

WOLF WATCH

— WEEKLY E-NEWS —

News for the Week of March 21

All School

Watch the March Video Update

In case you missed the March video update from Head of School Steve Lovejoy, you can watch it [here!](#)

From the Head of School

I hope that your family enjoyed a restful and rejuvenating spring break. I also hope you've been able to adjust to the time change, which thankfully means longer days of sunshine!

Just prior to the break, we sent out our 2021–22 admissions decisions. We have had a tremendous response to the work we are doing at St. Francis each day and are very excited about the pool of applicants. I appreciate our current parents promoting St. Francis in the community. You are always our best advocates for the great work we do here with our students!

Over the coming weeks, you will be hearing about opportunities for parents to join us for on-campus activities this spring. Relationships and connections are so important to us at St. Francis, and we have been working hard to find ways to safely welcome parents to campus for some of our treasured community-building events. These events may look a bit different this time, but we are hopeful that we'll be able to start gathering again. We will continue this work as we start our planning for the 2021–22 school year, always being mindful of the health and safety of our St. Francis community.

I also wanted to let you know that we will be hosting another **St. Francis Connections** event on **Tuesday, March 30, at 6:30 p.m.** We've included details below this letter.

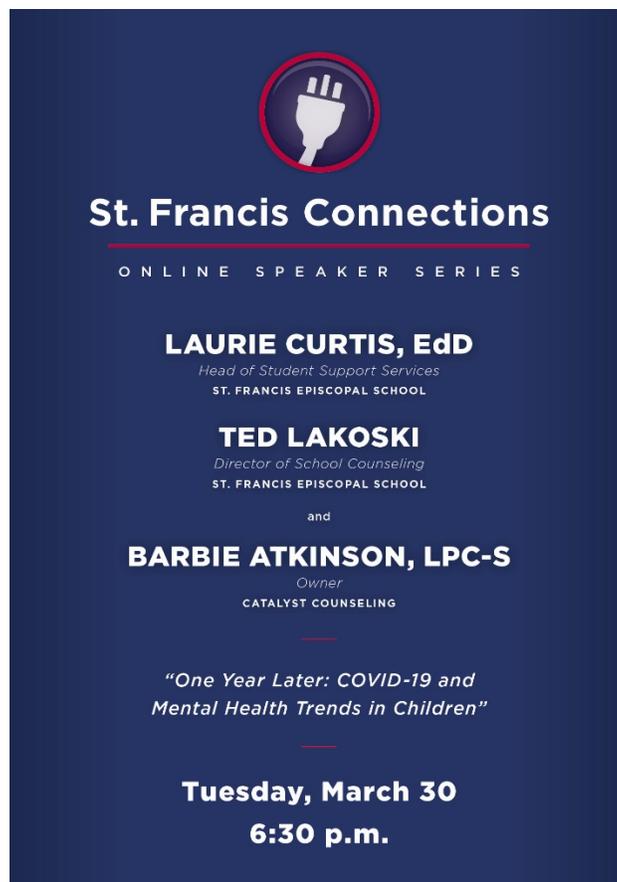
I look forward to seeing you this spring at arts productions, athletic competitions, and other community events we have planned. Thank you for being a part of the St. Francis family, and welcome back!

With appreciation,

Steve Lovejoy, MEd
Head of School

Save the Date: St. Francis Connections Event Is March 30

When we introduced the St. Francis Connections Online Speaker Series last year, our first session delved into the effects that the COVID-19 pandemic and quarantine could *potentially* have on our children's mental health. In our next session on Tuesday, March 30, [Barbie Atkinson](#) of Catalyst Counseling will join our own Dr. Laurie Curtis and Ted Lakoski to discuss the mental health trends we are *actually* seeing one year into the pandemic, and how we might help our children, and ourselves, to better cope.



