

# WOLF WATCH

— WEEKLY E-NEWS —

## News for the Week of February 5

### All School

#### **Fun, Family ... And Festival 2023: Sunday, April 23, 1:00–4:00 p.m.**

We are so excited to kick off registration for Festival this year! This beloved community event is appropriate for kids of all ages and adults, so plan to bring the entire family. This year, we are bringing back some all-time favorite activities (like Pick-A-Chop) and making a few changes (no more tickets!). You can find more information and [register on the event website here](#).

Please [email Annie Hartigan](#), Chair, with any questions. We can't wait to see you there!

#### **Online Re-enrollment Is Now Open**

We want you to come back to the pack! Online re-enrollment is now open. Check your email for details and specific instructions on how to re-enroll.

#### **Announcing the 2023–24 Art à la Carte Managing Board**

We are pleased to announce the 2023–24 Art à la Carte (AALC) Managing Board. Congratulations to the following AALC docents, who were nominated, have accepted their positions, and were approved by the Head of School. We look forward to their service!

- Chair: **Stefanie Carper**
- Vice-Chair: **Annie Hartigan**
- Chair of Training: **Kim Nettles**
- Co-Chair of Training: **Amanda Ollison**
- Chair of Finance: **Alison Meyer**

- Chair of Technology: **Katie Blades**
- Chair of Program Resources: **Nicole Ali**
- Chair of Lower School Field Trips: **Reid Nelson**
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### **Friends of Fine Arts: Next Meeting Is Tuesday**

Please join Friends of Fine Arts for their next meeting this Tuesday, February 7, at 8:30 a.m. in the 9000 Westheimer Administration Building. Art is for ALL!

### **Parents' Night Out Is Friday: Reserve Your Spot Now**

Our next Parents' Night Out event will be held this Friday, February 10, from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Students will engage in fun games, crafts, Nerf wars, a pizza party, cooking projects, and more. [Email Margaret Newsom](#) to reserve a spot.

### **Upper School Dance Show Is February 17**

Join us for our Upper School Dance Show on Friday, February 17, in the upstairs studio of the Student Life Center. There are two different times to choose from: 6:30 p.m. and/or 8:00 p.m., with a small reception in between. Please [click here to RSVP](#). (Seating is limited, so we appreciate your help in this!)

### **Summer on the Point Registration Opens February 21**

Summer is just around the corner, and we have planned a summer packed with fun, adventure, and creativity. Some new highlights will include Live Action Angry Birds, Cupcake Wars, CSI Detectives, Storm the Castle, Habitats for Cats, and more. Familiar favorites such as Primary School discovery camps, JumpStart classes, basketball, and baseball will return for more fun.

Registration opens on Tuesday, February 21, at 10:00 a.m. for students in Lower, Middle, and Upper School. Registration for students in Primary School opens on Wednesday, February 22, at noon. (We have split the registration start dates to avoid overloading the online registration system. Registration will be unavailable from 8:00 a.m. to noon on February 22 so that we may update the system to include Primary

School camps.)

### **Join Us for the Woolrich Luncheon on March 7**

You are invited to attend the eighteenth-annual Woolrich Luncheon on Tuesday, March 7, at 11:30 a.m. in the Fine Arts Center on Piney Point Campus. Invitations were sent last week, and we are excited to welcome you to campus for this beloved tradition. You can purchase tickets or donate [here](#).

*About the Sarah W. Woolrich Fund for Faculty: Inspired teaching is often what makes the difference between a child who merely attends school and one who truly enjoys learning. It is in this spirit that St. Francis Episcopal School established the Sarah W. Woolrich Fund for Faculty. Named for our school's remarkable first principal, the fund is designed to enhance the educational experience of our students by first expanding the horizons of our faculty.*

### **Primary School**

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Blessings,

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### **Grandparents and Grandfriends Days Are This Week**

Please **help us gather RSVPs** to this week's Grandparents and Grandfriends Days by sharing [this RSVP link](#) with grandparents and grandfriends, or by registering for them if needed.

- **Thursday, February 9:** Primary II at 9:00 a.m.
- **Friday, February 10:** Primary I at 9:00 a.m. and Pre-Primary at 10:00 a.m.

