

Children & Youth

- **Donations Requested for our Annual Easter Egg Hunt!**

Sunday, April 16 during the Education Hour

We need to stuff nearly 1,000 EGGS! Your donations of small trinket gifts (stickers, erasers, mini-stampers, temporary tattoos) and non-chocolate candies will be gratefully received, and stuffed by volunteers in the church. Donations can be dropped in the bin in the Narthex. Thank you!

- **Summer Camp Registrations Are Open!**

** Links to register can be found in your weekly "Connecting with You" email and a QR code is located on the display board in the lobby!**

Episcopal "Mega Camp" (incoming 4th graders-college freshmen: June 4-10 (at Camp Wood YMCA in Elmdale, KS)

"Reaching Out to the Community" for incoming 6th-9th grades: June 12-16

"Reaching Out to the Community" for incoming 9th-college freshmen: June 19-23

"Reaching Out to the Community" for incoming 3rd-6th grades: July 10-14

Vacation Bible Camp—"Be who you are called to BE!" (Preschool-6th grade): June 25-29, 5-8pm (Sun-Thur)

Youth Mission Trip for incoming 6th-college freshmen: July 16-22. Contact Rev. Kelly Demo kdemo@stthomasop.org

Arts Camp for incoming 1st-6th grade: July 24-28, 9am-3pm

- **Celebrating Our Children & Youth!**

** *Liam Stewart who was inducted into the French Honor Society* **

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

April 1 & 2, 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

- **Adult Forum** will not meet this Sunday or Easter Sunday. Stay tuned for information about future classes.
- **Preschool-Elementary "Godly Play/Godly Explorers"**—9:45-10:45am
Preschool thru 5th grade in Education Wing
Classes will not meet on Easter Sunday.
- **Youth Christian Education**
9:45-10:30am—Middle School - 6th-8th Grades in Asbly High School "Giving Project" - Basement Asbly Rm
Classes will not meet on Easter Sunday.
- **Passion Readers Still Needed this Weekend!**
Palm Sunday, Apr 1 & 2 - The Passion of St. Matthew
We still need volunteers to read parts in the Passion Gospel to be read during services on Palm Sunday weekend. There are many parts to choose from - one prominent and lots of one-liners! Sign up by clicking on this QR code or on the display board in the lobby at church. Scripts are also available so you can decide which one to read.



Palm Sunday Special Music Offering

- **"Requiem" by Gabriel Faure**
Palm Sunday, April 2, during the 11am service
Presented by the traditional choir and chamber orchestra

Holy Week and Easter Services

Agape Supper & "Walk through Holy Week" Stations

Palm Sunday, April 2—5-7pm in Parish Hall 1, 2
Join us for a new take on our Palm Sunday tradition!

Join together as a church family at 5 PM for an Agape ("Love") Feast as we remember the gathering of Jesus and the 12 in the Upper Room before embarking on a series of "stations" to remember the events of the Holy Three Days in ways that are meaningful to all, including our youngest Episcopalians.



Maundy Thursday—April 6, 7:00pm

Footwashing and Holy Communion

Good Friday Stations of the Cross – Noon

Good Friday solemn liturgy – 7pm
(Children's Chapel offered)

Easter Vigil—April 8, 5:30pm Easter Day

6:30am in Apostle's Garden, weather permitting

8:45am and 11:00am

Nursery is available from 8:15-12:15 for age 6 mon.—4yrs

No Christian Formation Classes

Outreach

- **Thank you!**

A great big thank you to all who responded so quickly to our "Urgent Need" request from Comanche Elementary. We were able to provide about \$4,000 in gift cards along with a few furniture donations for the family of four that was displaced due to a fire in their townhome/apartment building last week. The family was overwhelmed by your kindness, and with expressed their thanks with tears of gratitude.

On behalf of the family, the staff at Comanche Elementary, and the outreach team here at St. Thomas the Apostle, thank you for your many blessings and prayers. We are grateful for every one of you!