The poster features a dark blue background with white and red text. At the top is a circular logo with a white hand holding a white plug. Below the logo, the text reads "St. Francis Connections" in a large, bold, white font, followed by "ONLINE SPEAKER SERIES" in a smaller, spaced-out font. The speakers are listed in bold white text: "LAURIE CURTIS, EdD" (Head of Student Support Services, ST. FRANCIS EPISCOPAL SCHOOL), "TED LAKOSKI" (Director of School Counseling, ST. FRANCIS EPISCOPAL SCHOOL), and "BARBIE ATKINSON, LPC-S" (Owner, CATALYST COUNSELING). The event title "One Year Later: COVID-19 and Mental Health Trends in Children" is in a smaller white font. The date and time "Tuesday, March 30 6:30 p.m." are at the bottom in bold white text.



St. Francis Connections

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*“One Year Later: COVID-19 and
Mental Health Trends in Children”*

Tuesday, March 30
6:30 p.m.

Please save the date and look for an invitation coming soon!

St. Francis Fund Participation Challenge Kicks Off Today!

The St. Francis Fund is kicking off an exciting participation challenge for the entire school. **From today through Thursday, April 1, our community will compete for a chance to win a pair of really cool SFES socks that students can wear with their regular uniform any day of the week.** Be on the lookout for more details from your representative in the coming week.

If you have already given to the St. Francis Fund this school year, THANK YOU—there is no need for you to do anything else other than to talk this up to other parents. If you have multiple children at the school, your gift will count toward participation for each one of them. If you haven't had a chance to give, please [give today](#).

Piney Point Campus Explore and Extend Is on the Move!

Beginning Monday, March 29, Explore and Extend (E&E) after-school care will move back to the Explore and Extend building on the north side of campus. We moved into the main building at the start of this school year due to both early COVID protocols and anticipated construction on this side of campus. We now feel we can safely offer programming in our E&E building, while still maintaining distancing and mask use; furnishings and materials have been adjusted to allow for our school-wide health and safety protocols. Students will have more opportunities for outdoor time and access to a wider range of materials each day.

We will be both e-mailing you information regarding this change and including details in the upcoming March 28 *Wolf Watch*. Please note that we are still asking parents to wait outside the door or in their cars for pickup, as we are limiting how many people access the building.

New Explore & Extend Classes Added This Spring

We've added the following Explore & Extend mini-sessions for spring 2021. Please register by e-mailing [Margaret Newsom](#).

CARTOONING CLUB FOR GRADES 3–4

When: Thursdays; April 1–May 6, 3:45–4:45 p.m.

Instructor: Margie Dye, Lower School art teacher

Cost: \$85

At the request of some of our third-grade students, Ms. Dye is offering a six-week session where students will practice the art of cartooning. Materials will be provided, and examples and guidance will be offered each week.

COOKIE ART FOR GRADES 4 & UP

Grades 4–5: Tuesdays and Thursdays; April 6–15; 3:35–5:00 p.m.

Grades 6 & Up: Tuesdays and Thursdays; April 20–29; 3:45–5:15 p.m. (or at 4:00 p.m. if in a fall sports preview that ends at 4:00 p.m.)

Instructor: Amy Chandler, Middle School art teacher

Cost: \$100

Mrs. Chandler has developed a passion for the art of cookie decorating, creating elaborate iced creations! She wants to share her newfound hobby with students this spring. We will offer this course in two sessions of four days each in April. Students will spend the first day designing their own cookie cutters and printing them with our 3-D printers, as well as practicing basic icing techniques. From there, they will spend the remaining days rolling out sugar cookie dough and implementing their designs with increasingly more complex techniques. They'll take home delicious cookies to share with family and friends (if they can bear to eat their creations)!

TUMBLING FOR GRADES K–3

When: Fridays; April 9–May 14; 3:30–4:30 p.m.

Instructor: Robbie Hirst

Cost: \$100

Join Coach Robbie for six weeks of tumbling fun, with a challenging curriculum that maximizes safety. Students will be put into small groups based on grade/class and stay with the same group the entire session. They will move through basic tumbling skills on the mat, low beam, and springboards and mini-trampolines, sharing equipment with only their small group. Masks are to be worn other than during the purposefully given mask breaks. On nice days, activities will be moved outdoors for this spring.

ACRYLIC PAINTING

This will be a six-week session for grades K–3. Additional details on dates and pricing will be provided in the upcoming March 28 *Wolf Watch*.

