


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...

- Colby McArthur was named a Presidential Scholar Candidate!
- Jacob McCall earned his Arrow of Light Award and crossed over into Boy Scouts!

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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.


Lent at St. Thomas

WEDNESDAY LUNCHEON SERIES: "FINAL WORD"


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

The theme, "Final Word" is modeled after Carnegie Mellon University's *The Last Lecture Series*. Leaders from the community will 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

- 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. 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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NOTES ON NOTES—Dr. Beth Elswick, Director of Music Ministries
Lift High the Cross is a wonderful hymn. The lyrics were penned in 1887 by George Kitchen as a paraphrase of Matthew 16:24. The hymn tune was composed by Sydney Hugo Nicholson, an English choir director and organist. The refrain is in the major mode; however the verses move to the minor key area, up an interval of a minor third. This is not the usual transition because the usual movement to the minor is DOWN a third. Nicholson's movement is the opposite of what we expect. How ironic, when we return to the refrain, to **Lift High the Cross**, the tonal center **moves down** providing a very centered, stable feeling. Happily, the actual melody notes in the refrain have an initial leap upward, corresponding to the text. As an organist, the moving pedal line on this hymn is fun to play.

TOWER TALK

March 7 & 8, 2020

• SUNDAY CHRISTIAN EDUCATION •

Children & Youth Sunday School
9:45-10:30 in the Education Wing and LL of the church

Adult Forum will meet in PH 2 beginning at 10:00am.

• UP NEXT •

LENTEN LECTURES AND LUNCH: "FINAL WORD"
WEDNESDAYS THROUGH LENT
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 signup to help with the meal is located in the lobby on the display board. Our lecturer this week will be Sly James, former Mayor of Kansas City, MO and Author.

WEDNESDAY STUDY GROUP—LENTEN SPRING SESSION
"The Naked Now" by Richard Rohr
Wednesday, March 11, 10:30 to Noon, Assembly Room

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
MAR 14 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 Parish Hall 1. Everyone is welcome!

YOUNG ADULT SMALL GROUP RESUMES MARCH 17
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**

SIGN UP FOR APRIL, 2020 HOST WEEK
Volunteers and Food/Supply Donations Needed –
Signup in Narthex

Our St. Thomas Host week serving situationally homeless families and single women will be April 5-12, 2020. IHN requires that all volunteers interacting with guests need to have attended one 2-hour IHN training with a refresher at least every 3 years. Children 3rd grade and under may volunteer with their parents. (Children do not need to attend training.)

NEXT TRAINING-Tues, March 10, 6:30-8:30, at Overland Park Christian Church, 7600 W 75th St, 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.

IHN STATS:
June 2004-Mar.1, 2020
Families Served- 316
Single Women with No Children- 75
Total Served- 753, Includes 75 Single Women and 437 Children

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

SAVE THE DATE - The annual **Kansas 2 Kenya "K2K" Fundraiser** will once again be held at St. Thomas this year. The date is Saturday, April 18 and details with signup information will be coming out soon. This is the one and only annual fundraising event that raises funds solely for the projects in Kenya that K2K supports. None of the money raised goes toward travel expenses or administrative costs of the mission.

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 in Kansas City, KS! 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.

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.



A **BROWN LEATHER JACKET** has been missing since February 9. Please check the color of your leather jacket, and if you took it home by mistake after the 10:45 service, 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.

LOST AND FOUND ITEMS NEED OWNERS
The following items are displayed next to the Lost and Found basket in the coat room. If the glasses remain there for a month, we will donate them to the Lions Club.

- 4 pairs plastic rimmed glasses—reading and prescription
- 2 pairs wire rimmed glasses—reading and prescription
- Set of Keys on key ring with Jewish Community Ctr, Hen House, and CVS cards
- assorted Rings, Earrings, Bracelets
- ReSound Hearing Aid

PASSION READERS WILL BE NEEDED—SIGN UP NOW!
LET'S FILL IN ALL THE SLOTS EARLY THIS YEAR!
St. Thomas parish follows the custom of reading the Passion Gospel in parts on Palm Sunday weekend (5:30 Sat. & 8:45 Sunday services) and Good Friday (7pm). You can sign up on the display board in the narthex or online from your *Weekly Update* where a link is available. There you will also find a link to the scripts so you can decide which one to read.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

This Saturday, March 7
8:30-12:30 PH 2 reserved for Emily Barnes
1-2 PM K2K mtg-PH 3
2:00 PM Laughter Yoga Workshop-PH 1
5:30 PM Holy Communion

This Sunday, March 8
8:45 AM Holy Communion
9:45 AM Sunday School for Children & Youth—Education Wing, LL
10:00 AM Adult Forum-PH 2
10:45 AM Holy Communion
6-8 PM Youth Group-PH 1, 2, 3, K

Monday, March 9
10:30-1:30 Thom's Helpers-PH 1, K
1:30 PM Staff Meeting-PH 2
6:30 PM Journeymen-Asbly
7:00 PM IHN Primary Coord mtg-PH 1
7:00 PM Outreach Team Mtg-Rm 134

Tuesday, March 10
2:30-6:30 Voice Lessons-Asbly

Wednesday, March 11
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
5:30 PM Girl Scout mtg-Asbly Rm
6:45 PM Praise Band reh-Nave
7 PM EFM-Asbly; Science Small Grp-Rm 137
7:30 PM Adult Choir reh-Nave

Thursday, March 12
7:00PM Sword Guild-PH 2
7:00 PM Classics Men's Small Grp-Asbly Rm

Friday, March 13
10:30-1:30 Thom's Helpers-PH 1, K

Saturday, March 14
5:30 PM Holy Communion
6:30 PM Second Saturday reception-PH 1

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

**** To hold a meeting or event at St. Thomas you must first clear the date/time/space with Meribeth in the church office.**

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. Thank you!

