

WOLF WATCH

— WEEKLY E-NEWS —

News for the Week of April 11

All School

From the Head of School

Our school celebrated an exciting milestone last week as we broke ground on the new Upper School Student Life Building. We are grateful to our donors and trustees for making this moment and so many others possible, and we can't wait until construction is complete in 2022!

As you know, we have started welcoming parents back to campus for certain events. Last week, some of our Lower School classes enjoyed Lunch in the Courtyard with parents, and we will continue to rotate classes for the remainder of the year. We also look forward to seeing parents at the Primary School Lunch on the Lawn events, the Eighth-Grade Convocation and Tie Ceremony on Wednesday, and our Middle and Upper School spring productions, happening soon. Thank you to all of our staff, especially the division administrations, for their thoughtful approach to hosting parents on campus this spring.

In last week's *Wolf Watch*, I mentioned that we would be sharing a preview of our plans for the 2021–22 school year. If you have not yet had a chance to read the e-mail we sent on April 7, you may review it [here](#).

I hope you have a great week.

In partnership,

Stephen Lovejoy, MEd
Head of School

Follow-up Questions From Recent Connections Event, Answered!

At our recent St. Francis Connections event with Catalyst Counseling's [Barbie Atkinson](#), we received several questions from audience members. As promised, answers to those questions can be found [here](#).

Virtue of the Month: Love

During the month of April, the St. Francis community is focusing on love. Our virtue verse is John 3:16: *"For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."* Try to memorize it as a family.

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

CFO Announcement

Dear St. Francis Community,

It is with warm wishes that I write to inform you of the resignation of our Chief Financial Officer, Mitra Shahbaz. We are grateful to Mitra for her four years of service leading our Business Office, Human Resources, and Facilities departments through a period of school expansion and growth. Her business acumen, strategic focus, and diligence were appreciated by all.

St. Francis has begun a nationwide search for a permanent replacement for the Chief Financial Officer and engaged the services of Carney Sandoe & Associates. As the search progresses I will keep you informed of important milestones along the way.

Best regards,

Stephen Lovejoy, MEd
Head of School

Thank You, SFF Committee Members!

Thank you to the following homeroom parents and St. Francis Fund Committee members, who made our St. Francis Fund Participation Challenge such a success!

Nadia Barrow	Brenda Jones	Alison Plumhoff
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From the Parents Association: Please Contribute to the End-of-Year Teacher Gift!

Twice a year, the Parents Association asks each family to contribute toward teacher and staff appreciation gifts. Both at Christmas and at the end of the school year, the PA provides monetary gifts to each and every person employed by St. Francis. All teachers, staff, sextons, Dining Hall personnel, police officers, full- and part-time coaches, and Explore & Extend after-school teachers are included and recognized. The funds raised are distributed evenly to all employees, including those working part-time, as a Christmas and end-of-year bonus.

These gifts help the entire parent community show its appreciation, while honoring the *School Handbook* policy that prohibits the purchase or solicitation of individual gifts for faculty and staff.

- You may make your contribution via credit card or PayPal by visiting the Parents Association's online store using either the PA app on your mobile device or the PA website [here](#).
- If you would prefer to pay by check, please make it payable to the St. Francis Parents Association; write "End-of-Year Gift" in the memo section; and drop it in the Parents Association Box in the front office of the Piney Point Campus.
- **All contributions must be received by Sunday, May 9.**

We hope to have participation from all of our St. Francis families this year to provide the teachers and staff with a wonderful start to their summer vacations!

Thursday: Meet Our New Head of Upper School

Join us as we welcome our new head of Upper School, Marc Addington. You will have a chance to hear directly from Mr. Addington, as well as to ask him questions, at our upcoming **Meet and Greet via Zoom this Thursday, April 15, at 6:30 p.m.**

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The Spirit Store Has New Spring T-Shirts

Check out the recently added SPRING items!

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

Primary School

From the Division Head

A common material that we have in all Primary School classrooms and pod areas is various-sized blocks to encourage building. Natural wood blocks are a part of our Reggio-inspired approach in Primary School, and there are many benefits to block-building for children, including learning to collaborate with others, developing fine and gross motor skills, and learning to manage the frustration that comes when structures collapse, to name a few.

Teachers gain insight into a child's language, social-emotional, and reasoning development as they observe and take anecdotal notes related to student block play to include in the Developmental Continuum report.

