

Children & Youth

- **Join us for our Summer Sunday Stories**

9:00am in the Education Wing

Children ages preschool and up are invited to join as we celebrate God's word before our 10am Sunday services. Each Sunday, we'll share a new story or psalm along with games, crafts and songs as we explore God's great love and gifts to all people! Summer Sunday Stories will take place from late May through late July.

- **Summer Camp Registrations Are Open!**

**Only 2 spots remain in Middle School "Reaching Out to the Community!" Open to incoming 6th-9th graders. June 12-16 from 8AM-4PM. Cost: \$150 (Scholarships available!)

** 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!

- **Vacation Bible Camp "Kitchen Krew!"**

HELP WANTED!

Sunday, June 25-Thursday, June 29

Times ranging between about 4 and 7pm—can be Flexible!

Do you feel a call to feeding ministry? Do you enjoy seeing children having fun? Join our Vacation Bible Camp "KITCHEN KREW!" You'll help prepare a simple evening meal for our campers and helpers to share each evening, enjoy watching the kids having fun, and probably make some new friends of your own along the way! Contact Barbara McCall (bmccall@stthomasop.org or 913-909-7318) for more info!

Worship Services

May 27 & 28, 2023

Saturday—5:30pm

Sunday—10:00am

Children's Chapel (program geared toward ages 3-10) is available during the Sunday service.

Nursery care is available on Sunday for children ages 6 mon. thru 4 yrs from 9am-11am (conclusion of the 10am service).

** Join us for coffee hour from 9-10am 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 Formation/Conversation**

9:00am in Parish Hall 2

- **Children's Summer Sunday Stories**

9:00am—Education Wing

This Sunday: Our children are welcome to gather for our FIRST week of "Summer Sunday Stories" with Ms. Barbara and Ms. Addy in the Assembly Room (North East end of the Education Wing). This week we'll celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit and Birthday of the Church!

Sincere Thanks

Dear People of St Thomas,

Thank you for the prayers, cards, emails, phone calls and wonderful reception you gave for our grandson, Cole Anderson. Our ray of sunshine has gone to be with his two grandpas, Mark Anderson and Jerry Snider. The service and reception were beautiful- thank you to everyone who was involved. Thank you, also, for the love you have shown our families. We are blessed to be a part of this community. Peace—

Connie Snider and Beth Anderson



This Sunday, May 28

- **Summer Kickoff meets Pentecost—Celebrate ALL THINGS + NEW Service Schedule**

9:00am: Coffee Hour; Kids' Summer Sunday Stories in Asbly Rm; Adult Formation/Conversation in Parish Hall 2

10:00am: one service only thru Labor Day

11:00am: Farewell Reception/Lunch celebrating Beth Elswick + Social time, games, BOUNCE HOUSE

Beginning this Sunday and through the summer only one Sunday service will be held at 10:00am. Adult Formation/Conversation and Sunday School will begin at 9:00am.

**** The 5:30 Saturday service will still take place.****

- **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 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 or through the link found in your weekly emails.



This Week's Featured Small Group

- **Faith Club small group**

A gathering of Christian, Muslim, and Jewish friends meeting in small groups to share their spiritual journeys, to celebrate the commonalities between our three faiths, and to discuss and understand our differences. But most importantly, to forge friendships. We now have four faith clubs formed and meeting!! Faith Club members and those who have an interest in meeting some Faith Club members, will socialize and snack on amazing food. Contact Mthr Kelly Demo—kdemo@stthomasop.org

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.



Next Week

Sunday, May 28: Coffee Hour, 9-10am PH 1; Children’s Christian Ed, 9:45am Educ Wing; Adult Formation/Conversation, 9:00am PH 2; Holy Communion 10:00am in Nave; All Parish Lunch & Social Time, 11am-12pm, PH 1, 2

Monday, May 29: Thom’s Helpers, 10:30am-1:30pm PH 1 & Kitchen; Outreach Committee mtg, 5:30pm Ably Rm

Tuesday, May 30: Sword Guild practice, 7pm PH 2

Wednesday, May 31: 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, June 1: Mental Health & Awareness, 7pm Rm 137; Explorers Sm Grp, 7pm PH 2; Sword Guild practice, 7pm PH 3

Friday, June 2: Thom’s Helpers, 10:30am-1:30pm PH 1 & Kitchen; OP Fellowship Party (AA), 6-9pm PH 1, 2; SCA, 7pm Asbly Rm

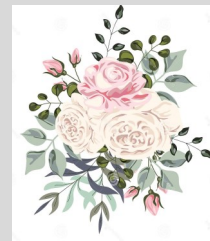
Saturday, June 3: Prayer Shawl Sm Grp, 10am PH 1; Holy Communion, 5:30pm Nave

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

Altar Flower Sign-Up

Share your special events with the congregation by making a donation to the flower fund for altar flowers. A beautiful arrangement to commemorate thanksgivings or remembrances will be displayed and noted in this publication and the weekly email. You can sign up on the bulletin board by the office (we’ll contact you) or with the QR code on the right.

Let us know the weekend you prefer and what you'd like to include as your commemoration. More than one person/family may sign up on a given weekend. Information is needed *at least a week before* the date you choose. Suggested donation is \$50.



Save these Date!

- **New Small Group for LGBTQ+ individuals, their friends, families and allies**

Join us in celebrating Pride Month in June!

June 4, 2pm in Parish Hall

Monthly meetings are held at 7:00pm at St. Thomas on the first Monday of the month.

Goals for the Small Group are: 1) for St. Thomas to become more visible within the LGBTQ+ community; 2) for the LGBTQ+ Alliance to become more visible within the Parish. **All** are welcome, whether you are in the LGBTQ+ community, are supporting a family member or friend or just want to learn more and be a better ally.

More Events in June! To participate sign up at the booth this weekend in the lobby at church

June 10, 11am at KC Pride Parade & PrideFest

June 17, 7:30pm—Heartland Men’s Chorus: Disney Pride in Concert

- **Newcomer Lunch**

For new members and visitors!

Sunday, June 11 at 11:15am

Parish Hall 2

The Invite/Welcome/Connect team will host a Newcomer lunch on Sunday, June 11 at 11:15am in Parish Hall 2. We invite all new members and visitors to attend the lunch and learn more about St. Thomas and meet other new members. Please contact Linda Bemis if you can attend or need more information. 913-220-8246 (cell) lsbemis@comcast.net