



### EASTER MEMORIAL OFFERINGS

Your generous gifts in memory of, or in thanksgiving, for a loved one helps provide special flowers and music for our celebrations of The Resurrection. Please use the offering envelope provided in your bulletin, enclose your contribution (of any amount), and place it in the offering plate or mail it to the office. Offerings can also be in thanksgiving for a birthday or for family, for blessings received, etc. The last day to submit is **THIS SUNDAY, March 25.**

### EPISCOPALIAN'S LITTLE INSTRUCTION LIST

7. Say Amen with conviction.
8. Attend Holy Week services—they are the backbone of Easter.
9. Give anonymously once in awhile.
10. Read the Bible—it will surprise you.
11. Take pride in your church.
12. Recognize the face of Christ in others.

To be continued...

(from "The Fond du Lac "Clarion", via "The Trinitarian", Vero Beach, FL)

Articles for Tower Talk are due by **NOON** every Monday. Articles will run for two weeks unless notified otherwise. Send info and articles to [mrisebig@stthomasop.org](mailto:mrisebig@stthomasop.org), or call 913-451-0512.



The two pots of Pansies in The Apostles Garden Columbarium were placed by Jan Summers and Marge Dellinger in loving memory of Gary Summers, Ron Dellinger, and other friends interred in the garden.

## CHILDREN & YOUTH

### CELEBRATION SUNDAY BRUNCH & EASTER EGG HUNT

**Sunday, April 8 - \*\*Children's Easter Egg Hunt at 10am\***

All are welcome to join in the fun as we celebrate our Risen Christ with some Easter fun! Brunch will be offered following both services, and everyone is encouraged to sign up to bring an item to share in the narthex or on our Sign Up Genius (which you can access via the weekly email or by scanning the QR Code on the poster in the Narthex with your phone. KIDS...We've got LOADS of Easter Eggs that will need to be found! Join Ms. Barbara in the Narthex at 10am to start your search! (Egg Hunt will be held outside - weather permitting).

**Easter Egg Help Wanted:** It takes lots of goodies and trinkets to fill all those eggs...if you would like to donate a bag of individually wrapped \*non-chocolate\* candies or small trinkets (little party favors, erasers, stickers, tattoos, etc....think "Dollar Bin" at Target!), please deliver them to the marked bucket in the Narthex or to the Education/Music Office anytime through Palm Sunday! If anyone would like to assist with filling eggs, please contact Barbara McCall, 913-909-7318 or [bmccall@stthomasop.org](mailto:bmccall@stthomasop.org) to arrange to pick up a bag of eggs to fill. (These are GREAT community service hours for kids who need those for school - and a letter of verification IS available!)

### TEX-MEX FIESTA SILENT AUCTION & DINNER

Please mark your calendars for **April 28** for the Tex-Mex Fiesta Silent Auction and Dinner that will support the youth group's mission trip to Houston this summer. In the coming weeks we will have more information and be selling tickets for the event.



We are also starting to take donations for the silent auction. Do you have a business or hobby that can donate goods or services for our silent auction? Please contact Mthr. Kelly if you do!

### CELEBRATING CHILDREN AND YOUTH (college edition!)

Congratulations to our very own Maddie Pickett who won a scholarship for the summer and will be assisting in a lab that studies "Novel Composites for Bone Tissue Engineering" at the Hochschule Bonn-Rhein-Sieg University in Germany. Herzliche Glückwünsche!

### SAVE THE DATE!

### GRADUATION SUNDAY IS MAY 6

Are you a recent graduate? Do you know someone who is? Send us their name! St. Thomas will be recognizing all recent graduates (high school, college, trade school, etc.) on **Sunday, May 6**. Help us by sending the name of any recent graduates to Mthr. Kelly—[kdemo@stthomasop.org](mailto:kdemo@stthomasop.org).

### ST. THOMAS @ SPORTING KC

**Sunday, May 27, at 5:00**

Join your St. Thomas friends on Sunday, May 27, to watch Sporting take on the Columbus Crew! Tickets are \$35 per person and are limited. Sign up in the Narthex and see Barbara McCall for payment, or visit our Sign Up Genius in the weekly email, or by scanning the QR code in the Narthex!