- Comanche Elementary Caring for Kids Ministry

Mobile Food Pantry Volunteers Needed

April 8—11:30am—2pm

Comanche Elementary, 8200 Grant Ave, OPKS

Click the QR for more info and volunteer signups. A link is also found in your weekly email.



Johnson County Interfaith Hospitality Network

- **Volunteers & Food/Supplies Needed for IHN Host Week**

April 9-16

St. Thomas Host week serving situationally homeless families and single women starts next Sunday, April 9. As an IHN Host congregation, St. Thomas will convert our classrooms to guest sleeping rooms. Trained volunteers will be present providing support to our guests. Untrained volunteers are needed for set up and take down of classrooms. Please check the signup found in your weekly emails for additional information and to sign up as a volunteer or donor.

For Questions: Dola McNown 913 526 3573 or 913 541 9226 or dolamcnown49@gmail.com

Margaret Walkenshaw mwalkenshaw@kc.surewest.net or 913 302 2018 or 913 897 4766

Next Week

Sunday, April 2: 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; Agape Supper & Walk through Holy Week, 5-7pm PH 1, 2; Youth Group, 5-8pm (will be part of Agape Supper/Walk)

Monday, April 3: Thom's Helpers, 10:30am-1:30pm PH 1 & Kitchen; Outreach Team mtg, 6:30pm PH 1 or Online; Prayer Shawl Sm Grp, 7:30pm in Narthex; Clare Stern mtg, 7:00pm Rm 137

Tuesday, April 4: Sacred Ground Sm Grp, 7pm Zoom; Contemplative Prayer Sm Grp, 7pm Nave; Sword Guild, 7pm PH 2

Wednesday, April 5: Thom's Helpers, 10:30am-1:30pm PH 1 & Kitchen; Wednesday Study Grp, 10:30am Asbly Rm; Staff mtg, 1:30pm PH1 or Lobby; Praise Band practice, 6:00pm (note change) in Nave; Choir Rehearsal, 7:30pm Nave


Thursday, April 6—Maundy Thursday. Apocrypha Bible Study, 9:45am Zoom; Maundy Thursday service, 7pm Nave; Sword Guild, 7pm PH 3

Friday, April 7: Good Friday. Office closed.

Good Friday stations of the cross, Noon; Good Friday Liturgy, 7pm Nave; SCA, 7pm PH 1

Saturday, April 8—Easter Vigil. Prayer Shawl Grp, 10am, PH 1; PEO Event, 12-4pm PH 1, 2; Easter Vigil w/Holy Communion at 5:30pm, Nave; 2nd Saturday Reception, 6:30pm PH 1

Sunday, April 9—Easter Day. Holy Communion 6:30am in Apostle's Garden, 8:45am and 11:00am in Nave. Beginning of IHN Host Week. No Sunday School classes—Happy Easter!



The church office will be closed on Good Friday, April 7, and the Monday after Easter, April 10.

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

Easter Offerings

- **Please Respond by Monday, April 3**

To have your name included in the Easter bulletins, please complete an envelope found in your bulletin and return in the of-



fering or to the church office **by April 3**. You may also use this QR code to submit and donate or use the link found in your weekly email.



Save these Dates in April!

- **Are you graduating this year?** Congratulations! We want to celebrate all of our St. Thomas friends who are graduating from *high school, college or grad school!*

We will honor them on **April 16**. Please reach out to Mthr. Kelly Demo at

kdemo@stthomasop.org to give the details!



- **Mission Trip Fundraiser & Silent Auction**

Saturday, April 22—6:30-8:30pm

Everyone is invited to the youth community's mission trip fundraiser. Since we'll be headed to Kentucky our theme is "Kentucky Derby." Wear your best hat and seersucker suit for an evening of southern food and fun!



Silent Auction Donations Welcome

We will be in need of items to auction. A few suggestions: donate goods or services from your business, share a condo or other experience, give a gift card to a favorite restaurant. Please talk to a youth or to Mthr. Kelly if you have a donation!