

Flowers on the Altar are Given to the Glory of God and...



- *In celebration of our 50th wedding anniversary—Charlotte & Steve Brotherson*

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You are invited to share your special events with the congregation by making a donation to the flower fund for altar flowers. A beautiful arrangement to commemorate thanksgivings or remembrances will be displayed and noted in the weekly news.

You can sign up on the Flower Calendar on the bulletin board down the hallway by the office, sign up on the link provided in your weekly email, send an email to stthomas@stthomasop.org, click the QR code, or give us a call. Let us know the weekend you prefer and what you'd like to include in the weekly Tower Talk and email update. More than one person/family may sign up on a given weekend. Information is needed *at least a week before* the date you sign up. Suggested donation is \$50.

When you sign up in advance you will receive an email or phone call about a month in advance asking for details about your commemoration.



ITEMS LEFT IN OFFICE—ARE THESE YOURS?

Some items that may be of importance to someone have been dropped off in the church office and we would like to find their home.

Electric Griddle

Carabiner on a Colorado Lanyard with 2 colorful keys hanging on it.

2 Rings

2 Earrings (one only of 2 pairs)

Bracelet

If you've been missing one of these items send an email to Meribeth: mrisebig@stthomasop.org or call her at 913-451-0512. We will keep for several weeks and if no one claims them—they're gone!



Celebrating our Children & Youth

Send us your kids' accomplishments! New positions for next year? Please share! We want to celebrate with you! Send them to Kelly Demo—kdemo@stthomasop.org or Barbara McCall—bmccall@stthomasop.org.

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ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP MEETS NEXT SUNDAY, SEPT 2

St. Thomas hosts an Alzheimer's Support Group sponsored by the Heart of America Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association. **The group meets every first Sunday from 4-5:30pm in the Assembly Room.** Contact: The Rev. Kelly Demo, kdemo@stthomasop.org or 913-451-0512, X224.

WEDNESDAY STUDY GROUP will begin their fall study on Wednesday, September 12—10:30am until Noon.

Loving the Two Halves of Life: The Further Journey

All are welcome! For information call Jan Summers 913-522-7938.

T-SHIRTS ON SALE: Pick up your own St. Thomas Summer 2018 t-shirt in the lobby and help our youth kick off their fundraising for the 2018-19 year! This year's shirts are available for \$10, and last year's are available for \$8.

Contact Us

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email address: stthomas@stthomasop.org
Visit us on the web: www.stthomasop.org

The church office is open Monday through Thursday from 9 am to 5 pm, and Friday from 9 am to Noon.

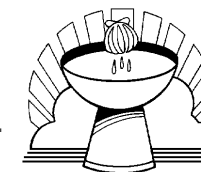
TOWER TALK

August 25 & 26, 2018

MARK YOUR CALENDARS...Fall Christian Education for Adults and Youth and Sunday School begins on Sunday, September 9!

We Welcome through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Molli Corinne Stratman, daughter of Josh & Staci Stratman, and sister of Aubri and Karidi.



The baptism will take place this Sunday during the 10:45 service.

Ministry Opportunities await YOU with our Children & Youth Ministry!

You've noticed our amazing Children & Youth Ministries...here's an EASY way to get in on the action on Sundays when you're already here for church! We currently have need for...

- Sunday School Teachers—primarily in our upper elementary and youth classes (Teachers work in teams of at least 2 with an easy to follow curriculum, trading off duties, and substitutes are ALWAYS available.)
- NEW! Sunday Morning "Buddies" - primarily in our younger elementary and preschool classrooms. These individuals age 16+ will act as helpers to teachers and children in the Sunday School classroom. (This job can be shared!)
- Children's Church Leaders—choose the Sundays and services at which you lead a short easy story and activity for children during the lessons at our regular church services.

Many of our newer teachers are surprised when they realize how much they themselves learn about their own faith through sharing the Gospel with children. Teaching or participating in a Sunday School class can be a beautiful and meaningful part of an adult's own spiritual development—not to mention the amazing feeling you get when you know that you have been important in the life of a child!

Outreach • Volunteer • Donate

IHN Host Week August 26- Sept. 2

Interfaith Hospitality Network of Johnson County

IHN guests, homeless families and single women with no children, will spend evenings and overnight here at St. Thomas this week. We're thankful for all the St. Thomas volunteers and support of the entire parish. Our St. Thomas volunteers will be assisted by volunteers from The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, First Christian Church of Olathe, and Overland Park First Assembly of God.

Please pray for all the IHN Guests and all those who will be volunteering during Host Week.