Summer on the Point: New Sessions Added

Summer on the Point registration continues and is available through Veracross or via our web page [here](#).

Newly added sessions will include Pokémon Adventure Camp, additional basketball camps with Coach Baber, volleyball camps, LEGO Adventures for Primary I and II, additional spots in Howlers' cheer camp, and more. Updated descriptions will be posted and registration will open later today.

This Wednesday, We're Celebrating Last Year's SFF Participation Contest Winners!

What's cold, colorful, and delicious? Kona Ice! Kindergarten, second grade, third grade, and seventh grade will enjoy a treat from the Kona Ice truck this **Wednesday, March**

24, as a thank-you for winning the St. Francis Fund Participation Challenge last year. On the same day, Upper School students will also enjoy a special treat from the Mooseum Ice Cream truck.

You're Invited! Join Us This Week

Parents, we miss you! Please join us for fellowship, coffee, and breakfast tacos hosted by the St. Francis Fund Committee to kick off our two-week giving participation challenge. Eat, drink, and chat while you browse Spirit Store samples and buy a few featured items for your Wolves. Masks are required, and temperature will be checked upon arrival.

PINEY POINT CAMPUS (MAIN ENTRY COURTYARD)

Thursday, March 25

8:15–9:30 a.m.

COUPER CAMPUS (CRUM GYMNASIUM PORCH)

Friday, March 26

8:15–9:30 a.m.

Virtue of the Month: Hope

During the month of March, the St. Francis community is focusing on **hope**. Our virtue verse is Jeremiah 29:11: *"I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.'"* Try to memorize it as a family. You can find Virtue resources [here](#).

Table Talk: It's family challenge time! Challenge each family member to live out the virtue of hope within the family. Then, take turns sharing about times when you saw other family members living out hope.

The Spirit Store Has a New Look

Check out the refreshed look of the St. Francis Spirit Store, as well as the items that were recently added!

- **Link:** https://stores.inksoft.com/STFRANCIS_HTX_SPIRITSTORE/shop/home
- **Password:** wolves

Primary School

From the Division Head

I hope your family had a great spring break and feels rejuvenated after a week away from our school routine. I look forward to hearing about what your child did over the break.

As mentioned in *Wolf Watch*, **April 21 was initially scheduled to be a Primary School parent-teacher conference day and was changed to a regular school day.** We will still host spring parent-teacher conferences; however, they will take place over the four weeks that follow the publication of your child's Developmental Continuum.

Once **Developmental Continuums** are **published in the Parent Portal on April 20**, you will have the opportunity to meet with your child's teacher about your child's progress and goals for the remainder of the school year. Teachers spend an extensive amount of time writing comments and scoring skills levels in the Primary School Developmental Continuum. Our team goal is to give you a clear understanding of where your child is in relation to our Primary School benchmarks. Please be on the lookout for an invitation to sign up for a conference time via Zoom.

I look forward to a great finish to the 2020–21 school year together.

All the best,

Clifton Walker, MEd
Head of Primary School

Mark Your Calendar

Wednesday, March 24

- *Schedule Change:* Regular school day
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Friday, April 2

- *Good Friday:* School holiday
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Monday, April 5

- *Schedule Change*: Regular school day
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Tuesday, April 13

- *Primary II Play (Wiener)*: 12:15 p.m. via Zoom
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Friday, April 16

- *Primary II Plays via Zoom*
 - *Dominick*: 10:45 a.m.
 - *Owens*: 11:45 a.m.
 - *Hughes*: 12:15 p.m.
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Monday, April 19

- *Primary II Play (Staller)*: 9:45 a.m. via Zoom
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Wednesday, April 21

- *Schedule Change*: Regular school day

Lower School

From the Division Head

I hope you had a fun-filled, relaxing week! My week was very quiet, and I got quite a lot accomplished on some projects, both at home and for school. My spring breaks have changed a great deal recently, as we used to take the boys skiing with friends. That was always so much fun! They didn't even get spring break this year, and sadly, if they had, I don't think they would have wanted us tagging along! Enjoy every minute with your kiddos—they grow up in a flash!

