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WEEKLY E-NEWS

News for the Week of November 8

All School

This Week's Bible Verse

But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord. —Joshua 24:15

The myriad choices that assault a person's conscience over the course of a day are enough to unsettle even the most grounded person. Add to this the expectations of others and the standards we hold ourselves to, and it becomes clear how easily we can be swept up in the rhythm and routine of the world around us. It takes more than sheer willpower and wishful thinking to resist the idols that the world has to offer us—money, pleasure, pride, power, and reputation. It requires choosing to return, again and again, to who God says we are, and to live out the truth that we are claimed by God, set apart and made holy, to serve His will, not later but now. The fruit of the choices we make in this life tells the story of whom we live to serve—God or self.

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.

Donate Now: Employee Appreciation Christmas Gift Collection

Make your contribution to the St. Francis Parents Organization (SFPO) Christmas Gift Collection today!

- Please **make your contribution** by Monday, November 30, at 11:59 p.m.
- For any questions, please **email SFPO Treasurer Lauren Brown**.

Spirit Store: New Items + Restock Alert + Volunteer Opportunity

Here's this week's news from the St. Francis Spirit Store:

- **New Arrivals:** Come check out our new Under Armour performance T-shirts, Under Armour embroidered quarter-zips, and sweatshirt throw blankets.
- **Restock Alert:** Adult-sized navy hoodies are back in stock.
- **Volunteer With Us:** If you'd like to volunteer in the Spirit Store, please **contact Annie Hartigan**. Shifts are typically 2 1/2 hours on Monday or Wednesday mornings.
- **Shop in Person or Online:** The store is open Mondays and Wednesdays from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. You can also **shop online**. **(Please remember to come pick up your online orders!)**

Help FoFA Decorate for Holiday Concerts

Do you love Christmas decorations? Please help Friends of Fine Arts (FoFA) decorate the Fine Arts Center on Monday, November 30, at 12:30 p.m. to prepare it for the upcoming holiday concerts. We also need help tucking everything away on Thursday, December 17, at 11:30 a.m.

Sign up to volunteer.

Holiday Poinsettias: Limited Quantity—Reserve Yours Now

Support the St. Francis Parents Organization by purchasing beautiful red poinsettias grown by The Brookwood Community. **Click here for more details and to reserve yours today!**

Don't Be Late for a Very Important Date: Get Your Tickets to *Disney's Alice in Wonderland Jr.* + a Very Merry Unbirthday Party!

Buy your tickets now for *Disney's Alice in Wonderland Jr.*, with performances Friday, November 13; Saturday, November 14; and Sunday, November 15. Middle School actors and crew have been working hard to bring the beloved story to life at SFE. This show features a fabulous cast of characters, including the Mad Hatter, the White Rabbit, the Queen of Hearts, the Cheshire Cat, and so many more!

Want to meet them? We are inviting our younger audience members to a special preshow party on November 15. At the Unbirthday Party, our esteemed guests will indulge in delectable treats, collect autographs from their favorite characters, and snap unforgettable photos before the curtain rises. Don't miss out on the maddest tea party of the year!

Tickets for the party and performances are limited—buy yours now!

PERFORMANCE AND EVENT TIMES
All performances will be held in the Fine Arts Center at Piney Point Campus:

- Friday, November 13, at 7:00 p.m.
- Saturday, November 14, at 7:00 p.m.
- Sunday, November 15, at 2:00 p.m.

The Mad Hatter's Unbirthday Party will be held on November 15 at 12:45 p.m. in the Dining Hall on Piney Point Campus.

November Service Opportunity: More Spots Now Available

Good news! There was such a positive response to our November service opportunity that we have opened up more spots. **Sign up now to reserve your place** at the Houston Food Bank's Community Resource Center (535 Portwall St.) on Saturday, November 28, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. The minimum age requirement for this volunteer opportunity is 13 years of age. Come serve as a family!

From the Nurses' Desk: Tips for Staying Healthy When the Flu Is Spreading

During cold and flu season, the nurses want to do everything possible to keep our St. Francis students healthy. Please **click here to learn more about the flu** and ways to help prevent it from spreading. **If your child is diagnosed with the flu, please email the nurse on your child's campus (Abigayle Harrington, Madeleine Tiemann, or Fay Gant).**

Primary School

St. Francis Sports Association: Register for Basketball by November 15

Register by Sunday, November 15, for the St. Francis Sports Association (SFSA) basketball season. SFSA is open to students in Primary II (age 4) through fifth grade.