Collaborative constructions can be found in classrooms throughout Primary School. Students take pride in designing multilevel structures that have purpose and multiple functionalities. Even the cleanup of blocks contributes to students' development as children work together to care for their learning space and materials, while also learning to transition from one activity to the next.

As students learn and grow, they create structures that include patterns, symmetry, balance, and the use of blocks in symbolic play. You can definitely see that the structures in both PI and PII are more complex and reflect more extensive thought and planning.

Here are a few examples of the creative structures our Primary School students have built to date:



Ms. Zuniga's Pre-Primary students building with cardboard boxes



Primary I student creating a ramp in Mrs. Capasso's class



Mrs. Owens's Primary II students created this structure with blocks, cups, and other materials

I hope this encourages you and your family to take some time to build structures using blocks or other safe household items!

All the best,

Clifton Walker, MEd
Head of Primary School

Carpool Reminder

For the safety of our students during carpool, please be sure to adhere to the 10 mph speed limit on the Couper Campus. Thank you!

Mark Your Calendar

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*
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Monday, April 26

- *Primary School Lunch on the Lawn: 11:00 a.m.*
 - **Zuniga:** Pre-Primary playground next to Admissions
 - **Burrow:** Primary I playground between Pre-Primary and Primary I
 - **Wiener:** Primary School playground
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Tuesday, April 27

- *Primary School Lunch on the Lawn: 11:00 a.m.*
 - **Meriwether 2-Day:** Pre-Primary playground next to Admissions
 - **Capasso:** Primary I playground between Pre-Primary and Primary I
 - **Dominick:** Primary School playground
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Wednesday, April 28

- *Primary School Lunch on the Lawn: 11:00 a.m.*
 - **Meriwether 3-Day:** Pre-Primary playground next to Admissions
 - **Scriber:** Primary I playground between Pre-Primary and Primary I
 - **Owens:** Primary School playground
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Thursday, April 29

- *Primary School Lunch on the Lawn: 11:00 a.m.*
 - **Oteiza:** Pre-Primary playground next to Admissions
 - **Ferguson:** Primary I playground between Pre-Primary and Primary I
 - **Staller:** Primary School playground
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Friday, April 30

- *Primary School Lunch on the Lawn: 11:00 a.m.*
 - **Britton:** Pre-Primary playground next to Admissions
 - **Hughes:** Primary School playground
 - *Last Day to Turn in Eye Care for Kids Coins*
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Tuesday, May 4

- *Primary II Bible Presentation*
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Wednesday, May 12

- *Primary School Splash Day*

- **Wiener**
 - **Ferguson**
 - **Hughes**
 - **Burrow**
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Thursday, May 13

- *Primary School Splash Day*
 - **Meriwether 2-Day**
 - **Zuniga**
 - **Oteiza**
 - **Dominick**
 - **Staller**
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Friday, May 14

- *Primary School Splash Day*
 - **Scriber**
 - **Capasso**
 - **Meriwether 3-Day**
 - **Britton**
 - **Owens**
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Monday, May 24

- *Primary I End-of-Year Party*
 - *Pre-Primary End-of-Year Party*
 - **Britton**
 - **Meriwether 3-Day**
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Tuesday, May 25

- *Pre-Primary End-of-Year Party*
 - **Oteiza**
 - **Zuniga**
 - **Meriwether 2-Day**
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Friday, May 28

- *Primary II End-of-Year Party*
- *Last Day of School*
- *Early Dismissal: 11:00 a.m.*

Lower School

From the Assistant Division Head

I hope you had a lovely weekend! I ran across an interesting article this week and thought I'd share some important thoughts from it with you. It was about hope and how important that is right now.

Between a global pandemic and recession, a debated presidential election, and protests about racial injustice in the United States, 2020 was chaotic, to say the least. The pandemic has brought about many changes that have profoundly affected our lives, and the educational system is no exception. Students have had to adjust to many changes in their school day: wearing face masks, temperature checks, one-way hallways, distancing from friends, frequent handwashing and sanitizing, using desk shields, and learning from home, all to stay safe. But children are resilient. This has become a new normal for them.

The tragedy and heartache of the last year have clouded feelings of hope, but hope is beginning to resonate as we return to normalcy. We hope the pandemic ends, the economy improves, the world gets more settled, and "things get back to normal." But what does it mean to have hope? Hope is commonly thought of as an unsure optimism. The modern idea of hope is to wish for, expect, or desire without certainty of fulfillment. In Scripture, hope means trust in God's promises and confident expectation that He will fulfill them.

