

WOLF WATCH

— WEEKLY E-NEWS —

News for the Week of February 20

All School

Summer on the Point 2022: Registration Opens Tuesday

Registration for Summer on the Point opens this Tuesday, February 22, at 10:00 a.m. Registration links and course descriptions can be found on the [Summer Camps page](#) of the school website. We are looking forward to a great summer full of fun sessions, with both new camps and returning favorites!

[Save the Date] Festival 2022: 50 Years of Festival!

Don't miss out on an opportunity to continue to celebrate the good times at Festival 2022. We haven't yet had the opportunity to celebrate the 50th birthday of our beloved Festival, so get ready for the biggest birthday party of the year!

- St. Francis Festival Day is set for **Sunday, April 24**.
- A Festival mailing containing event details, booth sponsorship opportunities, and T-shirt and ticket purchase information is on the way.
- To pay homage to a past Festival favorite, we are excited to add a COLOR RUN to this year's festivities! More information on that is coming soon!
- Each spring since 1970, the St. Francis Episcopal Church and School communities have joined together to organize and celebrate Festival Day. This family event features games, food, and fellowship. Proceeds benefit the One Community Fund, which underwrites facility enhancements, landscape and infrastructure improvements, and joint efforts for both church and school.

St. Francis Staff: Greetings and Farewells

This new Greetings and Farewells section is designed to keep you informed of changes to the St. Francis staff in the most streamlined and efficient way possible. In keeping with our current practices, we will continue to inform you of faculty changes by:

- Sending stand-alone emails to parents about teacher and classroom changes, as well as about family or other extended leaves;
- Announcing teacher transitions for the upcoming school year in *Wolf Watch* in late April/early May; and
- Sending bios of new faculty and staff for the upcoming school year to parents during the summer.

This week, please join us in greeting or saying farewell to four staff members:

- Welcome to **Lorin Crater**, who brings 13 years of nonprofit advancement experience to her new role as St. Francis's head of institutional advancement. Mrs. Crater started her career with the Astros in Action Foundation, then spent nearly a decade raising funds and friends for St. John's School. Most recently, she served as director of planned giving for the University of St. Thomas. A Division I softball player in college, Mrs. Crater has also coached JV and Varsity softball and basketball. She holds a bachelor's from Houston Baptist University and is a Certified Fund Raising Executive (CFRE).
- **Brandy Stubbs-Nguyen** joins St. Francis as a human resources specialist. Mrs. Stubbs-Nguyen brings her skilled, detail-oriented sense of excellence to numerous HR-related tasks, from running payroll reports to managing new-hire orientations. She holds a bachelor's in business management with a concentration in human resources from the University of Houston–Clear Lake.
- Head of Communications and Strategic Initiatives **Michelle Smith's** last day will be this Friday, February 25. In her seven years at St. Francis, Mrs. Smith has helped establish best practices in strategic communications, while elevating the school's brand identity. She has been instrumental in building a successful communications team, facilitating the strategic plan, and working on our accreditation efforts. Mrs. Smith will be focusing her time on family and pursuing other personal opportunities, and we wish her all the best.
- Lower School Office Manager **Kristal St. Clair's** final day at St. Francis will be this Thursday, February 24. We thank Ms. St. Clair for the eight years she has spent with St. Francis, and we wish her well as she pursues other opportunities. A temporary Lower School office manager will be filling this position as we search for a permanent replacement.

Woolrich Luncheon Is March 8—Tickets on Sale Now!

Please join us for the **17th Annual Sarah W. Woolrich Fund for Faculty Awards Luncheon on Tuesday, March 8**. Purchase your ticket or table by sending in the reply card enclosed with your invitation, or by clicking [here](#). We will celebrate previous recipients and future travelers. We hope you will join us to hear about our educators' adventures—which were made possible by the Sarah W. Woolrich Fund for Faculty—and how these unique opportunities continue to bring classroom learning to life and inspire teachers to be lifelong learners!

This Thursday: Volunteers Needed for Art Changeout

Friends of Fine Arts needs your help this Thursday, February 24, from 8:00 a.m. to

12:00 p.m. Have you ever wondered who changes all the beautiful student artwork on display at St. Francis? It's parent volunteers just like you. It's a fun time with 12–14 parents working in teams.

