

children & youth news

SUMMER @ ST. THOMAS 2020

CHILDREN & YOUTH SUMMER CAMPS!

OPEN REGISTRATION PERIOD HAS BEGUN!

Be advised - Elementary ROTC is NEARLY FULL!

"Early Bird" Pricing is good through March 15 for ROTC Camps.

Visit <http://www.stthomasop.org> for more information and to register!

Calling all high school seniors and anyone who will be graduating with any degree this year! We will be celebrating our **Senior Sunday on April 26**. Parents, if you have a senior whom you would like to celebrate, please send their photo and a short bio (what they did in high school, what their future plans are, and if they are getting a degree what that is) to Mthr. Kelly Demo at kdemo@stthomasop.org.



CONGRATULATIONS TO...

- Grandson of Hubertine Grosdidier, Nash Cannon, earned his Eagle Scout recently. Hubertine was honored to receive a Grandmother Pin—she is very proud indeed!
- Congratulations to Weston Curnow who will be playing Demetrius in *Midsummer Night's Dream* at his high school; and to
- Asher Demo who will be playing Alex in his school's production of *Another Angry Teen*. Two very similar plays, obviously.

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EXTEND AN INVITATION TO ST. THOMAS

Invitation (n) - the written or spoken form with which a person is invited. Being invited to a dinner, a party, or to join a group are things most of us like and want to be included in. What about inviting someone to church? Does that get you excited or intimidate you?

Consider the ways St. Thomas has been a blessing to you and imagine how you can share that blessing with others. We say people are the 'church' not the building. Think of your friends from church that you would love to introduce to a family member, a neighbor, or co-worker. Make it happen - extend the INVITATION to church. It could be to a worship service or to any of our St. Thomas events.

Be sure to invite a friend to our Lenten Lunch speaker series on Wednesdays at noon during the season of Lent.

lenten offerings at St. Thomas

WEDNESDAY LUNCHEON SERIES: "FINAL WORD"

Wednesdays thru Lent: Noon—1pm in the Parish Hall
Begins March 4

We will again be hosting Lenten Luncheons on Wednesdays from 12-1pm. The theme is called "Final Word" and will be modeled after Carnegie Mellon University's *The Last Lecture Series*. We are inviting leaders from the community to share thoughts on what really matters to them. What would you say to the world if this was your last chance to talk about your life and lessons you have learned?

March 4: Bill Tammeus, former Columnist with *KC Star* and Writer

March 11: Sly James, former Mayor of Kansas City, MO and Author

March 18: Gordon Docking, Author and Parishioner

March 25: Janee' Hanzlick, Jo Co Board of County Commissioners for District 4

April 1: Evy Tilzer, 2nd Generation Speaker for Midwest Center for Holocaust Education



*Soup will be served each week.
Please consider bringing a pot of
soup for 8-10 people by 11:45am.
Signups are posted in the lobby for soup and help
with setup and cleanup.*



EASTER FLOWERS AND MUSIC: Your generous gifts, in memory of or in thanksgiving for a loved one, help provide altar flowers and special music for our Easter services. This year we will designate all gifts toward flowers AND music (not separate). The Easter memorial envelope will be available in your bulletins this weekend. We ask that you return the envelope in the offering or return to the office by **Sunday, April 5**. You can also sign up using a link in your weekly email news.

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YOUNG ADULT SMALL GROUP RESUMES IN MARCH

The Young Adult Small Group will be meeting the 3rd Tuesday of every month at Johnny's Tavern at 119th and Metcalf at 7pm. The address is 6765 119th Street OP KS 66209. Future dates are: **March 17, April 21, May 19, June 16, July 21, August 18, Sept. 15, Oct. 20, Nov. 17**

TOWER TALK

February 29 / March 1, 2020

• SUNDAY CHRISTIAN EDUCATION •

"Lent Beginnings"

*Sunday, March 1, between the 2 services
Parish Hall 1 & 2*

This annual all-parish event takes place at our Sunday Morning Christian Education Classes and consists of prayer stations and easy crafts for take-home items to help us embark on a Lenten Discipline in your home. All are welcome!

• UP NEXT •

LENTEN LECTURES AND LUNCH: "FINAL WORD"

WEDNESDAYS STARTING MARCH 4
Noon—1pm in Parish Hall

Join us from Noon to 1pm for lunch while we hear some prominent leaders and speakers from the community share thoughts on what really matters to them (Complete schedule on middle page). A sign-up to help with the meal is located in the lobby on the display board. Our first guest lecturer will be Bill Tammeus, Writer and former Columnist with the *KC Star*.

WEDNESDAY STUDY GROUP—LENTEN SPRING SESSION

Beginning Wednesday, March 4, 10:30 to Noon
Assembly Room
"The Naked Now" by Richard Rohr

This DVD program will include history and theology of Franciscan mysticism. All are welcome. For questions call: Martha Sharp 913-381-6270

2ND SATURDAY RECEPTION

AFTER THE 5:30 SERVICE

Get together with friends, meet new members, reconnect. Enjoy Morgan's Salsa by Thom's Helpers, chips, and beverages. You may bring a snack to share. We will meet in the Parish Hall 1. Everyone is welcome!

outreach * volunteer * donate

SIGN UP FOR APRIL, 2020 HOST WEEK Volunteers and Food/Supply Donations on Narthex Display Board

Our St. Thomas HOST week serving situationally homeless families and single women will be April 5-12, 2020, which is Holy Week. Yes, we just finished our last Host week on Feb. 23 but the April dates fit our space/activity schedule and Hosting does NOT create any conflict with Holy Week observances. In fact, many of you might remember that 3 IHN guests were baptized at St. Thomas at the Easter Saturday service in 2019. Signs ups for volunteers- trained and untrained- and food and supplies will begin next week. Our Ministry is open to all and we would love- *and need*- to have more people involved. All volunteers interacting with guests need to attend one 2-hour IHN training.