The pandemic has brought about innovations and new approaches that have transformed education. With the vaccine's availability and a vaccine for children coming, we are looking forward to a return to normalcy. However, post-COVID normalcy will not be the same as pre-COVID normalcy. Some positive changes have come out of the stress:

- The pandemic has cultivated the ability to learn independently. Being able to "learn how to learn" is an essential skill our children will need as they grow up and navigate multiple jobs—many of which don't yet exist—throughout their careers.
- The pandemic has increased parent involvement and support for their children. Teachers have learned creative ways to engage parents, so parents and teachers have expanded their partnership related to children's learning.

- The pandemic has brought forth innovative ways for students to learn. Educators have developed creative distance-learning solutions to teaching children.
- The pandemic has enabled schools to become more resilient. It has increased their ability to adapt to sudden school-emergency-related closures, so students can continue to learn, even outside of school.
- The pandemic has brought support and gratitude to teachers for their skills and their determination, as they have been empowered to unleash their ingenuity and take risks.

Not only do we hope for a future that includes the end of COVID-19, but also we hope to learn from the lessons of the pandemic. We hope to build on these educational trends and strategies, both to ensure that children can apply what they have learned this year and to prepare them for the work that is to come. We hope the pandemic will lead society to a new understanding of the importance of "each other."

But showing hope is more than wishing for a positive outcome, for a brighter future, or that things will be back to normal soon. Hope is something we cultivate in ourselves.

- When we have hope, we believe in our own agency to shape the course of our lives, and we believe in our ability to discover the pathways necessary to achieve goals.
- Hope is correlated with stronger friendships, increased creativity and problem-solving abilities, and greater overall academic success.
- Hope is associated with increased happiness and with more of the thoughts that are necessary to overcome everyday challenges and complete tasks.
- Hope flourishes with social support.
- Showing hope requires commitment, discipline, and action.
- We need to think about hope as a daily commitment to improving the future.

Showing hope and perseverance is challenging, especially during a pandemic. **Hope is a commitment to building a better future—and a deep trust in yourself that you can make that happen.** A commitment to hope shows strength, resilience, and a belief in our ability to create a bright future together. As always, thank you for partnering with us in that commitment.

Fondly,

Debbie McColloch, MEd
Assistant Head of Lower School for Academics

Lunch in the Courtyard

It was wonderful seeing fourth-grade parents on campus this past week!

- 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 Outdoor Activity Center (OAC).
- Chef J.R. will have a few lunch options from which you may choose, or you may bring something from home for yourself.
- Please remember that students may not be brought outside food. They will get their lunch from the Dining Hall just like any other day. Thank you for understanding!
- Click [here](#) to see the schedule of when your child's class will have lunch visits.

Join Us for Lower School Chapel Starting April 19

We are so pleased to be able to welcome parents back to Chapel in a safe way.

Beginning Monday, April 19, parents of the grade-level students attending Chapel that day are invited to come and worship with us. The children are already sitting six feet apart, so if you can come, you will join your child in the pew in which they are sitting.

We do have to limit the number of guests to one per child, as there is limited space in the church. The church continues to limit attendance for Sunday services, so we must accommodate those policies, as well. Thankfully, every grade level will have two or three opportunities for visitors, so mom and dad can both come! Parents will be screened and must be wearing masks. **Doors will open for parents at 8:00 a.m., and students will arrive at 8:15 a.m. to join their parent.**

Please remember that this is a time for worship. We look forward to seeing you!

The grade level schedule is as follows:

- **Monday, April 19:** Kindergarten
- **Wednesday, April 21:** Fourth grade
- **Monday, April 26:** Third grade
- **Wednesday, April 28:** Second grade
- **Monday, May 3:** First grade
- **Wednesday, May 5:** Kindergarten
- **Monday, May 10:** Fourth grade
- **Wednesday, May 12:** Third grade
- **Monday, May 17:** Second grade
- **Wednesday, May 19:** First grade
- **Monday, May 24:** Kindergarten
- **Wednesday, May 26:** Fourth grade

