

WOLF WATCH

— WEEKLY E-NEWS —

News for the Week of September 6

All School

This Week's Bible Verse

"The rules of the Lord are right. They give joy to our hearts. The commands of the Lord shine brightly. They give light to our minds." —Psalm 19:8 (NirV)

FAITH AND JOY: A NOTE FROM FATHER WISMER

This year, as we lean in to the life and example of our beloved Francis, let us remember to live our life as Francis did, exuberantly joyful. Joyful in our relationships and joyful in our labor.

This first quarter of the year, we are focusing on our first cornerstone: Faith. To have faith in something is to trust that thing. To have faith in God, and in His commands, is to believe that his instructions are there to bless us, and not to confine or restrict or punish us. As the Psalmist says, "The rules of the Lord are right. They give joy to our hearts."

I think of it like baking a cake. We follow the recipe, and trust our thermometers, and believe that we will have a delicious cake.

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.

Festival Website Is Live: Place Your Orders Today

SFE Festival 2026 will be here before we know it, and the Festival website is now live! Order your T-shirts, lanyards, wristbands, and punch cards today. A few sponsorships are also available. [Visit the Festival website.](#)

Spirit Store: Remember to Pick Up Your Orders

If you placed an order via the [online St. Francis Spirit Store](#), be sure to pick up your order.

- If you selected pickup at the Upper School Office or the Primary School Office, your bag will be there by the Wednesday after you ordered (at the latest).
- If you selected pickup at the Piney Point Store, your order will be ready the next day that the store is open.

Store hours are Mondays and Wednesdays from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Keep an eye on *Wolf Watch* for updates on restocked items.

SPIRIT STORE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you are interested in volunteering in the Spirit Store, [please email Annie Hartigan](#).

New SFPO Initiative: Moms in Prayer

Join the St. Francis Parents Organization (SFPO) for the inaugural meeting of Moms in Prayer on **Friday, September 18, at 8:30 a.m.** This new group gives moms in the St. Francis community a chance to gather and pray over our students, staff, and school community. *This is not a Bible study.* Soon, students and staff will be able to drop specific prayer requests into labeled boxes on each campus.

THE DETAILS

- **When:** First and third Fridays of the month at 8:30 a.m. Attire is carpool casual. The first meeting is September 18.
- **Where:** Piney Point Campus (St. Clare Chapel)
- **Commitment:** Come twice a month, once a semester, or anywhere in between—there's always room, and everyone is welcome!
- **Questions or Prayer Requests:** [Email Jasmine Fleece](#)

Homecoming Is September 25 + Preorder Homecoming Food Now

Homecoming is always a great opportunity for our entire St. Francis community to come together, show our school spirit, and BACK THE PACK!

- [Preorder your meals from the Pit Room BBQ](#) to enjoy at Homecoming on Friday, September 25. Limited meals will be available for purchase the day of the event, so buy in advance now.
- During the big Homecoming game on September 25, the Wolves will take on New Braunfels Christian Academy at 7:00 p.m. Pregame fun begins at 6:00 p.m. We encourage you to [sign up here to help out](#).

Stay tuned for more details about Homecoming festivities.

Primary School

Primary School Hearing and Vision Screenings: September 8–25

St. Francis will be holding hearing and vision screenings for **Primary II students and for students who turned four before September 1, 2026**. Vision screenings will take place the week of September 7, and hearing screenings the week of September 21. Screenings will be conducted by St. Francis nurses who have attended the vision and hearing training with the Texas Department of State Health Services.

Here's what else you need to know:

- **Students who wear glasses should bring them to school.**
- Screenings will take place during the school day.
- We do not refer to the screening as a “test.” Please help us by doing the same. The teachers will explain the process to our students, who will discover that they are playing two games with the nurses.
- A copy of the results will be provided for school files. Students who have not passed a screening will receive a referral form for follow-up with a physician or specialist.
- Screenings are nondiagnostic and are not intended to be an equal alternative to an in-depth exam by a licensed physician or specialist.

If you have any questions, please [contact School Nurse Abigayle Harrington via email](#) or at 713.458.6167.

