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WEEKLY E-NEWS

News for the Week of May 10

All School

This Week's Bible Verse

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song. —Psalm 100:1

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.

'Snow' Much Gratitude: Snow Day Parties on May 12 and 13!

Parents, thank you! Not only did you meet the St. Francis Fund Parent Participation Challenge—you helped raise our overall parent participation **from 50% to an incredible 80%**, while generously contributing **more than $2.1 million**.

By now, you should have received an email with your division's party details, including date, time, what to wear, and what to bring. If you missed it, please see the information below:

- **Lower and Middle Schools:** Tuesday, May 12
- **Primary School:** Wednesday, May 13

Upper School Families: You are just a few gifts away from reaching 75% parent participation! If you haven't yet seen Dr. Collins' message extending this opportunity, please be sure to **read it here**. Your Snow Day Party on May 13 is within reach—let's keep the momentum going!

Strong parent participation in the St. Francis Fund is a true reflection of the St. Francis spirit, and we are so grateful for your support of our school. If you have any questions,

please **contact Muffy Buvens**.

Note From the Nurses: End-of-Year Medication Pickup

If your child has medications in the clinic, either prescription or over-the-counter, the medication(s) must be picked up by a parent/guardian no later than 11:00 a.m. on Friday, May 22. If you plan to travel and leave before the last day of school, the medication must be picked up on your child's last day of school. **Please note: Emergency medications must stay in the clinic until your child's last day on campus.**

- All medications left in the clinic past the last day of school will be discarded, as the clinic has to prepare for the next school year and does not have the capacity to store medications over the summer.
- **If your child is attending Summer on the Point, the emergency medications must still be picked up and given to the nurse working this summer.**
- If you have any questions, please contact your child's nurse.
    - **Lower and Middle School:** Fay Gant or Anna Klauer at 713.458.6128
    - **Primary School:** Abigayle Harrington at 713.458.6167
    - **Upper School:** Madeleine Tiemann at 713.458.6445

Thank you for allowing us to take care of your children.

Last Chance: Register for Summer Camps and Classes by May 11 at Noon

The Explore and Extend Team announced a final registration opportunity for specialty camps and certain classes during Summer on the Point, through Monday, May 11, at noon. **Click here for details and registration information.**

May 13: Join FoFA for the Last Art Change-Out of the Year

Please come help Friends of Fine Arts (FoFA) change out the art at Piney Point Campus one last time for this school year! 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, as well as to get to know some other moms and the Visual Arts teachers. **Sign up to volunteer.**

May 13: Last Spirit Store Sale Before Summer—$10 T-shirts, $20 Sweatshirts

Come shop the final Spirit Store sale of the year! On Wednesday, May 13, from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m., all T-shirts in the store will be $10 and all sweatshirts will be $20.

Sign Up for Camp Letters From St. Francis by May 15

Fr. Bob Wismer, Hope Hooper, Dr. Chelsea Collins, Marsha Palmer, and Rev. Katie Mitchell would love to send a note to your child when they are at camp this summer.

Please **use this form to submit a request**. You must complete a separate form for each child. The deadline for submission is Friday, May 15.

Primary School

Rising Kindergarteners: Order Next Year's School Supplies by May 22

Parents of rising Kindergarteners, it's time to order your child's school supplies for the 2026–27 school year! Orders may be placed until Friday, May 22, by following these steps:

1. Go to **www.educationalproducts.com/shoppacks**.
2. Enter the school ID:
    - STF001 (St. Francis Lower School)
3. Follow the directions to complete your order. (Orders will be charged tax at checkout.) Keep your online confirmation as your receipt.

Questions? Please **contact Seasonal Sales Chair-Elect Cassie McKinney**.

St. Francis Sports Association: Register Now for Fall Soccer

Registration is now open for St. Francis Sports Association (SFSA) fall season soccer—open to students in Primary II (age 4) to fifth grade.

- **Click here to register for the fall soccer season.**
- Please **email SFSA Registrar Liz Ward** with any questions.

Mark Your Calendar

Tuesday, May 12

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

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Wednesday, May 13

- *"Snow" Much Gratitude Snow Day Party:* Student-only event; **learn more**, including what to wear and what to bring
- *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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Monday, May 18

- *Primary I End-of-Year Parties:* 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 19

- *Primary II Bible Presentation:* 9:30 a.m. in Crum Athletics Center
- *Primary II End-of-Year Parties:* Immediately following Primary II Bible Presentation
- *No Chapel for Pre-Primary*

Wednesday, May 20

- *Chapel:* 9:30 a.m.; Primary I and 3-Day Pre-Primary parents are invited to attend
- *Pre-Primary End-of-Year Parties:* 1:45 p.m.

