

Children & Youth

- **Summer Camp Registrations Now Open!**
Episcopal "Mega Camp" (incoming 4th graders-college freshmen: June 4-10 (at Camp Wood YMCA in Elmdale, KS)
<https://www.ultracamp.com/info/upcomingSessions.aspx?idCamp=986&campCode=1sC>
- **"Reaching Out to the Community" for incoming 6th-9th grades** for Aug. 2023: June 12-16
<https://stthomasop.breezechms.com/form/MSROTC23>
- **"Reaching Out to the Community" for incoming 9th-college freshmen:** June 19-23
<https://stthomasop.breezechms.com/form/HSROTC23>
- **"Reaching Out to the Community" for incoming 3rd-6th grades** for Aug. 2023: July 10-14
<https://stthomasop.breezechms.com/form/ESROTC23>
- **Vacation Bible Camp—"Be who you are called to BE!"** (Preschool-6th grade): June 25-29, 5-8pm (Sun-Thur)
REGISTER HERE: <https://stthomasop.breezechms.com/form/VBC2023>
- **Youth Mission Trip for incoming 6th-college freshmen:** July 15-22. Contact Rev. Kelly Demo at kdemo@stthomasop.org
- **Arts Camp for incoming 1st-6th graders:** July 24-28, 9am-3pm
<https://stthomasop.breezechms.com/form/artscamp2023>
- **Celebrating Our Children & Youth!**
Congratulations to Josh McCall who will play Pabbie (the troll who tries to heal Anna) in the Kansas premier of the full-length Broadway/West End version of "Frozen," presented by the Olathe Public Schools in August!

We know your kiddos are up to GREAT THINGS! We want to hear and celebrate with them! Please brag away! 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!

Worship Services

The First Sunday of Lent
February 25 & 26, 2023

Saturday—5:30pm

Sunday—8:45 and 11:00am

Children's Chapel (program geared toward ages 3-10) is available during both Sunday services.

Nursery care is available for children ages 6 mon. thru 4 yrs from 8:15am—12:15pm.



Please join us for coffee hour after each service in the Parish Hall!

All services are live-streamed and available to watch afterward on www.youtube.com/c/stthomasop and www.facebook.com/stthomasop

Sunday Christian Education

This Sunday we hope you will attend the "Lent Beginnings" special workshop on Anglican Rosaries and Prayer Beads!
All ages are welcome!

9:45-10:45am in Parish Hall 1 and 2

Our regular Sunday education classes will resume on March 5 and are as follows:

- **Adult Forum**—10:00am in Parish Hall 2
- **Preschool-Elementary "Godly Play/Godly Explorers"**-9:45-10:45am
Preschool thru 5th grade in Education Wing
- **Youth Christian Education**
9:45-10:30am—Middle School - 6th-8th Grades in Asbly Rm
High School "Giving Project" - Basement Asbly Rm



Newcomers & Visitors—Come to Lunch!

This Sunday, Feb 26 at Noon in Parish Hall 2

The Invite/Welcome/Connect team will host a Newcomer lunch this Sunday. All new members and visitors are invited to attend the lunch, learn more about St. Thomas and meet other new members.

Lenten Offerings

Lent Beginnings 2023: Intergenerational Anglican Rosary (Prayer Beads) Workshop

This Sunday, February 26, 9:45-10:45am
Parish Hall 1 & 2

Join us for a "new twist" as we dive into ONE prayer practice through the study and creation of Anglican Rosaries and Chaplets (Prayer Beads). Barbara McCall and Martha Lamoy will offer history, structure and practice of this tradition—for all ages and abilities. ALL ARE WELCOME!

Lenten "Last Word" Speaker Series

Each Wednesday during Lent—Noon to 1pm

Come for a light soup lunch in the Parish Hall then move to the Nave to hear our speaker. These lectures will be livestreamed as well. Please sign up below to bring soup or bread, or to help with setup/cleanup.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0A4CA9AC2FA1FA7-lenten1>

Wednesday, March 1:

TIM BASCOM

Author, Director of the KS Book Festival



A complete list of speakers can be found on this link: <https://mailchi.mp/stthomasop/connecting-with-you-11845242>

Outreach Update

- **IHN Training & Host Week Thank You**

St. Thomas Host' week was Feb 12-19. During that week we provided meals and shelter here at St. Thomas. We had one single female (no children) and three families with children - mom with twin 16 year old girls, mom with 2 kids - 9 & 11 years old, and a mom with a 5 mon. baby and 2 year old toddler.

