



**ST. FRANCIS DAY
BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS**
October 1, 2025
6:30 p.m.

PRESIDER The Rev. Hope Tinsley Benko, Associate Rector
MUSIC Mark Wischkaemper, Director of Music, Bethell Hall

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SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

All services in Historic Church

- 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I**
Spoken service without music
Sagrada Eucaristía, Rito I
Servicio hablado sin música
- 9 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II**
Incorporating materials from
Enriching Our Worship
Sagrada Eucaristía, Rito II
Incorporando materiales de
Enriqueciendo Nuestra Adoración
- 11:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II**
Traditional liturgy and music
Livestreamed
Sagrada Eucaristía, Rito II
Liturgia y música tradicionales
Transmitido en vivo



Childcare available during worship services.

8:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m. (2 months to 4 years), 1st Floor



Assistive listening devices Ask an usher to use in Historic Church.

MUSIC NOTES



Learn about the music we hear in worship from Organist and Choirmaster Eric Mellenbruch.

stdave.org/music

UPCOMING SERVICES

- Wednesday, Oct. 1** **Blessing of the Pets**
6:30 p.m. *Playground*
- Sunday, Oct. 12** **Holy Eucharist, Baptism, Confirmation,**
11:15 a.m. **and Reception offered by Bishop Ryan**
- Wednesday, Oct. 15** **Migration with Dignity Prayer Vigil**
6:30 p.m. *Surface Lot*
- Sunday, Oct. 26** **Harvest Sunday All-Parish Worship**
10:30 a.m. *Only one service*
- Wednesday, Nov. 5** **All Souls' Requiem**
7 p.m. *Historic Church*

DAILY PRAYER

Grace Chapel

- Tuesdays, 9 a.m.** **Morning Prayer**
- Wednesdays, 5:15 p.m.** **Evening Prayer**
- (1st and 3rd) Thursdays** **Midday Prayer**
11:30 a.m.
- Thursdays, Noon** **Online Intercessory Prayer**
Contact: intercessoryprayer@stdave.org

CHURCH HOURS AND PHONE

Sunday: 8 a.m.-1 p.m.
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 8 a.m.-6 p.m.
Wednesday: 8 a.m.-9 p.m.
Saturday: Closed
Phone: 512.610.3500

VISITORS

Contact the Rev. Hope Tinsley Benko: hope.b@stdave.org
Welcome! We're so glad you've joined us for worship today.
If you'd like information about getting connected at St. David's, please fill out the guest card in front of you, email Associate Rector the Rev. Hope Tinsley Benko, or call 512.610.3548. We look forward to hearing from you!

¡Bienvenidos! Nos alegra mucho que nos acompañen al la adoración de hoy.
Si desean información sobre cómo conectarse en St. David's, por favor, llenar la tarjeta de invitado que tienen delante, o comuníquese con la Reverenda Hope Tinsley Benko, rectora asociada, por correo electrónico o llame al 512.610.3548.
¡Esperamos tener noticias suyas!



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NEWCOMER BREAKFAST

Sunday, Oct. 19, Sumners Hall

For more information contact the Rev. Hope Tinsley Benko.

NAME TAGS

Need a new or replacement name tag? Fill out sign-up sheet at the Front Desk. Pick up your new name tag the following Sunday. You are invited to select a pronoun sticker from the visitor's table in the lobby.

RESTROOMS

Gendered bathrooms are outside Bethell Hall and Crail Hall. Non-gendered bathrooms can be found in the 2nd-floor hallway off the lobby.

PARKING

Parking is free during church services and events. You do not need to scan anything to park in the garage. Questions? Speak with someone at the Front Desk.

WAYS TO GIVE

- Give online with the QR code
- Complete the giving card or envelope found in the worship spaces and place in the offering plate
- Visit stdave.org/give



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ST. FRANCIS DAY/BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

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OPENING ACCLAMATION

Blessed be the God of all creation.

✠ **And blessed be God's holy Name forever.**

Bless your Creator, all animals of the land.

✠ **Praise and exalt our Creator forever.**

Bless your Creator, all birds of the air.

✠ **Praise and exalt our Creator forever.**

Bless your Creator, all creatures of the sea.

✠ **Praise and exalt our Creator forever.**

Bless your Creator, all children of God.

✠ **With all of creation, we praise your name.**

The Lord be with you.