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, September 7

- *Labor Day Holiday:* No school
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Tuesday, September 8

- *Primary School Chapel:* 9:00 a.m.; Primary II parents are invited to attend
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Wednesday, September 9

- *PS Chapel:* 9:00 a.m.; Primary I parents are invited to attend
- *SFE Spirit Store Open on Piney Point Campus:* 7:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Monday, September 14

- *PS Reggio Parent Coffee*: 8:30 a.m. in the PS Library
 - *SFE Spirit Store Open on Piney Point Campus*: 7:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
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Tuesday, September 15

- *PS Chapel*: 9:00 a.m.; Primary II parents are invited to attend
 - *Pre-Primary Parent Information Night*: 6:30–8:00 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room
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Wednesday, September 16

- *PS Chapel*: 9:00 a.m.; Primary I parents are invited to attend
 - *SFE Spirit Store Open on Piney Point Campus*: 7:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
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Thursday, September 17

- *Primary I and Primary II Parent Information Night*: 6:30–7:30 p.m. in classrooms

Lower School

LAST CHANCE! Order 2025–26 Scrapbooks by September 13

If your child was in grades K–4 last school year, don't miss this final chance to order your grade-level Shutterfly scrapbook by Sunday, September 13, at 11:59 p.m.

IMPORTANT: This book is *completely* different from the annual yearbook. These Shutterfly scrapbooks are beautiful 12" x 12" hardbound books with 46+ pages of grade-specific SFE memories, with *each grade represented in its own book!*

- **Select the Prior Grade Level:** Remember to *order for your child's grade last year* (2025–26 school year).
- **Online Order Link:** [Scrapbook Order Form](#)
- **Unsure Whether You Have Already Ordered?** Many parents ordered in May 2026, but ordering has been extended through September 13 by popular demand. If you are unsure whether you have already ordered, please [email Lauren Brown](#).

- **General Questions:** Please [email Jessica Keegan](#).

September 17: A Time to Pray and Connect

Lower School (LS) parents are warmly invited to stay after LS Chapel on Thursday, September 17, to spend some time with Mrs. Palmer and Father Wismer. We will meet in the Narthex of the church at 9:00 a.m., and spend 30 minutes getting to know one another a little better and praying. We hope you join us and begin your day with encouragement, connection, and prayer.

Dads' Club: Volunteer for Morning Carpool Crew on September 18

Calling all dads! We are seeking Lower and Middle School carpool helpers to open car doors on Friday, September 18. We'll gather at 7:15 a.m. and start opening doors at 7:30 a.m., and you'll be on your way by 8:15 a.m.

- [Click here to sign up](#) and be part of the fun!
- Questions? [Email the St. Francis Dads' Club](#).

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Monday, September 7

- *Labor Day Holiday:* No school
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Wednesday, September 9

- *SFE Spirit Store Open on Piney Point Campus:* 7:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
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Thursday, September 10

- *Dress Uniform*
 - *Lower School (LS) Leadership Induction Chapel:* 8:20–9:00 a.m. in the Fine Arts Center (FAC); fourth-grade parents only
 - *LS Parent Information Night:* 6:00–7:30 p.m. in the FAC
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Monday, September 14

- *Dress Uniform*

- *LS Chapel: 8:20-8:50 a.m.*
 - *SFE Spirit Store Open on Piney Point Campus: 7:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.*
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Wednesday, September 16

- *SFE Spirit Store Open on Piney Point Campus: 7:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.*
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Thursday, September 17

- *LS Chapel: 8:20–8:50 a.m.*
 - *Pray and Connect: 9:00–9:30 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Narthex*
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Friday, September 18

- *Car Door Dads: 7:30–8:00 a.m.*

Middle School

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- **General Questions:** Please [**email Jessica Keegan**](#).

Eighth-Grade Tie Ceremony Is September 14: One Car Per Family, Please

Eighth-grade parents, please join us for the Eighth-Grade Tie Ceremony on Monday,

September 14, at 9:30 a.m. in the Fine Arts Center. The ceremony will begin promptly at 9:40 a.m., and all Middle School students should wear dress uniforms. Limited parking is available on the Piney Point Campus, so we are asking family members to ride together so that everyone may enjoy this event with their children. (One car per family, please.)

