

Celebrating Our Children & Youth

We know your kiddos are up to GREAT THINGS! We want to hear and celebrate with them! Email any special news about your child or youth to Barbara—bmccall@stthomasop.org or Kelly—kdemo@stthomasop.org so that we may add it to our newsletters.

Hannah Connelly took first at State in Education Rising in the ethical dilemma category! She will complete this summer in DC at nationals!

From August Fritton—Shawnee Mission South: They received second place in congressional debate at the East Kansas National Speech and Debate Association District Tournament. This means they got a bid to go to the NSDA national tournament in Louisville over the summer. They also got second place in congressional debate at the Kansas City Kansas National Catholic forensics league district tournament, which means they got a bid to the NCFL National tournament in Washington DC in May!

Registrations are NOW OPEN!!

Registration is currently only open to our former participants and members, but they are already starting to FILL. Do not delay - register your St. Thomas child TODAY!

Episcopal Diocese of Kansas MEGA CAMP June 5-11
Register Here: <https://www.ultracamp.com/info/upcomingSessions.aspx?idCamp=986&campCode=1sC>

Middle School "Reaching Out to the Community" (6th-9th Graders in Aug 2022) - June 13-17 from 9am to 3pm
Register Here: <https://stthomasop.breezechms.com/form/6cb24512>

High School "Reaching Out to the Community" (9th-College Freshmen in Aug. 2022) June 20-24 (includes overnights)
Register Here: <https://stthomasop.breezechms.com/form/HSROTC22>

HSROTC22

"Come to the Feast" Vacation Bible Camp (Ages 3-11): Sunday June 26 - Thursday, June 30, 5:30-8:30pm (DINNER INCLUDED for participants, participating parents & volunteers)
Register Here: <https://stthomasop.breezechms.com/form/VBC2022Picnic>

Elementary "Reaching Out to the Community" (3rd-6th Graders in Aug 2022) - July 11-15 from 9am to 3pm
Register Here: <https://stthomasop.breezechms.com/form/6cb245925035>

Arts Camp: "Christmas in JULY!" (1st-6th Graders in Aug 2022) - July 25-29 from 9am to 3pm *Showcase Performance & Art Gallery at 3pm on Friday, July 29!* Register Here: <https://stthomasop.breezechms.com/form/ArtsCamp2022>

Sat, 5:30pm; Sun, 8:45am, 11:00am (Masks optional)

Children's Church (for children ages 3-10) is offered during the "Liturgy of the Word" during each Sunday Service.

Nursery Update: Starting Sunday, April 3, Nursery Care is available for children ages 6 months through 4 years from 8:30 through the conclusion of the 11am service.

All services are live-streamed and available to watch afterward:
www.youtube.com/c/stthomasop and www.facebook.com/stthomasop

Special Palm Sunday offerings

8:45am—musical selections from

"Jesus Christ Super Star" by Andrew Lloyd Webber

11:00am—musical selections from "The Crucifixion" by John Stainer

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Holy Week & Easter Services

Maundy Thursday, April 14, 7pm

Good Friday, April 15, Noon and 7pm

Easter Vigil, April 16, 5:30pm

Easter Day, Sunrise (6:00ish), 8:45am, 11:00am

Nursery care for children ages 6 months through age 4 will be available on Easter Sunday from 8:30 through the conclusion of the 11am services.

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Contact Us

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Visit us on the web: www.stthomasop.org

Facebook page: www.facebook.com/stthomasop

YouTube page: www.youtube.com/c/stthomasop

The church office is open Monday through Thursday from 9 am to 4 pm, and Friday from 9 am to Noon.

TOWER TALK

APRIL 2 & 3, 2022

Last Session of "LAST WORD"

Wednesday from Noon—1pm

Soup Lunch 11:30am

Let's do lunch! Come to St. Thomas at 11:30 for a quick bite of soup before we head in to the sanctuary to hear the speaker. Soup will be provided, free will offering!



April 6: Brad Hill. (Nave/Zoom/Youtube)

Currently Executive Director of an incredible organization called Heart Connexion Seminars and gets to be heart deep in working with folks who truly want to do the work to move beyond surviving and embrace flourishing in their lives. He is originally from Louisiana and went to college in Oklahoma City. Kansas City has been home since 2000. He loves to help humans and leaders live and love well.

Sunday Christian Education

Adult Forum - will meet at 10am in Parish Hall 2

The course is being led by Dr. George Phillips, Senior Warden at St. Thomas. Over his career in academic medicine, George has worked with numerous emerging and established leaders to assist them in discerning paths toward goals in their professional and personal lives. George also uses that experience with our high school youth in The Giving Project, helping them design a personal mission statement that informs their area of service in God's Kingdom.

Children's Sunday School (Pre-School thru Elementary)
9:45-10:45am in the Education Wing

Children attending the 8:45 service may want to grab a cookie and eat it quickly at coffee hour, then make their way to their classrooms at 9:45. Our "feast" (snack) will be offered at the end of our lessons.

