

WOLF WATCH

— WEEKLY E-NEWS —

News for the Week of December 11

All School

St. Francis Connections: Join Us January 11

What's happening in higher education? Where are the trends leading your children? How should you navigate these tricky and changing waters? This presentation will explain what's happening, where things are heading, and how to get there.

RSVP here to join us for coffee and light bites on Wednesday, January 11, at 8:30 a.m. in the Fine Arts Center. If you have specific questions you would like us to address, please **email them to this address** by Friday, January 6.

St. Francis Connections

S P E A K E R S E R I E S



STEVEN SCALES and **TRACEY ADDINGTON**
Director of College Counseling *Director of Post-Secondary Success*
St. Francis Episcopal School *St. Francis Episcopal School*

"From Kids to College: What You Need to Know and Why You Should Care"

Wednesday, January 11, 2023 | 8:30 – 9:30 AM
FINE ARTS CENTER | PINEY POINT CAMPUS

Please Consider Making a Year-end Gift to the St. Francis Fund

Help make the holiday season *merry* and *bright* for every student through a year-end gift to the St. Francis Fund. To date, parent generosity has helped us secure over \$725,000 for the most important philanthropic request of the year (70 percent of our

goal!). **There are only a few short weeks left to make your tax-deductible gift in 2022, so please join your community in [giving a gift](#) to the St. Francis Fund today!**

To all our parents who have already made their annual gift to the 2022–23 St. Francis Fund, thank you!

Donate Gently Used St. Francis–Branded Items for Uniform Resale

Trying to clean out those closets? We're here to help! Donate any St. Francis–branded items or uniform clothing that is clean and in good used condition for resale to other school families. Accepted clothing includes regular and dress uniform items, plus St. Francis–branded hats, athletics shirts and shorts, hoodies, hair accessories, etc.—basically anything another pack member might enjoy!

- We will have bins at morning carpools on both campuses (all four divisions) on January 9–13. Please plan to quickly hand your donation through your car window to ensure the carpool runs smoothly.
- After January 13, you may drop off your donation at the Piney Point Campus front office.

A Big Thank-You From the St. Francis Parents Organization

Thanks to all the families who contributed to this year's Faculty and Staff Christmas Gift Fund. As a result of everyone's generosity, we far exceeded our goal with an increase in donations of 25 percent over last year! This much-loved tradition benefits all who work at the school and with our children, and expresses our gratitude and appreciation for their work and dedication. Thank you again for showing how much you care!

Support the Home Team!

The Booster Club invites you to come out and support our Wolves at this week's home games. We will be selling concessions at all games, and most items are \$2. Exact change is much appreciated. [Go to our Athletics page here](#) and scroll down to see the game schedule for the week.

Register Today for Explore and Extend

SPRING 2023 AFTER-SCHOOL ENRICHMENT CLASSES

Registration for spring 2023 after-school enrichment classes is now open. Classes begin the week of January 9, with the exception of woodworking and cooking, which start later in January.

- For full course details, click "Full Schedule and Descriptions" on the Explore and Extend page, [click here for details](#).
- To register, click on "Register Here" on the Explore and Extend page.

Registration is still available for:

Mondays

- **Lower School Yoga:** 3:45–4:30 p.m.
- **DIY Art:** 4:00–5:00 p.m.
- **Roller Coaster Discovery:** 4:00–5:00 p.m.

Tuesdays

- **Primary II Ballet:** 2:30–3:15 p.m.
- **Lower School USA Chess:** 3:45–4:45 p.m.
- **Lower School Tae Kwon Do:** 3:45–4:30 p.m.

Wednesdays

- **Lower School Tumbling:** 3:30–4:30 p.m.
- **Archery for Beginners:** 3:45–4:45 p.m.

Thursdays

- **Jewelry-Making and Textiles Art:** 4:00–5:00 p.m.

Fridays

- **Putting the “A” Back in “STEAM”:** 4:00–5:00 p.m.

WINTER BREAK CAMPS

Registration is still open through Explore and Extend for the following Winter Break Camps:

- **Winter Baseball with Mike August:** December 19–20
- **Winter Baseball Showcase with Mike August (Grades 4 & 5):** December 21
- **Winter Basketball with Harold Baber:** December 19–21
- **Winter Girls' Basketball with Mary Gleason:** December 19–20
- **Winter Girls' Lacrosse Camp with Jamie Platt:** December 19–21

To register, click the “Register Here” link on the [**Explore and Extend page**](#).