We have a couple of special events coming up this spring. First, we are planning some days for you to come to campus and enjoy **lunch** and the nice weather in the courtyard

with your child after the Easter break. We will have to limit the number of visitors per child to two people, and they must be family members from your home. If we have rainy weather, we will relocate to the OLC. Chef Bryce will have a few lunch options from which you may choose. Click [here](#) to see the schedule for when your child's class will have lunch visits. We will follow up with more details closer to these dates.

Every spring, we have **learning celebrations** where the students share something they have been learning or researching. Parents come to school and become students all over again! This year, we are modifying the celebrations in order to create a safe environment as we welcome you to campus. We will be sharing the event dates with you very soon, and your child's grade-level teachers will be reaching out with additional details!

Enjoy your week!

Carol Christ, MEd
Head of Lower School

Mark Your Calendar

Wednesday, March 24

- *Schedule Change:* Regular school day
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Friday, March 26

- *Fourth-Grade Instrument Group "PULSE" Rehearsal:* 7:15–7:45 a.m. in the Crum Library
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Tuesday, April 1

- *Go Texan Day:* Children are encouraged to come to school in Western wear. Please leave guns, spurs, and stick horses at home. If wearing boots, bring tennis shoes for PE and/or recess. Yee-haw!
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Friday, April 2

- *Good Friday:* School holiday

Monday, April 5

- *Schedule Change:* Regular school day

Friday, April 9

- *Fourth-Grade Instrument Group "PULSE" Rehearsal:* 7:15–7:45 a.m. in the Crum Library

Friday, April 16

- *Fourth-Grade Instrument Group "PULSE" Rehearsal:* 7:15–7:45 a.m. in the Crum Library

Middle School

From the Division Head

Whether you traveled or relaxed at home, I hope you and your family have enjoyed spring break!

On Monday of last week, the Middle School hosted a Zoom session detailing our plans for the 2021–22 school year. I appreciated the large audience for the presentation and am happy to share a recording of the event with you via [this link](#).

I hope that you will watch the presentation if you could not be there live. My team and I are happy to follow up with you if you have questions after watching. I appreciate your partnership and look forward to seeing your children tomorrow!

Best regards,

Chris Bertha, MA
Head of Middle School

Community Service Hours Form Due May 14

The 2020–21 Community Service Hours form is available via [this link](#), on the Parent Portal under the Division Resources tab, and on the Student Portal under the

Resources tab. As a reminder, **the submission deadline for all Community Service Hours forms is Friday, May 14.**

Save the Date for These Eighth-Grade Events

We are excited to announce that we have three of our signature eighth-grade events on the calendar this spring:

- **White-Shirt Photo:** The photo is **tentatively** scheduled to take place **Tuesday, March 30**, and will follow our distancing guidelines.
- **Eighth-Grade Tie Ceremony:** The event will be held in the St. Francis Church Sanctuary on **Wednesday, April 7**, and each eighth-grade family is allowed two adult guests.
- **Eighth-Grade Graduation:** This event is scheduled to take place on **Thursday, May 27**.

Eighth-grade families will receive an e-mail soon with more details regarding these events.

From the Athletics Director

We are excited to see our students out on the playing fields and participating in spring sports. Athletics are such a pivotal part of our Middle School students' experience, and while we are having to make some adjustments this year due to navigating COVID-19, we are confident that these measures are helping protect our students and faculty while allowing competition.

That being said, we will continue with the same mask-wearing protocols that have been in place during previous athletic seasons this year. ***Our St. Francis student-athletes and coaches will continue to wear masks during all practices and competitions.***

A lot of spring sports take place outdoors, and each school has the flexibility of choice when it comes to mask-wearing. St. Francis may be competing at an away game where the opposing school does not require their student-athletes or coaches to wear masks. While we would prefer that our opponents wear masks as well, we cannot mandate that they do so when we play at their facilities.

In order to give you visibility and the flexibility of choice, we are working to identify the mask policies of the other schools to the best of our ability, and we will share that list with you as soon as it's finalized.

I am thankful to you for your support of our COVID protocols and am looking forward to seeing our student-athletes compete this spring.