- **Click here to register for the basketball season.**
- Please **email Liz Ward**, SFSA Registrar, if you have any questions or concerns.

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, November 9

- *Makeup Picture Day*
- *SFE Spirit Store Open on Piney Point Campus:* 7:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Tuesday, November 10

- *Primary School (PS) Chapel:* 9:00 a.m.; Primary II parents are invited to attend

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Wednesday, November 11

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

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Monday, November 16

- *SFE Spirit Store Open on Piney Point Campus:* 7:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
- *Pre-Primary Parents Step Forward:* 10:45 a.m.
- *Pre-Primary Lunch on the Lawn:* 11:00 a.m.

Tuesday, November 17

- *PS Chapel:* 9:00 a.m.; Primary II parents are invited to attend
- *Primary II Parents Step Forward:* 9:45 a.m. on Piney Point Campus
- *Primary II Lunch on the Lawn:* 11:00 a.m. on Couper Campus

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Wednesday, November 18

- *SFE Spirit Store Open on Piney Point Campus:* 7:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m.
- *PS Chapel:* 9:00 a.m.; Primary I parents are invited to attend
- *Primary I Parents Step Forward:* 10:45 a.m.
- *Primary I Lunch on the Lawn:* 11:00 a.m.

Thursday, November 19

- *SFE Spirit Store Open on Piney Point Campus:* 7:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m.

Friday, November 20

- *PS Feasts:* Students only
- *SFE Spirit Store Open on Piney Point Campus:* 7:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m.

Monday, November 23–Friday, November 27

- *Thanksgiving Break:* School closed

Lower School

Lower School Toys for Tots Toy Drive Starts November 9

This week, Lower School will start taking donations of toys that will be collected by the Piney Point Fire Department to be donated to Toys for Tots this holiday season. Send in your new, unwrapped toys to your child's homeroom teacher anytime between Monday, November 9, and Friday, December 4.

Pick Up Lost Water Bottles by November 11, Before They're Donated

The water bottles are overflowing on Piney Point Campus! Water bottles will be placed on tables next week for classes to stop by. Please ask your child to look for theirs. All water bottles not picked up by the end of the day on Wednesday, November 11, will be donated.

November 12: A Time to Pray and Connect

Lower School parents are warmly invited to stay after Lower School Chapel on Thursday, November 12, from 9:00 to 9:30 a.m. to spend some time with Mrs. Palmer and Father Wismer. We will meet in the Narthex of the church, have a chance to get to know one another a little better, and have some time for prayer. We hope you will take a few minutes to join us and begin your day with encouragement, connection, and prayer.

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Register by Sunday, November 15, for the St. Francis Sports Association (SFSA) basketball season. SFSA is open to students in Primary II (age 4) through fifth grade.

- **Click here to register for the basketball season.**
- Please **email Liz Ward**, SFSA Registrar, if you have any questions or concerns.

Looking Ahead: Christmas Concerts

Mark your calendars for our Lower School Christmas Concerts, which will take place in the Fine Arts Center on Piney Point Campus.

- **Kindergarten:** Wednesday, December 2, 1:00–1:30 p.m.
- **Grades 1 and 2:** Monday, December 7, 1:00–2:00 p.m.
- **Grades 3 and 4:** Tuesday, December 8, 1:00–2:00 p.m.

RSVP by Tonight: Lower School Grandparents and Grandfriends Days

Join us for a wonderful celebration! Guests at Grandparents and Grandfriends Days are invited to attend Chapel, enjoy light refreshments, visit students' classrooms, and browse the Book Fair (open 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.) and Spirit Store (open until 2:30 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18

- **Fourth Grade:** 12:15–2:15 p.m.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19

- **Third Grade:** 8:45–10:45 a.m.
- **Second Grade:** 12:15–2:15 p.m.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20

- **First Grade:** 8:45–10:45 a.m.
- **Kindergarten:** 12:15–2:15 p.m.

Click here to RSVP by tonight—Sunday, November 8!

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, November 9

- *Dress Uniform*
- *Makeup Picture Day:* 7:30–9:30 a.m. in the Hogan Board Room
- *SFE Spirit Store Open on Piney Point Campus:* 7:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
- *LS Chapel:* 8:20–8:50 a.m.