'Let's Glow': Middle School Fall Social Is September 18

On Friday, September 18, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., the Student Council invites all St. Francis Middle School students to a campus social with games, snacks, music, and more. Make time to have some fun! Student drop-off and pickup is on the south side of campus, at the Dining Hall. Snacks and water will be provided, but there will not be a full meal.

The theme for the social is "Let's Glow." Students are encouraged to dress in neon colors for this fun event. Attire is free dress (within school guidelines):

- All shirts must have sleeves, with no inappropriate messaging (cigarettes, alcohol, or drugs).
- No immodest dress. Shorts must be at least mid-palm length.
- No tank tops, spaghetti straps, or basketball jerseys, except over a T-shirt. T-shirts will be given to students out of dress code.
- Tennis shoes are recommended.

This event is only for St. Francis Middle School students (grades 5–8); no outside guests, please.

Dads' Club: Volunteer for Morning Carpool Crew on September 18

Calling all dads! We are seeking Lower and Middle School carpool helpers to open car doors on Friday, September 18. We'll gather at 7:15 a.m. and start opening doors at 7:30 a.m., and you'll be on your way by 8:15 a.m.

- [Click here to sign up](#) and be part of the fun!
- Questions? [Email the St. Francis Dads' Club.](#)

Smart Families Online Talk: September 22

Smart Families is hosting its first online talk of the school year, "When Online Spaces Turn Toxic: What Parents Need to Know." Group chats and online gaming can help young people connect. They can also create pressure, conflict, exclusion, and harmful behavior that most adults never see. Join Smart Families on **Tuesday, September 22**, to explore the hidden dynamics that shape children's digital lives and get practical guidance for parents. Select a session that works best for you—9:00 a.m. or noon—by using the RSVP links below:

- [RSVP for the 9:00 a.m. \(CT\) session.](#)
- [RSVP for the 12:00 p.m. \(CT\) session.](#)

Check Your Email for Info About September Events

On the last Thursday of each month, Middle School parents can expect to receive an email with detailed information about the following month. The August update was sent on Thursday, August 27, with information about September events, including the Middle School Fall Social on Friday, September 18. Please check your email or [click here to view that information.](#)

Middle School Parent Information Night Is September 8

You are invited to attend our Middle School Parent Information Night on Tuesday, September 8, from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. We will begin the evening in the Fine Arts Center (FAC). From there, you will head off on an adventure to meet your students' teachers. You will follow their schedules, which will take you from the science labs near the gym to the Spanish and math classrooms on the second floor, and down to the Villas for History and English. The campus is big, so please wear comfortable shoes. Please note that this is a parent-only event.

Middle School Girls Are Invited to Join Clare's Company

Named for St. Clare—a woman of remarkable strength and a devoted companion to St. Francis—the Clare's Company Bible study offers Middle School girls a welcoming space for fellowship and encouragement each week. Every Friday during the lunch hour, students will dive into meaningful passages of Scripture and reflect on how ancient wisdom speaks directly to the middle school experience today. It is a wonderful opportunity to recharge the heart and build lasting friendships before heading into the weekend.

WEEKLY GATHERING DETAILS

- **When:** Fridays beginning mid-September (exact time to be announced)
- **Where:** Location to be announced
- **Who:** All Middle School girls

THE WEEKLY FLOW

- **Large-Group Lunch:** Students gather over lunch for a brief overview of the weekly reading.
- **Small-Group Circles:** Girls break into smaller circles for thoughtful discussion and deeper connection.
- **Chapel Send-Off:** The group reassembles for a song, closing reflection, and prayer.

Next Table Talk With the Chaplain Is September 28

Parents are invited to the second Table Talk With the Chaplain gathering, "Learning to Wait: The Practice of Discernment," on Monday, September 28. We will meet in the Bride's Room on Piney Point Campus from 12:00 to 12:45 p.m.

Our kids live in a world built for instant answers—but some of the most important things in life are learned in the waiting. This month, we're talking about how to help our middle schoolers build real discernment: sitting with a hard decision instead of always being handed the answer, and trusting that the waiting itself is where character gets formed.

All parents welcome—come as you are.

