

WOLF WATCH

— WEEKLY E-NEWS —

News for the Week of October 11

All School

Watch the Current Video Update

Head of School Steve Lovejoy covers a lot of exciting news in his most recent video update. Since we have not been able to have visitors on campus, this is your chance to preview the progress we've made to enhance our students' St. Francis experience! To watch the update, click [here](#).

From the Head of School

I have spoken with several of our families over these last few weeks, and I want you to know just how much I appreciate hearing from you. Whether you're sending notes of encouragement or expressing frustration at the situation we find ourselves in, I am grateful that we are a community that shares, supports one another, and perseveres. I have spent much of this week in conversation with the leadership team, faculty and staff, and even a few students I had a chance to see in the halls. I've done a lot of listening, and one thing is clear—this reality is hard on all of us for so many reasons.

We have put protocols in place to minimize risk to our community and students, and along with these changes, we are processing our emotions—the difficulties of being apart; the challenges in staying connected; and the longing for sports, Chapel, the arts, and music. We know our students are resilient, but we also recognize that they miss the “typical” St. Francis day that fulfills their academic, physical, and social and emotional needs.

To that end, we are seeking ways to be more flexible while maintaining the health and safety of our community. Last week, we announced that students would return to campus five days a week in November (we will share a definitive date with you soon). I'm pleased to let you know that we are also working to bring the following activities back into the fold:

- Allowing students to use the playground equipment at recess
- Having grade-level lunches at least once a week in the Dining Hall
- Bringing back winter athletics
- Bringing students together (socially distanced) to celebrate Chapel in person

As we strive to balance our guiding principles of 1) health and safety and 2) the St. Francis experience, we recognize that each family must continue to make the best decision for themselves and their child. We are pleased with the positive progress within Harris County, Houston, and St. Francis, and we will continue to monitor health trends and ask everyone to remain vigilant so that we can be successful in our efforts to keep our community safe. Working together, I know we can continue to have a happy and healthy year!

In partnership,

Steve Lovejoy, MEd
Head of School

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Spread the Word! Admissions Outdoor Open House—November 7 and 8

For a taste of the authentic St. Francis experience, join us for food, fun, and (socially distanced) fellowship!

PRIMARY AND UPPER SCHOOL PROSPECTIVE FAMILIES

Saturday, November 7
10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.
Couper Campus

LOWER AND MIDDLE SCHOOL PROSPECTIVE FAMILIES

Sunday, November 8
2:00–4:00 p.m.
Piney Point Village Campus

Holiday Travel Plans

The Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday seasons are not too far away. As you potentially make plans to travel, please keep in mind the availability of our remote

learning platform. Given what we are learning about disease transmission timelines, exposure, symptoms, and testing, it may be in your family's best interest to use a combination of remote and on-campus learning upon your return from any trips.

SchoolPass

Thank you for completing your child's daily wellness check each morning on SchoolPass. This screening tool continues to help support our health protocols. We are now moving to expand the use of SchoolPass for our afternoon dismissal and we need your assistance. Please log into your parent SchoolPass app and check to be sure that you have completed all information for family members, grandparents, nannies or others who will be part of your family's carpool. We also need each parent and driver to complete the field for the license plate number. If you need assistance with the SchoolPass app, please contact Steve Eisenberg, Director of Technology, at SEisenberg@StFrancisHouston.org for assistance.

Pumpkin Carving Contest—COVID Style

Students in kindergarten through eighth grade are invited to participate in this year's special virtual St. Francis Pumpkin Carving Contest. [Click here for entry details.](#)

Donate Kids' Coats This Week

Now through next Sunday, October 18, donate new and gently used coats to benefit local children in need via the Kitty Elliott Coat Drive. Simply place your coat donation in a sealed bag and, when you drop your child off at school, place it in one of our coat-collection boxes. (These will be at each of the carpool drop-off locations on both campuses.) For additional details, please [click here](#).

We Want Your Videos for Chapel!

Throughout the month of October, we will feature videos of student prayer requests. Submit videos via the [Contribute to Chapel Form](#).

