

# WOLF WATCH

— WEEKLY E-NEWS —

## News for the Week of January 15

### All School

#### **Connections Event: *From Kids to College***

Thank you to everyone who joined us on January 11 for our Connections event, *From Kids to College: What You Need to Know and Why You Should Care*. If you were unable to attend (or would just like to watch the presentation again), you can view a recording of it on the Parent Portal.

#### **Next FOFA Meeting Is Tuesday**

Our next Friends of Fine Arts (FOFA) meeting is this Tuesday, January 17, at 8:30 a.m. in the 9000 Westheimer Administration Building. *All are welcome!* We would especially encourage our Middle School parents whose children are involved in the Middle School musical to join us. If you have any questions, please [email Amy Pierce](#).

#### **Uniform Resale Is January 27: Save the Date + We Need Volunteers!**

#### **SAVE THE DATE**

Please save the date for our next Uniform Resale, where you can grab some great finds at great prices, all while supporting the programs of our St. Francis Parents Organization!

- **WHEN:** Friday, January 27, 8:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.
- **WHERE:** Gay Foyer on the Piney Point Campus
- **PAYMENT OPTIONS:** Cash, checks, and credit cards accepted

Questions? [Contact Ali Williams](#).

#### **PARENT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY**

Looking for a way to get involved? Uniform Resale needs you!

- We are looking for parent volunteers:
  - Thursday, January 26, to help with sorting and setup
  - Friday, January 27, to help at the sale
- As an added bonus, those who volunteer to sort and set up on Thursday, January 26, will receive first dibs on merchandise.
- [Click here](#) to sign up and to view additional details.
- Questions? [Contact Ali Williams.](#)

### **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

## **Primary School**

### **From the Head of Curriculum and Instruction**

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Have a great week!

Carol Christ, MEd  
Head of Curriculum and Instruction

### **Mark Your Calendar**

#### **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 Barker's 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

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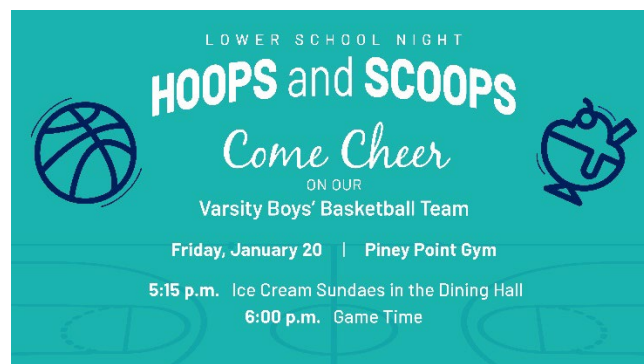
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### Join Us Friday for Hoops and Scoops

Lower School families are invited to cheer on our Varsity Boys' Basketball team this 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 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

- *Step Forward Day for Grades K–4*: 8:20–8:50 a.m.; student-only event
  - *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
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### Monday, January 23

- *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.
  - *Third-Grade ERB Meeting via Zoom*: 11:15–11:55 a.m.
  - *Fourth-Grade ERB Meeting via Zoom*: 12:00–12:40 p.m.
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### Wednesday, January 25

- *Lower School Parent-Teacher Conferences*: Lower School student holiday; link to sign up will be emailed
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### Thursday, January 26

- *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 30**

- *100th Day*: Kindergarten math celebration
  - *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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### **Wednesday, February 1**

- *Lower School Late-Start Day*: Classes begin at 10:30 a.m.
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### **Thursday, February 2**

- *Lower School Chapel for Grades K–4*
  - 8:20 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary
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## **Middle School**

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### **Eighth-Grade Boston Trip: Register by This Friday**

Eighth-grade parents, please [click here](#) to register your child for the Boston trip by this Friday, January 20. The trip will be May 1–4.

Here are some of the places our eighth-grade 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](#).

### **Please Note These Important Upcoming Dates**

- Please note that there is no school tomorrow—**Monday, January 16**—due to the Martin Luther King Jr. Day holiday.
- Middle School Trimester 2 Progress Reports will go out this **Friday, January 20**, at 4:00 p.m.
- Middle School Parent Conferences are **Wednesday, January 25**. You should have received an email from your child’s advisor containing a link that will allow you 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 seventh and eighth meeting on Fridays and fifth and sixth 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 on Friday, January 27, at 12:15 p.m.
- The next time sixth grade will meet is on Monday, January 30, at 12:45 p.m.
- The next time fifth grade will meet is on Monday, January 23, at 12:45 p.m.

### **Mark Your Calendar**

#### **Monday, January 16**

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

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## Tuesday, January 17

- *Regular Uniform*

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## Wednesday, January 18

- *Regular Uniform*

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## Thursday, January 19

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

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## Friday, January 20

- *St. Francis Spirit Dress: Wear SFES Spirit shirts with jeans or uniform bottoms*
- *Eighth-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*
- *Trimester 2 Progress Report Cards: Posted at 4:00 p.m. on Veracross*

## Upper School

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### **A Message From the Director of College Counseling**

I am very pleased to announce that our community is invited to attend several college counseling programs at fellow ISAS schools. St. John's School will be hosting a case study (for junior and senior families), and you can also attend a standardized testing presentation at either The Kinkaid School or St. John's (open to all grade levels). The content for the standardized testing programs will be the same both nights, so you can select the date or location that works best for you. Please see the information below, and RSVP if prompted.