- What do we need to do? Clean the acrylic frames, install the new art pieces, and carefully return the old art pieces to be distributed back to students.
- No prior experience is necessary—anyone can help. If you would like to assist with this art changeout, please use the SignUpGenius link [here](#).

With questions, please [email Rita Pace](#).

COVID Dashboard

St. Francis is updating the following COVID Dashboard weekly to track the number of active cases and total year-to-date cases for students and faculty/staff. This dashboard can also be found on the Parent Portal.

COVID Dashboard	
STUDENTS	FACULTY/STAFF
ACTIVE Cases	ACTIVE Cases
Total Active COVID+ Students	Total Active COVID+ Faculty/Staff
5	4
YTD Cases	YTD Cases
Total YTD COVID+ Students	Total YTD COVID+ Faculty/Staff
135	47

*Updated 2/17/22 at 1:00 p.m.

Primary School

From the Assistant Head of School

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Warmly,

Amy Whitley, MA
Assistant Head of School

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- **Zoom Meeting**
Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81805974118?pwd=eFVGQ1IIS1U4WTc3RzNJeEFDVm9Udz09>
- **Password:** pschapel

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, February 21

- *Presidents' Day*: School holiday
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Tuesday, February 22

- *Chapel*: 9:30 a.m.; for students in Primary II and for Pre-Primary students in Mrs. Oteiza's 2-Day class, Mrs. Lawhon's class, and Mrs. Meriwether's class
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Wednesday, February 23

- *Chapel*: 9:30 a.m.; for students in Primary I and for Pre-Primary students in Mrs. Oteiza's 3-Day class and Mrs. Britton's class
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Friday, February 25

- *Darla McNay Rodeo Day (Students Only)*
 - *Go Texan Day*: Students may dress in Western wear
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Monday, February 28

- *Primary School Open Library*: 3:00–4:00 p.m. in the Primary School Library
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Tuesday, March 1

- *Chapel*: 9:30 a.m.; for students in Primary II and for Pre-Primary students in Mrs. Oteiza's 2-Day class, Mrs. Lawhon's class, and Mrs. Meriwether's class
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Wednesday, March 2

- *Chapel:* 9:30 a.m.; for students in Primary I and for Pre-Primary students in Mrs. Oteiza's 3-Day class and Mrs. Britton's class
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Monday, March 7

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Tuesday, March 8

- *Chapel:* 9:30 a.m.; for students in Primary II and for Pre-Primary students in Mrs. Oteiza's 2-Day class, Mrs. Lawhon's class, and Mrs. Meriwether's class
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Wednesday, March 9

- *Chapel:* 9:30 a.m.; for students in Primary I
 - *Primary I Sings in Chapel (Capasso and Ferguson)*
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Monday, March 14–Friday, March 18

- *Spring Break*
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Wednesday, March 23

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 - *Primary I Sings in Chapel (Scriber and Peden)*
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Monday, March 28

- *Primary School Open Library: 3:00–4:00 p.m. in the Primary School Library*
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Tuesday, March 29

- *Chapel: 9:30 a.m.; for students in Primary II and for Pre-Primary students in Mrs. Oteiza's 2-Day class, Mrs. Lawhon's class, and Mrs. Meriwether's class*
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Wednesday, March 30

- *Chapel: 9:30 a.m.; for students in Primary I*
 - *Primary II Fathers and Friends Picnic: 11:00 a.m.*
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Thursday, March 31

- *Primary II Field Trip to Midtown Arts and Theater Center Houston (MATCH)*
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Friday, April 1

- *Primary II Field Trip to Piney Point Village Campus*

Lower School

From the Assistant Head of School

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Lost and Found on the Piney Point Campus

As we move through the school year, more and more items find their way to the Lost and Found Closet, which is located under the grades 4–5 staircase near the Crum Library and People Place. Please be sure to check it for any items your child may have left at school. This is also a good reminder to label important items such as water bottles, jackets, academic supplies, etc. We appreciate your help!

Dress Code Reminder

This is a good time of year to check and refresh your child's uniform and to ensure compliance with St. Francis's dress code. In particular, please note the following:

- If girls are wearing leggings to school, they should wear a skirt, skort, or dress over them.
- Uniform-compliant shoes (no UGG boots) and socks that are showing are to be worn at all times.
- All students should tuck in their polo shirts.
- Only St. Francis-branded fleece jackets, school sweaters, and St. Francis sweatshirts may be worn within the school building. (Please see the uniform policy on page 35 of the *Lower School Handbook*.)

