

WOLF WATCH

— WEEKLY E-NEWS —

News for the Week of January 8

All School

Save the Dates for Upcoming Events

We have some fun and exciting events coming up at St. Francis this semester! Please mark your calendars for the following:

- **Grandparents and Grandfriends Days on Couper Campus**
 - Thursday, February 9: Primary II and Upper School
 - Friday, February 10: Pre-Primary and Primary I
- **Woolrich Luncheon:** Tuesday, March 7
- **St. Francis Festival:** Sunday, April 23

Upper School Is Seeking Parent Mentor Volunteers

The Upper School is looking for parent mentor volunteers for the Post-Secondary Success Program. Would you be willing to allow a senior to shadow you for a few days in May to gain exposure to a potential career? There is no commitment required to join the mentor database, just a willingness to serve as a potential resource should a senior desire more information about your field. To sign up as a potential mentor, and/or for more information about the Post-Secondary Success Program, please [email Tracey Addington](#).

Friends of Fine Arts (FOFA) News

Welcome to 2023! Pablo Picasso once said, “Art washes away the dust of everyday life.” Our children will be busy the remainder of the year scrubbing and creating their art to brighten all of our lives!

- Please join us for an *Upper School Art Exhibition* on Wednesday, January 11, at 6:00 p.m. in the Admissions Cottage on Couper Campus. We gather to cheer in the new year and walk together to the Student Life Building for the exhibit.

- Our next FOFA meeting will be on Tuesday, January 17, at 8:30 a.m. in the 9000 Westheimer Administration Building. All are welcome!

St. Francis Connections: Join Us This Wednesday

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 this Wednesday, January 11, at 8:30 a.m. in the Fine Arts Center.



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
St. Francis Episcopal School

Director of Post-Secondary Success
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

This Week: 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) this week, from Monday, January 9, to Friday, January 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.

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 Division Head

Happy New Year! I hope that you enjoyed a wonderful and restful break. The Wynn children were all home for three days, and my heart was content as I watched them laugh, tell stories, play games, and reminisce about their best Christmas memories. It was just what my soul needed.

Last semester, Mr. Kochel wrote a *Wolf Watch* entry about the St. Francis Way. As we continue to guide our Primary School children in their growth as people for others, we are thrilled about the upcoming service-learning project entitled Barker's Pajamarama. Our annual pajama ingathering is named after Dianne Barker, Head of Primary School from 1992 to 2008, who started the tradition of wearing pajamas to school one day a year in conjunction with collecting books for donation.

We are honored to continue this beloved tradition of being people for others, while also partnering with Upper School students to help those in need at [Arms Wide Adoption Services](#). Primary School children are encouraged to donate a book of their choice and new pajamas, and Upper School children are encouraged to collect personal-care items and toiletries to donate. Through community service projects like our annual Barker's Pajamarama, students experience the joy of helping others while also having fun.

Primary School students experience many opportunities to be people for others as they navigate each day. We invite you to partner with us in helping students embrace this special opportunity to practice empathy by talking to your child about this service project and how it positively impacts the lives of others.

In kindness,

Kenyetta K. Wynn, EdD
Head of Primary School

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, January 9

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

Tuesday, January 10

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

Wednesday, January 11

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

Monday, January 16

- *Martin Luther King Jr. Day: School closed*

Tuesday, January 17

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

Wednesday, January 18

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

Friday, January 20

- *PS Barker's Pajamarama (Students Only)*
- *Pajama Ingathering Ends*

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

Happy New Year! I hope your 2023 is off to a great start.

Our Episcopal identity is at the core of all we do at St. Francis. One example of this was our student-only Lessons and Carols Chapel in December. To help keep the main thing the main thing, this was an intimate Chapel including only students, teachers, and chaplains. The Lessons and Carols service was run by members of our Fourth-Grade Leadership Council, with acolytes from grades K through 3 taking part in telling the story of Jesus's birth. This is what makes our Episcopal identity strong at St. Francis Episcopal School.

We have a calm few weeks ahead, and our teachers have started the new year off by revisiting routines and engaging our students in rigorous academic work. They are also looking forward to meeting with you to share your child's progress and ongoing goals at our upcoming Parent-Teacher Conference Day on Wednesday, January 25. Be on the lookout for an email regarding sign-ups for our conference day.