### **Mark Your Calendar**

#### **Monday, February 6**

- *Open Library*
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#### **Tuesday, February 7**

- *No Chapel*
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#### **Wednesday, February 8**

- *No Chapel*
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**Thursday, February 9**

- *Grandparents Day for Primary II*
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**Friday, February 10**

- *Grandparents Day for Primary I and Pre-Primary*
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**Monday, February 13**

- *Open Library*
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**Tuesday, February 14**

- *Chapel: 9:30 a.m.; Primary II parents may attend*
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**Wednesday, February 15**

- *Chapel: 9:30 a.m.; Primary I parents may attend*
  - *Primary School Lunch and Learn: Noon to 1:00 p.m.*
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**Monday, February 20**

- *Presidents' Day Holiday: No school*
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**Tuesday, February 21**

- *Chapel: 9:30 a.m.; Primary II parents may attend*
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### **Wednesday, February 22**

- *Chapel:* 9:30 a.m.; Primary I parents may attend
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### **Friday, February 24**

- *Darla McNay Rodeo Day:* Students may dress in Western wear (no guns or spurs, please)
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### **Monday, February 27**

- *Open Library*
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### **Tuesday, February 28**

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

- *Chapel:* 9:30 a.m.; Primary I parents may attend
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### **Monday, March 6**

- *Open Library*
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### **Tuesday, March 7**

- *Chapel:* 9:30 a.m.; Primary II parents may attend
  - *Woolrich Awards Luncheon:* 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.
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**Wednesday, March 8**

- *Chapel: 9:30 a.m.; Primary I parents may attend*
  - *Primary I Sings in Chapel*
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**Monday, March 13–Friday, March 17**

- *Spring Break: No school*
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**Monday, March 20**

- *Open Library*
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**Thursday, March 23**

- *Primary II Field Trip to Piney Point Campus*
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- *Open Library*
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- *Chapel*: 9:30 a.m.; Primary II parents may attend
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## Wednesday, March 29

- *Chapel*: 9:30 a.m.; Primary I parents may attend
- *Primary II Fathers and Friends Picnic*: 11:00 a.m.

## Lower School

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- *Lower School Chapel for Grades K–4*
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#### **Thursday, February 9**

- *Lower School Chapel for Grades K–4*
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### **Tuesday, February 14**

- *Lower School Valentine's Day Parties*
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### **Wednesday, February 15**

- *Art à la Carte Field Trip for Grade 2: Visit to The Museum of Fine Arts, Houston; 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.*
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### **Thursday, February 16**

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

- *Presidents' Day Holiday: No school*
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### **Wednesday, February 22**

- *Ash Wednesday 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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## Thursday, February 23

- *Lower School Fairy Tale Day*
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## Friday, February 24

- *Lower School Joyful Sounds Field Trip to The Buckingham and Treemont Senior Living: 9:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m.*
- *Go Texan Day*

## Middle School

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### **Cold-Weather Uniform Reminder**

We've had a few cold days recently. When in the building, students are allowed to wear St. Francis outerwear on top of their regular uniforms. Approved outerwear includes school blazers, St. Francis fleece jackets (navy only), and St. Francis hoodies and sweatshirts. Students may also wear solid white or navy T-shirts or turtlenecks under the uniform shirts.

When the temperature drops, skirts and shorts may not be enough to keep students warm. On colder days, we are permitting students to wear leggings or tights under their uniform bottoms. Boys and girls may also wear khaki pants from DENNIS Uniform.

### **Middle School Spring Sports Update**

We are excited for the Middle School spring sports seasons, which began this week. All rosters have been added to Veracross. Please see below for some general information regarding practice locations, timing, carpool, and coach contact information.