Joyful Sounds/MS Choir Performance Is December 14

Please plan to join us for the Joyful Sounds and Middle School Choir performance this Wednesday, December 14, at 6:30 p.m. at Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church (11612 Memorial Dr.).

Nominations Now Open for SFPO Officers

It's time to start thinking about the 2023–24 St. Francis Parents Organization Executive Committee. The SFPO supports the mission of St. Francis by providing meaningful volunteer opportunities for our parent community to uphold the four pillars of care and compassion, school spirit, teacher appreciation, and community-building.

- If you are interested in serving on the SFPO Executive Committee—or know someone who is interested—please [fill out this form](#).
- [Click here](#) to view the list of positions for which nominations are currently being accepted.

Primary School

From the Primary I Teachers

“The child is made of one hundred. The child has a hundred languages, a hundred hands, a hundred thoughts, a hundred ways of thinking, of playing, of speaking. A hundred, always a hundred ways of listening, of marveling, of loving. A hundred joys for singing and understanding. A hundred worlds to discover, a hundred worlds to invent, a hundred worlds to dream.” —“No Way. The Hundred is There.” by Loris Malaguzzi

The passage above is an excerpt from the poem, “No Way. The Hundred is There,” which was written by Loris Malaguzzi, founder of the Reggio Emilia Approach. The belief that children have a hundred different languages or ways of expressing themselves is one of the foundational principles of the Reggio Emilia Approach, and the Atelier is a place where many of those languages are explored and expressed.



WHAT IS THE ATELIER?

According to *The Oxford Dictionary*, an Atelier is “a workshop or studio, especially one used by an artist or designer.” Within the Reggio Emilia Approach, the definition is very similar.

Veà Vecchi (2010)—the first Atelierista or teacher of the Atelier at The Diana School in Reggio Emilia, Italy—describes the Atelier as a place of research where imagination, rigor, experimentation, creativity, and expression interweave and complement each

other. It's a place where tools and materials make it possible for children to experience how their thinking takes on different forms and is expressed creatively.



WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS?

The Atelier is an open and flexible space, which means it has a way of connecting to all aspects of our curriculum—from the obvious strands of art and creativity to the more specific strands like math and science. It fosters experimentation, spontaneous creativity, social and emotional development, and inventiveness through the exploration of new, familiar, and recycled materials. It also supports collaboration, communication, and cooperation among students, educators, and family members.

The Atelier strengthens students' fine- and gross-motor skills and creates new windows for the expression of learning. It offers students the ability to grow their independence and skill by providing various mediums and methods to explore at their discretion. For example, the observational drawing of a pumpkin supports spatial awareness, memory, fine-motor skills, understanding of the world around them, focus and concentration skills, observational skills, foundational understanding of three-dimensional and two-dimensional objects, scale, depth, outline, and shape.



CONTINUED GROWTH AND REFLECTION

Students and teachers realize continued development in the Atelier as educators participate in professional development, share ideas, challenge themselves, and reflect on past experiences and the purpose behind those experiences. The students also have an essential role in the Atelier's development, as their ideas, interests, and projects are reflected on and explored.

As we continue to learn about the Reggio Emilia Approach, we will reflect on and modify how we utilize the space. As an example of this commitment to growth, two Primary I educators will join an in-person study group taking place at the Loris Malaguzzi International Center in Reggio Emilia, Italy, in April 2023. During this visit, they will learn from experts in the field and see examples both of the many opportunities that can happen in the Atelier and of ways to continue enriching students' learning.

Sincerely,

Cassi Agee, Annie Ferguson, Kristen MacDonald, and Andrea Scriber
The Primary I Team

Save the Date: PS Grandparents and Grandfriends Days Are February 9–10

Grandparents and Grandfriends Days will come soon after the holidays, so please mark your calendars!