Option to Watch Lower School Chapel Via Zoom

If your child is doing something special in Chapel and you can't make it, or if you would rather watch via livestream, here is the Zoom information that will enable you to join us:

- **Zoom Meeting Link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87806314875>
- **Password:** chapel

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, February 21

- *Presidents' Day Holiday:* School closed
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Thursday, February 24

- *Chapel for Grades K–2*
 - 8:20 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary
 - Celebrating February 20–26 Birthdays
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Friday, February 25

- *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, please bring tennis shoes for PE and/or recess. Yeehaw!
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Monday, February 28

- *Chapel for Grades K–4*
 - 8:20 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary
 - Celebrating February 20–March 5 birthdays (for grades 3–4)
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Wednesday, March 2

- *Late-Start Day*: Classes begin at 10:00 a.m.
 - *Ash Wednesday Chapel (Grades K–4)*: 10:15 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary; student-only event
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Thursday, March 3

- *NO Chapel*
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Monday, March 7

- *Chapel for Grades K–4*
 - 8:20 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary
 - Celebrating March 6–12 birthdays (for grades 3–4)
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Thursday, March 10

- *Chapel for Grades K–4*
 - 8:20 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary
 - Celebrating February 27–March 12 birthdays (for grades K–2)
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Monday, March 14–Friday, March 18

- *Spring Break*: School closed

Middle School

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Trimester 3 Begins Tuesday

Trimester 2 officially ended on Friday, February 18. Trimester 3 begins this Tuesday, February 22.

- New elective classes for grades 6–8 begin this Tuesday and should be visible in Veracross.
- Report cards will be published to the Parent Portal and Student Portal this week.
- Teachers will be sharing Trimester 3 honors information this week and next week. Trimester 3 honors enrollments will take place in advisory on Friday, March 4.

Lunch and Chapel Adjustments

We will resume full-density attendance in the Dining Hall and Chapel on Monday, February 28. We will continue to encourage handwashing and personal hygiene. We look forward to being together as a community again.

GAME Plan Scorecard Access

Lauren Price, director of Academic Independence, gave a presentation for parents last Friday about the GAME Plan platform and the self-regulation cycle. If you were not able to join us, you can view the presentation [here](#).

If you are interested in learning more about adolescent brains and self-regulation, Lauren and her team are offering a **parent seminar on Tuesday, March 1, from 9:00 a.m. to noon**. [Click here](#) if you would like more information on the seminar.

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Monday, February 21

- *Presidents' Day:* School holiday
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Tuesday, February 22

- *Trimester 3 Begins*
- *Regular Uniform*
- *No Morning Tutorials Due to MS Division Meeting*

- *Bible Studies (Grade 8 Girls/Grade 7 Boys and Girls):* 7:15–7:45 a.m. in the Christian Education rooms at the end of the Middle School hallway
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Wednesday, February 23

- *Regular Uniform*
 - *Bible Studies (Grade 8 Boys):* 7:15–7:45 a.m. in the Christian Education rooms at the end of the Middle School hallway
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Thursday, February 24

- *Regular Uniform*
 - *Bible Studies (Grade 6 Boys and Girls):* 7:15–7:45 a.m. in the Christian Education rooms at the end of the Middle School hallway
 - *Chapel for Grades 5–6:* 10:05–10:30 a.m.
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Friday, February 25

- *Go Texan Day:* Students may wear Western attire or St. Francis spirit wear with **uniform bottoms or blue jeans** (no athletic shorts)
 - *Bible Studies (Grade 5 Boys and Girls):* 7:15–7:45 a.m. in the Christian Education rooms at the end of the Middle School hallway
 - *Fifth-Grade Game and Movie Night:* 5:00–7:00 p.m. at Piney Point Campus
 - *Winter Dance for Grades 6–8:* 6:00–8:00 p.m. at Couper Campus
-

Monday, February 28

- *Dress Uniform*
 - *Chapel for Grades 7–8:* 10:05–10:30 a.m.
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Tuesday, March 1

