

**Mark Your Calendars!
CELEBRATION SUNDAY & ANNUAL
CHILDREN'S EASTER EGG HUNT**

Sunday, April 24!

Join us on the Sunday after Easter for special treats after both services with an Easter Egg hunt for the kids at 10am!

***We are seeking donations for our eggs - nut free candies, small trinkets such as erasers, mini stampers, temporary tattoos are all great! Donations can be dropped off in the bin in the Narthex through Easter Sunday. (NO eggs needed, just the goodies to fill the many we have.)*

**Youth looking for service hours can help with the filling by contacting Mother Kelly or Ms. Barbara. We'll give you all you need - you just provide the time and effort.

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.

Last week a lot of our youth did the Kansas regional music competition. Congratulations to...

- *Joshua McCall who got a 1 with men's choir ensemble and a 2 on singing solo!*
- *Coco Seyler who got a 1 with wind ensemble!*
- *Asher Demo who got a 2 on trumpet solo!*
- *Sofie Hyde who got a 1 on trumpet solo!*
- *Amellia Whittier who got a 2 in ensemble!*
- *Joey Wiltanger who got a 1 on sax solo!*

We have some wonderfully gifted youth! Congratulations to all!

Are you graduating this year? Congratulations!

We want to celebrate all of our St. Thomas friends who are graduating from *high school, college or grad school!*

We will honor them on **May 1**.

Please reach out to Mthr.

Kelly Demo at kdemo@stthomasop.org to give the details!



SUMMER CAMPS

Summer Camp Registrations are

OPEN to ALL and FILLING FAST!!

VISIT: <https://stthomasop.org/summer-st-thomas-2022/> for more information and links to register!

Episcopal Diocese of Kansas MEGA CAMP (Sleep Away at Camp Wood YMCA in Elmdale, KS) - June 5-11

Middle School "Reaching Out to the Community" (6th-9th Graders in Aug 2022) - June 13-17 from 9am to 3pm

High School "Reaching Out to the Community" (9th-College Freshmen in Aug. 2022) June 20-24 (includes overnights)

"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)

Elementary "Reaching Out to the Community" (3rd-6th Graders in Aug 2022) - July 11-15 from 9am to 3pm

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!*

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May is Mental Health Awareness Month

Contemplative Mandala Workshop

Presenter: Sharon Highberger

Date: April 30

Time: 1:00-3:30pm

Location: Parish Hall 2

This year the Mental Health and Wellness Ministry will be featuring both Caretaking, and Selfcare. Caretakers provide so much care and support for others, that oftentimes they need to be reminded that in order to take care of others we must take care of ourselves first.

Throughout the month of May we will have weekly articles featuring various perspectives of caretakers and the various ways in which they care for others. We have invited professionals to lead us in a few workshops that focus on selfcare activities. Additional details will follow soon.

New: Connection Wednesdays

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to gather for lunch on **May 11 and/or May 18**. We will gather from noon to 1pm in the parish hall for a light lunch, prayer, and meaningful conversation. For two years now we have not been able to gather for a meal and enjoy one another's company so let's celebrate spring and get reacquainted with one another! Lunch will be provided for a free will offering. Please call the church office to RSVP: 913-451-0512 so we know how many friends to expect!

TOWER TALK

APRIL 16 & 17, 2022



**WELCOME TO OUR
EASTER WORSHIP SERVICES**

Sat, 5:30pm; Sun, 6:00am, 8:45am, 11:00am

(The 6:00 service will be inside if too cold..)

- Masks are optional -

Children's Church (for children ages 3-10) is offered during the "Liturgy of the Word" at the 8:45 and 11:00 services.

Nursery Update: *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

SUNDAY CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Classes will not meet this Sunday—they will resume next Sunday, April 24.

Happy Easter!