Eighth-Grade Yearbook Ads: Deadline Extended

[This video tutorial](#) will help you create your child's ad using the Balfour Ad Builder software and purchase it using the special eighth-grade discount code. Please be aware that the deadline to complete your ad has been extended to **Sunday, April 11**, to allow plenty of time to finish your ad. Contact [Steve Johnson](#) if you have any questions.

Important Reminders About Morning Carpool

- **Students being picked up in the afternoon PE-exempt car line may only enter cars at the front of the line. Students may not walk across the parking lot to enter cars in the back of the line.**
- Middle School carpool begins at 7:15 a.m. Students arriving before then need to enter the school at the Dining Hall drop-off.
- Middle School carpool gates close at 8:05 a.m. If arriving after that time, please enter through the front doors.
- Students arriving after 8:00 a.m. must come to the Middle School Office and receive a tardy slip before going to class.

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, March 22

- *"A" Day*
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Tuesday, March 23

- *"B" Day*
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Wednesday, March 24

- *Schedule Change: Regular school day*
 - *"C" Day*
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Thursday, March 25

- *"D" Day*

Friday, March 26

- *"E" Day*

Monday, March 29

- *"D" Day*

Tuesday, March 30

- *"B" Day*
- *Eighth-Grade White Shirt Photo (Tentative)*

Wednesday, March 31

- *"C" Day*

Thursday, April 1

- *"A" Day*

Friday, April 2

- *Good Friday: School holiday*

Monday, April 5

- *Schedule Change: Regular school day*

Upper School

From the Division Head

It has been more than a few years since psychologists and educators identified different types of intelligence.

We are all familiar with cognitive intelligence. This kind of “smart” is identified on standardized tests. Even before experts verified that there were other kinds of intelligence, we knew that a high IQ did not necessarily ensure success.

A recent area of research considers the role of skill and the effect of effort in a person’s success. Leading researcher Angela Duckworth, a psychology professor at the University of Pennsylvania, calls this “grit.” She defines grit as “sticking with things over the very long term until you master them” and developed a test to measure it. (If you would like to find your own grit score, you can take the short test. It is available [here](#).)

The long and short of Duckworth's findings is that a person who is persistent and willing to practice and keep working even when a task is difficult or mundane is likely to succeed. For example, to determine entrance to the United States Military Academy (a.k.a. West Point)’s Cadet Basic Training program, the Academy assigns each applicant a “Whole Candidate Score.” This is a weighted, average score of SAT scores, high school rank, leadership potential, and physical aptitude.

The Academy has some very good reasons for wanting cadets to succeed. Students who drop out are not replaced by other students, so the loss has a permanent effect on each class of potential military officers. Plus, every dropout costs the government \$500,000.

Still, each year, the Academy experiences a 5-7 percent dropout rate from Beast Barracks—the colloquial name for Cadet Basic Training.

Perhaps, instead of using just the Whole Candidate Score, they should be using Duckworth’s grit test, as well. As a doctoral student in 2004, Duckworth administered the test to about 1,200 just-arrived West Point cadets. At the end of the basic training program, the “grittiest” cadets—those who were most successful in the summer program—were not the ones with the top GPAs, the highest class ranking, the most physical ability, or the most outstanding leadership skills.

The results of the grit test more accurately predicted who would be successful than the Whole Candidate Score.

Duckworth also identifies “**self-control**” as an important component in school and professional achievement. In a study of eighth graders, those identified with the most self-control made better grades than those with the highest IQs.

Even as adults, there are lots of distractions that make it difficult for us to sustain our attention on one goal. Reading e-mail, checking Twitter, moving on to a new project before finishing an old one, and other temptations can adversely affect our productivity.

My experience as an educator and an administrator validates Duckworth's research. The "grittiest" students, the ones I've seen work with dogged determination, are often the most successful students in high school and in college. They may not have the highest standardized test scores, but they exercise self-control and are willing to work through challenges.

Grit is a character trait that we can help our children learn. It comes from supporting them as they try, letting them make mistakes (and sometimes fail), encouraging them to take risks and keep trying, and expecting them to do their very best.