Friday, May 22

- *Last Day of School*: Early dismissal for PS at 11:00 a.m.
- *No Explore and Extend*

Lower School

Honors (Advanced Academics) Decisions Will Be Released on May 15

Decisions about placement for Honors English and Math for rising, returning fifth through eighth graders will be released on Friday, May 15, after 4:00 p.m. To view placement decisions, please visit your Veracross Parent Portal, select Classes & Reports, then click the Files tab located near the upper-right corner of the home page.

Order Next Year's School Supplies by May 22

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2. Enter the school ID:
    - STF001 (St. Francis Lower School)
    - STF018 (St. Francis Middle School)

3. Follow the directions to complete your order. (Orders will be charged tax at checkout.) Keep your online confirmation as your receipt.

Questions? Please **contact Seasonal Sales Chair-Elect Cassie McKinney**.

Scrapbook for Grades K–4: Order by May 22

Scrapbooks are available for preorder and will be delivered in the fall. These beautiful Shutterfly keepsakes are grade-specific, with hundreds of pictures from class parties, seasonal events, Grandparents and Grandfriends Day, Chapel, lunch, field day, and more! They offer a firsthand look at what the kids are doing at school all year. This book is *completely* different from the yearbook. Remember to order for your child's grade **this year**.

- Please note: **The order deadline for Scrapbooks is Friday, May 22.**
- **Click here to purchase your Scrapbook today.**
- If you do not plan to return to SFE, don't worry! We will mail you a copy of the Scrapbook.
- Questions? **Email Jessica Keegan.**

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Mark Your Calendar

Monday, May 11

- *LS Chapel:* 8:20–8:50 a.m.

Tuesday, May 12

- *"Snow" Much Gratitude Snow Day Party:* Student-only event; **learn more**, including what to wear and what to bring

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Wednesday, May 13

- *SFE Spirit Store Open on Piney Point Campus:* 7:30–9:30 a.m.
- *Kindergarten Field Trip to Dewberry Farm:* 9:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 14

- *LS Final Eucharist Ascension Chapel:* 8:20-8:50 a.m.

Friday, May 15

- *Fourth-Grade Field Trip to Camp Allen:* 7:15 a.m.–5:15 p.m.

Monday, May 18

- *LS Chapel:* 8:20–8:50 a.m.

Tuesday, May 19

- *Fourth-Grade End-of-Year Parties:* 1:15–2:30 p.m. in classrooms; students only

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Wednesday, May 20

- *Second-Grade End-of-Year Parties:* 12:45–2:00 p.m. in classrooms; students only
- *Third-Grade End-of-Year Parties:* 1:00–2:15 p.m. in classrooms; students only

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Thursday, May 21

- *LS Chapel:* 8:20–8:50 a.m.
- *Kindergarten End-of-Year Parties:* 11:15 a.m.–12:30 p.m. in classrooms; students only
- *First-Grade End-of-Year Parties:* 12:15–1:30 p.m. in classrooms; students only

Friday, May 22

- *Last Day of School:* Early dismissal for LS at 11:30 a.m.
- *Fourth-Grade Completion Ceremony:* 10:00–10:45 a.m. in the FAC
- *LS Semester 2 Ends*

Middle School

St. Francis Middle Schooler Wins VASE Platinum Medal for Sculpture Excellence
On April 18, St. Francis seventh grader Madeleine McMahan competed in the Texas Art Education Association Visual Arts Scholastic Event (VASE)—a rigorous contest that brings together students from across the Houston area, requiring competitors to answer questions about their artistic process and meet with a judge to defend the merits of their work. Madeleine not only received a medal in her Division 1 category, but also earned a Platinum Medal, the most prestigious honor at the competition, recognizing her work as the best across all divisions.

Out of thousands of entries, only 28 works earned Platinum Medals, with only three being awarded in the Sculpture category.

Congratulations, Madeleine!

