

## Children & Youth

- **Acolyte Training Session**

This 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](mailto: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](mailto:bmccall@stthomasop.org) or Kelly—[kdemo@stthomasop.org](mailto: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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YouTube page: [www.youtube.com/c/stthomasop](https://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 9:50am-10:45am in Parish Hall 2

“Spiritual Practice of being in the Moment: Mindfulness from a Christian Perspective.” For any adult at St. Thomas.

- **Senior High & Adult Confirmation classes**

begin Sunday, Oct. 2 at 9:45am

If you or your senior high student are interested please reach out to Mthr. Kelly [kdemo@stthomasop.org](mailto:kdemo@stthomasop.org) or Fr. Gar [gdemo@stthomasop.org](mailto:gdemo@stthomasop.org)

## Connect & Reconnect

- **Newcomer Lunch Sept 25**

Sunday, September 25, Noon, in Parish Hall 2

If you are new to St. Thomas church, we want to welcome you to our faith community by inviting you and your family to our next Newcomer lunch. Come learn more about St. Thomas and we can learn more about you. Please contact the St. Thomas office or Linda Bemis (913) 220-8246 [lsbemis@comcast.net](mailto:lsbemis@comcast.net) if you can attend.

- **Women's Retreat**

Saturday, November 5, 9-4pm

Please join us for this year's Women's Retreat! Led by The Rev. Kelly Demo, we will gather to refresh and reconnect. \$35 covers the cost of lunch and retreat. For those who would like to join us we will move from the retreat center to a local winery for some snacks and fellowship after the retreat ends. Please contact Jen Newell or Abby Pullin for questions. Link to sign up: <https://stthomasop.breezechms.com/form/b8e822> or scan the QR code below.



# Connecting with You

September 17 & 18, 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 on [www.youtube.com/c/stthomasop](https://www.youtube.com/c/stthomasop) and [www.facebook.com/stthomasop](https://www.facebook.com/stthomasop)

## Sunday Christian Education

- ◆ **Preschool-Elementary “Godly Play/Godly Explorers”**  
9:45-10:45am in the Education Wing
- ◆ **Middle School Confirmation—9:45-10:30am** in Rm 137  
\* 6th-8th Grades
- ◆ **Adult Formation—9:45am-10:30am** in Parish Hall 2

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### We welcome the newly baptized

This Sunday during the 11:00 service

Through the Sacrament of Baptism we welcome Wesley Allen Tarr, son of Grant & Sarah Tarr, and nephew of Margaret Clopton (Derek). Wesley was born March. 24, 2022.

## Next Week

**Saturday, Sept 17:** Prayer Shawl Sm Grp, 10am-Noon PH 1; Holy Communion, 5:30pm Nave

**Sunday, Sept 18:** 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 19:** Thom's Helpers, 10:30am-1:30pm PH 1

**Tuesday, Sept 20:** Blood Drive, 10am-3pm PH 1, 2, 3; Mental Health & Wellness mtg, 7pm Asbly Rm; Book Club, 7pm PH 1; Contemplative Prayer Sm Grp, 7pm Nave; Sword Guild practice, 7pm PH 2

**Wednesday, Sept 21:** 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; Pinehurst HOA mtg, 6-8pm PH 1; Praise Band, 6:30pm Nave; Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm Nave

**Thursday, Sept 22:** Bible Study, 10am Zoom; Comanche Cook-out, 5-7:30pm at Comanche Elementary School; Young Adult Sm Grp, 7pm PH 1; Classics Men's Sm Grp, 7pm PH 2; Sword Guild, 7pm PH 3

**Friday, Sept 23:** Thom's Helpers, 10:30am-1:30pm PH 1, K; SCA, 7pm PH 1

Meetings and events must be cleared with Meribeth in the church office. [mrisebig@stthomasop.org](mailto:mrisebig@stthomasop.org) or 913-451-0512.

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

*\* In celebration of our son Matt's 33rd birthday. We love you and are so proud of you! from Tim & Deb Lang*

*\* In celebration and in memory of Dennis & Barbara Staley's wedding anniversary—Phil & Erin and Jana & Bobby*



## Outreach—Sept & Oct

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

You can help save a life! 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. Lots of 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](mailto:fwheeler@stthomasop.org)

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

- **Volunteers still needed for IHN HOST Week starting Sept 25**—sign up on display board in the Narthex

- **IHN Annual Dinner/Auction**  
Thursday, September 29  
Fiorella's Event Ctr, 9000 W 137th St, Overland Park

Fun, fellowship, terrific barbecue, drinks and dessert and bid on amazing items at the silent and live auctions.

For tickets and more information go to [www.JOCOihn.org](http://www.JOCOihn.org).

Margaret Walkenshaw, 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

This tournament will support Agatha Amani House in Kenya. All ages and skill level are welcome to join. Entry fee is \$100 per individual or \$400 per 4-person team.

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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/EMICCharityGolfTourney2022.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/>

## Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, October 2 ▪ 4:00pm

Bring your dog, cat, rabbit, turtle, or any other pet to our annual Blessing of the Animals!



### 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