Warmly,

Amy Whitley, MA
Assistant Head of School/Interim Head of Upper School

P.S. For more on grit, check out Angela Duckworth's Bett Keynote, ["Grit: The Power of Passion and Perseverance."](#)

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Monday, March 22

- *Even Day*
 - *On-Campus and Remote-Learning Schedule*
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Tuesday, March 23

- *Odd Day*
 - *On-Campus and Remote-Learning Schedule*
-

Wednesday, March 24

- *Schedule Change: Regular school day*
 - *Even Day*
 - *On-Campus and Remote-Learning Schedule*
-

Thursday, March 25

- *Odd Day*
 - *On-Campus and Remote-Learning Schedule*
-

Friday, March 26

- *Even Day*
 - *On-Campus and Remote-Learning Schedule*
-

Monday, March 29

- *Odd Day*

- *On-Campus and Remote-Learning Schedule*
-

Tuesday, March 30

- *Even Day*
 - *On-Campus and Remote-Learning Schedule*
-

Wednesday, March 31

- *Odd Day*
 - *On-Campus and Remote-Learning Schedule*
-

Thursday, April 1

- *Even Day*
 - *On-Campus and Remote-Learning Schedule*
-

Friday, April 2

- *Good Friday: School holiday*
-

Monday, April 5

- *Schedule Change: Regular school day*
 - *Odd Day*
 - *On-Campus and Remote-Learning Schedule*
-

Tuesday, April 6

- *Even Day*
 - *On-Campus and Remote-Learning Schedule*
-

Wednesday, April 7

- *Odd Day*
 - *On-Campus and Remote-Learning Schedule*
-

Thursday, April 8

- *Even Day*
 - *On-Campus and Remote-Learning Schedule*
-

Friday, April 2

- *Odd Day*
- *On-Campus and Remote-Learning Schedule*

Church

Holy Week Schedule

During Holy Week, St. Francis will be hosting the following services and activities:

SUNDAY, MARCH 28

- **Palm Sunday Services:** 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
- **Passion Play and Pictures on the Donkey:** 9:00 a.m. service

THURSDAY, APRIL 1

- **Maundy Thursday Service:** 6:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, APRIL 2

- **Good Friday Service:** Noon
- **Walk to Calvary (Children):** Noon, outside
- **Last Seven Words:** 1:00 p.m. in the church
- **Stations of the Cross:** 2:00 p.m. in the church

SATURDAY, APRIL 3

- **Confessions in the Church:** 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

- **Holy Baptisms:** 4:00–5:00 p.m. (Contact [Sally Jo Flores](#))

SUNDAY, APRIL 4

- **Feast of the Resurrection Services:** 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., and 11:00 a.m.
- **Children’s Service With Easter Egg Hunt Afterward:** 9:00 a.m.

Join Ms. Devlin for In-Person Let It Shine!

Join Ms. Devlin for in-person Let It Shine! Children's Bible Breakout: All children from Pre-K to middle school are invited to participate. During Lent, children will study the events surrounding the death and resurrection of Jesus, as well as symbols of our new life in Christ. Learn alongside your child about the significance of Lent, the Last Supper, the rooster crowing, the Stations of the Cross, forgiveness, and Christ's victory over death with the empty tomb.

Send One Suit (SOS) Drive Update

Every March for the last six years, St. Francis has participated in Dress for Success Houston’s Send One Suit (SOS) Drive. DFSH continues to serve Houston-area women as they respond to the disruption caused by COVID-19. However, this year’s SOS Drive looks a little different.

- **We will not be collecting clothing items at church**, as we have in the past. Rather, if you have professional women's clothing you would like to donate, you may do so by placing items for donation in your trunk (clean and on hangers, please) and driving them to DFSH at 3310 Eastside St.
- With safety being the top priority, DFSH is currently accepting professional attire only on **Fridays between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.** Please pull into the circle drive, wear a mask, ring the bell, and the DFSH team will be out to assist you in removing the donations from your trunk.
- If you would like to support the agency virtually, please use their [Amazon Wish List](#).
- With questions, please e-mail [Karen Bloomfield](#).

2021 Lenten Challenge—Feeding the Hungry

This year, our Lenten Challenge will be a focused fundraiser to help those who are less fortunate.