- **Thursday, February 9:** Primary II
- **Friday, February 10:** Pre-Primary and Primary I

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, December 12

- *Primary I Christmas Parties:* 10:00 a.m.; Primary I students may wear holiday attire
 - *Open Library:* 3:15 p.m.
 - *Primary I Ballet Open House:* 2:45 p.m. in the PS Motor Room
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Tuesday, December 13

- *PS Lessons and Carols Chapel:* No parents in Chapel today
 - *Primary II Ballet Open House:* 2:45 p.m. in the PS Motor Room
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Wednesday, December 14

- *Chapel:* 9:30 a.m.; Primary I parents may attend
 - *Pre-Primary Christmas Parties:* 1:45 p.m.
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Thursday, December 15

- *Primary II Nativities and Parties:* Primary II students may wear holiday attire
 - **Capasso:** 9:00 a.m.
 - **Owens:** 10:00 a.m.
 - **Wiener:** 11:00 a.m.
 - **Hughes:** 12:00 p.m.
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Monday, December 19–Monday, January 2

- *Christmas Break:* School closed
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Tuesday, January 3

- *Classes Resume*

- *Chapel:* 9:30 a.m.; Primary II parents may attend
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Wednesday, January 4

- *Chapel:* 9:30 a.m.; Primary I parents may attend
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Monday, January 9

- *Open Library:* 3:15 p.m.
 - *Explore and Extend Spring Classes Begin*
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Tuesday, January 10

- *Chapel:* 9:30 a.m.; Primary II parents may attend
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Wednesday, January 11

- *Chapel:* 9:30 a.m.; Primary I parents may attend
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Monday, January 16

- *Martin Luther King Jr. Day:* School closed
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Tuesday, January 17

- *Chapel:* 9:30 a.m.; Primary II parents may attend
 - *Pajama Ingathering Starts*
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Wednesday, January 18

- *Chapel:* 9:30 a.m.; Primary I parents may attend
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Friday, January 20

- *PS Pajamarama (Students Only)*
 - *Pajama Ingathering Ends*
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Monday, January 23

- *Open Library: 3:15 p.m.*
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Tuesday, January 24

- *Chapel: 9:30 a.m.; Primary II parents may attend*
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Wednesday, January 25

- *Chapel: 9:30 a.m.; Primary I parents may attend*
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Friday, January 27

- *Pre-Primary Fathers and Friends: 8:15 a.m.*
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Monday, January 30

- *Open Library: 3:15 p.m.*
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Tuesday, January 31

- *Chapel: 9:30 a.m.; Primary II parents may attend*
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Wednesday, February 1

- *Chapel: 9:30 a.m.; Primary I parents may attend*

Lower School

From the Division Head

The Christmas spirit has been alive and well in our Lower School since our return from Thanksgiving Break! On Friday, December 2, the Village Fire Department came to campus, and Santa greeted the students as they gave their toys to the firefighters serving as Santa's helpers. Lower School students were incredibly happy and generous as they donated gifts for "Toys for Tots." It was a delight to see students living out Acts 20:35, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

As we conclude the first half of our 2022–23 school year and break for the Christmas holiday, I want to take a moment to express my sincere gratitude to all who help make our Lower School an amazing place to be. We are a community with many gifts and talents, which we share daily with one another and, most importantly, with our students. From the classroom to the home—and all the places in between—our joint efforts to grow children that are imaginative, critical thinkers and people for others is a pleasure to see in action daily.

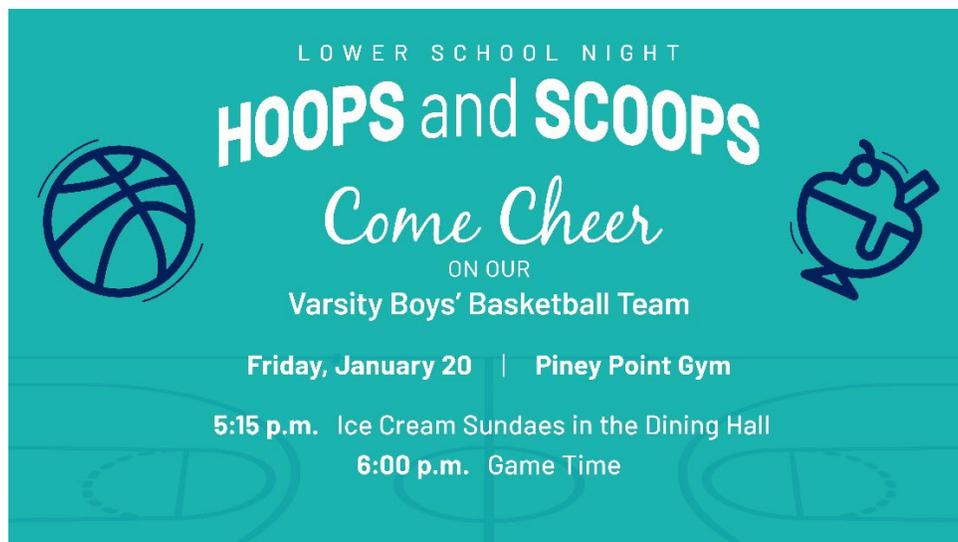
I look forward to spending this coming week with your precious children and to celebrating the joys of the holiday season. I hope you and yours have a blessed and safe Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Kind regards,