New Facebook Groups Created for Uniform Donations/Resale

Uniform sell/donate groups have been created on Facebook for the purpose of helping our community trade gently used uniform and Spirit Wear items between St. Francis families. [Click here for details and links.](#)

Virtue of the Month: Commitment

During the month of October, the St. Francis community is focusing on commitment. Our virtue verse is Joshua 24:15: *"Choose this day whom you will serve ... but as for me*

and my household, we will serve the Lord.” Try to memorize it as a family. You can find virtue resources [here](#).

Table Talk: Virtue sightings—where do you see examples of commitment in books, films, and life?

Primary School

Introducing New *Language and Literacy* Series

Have you been enjoying the cooler morning and evening temperatures? It is hard to believe the second full week of October has arrived!

Partnering with families is essential to our work in the Primary School, and we are always on the lookout for opportunities to connect in meaningful ways. We are excited to announce that we will be hosting a four-part *Language and Literacy* series via Zoom over the upcoming months. Families often have questions about the importance of reading at home, how to make the most of reading with their child, and how to find great books to share with our youngest Wolves. Therefore, we are thrilled to provide a shared space to delve into these important topics. The schedule for the series is as follows:

- **“All About Reading With Your Child”**—Thursday, October 22, 12:00–1:00 p.m.
- **“Choosing Great Literature”**—Thursday, November 12, 9:00–10:00 a.m.
- **“Delving Into Diverse Books”**—Thursday, February 4, 12:00–1:00 p.m.
- **“Putting It All Together”**—Thursday, March 4, 9:00–10:00 a.m.

Please use the following meeting ID and password for all sessions:

- **Meeting ID:** 405 176 2292
- **Password:** wolves

This time of year, calendars are bursting with activities. It is our hope that you will be able to attend at least one (and hopefully all) of the sessions. Mark your calendars as we prepare to give you great tips on enjoying good books with your little ones!

Warm regards,

Desiree McConnell, MS—Assistant Director of Library Services
Ashley Stephenson, MEd—Literacy Specialist
Kenyetta Wynn, EdD—Assistant Head of Primary School

Modified Carpool Drop-Off Procedure for Couper Campus

Starting **Tuesday, October 13**, morning carpool procedures will be slightly modified for

Couper Campus. Primary School parents will now stop at Crum Athletics Center for temperature and SchoolPass wellness checks before proceeding to their respective cottages.

- Remember to keep right and have students seated on the passenger side.
- Having SchoolPass open and ready to show will assist us in keeping the carpool line moving.
- Please remember that the left lane is for passing only.

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- *Fall Break:* School closed
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Wednesday, October 14

- *Wellness Wednesday:* Everyone is remote; campus closed
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Wednesday, October 21

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Thursday, October 22

- *Primary School Language and Literacy Series:* "All About Reading With Your Child" via Zoom, 12:00–1:00 p.m.
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Monday, October 26

- *Primary School Picture Day*
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Tuesday, October 27

- *Primary School Picture Day*
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Wednesday, October 28

- *PS Parent-Teacher Conference Day via Zoom: Student holiday*
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Wednesday, November 4

- *Wellness Wednesday: Everyone is remote; campus closed*

Lower School

From the Division Head

Good afternoon! I hope you have had a nice weekend and continue to enjoy some downtime tomorrow!

I have a few reminders for you as we start the week. Back in the September 13th *Wolf Watch*, we discussed remoting in when your child is ill. Questions are starting to come up about this, so I thought it would be helpful to repeat the information.

- If children are under the weather, there is no need to remote in for the day. Please let them rest, get better, and not worry about class. The teachers will work with them to get them caught up when they return to school or return to remote learning.
- If children must remain at home for three days or longer, they are more than welcome to participate remotely on the third day of absence. Please be in communication with the teachers by noon the day before so they can prepare the necessary materials in a timely manner.

On the not-so-pleasant topic of illnesses, the school sent an e-mail last Tuesday with [instructions](#) for parents if your child becomes ill. Please take a minute to read over it to become familiar with the protocols. You may want to keep it handy as a reference if

your child does become ill. By working together and following protocols, we can keep everyone safe.