# TOWER TALK

March 24 & 25, 2018

### HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

Maundy Thursday – March 29 – 7:00pm

Good Friday – March 30

Stations of the Cross – Noon Solemn Liturgy – 7:00 pm

Easter Vigil – March 31 – 5:30pm

Holy Communion

Easter Sunday – April 1

**Sunrise Service with Holy Communion – 6:00am**

Apostle's Garden (in Nave if inclement weather)

**Communion at 8:45am, 10:45am, and 5:00pm** (incense at this service only)

The Nursery will be open for children birth through age 3 during the Good Friday service, Easter Vigil services, and the 8:45 and 10:45 am Sunday services.

### EASTER MEMORIALS ARE DUE THIS SUNDAY

### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES THIS SUNDAY

Sunday School for Children & Youth - Education Wing & Lower Level—9:45-10:35am.

Adult Forum will meet in Rms 133/134 in the Education Wing this Sunday—9:50-10:35am. We will continue with "Embracing Forgiveness" with Barbara Cawthorne Crafton. We watch a short video and then have an enlightened discussion. We will meet in Rms. 133/134 (end of the hall past the office) this weekend!

Dear St. Thomas people,

A few weeks ago Kelly Lillis let me know that she is resigning from her position as Director of Nursery. Kelly has served St. Thomas in this position for the last five years. I am very grateful for her loving and professional presence to the children of our parish. Over the last years we have experienced a lot of growth in our children's program and Kelly has been an important part of that! Her last Sunday will be on Easter Sunday. I hope all of you will join me in thanking her for her ministry. She has let me know she plans to be active at St. Thomas as a parishioner going forward! I will begin the process of finding a new director in the coming weeks. If you know someone that would be a good fit, would like to work for about 5 hours on average a week, that would be very helpful! Fr. Gar

# OUTREACH

**BREAKFAST AT ST. PAUL'S MARCH 31!** St. Thomas will be helping at the "Breakfast at St. Paul's on Saturday, March 31. There are two volunteer shifts—stay for one or both shifts!

- Shift 1—arrive by 7:30am to prepare and set up a nutritious home cooked breakfast. Shift one is done by 9:30am.
- Shift 2—arrive by 9:15am to serve breakfast and to clean up. Shift two is done around 11:45am.

There will always be veteran volunteers there to help guide & support.

**ALL DETAILS are included on the sign-up sheet posted in the Narthex or online in your Weekly Update.** If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Dan Elman (dan.elman@yahoo.com / 913.620.5100)

## COMANCHE COMMUNITY COOKOUT EVENT

**When:** Thursday, April 5, 2018  
Community Event 6pm -7:30pm  
Volunteer times vary 4pm-8pm



**Where:** Comanche Elementary, 8200 Grant Ave. OPKS

**Volunteers Needed!** St. Thomas and other organizations will again host the Annual Community Cookout event for children and families of Comanche Elementary. There will be a variety of community info booths and activities for the kids with the hopes of growing the relationships between the families and staff of Comanche and the organizations within the school's community.

We will be providing the burgers, hotdogs, desserts, and drinks and volunteers will be needed with setup/cleanup, grilling, providing dessert, and serving. If you are able to help, please sign up via SignUp Genius (linked on the Weekly email Update), or on the sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board in the narthex. *Contact: Deacon Fran Wheeler - fwheeler@stthomasop.org*

## HOST WEEK FOOD & SUPPLIES NEEDED

St. Thomas members help care for situationally homeless families and single women without children by donating food and supplies for meals.

We have our St. Thomas volunteers for April Host week but still need donations of Food and Supplies. The list of items needed is on the bulletin board next to the St. Thomas office. Items should be brought to church by **April 8 prior to the 10:45 service.**

Please mark items IHN. Place FROZEN items in the freezer; perishables in the refrigerator; NON-perishables in the IHN tub near the coat rack. Signs are on the appliances and tub.

Thank you for your donations which help our St. Thomas IHN ministry!

## K2K BENEFIT (Kansas to Kenya) - Sat., April 14, 2018

Cocktails 6:30pm • Dinner 7:30pm

Join us for a fun filled evening at St. Thomas featuring: Silent Auction • African Entertainment • Dinner catered by A Taste of Africa, benefitting: Agatha Amani House, a shelter for women of domestic violence/ Osbourne Library in Maai Mahiu & St. Nicholas Library in Nakuru / Ngeya Primary School, and other various projects.