- *Regular Uniform*
 - *Bible Studies (Grade 8 Girls/Grade 7 Boys and Girls):* 7:15–7:45 a.m. in the Christian Education rooms at the end of the Middle School hallway
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Wednesday, March 2

- *Late-Start Day*: Classes begin at 10:00 a.m.
 - *Regular Uniform*
 - *Bible Studies (Grade 8 Boys)*: 7:15–7:45 a.m. in the Christian Education rooms at the end of the Middle School hallway
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Thursday, March 3

- *Ash Wednesday*
 - *Regular Uniform*
 - *Late-Start Day*: Classes begin at 10:00 a.m.
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Friday, March 4

- *St. Francis Spirit Wear With **Uniform Bottoms or Blue Jeans** (No Athletic Shorts)*
 - *Bible Studies (Grade 5 Boys and Girls)*: 7:15–7:45 a.m. in the Christian Education rooms at the end of the Middle School hallway
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Thursday, March 10

- *Eighth-Grade White Shirt Day*
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Monday, March 14–Friday, March 18

- *Spring Break*

Upper School

From the Assistant Head of School

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Save the Date: Upper School Junior and Senior Events

Over the next few months, we will begin to celebrate our seniors and welcome the juniors as the new leaders of the Upper School. Please make note of several upcoming events that mark this transition. As we get closer, more details will follow.

- **Junior Ring Ceremony**
 - **When:** Thursday, April 7, at 6:00 p.m.
 - **Where:** St. Francis Episcopal Church on Piney Point Campus
 - **Who:** Juniors, their parents, and any guests
- **Prom**
 - **When:** Saturday, April 30, 8:00–11:00 p.m.
 - **Where:** Blossom Houston Hotel

- **Who:** Juniors, seniors, and their guests
- **Senior Tailgate, Chapel, and Field Day**
 - **When:** Tuesday, May 3, at 10:00 a.m.
- **Baccalaureate**
 - **When:** Friday, May 13, at 6:00 p.m.
 - **Where:** St. Francis Episcopal Church on Piney Point Campus
 - **Who:** Seniors, parents, guests, and faculty
- **Senior Dinner**
 - **When:** Friday, May 13, after Baccalaureate
 - **Where:** Fine Arts Center on Piney Point Campus
- **Graduation**
 - **When:** Saturday, May 14, at 6:00 p.m.
 - **Where:** Couper Campus
 - **Who:** All are welcome

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Monday, February 21

- *Presidents' Day:* School holiday
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Tuesday, February 22

- *"B" Day*
 - *Regular Uniform*
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Wednesday, February 23

- *"A" Day*
 - *Regular Uniform*
 - *Upper School Chapel:* 10:00–10:35 a.m.
 - *Senior Parent Meeting:* 6:00 p.m. in Crum Loft
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Thursday, February 24

- *"B" Day*
 - *Regular Uniform*
-

Friday, February 25

- *“A” Day*
 - *Go Texan Day*: Students may choose to wear Western attire; those students who do not choose to dress up may wear the regular school uniform
 - *Upper School Chapel*: 10:00–10:35 a.m.
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Monday, February 28

- *“B” Day*
 - *Regular Uniform*
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Tuesday, March 1

- *“A” Day*
 - *Regular Uniform*
-

Wednesday, March 2

- *Late-Start Day*: Classes begin at 10:00 a.m.
 - *Ash Wednesday*
 - *“B” Day*
 - *Regular Uniform*
 - *Upper School Chapel*: 11:25–12:00 p.m.
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Thursday, March 3

- *“A” Day*
 - *Regular Uniform*
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Friday, March 4

- *“B” Day*
- *Regular Uniform*
- *Upper School Chapel*: 10:00–10:35 a.m.

Church

The Men of St. Francis: Next Meeting Is March 8

The Men of St. Francis continue their study of N.T. Wright's *Simply Good News* on Tuesday, March 8.

- Led by Fr. Bates, the group meets at 8:00 a.m. on the second Tuesday of each month in the Wheatcroft Parish Hall.
- Breakfast is provided.
- Please contact [Fr. Bates](#) for additional information.

Undiscovered Lent: Lenten Study Begins March 9

Beginning Wednesday, March 9, at 6:00 p.m., join Fr. Price for Eucharist and a Lenten study—*Undiscovered Lent* by Dr. Peter Walker—followed by dinner in the Wheatcroft Parish Hall.