#### **ATHLETICS/MSPE GENERAL INFORMATION**

<b>Sport</b>	<b>Practice Time</b>	<b>Practice/Class Location</b>	<b>Carpool Time*</b>	<b>Carpool Location</b>
MSPE Exempt	3:10 p.m. Dismissal	Off Campus	3:10–3:20 p.m.	Green Awning
Golf	3:10 p.m. Dismissal	Off Campus	3:10–3:20 p.m.	Green Awning

Sport	Practice Time	Practice/Class Location	Carpool Time*	Carpool Location
MSPE	3:15–4:00 p.m.	Piney Point Campus	4:05 p.m.	Piney Point Campus—Dining Hall
Track & Field	3:15–4:00 p.m.	Piney Point Campus—Grass Field	4:20 p.m.	Piney Point Campus—Dining Hall
Baseball	3:15–4:25 p.m.	Piney Point Campus—Baseball Field	4:30 p.m.	Piney Point Campus—Dining Hall
Softball	3:15–4:35 p.m.	Piney Point Campus—Don Hicks Field	4:40 p.m.	Piney Point Campus—Dining Hall
Girls Lacrosse	3:25–4:40 p.m.	Couper Turf Field	4:45 p.m.	Couper Campus—Crum Gym
Tennis	3:30–4:30 p.m.	Memorial Park Tennis Center	4:30 p.m. at Memorial Park  <b>OR</b>  4:50–5:00 p.m. at Piney Point Campus	Memorial Park OR  Piney Point Campus—Dining Hall

\* Please do not arrive before your designated carpool time.

**MS ATHLETICS CONTACT INFORMATION**

Sport/Activity	Primary Contact	Email Address
MSPE	Jamie Platt	<a href="mailto:JPlatt@StFrancisHouston.org">JPlatt@StFrancisHouston.org</a>

Sport/Activity	Primary Contact	Email Address
Coed Golf	Ted Lakoski	<a href="mailto:TLakoski@StFrancisHouston.org">TLakoski@StFrancisHouston.org</a>
Coed Track & Field	Jeff Garner Sr.	<a href="mailto:JGarner@StFrancisHouston.org">JGarner@StFrancisHouston.org</a>
Baseball	Mike August	<a href="mailto:MAugust@StFrancisHouston.org">MAugust@StFrancisHouston.org</a>
Softball	Don Hicks	<a href="mailto:DHicks@StFrancisHouston.org">DHicks@StFrancisHouston.org</a>
Girls Lacrosse	Jamie Platt	<a href="mailto:JPlatt@StFrancisHouston.org">JPlatt@StFrancisHouston.org</a>
Coed Tennis	Meleney Moore	<a href="mailto:MMoore@StFrancisHouston.org">MMoore@StFrancisHouston.org</a>
General Athletics Questions	T. Riley	<a href="mailto:TRiley@StFrancisHouston.org">TRiley@StFrancisHouston.org</a>

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### **PAYMENT AND PROCESS**

- The price of a half-page ad is \$250.
- To reserve your space, fill out [this form](#) by Friday, February 17.
- Submit payment via check written to St. Francis Episcopal School; label the memo as “Yearbook Ad.”
- Please drop off checks to Rose Ann Gregory at the front office of Piney Point Campus. Payment is due no later than Friday, February 17, at 4:00 p.m.
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### **Eighth Graders: White-Shirt Day Is March 1**

Eighth-grade parents, this is the time of year when we begin the traditional events that mark the recognition of our eighth-grade class and their accomplishments at St. Francis Middle School.

On **Wednesday, March 1**, eighth-grade students will participate in the filming of a portion of their Eighth-Grade Video, as well as take their class portrait. We ask that you make every effort to have your students here at school by 8:30 a.m. (Note: This is a Late-Start Day, so we are asking your students to arrive before school starts to get this filmed.) Students are allowed to be out of uniform on this day and are asked to wear the following clothing:

- Boys: White button-down shirt
- Girls: White blouse or nice white top (school-appropriate)
- All Students: Blue jeans with no holes or rips

Students may wear any school-appropriate shoes for this day. Boots are absolutely okay!

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### Monday, February 6

- *Dress Uniform*
  - *Middle School Chapel:* 9:50 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary
  - *Fifth-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, February 7

- *Regular Uniform*
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### Wednesday, February 8

- *Regular Uniform*
  - *Seventh-Grade Girls' Bible Study:* 12:15 p.m. in Mrs. Gutierrez's room, right off of Crum Library
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### Thursday, February 9

- *Middle School Chapel*
    - 9:50 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary
    - Chapel Speaker: Dr. Byron Williams
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### Friday, February 10

- *SFES Spirit Dress:* Wear SFES Spirit shirts with jeans or uniform bottoms
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Spring sports will begin this week for all teams. Our baseball team is already underway with practices. Please see below for some important information.