Middle School Service Hour Requirements

As part of our commitment to community engagement, all middle school students are required to complete service hours each year:

- **Fifth Grade:** 10 hours
- **Sixth Grade:** 10 hours
- **Seventh Grade:** 15 hours
- **Eighth Grade:** 20 hours

Students who go above and beyond will be recognized with special awards at **25, 50, 75, and 100+ hours**. We encourage students to find causes they're passionate about and make a real impact in our community!

We will continue to use MobileServe this year to track the hours your child accumulates as they build their service résumé. Look for a link to download the app soon. For questions about logging or submitting service hours, [contact Rev. Katie Mitchell](#).

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, September 7

- *Labor Day Holiday:* No school
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Tuesday, September 8

- *"B" Day*
- *Regular Uniform*
- *Middle School (MS) Parent Information Night:* 6:00–7:30 p.m.; see above for details

Wednesday, September 9

- “A” Day
- *Regular Uniform*
- *SFE Spirit Store Open on Piney Point Campus: 7:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.*

Thursday, September 10

- “B” Day
- **Regular Uniform: Attire has been changed as Honor Code Chapel has been moved.**
- *Middle School Chapel: 9:55–10:20 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary*
 - *Please note: Honor Code Chapel has been moved to next week because this will be a special Chapel acknowledging the 25th anniversary of September 11.*

Friday, September 11

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

Monday, September 14

- “B” Day/Special Schedule
- **Dress Uniform**
- *Eighth-Grade Tie Ceremony: 9:40–10:20 a.m. in the Fine Arts Center (FAC)*

Tuesday, September 15

- “A” Day
 - *Regular Uniform*
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Wednesday, September 16

- *“B” Day*
 - *Regular Uniform*
 - *SFE Spirit Store Open on Piney Point Campus: 7:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.*
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Thursday, September 17

- *“A” Day/Special Schedule*
 - ***Dress Uniform***
 - *Middle School Honor Code Chapel: 9:40–10:40 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary; students only*
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Friday, September 18

- *“B” Day*
- *Regular Uniform or St. Francis Spirit Shirt and Jeans/Uniform Bottoms*
- *Middle School Fall Social: 6:30–8:30 p.m. on Piney Point Campus (see above for details)*

Upper School

This Week’s Chapel Servers

Here are the Chapel servers for this week’s Upper School Chapels:

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

- **Readers:** Brayden Dennis and Catalina Diaz
- **Crucifer:** Hanna Barbouti
- **Acolytes:** Lily Hargis and Joseph Howard
- **Ushers:** Divine Nwobodo, Ethan Oholendt, Aida Ouattara, Jordyn Sonnier, Valentina Tadlock, and Aria Cooper

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

- **Readers:** Tiffany Smith and Lindsay Blum
- **Crucifer:** Reese Mayfield
- **Acolytes:** Layla Reese and Mathias Sanchez

- **Ushers:** Christian Spencer, Alexis Stamps, Baron Thiessen, Lillian Arredondo, Caleb Harris, and Sivana Handler

US Parent Information Night Is September 9

Don't miss Upper School Parent Information Night on Wednesday, September 9, from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the Crum Gym and Student Life Center on Couper Campus. Come meet your child's teachers and tour the campus. Check-in is from 6:00 to 6:15 p.m. in Crum Gym. The general session starts at 6:15 p.m.

Order Homecoming Mums/Garters by September 11

Show your support for the Wolves by purchasing a personalized mum or garter!

- What are mums and garters? Who are they for? [Read the Mum/Garter FAQ.](#)
- [Order by Friday, September 11,](#) to create a one-of-a-kind keepsake, celebrate Homecoming, and support the Booster Club!

Junior Class: College Info Night Is September 16

Please mark your calendars for our Junior Class College Info Night on Wednesday, September 16, at 6:30 p.m. This meeting is for juniors and their families and will provide an overview of college admissions trends, SAT and ACT testing timelines, expectations for the year, and the resources available through the College Counseling Office. Questions? Please [contact Claudia Mejia](#), Director of College Counseling.