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, April 12–Friday, April 16

- *Kindergarten Lunch in the Courtyard: 10:50–11:15 a.m.*
 - **Monday:** Johnston
 - **Tuesday:** Masini
 - **Wednesday:** Senchuk
 - **Thursday:** Warren
 - **Friday:** Armintor
 - *Second-Grade Lunch in the Courtyard: 11:30–11:55 a.m.*
 - **Monday:** McCormick
 - **Tuesday:** Pena
 - **Wednesday:** Wagner
 - **Thursday:** Quine
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Friday, April 16

- *Fourth-Grade Instrument Group "PULSE" Rehearsal: 7:15–7:45 a.m. in the Crum Library*
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Monday, April 19–Thursday, April 22

- *Third-Grade Lunch in the Courtyard: 11:00–11:25 a.m.*
 - **Monday:** Joyce
 - **Tuesday:** Gonzales
 - **Wednesday:** Gartner
 - **Thursday:** Womack
 - *First-Grade Lunch in the Courtyard: 11:40 a.m.–12:05 p.m.*
 - **Monday:** Shindler
 - **Tuesday:** Hardee
 - **Wednesday:** DuByne
 - **Thursday:** Jules
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Friday, April 23

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

Tuesday, April 27

- *First-Grade Learning Celebration:* In the Wheatcroft Parish Hall
 - **Hardee:** 10:15–10:45 a.m.
 - **Jules:** 12:45–1:15 p.m.
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Thursday, April 29

- *First-Grade Learning Celebration:* In the Wheatcroft Parish Hall
 - **DuByne:** 10:15–10:45 a.m.
 - **Shindler:** 12:45–1:15 p.m.
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Friday, April 30

- *Fourth-Grade Instrument Group "PULSE" Rehearsal:* 7:15–7:45 a.m. in the Crum Library
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Wednesday, May 5

- *Kindergarten Learning Celebration:* In the Wheatcroft Parish Hall
 - **Masini:** 12:30–1:00 p.m.
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Thursday, May 6

- *Kindergarten Learning Celebration:* In the Wheatcroft Parish Hall
 - **Senchuk:** 8:45–9:15 a.m.
 - **Johnston:** 12:30–1:00 p.m.
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Friday, May 7

- *Fourth-Grade Instrument Group "PULSE" Rehearsal:* 7:15–7:45 a.m. in the Crum Library
- *Kindergarten Learning Celebration:* In the Wheatcroft Parish Hall

- **Warren:** 8:45–9:15 a.m.
- **Armintor:** 12:30-1:00 p.m.

Middle School

From the Division Head

This week's *Wolf Watch* message is from Dr. Staller. I hope you enjoy the imagery and thoughts he has to share!

Best regards,

Chris Bertha, MA
Head of Middle School

Spring Message From Dr. Staller

Spring is such a great time in a school building. We've put the doldrums of the cold, cloudy winter behind us and all find ourselves daydreaming out the window as the world turns green.

The exuberance we're seeing this spring as nature recovers from the deep freeze of February is matched by the exuberance of our students, who have been thriving since we were able to allow cohorts to begin moving through the building. They're laughing in the hallways with their friends, hustling to class as they move from one side of campus to the other, and just, in general, responding really well to being able to change scenery throughout the day.

It's difficult not to peek ahead to summer and the end of the school year, but it would be a shame not to enjoy the energy and hope of spring after the restrictions of such a deep winter.

Warm regards,

Jared Staller, PhD
Assistant Head of Middle School for Academics

Eighth-Grade Convocation and Tie Ceremony Is Wednesday

We are looking forward to celebrating our 2020–21 eighth graders during our Eighth-Grade Convocation and Tie Ceremony this **Wednesday, April 14, at 11:00 a.m. in our newly renovated gym**. Below are some important details regarding the event.

EVENT ENTRY

Please use the concessions entry along the south side of the building to enter the gym. We will have staff members taking temperatures, and we ask that you follow St. Francis's mask protocols by wearing a mask while on campus.

PARKING

We encourage you to park in the south parking lot near the Dining Hall. If needed, you may also park in spaces behind the school.

CEREMONY

For this year's ceremony, we will have students sitting with their families. When it is time for the student to receive his or her tie, a family member will rise with the student and place the tie on the student. For those unable to attend the ceremony, we will be livestreaming the event, and you may use [this link](#) to watch. (Please note that this link will be live from 10:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. on April 14.)