✠ **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Most high, omnipotent, good Lord: Grant your people grace to renounce gladly the vanities of this world; that, following the way of blessed Francis, we may for love of you delight in your whole creation with perfect joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ✠ **Amen.**

Please be seated.

READING: Luke 12.22-32

Jesus said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them. Instead, strive for his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well. Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

The Word of the Lord.

✠ **Thanks be to God.**

Please read responsively by whole verse.

RESPONSE: Psalm 104:10-25

You, LORD God, send the springs into the valleys; *
they flow between the mountains.

✘ **All the beasts of the field drink their fill from them, *
and the wild asses quench their thirst.**

Beside them the birds of the air make their nests *
and sing among the branches.

✘ **You water the mountains from your dwelling on high; *
the earth is fully satisfied by the fruit of your works.**

You make grass grow for flocks and herds *
and plants to serve humankind;

✘ **That they may bring forth food from the earth, *
and wine to gladden our hearts,**

Oil to make a cheerful countenance, *
and bread to strengthen the heart.

✘ **The trees of the LORD are full of sap, *
the cedars of Lebanon which God planted,**

In which the birds build their nests, *
and in whose tops the stork makes a dwelling.

✘ **The high hills are a refuge for the mountain goats, *
and the stony cliffs for the rock badgers.**

You appointed the moon to mark the seasons, *
and the sun knows the time of its setting.

✘ **You make darkness that it may be night, *
in which all the beasts of the forest prowl.**

The lions roar after their prey *
and seek their food from God.

✘ **The sun rises, and they slip away *
and lay themselves down in their dens.**

People go forth to their work *
and to their labor until the evening.

✘ **O LORD, how manifold are your works! *
in wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.**

MUSIC: All of us belong

Richard Bruxvoort-Colligan

LITANY FOR ALL CREATION

Presider

Call out the names of those animals for whom we care.

Call out the names of those animals who are no longer with us.

Intercessor

Holy God, Creator of heaven and earth,

✠ **Have mercy upon us.**

Holy and Mighty, Redeemer of the world,

✠ **Have mercy upon us.**

Holy Immortal One, Sanctifier of the faithful,

✠ **Have mercy upon us.**

Grant that all your creatures may serve you with thanksgiving;

✠ **We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.**

Grant favorable weather, temperate rain, and fruitful seasons, providing food and drink for all your creatures;

✠ **We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.**

Open our eyes to the wonder of creation, that we may see you in all your works;

✠ **We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.**

Stir in us the desire to care for your creation;

✠ **We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.**

Make us wise and faithful stewards of creation, caring for the earth, the waters, the air, and all that live therein;

✠ **We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.**

Forgive us who waste and pollute your creation and strengthen us to restore what we have disregarded;

✠ **We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.**

Look with compassion on those that are abused and mistreated, show us their dignity in your creation;

✠ **We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.**

Remember those creatures that have died yet remain dear to us that, that they may rejoice in your new creation;

✠ **We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.**

Presider

Holy Immortal One: No sparrow falls without your knowing it; nothing dies but is remembered by you; nothing comes into being that you do not see. Give us courage and resolve to build up the common good, holding fast to the hope of a new creation in which all shall dwell eternally, through Jesus Christ, our Risen Savior. ✠ **Amen.**

THE BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Presider

God's animals inhabit the skies, the land, and the sea; we share the earth with them, and like them rely on God's blessing to sustain and preserve us. We gather today in communion and friendship with Francis of Assisi who preached to animals and moved throughout the known world sharing God's unconditional love for all beings. Remembering Francis' love for all God's creatures, bring forward the animals entrusted to your care that we may bless them.

Those who bring animals for blessing hold or place their hands on their animals in blessing. As a group, they are blessed by the Presider.

Almighty and everlasting God, Creator of all things and Giver of all life: Let your blessing be upon these and all animals. May our love and care for them reflect your compassion and safekeeping of all creation. Grant these animals health, peace, and safety. Strengthen us to love and care for them following the good example of Francis of Assisi, through Jesus Christ our Savior. ☒ **Amen.**

If preferred, those who bring animals for blessing hold or place their hands on their animals in blessing, and they are blessed by name by the Presider. If animals are not present, the Presider joins in prayer with those who come remembering them.

Presider

N., May God who created and preserves you bless, defend, heal, and keep you, this day and always. Amen.

When all have been blessed the Presider prays:

Presider

Let us pray.

God of all creation: we give you thanks and praise. Open our eyes to see your hand at work in all creation. May your bountiful blessing be upon us all, God our Redeemer, now and for ever.