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- [RSVP for the 9:00 a.m. \(CT\) session.](#)
- [RSVP for the 12:00 p.m. \(CT\) session.](#)

College Representative Visits at SFE

Meetings with college representatives have started! This is a great way for our students to connect with colleges from across the country.

- These visits are only for students in grades 10–12, who can [sign up through Scoir.](#)

- If a student has any issues registering, please [contact Jeff Hawthorne](#), College Counselor.
- [View the list of currently scheduled college representative visits \(as of September 2\).](#)

Fringe Festival: Watch the Highlight Video

This summer, our Upper School theatre students traveled to London and Scotland to present an original production at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival. The Fringe is the largest theatre festival in the world, and after a rigorous application process, St. Francis was chosen among a handful of other high schools to participate. [Check out this highlight video](#) to hear from our students and teachers about this life-changing experience.

Handbook Highlights

Each week, we'll shine a quick spotlight on a helpful tip from our 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.

MAKEUP WORK POLICY

It is the responsibility of the students who are absent to request assignments and materials from their teachers. Teachers will provide access to assignments, but students are responsible for obtaining the work and understanding what was covered during their absence.

For every day missed, students will have that many school days to submit makeup work:

- For example, if a student is absent on Tuesday, makeup work is due on Thursday
- If a student misses Thursday and Friday, their makeup work is due the following Wednesday.

This extended timeline applies to regular assignments, projects, and assessments.

If a student demonstrates a pattern of absences on assessment days, the school may alter the standard makeup work policy. Students with chronic absences on test days may be required to complete assessments on an accelerated timeline or may face additional academic consequences.

Bible Study on the Lawn: Franciscan Fridays Start September 11

Students are invited to join us on Fridays at lunch for a Bible study under the sky, meeting on the lawn between Crum Gym and the Student Life Center (SLC). Inspired by

our patron, St. Francis of Assisi, we'll dig into Scripture together, enjoy some fresh air, and build community—rain or shine. (If it's raining, we'll move it inside on the stairs.)

- **When:** Fridays, during lunch; **beginning September 11**
- **Where:** The lawn between Crum Gym and the SLC
- **Who:** All high school students welcome—bring a friend!

FIRST WEEK: MADE AND KNOWN

You were known and loved before you did anything to earn it. We'll dig into what that means for how we see ourselves.

Upper School Students Are Invited to Submit Yearbook Cover Designs by September 25

Upper School artists and designers are encouraged to showcase their creativity in this year's Yearbook Cover Design Contest. Centered on the theme "Let Your Light Shine," this competition invites students to create an original piece of artwork that captures the spirit of our community.

[View the contest guidelines here.](#)

Next Table Talk With the Chaplain Is September 29

Join us on Tuesday, September 29, for "A Safe Space to Fail," our second Table Talk With the Chaplain gathering in this year's parent series. We'll talk honestly about the fear of watching our kids fail—and why a little failure now might be one of the most important things we let them have.

- **Where:** Black Box on Couper Campus
- **When:** 7:45–8:30 a.m. on September 29

All parents welcome—come as you are, coffee in hand.

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, September 7

- *Labor Day Holiday:* No school
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Tuesday, September 8

- *White Day*
- *Regular Uniform*

- *Upper School (US) Chapel:* 9:40–10:10 a.m. in Crum Gym
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Wednesday, September 9

- *Blue Day*
 - *Regular Uniform*
 - *Student College Rep Visits:* Southwestern University, Sarah Lawrence College, and University of Nebraska; student registration required
 - *SFE Spirit Store Open on Piney Point Campus:* 7:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
 - *US Parent Information Night:* 6:00–8:30 p.m. at Couper Campus
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Thursday, September 10

- *Gray Day*
 - *Regular Uniform*
 - *Student College Rep Visits:* Purdue University and Southern Methodist University; student registration required
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Friday, September 11

- *Red Day*
 - *SFES Spirit Dress:* Wear a St. Francis Spirit shirt with full-length jeans or uniform bottoms
 - *US Chapel:* 9:40–10:10 a.m. in Crum Gym
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Monday, September 14

- *White Day*
 - *Regular Uniform*
 - *Student College Rep Visits:* Hendrix College and University of Chicago; student registration required
 - *SFE Spirit Store Open on Piney Point Campus:* 7:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
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Tuesday, September 15

