

Children & Youth

- **Join us for our Summer Sunday Stories beginning May 28 at 9am!**

Children ages preschool and up are invited to join as we celebrate God's word together before our 10AM Summer Sunday services. This year, our theme will be "Summer in the Psalms" as we explore the different kinds of psalms, what they teach us about God and how they can help us to pray! We'll have a few "special Sunday" activities sprinkled in, too! Summer Sunday Stories will take place from late May through late July.

- **Summer Camp Registrations Are Open!**

** Links to register can be found on the St. Thomas Website—www.stthomasop.org
** in your weekly "Connecting with You" email
** via the QR code on the display board in the lobby!

Celebrating Our Children & Youth!

** *CONGRATULATIONS to Emily Fleischaker who was recently elected Vice-President of next year's Junior Class by her classmates at Blue Valley Northwest High School! Way to be a leader, Emily!*

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

May 20 & 21, 2023

Saturday—5:30pm

Sunday—8:45 and 11:00am

Children will sing at the Offertory of the 8:45am service and Prelude of the 11am (right after Sunday School).

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
- **Preschool-Elementary "Godly Play/Godly Explorers" - 9:45-10:45am**
Preschool thru 5th grade in Education Wing

This is our FINAL SUNDAY in our regular Godly Play circles for the 2022-23 program year. This summer break allows our volunteers and Ms. Barbara time for sabbath rest and time to train and plan for next fall! Many heartfelt thanks to all of our children & youth volunteers for their ministry this past year! But wait, there's more! Go to the left column!!

Donations to St. Thomas

To make a donation to St. Thomas, scan the QR code. You can also visit the St. Thomas website—<https://stthomasop.org>—and click on the "Donate" tab.



Please welcome The Rev. Canon Patrick Funston to services this weekend. Funston is the Canon to the Ordinary for the Episcopal Diocese of Kansas, serving as the bishop's chief clergy administrative aide. He is involved with the ordination process, COVID guidance, Canonical questions, and Task Force oversight. His wife, Michael, is Associate for Youth and Campus for the diocese. They have two children, Eirnin and York.

Next Sunday, May 28

- **Pentecost Party/Summer Kickoff**
WEAR RED!

May 27 at 5:30pm and May 28 at 10:00am

Beginning May 28 and through the summer only one Sunday service will be held at 10:00am. The 5:30 Saturday service will still take place.

Also on May 28 after the 10:00 service, kids can enjoy a bounce house and outdoor play activities!

- **Farewell Reception for Beth Elswick**

We are so grateful to **Beth Elswick** for her years of service to St Thomas as our Director of Music Ministry! She is retiring at the end of this month. Please come to a farewell reception on **Sunday, May 28, after the 10:00 service in the Parish Hall @ St Thomas**. We will have some light snacks and wish Beth the very best as she transitions to her next chapter in life! If you would like to contribute to a farewell purse, you can make a donation to St Thomas with "Beth farewell" in the memo line.



Outreach

- **Mobile Food Pantry Volunteers Needed**

June 10, 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.



- **St. Thomas HOST Week June 18-25, 2023**

St. Thomas will host JoCo IHN guests evenings and overnight June 18—Sunday morning, June 25

IHN Trained and Untrained volunteers will be needed. You can sign up by scanning the QR code on your phone.



This Week's Featured Small Group

- **Classics Men's Small Group**

Next meeting: May 25, 7:00pm

2nd & 4th Thursdays

This group is open to retired and semi-retired men, and meets at the church for monthly conversation and Bible Study. Conversations range over many topics. Contact: Tom Meyers—tmeyers922@gmail.com.

Garden Memorial Brick Sign-Up

- **Buy a MEMORIAL BRICK**

Remember your loved ones by having an engraved memorial brick placed in the Apostles Garden.

We now have 3 brick orders but need 1 more to place the order with the engraving company. You can place your order online with this QR code or fill out a form located in the narthex and turn it in to the office.

We'll keep you informed with a timeline.



Next Week

Sunday, May 21: Holy Communion 8:45am and 11:00am in Nave; Children's Christian Ed, 9:45am Educ Wing; Adult Forum, 9:45am PH 2

Monday, May 22: Thom's Helpers, 10:30am-1:30pm PH 1 & Kitchen; Finance Committee, 5:45pm PH1; Vestry mtg, 6:45pm PH1 or Online; LGBTQIA+ mtg, 7pm PH 2

Tuesday, May 23: Sword Guild practice, 7pm PH 2

Wednesday, May 24: 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; Praise Band practice, 6:30pm in Nave; Choir rehearsal, 7:30pm Nave

Thursday, May 25: Mental Health & Awareness, 7pm Rm 137; Young Adult Sm Grp, 7pm PH 1; Classics Men's Sm Grp, 7pm PH 3; Online Sm Grp, 7pm Zoom; Sword Guild practice, 7pm PH 2

Friday, May 26: Thom's Helpers, 10:30am-1:30pm PH 1 & Kitchen

Saturday, May 27: Prayer Shawl Sm Grp, 10am PH 1; 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.



Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and...

** in loving memory of and in thanksgiving for Tim O'Hara—from Joyce, Shannon, and Shawn O'Hara*

Save these Dates!

- **2nd Saturday Reception this Saturday**

Because of scheduling conflicts the 2nd Saturday Reception will be this Saturday, May 20 after the 5:30pm service. All are welcome to come.

- **May 28: Pentecost Party/Summer Kickoff/Beth's Reception! WEAR RED!**

Services: May 27, 5:30pm and May 28, 10am

- **Newcomer Lunch**

For new members and visitors!
Sunday, June 11 at Noon
Parish Hall 2

Prayer Chain Sign-up

- **How do I make a Prayer Request?**

In our Prayers of the People during services we read aloud names of those to be prayed for. We invite you to add to this list by contacting the church office

stthomas@stthomasop.org or 913-451-0512.

Give us your name and the name of the person(s) you request prayers for, and we will include it during services. They will be included for three weeks unless notified otherwise.



For an immediate prayer you may make a request through one of our messengers or the office for the St. Thomas Prayer Chain. Deb McArthur (themcarthur4@gmail.com or 913-620-2426); or Diane Monteen (monteendiane@gmail.com or 913-268-7788). If leaving the information on their phones, please include your phone number in case they have any questions.