☒ **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

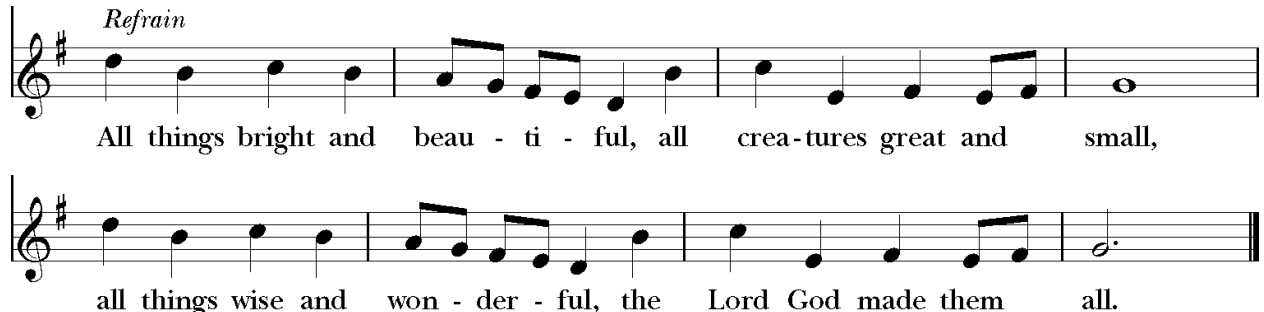
☒ **Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Please join in singing.

DISMISSAL HYMN: All Things Bright and Beautiful

Royal Oak

Refrain



All things bright and beau - ti - ful, all crea-tures great and small,
all things wise and won - der - ful, the Lord God made them all.

1 Each lit - tle flower that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,
2 The pur - ple - head - ed moun-tain, the riv - er run - ning by,
3 The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas - ant sum - mer sun,
4 He gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell

Repeat Refrain



he made their glow-ing col - ors, he made their ti - ny wings.
the sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright-ens up the sky,
the ripe fruits in the gar - den, he made them ev - ery one.
how great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

✠ Thanks be to God.