Tickets: \$75/person or \$500/table and may be ordered by calling the Diocesan Office at 1(800) 473-3563 or at (785) 235-9255. Or you can order online at: <https://edok.formstack.com/forms/k2k2018>.

Kansas to Kenya is a ministry of the Episcopal Diocese of Kansas that works with other organizations to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals in Kenya. Contact: Joe Bob Lake—[jlake10@kc.rr.com](mailto:jlake10@kc.rr.com) or Deacon Fran Wheeler—[fwheeler@stthomasop.org](mailto:fwheeler@stthomasop.org).

## CONNECTING COMMUNITIES—APRIL 14

Meet at St. Thomas at 9am

Giving Project is a way to connect something you are passionate about with your service to an organization, a community, or a church.

Our Giving Project gives Middle School age youth the opportunity to volunteer their time. We will be working with different organizations throughout the community to help them find volunteers. Olivia Rimmer & Emma Gordon

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## ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP TO BEGIN IN APRIL—Starts April

**8**—St. Thomas will begin an Alzheimer's Support Group sponsored by the Heart of America Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association. The group will meet every second Sunday from 4-5:30pm in the Assembly Room. Contact: The Rev. Kelly Demo, 451-0512, X224 or [kdemo@stthomasop.org](mailto:kdemo@stthomasop.org).

## FAITH CLUB UPDATE—We now have four faith clubs formed and

**meeting!!** Several male parishioners have asked if we could start a men's group. I do believe this could work. We also have plans to begin a college age-mid 20's female group. If you are interested in either, **OR** you wish to be put on a list to jump-start a new women's group, call Charlotte Brotherson 913-441-9262 or e-mail [charlotteb@yahoo.com](mailto:charlotteb@yahoo.com).

## THANK YOU TO THE PRAYER SHAWL SMALL GROUP

*To the wonderful people at St. Thomas, You've no idea how much it meant to me to receive the beautiful prayer shawl. As I wear it, I can feel your prayers and it gives me comfort. Thank you for thinking of a stranger in need of comfort. You have truly been a blessing. The love of Christ to you all—Betty—Topeka*

# THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

## Sunday, March 25

8:45 AM	Holy Communion-Nave
9:45 AM	Choir Practice-Nave Loft; "Walk through Holy Week" in PH 1, 2, 3; Adult Forum-Rms 133/134
10:45 AM	Holy Communion-Nave
3-7 PM	PH 1, 2 reserved-private event
4:30 PM	Mission Trip Mtg-PH 3
6-8 PM	Youth Group-PH 2, 3, Educ Wing

**COFFEE HOURS  
AFTER EACH  
SERVICE IN PH 1**

## Monday, March 26

9AM-1PM	Parents Day Out-Nursery, Rm 145
10:30-1:30	Thom's Helpers-PH 3, K
5:45 PM	Finance Committee-Rm 137
7:00 PM	Vestry Mtg-PH 1

## Tuesday, March 27

9AM-1PM	Parents Day Out-Nursery, Rm 145
7:00 PM	Journeyman Small Grp-Asbly; Sword Guild-PH 2

## Wednesday, March 28

9AM-1PM	Parents Day Out-Nursery, Rm 145
10:30-1:30	Thom's Helpers-PH 3, K
10:30 AM	Wednesday Study Grp-Asbly
5:00 PM	Children & Youth Choir rehearsal-Asbly
6-8 PM	Pinehurst Estates HOA mtg-PH 1
6:45 PM	Praise Band practice-Nave
7:30 PM	Choir practice-Nave

## Thursday, March 29

9AM-1PM	Parents Day Out-Rms 144,145
7:00 PM	Maundy Thursday service-Nave; EfM-Rms 133-134

## Friday, March 30

10:30-1:30	Thom's Helpers-PH 3, K
Noon	Good Friday Stations of the Cross
7:00 PM	Good Friday service-Nave

## Saturday, March 31

7-11:30 AM	St. Paul's Breakfast-St. Paul's Episcopal-KCKS
5:30 PM	Easter Vigil-Nave

## Sunday, April 1

6:00 AM	Easter Sunrise Service-Apostle's Garden
8:45 & 10:45	Easter services—Holy Communion
5:00 PM	Easter service—Holy Communion (incense)

Asbly = Assembly Room in Education Wing; K = Kitchen; Educ Wing = Education Wing | PH = Parish Hall