Clifton Walker, MEd
Head of Lower School

Save the Date: Hoops and Scoops Is January 20

Lower School families are invited to cheer on our Varsity Boys' Basketball team on Friday, January 20, in the Piney Point Gym. Join us for ice cream sundaes before the game and for a fun halftime performance. See the invitation below for details.



Mark Your Calendar

Monday, December 12

- *First- and Second-Grade Christmas Concert:* 1:00–2:00 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center
 - *Chapel for Grades K–4*
 - 8:20 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary
 - Please be advised that there are limited parking spots in front of the school.
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Tuesday, December 13

- *Third- and Fourth-Grade Christmas Concert:* 1:00–2:00 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center
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Wednesday, December 14

- *Joyful Sounds and Middle School Christmas Choir Concert:* 6:30–7:15 p.m. at Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church
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Friday, December 16

- *LS Christmas Parties*
 - **Kindergarten:** 12:15–1:15 p.m.
 - **First Grade:** 11:45 a.m.–12:45 p.m.
 - **Second Grade:** 10:30–11:30 a.m.
 - **Third Grade:** 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
 - **Fourth Grade:** 12:30–1:30 p.m.
 - *LS Polar Express Day*
 - *LS Christmas Sing-Along:* 2:00–2:40 p.m.; **STUDENT-ONLY EVENT**
 - *Lessons and Carols in the Chapel:* 9:00 a.m.; **STUDENT-ONLY EVENT**
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Monday, December 19–Monday, January 2

- *Christmas Break:* School closed
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Tuesday, January 3

- *Classes Resume*
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Thursday, January 5

- *Epiphany Eucharist Chapel for Grades K–4*
 - 8:20 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary
 - Please be advised that there are limited parking spots in front of the school.

Middle School

From the Division Head

In the Advent season, Christians around the world anticipate the celebration of Christ's birth in Bethlehem, and they look forward to His Second Coming. It is a season of joy, appreciation, celebration, and reflection.

As a relatively new member of the St. Francis community, I have been reflecting on the messages that I have received in my St. Francis inbox. Overwhelmingly, those emails have been affirming, welcoming, and encouraging. It's been a bit surprising, because I have heard that the people who have something positive to say about schools, teachers, or leaders are much more reluctant to type their messages and hit "send." Maybe it's because they don't want to inundate them with unnecessary emails. Perhaps they assume others have already sent their messages, so it's not worth it. Maybe they just never get around to it.

I didn't notice anything in our St. Francis *School Handbook* about a new Head of Middle School having the authority to assign homework to parents and students, but I am going to try to do it anyway. If you have been encouraged or impressed by something a teacher, coach, or other SFES faculty or staff member has said or done, then I am asking you to type the email and send it. Let them know how it made you feel. Thank them. Celebrate them.

If they get inundated with a bunch of messages expressing gratitude and admiration, then they will probably feel a bit of the joy and gratitude that I feel as I wrap up month six as a St. Francis Wolf.

Thank you for showing me the St. Francis Way. Don't forget to type the email, send it—and have a Merry Christmas!

Byron R. Williams, EdD
Head of Middle School

Holiday-Themed Dress Days This Week

In celebration of the holiday season, Middle School students are invited to wear holiday-themed clothing this week, according to the following schedule:

- **Monday, December 12:** Christmas PJ Day (or wear green and red PJs)
- **Tuesday, December 13:** Christmas Character Day (Dress like your favorite Christmas movie character.)
- **Wednesday, December 14:** Christmas Sweater Day
- **Thursday, December 15:** Santa's Workshop Helper (Dress like an elf, a reindeer, Mrs. Claus, etc., or wear green and red.)
 - Please note that we will also have advisory Christmas parties this day.
- **Friday, December 16:** Lessons and Carols (Wear dress uniforms.)

