

News for the Week of April 19

All School

This Week's Bible Verse

Focus your eyes straight ahead; keep your gaze on what is in front of you. —Proverbs 4:25

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.

Updated 2026–27 School Calendar

The school calendar has been updated for next year! There are more dates included for your convenience. There is a red button labeled “2026–27 calendar” on the right hand side of the main screen in your **Parent Portal**.

The St. Francis Fund Parent Participation Challenge Is On!

APRIL 20–24: PARENT PARTICIPATION CHALLENGE

We’re excited to kick off this year’s **Power of the Pack Parent Participation Challenge**, and **Wolfie is making it extra fun**! Every student whose parent participates with a gift to the St. Francis Fund will receive the one-of-a-kind Wolfie keychain, and each division that reaches 75% parent participation will enjoy a SNOW MUCH Gratitude Day.

The challenge begins tomorrow, and we’re already off to a fantastic start—50% of our parents have given, contributing an incredible $1.9 million to the St. Francis Fund. Thank you!

If you haven't yet had a chance to make your gift, we invite you to join in as we work toward our goal of **75% parent participation** (or more!). Here at St. Francis, participation truly matters—every gift, at every level, helps move our community forward together.

ALREADY GIVEN? YOU'RE NOT DONE YET!
Whether you've already supported the Fund or are planning to participate, please click below to learn how your child can join in the fun all week long, including Wolfie surprises and division celebrations.

Click here to learn how to join the fun or to make a gift.

Let's keep the momentum going and make this a joyful, community-wide effort. **Thank you** for all you do to support St. Francis!

Calling All SFE Moms: Willing to Write a Sorority Rec?

The St. Francis Upper School has a database of moms who are willing to write sorority recommendations for our seniors who are heading off to college and want to participate in Greek recruitment. If you are willing to write a recommendation now or in future years, **please complete the form here**.

Volunteers Needed: FAC Cleanout

Is your child in *The Wizard of Oz*? Have you attended a choral concert in the Fine Arts Center (FAC)? Are you just a very organized person who loves a cleanout? Please help Friends of Fine Arts clean up the backstage spaces in the FAC before summer break on Tuesday, May 12, from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.

Sign up to volunteer.

Volunteers Needed: Last Art Change-Out of the Year

Please come help change the art out at Piney Point Campus one last time! We'll be in the People Place and Gay Foyer from 8:00 to 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 13. This is a fun way to help and get to know some other moms and the Visual Arts teachers.

Sign up to volunteer.

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

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.

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.

Buy Tickets Now: *The Wizard of Oz* Musical Is 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*!

Tickets are limited—**buy yours now!**

PERFORMANCE TIMES

All performances will be held in the Fine Arts Center on Piney Point Campus:

- **Friday, May 1:** 7:00 p.m.

- **Saturday, May 2:** 7:00 p.m.
- **Sunday, May 3:** 2:00 p.m.

ABOUT THE PERFORMANCE
L. Frank Baum's beloved story of a young girl's adventure in a magical land has been entertaining audiences for over a century. MGM's blockbuster 1939 film adaptation, featuring the timeless songs of Harold Arlen and E.Y. Harburg, along with the brilliant instrumental music of Herbert Stothart, elevated the popular novel to even greater heights. This stage adaptation, featuring the characters and celebrated songs from the film, brings the wondrous Land of Oz to life in a jubilant theatrical experience you won't want to miss.

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.

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!

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, April 20

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

Tuesday, April 21

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

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Wednesday, April 22

- *Chapel:* 9:30 a.m.; Primary I and 3-Day Pre-Primary parents are invited to attend
- *Pre-Primary Mothers and Others Picnic:* 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 Picnic:* 11:00 a.m.
- *PS Book Fair (Extended Afternoon Hours):* 11:00 a.m.–5:30 p.m. in the PS Library

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Friday, April 24

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

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Monday, April 27

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

Tuesday, April 28

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

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Wednesday, April 29

- *Chapel:* 9:30 a.m.
  - Primary I sings during Chapel (students of Cadwell, Ferguson, and Richardson)
  - Only parents of Cadwell's, Ferguson's, and Richardson's students attend

Lower School

Advanced Academic Placement Testing Results

Thank you to fourth-grade families for participating in Advanced Academics (soon to be known as Honors) testing on April 15. Parents will be notified of the results by email in mid-May, after our newly enrolled students have had the opportunity to test in early May.

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.
- This is an active working session in which parents and children discuss their values and expectations around technology use. In-person attendance is strongly recommended. However, if you are unable to attend this Digital Wellness workshop, you can join via Zoom. Please be aware that there may be times when no one is visible on-screen, as presenters will be circulating around the room and working with families. The Zoom link will be sent in advance to all registered attendees.

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, April 20

- *LS Chapel:* 8:20–8:50 a.m.