To learn more about this ministry to situationally homeless people in Johnson Co. contact Dola McNown 913 526 3573 or Margaret Walkenshaw 913 392 2018

The IHN go to www.jocoihn.org

4th Annual EMI Charity Golf Tournament

Nyakio and Joe Bob Lake extend an invitation to all golfers, duffers and all those in between to come out to Falcon Valley Golf Course on **Sunday, September 16**, for the 4th Annual EMI Charity Golf Tournament. This fun event for a good cause is sponsored by Empowering Minds International "EMI" and raises money to support the operation of Agatha Amani House, a shelter in Naivasha, Kenya, founded by Nyakio Lake. Agatha Amani House is a shelter for women who are victims of sexual and domestic violence. See Joe Bob Lake for details, 913-530-6366, jlake10@kc.rr.com



Thursday, September 20

Comanche Elementary Community Cookout

Our time together at this event has always provided a great time for us to gather with Comanche students, families, teachers, staff and various other resources in the community for an evening filled with fun and fellowship! This year's community event has changed from April to September this school year based upon the school's request.

Be on the lookout for additional details regarding volunteer opportunities for that evening!

THANK YOU!

Thank you all very much for your generous contributions to our collection of baby things and monetary donations for the Guild of Christ Child bags. We received many diapers, wipes, onesies and other baby needs. Our new bags have arrived and we are planning a packing party for **Saturday, September 22**, from 10am-Noon in Parish Hall 1. If anyone would like to help pack bags for babies please come join us. All are welcome!!



A huge thank you for all the support provided with our school supply collection for Comanche Elementary. Our packing party and breakfast was a morning filled with great food, fun, fellowship and successful packing! Thanks to you, all 50 backpacks were filled and delivered just in time for the first day of school!

A big thank you goes out to Thom's Helpers and their helpers for clearing out the offices, Narthex, and Nave for carpet cleaning last week (and returning the furniture). The week before they cleared out all classrooms and Assembly Room so the tile floors could be cleaned & waxed. You are all such a blessing to this parish! We could not do all this without you!!!

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NOTICE OF ELECTION OF THE 10TH BISHOP OF KANSAS

In accordance with Article VII of the constitution of the Episcopal Diocese of Kansas, this is official notice to all clergy canonically resident, and to call congregations, that the election of the 10th bishop of the diocese will take place on Friday, October 19, 2018, at Grace Cathedral in Topeka, during the regular meeting of Diocesan Convention.

LARGE WOODEN CRATES—FREE!

We have four large, sturdy, wooden crates which were used for organ pipes that need homes. They are located behind the trash enclosure at the east end of the parking lot. If you can use them in some way, they are great crates! THEY ARE FREE!

DINNER GROUPS START SOON!

Dinner Groups will start again soon! This is a great way to make new friends at St. Thomas! Please sign up on the bulletin board in the lobby.

Articles for Tower Talk and our email update are due by NOON every Monday. Articles will run for two weeks unless notified otherwise. Send info and articles to Meribeth Risebig—mrisebig@stthomasop.org or call 913-451-0512.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, August 26

IHN HOST WEEK BEGINS-Rms 133, 134,137, Asbly Rm

8:45 & 10:45 AM Holy Communion
"Coffee Hours" after each service in PH 1

No Sunday School or Adult Forum through August

9:45 AM Choir Practice-Nave Loft
6-8 PM Youth Group-PH 1, 2, 3, K

Monday, August 27

IHN HOST WEEK-Rms 133, 134, 137, Asbly Rm

10:30-1:30 Thom's Helpers-PH 1, K
1:30 PM Staff meeting-PH 2

Tuesday, August 28

IHN HOST WEEK-Rms 133, 134, 137, Asbly Rm

10-12:30 Actor's Choice reh-PH 1 or 2
7:00 PM Contemplative Prayer small grp-Nave
Sword Guild practice-PH 2

Wednesday, August 29

IHN HOST WEEK-Rms 133, 134, 137, Asbly Rm

10:30-1:30 Thom's Helpers-PH 1, K

Thursday, August 30

IHN HOST WEEK-Rms 133, 134, 137, Asbly Rm

7:00 PM Sword Guild practice-PH 2

Friday, August 31

IHN HOST WEEK-Rms 133, 134, 137, Asbly Rm

10:30-1:30 Thom's Helpers-PH 1, K

Saturday, September 1

IHN HOST WEEK-Rms 133, 134, 137, Asbly Rm

5:30 PM Holy Communion-Nave

Sunday, September 2

IHN HOST WEEK-Rms 133, 134, 137, Asbly Rm

4-5:30 PM Alzheimer's Support Grp-Asbly
6-8PM Youth Group-PH 1, 2, 3, K

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

To view the church calendar go to our website, www.stthomasop.org, and click on *Calendar* on the upper right side. To hold a meeting or event at St. Thomas you must first clear the date/time/space with Meribeth in the church office.

