

Children & Youth

- **Taste of Youth Group / Taste of "Mega Camp" is coming!**

This Sunday, March 26, 6-8pm

For current 3rd-5th and 6th-12th graders

Meet new friends, reconnect with old friends as we talk about the faith and fun that await you at Mega Camp this June! (**Friends welcome!**)

- **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!

- **Mission Trip Fundraiser & Silent Auction**

Saturday, April 22—Stay tuned for more information!

- **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 for Aug. 2023: 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 for Aug. 2023: 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

Worship Services

The Fifth Sunday of Lent
March 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

- **Adult Forum—10:00am** in Parish Hall 2

CRAZY CHRISTIANS—All who enter here, expect to be transformed. Episcopal bishop Michael Curry is an inspiring and enthusiastic reformer with a clear call to reinvigorate the Church. Many people have experienced Christ's transforming power through Bishop Curry's ministry.

Garrison Keillor once said going to church makes someone a Christian about as much as sitting in a garage makes someone a Chevrolet. Bishop Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, has a heart for reawakening believers to the tremendous gift and challenge of giving our all to follow Jesus. His term for this kind of person is a Crazy Christian.

- **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 High School "Giving Project" - Basement Asbly Rm



Special Offerings in Lent / Holy Week

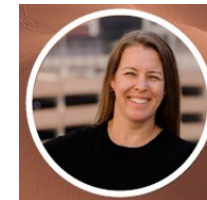
- **"Godspell" selections by Stephen Schwartz**

This Sunday, March 26 during the 8:45 service

- **Lenten "Last Word" Speaker Series**

Wednesday, Mar 29, Noon to 1pm

A soup lunch will be in the Parish Hall, then the Nave for the lecture. Lectures are livestreamed. Please sign up to bring soup or bread, or to help with setup/cleanup via this QR code or on the display board in the lobby.



Wednesday, March 29:

ANNE KNIGGENDORF

Freelance writer and Author of "Secret Kansas City"

- **"Requiem" by Gabriel Faure**

Palm Sunday, April 2, during the 11am service

Presented by the traditional choir and chamber orchestra

- **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.



Outreach

- 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

- Serve the homeless during our HOST Week**

April 9-16

TRAINED Volunteers are those who have attended a 2-hr training session. For complete info and to sign up click the QR code on the right.



UNTRAINED Volunteers to setup/strike-down/laundry/ provide food. Complete info and signup on the left.



- Annual Kansas2Kenya "K2K" Community Team Fundraiser**

Saturday, May 13, 6-9pm, at St Thomas

Plan to join us for this Fundraiser! Kenyan cuisine served from Taste of Africa restaurant and a silent and live auction to raise funds for a shelter for women (Agatha Amani House), and a library and boarding school. Nyakio Kaniu-Lake, Founder of Agatha Amani, will give an update from Kenya. Entertainment provided by Kenyan dancers and singers.
Joe Bob & Nyakio Lake

Next Week

Sunday, March 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; Vestry Retreat, 12:30-6pm; Youth homework session, 5:15pm PH 1, 2; Taste of Youth/Youth Group, 6-8pm PH and Kitchen

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


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

Wednesday, March 29: Thom's Helpers, 10:30am-1:30pm PH 1 & Kitchen; Wednesday Study Grp, 10:30am Asbly Rm; Lenten Lunch/Lecture, Noon-1pm PH 1/Nave; Staff mtg, 1:30pm PH1 or Lobby; Praise Band practice, 6:00pm (note change) in Nave; Choir Rehearsal, 7:30pm Nave

Thursday, March 30: Apocrypha Bible Study, 9:45am Zoom; Sword Guild, 7pm PH 2

Friday, March 31: Thom's Helpers, 10:30am-1:30pm PH 1 Kitchen;

Saturday, April 1: Choir/Orchestra Reh, 8am-12:30pm Nave; Prayer Shawl Grp, 10am, PH 1; PEO Event, 12-4pm PH 1, 2; Holy Communion at 5:30pm, Nave



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.

Holy Week and Easter Services

Palm Sunday Weekend

Saturday, Apr 1, 5:30pm Sunday, Apr 2, 8:45 & 11:00
Procession of the Palms preceding each service

Agape Supper & "Walk through Holy Week" Stations

Palm Sunday, April 2—5-7pm in Parish Hall 1, 2

Maundy Thursday—April 6, 7:00pm

Footwashing and Holy Communion

Good Friday Stations of the Cross – Noon

Good Friday solemn liturgy – 7pm

Easter Vigil—April 8, 5:30pm

Easter Day—April 9

6:30am in the Apostle's Garden (weather permitting); 8:45am and 11:00am



Passion Readers Needed!

- Palm Sunday services, Apr 1 & 2
Good Friday, 7 pm, Apr 7

We still need lots of volunteers to read parts in the Passion Gospels during services. Many parts to choose from—some large and some one-liners! Please sign up on the display board in the lobby, via your weekly email, or this QR code. Scripts are also available so you can decide which one to read.

PALM SUNDAY



GOOD FRIDAY



Easter Offerings

To have your name included in the Easter bulletins, please complete an envelope found in your bulletin and return in the offering or to the church office by Monday, April 3. You may also use this QR code to submit and donate or use the link found in your weekly email.