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

SERVICE AWARDS CHAPEL—MONDAY, MAY 11

- **Scripture: Acts 17:22-31**
- **Song Leaders:** Production and Choir (Grade 8)
- **Ushers:** Asher Schabdach, Carter Spoon, Kala Aspe Quiepo
- **Acolytes:** Arya Shields, Jack Sturdivant
- **Crucifers:** Ryleigh Jones, Annie Moore
- **Readers:** Leah Abdeen, Brennan Bailey
- **Homilists:** Tate Meyer, Eighth-Grade Student (TBA)

FINAL EUCHARIST/EIGHTH-GRADE CHAPEL—THURSDAY, MAY 14

- **Scripture: John 14:15-21**
- **Song Leaders:** MS Choir (Grades 5–8)
- **Ushers:** Sophia Bailey, Pierson Batts, Yassine Boughaba, Milo Caldwell
- **Acolytes:** Tate Meyer, Sydnie Price
- **Crucifers:** Sebe Eastland, Victoria Marcos

- **Readers:** Eva Campbell, Jack Davis
- **Homilist:** Rev. Katie Mitchell +

Athletics Physicals: Return Forms by May 12

If you would like your child to have an athletics physical during school hours on Tuesday, May 19, please do the following:

- Paperwork was sent home two weeks ago. Complete and sign the Medical History Form (page one) and only the top part of the Physician's Form (page two—name, age, sex, and date of birth).
- Have your child return both forms to their advisor no later than Tuesday, May 12.
- Contact Fay Gant, Piney Point Nurse, at 713.458.6128 with any questions.

Please note: An athletics physical is required annually for students to participate in athletics or PE classes. Families are welcome to obtain the exam at their doctor's office, if they prefer.

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End-of-Year Exam Schedule + Details

Each Middle School grade has slightly different dates and expectations for end-of-year exams. **Click here for complete details**, including the full exam schedule.

Wear Dress Uniform on May 14 and 15

There are events occurring on May 14 and May 15 for which students will need to be in Dress Uniform.

- Our final Eucharist service for the school year is on Thursday, May 14.
- The Middle School Awards Ceremony is on Friday, May 15. Parents of students who are receiving an award will receive an invitation to the ceremony with details from their Grade-Level Dean during the first week of May.

Save the Date: Eighth-Grade Farewell Eucharist Is May 14

Eighth-grade parents, join us for our final Middle School Eucharist of the school year on Thursday, May 14, at 9:40 a.m. This is a special "send-off" service led by our eighth graders, and parents are invited to sit with their eighth-grade students as we celebrate this incredible class!

Grades 7 and 8: Powder Puff Flag Football Game Is May 14

On Thursday, May 14, at 2:45 p.m., our seventh- and eighth-grade students will participate in our Annual Powder Puff Flag Football game at the Piney Point Campus Field, with fifth- and sixth-grade students watching in the stands.

- Students are welcome to bring Spirit Wear to change into at lunch time, as they will have arrived at school in Dress Uniform for Eucharist that morning.
- The Booster Club typically sells refreshments during the game.

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Mark Your Calendar

Monday, May 11

- *"A" Day/Special Schedule*
- *Regular Uniform*
- *Service Awards Chapel:* 9:40–10:20 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary
- *Grades 6–8:* Sports Preview Session 2 begins at 2:45 p.m.

Tuesday, May 12

- *"B" Day/Special Schedule*
- *Regular Uniform*
- *"Snow" Much Gratitude Snow Day Party:* Student-only event; **learn more**, including what to wear and what to bring
- *Alley Theatre Shakespeare Touring Show (Students Only):* 9:40–10:40 a.m.

Wednesday, May 13

- *"A" Day*
- *Regular Uniform*
- *End-of-Year Exams for Fifth Grade Only:* **Click here** for the full schedule

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Thursday, May 14

- *"B" Day/Special Schedule*
- ***Dress Uniform***
- *Final Eucharist With Eighth-Grade Chapel:* 9:40–10:40 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary
- *Seventh- and Eighth-Grade Powder Puff Flag Football Game:* 2:45–3:30 p.m.

Friday, May 15

- *"A" Day/Special Schedule*
- ***Dress Uniform***
- *End-of-Year Exams for Fifth Grade Only:* **Click here** for the full schedule
- *Middle School Awards Ceremony*
    - 9:30–10:30 a.m.
    - Parents of award recipients will receive an invitation from the Grade-Level Dean

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Monday, May 18–Friday, May 22

- *End-of-Year Exams:* **Click here** for the full schedule

Monday, May 18

- *"B" Day*
- *Grades 5–7:*
    - Regular Uniform
    - Chapel: 9:50-10:20 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary
- *Grade 8:*
    - Spirit Shirts With Uniform Bottoms
    - **Finals Day 1—Science and Math**

    - Dismissal at 12:00 p.m., Following Exams: Extended time is 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 19