Youth Christian Education—Middle School/Confirmation: Rm 137
High School/"Giving Project": Basement Assembly Room

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UP NEXT

Saturday, April 2: Youth Mission Trip Dinner Fundraiser, 6:30-8:30pm PH 1, 2, 3; Holy Communion, 5:30pm Nave

Last Sunday in Lent—Sunday, April 3: Coffee Hours between and after services in PH 1; Holy Communion, 8:45 & 11am Nave / Children's Church during each service; *Christian Education schedule on front page*; Youth Grp Prayer, 6pm Nave; Youth Grp, 6:30-8pm PH, K

Monday, April 4: Thom's Helpers, 11:30-1:30 PH/Kitchen; Outreach team mtg, 6:30pm PH 2; Prayer Shawl Small Grp, 7:30pm PH 1; AA Fellowship, 6:30pm LL

Tuesday, April 5: Contemplative Prayer Small Grp, 7pm Nave; Sword Guild practice, 7-9pm PH 2

Wednesday, April 6:

Thom's Helpers, 11:30am-1:30pm PH1/Kitchen
Wednesday Study Grp, 10:30am Zoom
Lenten Soup Lunch, 11:30am PH 1
Lenten Speaker Series, Noon Nave/Zoom/Youtube
Staff mtg, 1:30pm Lobby or PH 1 or Lobby
Praise Band, 6:30pm Nave
Choir practice, 7:30pm Nave
AA Fellowship, 7:30 LL

Thursday, April 7: Old Testament Bible Study, 9:45am Zoom; Explorers Small Grp, 7pm PH 2; Young Adult Small Grp, 7pm PH 1; Sword Guild, 7pm PH 3; Al-Anon Family Grp, 7pm LL

Friday, Apr 8: Thom's Helpers, 11:30am-1:30pm PH/K; AA Fellowship, 8pm LL

Saturday, Apr 9: Holy Communion, 5:30pm Nave; 2nd Saturday Reception, 6:30pm PH 1

Church office hours: Mon.— Thurs. 9am to 5pm; Fri. 9am to Noon

To view the church calendar go to our website, <https://stthomasop.org/calendar/>. All mtgs and events must be cleared with Meribeth in the church office. mrisebig@stthomasop.org or 913-451-0512.

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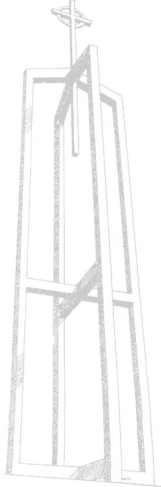
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OUTREACH

Afghan Resettlement Update

St. Thomas continues to move forward with helping our Afghan families feel comfortable in their new homes. We are getting to know them, building a relationship and moving forward. Through your generosity many needed items have been donated and delivered. Thank you.

WALMART GIFT CARDS ARE NEEDED! The children need clothing. With the gift cards the children can have the things they need and the right size.

Some other things that are still needed are:

- 6-10 Liter pressure cooker for each family, the older kind with the weight
- Blender for each family
- Tupperware/ bins to store food
- Bikes for bigger children
- Chairs, kitchen chair or nice folding chair
- A truck and strong people to deliver large items.

If you can help in any way, please contact donation coordinators: Linda Bemis, lsbemis@comcast.net or Jan Summers, janws1244@gmail.com

Kansas 2 Kenya Update

We plan to hold a K2K Fundraiser at St. Thomas on **Saturday, May 21**, to raise funds to support the aforementioned projects in Kenya. Those that have attended this Fundraiser in the past will attest to a fun event for a great cause. St. Thomas has been a major supporter in the past and we hope that will continue this year! Details will follow so please "Save the Date".

More info about Joe Bob's recent experiences in Kenya can be found in this week's "Connecting with You" email update!

Joe Bob and Nyakio Lake

Mobile Food Pantry

Next Volunteer Opportunity: Apr 9

Comanche Elementary 8200 Grant Ave, Overland Park, KS

Time: 11:30am—2:00pm

Additional information and volunteer signups for March 12 through May 14, 2022 may be found here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0A4CA9AC2FA1FA7-mobile2>

Palm Sunday & Good Friday Passion Signups

Here's your chance to participate in a service by reading a part in the passion gospel in parts during Palm Sunday and Good Friday (7 pm) services. **There are many parts to choose from!** Sign up on the display board in the lobby or by clicking on a link below or online in your weekly email update. There you will also find a link to the scripts so you can decide which one to read. Parts are also be available on the display board in the lobby.



Palm Sunday St Luke Passion signup:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0A4CA9AC2FA1FA7-palm2>



Good Friday St John Passion signup:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0A4CA9AC2FA1FA7-good4>

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Easter Offerings

Special envelopes for Easter offerings will be placed in the bulletins during Lent. Your gifts will help provide special music and beautiful flowers at the altar during Easter. No need to designate—your donation will be used where needed. ***If you wish to have your name included in the Easter bulletins, we ask that you return the envelope in the offering or to the church office by Monday, April 11.*** On

the envelope write the names of those you wish honored or the blessing(s) you wish to name, along with your donation inside (any amount).

