

OUTREACH AT ST. THOMAS

COMANCHE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SUPPLY COLLECTION JULY 6 – JULY 28



Comanche Elementary is a school in the Shawnee Mission school district that we have supported with various ministries over approximately the last 10 years. Comanche is a Title One school with an 86% rate of students on free and reduced lunches of which 44% are ELL Students. The school also has a high count of families being deported and often times one parent is left behind to care for the family. In many cases, families are doubling up in the same household, and many children are considered latch key kids as they are left home alone after school. Comanche Elementary has asked St Thomas to again reach out to about 50 Comanche students by assisting with their needs for backpacks and school supplies.

Beginning Saturday, July 6, we will have a school supply request available in the Narthex. Please prayerfully consider selecting some of these requested items by purchasing them and then dropping them off in the trunks located in the Narthex area. Items will be collected through Sunday, July 28. **There will be an all-parish school supply packing party on Sunday, August 4, between the 8:45 and 10:45 services** and invite you to come join in the fun. During this time we will fill the 50 backpacks with school supplies, engage in wonderful fellowship, and enjoy a complimentary continental breakfast while we pack! Come; make a difference in the lives of others in our community!

Contact: Deacon Fran Wheeler—fwheeler@stthomasop.org

IHN TRAINING AT ST. THOMAS—St. Thomas will host IHN training on **Wednesday, July 10, 6:30-8:30** in Parish Hall 2. This is an opportunity for NEW volunteers to complete the mandatory IHN training and for trained volunteers to attend as a refresher. (IHN asks all trained volunteers to attend a refresher every 3 years).

Attendees must be on time and remain for the entire session to qualify as a Trained Volunteer. Training is open to everyone and no church affiliation is required. There is no fee and no registration necessary.

Next Host Week at St. Thomas- Aug. 18-25, 2019

QUESTIONS? Contact Dola McNown 913 526 3573 OR dolamcnown49@gmail.com or Margaret Walkenshaw 913 302 2018 or mwalkenshaw@kc.surewest.net or Connie Snider, laundry coordinator, at 913 709 1431, conniesnider@hotmail.com.

GUILD OF THE CHRIST CHILD PACK-N-PLAY DRIVE—There's still time to grab a gift list & go shopping for a good cause! The pack-n-play will remain up through June for collection of newborn baby items to fill layette bags for babies of the church and babies born into less fortunate circumstances. Monetary donations are also appreciated to help buy diapers & wipes. Please make your check out to St Thomas with Guild of the Christ Child on the memo line. We very much appreciate your prayers and support for this ministry!

CHILDREN & YOUTH NEWS

RECYCLABLES NEEDED FOR VBS PROGRAMMING!

We are looking to repurpose your old plastic water/soda bottles! If you have any 16.9 to 20 ounce plastic bottles, we'd love to take them off your hands! Bring them to the collection bucket in the Narthex anytime in the month of June or early July to be used in a special craft/science activity for our VBS program here at St. Thomas.

HELP WANTED! GO BEYOND: MISSION VBS!

July 21-25 (Sunday - Thursday) 5:30-8:30 pm

It takes many adult hands to put on our Vacation Bible School program each year! We are currently looking for faithful helpers in the areas of program helpers, shepherds/shepherd assistants, kitchen crew and snack makers (can be done at home and delivered to church). Shifts are available for certain jobs. If you are interested in supporting this wonderful program with your time and or talents, please contact Barbara McCall at bmccall@stthomasop.org or look for upcoming signups in the Narthex and online.



Sign up for upcoming camps through your weekly email or by using the QR code on the right. We are still enrolling for Elementary ROTC and VBS.

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THANK YOU FROM BISHOP BASCOM

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for your donation of \$1,175.82 toward the gifts given to me when I was ordained and consecrated the 10th Bishop of Kansas. Your kindness and generosity mean even more to me than the value of the contribution itself.

When those vestments and other gifts were presented to me, I felt surrounded by the prayers and good wishes of people across the diocese and indeed across the Episcopal Church. I am grateful that you were among them.

May God bless you richly, as your gift has blessed me.

Faithfully,

The Right Reverend Cathleen Chittenden Bascom
Tenth Bishop—The Episcopal Diocese of Kansas

TREE WORK - When driving into the parking lot this weekend you may have noticed that some tree work had been done on our lot. Most noticeably, five ash trees along 123rd St. were removed because they were infested with Emerald Ash Borer disease and were deemed unsafe, possibly avoiding a citation from the City. The small tree to the north of the banner was removed because its growth was inhibited by the tree overhead. We also had a number of trees raised and dead wood removed to open up the view of the church from the street and improve ventilation. Dead wood atop a blue spruce in the back of the church was also removed. The cherry tree in the Columbarium was shaped, trimmed, and raised. At a later date we will consider re-planting new trees along 123rd.