- *Blue Day*

- *Regular Uniform*
 - *US Chapel: 9:40–10:10 a.m. in Crum Gym*
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Wednesday, September 16

- *Gray Day*
 - *Regular Uniform*
 - *SFE Spirit Store Open on Piney Point Campus: 7:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.*
 - *Junior Class College Info Meeting: 6:30–7:30 p.m. in Nau Dining Hall*
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Thursday, September 17

- *Red Day*
 - *Regular Uniform*
 - *Student College Rep Visits: University of Arizona and Colorado College; student registration required*
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Friday, September 18

- *White Day*
- *SFES Spirit Dress: Wear a St. Francis Spirit shirt with full-length jeans or uniform bottoms*
- *US Chapel: 9:40–10:10 a.m. in Crum Gym*

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**
 - *Worship:* Contemporary 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 and Choir
- **5:00 p.m. in St. Clare Chapel:** Holy Eucharist Rite I

First Communion Classes Start September 13

Children in second grade and up are invited to participate in First Communion Classes to prepare for receiving the beautiful sacrament of Holy Eucharist.

- First Communion Classes begin on Sunday, September 13, and a parent meeting will be held at 10:00 a.m. on this day. Additional classes will be held on the following Sundays: September 20 and 27; October 4 and 18; and November 1.
- A parent meeting and class service project/practice will be held Saturday, November 7. First Communion Sunday is November 8 at 9:00 a.m.

For more information, please [email Khristina Ballard](#).

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.

September 13: Fall Family Bingo Bash

Celebrate fall with bingo and pizza at St. Francis. The fun starts at 5:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. [RSVP here](#). Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for kids, with a \$50 maximum per family.

Meditation Mondays Start September 14

Begin your week with a quiet moment of renewal and spiritual nourishment. Following morning carpool on Monday, September 14, parents and staff members are warmly invited to St. Clare Chapel for 15 minutes of guided Christian meditation led by Mother Emily.

Meditation Mondays will take place at 8:55–9:10 a.m. on the first Monday of each month throughout the school year.

Fall Women's Bible Study Meets Wednesdays

You're invited to join other women for the Women's Bible Study and Fellowship. The fall study meets on Wednesdays at 9:30-11:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall. It began September 2 and runs through November 18. We are studying the Old Testament books of Daniel and Esther using this study guide: *Life Lessons From Daniel & Esther: Faith Under Pressure* by Max Lucado. Order your book now. For more information, [contact Allison Devlin](#).

First Responders Sunday Is September 13

On Sunday, September 13, come to the 10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour for breakfast with our local first responders. We will pause to say thank you to our first responders and honor the men and women who choose to serve our community as dedicated police officers, firefighters, paramedics, EMTs, and dispatchers. We will recognize first responders at both the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services.

Instructed Eucharist Is September 20

Join Mother Emily Hylden on Sunday, September 20, to explore the wonders of our ancient, tactile liturgy. We'll pray, worship, and learn the meaning of words and actions we undertake each week. If you have specific questions about the Holy Eucharist or Sunday worship that you'd like answered, [email them to Mother Emily](#) beforehand for consideration!

Choral Evensong–Holy Eucharist Is September 27

St. Francis's fall 2026 musical programming begins on Sunday, September 27, with a service of Choral Evensong–Holy Eucharist. Join the Assisi Choir under the direction of Dr. Matthew Dion, Director of Music, for sung evening prayer of the Episcopal Church. This service is primarily led by the choir and features the singing of psalms, canticles, and hymns of our church. Music includes works by Gerre Hancock, Adrian Batten, McNeil Robinson, David Ashley White, George Dyson, and Everett Titcomb.

MAM's 2026 Back-to-School Campaign

The Memorial Assistance Ministries (MAM) Back-to-School Campaign began in August and continues through the end of September. Every year, MAM assists over 6,000 at-risk Spring Branch ISD elementary school children; \$50 provides new school clothes for a child.

- Donations should be made payable to St. Francis Episcopal Church with "MAM Back-to-School" on the memo line and placed in the Sunday collection plate or mailed to the church.
- For more information, [contact Heather Burkhart](#).