If a student prefers not to wear holiday dress on a designated day, he or she may wear regular uniform dress that day instead.

In addition, all students should be reminded to **follow school dress-code guidelines**. As such, holiday-themed dress must be modest and must not include the following props:

- Blood or weapons
- Cigarettes, alcohol, or drugs

Save the Date: Middle School Night Is January 6

Middle School families are invited to cheer on our Varsity Boys' Basketball team on Friday, January 6, in the Crum Gym. Join us in the brand-new Student Life Center for nachos before the game, and enjoy a special shout-out to our Middle School athletes at halftime. See the invitation below for details, and [click here](#) to RSVP.

MIDDLE SCHOOL NIGHT



Come Cheer

ON OUR

Varsity Boys' Basketball Team

Friday, January 6 | Crum Gym

6:15 p.m. Nachos in the Student Life Center

7:00 p.m. Game Time



Mark Your Calendar

Monday, December 12

- *Christmas PJ Dress Day:* Wear Christmas PJs or green and red PJs; students may choose to wear the regular uniform instead
 - *Middle School Chapel:* 9:50 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary
 - *Sixth-Grade Bible Study:* 12:45 p.m. in Mrs. Flores's room (boys' Bible study) and Mrs. Gutierrez's room (girls' Bible study); both rooms are right off of Crum Library
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Tuesday, December 13

- *Christmas Character Dress Day:* Dress like your favorite Christmas movie character; students may choose to wear the regular uniform instead
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Wednesday, December 14

- *Christmas Sweater Dress Day:* Wear your favorite Christmas sweater; students may choose to wear the regular uniform instead
 - *Joyful Sounds and Middle School Christmas Choir Concert:* 6:30–7:15 p.m. at Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church
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Thursday, December 15

- *Santa's Workshop Helper Dress Day:* Dress like an elf, a reindeer, Mrs. Claus, etc., or wear red and green; students may choose to wear the regular uniform instead
 - *Advisory Christmas Parties*
 - *Middle School Chapel:* 9:35 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary
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Friday, December 16

- *Dress Uniforms*
- *Lessons and Carols*
- *Eighth-Grade Bible Study:* 12:15 p.m. in Mrs. Flores's room (boys' Bible study) and Mrs. Gutierrez's room (girls' Bible study); both rooms are right off of Crum Library

Upper School

From the Division Head

"Non ignara mali, miseris succurrere disco." —Aeneid, I.630

This will be our last *Wolf Watch* from the Upper School until the New Year. As we head into the Winter Break, we wish you and your family a wonderful time together, with much rest and recuperation from the year.

It's a time to think about all that we have experienced, how we have grown, and what is to come.

We also know that during this holiday season, some families are dealing with loss and difficulty. Moreover, many families around Houston have food insecurity. These couple of weeks off are a wonderful time for us to give back to our larger community—to truly be *people for others*.

In our last Chapel, I asked our students to remember the letters of gratitude they wrote to community members last month. It was such a powerful experience to see how much our students enjoyed sharing gratitude for teachers, custodians, and staff, who were lifted by such messages and who treasure these letters as keepsakes. Who else should our students be grateful for? What gifts have been given to our students?

Merry Christmas and happy holidays to all.

Warmly,

Marc Addington, MA
Head of Upper School

This Week's Exam Schedule

Please see the schedule for this week's exams below. Exams last two hours for regular time and three hours for time and a half. Lunch is available from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. between exams. Again, students need only come for the exams they are taking. If there is no exam on a given day, study at home! If they have both exams on a particular day, we ask that they stay on campus between exams. It is important to note that exams may not be moved for any reason.

EXAM SCHEDULE	8:00–11:00 a.m.	12:00–3:00 p.m.
Tuesday, December 13	A1	B3
Wednesday, December 14	B1	A3

EXAM SCHEDULE	8:00–11:00 a.m.	12:00–3:00 p.m.
Thursday, December 15	A2	B4
Friday, December 16	B2	A4

Save the Date: Blessing of the Student Life Center

We will have a late start on the first day back after the break, January 3. Students will gather in the Crum Gym at 9:30 a.m. for an assembly before entering the new Student Life Center.