If you were unable to read the last three weeks' Lower School *Wolf Watch* articles, please take some time to read them. Our learning specialists wrote about how to partner with us regarding home practice. I think you will find the articles very helpful! You can view them by visiting the "Wolf Watch Archives" section near the bottom of this web page, or via the following links:

- [General Information on Home Practice](#)
- [Math Home Practice](#)
- [Literacy Home Practice](#)

Thank you for your help in providing snug-fitting masks for your kiddos! It is much more comfortable wearing a mask that fits well. You may also want to pack an extra in their backpack in case the first one gets wet from playing outside. We appreciate your help.

We are all looking forward to a fantastic week together in Lower School!

Cheers,

Carol Christ, MEd
Head of Lower School

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Wednesday, October 28

- *Wellness Wednesday*

Middle School

From the Division Head

This week's *Wolf Watch* message comes from Dr. Jared Staller, our assistant head of Middle School for academics. Jared has been instrumental in helping our students and faculty navigate the year thus far, and I appreciate him sharing his thoughts with us this week!

Best Regards,

Chris Bertha, MA
Head of Middle School

From the Assistant Head of Middle School for Academics

When I think back to my days in Middle School, many of the strongest memories I have are linked to the sounds of that time. I remember the way the chalk sounded when dragged across a blackboard. I remember the mechanical grinding of the pencil sharpener. I remember the laughter and the clatter of plastic trays in the cafeteria.

In my new role, I get to observe the students throughout the day, and it is one of my great joys to hear the sounds that will be in the background of their memories. I've heard pride in the voices of students as they show off the models of their American Ninja Warrior course models. I've heard the banter and friendly arguments about whose paper airplane would fly farther during an outdoor science demonstration. And in other classes, I've heard the silence of thoughtfulness followed by the quiet scratches of pencil lead on paper as thoughts are transferred from the brain to the page.

Students are laughing and chatting with their friends outside during breaks. There are the raucous sounds of music as students explore new beats and melodies, and the creative questions of art as students ask each other about the process for creating patterns on their art tubes. And, of course, we all get to hear the familiar melodies and lyrics of songs broadcast out during Chapel.

After a year that started off so quietly with the students at home doing remote learning—and where the most common thing I heard was the clicking of my own laptop keys—I'm happy to report that St. Francis sounds like school again.

Warm regards,

Jared Staller, PhD
Assistant Head of Middle School for Academics

A Note About Early Dismissals

Please review the following guidelines related to early dismissals:

- Remember to share notifications of early dismissals through the “Update Attendance” button in Veracross. Without this notification, we may be delayed in sending your child to the front desk.
- We are only able to excuse absences for early pickups with a doctor's note or the permission of the head of Middle School.
- Due to our presence on the fields during afternoon breaks, we are not able to accommodate student pickups between 1:35 and 2:15 p.m. If you need to pick up your child from school early for any reason, please plan on a pickup before 1:30 p.m. or after 2:20 p.m.

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Tonight Is the Deadline to Purchase MS Student Photos

If you have not purchased your child's individual school photos, you may do so online through this evening (Sunday, October 11). Please visit www.prepayorders.com and use the flyer code **SFEMIDDLE2020** to purchase your photo packages.

This Week's Wolf Weekly News is Live!

[Click here](#) to get all the breaking student-life news, with your hosts Coach T and Mr. L spotlighting the good news going on in our community! Please share this with your students, and encourage them to e-mail submissions to [Mr. Lakoski](#). We will try our best to get them into a future edition. Go Wolves!

PE Clothing Store Closes Thursday

The online PE Clothing Store closes this **Thursday, October 15**.

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Sunday, October 11–Sunday, October 18

- *NJHS Kitty Elliott Coat Drive*
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Monday, October 12

- *Fall Break: No school*
-

Wednesday, October 14

- *Wellness Wednesday Schedule*
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Thursday, October 15

- *Middle School Parent Connection: 12:30–1:30 p.m. via [Zoom](#)*
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Wednesday, October 21

- *Wellness Wednesday Schedule*

Upper School

From the Division Head

This week was a tough one for me. As some of you know, I just returned from driving my daughter to her five-month internship in Arizona. Everything is so much quieter around the house now. I miss her energy, our impromptu conversations, and walks together around the neighborhood. I know that this experience will be a wonderful opportunity for my daughter, and I am confident in her ability to face her fears, overcome her anxieties, learn and grow, make new friends, and thrive in her new environment. I also miss her terribly.