Men's Fellowship and Study Meets Thursdays

The Thursday Men's Fellowship and Study meets from 7:00 to 8:00 a.m. in the Church Conference Room (CH115) for breakfast and discussions. The group is currently studying the Gospel of Matthew. Each week is a standalone discussion, so join us to make new friends and reacquaint with old ones. For more information, [contact Jason Martinez](#).

St. Francis Community Nights: Wonderful Wednesdays Start September 9

Need a jolt of inspiration? Join us for Wonderful Wednesdays starting September 9. This midweek worship and fellowship will kick off with Holy Eucharist at 6:00 p.m. in the St. Clare Chapel. Our clergy staff will rotate to celebrate, preach, and offer a short 30-minute program after dinner. Enjoy a simple meal from various local restaurant sources (\$15 per person).

We want to foster the opportunity for sacrament, good news, fellowship, and learning. The emphasis is on the experience of community. Please [RSVP to Chrissy Kana](#).

12-Step Recovery Program at St. Francis

If you, a family member, or a friend have a problem with alcohol, help is available. Please come join one of the 12-step recovery programs being offered at St. Francis on Sundays at 5:00 p.m.

- Alcoholics Anonymous meetings are held weekly in Room CH207, upstairs in the Parish Hall building. For more information, please [email Joanie McLeod](#).
- The Al-Anon Family Group meets weekly in Room CH211, upstairs in the Parish Hall.

All meeting rooms are ADA-accessible. Park in the north parking lot and come in through the Parish Hall doors.

Outreach Ministries: Opportunities to Serve

For additional information about any of the following outreach opportunities, [visit the St. Francis Episcopal Church Outreach page](#) or contact the church's Director of Outreach [Heather Burkhart](#).

- **Memorial Assistance Ministries** has an urgent plea from the pantry team for **baby wipes, tissues, size 6 diapers, dish soap, and spray cleaner**.
- **Lord of the Streets** needs weekday volunteers between 8:00 a.m. and noon to serve our homeless neighbors. Over 300 hot meals are served daily. St. Francis also collects men's clothes on an ongoing basis—men's shoes are always needed.
- The **Fair Haven Food Pantry** needs volunteers and donations of non-perishable food.

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](mailto:sally.j.flores@stfrancis.org) or call 832.325.2983.

Share Your Prayer Requests Online

Share your prayer requests with us using the "Prayer Requests" link under "Connect" on the [St. Francis Episcopal Church home page](http://stfrancis.org).

Bible Studies at St. Francis

MEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

- Tuesdays at 7:00–8:00 a.m.
 - **Study:** 2 Corinthians 1
 - **Location:** La Madeleine (Except on second Tuesday of each month, when group meets in St. Francis Episcopal Church Parish Hall)
 - **Contact:** [Fr. David Price](mailto:fr.david.price@stfrancis.org)
- Men's Fellowship Breakfast and Study: Second Tuesday of Each Month at 8:00–9:30 a.m.
 - **Study:** Teaching Discourses of Jesus in Matthew's Gospel
 - **Location:** St. Francis Episcopal Church Parish Hall
 - **Contact:** [Sally Jo Flores](mailto:sally.j.flores@stfrancis.org)
- Thursday Men's Fellowship and Study: Every Thursday at 7:00–8:00 a.m.
 - **Study:** Gospel of Matthew
 - **Location:** St. Francis Episcopal Church Conference Room (CH115)
 - **Contact:** [Jason Martinez](mailto:jason.martinez@stfrancis.org)

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

- Wednesdays at 9:30–11:00 a.m.
 - **Study:** *Life Lessons From Daniel & Esther: Faith Under Pressure* by Max Lucado
 - **Location:** St. Francis Episcopal Church Parish Hall
 - **Contact:** [Allison Devlin](mailto:allison.devlin@stfrancis.org)

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

- Sundays at 10:00–11:00 a.m.
 - **Study:** Isaiah
 - **Location:** Hogan Board Room
 - **Contact:** [George Hippard](mailto:george.hippard@stfrancis.org)

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. On the main menu, select "Worship," then "Watch Live" to go to the church's YouTube channel. Either the 9:00 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. service will be available.