US Grandparents and Grandfriends Day Is February 9

Upper School Grandparents and Grandfriends Day will come soon after the holidays, so please mark your calendars for Thursday, February 9!

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, December 12

- *“B” Day*
- *Regular Uniform*
- *No Assessments Today*

Tuesday, December 13–Friday, December 16

- *Exams:* See schedule in "This Week's Exam Schedule," above

Monday, December 19–Monday, January 2

- *Christmas Break:* School closed

Tuesday, January 3

- *Classes Resume for Students*
- *Late-Start Day:* Students begin in the Crum Gym at 9:30 a.m.
- *“A” Day*
- *Regular Uniform*

Church

Make Your Christmas Poinsettia Dedication by December 20

Be a part of the St. Francis tradition of making a Christmas poinsettia dedication that will be listed in the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day worship bulletins. Make your dedication “In Memory” of a loved one or “In Thanksgiving” for your many blessings. Dedication forms are located on the tables in the Narthex, or you may [submit the form and payment online here](#). The suggested donation is \$30. Dedications should be received in the church office no later than Tuesday, December 20.

Children's Nativity Pageant Is December 24

Toddlers through fifth graders are invited to participate in our Christmas Eve Nativity Pageants! **We will have two pageants on Saturday, December 24—one at 2:00 p.m. and one at 5:00 p.m.** The church will provide costumes, which will be fitted at the rehearsal on Thursday, December 22, at 10:30 a.m. Contact Allison Devlin via [email](#) or at 713.882.0725 to become a part of this amazing event.

Schedule for Holiday Services

We will host three services on Christmas Eve, a service on Christmas Day, and two services on New Year’s Day. Please see below for the schedule of services.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24

- **Christmas Eve Holy Eucharist With Nativity Pageant***
 - Music begins at 1:30 p.m.
 - **Service begins at 2:00 p.m.**
- **Christmas Eve Holy Eucharist With Nativity Pageant and Choral Concert***
 - Music begins at 4:30 p.m.
 - **Service begins at 5:00 p.m.**
- **Christmas Eve Holy Eucharist With Choral Concert**
 - Music begins at 8:30 p.m.
 - **Service begins at 9:00 p.m.**

*Childcare provided

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25

- **11:00 a.m.** Christmas Day Holy Eucharist

HOLY NAME OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST SERVICE ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 1

- **11:00 a.m.** Holy Eucharist With Organ and Choir—Traditional Worship
- **5:00 p.m.** Holy Eucharist in the Chapel

The Men of St. Francis: Next Meeting Is December 13

The Men of St. Francis continue their study on the Life of Abraham, with discussion led by Fr. Bates. The group meets at 8:00 a.m. on the second Tuesday of each month. **The next meeting will be held December 13.** The group meets at The Corner Bakery at 9311 Katy Freeway (in the Echo Lane Shopping Center), and breakfast is provided. Please [email Sally Jo Flores](#) to be added to the email distribution for future notices.

Baptisms Will Be Held on January 8

Principal feast days are especially appropriate for the Sacrament of Baptism. The next baptism date is January 8, 2023 (Baptism of our Lord). Family baptisms may also be scheduled on available Saturdays, if necessary. [Email Sally Jo Flores](#) or call the church office at 713.782.1720 to schedule a date or get more information.

Weekly Worship Schedule

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.

Pre-K to High School: Sunday Morning Programs

LET IT SHINE! CHILDREN'S BIBLE LESSON

Join Mrs. Devlin each Sunday at 9:00 a.m. for Let It Shine! Children's Bible Breakout. All children from Pre-K to middle school are invited to participate in Let It Shine! during the adult sermon.

LIGHTHOUSE EXPRESSIONS IN ART

Each Sunday after the Family Worship Service, children are invited to join other children in the People Place (across from the Dining Hall) to create an art project based on that day's Let It Shine! lesson.

G.L.O.W. FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS—VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We need our middle school students to serve as volunteers each week at Lighthouse Expressions in Art after the Family Worship Service. Come help younger children make the craft project of the week! Contact Allison Devlin via [email](#) or at 713.882.0725 to sign up and receive service hours.