Tuesday, April 21

- *Family Code Digital Wellness Workshop With Smart Families:* 6:00 p.m. in the Hogan Board Room; dinner will be provided; **RSVP here**

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.

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

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Monday, April 27

- *LS Chapel:* 8:20–8:50 a.m.

Wednesday, April 29

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

Thursday, April 30

- *LS Chapel:* 8:20-8:50 a.m.
- *LS Preview of MS Musical* The Wizard of Oz*:* 1:30–2:30 p.m. in the FAC; students only

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Friday, May 1

- *Fourth-Grade Field Trip:* 7:15 a.m.–5:15 p.m. at Camp Allen
- *Kindergarten Field Trip:* 9:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. at Dewberry Farm

Middle School

Seventh-Grade Parents: Join Us for 'A Taste of Upper School' on April 23
Seventh-grade parents are invited to attend "A Taste of Upper School" on Thursday, April 23, at 8:30 a.m. in Crum Gym on Couper Campus. At this special event designed to introduce grade 7 families to the Upper School experience, attendees will have the opportunity to meet Lexi Reyes, Head of Upper School, along with other members of the division leadership team; learn more about the curriculum and student life; and take a guided tour of the campus. The school looks forward to welcoming families and sharing all that the Upper School has to offer. Please **RSVP here**.

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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 20

- **Scripture: Acts 2:14a, 36–41**
- **Song Leaders:** Clara Deneke, Ryleigh Jones, Emerson William, Ava Bowman, Ella Shields
- **Ushers:** Emily Bradford, Greer Cook, Dylan Dudum, Quinn Epstein
- **Acolytes:** Kareem Abuqartoumy, Owen Breeding
- **Crucifers:** Anice Thompson, Sofia Pace

- **Readers:** Valentina Tadlock, Kennedy Thomas
- **Homilist:** Rev. Katie Mitchell+

MIDDLE SCHOOL CHAPEL—THURSDAY, APRIL 23

- **Scripture:** Luke 24:13–35
- **Song Leaders:** Middle School Choir, Seventh Grade
- **Ushers:** Clementine Fillman, Evelyn Levens, Mary Moore, Phoenix Nguyen
- **Acolytes:** Santana Clark-McNeal, Amelia Hancock
- **Crucifers:** Peyton Walker, Gabriela White
- **Readers:** Belle Gao, Hudson Handel
- **Homilist:** Rev. Katie Mitchell+

Sports Preview Begins April 27

Starting Monday, April 27, students in grades 6–8 will participate in Sports Preview, which focuses on skill-building in the selected sport.

- Practices will be from 2:45 to 4:00 p.m. daily.
- Students will have an opportunity to make their selections in Advisory this week.
- Parents will receive an email with additional information from Yaneash Donaldson, Middle School Athletic Director.

SPORTS PREVIEW SCHEDULE

- **Session 1 is April 27–May 8:** Football (boys), Volleyball (boys and girls), Field Hockey (girls), Cross Country (co-ed), Cheerleading (limited to 35 co-ed participants)
- **Session 2 is May 12–end of classes (see specific dates below):** Soccer (boys and girls), Basketball (boys and girls), Wrestling (boys), Flag Football (seventh- and eighth-grade girls)

Sports Preview will end on:

- Friday, May 15, for Grade 8
- Tuesday, May 19, for Grade 7 (This is also the date of athletics physicals.)
- Thursday, May 21, for Grade 6

Volunteers Needed: Upper School Arts Banquet Is May 6

Friends of Fine Arts is seeking volunteers to help prepare for the Upper School Arts Banquet, being held on Wednesday, May 6, at 6:00 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center. Volunteers are needed to assist with awards, centerpieces, setup, cleanup, and more!

Sign up to volunteer.

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**.

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Table Talk With the Chaplain: Join Rev. Mitchell on April 28

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

Volunteers Needed: Vacation Bible School

Volunteers from fifth grade through adults are needed to make St. Francis Episcopal Church's 2026 Vacation Bible School happen! **Sign up to volunteer for VBS.**

The church's VBS is a high-energy, week-long summer camp for students in grades K–4. This year's theme is “Week of Wonder” (WOW). Kids will be immersed in the following Bible stories: God Parts the Red Sea, Jonah and the Whale, Jesus Calms the Storm, The Wise Man Built His House on the Rock, and Jesus Walks on Water.

- **Date:** Monday, August 3–Friday, August 7
- **Time:** 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.
- **Closing Ceremony:** Sunday, August 9, at 9:00 a.m.
- **Location:** St. Francis Episcopal Church

If you have a K–4 student you would like to register for VBS, **register them here**.