- *“A” Day*
- *Grades 5–7:* Regular Uniform
- *Grade 8:*
    - Spirit Shirts With Uniform Bottoms
    - **Finals Day 2—English**
    - Completion Ceremony Rehearsal: Begins immediately following the English exam
    - Dismissal at 12:00 p.m.
    - Locker Clean-Out: Please bring extra bags for supplies
- *Athletics Physicals*

Wednesday, May 20

- *“B” Day*
- *Grades 5–6:* Regular Uniform
- *Grade 7:*
    - Spirit Shirt With Uniform Bottoms
    - **Finals Day 1—English and Science**
    - Dismissal at 12:00 p.m., Following Exams: Extended time is 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- *Grade 8:*
    - Spirit Shirt With Uniform Bottoms
    - **Finals Day 3—Spanish and History**
    - Dismissal at 12:00 p.m., Following Exams: Extended time is 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 21

- *“A” Day*
- *Grades 5–6:*
    - Regular Uniform
    - Locker Clean-Out: Please bring extra bags for supplies
- *Grade 7:*
    - Dress Uniform
    - **Finals Day 2—History**

    - Attend Eighth-Grade Completion Ceremony: Following the History exam
    - Dismissal at 12:00 p.m. for All Seventh Graders
    - Locker Clean-Out: Please bring extra bags for supplies
- *Grade 8:*
    - Eighth-Grade Completion Ceremony: 10:00 a.m.
    - Dismissal for the Summer at the Conclusion of the Eighth-Grade Completion Ceremony

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Friday, May 22

- *Last Day of School:* Dismissal for MS at 12:00 p.m.
- *St. Francis Spirit Shirt and Jeans/Uniform Bottoms*
- ***Grade 7 Finals Day 3—Math and Spanish:*** Extended time is 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Upper School

Upper School Physicals: Return Completed Packets by May 15

Upper School physicals are Friday, May 22, from 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. in the Crum Gym. Last names beginning with A–M are scheduled from 12:00 to 1:30 p.m., and last names beginning with N–Z are scheduled from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m.

- Packets containing physicals forms will be sent out next week through the school nurse and advisory. Please **complete the forms, ensure they are signed by both the parent/guardian AND the student, and return them to your student's advisory** by Friday, May 15, at the latest.
- Please reach out to **School Nurse Madeleine Tiemann** with any questions.

Auditions for 2027 Musical Are May 17

The Upper School Fine Arts Department will be holding auditions for its 2026–27 musical, Stephen Sondheim's timeless masterpiece *Into the Woods*, on Sunday, May 17. With a Tony Award–winning book and score, this production weaves together beloved fairy-tale characters on a journey of wishes, curses, and unexpected consequences. Students and parents, **click here for all the details**!

AP Exams Continue Through May 15: Reminders + Schedule

AP Exams run through Friday, May 15. Remember, your College Board account login is REQUIRED for the Bluebook application. Double-check your login now so you're ready to test, and remember to bring your charged laptop and charger.

Week 2 of AP Exams	Morning (8:00 a.m. Start)	Afternoon (12:00 p.m. Start)
Monday, May 11	Calculus AB	
Tuesday, May 12		Psychology
Wednesday, May 13	English Language and Composition	Physics C: Mechanics
Thursday, May 14	Art History Spanish Language and Culture	Computer Science Principles
Friday, May 15	Environmental Science	Computer Science A

Final Exams Are May 18–22: Schedule Below

Please find the Upper School final exam schedule below. Note that the start times for testing sessions are 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. This month, teachers and advisors will work with students on their individual exam schedules, as well as on the logistics for exam week and the review sessions prior to exams.

	Monday, May 18	Tuesday, May 19	Wednesday, May 20	Thursday, May 21	Friday, May 22
8:30–11:30 a.m.	Spanish I / Spanish I Honors Spanish II / Spanish II Honors French I & II	English I / English I Honors English II / English II Honors	World History I / World History I Honors World History 2 / World History 2 Honors	Algebra I / Algebra I Honors Geometry / Geometry Honors Algebra II / Algebra II Honors	Biology / Biology Honors Chemistry / Chemistry Honors Physics

	Monday, May 18	Tuesday, May 19	Wednesday, May 20	Thursday, May 21	Friday, May 22
	Latin I & II				
12:30 –3:30 p.m.	Spanish III Spanish IV Latin III	English III / English III Honors	US History Civics & Economics	Precalculus / Precalculus Honors College Algebra	