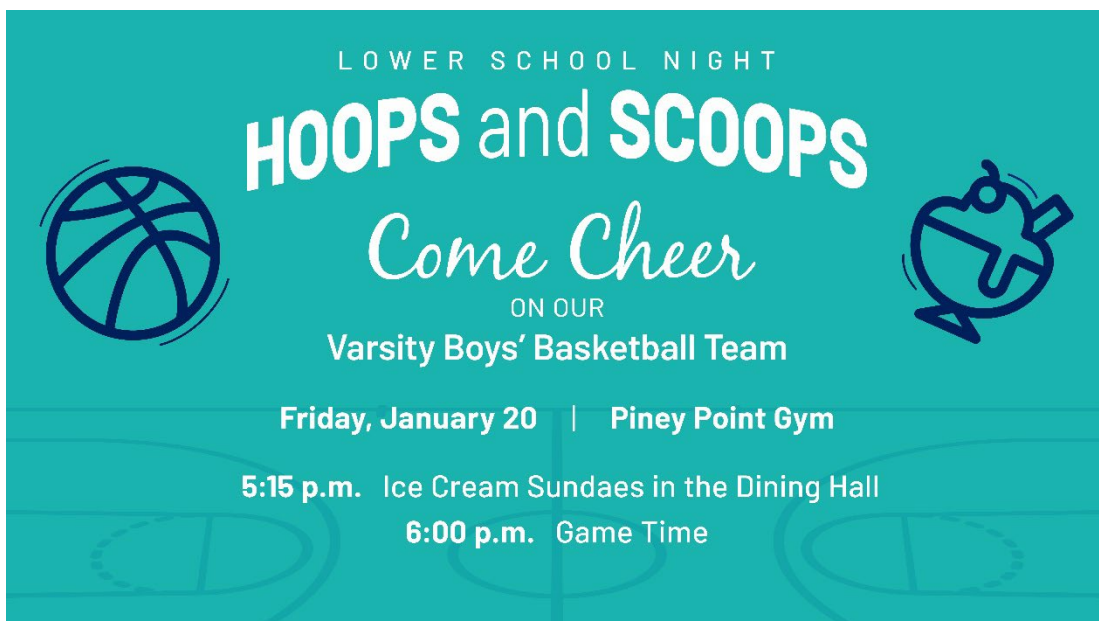
Have a great week ahead and a wonderful second half of our school year!

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, January 9

- *Lower School 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.

Wednesday, January 11

- *Lower School Admissions Tour*
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Thursday, January 12

- *Lower School 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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Monday, January 16

- *Martin Luther King Jr. Day: School closed*
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Thursday, January 19

- *Lower School 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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Friday, January 20

- *Lower School Night (Hoops and Scoops)*
 - 5:15 p.m.—Ice Cream Sundaes in the Dining Hall
 - 6:00 p.m.—Basketball Game in Piney Point Gym
- *Joyful Sounds Sings National Anthem: 6:00 p.m. in Piney Point Gym*

Middle School

From the Division Head

I'm sure you've heard the saying that "If you fail to plan, then you plan to fail." I'm not sure achieving success is that simple, but there's some truth in the axiom.

In advisory at the beginning of each week, students and advisors look ahead at the upcoming tests; quizzes; practices; and special class schedules, trips, or performances. They check their planners at the beginning of each class to make sure they have the

correct homework for the day. Teachers provide students with specific suggestions for how and when to best prepare for upcoming assessments.

Some students already have effective systems for managing their school and extracurricular activities. Some need a little help. Checking the boxes and getting all of the work done is important. Just as important is developing the ability to plan ahead, set priorities, and follow through on commitments. If you're interested, [click here](#) to read more about how students and teachers will be planning for success in 2023.

Planning for success,

Byron R. Williams, EdD
Head of Middle School

Eighth-Grade Boston Trip: Register by January 20

Eighth-grade parents, please register your child for the Boston trip by Friday, January 20, by [clicking on this flyer](#) and following the instructions. The trip will be May 1–4.

Here are some of the places the students will visit:

- Boston Harbor
- Plimoth Patuxet Museums (Formerly Plimoth Plantation)
- Lexington and Concord
- Harvard University
- MIT
- Boston Red Sox Baseball Game

If you have any questions, please contact [Marion Tolon](#).

Save the Date for MS Parent Conferences

Middle School Parent Conferences are January 25. You should have received an email from your child's advisor. This email will have the link to set up your time slot for the meeting.

Join Us for Middle School Bible Study!

Mark your calendar for the next Middle School Bible study! Grades generally meet every other week, with eighth and seventh meeting on Fridays and sixth and fifth meeting on Mondays. Boys' Bible studies meet in Mrs. Flores's room, and girls' Bible studies meet in Mrs. Gutierrez's room. (Both rooms are right off of Crum Library in the old Mac Labs.)

- The next time eighth grade will meet is on Friday, January 20, at 12:15 p.m.
- The next time seventh grade will meet is this Friday, January 13, at 12:15 p.m.
- The next time sixth grade will meet is tomorrow—Monday, January 9—at 12:45 p.m.
- The next time fifth grade will meet is tomorrow—Monday, January 9—at 12:45 p.m.