NEXT IHN TRAINING- March 10, 6:30-8:30 at Overland Park Christian Church, 7600 W 75th Street, OPKS. Training is free and open to everyone. Church affiliation is not required. IHN requires attendees be on time and stay for the entire program.

Questions? Contact one of our St. Thomas coordinators: Dola McNown 913-526-3573 - dolamcnown49@gmail.com; or Margaret Walkenshaw 913-302-2018 - mwalkenshaw@kc.surewest.net; or Connie Snider, laundry coordinator, 913-709-1431 or conniesnider@hotmail.com

CARING FOR KIDS – COMANCHE ELEMENTARY READ ACROSS AMERICA DAY MARCH 6 Volunteer Readers needed!

Comanche is celebrating Dr. Seuss, and National Read Across America Day with fun events throughout the week of March 2-6.

Come help show our St. Thomas Support by volunteering to read aloud to the students in their classrooms on National Read Across America Day, Friday, March 6.

An online signup is available for anyone interested.
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0f4ea8a92da31-read1>

Contact: Deacon Fran Wheeler—
fwheeler@stthomasop.org



St. Thomas is one of six community partners actively engaged with Comanche Elementary to support the school and their Principal's goals in helping students reach their highest potential.

Outreach, cont.

PATHWAY TO HOPE SHOE DRIVE

I'm Josh Lyman, a parishioner and Program Director for Reclamation Clubhouse, a program of Pathway To Hope, Inc. We are doing a shoe drive fundraiser. The new or gently used shoes you put in our white box out in the Narthex will allow us to raise funds through Funds2Orgs. As an added bonus, the shoes will then be shipped to 3rd world countries where micro businesses will thrive. Businesses overseas need these shoes to use for repair or to sell. The shoe drive will run through April 1.

Clean out your family's closets and help us surpass our goal of 120 pairs of shoes!

Reclamation Clubhouse is a free service to persons living with mental illness. We are a safe place where staff and members are coequals in a supportive, confidence boosting environment. Members and staff prepare and share a meal and work towards personal goals. Come by and say hello—you don't even need to call ahead. Open 8:30 to 4:30 M-F. Location: Emmanuel Family Outreach Building, 7101 Quivira Rd • Shawnee, 66226.

THE FOOD PANTRY AT ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Thank you to everyone who brought food for the red wagons in January. We had 3 full wagon loads to deliver to St. Paul's! Please continue to support the Food Pantry which provides food to many who are in need.

The Food Pantry needs: Tuna and Canned Meat; Spaghetti-O's and Ravioli; Side Dishes - Hamburger and Tuna Helper; Pasta Sauce (No breakable glass jars, PLEASE); Pork & Beans/ Baked Beans; Cooking / Salad Oil (12 - 16 ounce size ONLY); Canned vegetables and Canned fruit; Instant potatoes and other packaged sides.



Someone is missing their brown leather jacket. If you took it home by mistake after the 10:45 service on February 9, won't you please return it and take your **black** leather jacket instead? The black jacket is hanging in the coat area with a note attached.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

This Saturday, February 29

9AM-10PM PH 1, 2, 3 reserved for Sword Guild event
5:30 PM Holy Communion
6:30 PM HOST Week Discussion Grp-Asbly

This Sunday, March 1

8:45 AM Holy Communion
9:45 AM Lent Beginnings for Children, Youth, Adults-PH 1, 2; Choir Practice-Nave Loft; HOST Week Discussion Grp-Asbly
10:45 AM Holy Communion
11:45 AM HOST Week Discussion Grp-Asbly
1-4 PM Cub Scouts Blue & Gold-PH 1, 2, 3
5:00 PM Youth Group-PH 1, 2, 3, K

Monday, March 2

10:30-1:30 Thom's Helpers-PH 1, K
1:30 PM Christie Funeral-Nave
7:30 PM Prayer Shawl Small Grp-PH 1

Tuesday, March 3

1-3:30 PM Actor's Choice Reh-PH 1
2:30-6:30 Voice Lessons-Asbly
5-6 PM Girl Scout mtg-PH 1
7:00 PM Contemplative Prayer Small Grp-Nave

Wednesday, March 4

9:30 AM Coffee Small Grp-Rm 137
10:30-1:30 Thom's Helpers-Rms 133-137; K
10:30--12 Wednesday Study Group-Asbly
12-1 PM Lenten Lecture & Luncheon-PH 1, 2, 3
6-9 PM CCQI Grant Mtg-PH 2 (E. Barnes)
6:45 PM Praise Band reh-Nave
7 PM EfM-Asbly
7:30 PM Adult Choir reh-Nave

Thursday, March 5

7:00PM Sword Guild-PH 2

Friday, March 6

10:30-1:30 Thom's Helpers-PH 1, K
6:30 PM Westmont mtg-PH 1
7:00 PM Explorers Small Grp-PH 2; SCA-Asbly

Saturday, March 7

8:30-12:30 CCQI Grant Mtg-PH 2 (E. Barnes)
5:30 PM Holy Communion

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

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"Coffee Hours"
after each

