

## Children & Youth

### SUNDAY, MAY 21, will be the LAST "Sing in Church Sunday" for this School Year!

They will sing at the offertory of the 8:45am Service and prelude of the 11am (right after Sunday School).

- **Summer Camp Registrations Are Open!**

\*\* Links to register can be found on the St. Thomas

Website—[www.stthomasop.org](http://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 this week go to:**

*Kelsey Phillips who was named the VFW Kansas Scout of the Year!*

*Madeline Stewart who was chosen as the only cellist to play for graduation!*

*Riley Murray who finished in the top 15 in Lacrosse Defenders in the state!*

*Hannah Connelly who was officially endorsed by the Future Educators Academy!*

*Asher Demo for winning his school's citizenship award as decided by the faculty.*

Yay to our amazing students!!

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!

## Worship Services

May 13 & 14, 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 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](https://www.youtube.com/c/stthomasop) and [www.facebook.com/stthomasop](https://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

- **Youth Christian Education**

9:45-10:30am—Middle School - 6th-8th Grades in Asbly

## 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.



## Farewell Reception Sunday, May 28

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.



Next Week

**Sunday, May 14:** Holy Communion 8:45am and 11:00am in Nave; Children and Youth Christian Ed, 9:45am Educ Wing; Adult Forum, 9:45am PH 2

**Monday, May 15:** Thom’s Helpers, 10:30am-1:30pm PH 1 & Kitchen; Outreach Committee Mtg, 5:30-6:30pm PH 2; Westmont Board Meeting, 6:30-7:45pm Asbly Rm

**Tuesday, May 16:** Red Cross Blood Drive 10am-3pm, PH 1,2,3; Jim Mell Meeting 11am-12am Asbly Rm; Book Club 7pm PH1; Contemplative Prayer 7pm-8pm Nave

**Wednesday, May 17:** 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; Pinehurst HOA mtg 6pm-7pm, PH1

**Thursday, May 18:** PEO mtg, 7pm-8pm Asbly Rm; Explorers 7pm-8pm, PH2

**Friday, May 19:** Thom’s Helpers, 10:30am-1:30pm PH 1 & Kitchen; SCA, 7pm PH 1

**Saturday, May 20:** Grand Ultreya 9:30am-12:30pm PH 2; Prayer Shawl Sm Grp, 10am PH 1; Holy Communion, 5:30pm Nave; 2nd Saturday Reception, 6:30pm PH 1

*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.*

Save these Dates!

Red Cross Blood Drive

Tuesday, May 16, 10am-3pm

Come to give blood and receive a \$10 e-gift card to a merchant of your choice, and/or Worlds of Fun tickets in packets of 4! 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](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter [StThomasEpiscopal](http://StThomasEpiscopal) to schedule.



2nd Saturday Reception postponed

Because of scheduling conflicts the 2nd Saturday Reception has been postponed from May 13 to May 20 after the 5:30pm service.

Beginning of Pentecost! WEAR RED!

The Day of Pentecost - Whitsunday

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

*Please note that beginning May 28 and through the summer we’ll hold one service only at 10:00am. The 5:30 Saturday service will still take place.*

Why wear red? On The Day of Pentecost in the church year, the clergy wear RED vestments to signify the work of the Spirit. It is also a custom in many churches for the people in the congregation to wear RED on the Day of Pentecost as well. We wear RED to remind us of the fire of the Spirit.

Newcomer Lunch

For new members and visitors!

Sunday, June 11 at Noon

This Week’s Featured Small Group

Contemplative Prayer Small Group

This group meets to delve deeper into different forms of prayer and meditation. We meet the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month in the sanctuary of St. Thomas at 7pm. Contact Steve Connelly at [stevencps12@gmail.com](mailto:stevencps12@gmail.com)




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](mailto: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](mailto:themcarthur4@gmail.com) or 913-620-2426); or Diane Monteen ([monteendiane@gmail.com](mailto: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.



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

*\* in memory of our son, Scott Tompkins—from Linda and David Tompkins*

*\* in loving memory of Kevin Lang. We cherish the memories and we are always thinking of you. Love you—Mom, Dad and Matt.*