### **BASEBALL**

- **Head Coach:** **Mike August**
- **Team Details:** TAPPS Varsity team

### **SOFTBALL**

- **Head Coach:** **Don Hicks**
- **Start:** Week of February 6
- **Team Details:** Upper School independent team

### **TRACK & FIELD**

- **Head Coach:** **Marion Tolon**
- **Start:** February 6
- **Team Details:** TAPPS Varsity team for those who qualify, and a JV team

### **TENNIS**

- **Head Coach:** **James Alleyn**
- **Start:** Week of February 6
- **Team Details:** US Team, Varsity TBD
- **Notes:** Practices will be held in the morning before school. Students will be responsible for transportation to practice. The school will provide transportation from practice to Couper Campus. Players must qualify for competition. There is no guarantee of playing time in US Tennis.

### **GOLF**

- **Head Coach:** **Suraju Shittabey**
- **Start:** Week of February 6
- **Team Details:** TAPPS Varsity Team for those who qualify, and a JV team for those who qualify for competition
- **Notes:** Practices will be held off campus. Players must qualify for competition. There is no guarantee of playing time in US Golf.

### **GIRLS LACROSSE**

- **Head Coach:** **Jamie Platt**
- **Team Details:** Introductory season. One to two meetings per week for interested players. This can be a secondary sport for interested players.
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## Mark Your Calendar

### Monday, February 6

- *“B” Day*
  - *Regular Uniform*
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### Tuesday, February 7

- *“A” Day*
  - *Regular Uniform*
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### Wednesday, February 8

- *“B” Day*
  - *Regular Uniform*
  - *Upper School Chapel: 10:00–10:30 a.m. in Crum Gym*
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### Thursday, February 9

- *“A” Day*
  - *Regular Uniform*
  - *Grandparents and Grandfriends Day: 11:45 a.m.–1:00 p.m. in the Student Life Center*
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### Friday, February 10

- *“B” 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, February 13**

- *“A” Day*
  - *Regular Uniform*
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### **Tuesday, February 14**

- *“B” Day*
  - *Regular Uniform*
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### **Wednesday, February 15**

- *“A” Day*
  - *Regular Uniform*
  - *Upper School Chapel: 10:00–10:30 a.m. in Crum Gym*
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### **Thursday, February 16**

- *“B” Day*
  - *Regular Uniform*
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### **Friday, February 17**

- *“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, February 20**

- *Presidents’ Day Holiday: No school*

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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.

### **Mark Your Calendar for Shrove Tuesday Festivities**

Join us for our annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper & Mardi Gras Party on February 21 (the day before Ash Wednesday) from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. This is a great time to have some family fun as we feast on pancakes, gumbo, and king cake. Rick Keith and the St. Francis musicians are planning extra special music. You do not want to miss this! [Click here](#) to get details and tickets.

### **Join Us for Ash Wednesday Services on February 22**

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, February 22. 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.

### **Eighth Graders, Join Us for Confirmation Class**

Eighth graders, if you missed the Confirmation Class Ice Cream Social and Orientation, you can still join the 2023–24 Confirmation Class. If you are in eighth grade and have not been confirmed, please contact Cindy Huteson via [email](#) or call the church office at 713.782.1270.

### **New Mom's Bible Study Starts Wednesday**

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.

### **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.

### **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.

### **Forgiveness Workshop Is April 1**

Father Bates will lead a **forgiveness workshop on Saturday, April 1, from 9:00 a.m. to noon in the Hogan Board Room.** This will be a time 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.

## **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.

## **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 February: Canned pasta with or without meat**
- 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.
- The current study is on Philip Yancey's book, *Prayer: Does It Make Any Difference?*
- 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.
  - **Study:** Book of James
  - **Contact:** [Louise Richman](#)

#### **MEN'S BIBLE STUDIES**

- Tuesdays at 7:00–8:00 a.m.
  - **Contact:** [Martin O'Malley](#)

- **Location:** La Madeleine (1st, 3rd, and 4th Tuesdays of each month)
- 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](#).