Tuesday, November 10

- *Jersey Day for Kindergarten, First, Second, and Third Grades (Please remember to wear uniform bottoms with chosen jersey.)*

Wednesday, November 11

- *Festival Free Dress Day for Third and Fourth Grades*
- *SFE Spirit Store Open on Piney Point Campus:* 7:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 12

- *LS Chapel:* 8:20–8:50 a.m.
- *A Time to Pray and Connect:* 9:00–9:30 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Narthex
- *LS Preview of Middle School Musical:* 1:30–2:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center (FAC); students only

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Monday, November 16

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

Tuesday, November 17

- *Festival Free Dress Day for First, Third, and Fourth Grades*

Wednesday, November 18

- *SFE Spirit Store Open on Piney Point Campus:* 7:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m.
- *Grandparents and Grandfriends Day (Fourth Grade):* 12:15–2:15 p.m.

Thursday, November 19

- *Grandparents and Grandfriends Day (Third Grade):* 8:45–10:45 a.m.
- *Grandparents and Grandfriends Day (Second Grade):* 12:15–2:15 p.m.
- *SFE Spirit Store Open on Piney Point Campus:* 7:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m.

Friday, November 20

- *Grandparents and Grandfriends Day (First Grade):* 8:45–10:45 a.m.
- *Grandparents and Grandfriends Day (Kindergarten):* 12:15–2:15 p.m.
- *SFE Spirit Store Open on Piney Point Campus:* 7:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m.
- *LS Trimester 1 Ends*

Monday, November 23–Friday, November 27

- *Thanksgiving Break:* School closed

Middle School

November 10: Smart Families Presentation for Students

Our partnership with Smart Families continues this year with our fall presentation about digital wellness. The mission of Smart Families is to empower families to build communities that engage with technology in a healthy, intentional way that is respectful of our innate human dignity. For more information, please refer to the November Monthly Update email sent on October 29.

Students will be hearing from Smart Families about digital wellness. The presentation will focus on engaging with technology in healthy ways—particularly on how technology impacts anxiety and sleep.

Pick Up Lost Water Bottles by November 11, Before They're Donated

The water bottles are overflowing on Piney Point Campus! Water bottles will be placed on tables next week for classes to stop by. Please ask your child to look for theirs. All water bottles not picked up by the end of the day on Wednesday, November 11, will be donated.

Help Make the Boston–Philadelphia–New York City Trip Happen + Registration Deadlines Extended to November 19

We need **10 more students** to make this summer's Boston–Philadelphia–New York City trip a reality! If your student has been considering joining, now is the time to register. Every additional registration brings the group closer to the number needed for the trip to move forward.

Although the initial registration deadline for all trips has passed, we've extended registration for both the Costa Rica trip and the Boston–Philadelphia–New York City trip through Thursday, November 19.

View trip details and registration information, and sign up by November 19!

ERB Testing: Make Up Missed Tests in December

Students who missed any sessions of ERB testing will take those tests on Tuesday, December 8, and Wednesday, December 9. Students and their families will receive an email with more specific information in the week prior to makeup testing.

RSVP by Tonight: Middle School Grandparents and Grandfriends Day

We look forward to hosting Middle School Grandparents and Grandfriends Day on Wednesday, November 18, from 8:45 to 10:30 a.m. (hosted *for sixth and eighth grades only*). Guests are invited to attend Chapel, enjoy light refreshments, visit students' classrooms, and browse the Book Fair (open 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.) and Spirit Store (open until 2:30 p.m.).

Click here to RSVP by tonight—Sunday, November 8!

Table Talk with the Chaplain: Becoming Who They Are

Few seasons bring as much change as middle school: new bodies, new feelings, and new questions about who they are and whether they're okay. This month, we'll talk about helping our kids receive their changing selves as good and made in God's image, and about how our own words on bodies, food, and appearance shape what they come to believe about theirs.

Join us for our fourth gathering, "Embracing the Self and the Changing Body," on Monday, November 16. We will meet in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Bride's Room on Piney Point Campus from 12:00 to 12:45 p.m.

Middle School Boys' Bible Study Meets Fridays

The SFE Boys' Bible Study offers Middle School boys a space to form meaningful relationships with one another and with the Word of God. Shepherded by Father

Wismer, this group will dig into the heart of Scripture and develop a passion for God and His action in their lives.