HIGH SCHOOL REVIVAL

High school students are invited to come to the People Place (across from the Dining Hall) after the Family Worship Service. Join other students each week for fellowship, learning, and a question of the day. REVIVAL is led by Nichole Hilgert. For more information, [email her](#) or call 713.468.3996.

Be Still Yoga Meets Every Other Thursday

Join other women for an hour of yoga and meditative prayer every other Thursday. In stillness, God speaks to our hearts and fills us with the refreshing presence of His Spirit.

- Bring a yoga mat if you have one!
- Refreshments to follow.
- The group meets at 11:30 a.m. every other Thursday in CE212.
- For more information or to RSVP, please contact Allison Devlin via [email](#) or at 713.882.0725.

Mom's Bible Study Resumes in January

The **SFES Moms' Bible Study** group has finished its study for the year. A new class will begin in January 2023. For more information, please contact **Allison Devlin** via [email](#) or at 713.882.0725.

Help Meet MAM's Updated Supply Needs

Memorial Assistance Ministries has an urgent plea from the pantry team. Demand for pantry products has again peaked, and they are running very low on several items. Here is their latest list of needs:

- **Meals to Go**
 - Individually wrapped cheese/peanut butter crackers
 - Fruit strips
 - Trail mix
 - Vienna sausage
- **Hygiene Items**
 - Size 6 diapers
 - Baby wipes
 - Tissues
 - House cleaner
 - Deodorant for men and women
 - Lotion
 - Shaving cream

Many families continue to need help with the basics. Please keep the pantry in mind if any of your classes, youth groups, or other groups are looking for a project. For additional information, contact the church's director of outreach, [Heather Burkhart](#).

Fair Haven Food Pantry Needs Volunteers/Donations

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

- Food Collection Items by Month:
 - **December: Canned Meaty Soup or Bean Soup**
- 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.

- Thank you for not donating any glass containers or expired items.
- For additional information, email [Jessica Antel](#). To volunteer, [click here](#).

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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.

Wednesday Night Eucharist, Program, and Dinner

On Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m., join Fr. David Price for Eucharist in St. Clare Chapel, followed by a program and dinner at 6:30 p.m. in the Hogan Board Room.

- The cost of dinner is \$10 per person at the door.
- Contact [Fr. Price](#) for more information.

Bible Studies at St. Francis

St. Francis is hosting the following Bible studies, either in-person, via Zoom, or both. To join a Zoom call, use the event link listed below. Regarding those Bible studies that are on holiday break, forward your contact information to the meeting leader to be informed when the next session begins or to get additional information as it becomes available.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

- Wednesdays at 9:00–10:00 a.m. (**Resumes January 2023**)
 - **Study:** TBD
 - **Contact:** [Louise Richman](#)

MEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

- Tuesdays at 7:00–8:00 a.m.
 - **Contact:** [Martin O'Malley](#)
 - **Location:** La Madeleine (weekly, except for second Tuesday of the month); The Corner Bakery (second Tuesday of each month)
- Second Tuesday of Each Month at 8:00–9:30 a.m. (**Next meeting is December 13.**)
 - **Meeting:** The Men of St. Francis Breakfast and Bible Study
 - **Study:** The Life of Abraham
 - **Location:** The Corner Bakery (9311 Katy Fwy.)
 - **Includes Breakfast**

- Thursdays at 6:30–8:00 a.m.
 - **Study:** Romans
 - **Contact:** [The Rev. Stuart Bates](#)
 - **Zoom Meeting Link:**
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84206856514>
 - **Meeting ID:** 842 0685 6514
 - **Passcode:** Bi6Ga0

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

- Sundays at 10:00–11:00 a.m.
 - **Study:** The Gospel of Luke and Paul's Letter to the Romans
 - **Location:** Hogan Board Room
 - **Contact:** [George Hippard](#)

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION AND PRAYER

- Tuesdays at 4:00 p.m.
 - **Meeting:** Christian Meditation
 - **Contact:** [Fr. David Price](#)
 - **Location:** The Bride's Room
 - **Zoom Meeting Link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/203726298>
 - **Meeting ID:** 203 726 298
 - **Passcode:** 05741 7
- Thursdays at 7:00 a.m.
 - **Meeting:** Christian Meditation
 - **Contact:** [Fr. David Price](#)
 - **Location:** 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](#).