

GO BEYOND VBS STARTS SUNDAY!

Sunday, July 21 - Thursday, July 25
6:00-8:30pm (includes dinner)

Cost: \$35/per child; max \$80/family
If you wish to register, please see Barbara McCall!

**"GO BEYOND!" FAMILY FUN NIGHT
& COSMIC CARNIVAL**

Thursday, July 25
6:00-8:30pm
Parish Hall

Even if your child is unable to join us for the week of VBS, all are still warmly invited to join us on the final evening for our "Family Night and Cosmic Carnival!" We'll begin with a whole group worship/sing-along at 6:00 followed by our Hot Dog Picnic, and open-house style fun night with carnival-style games, arts & crafts, one of our science activities from the week and a Rocket Bounce House!
If your child or children are not attending the week of VBS, please RSVP on our Sign Up Genius or to Barbara McCall (bmccall@stthomasop.org) to help us make sure we have plenty of food for the evening.

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AMERICAN CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Sunday, August 25
8am—12:30pm

at St. Thomas in Parish Halls 2 & 3

A sign-up will be posted at a later date.

IT'S TIME TO PITCH IN!

We need voices to fill in the ranks of pipes-----vocal pipes.
If you would be willing to practice with us during the hour before worship, we would sure enjoy the help this summer. WE NEED YOU!

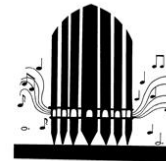
Rehearse at
8:10 for the 8:45 service
9:55 for the 10:45 service

NOTES ON NOTES

Dr. Beth Elswick, Director of Music Ministries

This week the music at the 8:45 service is an aural glimpse of the music we will sing for VBS this week.

The songs are fun and familiar, so please join us as we lift our voices. On another note, the chorale "All Glory be to God on High" is very old, dating back to the early 1500's. The organ prelude is a setting by Friedrich Wilhelm Zachau (1663-1712), organist at Marienkirche. Halle, Germany.



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

*Happy 15th birthday to our angel,
Natalie. We are blessed to have you
in our lives and look forward to
sharing your acts of kindness with
the world! From Steve & Ashley
Fleischaker*



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 by the office, send an email to stthomas@stthomasop.org, or give us a call 913-451-0512. 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.

TOWER TALK

JULY 20 & 21, 2019



Christian Education this Sunday

Adult Formation will continue the video series, "The Work of the People." Come for a lively discussion as we consider theology that is applicable to the modern world. Class begins at about 10am in Parish Hall 2.

Children & Youth Sunday "FUNday" will continue "CREATION CELEBRATION" during the Education Hour (9:45-10:35am) in the Asbly Rm.

SAVE THE DATE!!

Blessing of the Backpacks, Students and Educators

Sunday, August 18

Blessings will be offered at BOTH Sunday Services with special food and entertainment after each service!

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HEARING ASSISTED DEVICES

SOUND MEMORIAL IN PROGRESS

Our hearing assisted devices needed work! The current system was nearly two decades old and no longer compatible with current regulations and needs. After doing some research and study we identified a solution. The new system includes new packs that can utilize both a small speaker and a loop device for those who have hearing assisted devices with a T-Coil switch. The Williams Sound system includes Neckloop Telecoil Couplers and also an FM receiver with speaker.

This will add a number of options for people to utilize. This is an important part of making our services as accessible as possible. The total cost of the new system with installation is just under \$2000.00. ***If you would like to make a contribution to fund this project please place a check in the offering plate with "sound memorial" in the memo line.***



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IHN HOST WEEK SIGN-UP SHEETS IN NARTHEX NEEDED: VOLUNTEERS, FOOD AND SUPPLIES

Our St. Thomas Host week serving situationally homeless families and single women will be **August 18-25**. The IHN guests will stay evenings and overnight here in our church, sleeping in classrooms converted to sleeping rooms. With help from our support congregations we will also provide all meals.

Sign-up sheets are on the display board in the narthex.

Trained volunteers needed for evening/nighttime, qualified drivers.

Untrained volunteers (families welcome!) needed for Set-Up August 18 and Take-Down August 25.