- The study follows Jesus's historic journey up from Galilee to Jerusalem through four filmed sessions, with study guides and maps to help reflect on the videos and dig more deeply and imaginatively into the text of the Gospels.
- Cost of dinner is \$10 per person at the door.
- Contact [Fr. Price](#) for more information.

March 20: Join Fr. Bates for a Look at the Sermon on the Plain

Please join Fr. Bates for an overview of the Sermon on the Plain—given by Jesus in the Gospel of Luke, chapter 6—on Sunday, March 20, at 10:00 a.m. in the Hogan Board Room. Feel free to bring your questions, too! The words and wisdom of Jesus are the most important words we can hear today. Be blessed by building your life on the rock.

Forgiveness Workshop Is April 9

Father Bates will lead a **forgiveness workshop on Saturday, April 9, 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

Light snacks will be served. Please RSVP to Sally Jo Flores [via e-mail](#) or call the church office at 713.782.1270 if you plan to attend.

In-Person Worship

The Holy Eucharist is offered at 8:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., and 5:00 p.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.

Lenten Concert Is April 6

Following the Parish Wednesday Supper on Wednesday, April 6, members of the St. Francis Choir and Instrumentalists will perform three notable works by three notable composers: Albinoni, Bach, and Barber. Come to Eucharist at 6:00 p.m., enjoy dinner (\$10/person), and then hear beautiful music—a concert of wonderful sacred and artistic works spanning 1700–1936—beginning at 7:15 p.m.!

There Is Still Time to Join the Confirmation Class

The 2022–23 Confirmation Class has begun. Fr. Wismer would like to invite all eighth-grade students to join the class to get confirmed. There is still time to join the group. Contact Cindy Huteson via [email](#) or call 713.782.1270.

Confirmation Mentors Needed

The 2022–23 Confirmation Class began this month, and Fr. Wismer would like to reinstate the Confirmation Mentor Program. Requirements for mentors include the following: pray daily for your confirmand; write a letter to your confirmand sharing your faith story; and write a card at the time of their confirmation. It's an easy commitment and very worthwhile. For more information or to volunteer, contact Cindy Huteson via [email](#) or at 713.782.1270.

Shrove Tuesday Mardi Gras Party—Mark Your Calendar!

Join us the day before Ash Wednesday for our annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper & Mardi Gras Party on Tuesday, March 1, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Wheatcroft Parish Hall. This is a great time to have some family fun as we feast on pancakes, sausage, gumbo, king cake, and Mardi Gras ice cream. Rick Keith and the St. Francis musicians are planning extra special music. You do not want to miss this! [Click here](#) for details and to purchase tickets.

Ash Wednesday Services Are March 2

Begin your Lenten journey that leads to the Cross and the joy of the Resurrection with the imposition of ashes and Holy Eucharist on Ash Wednesday, March 2. The first day of Lent is a special day of holy obligation. Services will be held at 7:00 a.m., 12:15 p.m.,

and 7:00 p.m. to accommodate your schedule that day.

Moms, Join Us for Bible Study

There are now two opportunities each week to attend the **SFES Moms' Bible Study!** The group meets on Tuesdays at 8:15 a.m. in classroom CE212 and on Fridays at noon at the Houston Racquet Club. The new study is "Elijah: Faith and Fire." Both studies will be led by **Allison Devlin**, director of family ministry. Please contact Allison via [email](#) or at 713.882.0725 for more meeting details.

New GLOW Planned for Middle Schoolers

Director of Family Ministry Allison Devlin is planning a new monthly GLOW (God Lights Our Way) for middle schoolers. Watch for more details, and please contact Allison via [email](#) or at 713.882.0725 with questions.

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

Join Mrs. Devlin each Sunday for in-person Let It Shine! Children's Bible Breakout. All children from Pre-K to middle school are invited to participate.

High School Bible Study: Next Meeting Is Wednesday

The high school Bible study will meet again this Wednesday, February 23, for its study on the parables of Jesus. The group meets monthly at 6:30 p.m. at the Houston Racquet Club for dinner and Bible study. All high schoolers are invited to attend. For additional information, please contact Allison Devlin [via email](#) or at 713.882.0725.

Calling All Musicians—We Are Back!