Parenting can be simultaneously energizing and exhausting, challenging and transformative. One thing that helps me through the tough times is being able to talk with other parents whom I care for, respect, and trust. My friends and fellow parents frequently offer me a new perspective, a thoughtful suggestion, and an empathetic ear. They help me sort through my thoughts and feelings so that I can move forward in a way that is consistent with my values. I try to offer my friends and fellow parents similar support, encouragement, and compassion.

Oftentimes, the parents of our child's friends become our close friends. My goal for the upcoming months is to offer some opportunities for ninth-, tenth-, and eleventh-grade families to gather (through Zoom) to get to know each other better and to learn from and alongside one another. It has been my distinct honor and privilege to work with the parent community at St. Francis for the past couple of years. Together, we have laughed, cried, shared stories, attended informative presentations, and discussed books.

You might remember that I sent out a survey last month to gather your ideas for topics you are interested in exploring together as a parent community. Based on your responses, we will spend upcoming evenings discussing how to talk to your teenagers about their feelings, thoughts, and behaviors. We will also learn about healthy (and unhealthy) friendships and relationships. In between these gatherings, we will have some opportunities for casual parent conversations about the topics that are on your mind and in your hearts at the moment. I look forward to the opportunity to get to know you better and to facilitate meaningful, long-lasting friendships between parents.

Sincerely,

Cara Henderson, EdD
Head of Upper School

P.S. In my survey, I mentioned the titles of the past two years' parent book reads. Several people mentioned an interest in reading through the book notes from those discussions. I have included links to those documents below. Enjoy!

- [*The Self-Driven Child: The Science and Sense of Giving Your Kids More Control Over Their Lives*](#)
- *The Gift of Failure: How the Best Parents Learn to Let Go So Their Children Can Succeed* ([Part I](#), [Part II](#), and [Part III](#))

Upcoming Week's Schedule Reminder (October 13-16)

As mentioned in last week's *Wolf Watch*, we have noticed a need to make some adjustments to our schedule in order to ensure the ongoing safety of our community and to optimize the St. Francis experience. This week, we transition to this adjusted schedule.

Ninth, tenth, and eleventh graders (from both the on-campus and remote-learning scenarios) will [follow the linked schedule this week](#). Please notice that the week's assignments of odd and even days have to do with our schedule rotation and not the day of the month. This Monday, October 12, is a Fall Break school holiday. Then, Tuesday, October 13, is an odd day in our rotation, which means that students will attend odd block classes (1, 3, 5, and 7). Wednesday, October 14, is the PSAT Day for tenth and eleventh graders and a distance-learning (from home) even day (blocks 2, 4, 6, and 8) for all ninth graders. (Please see the information further below for more details about the PSAT.)

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A Note From Your College Counselor About the PSAT

Sophomores and juniors will take the **PSAT/NMSQT on Wednesday, October 14**. We will have two arrival/start times for this exam: **7:40 a.m. for students who have approved extended time, and 8:55 a.m. for all others**. This exam will be held on campus, as College Board does not have an online version. We have registered all sophomores and juniors to take the exam. Still, we recognize that this is a remote-learning day for our school, and that many students have medical conditions complicating in-person exam administration. Please do what you feel is best for your

own health, and contact me with any questions. For remote students, let me know if you intend to take the test that day on campus. Further details are below.

- **Extended Time**—Students with accommodations approved by College Board should arrive to school by 7:40 a.m. The exam will begin at 7:45 a.m. Parent pickup will take place between noon and 12:30 p.m. I will send a separate notification e-mail both to students who qualify and to their parents.
- **Standard Time**—All other students should arrive no later than 8:55 a.m. The exam will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m., and students will be dismissed shortly after noon.
- **Supplies**—Please bring a calculator (check your batteries first; all scientific calculators are permitted) and several sharpened No. 2 pencils. St. Francis will not be providing calculators or pencils for students as a COVID precaution.
- **Food**—Please [eat](#) beforehand! Students can bring snacks to keep in their bags for breaks, but they must be individually wrapped and cannot be shared. Note that we will NOT be providing lunch to students on this day.
- **Scores**—PSAT exam results will be available online on December 8. For sophomores, we will compare PSAT scores to the results of last year's practice ACT. In your sophomore conference in the spring, I will advise which test is best for you to pursue in the future. For juniors, I will use these scores to help predict your admissibility to colleges discussed in the upcoming junior conferences. Junior PSAT scores are also used for National Merit Qualifying consideration.