FRANCIS OF ASSISI

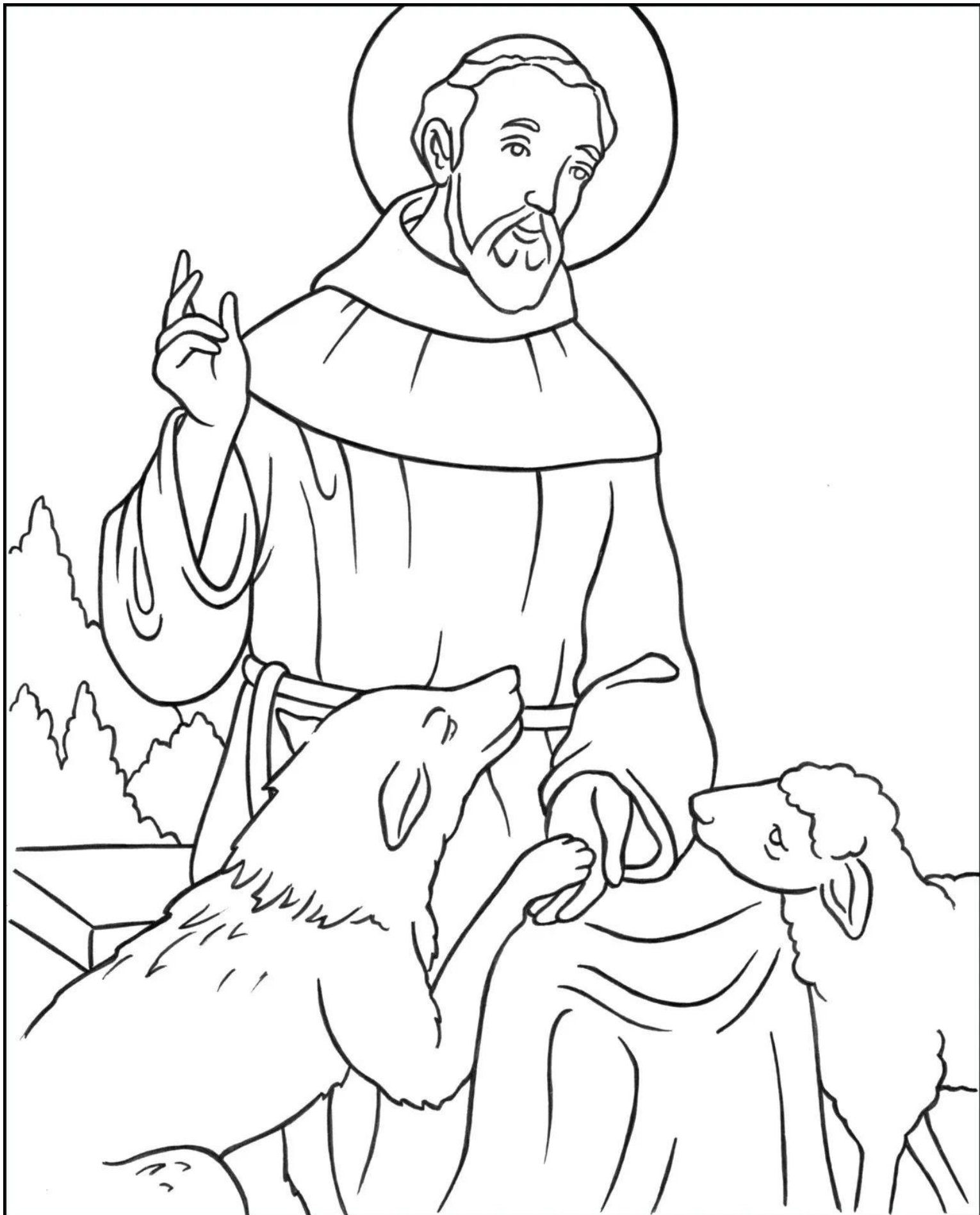
Friar, 1226

Francis, the son of a prosperous merchant of Assisi, was born in 1182. His early youth was spent in harmless revelry and fruitless attempts to win military glory. Various encounters with beggars and lepers pricked the young man's conscience, and he decided to embrace a life devoted to Lady Poverty.

Despite his father's intense opposition, Francis totally renounced all material values and devoted himself to serve the poor. In 1210, Pope Innocent III confirmed the simple Rule for the Order of Friars Minor, a name Francis chose to emphasize his desire to be numbered among the "least" of God's servants. The order grew rapidly all over Europe. But, by 1221, Francis had lost control of it, since his ideal of strict and absolute poverty, both for the individual friars and for the order as a whole, was found to be too difficult to maintain. His last years were spent in much suffering of body and spirit, but his unconquerable joy never failed. Not long before his death, during a retreat on Mount La Verna, Francis received, on September 14, Holy Cross Day, the marks of the Lord's wounds, the stigmata, in his own hands and feet and side. Pope Gregory IX, a former patron of the Franciscans, canonized Francis in 1228 and began the erection of the great basilica in Assisi where Francis is buried.

Of all the saints, Francis is the most popular and admired but probably the least imitated; few have attained to his total identification with the poverty and suffering of Christ. Francis left few writings; but, of these, his spirit of joyous faith comes through most truly in the "Canticle of the Sun," which he composed at Clare's convent of St. Damian. The version in *The Hymnal* begins (*The Hymnal* 1982, #406; #407): Most High, omnipotent, good Lord, To thee be ceaseless praise outpoured, — And blessing without measure. Let creatures all give thanks to thee And serve in great humility.

Church Publishing. (2016). St. Francis of Assisi. In *A Great Cloud of Witnesses: A Calendar of Commemorations*. essay..



DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS



CAMINO DE FLORES: HONORING LIFE AND DEATH THROUGH DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS

Sunday, Oct. 5

10 a.m., Crail C

Dr. Laura Hernández-Ehrisman will discuss the meaning of Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) and invite all to participate in the ofrenda (altar) building tradition offered at St. David's.



GATHERING MEMENTOS FOR ST. DAVID'S OFRENDA

Sunday, Oct. 5-Saturday, Oct. 25

Honor deceased loved ones by bringing labeled mementos like flowers, photos, and other keepsakes to the Front Desk.

BUILD DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS ALTAR IN LOBBY

Saturday, Oct. 18, 9 a.m.-noon

Help our HOME (Hispanic Outreach and Education) Ministry build the altar. The altar will be blessed Oct. 19 and remain through the All Souls' Day Requiem on Nov. 5.



