 a.m. in the FAC; students only

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Thursday, April 23

- *LS Chapel:* 8:20–8:50 a.m.

Friday, April 24

- *St. Francis Fine Arts Festival—Joyful Sounds/MS/US Choir Concert:* 6:30 p.m. on Piney Point Campus

Middle School

Check Your Inbox for April and May Update
Parents should have received an email on April 10 with important information about the remaining weeks of school. Please check your inbox or **view the email here**.

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

MIDDLE SCHOOL CHAPEL—MONDAY, APRIL 13

- **Scripture: Acts 2:14a, 22–32**
- **Song Leaders:** Sixth Grade–Eighth Grade Production
- **Ushers:** Emmie Lundquist, Charlie Ollison, Emerson Rollo, Annie Shackouls
- **Acolytes:** Evelyn Schabdach, Caroline Shackouls
- **Crucifers:** Everett Hollis, Georgia Massey
- **Readers:** Fletcher Steen, John Stewart
- **Homilist:** Mr. David Settle

MIDDLE SCHOOL CHAPEL—THURSDAY, APRIL 16

- **Scripture: John 20:19–31**
- **Song Leaders:** Cannon Newcomer

- **Ushers:** Emma Stratmann, Benjamin Tuohy, Eloise Allen, Harrison Bean
- **Acolytes:** Martina Torres, Mae Zorich
- **Crucifers:** Mason Miller, Sarah Mitchell
- **Readers:** Valentina Tadlock, Kennedy Thomas

Eighth-Grade AALC Activity Is April 14: Jackson Pollock Painting + Clothing Notice

The last Art à la Carte (AALC) activity of the school year for our eighth-grade students will take place on Tuesday, April 14, during Advisory. Following the style of Jackson Pollock, students will paint their canvases together. They will take off their shoes and socks, and those who are wearing pants will roll up their pant legs. Usually, clothes do not get paint on them, but if they do, the paint will come out if you wash them quickly. It is advisable to wear the navy top as a precaution.

April 16: Eighth-Grade Trip to Holocaust Museum Houston

Our eighth-grade students have been reading the novel *Night* by Elie Wiesel. On Thursday, April 16, they will visit the Holocaust Museum Houston. Students should wear their Dress Uniform. They will depart campus at 8:45 a.m. and return at 1:00 p.m. Be on the lookout for an email from Eighth-Grade English Teacher Sharon Fry with more specific information early this week.

Table Talk With the Chaplain: An Invitation From Rev. Mitchell

We made it—almost. Before the school year closes and summer takes over, I'd love to gather one last time for coffee, honest conversation, and a little breathing room.

- **When:** Tuesday, April 28, at 8:05 a.m.
- **Where:** Bride’s Room on Piney Point Campus

This month's theme is **Letting Go and Leaning In**—a conversation about closing the year with gratitude and stepping into summer with intention. We'll take a moment to look back at what this year held—the surprises, the hard stretches, the quiet growth in our kids we almost missed. And we'll look ahead together at what our middle schoolers actually need from us over the summer, before they come back changed (again) in the fall.

This is our last Coffee & Conversations of the year, and I want to close it well—with you. Come as you are. Coffee will be ready, and so will the conversation.

Warm regards,

The Rev. Katie Mitchell+
Middle School Chaplain

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- **Closing Ceremony:** Sunday, August 9, at 9:00 a.m.
- **Location:** St. Francis Episcopal Church

For more information, **email Khristina Ballard** or call 713.829.2531.

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Monday, April 13

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

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Tuesday, April 14

- *"B" Day*
- *Regular Uniform*
- *Jackson Pollock Painting Activity for Eighth Grade:* 9:50–10:20 a.m.

Wednesday, April 15

- *Late Start at 10:00 a.m.*
- *"A" Day/Special Schedule*
- *Regular Uniform*
- *Advanced Academic Testing:*
    - 7:30–8:30 a.m.—English
    - 8:30–9:30 a.m.—Math

Thursday, April 16

- *"B" Day/Special Schedule*

- *Regular Uniform for Grades 5–7*
- *Eighth-Grade Trip to the Holocaust Museum Houston:* 8:45 a.m.–1:00 p.m.; eighth graders should wear their Dress Uniform on this day
- *Art Car Parade for Piney Point Campus:* 1:15–1:50 p.m.

