

WOLF WATCH

— WEEKLY E-NEWS —

News for the Week of May 2

All School

From the Head of School

I hope you're enjoying a relaxing weekend with your family. Last Thursday, I updated our community on the latest happenings at St. Francis. If you missed it, please take a few minutes to watch April's video message [here](#) or click on the image below.



Have a wonderful week, Wolves!

In partnership,

Steve Lovejoy, MEd
Head of School

Library Book Roundup: Return Books by May 14

It's that time of year! Please return any overdue books to the library by Friday, May 14. Mark your calendars and start your roundup!

Summer on the Point: Updated COVID Protocols

We are excited to welcome campers to Summer on the Point next month! With COVID cases greatly reduced on campus and in our St. Francis community, we have made adjustments to our protocols. Please [visit our web page](#) to see updated protocols, which will be in effect starting June 7, 2021.

You may contact [Margaret Newsom](#), director of Explore and Extend, with questions.

Parents Association Reimbursements: Submit Requests by June 1

Please be sure to turn in all check requests for any reimbursement related to the Parents Association no later than Tuesday, June 1. You may complete and e-mail [this form](#) and receipts to the [PA treasurer](#); then, please mail a hard copy with original receipts to:

Karen Rash
5481 Lynbrook Dr.
Houston, TX 77056

Thanks to all the parents for helping the PA plan and provide programs to our school community!

School-wide People for Others Ingathering: May 10–14

The newly formed and highly engaged Upper School People for Others Council is pleased to announce a school-wide People for Others Ingathering, to take place May 10–14.

- The council will be collecting ***gently used books*** to benefit Books for Development, a Houston organization that builds libraries all over the world. Please use the next week to purge your bookshelves. For a full list of needed books, visit [this link](#).
- On the Piney Point Campus, donation boxes will be in the People Place, while donation boxes on the Couper Campus will be in each Primary School pod and by the back entrance to the Crum Gym.

Let's follow the lead of our Upper School students and spread literacy around the world!

Summer Camp Notes From the Chaplains

Fr. Wismer and Rev. Heinemann would love to send a note to your child this summer, whether he or she is attending an overnight summer camp or enjoying a stay-cation. Please use [this form](#) to submit a request. You must complete a separate form for each child.

Virtue of the Month: Attentiveness

During the month of May, the St. Francis community is focusing on attentiveness. We all need to stay focused during this last month of school, because the countdown to summer is on! Our virtue verse is Proverbs 3:4-5: *“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him and he will make your paths straight.”* Try to memorize it as a family.

Loaner Laptops: Important Reminders

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Please e-mail [Steve Eisenberg](#) with any questions.

St. Francis Connections: Learn More About Cybersafety This Wednesday

Please join us this **Wednesday, May 5, at 11:45 a.m.** for the latest in our St. Francis Connections series. Sydney Zuiker, manager of the Safe Community Program with Crime Stoppers of Houston, will join Head of School Steve Lovejoy and Head of Academic Technology Donna Piga to discuss how students and parents can navigate technology and social platforms with care—including how to respond to inappropriate

content, keep personal information private (and why doing so matters), deal with “stranger danger,” identify cyberbullying, and react to hateful language safely.

If you have specific questions for our speaker, please [submit them via e-mail](#) by **tomorrow—Monday, May 3—at 5:00 p.m.**

You can access the live session this Wednesday, May 5, at 11:45 a.m. by clicking the image below or [this link](#).

Please note: If joining by phone, you must download the Microsoft Teams app first.



From the PA: Please Contribute to the End-of-Year Teacher Gift by May 9!

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 and 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!

Place Spirit Store Orders by May 12

The St. Francis Episcopal School Spirit Store will close Wednesday, May 12, at midnight to ensure delivery before the last day of school. The store will reopen in early August 2021.

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

Primary School

From the Division Head

What wonderful Lunch on the Lawn experiences students had last week! It was great seeing parents having lunch with their child in our outdoor spaces. The Primary School is not complete without parents in the building engaging with students, teachers, and administrators. We look forward to safely returning to our Primary School events that involve parents in the new school year.

I want to say thank-you for your congratulations and well wishes on my new opportunity here at St. Francis. It is an honor to be named the next head of Lower School, and I look forward to returning to my lower school roots. I am not sure if you know that I spent 12 years teaching fourth grade in a self-contained classroom, and I have also taught second and third grades. I am excited to join the Lower School faculty and to work with my former Primary School students and their parents.

