

Children & Youth

Celebrating Children & Youth!

- Congratulations also go out to Charlie Perricelli who was chosen to be a Peer Leader at his school.
- Jonah Gralapp who was chosen to play in the Kansas City Youth Symphony!
- Congratulations to Jacob McCall who recently achieved the rank of Star Scout in Scouts B.S.A. (formerly Boy Scouts) and became an Ordeal Member of the Order of the Arrow honor society. Way to go, Jake!
- Joshua McCall has been cast in the role of Starkey, one of Captain Hook's Pirate Crew, in Olathe South High School's upcoming production of Peter Pan! Show dates/times are October 20 & 21 at 7pm and October 22 at 2 and 7pm. Congrats, Josh!

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!

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

* In gratitude and thanksgiving in celebration of 33 beautiful years with Lynn, recognition of Lynn's birthday, and the bittersweet excitement of Bre departing to her first year of Univ. of California—Dan & Lynn Elman

- In thanksgiving of our family and our 59th wedding anniversary—Ted & Linda Bemis



Christian Education

New Bible Study to begin Sept 8

The Apocrypha? Count Me In!

- ◆ Susan Strom and Sheryl Roller will oversee a study of Invitation to the Apocrypha by Daniel J. Harrington, S.J. (available on Amazon). Participants will also need a copy of the Apocrypha. Our first meeting will be in-person at St Thomas on Thursday, September 8 at 10:00. Subsequent meetings will be on Thursdays via Zoom from 9:45-11:15. Discussion leadership will be shared. Contact Sue (913-244-6402 / kcsuejazz@hotmail.com) or Sheryl (913-908-4130 / sljroller@gmail.com) to sign up or if you have questions.

Wednesday Study Group to begin Sept 14

BRIAN McLAREN via DVD

"A Better Way to Be Christian" (4 sessions)

- ◆ 10:30am to Noon in the Assembly Room. All are welcome. If questions, contact Martha Sharp (381-6270) or Jan Summers (522-7938 / janws1244@gmail.com).

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Music Programs Begin Wednesday, Sept 7

- ◆ If you like to sing and can learn new music, consider joining one or both of our music groups! If you have any questions, contact Dr. Beth Elswick, 913-742-8758 or belswick@stthomasop.org.



Praise Band Rehearsal—6:30pm in the Sanctuary
Choir Rehearsal—7:30pm in the Choir Loft in Sanctuary

Contact Us

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



TOWER TALK

September 3 & 4, 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

Sunday Christian Education

- ◆ **Children & Youth "Sunday School"** are on their Summer Break as we prepare for the start of the 2022-23 program year. Classes resume on Sunday, Sept 11 for ages 3 thru High School. 9:45-10:45am in the Education Wing.

Help us update our records for our returning and existing students by clicking here:
<https://stthomasop.breezechms.com/form/f7289d>



- ◆ **Adult Forum** will also resume on September 11 10:00-10:30am in Parish Hall 2.
- ◆ **Confirmation classes** will begin on Sun, Oct. 2. If you or your youth are interested please reach out to: Mthr. Kelly (youth) kdemo@stthomasop.org or Fr. Gar (adult) gdemo@stthomasop.org



Saturday, Sept 3: Prayer Shawl Sm Grp, 10am-Noon PH 1; Holy Communion, 5:30pm Nave

Sunday, Sept 4: Holy Communion 8:45 & 11:00am Nave; Coffee Hours after each service in PH 1; Youth Group, 6-8 PH 1, 2, K

Monday, Sept 5: Thom's Helpers, 10:30am-1:30pm PH 1; Outreach Team mtg, 6:30pm PH 2; Prayer Shawl Sm Grp, 7:30pm PH 1

Tuesday, Sept 6: Contemplative Prayer Sm Grp, 7pm Nave; Sword Guild practice, 7-9pm PH 2

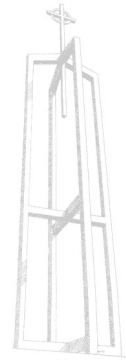
Wednesday, Sept 7: Thom's Helpers, 10:30am-1:30pm PH 1 Kitchen; Staff mtg, 1:30pm Lobby or PH 1; Praise Band, 6:30pm Nave; Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm Nave

Thursday, Sept 8: Bible Study, 10am Rm 137; Afghan ELL Training, 1-3pm PH 2; Young Adult Sm Grp, 7pm PH 1; Classics Mens Sm Grp, 7pm PH 2; Sword Guild, 7pm PH 3

Friday, Sept 9: Thom's Helpers, 10:30am-1:30pm PH 1, K

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

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



Heartfelt Thanks

Dear St. Thomas Family—

We are so grateful and humbled by everyone who volunteered to help make Barbara Adam's Celebration of Life a loving tribute. Thank you to Fr Gar, Mthr Kelly, Deacon Fran, Meribeth & the office volunteers, Beth & choir, altar guild, those who served during the service as well as the ushers. In addition, we thank Tracy Ferren for arranging the gorgeous flowers, Dola McNown and team who organized the reception, those who made food, served and cleaned up after the reception.

We would also like to thank those of you who have sent cards, lifted our family in prayer and love. Barbara was a person who tried to live out her faith on a daily basis. Her celebration of life was a beautiful gathering that she would have loved.

Peace to all- The Adam Family—Blair, Jean, Spencer & Hayden, Abby & Tim Pullin

Outreach—Sept & Oct

SEPTEMBER BLOOD DRIVE

Tuesday, September 20, 10am-3pm at St. Thomas

- ◆ **You can help save a life!** Use this link to sign up now: <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive>.

Caring for Kids Ministry It's a CARNIVAL & COOKOUT!

Thursday, Sept. 22—5-7:30pm
8200 Grant Ave, Overland Park

- ◆ Join us as we 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 our Caring for Kids Ministry:

<https://stthomasop.org/outreach/operation-backsnack/>

Johnson County Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN)

IHN HOST WEEK begins soon

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. IHN 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>

Outreach, cont.

IHN Annual Dinner/Auction

Thursday, September 29

- ◆ This special fundraiser will occur in person at Fiorella's Event Center, 9000 W 137th St. in Overland Park. Tickets for this magical evening will be \$100 per guest; a link to register is available on the website: 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

Kansas to Kenya—Partnership with Diocese of KS

K2K Charity Golf Tournament

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/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/>

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