

Children & Youth

- **Vacation Bible Camp THANK YOU!**

Thank you to our families and guests who participated in this year's Vacation Bible Camp! It was a wonderful, faith and fun filled five days of worshiping and learning about God's loving call to us among friends! A project such as this could not happen without the faithful support of our over 30 youth and adult volunteers and staff! Your ministry to our youngest St. Thomas members is a true blessing, and we are so grateful for it!

- **Summer Camp Registrations Are Open!**

There is still time to register for...
Elementary "Reaching Out to the Community"
Arts Camp

** 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!



- **This weekend, flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God and...**

Celebrating 21 years of marriage! Jack & Judy Dutra

Would you like to commemorate a loved one, special event, or celebration with altar flowers? You can sign up by scanning this QR code or by entering your name on the flower chart outside the church office.



- **Brunch Help Welcome on Sundays!**

Brunch is offered each Sunday after the 10am services.

Can you help us continue the hospitality offered at St. Thomas? We invite you to help with setting up, serving, and cleaning up. You can sign up by scanning the QR code on the right or in your weekly Connecting with You email.



- **2nd Saturday Reception**

July 8 after the 5:30 Saturday Service

Please join us as we gather for fellowship in the Parish Hall. You may bring snacks to share—beverages provided.

Small Group Study & Practice

- **Faith Club Small Group**

Wednesday, July 19, 11:00am in Parish Hall 1 & 2

Register by July 12

Guest speaker, Dr. Carla Klassner will speak on the similarities/differences of Judaism, Islam, and Christianity. Bring your own box lunch—beverages provided. *Please register by July 12* by contacting Judy Dutra at jhdutra2002@att.net or 913-851-8217.

- **Education for Ministry (EfM)**

Unique 4-Year program in theological education
Classes to start in September

This international program has assisted thousands to discover and nurture their call to Christian service. Small, mentored groups provide the framework for understanding life and shaping actions as Christian faith is deepened.

For more information and if you are interested in joining the classes, contact Ray Wheeler at 913-269-0542 or ray.wheeler60@gmail.com



This Weekend

- **Saturday, July 1**

Holy Communion, 5:30pm

- **Sunday, July 2**

9:00am: Coffee Hour in Parish Hall 1

10:00am: Holy Communion

11:00am: Parish Brunch / Kids' Summer Sunday Stories—Parish Hall 1, 2

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).

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

- **Kids' Summer Sunday Stories: 11:00am in Parish Hall**

In keeping with our families' desire to enjoy a few extra moments of sleep on Sunday mornings, we will be moving our children's formation activities to 11am concurrent with the social hour in the Parish Hall. Children may grab their goodies, then join Ms. Barbara and Ms. Addy at designated tables in PH 2 for a fun activity or a step outside to play, while parents either join us (you are more than welcome) or enjoy fellowship with other adults in the parish for a few minutes while we entertain the kiddos. :)

- **Adult Forum will resume in September**

Please be on the lookout for announcements about opportunities throughout the summer for guest speakers.

Outreach

- **Comanche Elementary School Supply Drive**

School Supplies collected July 2 – July 30

Backpacks and collection boxes in church lobby

3 Easy Steps:

- * Take and fill a Backpack with a supply list attached
- * Return the filled Backpack + attached supply list to St. Thomas
- * Place it in the designated Grade's Box (in lobby)



Thank you for supporting Comanche Elementary's students and for making a big difference in the lives of others!

Questions? Contact Deacon Fran Wheeler at

fwheeler@stthomasop.org

- **Mobile Food Pantry Volunteers Needed**

July 8, 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.



- **Red Cross Blood Drive comes to St. Thomas on Tuesday, July 18**

Join Camp Do Good. Give Blood!
10am to 3pm in the Parish Hall

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: StThomasEpiscopal to schedule an appointment. Give blood July 17 thru 31 for an exclusive Shark Week shirt from Discovery, while supplies last! Be part of something big. Make an appointment.



- **St. Paul's Breakfast Needs Help**

St. Paul's Episcopal Church in KCK
Every Week, 6:30-11am—2 shifts

Come when you can, once a month or once a quarter. More information and signup can be found in your weekly "Connecting with You" or by using the QR code on right.



Next Week

Sunday, July 2: Coffee Hour, 9-10am in PH 1, 2; Holy Communion 10am in Nave; 11am: Parish Brunch in PH 1; Kids' Summer Sunday Stories, Parish Hall 2

**** School Supply Drive begins—backpacks & boxes in Lobby.**

Monday, July 3: Thom's Helpers, 10:30am-1:30pm PH 1 & Kitchen; Prayer Shawl Sm Grp, 7:30-9pm, PH 1 or Narthex

**** The Church Office will be closed on July 4 for Independence Day.**

Tuesday, July 4: Sword Guild practice, 7pm PH 2; Contemplative Prayer Sm Grp, 7pm Sanctuary

Wednesday, July 5: Staff meeting, 9:30am, Lobby; Thom's Helpers, 10:30am-1:30pm PH 1 & Kitchen

Thursday, July 6: Music lessons (Washington), 4-7pm in Nave; Sword Guild, 7-9pm, PH 2 or 3

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

Saturday, July 8: Women's Sm Grp, 9am, Asbly Rm; Prayer Shawl Sm Grp, 10am PH 1; Mobile Food Pantry, 10:30-11:30am, Comanche Elementary; 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 or 913-451-0512.

Giving Online to St. Thomas

You can give online securely and conveniently by scanning the QR code or visit the St. Thomas website—<https://stthomasop.org>—and click on the "Donate" tab.



Small Groups meeting

- **Contemplative Prayer Small Group**

Tuesday, July 4 & 18, 7pm in the Sanctuary

Contact: Steve Connelly stevencps12@gmail.com

- **Women's Small Group**

Next meeting Saturday, July 8, 9:00am

Women in their 30s, 40s and 50s expect to grow closer to each other as they explore their relationship with and connection to God. Contact: Mthr. Kelly Demo—kdemo@stthomasop.org

- **LGBTQ+ Alliance Small Group**

Next meeting July 10, 7pm at St. Thomas

The July 3 meeting previously posted was rescheduled to the 10th due to the holiday weekend. Future meetings are on the first Monday of the month at 7pm at St. Thomas. **All are welcome!** Contact: John Pfannes john.pfannes@att.net

- **Meetings on Thursday, July 13**

Young Adult Small Group

7-8pm in Parish Hall 1

Young adults meet for support and friendship to see where God is leading them in life. Contact: Tim Pullin pullin.tim.a@gmail.com

Classics Men's Small Group

7-8pm in Parish Hall 3

Retired and semi-retired men meet at the parish for monthly conversation and Bible Study. Contact: Tom Meyers tmeyers922@gmail.com