I understand that this situation is less than ideal, so please know remote students will not be penalized for missing the exam. However, on-campus sophomores and juniors will be expected to come to campus even though Wednesdays are traditionally reserved for distance learning. Why? Well, we are doing our best to keep our students on track with a traditional college application/testing timeline, despite the uncertainty and extenuating circumstances surrounding COVID. If you're concerned about missing the exam, remember that PSAT scores are not seen by colleges or used for admission, and returning students already sat for the PSAT 9 or PSAT 10 exam in March.

Please contact Steven Scales with any questions or concerns at 713.458.6338 or [via e-mail](#).

US Individual Pictures Are Friday

On-campus Upper School students will have individual pictures taken on **Friday, October 16**. Students have the option to wear their SFES uniform top or another solid-color, collared shirt. No spirit wear, please.

- Remote students will have an opportunity to get individual pictures taken on the scheduled makeup day during a time window when they will not cross over with their on-campus colleagues.
- We intend to have group photos later this year and will communicate dates with you when they are available.

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Tuesday, October 13

- *Odd Day*
 - *On-Campus Schedule*
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Wednesday, October 14

- *Even Day*
 - *Distance-Learning Schedule*
 - *PSAT/NMSQT (Sophomores and Juniors Only)*
-

Thursday, October 15

- *Odd Day*
 - *On-Campus Schedule*
-

Friday, October 16

- *Even Day*
 - *On-Campus Schedule*
 - *Student Portraits (On-Campus Students)*
-

Monday, October 19

- *Odd Day*
 - *On-Campus Schedule*
-

Tuesday, October 20

- *Even Day*
 - *On-Campus Schedule*
-

Wednesday, October 21

- *Odd Day*
 - *Distance-Learning Schedule*
-

Thursday, October 22

- *Even Day*
 - *On-Campus Schedule*
-

Friday, October 23

- *Odd Day*
- *On-Campus Schedule*

Church

We Are Open for In-Person Worship!

The Holy Eucharist will be offered at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. on Sundays. We will also offer an evening Eucharist on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. We look forward to seeing all those who are ready to return. For those who are not comfortable returning to in-person worship, we will continue to live stream our worship service on Sundays at 11:00 a.m. via Facebook.

- We will be working under the guidelines and protocols for your safety as originally approved by our bishop and vestry. In-person worship guidelines are available [here](#).
- Because only a limited number of the congregation can be safely seated according to the distancing guidelines, it will be necessary for you to let us know you plan to attend the worship services. We have created a SignUpGenius for that purpose. Go to the St. Francis Episcopal Church website (sfch.org) and click "Return to Worship Information." You will need to sign up each week, indicating the date you would like to come to worship.
- We pray for your patience and grace as we work out adhering to the guidelines and safely gathering for worship. Once you reach the church doors with your masks on (masks are required for adults and children 2 years and older), you will be guided through the process of being seated. Individuals and families will be seated by ushers. Most likely, you will be able to choose whether you will be seated in the Transepts or the Nave. You will not get to decide exactly where you sit. The distancing guidelines will dictate exactly where people are seated by our ushers.
- Obviously, if you are ill, have a fever, or are experiencing any of the COVID-19 symptoms, or are in a high-risk health group, we recommend you stay at home and continue to worship with us online. (Click [here](#) for a list of high-risk conditions.) If you are 65 years of age or older and otherwise healthy, you are welcome to worship if you choose.
- We welcome your children to worship, but will not have Children's Sunday School or childcare available during the services at this time. Mrs. Devlin's Sunday School lessons will continue to be broadcast online at 10:00 a.m. Fr. Wismer will be giving a children's homily.
- Ushers will assist you in maintaining the 6-foot safe distance between one another from the time you leave your vehicle until seated. Families may sit together. A distance of 6 feet will be maintained between individuals and/or families. Seating will be in every other pew, and the congregation will receive the communion wafer while in their pew. We will all stand for the Great Thanksgiving, as doing so will help us maintain the safe-distancing guidelines.
- Bulletins and offering baskets for your donations will be available as you are seated. We ask you to refrain from any congregational singing, passing of the peace, and kneeling; nor will the plate be passed during the service. These are all part of the bishop's guidelines.