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, May 11

- *"A" Day*
- *Regular Uniform*
- *AP Exams*

Tuesday, May 12

- *"B" Day*
- *Regular Uniform*
- *AP Exams*
- *Athletics Banquet:* 6:00 p.m. in Crum Gym

Wednesday, May 13

- *"A" Day*
- *Regular Uniform*
- *AP Exams*

Thursday, May 14

- *"B" Day*
- *Regular Uniform*
- *AP Exams*

Friday, May 15

- *"A" Day*
- *SFE Spirit Dress:* Wear a St. Francis Spirit shirt with full-length jeans or uniform bottoms
- *AP Exams*
- *Baccalaureate:* 6:00 p.m. in St. Francis Episcopal Church
- *Senior Dinner (By Invitation Only):* Immediately following Baccalaureate, in the FAC on Piney Point Campus

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Saturday, May 16

- *Commencement*
    - 4:00 p.m. in Crum Gym
    - Seniors report at 2:00 p.m. to the Crum Loft, dressed in Graduation attire

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Monday, May 18

- *SFE Spirit Dress:* Wear a St. Francis Spirit shirt with full-length jeans or uniform bottoms
    - This is not a free dress day; students are expected to be in Spirit Wear or Regular Uniform
- *Final Exams*

Tuesday, May 19

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- *Final Exams*

Wednesday, May 20

- *SFE Spirit Dress:* Wear a St. Francis Spirit shirt with full-length jeans or uniform bottoms
    - This is not a free dress day; students are expected to be in Spirit Wear or Regular Uniform
- *Final Exams*

Thursday, May 21

- *SFE Spirit Dress:* Wear a St. Francis Spirit shirt with full-length jeans or uniform bottoms
    - This is not a free dress day; students are expected to be in Spirit Wear or Regular Uniform
- *Final Exams*

Friday, May 22

- *SFE Spirit Dress:* Wear a St. Francis Spirit shirt with full-length jeans or uniform bottoms
    - This is not a free dress day; students are expected to be in Spirit Wear or Regular Uniform
- *Final Exams*
- *Noon Dismissal for Upper School*

Church

Join Us Each Sunday for Worship and Family-Focused Events
Please join us Sunday in the Parish Hall for coffee, light bites, and fellowship after the 8:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., and 11:00 a.m. services. We look forward to meeting you soon!

SUNDAYS AT ST. FRANCIS

- **8:00 a.m. in St. Clare Chapel:** Holy Eucharist Rite I
- **Infant and Toddler Care:** Babies six weeks and up can enjoy playtime, music, and Bible stories in the nursery of the Parish Hall building. Open from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- **9:00 a.m. in the Church**

    - *Family Worship:* Blended music/Holy Eucharist Rite II
    - *Let it Shine! Children's Bible Breakout:* All children Pre-K to middle school are invited.
- **10:00–11:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall**
    - *Lighthouse: Expressions in Art*
    - *Children's Art/Crafts*
- **11:00 a.m. in the Church:** Holy Eucharist Rite II with Traditional Music
- **5:00 p.m. in St. Clare Chapel:** Holy Eucharist Rite I

May 13: Wednesday Night Eucharist Ascension Service

The Wednesday Night Eucharist Ascension Service will be held May 13 in the church, featuring organ music in celebration of Jesus' ascension to heaven. A dinner ($15 per person) and short Ascension program will follow in the Parish Hall. For more information, **contact Fr. David Price**.

June 7: Organ Recital and Choral Evensong

Please plan to join us on Sunday, June 7, at St. Francis Episcopal Church for our next organ recital and choral evensong.

- **Organ Recital at 4:15 p.m.:** An organ recital by Valentina Huang, Cathedral Organist at Christ Church Cathedral–Houston, will precede the choral evensong.
- **Choral Evensong at 5:00 p.m.:** The choir of Christ Church Cathedral-Houston and the cathedral's Canon for Music Robert Simpson will join the Assisi Choir for a combined service. Led primarily by the choirs, the choral evensong will showcase beautiful singing of psalms, canticles, and hymns from the church's tradition.

Wednesday Evening Program on 'The Jesus Way'

A Wednesday evening program on "The Jesus Way: Learning to Live the Christian Life" runs through May 27. Based on the book of the same title by Dr. Peter Walker, the 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.
- 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 + Adult 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 Celebration:** 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.**
- Adult volunteers are 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.

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 Through May

A Grief Group will continue to meet weekly on Sundays at 1:30 p.m. in the Bride's Room, through the end of May. 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:** 1 Corinthians
  - **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 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

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.