Middle School Athletics: Spring Sports Update

Spring sports will begin on Monday, January 30. Please [click here](#) for important details.

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, January 9

- *Dress Uniform*
 - *Middle School Chapel: 9:50 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary*
 - *Fifth- and 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, January 10

- *Regular Uniform*
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Wednesday, January 11

- *Regular Uniform*
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Thursday, January 12

- *Middle School Chapel: 9:50 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary*
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Friday, January 13

- *St. Francis Spirit Dress: Wear SFES Spirit shirts with jeans or uniform bottoms*
 - *Seventh-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*
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Monday, January 16

- *Martin Luther King Jr. Day: School closed*

Upper School

From the Division Head

Christmas came twice to the Upper School this season, as we opened the new Student Life Center. To clamorous applause from parents, Board members, Primary School students, and alumni, our students entered their new building this past Tuesday. [Here](#) are some great Instagram pictures of the first day.

What this building means to us is inestimable. Teachers now have expansive and beautiful classrooms. Administration and staff all are gathered together in the same space. There is a flow and a spirit to having everything and everyone nearby. Sage Dining knocked it out of the park this week, with great food and an efficient delivery system.

In the coming weeks and months, we will learn how to use this space. Among our initial activities were a first student assembly on the grand staircase and collaboration opportunities for students upstairs.

Click on the links below to view photos of students using our new Student Life Center:

- [**Mr. Baber guides the students toward respecting and taking care of our new space.**](#)
- [**Nora G. and Emilie D. work on an important project.**](#)
- [**Seniors Raad A. and Sam S. ponder the meaning of it all.**](#)
- [**Students gather in the morning for fellowship and tidy machinations.**](#)

We are so very thankful for this space and know that it will give generations of St. Francis Wolves an inspiring place to learn and grow.

Warmly,

Marc Addington, MA
Head of Upper School

Upper School Athletics: Spring Sports Update

Tomorrow—Monday, January 9—freshmen and sophomores will be selecting spring sports. This Tuesday, January 10, juniors and seniors will be selecting spring sports. Please [click here](#) for important information.

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, January 9

- *"A" Day*
- *Regular Uniform*

Tuesday, January 10

- *“B” Day*
 - *Regular Uniform*
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Wednesday, January 11

- *“A” Day*
 - *Dress Uniform*
 - *Upper School Epiphany Eucharist Chapel: 10:00–10:45 a.m. in Crum Gym*
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Thursday, January 12

- *“B” Day*
 - *Regular Uniform*
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Friday, January 13

- *“A” Day*
 - *St. Francis Spirit Dress: Wear a St. Francis Spirit shirt with full-length jeans or uniform bottoms*
 - *Upper School Chapel: 10:00–10:30 a.m. in Crum Gym*
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Monday, January 16

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

- *“B” Day*
 - *Regular Uniform*
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Wednesday, January 18

- *“A” Day*
 - *Regular Uniform*
 - *Upper School Chapel: 10:00–10:30 a.m. in Crum Gym*
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Thursday, January 19

- *“B” Day*
 - *Regular Uniform*
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Friday, January 20

- *“A” Day*
 - *St. Francis Spirit Dress: Wear a St. Francis Spirit shirt with full-length jeans or uniform bottoms*
 - *Upper School Chapel: 10:00–10:30 a.m. in Crum Gym*
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Saturday, January 21

- *St. Francis Spirit Dress or Athletic Wear*
 - *Winter Social: 6:30–8:30 p.m. on Couper Campus*
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Saturday, April 22

- *Save the Date for Prom: Juniors, seniors, and their dates; more details will be provided closer to the event*

Church

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 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 ARTS & CRAFTS

Each Sunday after the Family Worship Service, children are invited to meet 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 Arts & Crafts after the Family Worship Service. Come help younger children make the craft project of the week! Contact [Allison Devlin](#) to sign up and receive service hours.

HIGH SCHOOL REVIVAL

Join other high school students as we dive into a Bible passage and share how God speaks to us through His Word. Each lesson is stand-alone, so come when you can! We meet across from the Dining Hall each week after the Family Worship Service. Join other students for fellowship, learning, and a question of the day. REVIVAL is led by Nichole Hilgert. For more information, [email her](#) or call 713.419.0517.

Mom's Bible Study Resumes This Month

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

Outreach Ministries

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 Item for January: Canned chili**
- 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](#).

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.

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.

The Men of St. Francis: Next Meeting Is January 10

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 January 10.** 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.

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. (**Resumes January 17**)
 - **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 January 10.**)
 - **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:** 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](#).