The Primary School will always hold a special place in my heart, and I will miss the students, teachers, and parents. This is not "goodbye," though. It is "see you soon," as I

will be waiting for you and your child to join me in kindergarten and beyond in the Lower School here at St. Francis!

Sincerely,

Clifton Walker, MEd
Head of Primary School

Mark Your Calendar

Tuesday, May 4

- *Primary II Bible Presentation*
 - **Wiener:** 8:30 a.m.
 - **Owens:** 9:00 a.m.
 - **Hughes:** 10:15 a.m.
 - **Dominick:** 10:45 a.m.
 - **Staller:** 11:15 a.m.
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Wednesday, May 5

- *St. Francis Connections Series, on Cybersafety:* 11:45 a.m. via [this Zoom link](#)
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Monday, May 10

- *People for Others Council Book Drive*
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Tuesday, May 11

- *Meeting for Parents of Incoming Kindergarteners and First Graders:* “How to Help Your Child Over the Summer”; 9:00–10:00 a.m. via Zoom; link will be sent out closer to date
 - *People for Others Council Book Drive*
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Wednesday, May 12

- *Primary School Splash Day*
 - **Wiener**
 - **Ferguson**
 - **Hughes**
 - **Burrow**
 - *People for Others Council Book Drive*
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Thursday, May 13

- *Primary School Splash Day*
 - **Meriwether 2-Day**
 - **Zuniga**
 - **Oteiza**
 - **Dominick**
 - **Staller**
 - *People for Others Council Book Drive*
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Friday, May 14

- *Primary School Splash Day*
 - **Scriber**
 - **Capasso**
 - **Meriwether 3-Day**
 - **Britton**
 - **Owens**
 - *People for Others Council Book Drive*
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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 Division Head

Thank you again for continuing to join us on campus for Chapels and learning celebrations. Your kiddos have been so excited to share their school happenings with you.

This week, I asked our curriculum and instruction specialist to highlight some awesome learning opportunities that our third and fourth graders have been experiencing, despite some challenging circumstances.

Though we have not been able to attend in-person field trips due to COVID, we have been exploring some really engaging, authentic virtual field trips that will certainly continue in the future, along with in-person field trips once we are able to get out and about. We have also been tapping into our own families' heritages to learn about and to celebrate our diverse backgrounds.

We often take for granted the amazing city we live in. Not only is Houston a hub of industry, food, culture, and the arts, but it holds the title of the most diverse city in the United States. Here at St. Francis, we are committed to celebrating and embracing our own diverse backgrounds and cultures. For our third and fourth graders, that celebration has come to the forefront of our curriculum this spring, as they have explored the various cultural backgrounds, traditions, and immigration stories of their own families.

[Click here to read more about it!](#) Even if you don't have a third or fourth grader, you can see what fun is around the corner.

Have a great week!

Carol Christ, MEd
Head of Lower School

Join Us for Lower School Chapel

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

Parents of the grade-level students attending Chapel on a given 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, 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

Wednesday, May 5

- *St. Francis Connections Series, on Cybersafety:* 11:45 a.m. via [this Zoom link](#)
- *Kindergarten Learning Celebration:* In the Wheatcroft Parish Hall
 - **Masini:** 12:30–1:00 p.m.

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

- **Regular Uniform Day:** Please do not wear Spirit Wear on this day, due to school photo shoot.
 - **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.
 - **Arminton:** 12:30-1:00 p.m.
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Monday, May 10

- *People for Others Council Book Drive*
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Tuesday, May 11

- *Meeting for Parents of Incoming Kindergarteners and First Graders:* “How to Help Your Child Over the Summer”; 9:00–10:00 a.m. via Zoom; link will be sent out closer to date
 - *People for Others Council Book Drive*
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Wednesday, May 12

- **Fourth-Grade Learning Celebration:** In the Wheatcroft Parish Hall
 - **Rossy:** 9:30–10:15 a.m.
 - **Springmann:** 1:45–2:30 p.m.
 - *People for Others Council Book Drive*
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Thursday, May 13

- *Meeting for Parents of Incoming Second, Third, and Fourth Graders:* “Avoiding the Summer Slide”; 9:00–10:00 a.m. via Zoom; link will be sent out closer to date
- *People for Others Council Book Drive*

Friday, May 14

- *Fourth-Grade Instrument Group "PULSE" Rehearsal: 7:15–7:45 a.m.* in the Crum Library
- *People for Others Council Book Drive*

Monday, May 17

- *Fourth-Grade Learning Celebration: In the Wheatcroft Parish Hall*
 - **Nelson:** 9:30–10:15 a.m.
 - **Nguyen:** 1:45–2:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 20

- *Third-Grade Mini-Metric Olympics Learning Celebration: In the Wheatcroft Parish Hall*
 - **Joyce:** 9:00–10:30 a.m.
 - **Gonzales:** 1:30–3:00 p.m.