Meet Our New Head of Upper School

Join us as we welcome our new head of Upper School, Marc Addington. You will have a chance to hear directly from Mr. Addington, as well as to ask him questions, at our upcoming **Meet and Greet via Zoom this Thursday, April 15, at 6:30 p.m.**

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Monday, April 12

- *"E" Day*
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Tuesday, April 13

- *"A" Day*
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Wednesday, April 14

- *"B" Day*
 - *Eighth-Grade Convocation and Tie Ceremony: 11:00 a.m. in the Piney Point Campus Gym*
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Thursday, April 15

- *"C" Day*
 - *Meet and Greet With Incoming Head of Upper School: 6:30 p.m. via Zoom*
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Friday, April 16

- *"D" Day*
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Monday, April 19

- *"E" Day*
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Tuesday, April 20

- *"A" Day*
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Wednesday, April 21

- *"B" Day*
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Thursday, April 22

- "C" Day
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Friday, April 23

- "D" Day

Upper School

From the Division Head

Wednesday marked another milestone for the Upper School. With ceremonial hard hats and shovels, the junior class joined the board of trustees, donors, staff, and faculty for the groundbreaking of the new Student Life Building. Classrooms, dining space, offices, and gathering places that will enhance our program are now officially underway.

Representing the Upper School division, Bryce Louis '22 was the guest speaker and reflected on his experience of being part of the founding freshman class:

"My name is Bryce Louis, and I am a part of the inaugural class, along with some of the other juniors. The other juniors and I took a risk coming to St. Francis, because we did not receive the "regular" high school experience. We got something better. We got the SFE high school experience, which has shaped us into the graduating students we are soon to become. Although, this would not be possible without the help of the more-than-generous donors of St. Francis. Thank you so much, because without you guys this SFE experience would not have been possible. You guys really took a chance on building the foundation of this school. For those who don't know, the experiences are those special times like on the nights we put on theatrical performances and come together in a circle to pray, when we all work together as a team and work on the art car, and even set the foundation for a sports team from the ground up. We have honestly shattered others' low expectations. And that has been my St. Francis experience."

With the pioneering spirit of the founders, students, and supporters of the Upper School, this next phase of growth brings boundless opportunities. We are incredibly excited about the future of St. Francis. Thank you for being part of this journey. We are grateful to each of you.

All my best,

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

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Mark Your Calendar

Monday, April 12

- *Even Day*
 - *On-Campus and Remote-Learning Schedule*
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Tuesday, April 13

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

Wednesday, April 14

- *Even Day*
 - *On-Campus and Remote-Learning Schedule*
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Thursday, April 15

- *Spring Narratives Released Online*
- *Odd Day*
- *On-Campus and Remote-Learning Schedule*
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Friday, April 16

- *Even Day*
 - *On-Campus and Remote-Learning Schedule*
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Monday, April 19

- *Odd Day*
 - *On-Campus and Remote-Learning Schedule*
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Tuesday, April 20

- *Even Day*
 - *On-Campus and Remote-Learning Schedule*
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Wednesday, April 21

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

Thursday, April 22

- *Even Day*
 - *On-Campus and Remote-Learning Schedule*
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Friday, April 23

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

Monday, April 26

- *Even Day*
 - *On-Campus and Remote-Learning Schedule*
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Tuesday, April 27

- *Odd Day*
 - *On-Campus and Remote-Learning Schedule*
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Wednesday, April 28

- *Even Day*
 - *On-Campus and Remote-Learning Schedule*
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Thursday, April 29

- *Odd Day*
 - *On-Campus and Remote-Learning Schedule*
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Friday, April 30

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

Church

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.

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 have 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 April 21)
- **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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Donate Home-Care Supplies to MAM

Memorial Assistance Ministries (MAM) has a high need for home-care product donations, as the organization currently has less than one week's worth of supplies for its Home Care Packs.

- The packs contain dish soap, paper towels, toilet paper rolls, laundry detergent, antibacterial soap, household cleaner, trash bags, and tissues.
- **MAM has a particular need for dish soap, laundry detergent, and household cleaner.**
- The maximum product size for the packs is 32 oz. The best products to donate are in the 20–32 oz. range.
- For additional information, contact our church liaison, Andrea Eubanks, [via e-mail](#) or at 713.859.1448.

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 social-distancing guidelines. Please sign up for each service you wish to attend. To do so, go to the St. Francis Episcopal Church [website](#) and choose your preferred date. This will take you to a SignUpGenius page, where you can register to attend Holy Week services.

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 April 21)
 - **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:** Prayer Training
 - **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:** Prayer Training
 - **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](#).