Laundry volunteers (bedding only) needed after August 25.

Food, supplies and some bedding items needed by August 18.

We are blessed by the opportunity to serve others.

Interested in learning more about IHN? Contact one of our St. Thomas coordinators: Dola McNown 913 526 3573 OR dolamcnown49@gmail.com or Margaret Walkenshaw 913 302 2018 or mwalkenshaw@kc.surewest.net; Connie Snider, laundry coordinator, at 913 913 709 1431, conniesnider@hotmail.com

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.

Deacon Fran Wheeler—fwheeler@stthomasop.org

Outreach, cont.

THE JOPLIN TORNADO hit the Joplin community eight years ago. Several members of our church community dedicated their time to this disaster, offering hands on assistance, financial assistance, and many prayers. The Outreach Committee is partnering with Economic Security Corporation of the SW area and Vecino Group to assist in furnishing 20 units of permanent housing in the Joplin community for Veterans and Seniors who are still displaced from the disaster. The fundraiser kicked off on June 2 and ends on November 17. In the month of June, \$1,275 has been raised. You can donate using the QR codes or at the following links: <https://www.facebook.com/donate/216948889992777/10215464148057741/>



or https://www.gofundme.com/f/joplin-bungalows-furniture-campaign&rcid=r01-156209911877-398e7b07d8334bea&pc=ot_co_campmgmt_w

If you have any questions regarding this initiative, please contact Heather Bradley-Geary at (913) 905-9645 or

Heather@VecinoGroup.com

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FROM GUILD OF THE CHRIST CHILD—

A HUGE THANK YOU for all the items donated to fill layette bags. We met our goal of filling the pack-n-play. Thanks to all of our very generous parishioners. You all are AMAZING!

Suzie Bowden

ARTICLES FOR THE NEXT "APOSTLE" NEWSLETTER

ARE NOW DUE JULY 28, 2019. This will be the Back-to-School issue. Send your news, in-depth articles, and reports of your ministry to Rosemary Abbott—strgzr622@att.net—or you may place them in her mailbox in the Communication Room on or before the 21st.

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

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

This Saturday, July 20

9-11 AM IHN Training-PH 2
9AM-6PM Setup Day for VBS-PH 1, then other spaces
10-12 Prayer Shawl Small Grp-PH 3
5:30 PM Holy Communion

This Sunday, July 21

8:45, 10:45 Holy Communion-Nave
9:45 AM Children & Youth "FUNday"-Asbly
10:00 AM Adult Formation-PH 2
6-8 PM VBS-PH 1, 2; Kitchen; Asbly Rm; Rms 133, 134, 137

"Coffee Hours"
after each
service in PH 1

Monday, July 22

9AM-1PM Parents Day Out-Nursery, Rm 145
10:30-1:30 Thom's Helpers-PH 2 or 3, Rm 137, K
1:30 PM St. Thomas Staff Mtg-PH 2
6-8 PM VBS-PH 1, 2; Kitchen; Asbly Rm; Rms 133, 134, 137

Tuesday, July 23

9AM-1PM Parents Day Out-Nursery, Rm 145
6-8 PM VBS-PH 1, 2; Kitchen; Asbly Rm; Rms 133, 134, 137

Wednesday, July 24

9AM-1PM Parents Day Out-Nursery, Rm 145
10:30-1:30 Thom's Helpers-PH 1, K
6-8 PM VBS-PH 1, 2; Kitchen; Asbly Rm; Rms 133, 134, 137

Thursday, July 25

9AM-1PM Parents Day Out-Nursery, Rm 145
12:30 PM Daytime Bridge-Asbly
6-8 PM VBS-PH 1, 2, 3; Kitchen; Rms 133, 134, 137;
Classics Men's Small Grp-Asbly
7:00 PM Sword Guild practice-PH 2

Friday, July 26

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

Saturday, July 27

8AM-11PM SCA Event-all rooms in church
5:30 PM Holy Communion-Nave

Asbly = Assembly Room in Education Wing; K = Kitchen; Narthex = Lobby
Educ Wing = Education Wing; PH = Parish Hall; Nave = Sanctuary