Friday, May 21

- *Fourth-Grade Instrument Group "PULSE" Rehearsal: 7:15–7:45 a.m.* in the Crum Library
- *Third-Grade Mini-Metric Olympics Learning Celebration: In the Wheatcroft Parish Hall*
 - **Womack:** 9:00–10:30 a.m.
 - **Gartner:** 1:30–3:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 27

- *End-of-Year Parties:* Led by teachers in the classroom
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Friday, May 28

- *Fourth-Grade Completion Ceremony*: 10:00 a.m. in the FAC
- *Early Dismissal*: Kindergarten and Grade 1 at 11:00 a.m.; Grades 2–4 at 11:15 a.m.

Middle School

From the Division Head

This past Thursday marked the beginning of the final month of the 2020–21 school year. As we look ahead to the coming weeks, I am excited that our community will have opportunities to celebrate students with awards ceremonies, community service recognition Chapels, and an eighth-grade graduation. Events and ceremonies like these are important, and they offer each of us an opportunity to retreat from the demands of our busy days to celebrate the accomplishments of the year.

This year’s celebrations carry particular significance, as they symbolize our community’s perseverance through a very challenging set of circumstances. This year has been hard. There are things we wish had been different. And it is sad that things were not “normal.” Yet our students, faculty, and parents have continued to push forward and apply every effort toward being people for others who promote and strive for scholarship, leadership, and citizenship.

My mom, MaryAnn, always used to tell me, “If life were easy, it would be boring.” That saying used to incense me as a kid and a teenager! But mom’s words have come back to me often this year. Our lives have definitely not been easy. However, we have much to look forward to in the month and months ahead. I am excited to celebrate the end of the year with you and want to offer my special thanks to our students, faculty, and parents for putting forth the extraordinary effort and patience that has been required of us this year.

Thank you all!

Chris Bertha, MA
Head of Middle School

May 7: Special Dress Day

This Friday, May 7, is a professional dress day. We will have a photographer on campus that day, and we ask that students wear church attire or their St. Francis uniform (dress or regular) to school. Please do not wear athletics gear. (This includes, but is not limited to, leggings, sweatpants, sports shorts, T-shirts, and hoodies.) If you have any questions, please contact the [Middle School Office](#).

Submit Community Service Hours by May 10

The due date to turn in community service hours has been moved up to Monday, May 10, so that students may be recognized for their service during the scheduled grade-level Chapels at the end of the year.

- If you still need to submit service hours, you may do so via [this link](#) or on the Parent Portal under Division Resources.
- Students who complete 25 or 50 hours of service during this school year will receive a certificate of recognition. In addition, one graduating eighth-grade student will be recognized for exemplifying and modeling a life of service and for being a “person for others.”
- If you have any questions regarding service hours, please e-mail [Leigh Williams](#) or call the Middle School Office at 713.458.6140.

Athletics Physicals for Returning Students Are May 12

St. Francis will be providing on-campus athletics physicals for returning students on Wednesday, May 12. Please be on the lookout for the information packet that will be sent home with your student in the coming days. If you have any questions, please contact [Jamie Platt](#).

Eighth-Grade Graduation Is May 27

We will be hosting Eighth-Grade Graduation on Thursday, May 27, in the Piney Point Gym. Festivities begin at 5:30 p.m. for optional family photos, and the ceremony starts at 6:00 p.m. Immediately following the ceremony, we will be showing the Eighth-Grade Video in the Fine Arts Center. You will be receiving an invitation via e-mail soon. We look forward to celebrating with you!