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

Mark Your Calendar

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.–1:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 21

- *“A” Day*
- *Regular Uniform*
- *Family Code Digital Wellness Workshop With Smart Families:* 6:00 p.m. in the Hogan Board Room; dinner will be provided; **RSVP here**

Wednesday, April 22

- *“B” Day*
- *Regular Uniform*
- *St. Francis Fine Arts Festival—LS/MS Art Pop-Up:* On Piney Point Campus

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Thursday, April 23

- *“A” Day*
- *Regular Uniform*
- *Chapel:* 9:50–10:20 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary
- *St. Francis Fine Arts Festival—MS/US Dance Concert:* 7:00 p.m. on Piney Point Campus

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Friday, April 24

- *“B” Day*
- *Regular Uniform or St. Francis Spirit Shirt and Jeans/Uniform Bottoms*
- *End of Spring Sports Season*
- *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

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Monday, April 27

- *“A” Day*
- ***Dress Uniform***
- *Chapel:* 9:50–10:20 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary
- *Sports Preview Begins at 2:45 p.m. for Grades 6–8*

Tuesday, April 28

- *“B” Day*
- *Regular Uniform*
- *Fifth-Grade AALC Field Trip:* Downtown walking tour

Wednesday, April 29

- *“A” Day*
- *Regular Uniform*

Thursday, April 30

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

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Friday, May 1

- *"A" Day/Special Schedule*
- *MS Previews* The Wizard of Oz*:* 1:45 p.m.
- *Opening Night for* The Wizard of Oz*:* 7:00 p.m.

Upper School

Course Selection Reminders

Starting Monday, April 20, Upper School administration and College Counseling will begin meeting with students for course registration.

- If you have not already, please return your course request form to Ms. Gallegos.
- If you have any questions, please **email the Upper School Academic Advising team**.

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Sign up to volunteer.

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 Ms. Gallegos in the Student Life Center by the end of the school day on Tuesday, April 21**. (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.**

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.**

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.

Service Hour Opportunity: Volunteer for Vacation Bible School

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- **Time:** 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.
- **Closing Ceremony:** Sunday, August 9, at 9:00 a.m.
- **Location:** St. Francis Episcopal Church

If you have a K–4 student you would like to register for VBS, **register them here**.

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

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, April 20

- *“B” Day*
- *Regular Uniform*

- *Seventh-Grade Visit to Upper School*

Tuesday, April 21

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

Wednesday, April 22

- *"B" Day*
- *Regular Uniform*
- *St. Francis Fine Arts Festival—US Coffee House Concert:* 6:00–7:00 p.m. in the Student Life Center on Couper Campus

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Thursday, April 23

- *"A" Day*
- *SFES Spirit Dress:* Wear a St. Francis Spirit shirt with full-length jeans or uniform bottoms
- *Seventh-Grade Parent Visit to the Upper School*
- *St. Francis Fine Arts Festival—MS/US Dance Concert:* 7:00–8:00 p.m. on Piney Point Campus

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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

Monday, April 27

- *“A” Day*
- *Regular Uniform*
- *Junior Ring Ceremony:* 6:00 p.m. in St. Francis Episcopal Church on Piney Point Campus

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Tuesday, April 28

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

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Wednesday, April 29

- *“A” Day*
- *Regular Uniform*

Thursday, April 30

- *“B” Day*
- *Regular Uniform*
- *Senior College Commitment Day:* 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. on Couper Campus

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Friday, May 1

- *“A” Day/Special Schedule*
- *Dress Uniform*
- *US Award Ceremony:* 3:00–3:50 p.m. in Crum Gym

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!

April 22–May 27: Wednesday Evening Program on 'The Jesus Way'

A new Wednesday evening program, "The Jesus Way: Learning to Live the Christian Life," will begin April 22 and run through May 27. Based on the book of the same title by Dr. Peter Walker, the six-session series explores what it means to follow Christ more deeply.

- Part one, “Learning From Jesus Himself,” draws heavily from Luke 24, while part two, “Learning From the Apostles,” considers how the early church lived out Christ’s teaching.
- The first session is titled “Enjoy Jesus’ Resurrection; Accept His Forgiveness.”
- Evenings will begin with Holy Eucharist at 6:00 p.m. in the St. Clare Chapel, followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall ($15), with the lesson beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

Week of Wonder Is August 3–7: VBS Registration Now Open + Volunteers Needed

We invite all children in kindergarten through fourth grade to join us Monday, August 3, through Friday, August 7, for an exciting week of faith, fun, and fellowship!

- **What:** Vacation Bible School “Week of Wonder”
- **When:** August 3–7 at 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. daily
- **Closing Ceremony:** Sunday, August 9, at 9:00 a.m.
- **Location:** St. Francis Episcopal Church

Families are encouraged to mark their calendars and be part of the joy as participants learn, grow, and celebrate together.

- **Register your K–4 student for VBS.**
- Volunteers (from fifth grade through adults) are also needed to help make this joyful ministry possible. **Sign up to volunteer for VBS.**
- For more information, **email Khristina Ballard** or call 713.829.2531.

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 at 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

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