



St. Francis Weekly Bulletin - December 15, 2024

Welcome to St. Francis Episcopal Church

If you're new here, we're glad you've joined us today! We'd love to connect. Please fill out a **Visitor Card** found in the pews or on the Information Table in the Narthex.

A church that cares

Every Sunday following worship, our priests are up front to pray with you and talk with you: for healing, for wisdom, to join the church or be baptized, for special blessing, etc.

If there is a birth, a death of a loved one, a marriage, a hospitalization, we'd love to be there and pray with you.

Contact Us

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- **Email:** stfechurch@gmail.com
- **Website:** www.stfepiscopal.org

How do I sign up to help or participate?

Paper sign up sheets are on the Info. Table in the Narthex. But you can always email or call us to say, "Sign me up!". Remember to include your full name and best contact info.

Upcoming Events

- **Special Giving Project 1:** During Advent, our Offering Basket collections on Sunday mornings will be given to Episcopal Relief and Development's Gifts for Life. If your gift is part of your regular offering to the church, please mark it as "Church Offering". You can also give online. For more about Episcopal Relief & Development visit episcopalrelief.org.
- **Special Giving Project 2:** We have partnered with a local elementary school to help supply needs for students during this holiday season. Check out the Go & Bless section of our Information Table to pick up a needed gift item, shop, and return the gift on Sunday the 15th. Please
- **LBTQ+ Ministry:** conversation with Bishop Michael this Sunday, Dec. 15, 6pm, at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, also by Zoom. Email LGBTQdrg@gmail.com for the link.
- **Confessions:** Saturdays in December, 4-5pm. No sign up needed. Simply come. *The Book of Common Prayer* pages 446-448.
- **Christmas decorating:** Stay after the 1030am service on Dec. 22 to help decorate our sanctuary for Christmas! It's a fun and community building time.
- **Christmas Eve:** Dec. 24, 6pm, candlelight, children's Christmas pageant, Holy Communion, Christmas carols
- **Christmas Day:** Dec. 25, 1030am, Christmas carols, Holy Communion
- **Office closed:** Dec 24-Jan 1

Community Updates

- **Try out choir!** We are looking for new people to sing in our choir, or to try out playing the handbells. We especially need help in December for our Christmas Eve service. No prior experience necessary! Sign up in the Narthex.
- **Lost and Found:** We will be donating Lost & Found items at the end of the year. Please see whether you have any missing items. The Lost & Found is located in the hallway leading to our chapel on the green bookcase.
- 🍲 **Storehouse West:** Remember our local food pantry in your Sunday offering - they need canned fruit, peanut butter, pasta, and cereal. No glass jars please! *We collected 242lbs of food in November.*
- **Children's Christmas Pageant & Choir:** Rehearsing from 9:30am-10:15am. Parents, please pick up your children from the *Music Room*.
- **Stewardship update:** We are getting close! You have committed to \$188,060 of the \$252,000 needed for next year. *That's 74.6% of our goal!* There is still time to fill out and return your Estimate of Giving Card. Bring it on Sunday or mail it in!
- **Clare's Closet:** Our children's clothing ministry needs new or gently used coats for ages 0-14. You can bring them as part of your offering Sunday!
- **Business Corner:** Our solar panels have been generating more power than we use, which gives us credits to use in the winter months, when because of less sunlight, they generate less power. As a side note: please know that thanks to your Capital Fund gifts, the solar panels are completely paid off!

Weekly Events Schedule

Bible studies, adult stretch classes, centering prayer groups, and more. Can be found on our website homepage, click "Weekly Events Schedule" to download.

Sacraments

Talk with a priest, or contact the office, to schedule a Sacrament.

Give

St Francis relies on your generous donations to do the work we do. To support this work, you can give online or on Sunday mornings.

*"The aim of such instruction is love that comes from a pure heart, a good conscience, and sincere faith."
- 1 Timothy 1:5*