We're thankful for our Host Week Volunteers and food & supply donors.

Volunteer training for new volunteers or as a refresher for trained volunteers, will be conducted **Sunday, March 5, 12-2:00** at Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church, 11100 College.

All are welcome. No church affiliation is required. There is no fee but all attendees must be on time and remain until the end of training.

Questions contact Dola McNown 913 526 3573 or dolamcnown49@gmail.com

This Week's Featured Small Group

- **Explorers Small Group**

Meets on the 1st & 3rd Thursday in Parish Hall 2

This group's goal is "Faith, Food, Fellowship, and Fun." They are interested in exploring the Scripture and the World around them, often taking day trips. They are also involved with emergency relief bags at St. Thomas, refilling food bags as the need arises. If you'd like more info contact John McNown at 913-541-9226 or johnmnown44@gmail.com



Tour of historic J. Rieger Distillery

Next Week

Sunday, Feb 26: Holy Communion at 8:45 & 11am; Coffee Hours after each service in PH 1; Sunday School & Adult Forum, 9:45am Educ in PH 1, 2; Newcomer Lunch, 12pm PH 2; Youth homework session, 5:15pm PH 1, 2; Youth group/Taste of Youth, 6-8pm

Monday, Feb 27: Thom's Helpers, 10:30am-1:30pm PH 1 & Kitchen; Finance Committee, 5:45-6:30pm PH 1 or Online; Vestry Mtg, 6:45pm in PH 1

Tuesday, Feb 28: Reclamation Clubhouse Grp, 1pm, PH 2 (Josh Lyman); Sword Guild practice, 7pm PH 2

Wednesday, Mar 1: Thom's Helpers, 10:30am-1:30pm PH 1 & K; Wednesday Study Grp, 10:30am Asbly Rm; Staff mtg, 1:30pm PH1 or Lobby; Children's Choir, 5:00pm Nave; Praise Band practice, 6:30pm Nave; Choir Rehearsal, 7:30pm Nave

Thursday, Mar 2: Apocrypha Bible Study, 9:45am Zoom; Explorer's Sm Grp, 7pm PH 2; Sword Guild, 7pm PH 3; Classics

Friday, Mar 3: Thom's Helpers, 10:30am-1:30pm PH 1 Kitchen; SCA, 7pm PH 1

Saturday, Mar 4: Prayer Shawl Grp, 10am, PH 1; LEV Training, 10:30am-Noon PH 3; Holy Communion at 5:30pm, Nave

Meetings, activities, and events must be cleared with Justin Smith in the church office. jsmith@stthomasop.org or 913-451-0512.

Easter Offerings

Special envelopes for Easter offerings will be placed in the bulletins during Lent. Your gifts will help provide special music and beautiful flowers at the altar during Easter. No need to designate—your donation will be used where needed.

If you wish to have your name included in the Easter bulletins, we ask that you return the envelope in the offering or to the church office by Monday, April 3. On the envelope write the names of those you wish honored or the blessing(s) you wish to name, along with your donation inside (any amount). You may also submit and donate on this form: <https://stthomasop.breezechms.com/form/62c72c386>



Lay Eucharistic Ministry

- **Lay Eucharistic Visitors**

Take communion to shut-ins in assisted living facilities and others who cannot attend services due to illness or special circumstances.

Next LEV Training Classes:

Part 1 - Saturday, March 4, 10:30am-12noon (PH3)

Part 2 - Saturday, March 18, 10:30am-12noon (PH3)

Part 3 - Saturday, March 25, 10:30am-12noon (PH3)

If you are interested in becoming a Lay Eucharistic Visitor and would like to attend the training, or would like to hear more about this ministry, please contact Deacon Fran Wheeler. Email:

fwheeler@stthomasop.org

Women's Retreat

- **St. Thomas Spring Women's Retreat**

Saturday, March 25
8:30am-1:00pm

Join us for a time of reflection, renewal and relationship building at this one-day spring event! We will welcome energy artist, Jancy Pettit, as our retreat leader. Lunch will be included and childcare available! Stay tuned to our weekly newsletters and e-news for more information & a signup!