- During the month of March, we are intensifying our collections for the **Fairhaven Food Pantry**.
- We are gathering donations and nonperishable food items. FFP is especially in need of plastic grocery bags, as well as diapers, canned food, pasta, and other

nonperishable items. Please consider purchasing items for this worthwhile cause on your next visit to the grocery store.

- There will be collection baskets located in the Narthex every Sunday morning.
- Contact the church office at 713.782.1270 if you have any questions.

Forgiveness Workshop Is Saturday

Father Bates will lead a **forgiveness workshop this Saturday, March 27, from 9:00 a.m. to noon in the Hogan Board Room**. This will be a time during Lent to consider whom you need to forgive, and to work through a process of learning to release others and yourself.

“Everyone says forgiveness is a lovely idea, until they have something to forgive.” — C.S. Lewis

Social-distancing guidelines will be followed, and everyone is required to wear a mask. Please RSVP to Sally Jo Flores [via e-mail](#) or call the church office at 713.782.1270 if you plan to attend.

Middle School Bible Study: A Note From Allison Devlin

I want to invite your children to experience the struggles and triumphs of Christian as he travels along the narrow path to the Celestial City, and discover how the characters and places in John Bunyan’s *Pilgrim’s Progress* apply to your child’s spiritual journey.

- **Who:** Middle School students
- **What:** Bible study and fellowship
- **When:** Every Sunday, after the 9:00 a.m. Family Worship Service
- **Where:** CE212 (GLOW room, upstairs above the church office; we will stay socially distant with masks on)
- **Why:** Often disguised as something that would help him, evil accompanies Christian on his journey to the Celestial City. As you walk with him, you’ll begin to identify today’s many religious pitfalls. These are presented by men such as Pliable, who turns back at the Slough of Despond, and Ignorance, who believes he’s a true follower of Christ when he’s only trusting in himself. Each character represented in this allegory is intentionally and profoundly accurate in its depiction of what we see all around us, and unfortunately, what we too often see in ourselves. But while Christian is injured and nearly killed, he eventually prevails. So can you!

This study is awesome, and I hope you decide that your child will participate. Please [let me know](#) so I can order them a book. If your child would prefer to attend virtually, there will be a Zoom option available.

A Note for High School Students and Parents From Allison Devlin

We started a new activity for our high school–aged teens at St. Francis Episcopal Church!

- **Who:** High school teens
- **What:** Dinner and Bible study
- **When:** Every other Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. (next meeting is March 24)
- **Where:** Houston Racquet Club
- **Why:** Come experience the struggles and triumphs of Christian as he travels along the narrow path to the Celestial City, and discover how the characters and places in John Bunyan's *Pilgrim's Progress* apply to your spiritual journey. Often disguised as something that would help him, evil accompanies Christian on his journey to the Celestial City. As you walk with him, you'll begin to identify today's many religious pitfalls. These are presented by men such as Pliable, who turns back at the Slough of Despond, and Ignorance, who believes he's a true follower of Christ when he is only trusting in himself. Each character represented in this allegory is intentionally and profoundly accurate in its depiction of what we see all around us, and unfortunately, what we too often see in ourselves. But while Christian is injured and nearly killed, he eventually prevails. So can you!

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MAM Volunteer Opportunities

Memorial Assistance Ministries (MAM) needs volunteers for its ReSale Store and Warehouse at 1625 Blalock Road and is hoping for help from families and friends of our congregation and school.

- MAM is following all safety protocols—masks and sanitizer are provided; social distancing is practiced; and the shift size is limited to six people.
- If your child or group needs service hours, this is a great opportunity to fulfill the requirement.
- Please check the dates available in this [SignUpGenius link](#) and sign up to help—either on your own or in a group.
- For additional information, contact our church liaison, Andrea Eubanks, [via e-mail](#) or 713.859.1448.

In-Person Worship

The Holy Eucharist is offered at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. on Sundays. We 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 livestream our worship service on Sundays at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00

a.m. Access the livestream via our church [website](#), [YouTube channel](#), or [Facebook page](#). Instructions for livestreaming are included at the bottom of this section.