LEARN MORE
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ADULT CLASSES

Contact Dr. Mona West: mona.w@stdave.org

SUNDAY MORNINGS

- 8:30-9 a.m. Sunday Morning Meditation, Library
- 10-11 a.m.
 - Oct. 5 Camino de Flores: Honoring Life and Death Through Día de los Muertos, Crail C
 - Oct. 12 A Conversation with Bishop Ryan and Fr. Chuck, Bethell Hall
 - Oct. 19 Rector Transition Process Update, Sumners Hall
 - Bethell Parent Group, Bethell Hall
 - Men's Bible Study, Library
 - Reading the Bible ToGather, Guild Parlor

WEEKDAY OFFERINGS

Wednesdays

- 6-7:15 p.m. Scriptural Foundations, Crail C

Thursdays

- 10:30 a.m.-noon Medieval Book Club, Zoom
-  Learn about adult classes and speakers on the Adult Formation webpage and register at stdave.org/classes

YOUNG ADULTS (20s-30s)

Contact Kelsey Cooper: youngadults@stdave.org

- 1st and 3rd Sundays Bible Study at The Brewtorium
 - 5-7 p.m., 6015 Dillard, Cir. A
- Thursdays, Oct. 2, 16, and 30 Dinner and Discussion
 - 7-9 p.m., Addresses sent after registration

Events and registration: stdave.org/youngadults

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Contact the Rev. Kristin Braun: children@stdave.org

Contact Kelsey Cooper: youth@stdave.org

SUNDAY MORNINGS

- 8:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m., 1st Floor
 - Childcare (Ages 2 months-4 years)
- 9:45-10 a.m. Children's breakfast and check-in
 - Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
 - Junior Journey
- 10 a.m. Youth Formation, Youth Room 170

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

- 5:30-7:30 p.m., Episcopal Youth Community
- 6-7 p.m. Children's Choir (Kindergarten-5th grade)
 - Contact childrens.choir@stdave.org

SPECIAL EVENTS

Oct. 18 Trunk or Treat

- 10 a.m.-noon, Labyrinth and Surface Lot

Oct. 19 Youth Worship Music Interest Meeting

- 12:30-1:30 p.m., Sumners Hall (Register by Oct. 12)



Get the latest news on the Children & Youth webpage.
stdave.org/childrenandyouth

HOSPITALITY

Contact Ray Trono: hospitality@stdave.org

ALL MEALS IN SUMNERS HALL (3RD FLOOR)

SUNDAY BREAKFAST

8:30-11 a.m.

Large \$8, Small \$6, A la carte \$2

Let the cashier know if it is your first visit and your meal is on us!

WEDNESDAY DINNER

5:30-6:30 p.m.

12 years and under \$7, 13 years and up \$10

THURSDAY LUNCH (1st and 3rd Thursdays)

Oct. 2 and 16

11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Open to the public, parking validated

DELI DAZE (2nd Thursdays)

Oct. 9, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Pick up grab-and-go deli meals



Sign up for menu updates

Choose "Menus and Specials: Café Divine"

stdave.org/hospitality

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Contact Dianne Hardy-Garcia: dianne.h-g@stdave.org

JOIN POSADA ORGANIZING TEAM

Tuesdays, 7-7:45 p.m., Zoom

Help plan and host this year's La Gran Posada at St. David's on Dec. 20.

ADVOCACY MEETINGS

First Sundays, 12:15-1:30 p.m., Vestry Room



See all events and donation links on the Community Engagement webpage.

stdave.org/communityengagement

FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

MOVIE GROUP

Second Sundays, 11:15 a.m., Vestry

Contact: movies@stdave.org

MEN'S GROUP DINNER

Fourth Thursdays, 6-8 p.m.

Contact: mensgroup@stdave.org

LAUNDRY LOVE

Last Thursdays, 5-7 p.m., SpinZone (S. Congress)

Contact: laundrylove@stdave.org

RAMP BUILD

Fourth Saturdays, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., email ministry for location

Contact: rampbuild@stdave.org

VESTRY UPDATES

RECTOR TRANSITION

Visit the Vestry Blog to learn about the rector transition process and follow along for updates and how to participate.



stdave.org/vestry

CREATION CARE FAIR



SUNDAY, OCT. 5

8:30-11:30 AM, SURFACE LOT

Celebrate our commitment to God's creation at our annual fair!

- Games, crafts, and a stuffed animal adoption/swap for kids
- Goats, bunnies, and guests from Barking Dog Ranch
- Master Gardeners and environmental experts
- Make paper flowers for our Día de los Muertos Altar
- Bid in silent auction for great prizes like tickets to World Music Encounters!



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