- The celebrant and priest will administer the bread of the Eucharist to you while in your pews, and you may remove your mask to consume the wafer and put it back on afterward.
- After the dismissal by the priest, please remain seated until dismissed by the ushers by row. We ask for your cooperation to return to your home and not gather in groups outside.

The Goodnight Show With Fr. Wismer Is Now on Tuesdays Only

Join Fr. Wismer for ***The Goodnight Show*** on Tuesdays from 7:00 to 7:15 p.m. Preschoolers, younger school children, and the young at heart can enjoy music, stories, and prayers . . . and you can send in requests! It is the perfect way to relax and get ready for bed.

[Click here to watch on the St. Francis Episcopal Facebook page.](#)

How to Watch Sunday Service Via Live Stream

If you would like to join St. Francis Episcopal Church's **9:00 a.m.** or **11:00 a.m.** Sunday service via Live Stream, here's how to watch:

1. Open the Internet browser on your computer, laptop, or phone. Type in the St. Francis website—**sfch.org**.
2. Click on the **“Live Stream Services”** button. (*You don't need a Facebook account to watch.*)
3. **On the Facebook menu bar (just above the “About” section), select “More” and then, from the drop-down menu, click on “Videos.”** This will open a page showing all videos.
4. Prelude music will begin on the live stream 15 minutes prior to the service to allow time for your connection and for your inspiration. Once the live stream is in progress, you just need to click on the video. If you miss the live video, a recording of the service will also be available on the [St. Francis Episcopal Church website](#).

Watch Let It Shine! on YouTube

We'll continue to put the Let It Shine! videos on the St. Francis YouTube channel, but we've created a dedicated channel for Let it Shine! This is a great way for us to reach children everywhere with these amazing Bible-based video teachings by Allison Devlin, our director of family ministry.

- Please share this channel with anyone you might know who has children and who's looking for entertaining, informative videos that help lead children to Jesus.
- [Click here to visit the channel.](#) **Be sure to like, subscribe, and turn on notifications!**

Teens, Join Us for GLOW!

Middle and high school students are invited to participate in weekly lessons and discussions. Meet via Zoom on Sundays at 10:30 a.m.

- We are currently studying the armor of God. [Click here](#) to learn more about the book, *The Armor of God—Teen Bible Study Book* by Priscilla Shirer, and to order your copy today!
- A NEW series begins Sunday, October 18! Learn about the Nicene Creed—why we say it, and how it applies to our daily lives.
- For further details, contact [Allison Devlin](#).

Moms, Join Us for Bible Study

The **SFES Moms' Bible Study** is on **Fridays at 11:00 a.m.**, led by **Allison Devlin**, director of family ministry. Here's a note from Allison about the study:

This fall, we will begin our study with a book by Jeannie Cunnion called [Mom Set Free](#). I hope you will join me on this journey of faith and fellowship!

As moms, we're under constant pressure. We have to get it right in all areas of life—work, home, family, and faith—because our children's futures hinge on our ability to perfectly orchestrate the present.

But those impossible standards leave us oscillating between worry, fear, anger, and shame. They threaten to steal all the wonder from parenting, life, and our personal relationship with God.

In this seven-session study, we will discover how the gospel message can empower you to parent in the freedom of God's sovereignty, so that you can breathe deeper, walk lighter, and enjoy your children—and the parenting journey—more than ever before.

Please contact Allison Devlin via [e-mail](#) or at 713.882.0725 for more meeting details.

Moms in Prayer

Join other mothers for a time of prayer together on the first and third Thursdays of each month. Please contact Allison Devlin via [e-mail](#) or at 713.882.0725 for more meeting details.

