

## Children & Youth

- **Save the Date!**  
**Mission Trip Fundraiser & Silent Auction**  
Saturday, April 22—Stay tuned for more information!
- **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 [kdemo@stthomasop.org](mailto:kdemo@stthomasop.org)  
**Arts Camp for incoming 1st-6th graders:** July 24-28, 9am-3pm  
<https://stthomasop.breezechms.com/form/artscamp2023>

## Worship Services

The Second Sunday of Lent  
March 4 & 5, 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](https://www.youtube.com/c/stthomasop) and [www.facebook.com/stthomasop](https://www.facebook.com/stthomasop)

## Children & Youth Celebrations

### • Celebrating Our Children & Youth!

*Congratulations to Kelsey Phillips who will be going to Nationals in April in California representing Blue Valley High School in the Business Professionals of America!*

*Congratulations to Cat Hagman who just earned her 1st Degree Black Belt at Elite Martial Arts! Way to go, Cat, and best wishes to her twin sister, Sally Hagman, who is preparing for her upcoming Black Belt test early this summer!*

*Congratulations to Colette Schields who placed 1st with her Oak Park-Carpenter Elementary School Athletics Team at their regional meet! Good luck to Collete and the team at their upcoming District competition!*

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](mailto:bmccall@stthomasop.org) or Kelly—[kdemo@stthomasop.org](mailto:kdemo@stthomasop.org) so that we may add it to our newsletters!



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

## Lenten Speaker Series

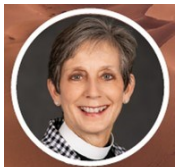
### • Lenten "Last Word" Speaker Series

Each Wednesday during Lent—Noon to 1pm

Soup lunch in the Parish Hall, then move to the Nave. Lectures will be livestreamed. Please sign up below to bring soup or bread, or to help with setup/cleanup. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0A4CA9AC2FA1FA7-lenten1>

**Wednesday, March 8:**

BISHOP SUSAN CANDEA  
Bishop, ELCA Central States Synod



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

## Outreach

- **IHN Training**

Volunteer training for new volunteers or as a refresher for trained volunteers, will be conducted **this 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](mailto:dolamcnown49@gmail.com)

## Special Event

- Dialogue Institute of Kansas City—Promoting mutual understanding, respect and cooperation among people of diverse faiths & cultures

### Ramadan Dinner

April 13 at St. Thomas the Apostle Church  
St. Thomas to provide side dishes on April 13 \*

It is a tradition in this month to break fast together with neighbors, family, and friends. *To show the diversity in the Kansas City community friends are asked to make a side dish (preferably vegetarian, salad or dessert) for the Ramadan Dinners for 50 people. St. Thomas will host the dinner on April 13.*

Sign up for your contribution on the following link or QR code! Dietary restrictions and detailed instructions are included on the signup. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0a4ca9ac2fa1fa7-ramadan#/>



\* Bring your fully-prepared/ready-to-serve dishes to St. Thomas at 6:30pm on April 13, 2023. \*\*

## Next Week

**Sunday, March 5:** 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; Youth homework session, 5:15pm PH 1, 2; Youth Group/ Taste of Youth, 6-8pm

**Monday, March 6:** Thom's Helpers, 10:30am-1:30pm PH 1 & Kitchen; Asbly Rm Reserved for Clare Stern-Burbano mtg, 6-7pm; Outreach Team mtg, 6:30pm PH 2 or Zoom; Prayer Shawl Sm Grp, 7:30-9pm PH 1 or Narthex

**Tuesday, March 7:** Drama Rehearsal, 12-2pm, Asbly Rm; Reclamation Clubhouse Grp, 1pm, PH 2 (Josh Lyman); Andres Guzman, UMKC Film Project 4-6:30pm; Sword Guild practice, 7pm PH 2; Contemplative Prayer Sm Grp, 7pm Nave; Sacred Ground Sm Grp, 7pm Zoom

**Wednesday, March 8:** PEO mtg (Henricks), 9:30-11:30am PH 2; Thom's Helpers, 10:30am-1:30pm PH 1 & K; Wednesday Study Grp, 10:30am Asbly Rm; Lenten Lunch/Lecture, Noon-1pm PH 1/Nave; 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, March 9:** Apocrypha Bible Study, 9:45am Zoom; PEO mtg, 10-11:30am PH 2; Classics Men's Grp, 7pm PH 3; Sword Guild, 7pm PH 2

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

**Saturday, March 11:** Prayer Shawl Grp, 10am, PH 1; 2nd Saturday Reception, 6:30pm PH 1; Holy Communion at 5:30pm, Nave

*Meetings, activities, and events must be cleared with Justin Smith in the church office. [jsmith@stthomasop.org](mailto: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 - This 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'd would like to attend the training, or learn more about this ministry, contact Deacon Fran Wheeler. [fwheeler@stthomasop.org](mailto: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!



## Coming Soon—Passion Signups!

- **Passion Signups for Palm Sunday & Good Friday**

This year please consider reading a part in the passion gospels during Palm Sunday and Good Friday (7 pm) services. A signup will be available next week!