- **When:** Fridays, during recess
- **Where:** Señora Barclay's classroom
- **Who:** All Middle School boys
- **What:** The book of Daniel

Middle School Girls Are Invited to Join Clare's Company on Fridays

The Clare's Company Bible study offers Middle School girls a welcoming space for fellowship and encouragement each week. It is a wonderful opportunity to recharge the heart and build lasting friendships before heading into the weekend. Grab your lunch and join us!

- **When:** Fridays at 12:05–1:00 p.m.
- **Where:** Picnic tables outside of the Arts hall
- **Who:** All Middle School girls
- **What:** The book of Daniel

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

New Middle School students received an email inviting them to sign up for MobileServe to track their service hours. **An email was resent on October 8 at 4:00 p.m. to those who have not yet claimed their accounts.**

- **Here are directions for creating a new account** for all students new to the Middle School.
- Once your student has access to their account, questions about logging or submitting service hours should be directed to **the Rev. Katie Mitchell**.

Handbook Corner: SFE Outerwear

As cooler temperatures have finally started to arrive in Houston, it's a good time for a few reminders about regular uniforms:

- Students should wear the uniform polo shirt underneath a sweatshirt. A sweatshirt alone is not considered proper uniform attire. Sweatshirts worn inside

the building must be St. Francis attire. Skirts and shorts must be visible past the sweatshirt hem.
- Please check the length of skirts or shorts. Skirts and shorts should be index-finger length. Undergarments or privacy shorts should not extend below the length of shorts or skirts.

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, November 9

- *"A" Day*
- ***Dress Uniform***
- *Makeup Picture Day:* Retakes in the Hogan Board Room; fifth-grade students who need to retake their pictures should come to school in dress uniform
- *SFE Spirit Store Open on Piney Point Campus:* 7:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
- *MS Chapel:* 9:50–10:20 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary

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Tuesday, November 10

- *"B" Day/Special Schedule*
- *Regular Uniform/Jersey Day for Fifth and Eighth Grades (Please remember to wear uniform bottoms with chosen jersey.)*
- *Smart Families Presentations:* In the Fine Arts Center; students only
    - 9:40–10:25 a.m.: Seventh and eighth grades
    - 10:30–11:15 a.m.: Fifth and sixth grades

Wednesday, November 11

- *"A" Day*
- *Regular Uniform/Festival Free Dress Day for Fifth Grade ONLY*
- *SFE Spirit Store Open on Piney Point Campus:* 7:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 12

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

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Friday, November 13

- *"A" Day/Special Schedule*
- *Spirit Wear:* St. Francis Spirit shirt and jeans/uniform bottoms
- *Preview of MS Musical:* 1:40–2:40 p.m.; students only
- *Opening Night for* Disney's Alice in Wonderland Jr.*:* 7:00 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center

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Monday, November 16

- *"B" Day*
- *Regular Uniform*
- *SFE Spirit Store Open on Piney Point Campus:* 7:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
- *MS Chapel:* 9:50–10:20 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary

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Tuesday, November 17

- *"A" Day*
- *Grades 5, 6, and 8:* Regular uniform
- *Grade 7:*
    - Dress uniform
    - Field trip to the Alley Theatre to see *A Christmas Carol*; students will depart at approximately 8:45 a.m. and return to campus for lunch around 1:15 p.m.

Wednesday, November 18

- *"B" Day/Special Schedule*
- *Grades 5 and 7:* Regular uniform
- *Grades 6 and 8:*
    - Dress uniform
    - Sixth- and eighth-grade students will participate in Grandparents and Grandfriends Day activities from 8:45 to 10:30 a.m.
- *SFE Spirit Store Open on Piney Point Campus:* 7:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 19

- *"A" Day*
- *Regular Uniform*
- *SFE Spirit Store Open on Piney Point Campus:* 7:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m.

Friday, November 20

- *"B" Day*
- *Spirit Wear:* St. Francis Spirit shirt and jeans/uniform bottoms
- *SFE Spirit Store Open on Piney Point Campus:* 7:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m.

Monday, November 23–Friday, November 27

- *Thanksgiving Break:* School closed

Upper School

Follow Our New Upper School Instagram!

See daily highlights of what is happening around our campus—from classroom projects to student achievements to club activities. **Find us on Instagram at @upperschool_stfrancishouston**, then share your moments with us! We love seeing our school through your eyes.