### **FINANCIAL AID CASE STUDY @ ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL**

- Monday, February 13, 6:30–7:30 p.m.
- Main Upper School Campus at St. John's School
- Junior and Senior Families Only
- RSVP Required

*The Financial Aid Case Study is an opportunity for juniors and seniors and their parents to gain more insight into the college financial aid process. Joining us for the program will be Gail Roberson, Director of Admissions—Houston Recruitment at Trinity University in San Antonio, and Jeremy Curtis, Associate Director of Admissions at Drake University. (Both panelists have presented to St. Francis students in the past.) To attend this program, you must [RSVP using this link](#).*

### **NAVIGATING COLLEGE ADMISSION TESTS @ ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL**

- Monday, March 6, 6:30 p.m.
- VST Lowe Theater at St. John's School
- RSVP Required

*Adam Ingersoll, cofounder of Compass Education Group, will share current trends, insights, and more on the state of testing in college admissions. He will lead an informative and dynamic conversation about the upcoming Digital PSAT and SAT, as well as on other topics that our families have found educational and beneficial. Please RSVP via [this link](#).*

### **NAVIGATING COLLEGE ADMISSION TESTS @ THE KINKAID SCHOOL**

- Wednesday, March 8, 6:30 p.m.
- Brown Auditorium in the Katz Center for the Performing Arts at The Kinkaid School
- No RSVP Required

*Adam Ingersoll, cofounder of Compass Education Group, will share current trends, insights, and more on the state of testing in college admissions. He will lead an*

*informative and dynamic conversation about the upcoming Digital PSAT and SAT, as well as on other topics that our families have found educational and beneficial.*

For the last several years, my college counseling colleagues at other schools have been very gracious to include us in their broader programming. I look forward to returning that favor in the coming years as we now have a beautiful facility to host them. It's a great time to be at St. Francis!

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me via [email](#) or at 713.458.6338.

Sincerely,

Steven Scales  
Director of College Counseling

### **Mark Your Calendar**

#### **Monday, January 16**

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

- *“B” Day*
  - *Regular Uniform*
  - *Cyber Safety Lunch and Learn: 11:25 a.m.–12:20 p.m. in Crum Gym*
  - *Lunch in Dining Hall: 12:25–12:55 p.m.*
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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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## **Monday, January 23**

- *“B” Day*
  - *Regular Uniform*
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## **Tuesday, January 24**

- *“A” Day*
  - *Regular Uniform*
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## **Wednesday, January 25**

- *“B” Day*
  - *Regular Uniform*
  - *Upper School Chapel: 10:00–10:30 a.m. in Crum Gym*
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## **Thursday, January 26**

- *“A” Day*
  - *Regular Uniform*
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## **Friday, January 27**

- *“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, 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.

### Spring First Communion Classes Start January 22

First Communion classes begin this coming **Sunday, January 22**. This course is designed to prepare second-grade students to receive the Holy Eucharist.

- **WHAT:** First Communion Classes to prepare second-grade students to receive the Holy Eucharist
- **WHEN:** Sundays following the 9:00 a.m. Family Worship Service on January 22, January 29, February 12, and February 26
- **WHERE:** CE 207 (Second floor, across from the elevator)
- **EVENTS TO NOTE:**
  - *Parent Coffee:* During the January 22 class in room CE 212
  - *Family Session:* Saturday, March 4, at 2:00 p.m.
  - *First Communion Sunday:* Sunday, March 5, at the 9:00 a.m. Family Worship Service

To sign up, contact Allison Devlin via [email](#) or at 713.882.0725.

### New Mom's Bible Study Starts February 8

In the midst of folding laundry, coordinating carpool schedules, and breaking up fights, many parents get lost. Feeling pressure to do everything “right” and raise “good” children, it’s easy to lose sight of our ultimate purpose as parents. In this book, Paul David Tripp presents us with a big-picture view of God’s plan for us as parents.

Come join other moms after carpool for learning and fellowship! This book has changed the way I parent, allowing me to truly receive God's grace and pass it along to my family. I hope you will join me. I look forward to meeting you!

—Allison Devlin, Director of Family Ministry

- **WHAT:** *Parenting: 14 Gospel Principles That Can Radically Change Your Family* by Paul David Tripp
- **WHEN:** Wednesdays at 8:15 a.m., **beginning February 8**
- **WHERE:** Richmond House on the Couper Campus
- **FOR MORE INFORMATION:** To sign up or for more information, contact Allison Devlin via [email](#) or at 713.882.0725.

## **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 school's 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**

Come read and discuss some intense Bible stories that aren't always talked about in Sunday School. We will read the Bible "in context" and reflect on how God is sharing His Truth with us. Along with some riveting Bible passages, we will learn how to use Anglican prayer beads, practice Lectio Divina, and introduce Christian meditation. REVIVAL is led by Nichole Hilgert. For more information, contact Nichole via [email](#) or at 713.419.0517.

## **Scout Sunday Is February 12**

Calling all Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and Scout leaders! You are invited to the 9:00 a.m. Family Worship Service on February 12 to celebrate your accomplishments. All Eagle Scouts and Girl Scout Gold Award recipients will receive special recognition and prayer. Please RSVP to Cindy Huteson via [email](#) so we have your names in advance.

## 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.
- The current study is on Philip Yancey's book, *Prayer: Does It Make Any Difference?*
- Contact [Fr. Price](#) for more information.

### **The Men of St. Francis: Next Meeting Is February 14**

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 February 14.** 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 February 1, 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
- Second Tuesday of Each Month at 8:00–9:30 a.m. (**Next meeting is February 14.**)
  - **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](http://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](#).