Share Your Prayer Requests Online

Share your prayer requests with us using the "Prayer Requests" link on the [St. Francis Episcopal Church home page](#). Please feel free to submit prayer requests for yourself

or for someone you know. All prayer requests are confidential and will not be added to the spoken prayer list, but will be prayed for by our staff and Pastoral Care Council over a two-month period.

Upcoming Events at St. Francis

St. Francis is hosting the following events on a regular basis via Zoom. To join an event listed below, please click the provided link or copy and paste it into your web browser's address bar. Then, enter the meeting ID and passcode when prompted.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

- Wednesdays at 9:00–10:00 a.m.
 - **Study:** Proverbs
 - **Contact:** [Louise Richman](#)
 - **Zoom Meeting Link:** <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/651248716>
 - *Passcode required to join; e-mail Louise Richman to participate.*

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

- Tuesdays at 7:00–8:00 a.m.
 - **Contact:** [Lew Arend](#)
- Monthly on the second Tuesday at 8:00–9:30 a.m.
 - **Study:** The Men of St. Francis (TMOSF)
 - **Contact:** [The Rev. Stuart Bates](#)
- Thursdays at 6:30–8:00 a.m.
 - **Contact:** [The Rev. Stuart Bates](#)
 - **Zoom Meeting Link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86142658053?pwd=THE3Nm0xcW1DeHhCdWMyUIEramldz09>
 - **Meeting ID:** 861 4265 8053
 - **Passcode:** 0AbyWs

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

- Sundays at 10:00–11:00 a.m.
 - **Contact:** [George Hippard](#)
 - **Zoom Meeting Link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81933291372?pwd=MTVmV284bDFzanlvcS9mVzZJNFowZz09>
 - **Meeting ID:** 819 3329 1372
 - **Passcode:** 330576

CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULTS—BIBLE STUDIES AND MEETINGS

- Sundays at 10:00–11:00 a.m.

- **Meeting:** GLOW
- **Contact:** [Allison Devlin](#)
- **Zoom Meeting Link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4394746544>
- **Meeting ID:** 716 183 992
- **Passcode:** 476823
- Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7:00–7:15 p.m.
 - **Meeting:** The Goodnight Show
 - **Contact:** [Fr. Bob Wismer](#)
 - [Facebook Live Stream](#)

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION AND PRAYER

- Tuesdays at 4:00 p.m.
 - **Meeting:** Christian Meditation
 - **Contact:** [Fr. David Price](#)
 - **Zoom Meeting**
Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/203726298?pwd=VHJTDDVYem8zMVVJkprZzFqUjBlUT09>
 - **Meeting ID:** 203 726 298
 - **Passcode:** 057417
- Wednesdays at 7:30–8:00 a.m.
 - **Meeting:** Prayer Session (We read Scripture and go through a prayer cycle of praise, confession, thanksgiving, and intercession.)
 - **Contact:** [Heather Burkhardt](#)
 - **Zoom Meeting**
Link: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/74720562513?pwd=VWpsVy9WN01LVkdSbEl4NlVJTjlxZz09>
 - **Meeting ID:** 747 2056 2513
 - **Passcode:** 678123
- Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.
 - **Meeting:** Contemplative Café
 - **Contact:** [Fr. David Price](#)
 - **Zoom Meeting**
Link: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/74432391081?pwd=dTdiSVFIQ2xrRS9kMEhpWDJ6NUlwQT09>
 - **Meeting ID:** 744 3239 1081
 - **Passcode:** 043097
- Thursdays at 8:00 a.m.
 - **Meeting:** Christian Meditation
 - **Contact:** [Fr. David Price](#)
 - **Zoom Meeting**
Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/203726298?pwd=VHJTDDVYem8zMVVJkprZzFqUjBlUT09>
 - **Meeting ID:** 203 726 298
 - **Passcode:** 057417
- Saturdays at 10:00 a.m.

- **Meeting:** Contemplative Café
- **Contact:** [Fr. David Price](#)
- **Zoom Meeting**
Link: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/74432391081?pwd=dTdSVFIQ2xrRS9kMEhpWDJ6NUIwQT09>
- **Meeting ID:** 744 3239 1081
- **Passcode:** 043097