Middle School Awards Ceremonies

We are excited to announce that we will be hosting our Middle School awards ceremonies this year, albeit in a modified format. Since we are still unable to gather as a division, we will be holding grade-level awards ceremonies in the St. Francis Chapel. As has been done in the past, these will continue to be student-only events. However, if your child will be an award recipient, your child’s advisor will reach out to you with an invitation to attend the awards ceremony. **Dates and times for the ceremonies are listed below in the Mark Your Calendar section.**

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Monday, May 3

- *"E" Day*
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Tuesday, May 4

- *"A" Day*
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Wednesday, May 5

- *"B" Day*
 - *St. Francis Connections Series, on Cybersafety: 11:45 a.m. via [this Zoom link](#)*
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Thursday, May 6

- *"C" Day*
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Friday, May 7

- *Special Dress Day (See Note Above)*
 - *"D" Day*
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Monday, May 10

- ***Community Service Hours Due (Date Change)***
 - *People for Others Council Book Drive*
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Tuesday, May 11

- *"A" Day*
 - *People for Others Council Book Drive*
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Wednesday, May 12

- *Modified "B" Day*
 - *Middle School Physicals*
 - *Eighth-Grade Art à la Carte Project*
 - *People for Others Council Book Drive*
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Thursday, May 13

- *"C" Day*
 - *Seventh-Grade Service Hours Awards: 9:25–9:50 a.m. in the Chapel; students only*
 - *People for Others Council Book Drive*
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Friday, May 14

- *"D" Day*
 - *People for Others Council Book Drive*
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Monday, May 17

- *Sixth-Grade Service Awards:* 9:25–9:50 a.m. in the Chapel; students only
 - *Sixth-Grade Student Awards:* 1:15–1:50 p.m. in the Chapel; students only
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Tuesday, May 18

- *Eighth-Grade Student Awards:* 11:05 a.m.–12:00 p.m. in the Chapel; students only
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Wednesday, May 19

- *Fifth-Grade Student Awards:* 1:15–1:50 p.m. in the Chapel; students only
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Thursday, May 20

- *Fifth-Grade Service Awards:* 9:25–9:50 a.m. in the Chapel; students only
 - *Seventh-Grade Student Awards:* 1:15–1:50 p.m. in the Chapel; students only
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Monday, May 24

- *Eighth-Grade Service Awards:* 9:25–9:50 a.m. in the Chapel; students only
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Wednesday, May 26

- *Last Day of School for Middle School*
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Thursday, May 27

- *Eighth-Grade Graduation:* In the Piney Point Gym; arrival and photos at 5:30 p.m.; ceremony begins at 6:00 p.m.

Upper School

From the Division Head

As we begin a new week, seeing “May” as the header on the calendar gives me pause. When people ask, “Are you ready for summer?” I typically say, “Not yet, I have a lot to do before everyone leaves.” This time of year, we are still busy with the academic and extracurricular activities that fill our days, but also with planning and organizing the 2021–22 school year. Truly, the beginning and ending of a school year are the most challenging.

Ask any Upper School student if they’re ready for summer, and the answer is a resounding, “Yes!” The question of how many days of school are left gets a quick and precise answer, right down to the half-day count of the last day on May 26.

Many of our students will have the opportunity to travel, attend camps, and have a more typical summer experience than last year. That anticipation can make it hard to maintain focus on school and on the routines and expectations that will be in place until the summer break is officially here. There is still much to be done, and growth that is necessary for all of us to be prepared for the challenges of the next school year. Thank you for your support as we all strive to finish the year successfully.

With gratitude,

Amy Whitley, MA

Assistant Head of School/Interim Head of Upper School

Uniform Dress and Spirit Wear Changes This Week

This Wednesday, May 5, will be Spirit Wear Day. (Cast members may also wear their *Crucible* T-shirts on this day.) Students will need to be in the appropriate uniform on Thursday, May 6, and Friday, May 7, as a photographer working with our Marketing and Communications Department will be on campus those days.

Athletics Physicals for Returning Students Are May 12

St. Francis will be providing on-campus athletics physicals for returning students on Wednesday, May 12. Please be on the lookout for the information packet that will be sent home with your student in the coming days. If you have any questions, please contact [Jamie Platt](#).

Donate Your New or Gently Used Books

The People for Others Council is happy to announce its first ever Annual Book Drive! Any student from Primary to Upper School can participate in this project,

beginning **Monday, May 10, through Friday, May 14**. To donate, **bring your new or gently used books**—ranging from children’s books to young adult novels—and deposit them in the boxes located around the school. Thank you for your generosity and willingness to make a difference!

