Children & Youth

SAVE THE DATE!!
Back to School Blessings 2022
Sunday, August 14, 2022

Blessings and a small token gift from the parish will be offered to all students (any age or level of school) and educators (teachers, trainers, administrators, support staff, etc.) with special food and fun activities to follow BOTH services. Hope to see you there!!

Youth Group begins again on Sunday, August 14, 6-8pm

Celebrating Children & Youth!

We think everyone should be celebrated for new levels of creative ways to spend your time, learning how to be alone, accomplishments in school, or maybe reaching new levels on video games!

Keep 'em coming, friends! Email any special news about your child to Barbara—bmccall@stthomasop.org or Kelly—kdemo@stthomasop.org so that we may add it to our feature in Tower Talk and each month's Children & Families Newsletter!

A few photos from Arts Camp last week!

More can be found on the St. Thomas Facebook page.

Daily Reflections & Learning

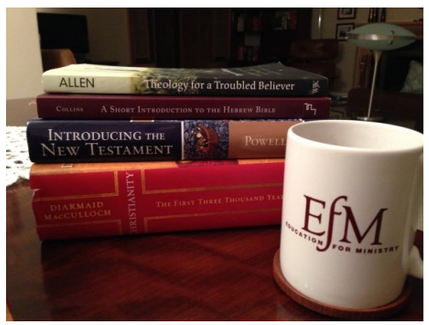
ALMOST DAILY REFLECTIONS

... look for these to post at 7am Monday-Friday on the St Thomas Facebook and Youtube channels.

NEW "DAY BY DAYS" ARE HERE

Pick up your "Forward Day by Day" devotional book for August/September/October from a display shelf in the Narthex. The books are popular daily devotionals which provide daily meditations based on scripture readings appointed by the lectionary and Daily Office. Each month's devotional is written by lay and clergy persons. Suggested donation is $1.00 for the small size and $1.50 for the large print. A donation box is close by.

A "Day by Day" podcast is also available each day on all streaming platforms. Try it out—
https://www.forwardmovement.org/Pages/Item/12306/Podcast.aspx



EDUCATION for MINISTRY

The EFM program provides people with an opportunity to discover how to respond to the call to Christian service and carry out their ministries.

Education for Ministry is a four-year program from the Episcopal Seminary of the University of the South in Sewanee, TN. In the first year we read and study the Hebrew Scriptures (Old Testament). The second year we read and study the Christian Scriptures (New Testament). The third year covers the church history. And the fourth year is theology with some philosophy.

Classes will begin in the fall. If you are interested and want to learn more, contact Ray Wheeler at ray.wheeler60@gmail.com or 913-269-0542

TOWER TALK

July 30 & 31, 2022

Our Worship Services this Weekend

Saturday, 5:30pm
Sunday, 8:45 and 11:00am

Children's Church (for children ages 3-10) is offered during the "Liturgy of the Word" at both services.

Nursery Care is available for children ages 6 months through 4 years from 8:30am until after the 11:00 service.

All services are live-streamed and available to watch afterward:

www.youtube.com/c/stthomasop and
www.facebook.com/stthomasop

Sunday Christian Education

No Adult Formation this Sunday —Classes will resume on September 11 at 10am in Parish Hall 2

Children's Sunday School "Summer Sundays"
9:45-10:45am in the Education Wing or Parish Hall

Future Dates at St. Thomas:

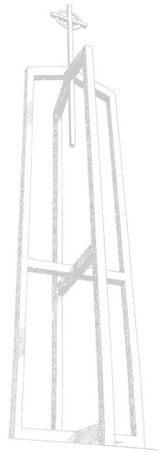
July 31	Return Backpacks for Comanche
July 31	Blessing of school Backpacks—both services

Sunday School and Adult Formation will take a break in August through September 11.

August 14	Back to School Blessings after both services Youth Group/Taste of Youth begins
Sept 7	Music rehearsals begin
Sept 11	Back to Sunday School/Adult Formation
Sept 25	Newcomer Lunch, Noon
Oct 2	Blessing of Animals, 4pm
Oct. 29/30	Ministry Fair
Oct 30	Trunk or Treat and Chili Cook-Off, 5-7pm

Saturday, July 30: SCA Event—PH 1, 2, 3 and other rooms as available; Holy Communion, 5:30pm Nave

Sunday, July 31: Holy Communion with Baptism, 8:45 & 11:00am Nave; Sunday School, 9:45am Education Wing or PH; No Adult Forum this week; Coffee Hours after each service in PH 1; Beeler Memorial Service, 2pm; Reception, 3-4:30pm PH 1, 2, 3



Monday, August 1: Johnson County Elections setup today, PH 1; Thom's Helpers, 10:30am-1:30pm PH 1, Outreach Team Mtg, 6:30pm PH 2; Prayer Shawl Sm Grp, 7:30pm pH 1; K; AA Fellowship, 6:30pm LL

Tuesday, August 2: Johnson County Election, 7am-7pm PH 1; Contemplative Prayer Sm Grp, 7pm Nave; Sword Guild practice, 7-9pm

Wednesday, August 3: Thom's Helpers, 10:30am-1:30pm PH1 Kitchen; Staff mtg, 1:30pm Lobby or PH 1; AA Fellowship, 7:30 LL

Thursday, August 4: Sword Guild, 7pm location TBD; Al-Anon Family Grp, 7pm LL

Friday, August 5: Thom's Helpers, 10:30am-1:30pm PH 1, K; SCA, 7pm PH 1; AA Fellowship, 8pm LL

Saturday, August 6: Holy Communion, 5:30pm Nave; Renewal of Vows, 6:30pm Nave

Sunday, August 7: Holy Communion, 8:45 and 11:00am

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

All meetings and events must be cleared with Meribeth in the church office. mrisebig@stthomasop.org or 913-451-0512.

Outreach

Comanche Elementary School Supply Collection ends July 31

"Thank you" to all who have graciously donated school supplies for each of the backpacks being provided to Comanche Elementary Students this year! A reminder that **all filled backpacks are due back to the church by Sunday July 31.**

Update on Afghan Families Ministry
Summertime... and the grass is growing!

Our Afghan families need a lawn mower. If you have one in good working order that you aren't using, please email Jan Summers at janws1244@gmail.com.

As always, St. Thomas, we appreciate your generosity and concern!

Mobile Food Pantry
Next Volunteer Opportunity: August 13

Comanche Elementary 8200 Grant Ave, Overland Park, KS

Time: 11:30am—2:00pm

Additional information and volunteer signups for August 13, 2022: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0A4CA9AC2FA1FA7-mobile2

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

Reaching Out...

Dear St Thomas friends,

Many of you will remember one of our "founding" members Pricilla Cox. She now lives in Tonganoxie to be closer to her son. She would LOVE to hear from her many friends here. You can drop her a card or call her at the following:

Priscilla Cox
Vintage Park, Rm 8
120 W 8th St
Tonganoxie KS 66086

Phone: 913-558-4588

Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and...

In celebration of our 38th wedding anniversary—Bill & Anne Kidder

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 bulletin board by the office, give us a call, or sign up using this link: https://stthomasop.breezechms.com/form/62c72c

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.

When you sign up in advance you will receive an email or phone call about a month in advance asking for details about your commemoration.