You can share photos and videos with our page in the following ways:

- DM us directly on Instagram.
- Tag us in your posts or stories.
- Email them to USSocialMedia@StFrancisHouston.org.

We can't wait to show off and celebrate you!

ACT and SAT Test Prep Courses for Juniors

SFE is offering two separate test prep courses—one for the ACT and one for the SAT—specifically designed for juniors.

- **When:** Wednesdays from 3:30 to 4:15 p.m. (starting January/February 2027)
- **Duration:** Runs through our official SFE school-day ACT and SAT exams.

If interested, please **review the handout and register your student here**.

Important Note About the Midterm Exam Schedule

Midterm exams will be held Friday, December 11, through Friday, December 18. **View the schedule here.** Please review the schedule to note the start and end times for exams.

Students need to be on campus only for the duration of their exams. All students must stay in the exam room for a minimum of two hours but are free to leave at that time if they are done with the exam. So, if a student has an exam in the morning, they should arrive at the normal time; most students will be done with their exam by 10:30 a.m., at which point they can leave campus. Any student who has multiple exams in a day must remain on campus, and lunch will be provided.

Please note two significant changes to the midterm/review schedule for this year:

- Thursday, December 10, will be a reading day. All students are required to attend school from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Students will have the freedom that morning to choose which classes they visit to receive additional review help. Or they can choose to find a quiet space to review on their own or with peers. Students will be allowed to leave campus at 11:30 a.m. to return home and rest before their first exam the next day. Students may also stay for a full day of review. Lunch will be provided for those who stay.
- Friday, December 18, has no scheduled exams. Students will only test on this day if they have a conflict in their testing schedule and need to move a test.

Over the next couple of weeks, 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.

Earn Service Hours! Join the Family Ministry Volunteer Team

Be the light, and be a role model! Remember the older youth who made church fun for you? Now it's your turn. St. Francis Episcopal Church's Family Ministry is looking for youth volunteers to help our littlest members grow in faith, fun, and friendship.

- It's a chance to put your faith into action and serve alongside your friends. You can also earn certified volunteer hours toward high school graduation or National Honor Society.
- Scheduling is flexible: serve once a month or every week.
- **Fill out the interest form here.**
- Questions? **Contact Khristina Ballard, Family Ministry Coordinator, via email** or at 713.829.2531.

Parent Gathering on November 17: 'Digital Life and Talking Across the Silence'

Phones, group chats, closed bedroom doors: this is the season teenagers tend to go quiet, and technology often makes the comparison pressure louder. Join us for our fourth gathering—"Digital Life and Talking Across the Silence"—on Tuesday, November 17, at 7:45–8:30 a.m. in the Black Box on Couper Campus. We'll talk honestly about monitoring and trust online, practice asking the kind of open questions that invite a teenager back into conversation, and reflect on Elijah, who found God not in the wind or the fire but in a still, small voice.

All parents welcome. Come as you are, coffee in hand.

College Representative Visits at SFE

College representative visits are open to students in grades 10–12, who can **sign up for them through Scoir**.

- If a student has questions about registering for a visit, please **contact Jeff Hawthorne**, College Counselor.
- **View the list of currently scheduled college representative visits (as of October 15).**

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, November 9

- *White Day*
- *Regular Uniform:* Dress uniform for students who missed Picture Day in September
- *Makeup Picture Day:* Picture retakes for students who missed Picture Day
- *SFE Spirit Store Open on Piney Point Campus:* 7:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Tuesday, November 10

- *Blue Day*
- *Regular Uniform*
- *Upper School (US) Chapel:* 9:40–10:10 a.m. in Crum Gym

Wednesday, November 11

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

Thursday, November 12

- *Red Day*
- *Regular Uniform*

Friday, November 13

- *White Day*
- *SFE 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
- *Student College Rep Visits:* Texas Tech University; student registration required

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Monday, November 16

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

Tuesday, November 17

- *Gray Day*
- *Regular Uniform*
- *US Chapel:* 9:40–10:10 a.m. in Crum Gym

Wednesday, November 18

- *Red Day*
- *Regular Uniform*
- *SFE Spirit Store Open on Piney Point Campus:* 7:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 19

- *White Day/Special Schedule*
- *Regular Uniform*
- *SFE Spirit Store Open on Piney Point Campus:* 7:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m.
- *Winter Pep Rally:* 2:50–3:20 p.m. in Crum Gym

