Children & Youth

- **Acolyte Training Session**
  Sunday, Sept 18 after the 11am service

Calling all Acolytes (and anyone who WANTS to be an acolyte)!! Lunch will be provided and we will be done by 1:30. We have LOTS to cover so all acolytes are requested to attend. Questions? kdemo@stthomasop.org or 913-730-3613.

- **Trunk or Treat & Chili Cook-Off!**
  October 30 at 5pm

The youth of St. Thomas invite children of all ages to join us for our annual Trunk or Treat. We will even be bringing back the popular chili cook-off!

Celebrating Children & Youth

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!

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.

Christian Education

- **Adult Formation**
  Sundays from 9:45am-10:30am in Parish Hall 2

The topic will be "Spiritual Practice of being in the Moment: Mindfulness from a Christian Perspective." For any adult at St Thomas.

- **Wednesday Study Group**
  begins Sept 14, 10:30am in Assembly Room

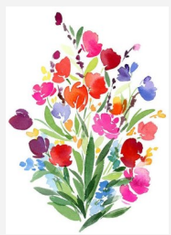
This four-week DVD study will be "A Better Way to Be Christian" with Brian McLaren. All are welcome. If questions, contact Martha Sharp (381-6270) or Jan Summers (522-7938 / janws1244@gmail.com).

- **Confirmation classes**
  begin Sunday, Oct. 2 at 9:45am

If you or your youth are interested please reach out to:
Mthr. Kelly (youth) kdemo@stthomasop.org or
Fr. Gar (adult) gdemo@stthomasop.org

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

In thanksgiving for our 39th wedding anniversary and our many blessings!
- Steve & Karen Leftwich



Connecting with You

September 10 & 11, 2022

Worship Services this Weekend

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

Children's Chapel (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
www.facebook.com/stthomasop

Christian Education Kickoff Sunday!

- **Preschool-Elementary "Godly Play/Godly Explorers"**
  9:45-10:45am in the Education Wing
  * Preschool/Kindergarten: Room 143-144 (across from nursery)
  * 1st/2nd/3rd Grades: Room 133-134 (at the intersection of the Office &Education Hallways)
  * 4th/5th Grades: Assembly Room (East end of the Education Hallway)

- **Youth Christian Education Classes—**9:45-10:30am
  * 6th-8th Grades "Path to Confirmation": Room 137 (to the left of the "T" hall intersection)
  * High School "The Giving Project": Basement Assembly Room (stairs are located between the new copyroom and Assembly Room)

- **Adult Forum—**9:45am-10:30am in Parish Hall 2

  Starting this Sunday, Adult Formation will meet for conversation and deeper understanding. The topic will be "Spiritual Practice of being in the Moment: Mindfulness from a Christian Perspective." For any adult at St Thomas.

Next Week

Saturday, Sept 10: Prayer Shawl Sm Grp, 10am-Noon PH 1; Holy Communion, 5:30pm Nave

Sunday, Sept 11: Holy Communion 8:45 & 11:00am Nave; Sunday School/Children & Youth, 9:45 Educ Wing; Adult Forum, 9:45 PH 2; Coffee Hours after each service in PH 1; Youth Group, 6-8 PH 1, 2, K

Monday, Sept 12: Thom's Helpers, 10:30am-1:30pm PH 1; IHN Coordinator mtg, 7pm PH 1

Tuesday, Sept 13: PEO mtg, 10am PH 2; Sword Guild practice, 7 -9pm PH 2

Wednesday, Sept 14: Thom's Helpers, 10:30am-1:30pm PH 1 Kitchen; Wednesday Study Grp, 10:30am Asbly Rm; Staff mtg, 1:30pm Lobby or PH 1; Praise Band, 6:30pm Nave; Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm Nave

Thursday, Sept 15: Bible Study, 10am Zoom; Explorers Sm Grp, 5:30pm PH 2; PEO mtg, 7pm Asbly Rm; Sword Guild, 7pm PH 3

Friday, Sept 16: Thom's Helpers, 10:30am-1:30pm PH 1, K; SCA, 7pm PH 1

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

FUTURE DATES at St. Thomas:

Sept 20	Red Cross Blood Drive
Sept 22	Comanche Carnival & Cookout, 5-7:30pm
Sept 25	Newcomer Lunch, Noon
	IHN Host Week begins at St. Thomas
Oct 2	Confirmation classes begin (adult & youth)
	Blessing of Animals, 4pm
Oct. 29/30	Ministry Fair
Oct 30	Trunk or Treat & Chili Cook-Off, 5-7pm
Nov. 5	Women's Retreat
Nov. 5/6	Stewardship & All Saints Weekend
	Hayride for all! 4:30-7pm
Nov. 24	Thanksgiving Day Dinner in Parish Hall!
Dec. 3	Annual Cookie Sale

Outreach—Sept & Oct

- **RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE**
  Tuesday, September 20, 10am-3pm
  St. Thomas Parish Hall

Use this link to sign up now:
https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive.

- **CARNIVAL & COOKOUT! Caring for Kids Ministry**
  Thursday, Sept. 22—5-7:30pm
  8200 Grant Ave, Overland Park

Gather with Comanche Elementary students, families, teachers, and staff to help with their Carnival and Cookout in celebrating the new school year. There will be fun, food, and fellowship!

Signup for Food & Serving Volunteers:
https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0A4CA9AC2FA1FA7-comanche8

Signup for Game/Activity Volunteers:
https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0848ADAF2AA6FB6-comanche1

Questions? Deacon Fran—fwheeler@stthomasop.org

More about Caring for Kids Ministry:
https://stthomasop.org/outreach/operation-backsnack/

- **IHN HOST WEEK begins Sept 25**
  Johnson County Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN)
  September 25—October 2 at St. Thomas

St. Thomas Host week serves situationally homeless families and single women. As an IHN Host congregation St. Thomas will convert our classrooms to provide shelter during evenings and overnight. Trained volunteers will be present at all times providing support to our IHN guests. Untrained volunteers are also needed for setup and takedown of classrooms. SIGNUP SHEETS FOR TRAINED VOLUNTEERS ARE ON THE NARTHEX DISPLAY BOARD. You can also help by signing up to furnish some food and supplies.

For more information about IHN: https://jocoihn.org

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- **IHN Annual Dinner/Auction**
  Thursday, September 29

This special fundraiser will occur at Fiorella's Event Center, 9000 W 137th St. in Overland Park. Tickets will be $100 per guest; link to register: www.jocoihn.org. Don't miss this great opportunity to support our local program that serves homeless families and single women. Come and enjoy a delectable barbeque buffet, drinks and dessert; bid on amazing silent/live auction items as you help provide for our homeless neighbors in Johnson County.

Margaret Walkenshaw, JoCo IHN Auction Committee

- **K2K Charity Golf Tournament**
  Kansas to Kenya—Partnership with Diocese of KS
  Sunday, October 2, 4pm
  Falcon Valley Golf Course in Lenexa

Enjoy a 9-hole scramble with cash bar and prizes. All ages and skill level are welcome to join. Entry fee is $100 per individual or $400 per 4-person team. This tournament will support Agatha Amani House in Kenya.

If you cannot attend please consider a donation. Individual hole sponsorships are available for $50.

More info and sign-up available here:
https://episcopal-ks.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/EMICharityGolfTourney2022.pdf or contact Mike Eakins with any questions at 913-707-8218.

Learn more about Kansas to Kenya:
https://episcopal-ks.org/global-partnerships/kenya/