Friday, April 17

- *"A" Day/Special Schedule*
- *Spirit Wear With Fingertip-Length Athletic Shorts*
- *MS Field Day:* 11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.
- *Pep Rally:* 2:00–2:45 p.m.

Monday, April 20

- *"B" Day*
- ***Dress Uniform***
- *Chapel:* 9:50–10:20 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary
- *Seventh-Grade Visits Upper School:* 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 21

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

Wednesday, April 22

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Friday, April 24

- *"B" Day*
- *Regular Uniform or St. Francis Spirit Shirt and Jeans/Uniform Bottoms*
- *Sixth-Grade AALC Field Trip:* Downtown walking tour
- *St. Francis Fine Arts Festival—Joyful Sounds/MS/US Choir Concert:* 6:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center on Piney Point Campus

Upper School

Academic Advising Night: Next Steps

Thank you to everyone who attended Academic Advising Night. Check your email for next steps for course selection. If you have any questions, please **email the Upper School Academic Advising team**.

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.

MESSAGES

Because students may not have access to their phones, emergency messages will be relayed to students through the division office or through their advisor. We will be happy to relay messages concerning appointment changes and unexpected transportation problems when necessary, but please make after-school activity plans and carpool arrangements before your student leaves home in the morning. No student will be allowed to leave class to receive a phone call. The school asks that parents/guardians limit messages to only those details of an urgent nature. Parents/guardians should not text students during the school day.

Academic Independence Offers Support With Final Exam Prep

To help students feel prepared and confident heading into exams, Academic Independence is offering structured finals review groups that focus on key content, practice questions, and prioritizing what to study. **Learn more about their SFE-specific finals groups.** Sign up before April 13 and use promo code "earlybird" at checkout for a limited-time discount.

Academic Independence is also hosting a **free parent Zoom seminar on Tuesday, April 28, from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.** This session will provide simple, practical strategies to support your student, reduce stress at home, and build confidence and independence. Led by Lauren Price, founder of Academic Independence and an educational expert, the seminar will cover effective study habits, time management, motivation, and brain-friendly techniques to help your student succeed during finals week.

Spots are limited for Academic Independence's groups, seminars, and one-on-one support, and general high school enrollment closes on Friday, April 17.

Last Chance: RSVP and Buy Guest Tickets to US Athletic Awards Banquet by April 13

Parents and student-athletes, RSVP now for the second annual Athletic Awards Banquet on Tuesday, May 12, at 6:00 p.m.

- All Upper School student-athletes who participated in sports this year should plan to attend!
- This will be a seated, special event with dinner, celebrating the achievements of all Upper School teams and athletes throughout the year.
- Seniors will receive special recognition.
- Student-athletes attend for free; guest tickets are $30 per person.
- **Click here to RSVP and to purchase guest tickets** by the deadline of **Monday, April 13, at 11:59 p.m.**

Junior Ring Ceremony: Parents, Drop Off Student Gifts by April 21

Parents/guardians of juniors, we are excited to have you join us on Monday, April 27, to celebrate our rising seniors at the Junior Ring Ceremony. A communication was sent out to junior parents/guardians detailing the event. If you have a ring or small gift for your student to be blessed during the ceremony, **please bring that to Mrs. Gallegos in the Student Life Center by Tuesday, April 21, by the end of the school day**. (Students who don't have a parent gift will receive a small token from us during the ceremony.)

Practice ACT for Sophomores: Register by April 28

In collaboration with Academic Independence, St. Francis is hosting a practice ACT for sophomores on Saturday, May 2, at 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. This is truly a practice test and is intended to help gauge which college entrance exam may be better for your student. *Space is limited and is for sophomore students only.* **Click here to register by Tuesday, April 28.**

Service Hour Opportunity: Volunteer for Vacation Bible School

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Friday, April 24

- *"B" Day/Special Schedule*
- *Dress Uniform*
- *Final US Eucharist:* 9:55–10:55 a.m. in Crum Gym
- *St. Francis Fine Arts Festival—Joyful Sounds/MS/US Choir Concert:* 6:30–7:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center on Piney Point Campus

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Saturday, April 25

- *US Prom:* 8:00–11:00 p.m. at the Blossom Hotel

Church

Join Us Each Sunday for Worship and Family-Focused Events

Sunday services are held at 8:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., and 5:00 p.m. We hope to see you there!

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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.**

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**.

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:** On break
    - **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.