

Children & Youth

- **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!**

Congratulations to Liam Stewart! His First FRC Robotics team got third in Green Country Regionals in Tulsa out of 47 teams. Liam was on the drive team.

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 15 & 16, 2023

Saturday—5:30pm

All are invited afterwards to come to the 2nd Saturday Reception in the Parish Hall, postponed from last weekend.

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 on Sunday for children ages 6 mon. thru 4 yrs from 8:15am—12:15pm.

** Join us for coffee hour after each service in the Parish Hall.**

If you are unable to attend any of the services in person, you are invited to join us online. 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**

9:45am in Parish Hall 2
Classes will resume on April 23.

- **Preschool-Elementary "Godly Play/Godly Explorers"** - 9:45-10:45am

Preschool thru 5th grade in Education Wing
*No classes this Sunday due to Celebration Sunday & Egg Hunt.
Classes will resume on April 23.*

- **Youth Christian Education**

9:45-10:30am—Middle School - 6th-8th Grades in Asbly High School "Giving Project" - Basement Asbly Rm
Classes will resume on April 23.



Coming Very Soon!

- **Mission Trip Fundraiser—Dinner, Silent Auction, and Trivia**

All proceeds go toward the youth mission trip to the Appalachia in Kentucky to help with the aftermath of floods and tornadoes.



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."

- ★ **Tickets:** \$25, paid at the door. Includes 1 drink ticket (mint juleps, beer, wine). Beyond that drinks are \$5.
- ★ **Menu:** Fish fry! and some great Southern comfort sides and dessert.
- ★ **Trivia:** Each table will compete as a team in a horse racing trivia game.
- ★ **Silent Auction:** 2 BIG Auction items include 1 week at a condo in Florida; and 1 replacement sump pump!

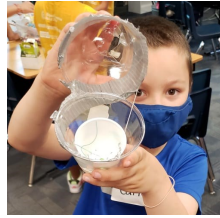
If you'd like to make a donation for the Auction, please talk to a youth or to Mthr. Kelly!

Outreach

- Comanche Elementary Caring for Kids Ministry Partners in Community. . . Making a Difference!

Outreach Opportunity

Help Comanche Elementary fund scholarships for "Camp Invention" - a weeklong summer camp that allows kids in grades 2-6 dive into the world of STEM (science, technology, engineering, math). For the last 4 summers Comanche has hosted and fully funded (\$260) each of the campers with the help of community and faith-based partners and gracious donors.



So students can enjoy these hands-on experiences without the burden of cost, please consider donating \$25, \$50, or if you feel so called - a full (\$260) scholarship donation using the QR code on right. There is also a link in your weekly email.



- Mobile Food Pantry Volunteers Needed**

May 13, 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.



Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by

Marius and Eva Tarau

You are invited to share your special events with the congregation by making a donation to the flower fund for altar flowers. A beautiful arrangement to commemorate thanksgiv-

ings or remembrances will be displayed and noted in the weekly news. You can sign up on the bulletin board by the office, give us a call, or sign up using this QR code.



Next Week

The "2nd Saturday Reception" was postponed last week-end, so it will be held this coming Saturday, April 15, after the 5:30 service in the Parish Hall. Please come! You may bring food to share if you are able. Beverages provided.

Sunday, April 16: Holy Communion 8:45am and 11:00am in Nave; Celebration Sunday & Egg Hunt, 9:45am; Children's Christian Education and Adult Forum will resume on April 23; Youth homework session, 5:15pm, PH 1, 2; Youth Group, 6-8pm PH and Kitchen

Monday, April 17: Thom's Helpers, 10:30am-1:30pm PH 1 & Kitchen; Stonehaven Town Hall, 5:30-8:30pm PH 2; Neighborhood Grp 11-12, 6pm Nick & Jake's; Westmont Brd Mtg, 6:30pm Asbly Rm; Clare Stern Burbano mtg, 7:30pm Rm 137

Tuesday, April 18: Sacred Ground Sm Grp, 7pm Zoom; Book Club 7pm PH 1; Contemplative Prayer Sm Grp 7pm Nave; Sword Guild, 7pm PH 2

Wednesday, April 19: Thom's Helpers, 10:30am-1:30pm PH 1 & Kitchen; Wednesday Study Grp, 10:30am Asbly Rm; Staff mtg, 1:30pm PH1 or Lobby; Children's Choir practice, 5pm Nave; Pinehurst HOA mtg, 6pm PH 1; Praise Band practice, 6:30pm in Nave; Choir Rehearsal, 7:30pm Nave

Thursday, April 20: Apocrypha Bible Study, 9:45am Zoom; Explorers Sm Grp, 7pm PH 2; Sword Guild, 7pm PH 3; PEO mtg, 7pm Asbly Rm

Friday, April 21: Thom's Helpers, 10:30am-1:30pm PH 1 & Kitchen; SCA, 7pm PH 1

Saturday, April 22: Youth Dinner setup/breakdown 8am-10pm PH 1-3; Youth Fundraiser Dinner/Silent Auction/Trivia, 6:15-8:30pm PH 1-3; Prayer Shawl Sm Grp, 10am Asbly Rm; Holy Communion, 5:30pm Nave

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

Additional Easter Memorials

Beth & James Elswick, Trent & Christy Hudak, Shane & Carmen Jarvis, John & Dola McNown, Jack & Jan Passmore, Robin & George Philips (in memory of Philip & Christopher Wilson), Lucy Smith, Marius & Eva Tarau

Save these Dates!

- Youth Mission Trip Fundraiser—Dinner, Silent Auction, and Trivia**
Saturday, April 22—6:30-8:30pm

More information included on front panel.

- Senior Graduation Sunday—May 7**

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 **May 7**. Please reach out to Mthr. Kelly Demo at kdemo@stthomasop.org to give the details!



- Kansas to Kenya (K2K) Fundraiser Dinner**
Saturday, May 13, 6-9pm at St. Thomas

More information to be announced.

- Red Cross Blood Drive**
Tuesday, May 16, 10am-3pm

Give hope this spring—Give blood! To make an appointment click the QR with your camera, call 1-800-733-2767, or go to or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter [StThomasEpiscopal](https://www.redcrossblood.org/locations/ks/st-thomas-episcopal) to schedule.



- Summer Kickoff—Pentecost!**
May 28

Prayer Chain Sign-up

And whatever you ask in prayer, you will receive, if you have faith. **Matthew 21:22**

The St. Thomas Prayer Chain is an automated calling system that relays prayer requests to over 60 people in a timely manner. If you wish to be added to the prayer chain to receive prayer requests, call the church at 451-0512, send an email to Justin—jsmith@stthomasop.org or fill out the short form via this QR code.