- In-person worship guidelines are available [here](#).
- Only a limited number of participants can be safely seated according to the distancing guidelines. To ensure we comply with these guidelines, please sign up each week, indicating you would like to come to worship. To do so, go to the St. Francis Episcopal Church [website](#), click "Sign Up for In-Person Worship," choose the date, and sign up through the SignUpGenius app to attend the 9:00 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. service.

Join Fr. Wismer for *The Goodnight Show* on Tuesdays

Join Fr. Wismer for *The Goodnight Show* on Tuesdays from 7:00 to 7:15 p.m. on the [St. Francis Facebook page](#). 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.](#)

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. Please contact Allison 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 two months.

Upcoming Events at St. Francis

St. Francis is hosting the following events regularly 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:** Current study on the prophet Isaiah
 - **Contact:** [Louise Richman](#)
 - **Zoom Meeting Link:** <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/651248716>
 - *Passcode required to join; e-mail Louise Richman to participate.*
- Fridays at 11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.
 - **Study:** *Mom Set Free* by Jeannie Cunnion
 - **Contact:** [Allison Devlin](#)
 - *E-mail Allison Devlin for meeting location*

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

- Tuesdays at 7:00–8:00 a.m.
 - **Contact:** [Lew Arend](#)
- The Men of St. Francis (TMOSF)
 - Monthly on the second Tuesday at 8:00–9:30 a.m. (Next meeting is April 13)
 - **Study:** The Gospel of Mark
 - **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/86423240761>
 - **Meeting ID:** 864 2324 0761
 - **Passcode:** sW9R20

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

- Sundays at 10:00–11:00 a.m.
 - **Contact:** [George Hippard](#)
 - **Zoom Meeting Link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81068388948>
 - **Meeting ID:** 810 6838 8948
 - **Passcode:** 767200

CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULTS—BIBLE STUDIES AND MEETINGS

- Sundays at 10:15–10:45 a.m.
 - **Meeting:** GLOW
 - **Contact:** [Allison Devlin](#)
 - **Zoom Meeting Link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4394746544>
 - **Meeting ID:** 716 183 992
 - **Passcode:** 476823
- Tuesdays at 7:00–7:15 p.m.
 - **Meeting:** The Goodnight Show
 - **Contact:** [Fr. Bob Wismer](#)

- [Facebook Livestream](#)
- Wednesdays at 6:30–8:00 p.m. (Every other Wednesday; next meeting is March 24)
 - **Meeting:** Teen Dinner and Bible Study
 - **Contact:** [Allison Devlin](#)
 - **Location:** Houston Racquet Club

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>
 - **Meeting ID:** 203 726 298
 - **Passcode:** 05741
- Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.
 - **Meeting:** Contemplative Café
 - **Contact:** [Fr. David Price](#)
 - **Zoom Meeting Link:** <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/74432391081>
 - **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>
 - **Meeting ID:** 203 726 298
 - **Passcode:** 057417
- Thursdays at 8:15–8:45 a.m.
 - **Meeting:** Prayer Session (We read Scripture and go through a prayer cycle of praise, confession, thanksgiving, and intercession.)
 - **Contact:** [Heather Burkhart](#)
 - **Zoom Meeting Link:** <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/79725936159>
 - **Meeting ID:** 797 2593 6159
 - **Passcode:** 678123
- Thursdays after carpool drop-off
 - **Meeting:** Prayer Session
 - **Contact:** [Allison Devlin](#)
 - *E-mail Allison Devlin to get the meeting location*
- Saturdays at 10:00 a.m.
 - **Meeting:** Contemplative Café
 - **Contact:** [Fr. David Price](#)
 - **Zoom Meeting Link:** <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/74432391081>
 - **Meeting ID:** 744 3239 1081
 - **Passcode:** 043097

How to Watch Sunday Service Via Livestream

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

1. Open an Internet browser on your computer, laptop, or phone. Type in the St. Francis website—sfch.org.
2. Click on the "Watch Live Stream" button. Choose to watch from Facebook or YouTube.
3. Prelude music will begin on the livestream 10 minutes before the service to allow time for your connection and your inspiration. If you miss the live video, a recording of the service will also be available on [St. Francis's YouTube channel](#).