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, May 3

- *Odd Day*
 - *On-Campus and Remote-Learning Schedule*
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Tuesday, May 4

- *Even Day*
 - *On-Campus and Remote-Learning Schedule*
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Wednesday, May 5

- *Spirit Wear Day*
 - *Odd Day*
 - *On-Campus and Remote-Learning Schedule*
 - *St. Francis Connections Series, on Cybersafety: 11:45 a.m. via [this Zoom link](#)*
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Thursday, May 6

- *Regular Uniform Day*
 - *Even Day*
 - *On-Campus and Remote-Learning Schedule*
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Friday, May 7

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

Monday, May 10

- *Even Day*
 - *On-Campus and Remote-Learning Schedule*
 - *People for Others Council Book Drive*
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Tuesday, May 11

- *Odd Day*
 - *On-Campus and Remote-Learning Schedule*
 - *People for Others Council Book Drive*
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Wednesday, May 12

- *Even Day*
 - *On-Campus and Remote-Learning Schedule*
 - *People for Others Council Book Drive*
 - *On-campus Athletics Physicals for Returning Students*
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Thursday, May 13

- *Odd Day*
 - *On-Campus and Remote-Learning Schedule*
 - *People for Others Council Book Drive*
 - *Upper School Dance Showcase: 7:00 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center*
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Friday, May 14

- *Even Day*
- *On-Campus and Remote-Learning Schedule*
- *People for Others Council Book Drive*

Church

Help Us Honor Mothers and Graduates on May 9

Join us as we honor our mothers and our graduates during services on May 9! We will print the names of students who are graduating from eighth grade, high school, and college, as well as where they are heading next. **To have your student's name included in the announcements, please e-mail current information to [Cindy Huteson](#) by tomorrow—Monday, May 3.**

May 9: Blessing for High School Seniors

On Sunday, May 9, at 6:00 p.m., we will have a special service in the church to honor graduating high school seniors. We invite all seniors and their parents (and grandparents) to the blessing by Fr. Bates. Please e-mail [Cindy Huteson](#) with the following details:

1. Name of high school senior
2. Any special plans for summer between high school and college
3. College student plans to attend
4. Course of study student wishes to pursue
5. Student's favorite song

Get Baptized on Pentecost Sunday

The Day of Pentecost on May 23 is a Principal Feast Day that celebrates the birth of the church and is especially appropriate for the Sacrament of Baptism. Please contact [Sally Jo Flores](#) or call the church office at 713.782.1270 to schedule a baptism on Pentecost Sunday.

Donate to LOTS Outreach Project

My name is Heather Boyer, and I am a lifetime parishioner at St. Francis. I am a Special Olympics athlete and a member of the Athlete Leadership Program. Years ago, you helped me collect large bags full of men's beanies, scarves, and gloves for Lord of the Streets (LOTS). This year for my outreach project, I would like to collect **men's undershirts, socks, and underwear**. Thank you for helping me help others. **There will be a basket in the Narthex for the collection through Sunday, May 23.**

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.

New MS Bible Study Series: A Note From Allison Devlin

I want to invite your children to think through some of the most common challenges to the Christian faith:

- Do science and Scripture conflict?
- Are miracles really possible?
- Why does God allow suffering and evil?

These are just a few of the twelve most common intellectual challenges to faith that we will discuss as we read *Know Why You Believe* by Paul E. Little.

- **Who:** Middle School students
- **What:** Bible study and fellowship
- **When:** New series begins May 16; meets every Sunday after the 9:00 a.m. Family Worship Service
- **Where:** CE212 (GLOW room, upstairs above church office)
- **Why:** So that your children, as believers in Christ, will be prepared to answer others out of the wellspring of their own certainty about what and why they believe.

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.

High School Bible Study: New Series Begins May 16

The high school Bible study continues in person once a month from May through August at the Houston Racquet Club. We meet (safely distanced) at 6:30 p.m. to have dinner and Bible study. High school students will study the book *Know Why You Believe* by Paul E. Little.

They will discuss concepts such as:

- Do science and Scripture conflict?
- Are miracles possible?
- Is Christian experience real?
- Why does God allow suffering and evil?

By thinking through the most common challenges to Christian faith, believers will be prepared to answer others out of the wellspring of their own certainty. For additional information and for upcoming meeting dates, contact Allison Devlin [via e-mail](#) or at 713.882.0725.

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:** 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:** End Times—Practical Heavenly Mindedness

- **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 May 11)
 - **Study:** The Gospel of Mark
 - **Contact:** [The Rev. Stuart Bates](#)
- Thursdays at 6:30–8:00 a.m.
 - **Study:** Philippians
 - **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 Middle School
 - **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. (Monthly, May–August)
 - **Meeting:** High School 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 Worship Services” button. Either the 9:00 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. service will be available. If you prefer to watch from Facebook or YouTube, click on the links to go to those streaming servers.
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](#).