Friday, November 20

- *Blue Day*
- *SFE Spirit Dress:* Wear a St. Francis Spirit shirt with full-length jeans or uniform bottoms
- *SFE Spirit Store Open on Piney Point Campus:* 7:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m.
- *US Chapel:* 9:40–10:10 a.m. in Crum Gym

Monday, November 23–Friday, November 27

- *Thanksgiving Break:* School closed

Church

Join Us Each Sunday for Worship and Family-Focused Events
Please join us 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. Worship 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. Worship in the Church:** Holy Eucharist Rite II with traditional music and choir
- **5:00 p.m. Worship in St. Clare Chapel**

Grief Group Meets Sunday Afternoons

A Grief Group meets each Sunday at 1:30 p.m. in the Bride's Room, through 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, **email Father Price**.

November 15: St. Francis 101/New Member Orientation

Join Father Bates on Sunday, November 15, for an introduction to St. Francis Episcopal Church. New and prospective members are invited to get to know Father Bates and learn about the church's mission, ministries, and programs.

Choose from two class times:

- 10:10 a.m. in the Library. Parents attending this session are welcome to leave their children in the nursery.
- 12:15 p.m. in the Hogan Board Room. A light lunch will be provided.

For more information, **contact Julie Lowery**.

Interested in a Women's Evening Bible Study? Let Us Know

We're exploring the possibility of starting a women's evening Bible study and would love to hear from you! Several people have already expressed interest, and Ashley Simeon has graciously agreed to lead. We hope to follow the same curriculum as the Wednesday morning Bible study.

- The proposed study would meet on Wednesday evenings during St. Francis Community Nights, from 7:00 to 8:15 p.m. in the upstairs Parish Hall Meeting Room.
- Participants would be welcome to come early and enjoy dinner before the study. Dinner is $15 per person, and an RSVP is required for dinner.
- **Interested?** Please **contact Allison Devlin** to help us gauge interest as we consider launching this study.

November 15–December 6: Purchase Christmas Cards to Support LOTS

Support this year's Confirmation Class as it continues a longtime tradition: selling Christmas cards to benefit individuals served by Lord of the Streets (LOTS).

- Cards are $5 each and make thoughtful gifts for teachers, coworkers, family members, and friends.
- The class will sell cards before and after the 9:00 a.m. service and before the 11:00 a.m. service on November 15 and 29 and December 6.
- Cards are also available anytime in the church office or by **contacting Cindy Huteson**.

Thank you for supporting the Confirmation Class and this special Christmas outreach project!

Join Mother Emily for Meditation Mondays

On the first Monday of each month throughout the school year, from 8:55 to 9:10 a.m., parents and staff members are warmly invited to St. Clare Chapel for 15 minutes of guided Christian meditation led by Mother Emily Hylden. Fill up with peace to carry you through the week.

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. For more information, **contact Allison Devlin**.

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 reconnect with old ones. For more information, **contact Jason Martinez**.

Join Us for Wonderful Wednesdays

Need a jolt of inspiration? Join us for Wonderful Wednesdays, midweek worship and fellowship that kicks off with Holy Eucharist at 6:00 p.m. in the St. Clare Chapel. Members of our clergy will take turns celebrating, preaching, and offering a short 30-minute program on "Exploring Worship" after dinner. Enjoy a simple meal from various local restaurant sources ($15 per person).

If you would like to be included for dinner, please **RSVP to Chrissy Kana** to ensure we order enough food.

Wednesday Community Nights at St. Francis

We want to foster the opportunity for sacrament, good news, fellowship, and learning. The emphasis is on the experience of community. If your group meets weekly, consider meeting on Wednesdays at the church. Enjoy worship and dinner before or after your group meeting. **Let Chrissy Kana know** if you would like to reserve space, and be sure to RSVP for dinner.

12-Step Recovery Program at St. Francis

If you, a family member, or a friend are affected by 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 Volunteer Opportunities webpage** 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** or call 832.325.2983.

Share Your Prayer Requests Online

Share your prayer requests with us using the "Request Prayer" link at the upper right of 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:** 2 Corinthians
  - **Location:** La Madeleine (Except on the second Tuesday of each month, when the group meets in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Parish Hall)
  - **Contact: Father David Price**
- 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**
- 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**

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**

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. **Go to the St. Francis Episcopal Church website.** Click "Watch Online" at the upper right of the home page to go to the church's YouTube channel. Either the 9:00 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. service will be available.