Saturday, April 16: Prayer Shawl Sm Grp, 10am PH 1; Easter Vigil/Holy Communion, 5:30pm Nave

Sunday, April 17: Holy Communion, 6:00, 8:45 & 11am Nave / Children's Church during each service; Coffee Hours between and after services in PH 1; *No Christian Education classes this Sunday.*

Monday, April 18: Thom's Helpers, 11:30-1:30 PH/ Kitchen; Funeral/Jerry Snider, 6:30pm Nave; Reception 7:30 PH 1, 2; AA Fellowship, 6:30pm LL

Tuesday, April 19: Office Assistant Coffee Brunch, 10:30am PH 1; Book Club, 7pm PH 1; Contemplative Prayer Sm Grp, 7pm Nave; Sword Guild practice, 7-9pm PH 2

Wednesday, April 20:
Thom's Helpers, 11:30am-1:30pm PH1/Kitchen
Wednesday Study Grp, 10:30am Asbly Rm
Staff mtg, 1:30pm Lobby or PH 1 or Lobby
Pinehurst HOA mtg, 6-8pm PH 1
Praise Band, 6:30pm Nave
Choir practice, 7:30pm Nave
AA Fellowship, 7:30 LL

Thursday, April 21: Old Testament Bible Study, 9:45am Zoom; Young Adult Sm Grp, 7pm PH 1; Explorers Sm Grp, 7pm PH 2; PEO mtg, 7pm Asbly Rm; Sword Guild, 7pm PH 3; AI-Anon Family Grp, 7pm LL

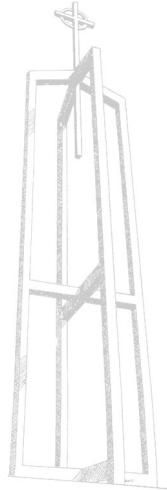
Friday, Apr 22: Thom's Helpers, 11:30am-1:30pm PH/K; AA Fellowship, 8pm LL

Saturday, Apr 23: Diocesan Convocation mtg, 9am-12pm PH 1, 2; Holy Communion, 5:30pm Nave

Sunday, Apr. 24: Celebration Sunday—Easter Egg Hunt, 10am

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.



OUTREACH

**IHN HOST WEEK SIGNUPS -
See Display Board outside the Church Office**



Johnson County IHN
Serving the homeless since 2004

Our next St. Thomas Host week serving situationally homeless families and single women will be **May 8-15, 2022**. The IHN guests will stay evenings and overnight here at St. Thomas, sleeping in classrooms converted to sleeping rooms. With help from our Support Congregations, we will also provide all meals. We are blessed by the opportunity to serve others.

Volunteers are needed

- * Trained volunteers—those who have attended the JoCo IHN training will be present while guests are here evenings and overnight.
- * Untrained volunteers are also needed:
 - ** Set up May 8, 9:30am-10:30am and also immediately following 11am service.
 - ** Take down- Sunday, May 15, at 7:30am to clear rooms and set up for Sunday School.
 - ** Laundry – to wash bedding after Host week
 - ** Food & Supplies- see the separate list of items to donate.

If you are interested in learning more about JoCo IHN or have questions, 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 or Connie Snider, laundry coordinator, at 913 913 709 1431, conniesnider@hotmail.com

Mobile Food Pantry

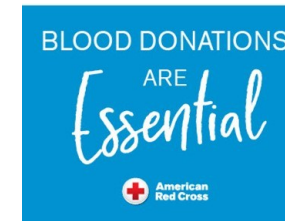
**Next Volunteer Opportunity: May 14
Comanche Elementary 8200 Grant
Ave, Overland Park, KS
Time: 11:30am—2:00pm**

Additional information and volunteer signups for May 14 through August 13, 2022 may be found here:

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



Outreach, cont.



**Red Cross Blood Drive
Tuesday, May 17, at St. Thomas
10am-3pm**

**Help save a life by
donating blood!**

JOIN US

K2K BENEFIT

SATURDAY - MAY 21, 2022

COCKTAILS: 6:30pm

DINNER: 7:30pm

St. Thomas the Apostle Episcopal Church

Featuring: Silent Auction * Local African Entertainment *
Dinner catered by A Taste of Africa

Tickets:

\$75/person or \$500/table (Note: \$50 of the individual ticket price or \$400 of the table price is tax deductible.)

Tickets may be ordered online at:

https://edok.formstack.com/forms/k2k_2022

For questions regarding ticket reservations contact:

Deacon Fran Wheeler Ph: (913) 226-0540

Email: fwheeler@stthomasop.org

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