All those who missed sitting with your peers in the Assisi Choir and playing instruments at the 11:00 a.m. service, we are meeting again! If you have ever sung in a choir, thought about singing in a choir, or played an instrument, now is the time to join us.

- Assisi Choir practice rehearsals are on Thursdays from 7:15 to 8:15 p.m. in the church.
- Instrumentalists are invited to join in a small rehearsal at 10:15 a.m. on Sundays in the church.
- The Praise Choir and Band meets to rehearse Sundays at 8:45 a.m. in the church.
- If you have a love of singing or playing, please [contact Richard Keith](#).

Help Meet MAM's Updated Supply Needs

Memorial Assistance Ministries let us know that your generous donations have been helping to keep the organization's pantry well supplied. Thank you! They do still have

some urgent needs, so if you are able to help, please consider donating the following items:

- Laundry detergent
- Size 6 diapers

For additional information, contact our church liaison, Andrea Eubanks, **via email** or at 713.859.1448.

Fair Haven Food Pantry Needs Volunteers

The Fair Haven Food Pantry has been providing food to help people in the Spring Branch/Memorial area since 1975.

- Now operating under a client-choice model, **the pantry needs friendly volunteers** to help clients shop for their families, restock shelves, and assist with registration. Feeding the needy is part of serving one another, and as we serve others, we are serving Christ.
 - To volunteer, please [click here](#).
- **February Food Collection Item:** Canned pasta (with or without meat)
 - Thank you for not donating any glass containers or expired items.
- For additional information, email [Jessica Antel](#).

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 Bible Studies at St. Francis

St. Francis is hosting the following Bible studies, either in-person, via Zoom, or both. To join a Zoom 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:** New Study on Acts of the Apostles
 - **Contact:** [Louise Richman](#)
 - **Zoom Meeting Link:** <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/651248716>
 - *To participate, email Louise Richman.*

MEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

- Tuesdays at 7:00–8:00 a.m.
 - **Study:** Hebrews and St. Augustine's Enchiridion
 - **Contact:** [Martin O'Malley](#)
 - **Location:** La Madeleine (Exception: On the second Tuesday of each month, the group meets in the church's Guild Room. The next meeting in the Guild Room is March 8.)
- Second Tuesday of each month at 8:00–9:30 a.m. (**Next meeting is March 8**)
 - **Meeting:** The Men of St. Francis Breakfast and Bible Study
 - **Study:** Simply Good News
 - **Location:** Wheatcroft Parish Hall
 - **Contact:** [The Rev. Stuart Bates](#)
- Thursdays at 6:30–8:00 a.m.
 - **Study:** Acts of the Apostles
 - **Contact:** [The Rev. Stuart Bates](#)
 - **Zoom Meeting Link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84213782442>
 - **Meeting ID:** 842 1378 2442
 - **Passcode:** 1c6HEL

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

- Sundays at 10:00–11:00 a.m.
 - **Study:** The Book of Revelations
 - **Location:** Hogan Board Room
 - **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

- Wednesdays at 6:30–8:00 p.m. (**Monthly; next meeting is February 23**)
 - **Meeting:** High School Dinner and Bible Study
 - **Study:** The Parables of Jesus
 - **Location:** Houston Racquet Club
 - **Contact:** [Allison Devlin](#)

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION AND PRAYER

- Tuesdays at 4:00 p.m.
 - **Meeting:** Christian Meditation
 - **Contact:** [Fr. David Price](#)
 - **In-Person Meeting Place:** The Bride's Room
 - **Zoom Meeting Link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/203726298>
 - **Meeting ID:** 203 726 298
 - **Passcode:** 05741
- Wednesday Night Eucharist, Program, and Dinner (**\$10 per person**)

- **Contact:** [Fr. David Price](#)
- **Location:** Church and Wheatcroft Parish Hall
- Thursdays at 7:00 a.m.
 - **Meeting:** Christian Meditation
 - **Contact:** [Fr. David Price](#)
 - **In-Person Meeting Place:** The Bride's Room
 - **Zoom Meeting Link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/203726298>
 - **Meeting ID:** 203 726 298
 - **Passcode:** 057417
- Thursdays at 6:15–6:45 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
- Saturdays at 10:00 a.m.
 - **Meeting:** Spiritual Enrichment
 - **Contact:** [Fr. David Price](#)
 - **Location:** The Bride's Room

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.

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](#).