

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!**

There is still time to register for...

High School "Reaching Out to the Community"
Vacation Bible Camp
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!

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

Sunday, June 25 -Thursday, June 29

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

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!

- **Summer Mission Trip in KY Now Taking Donations**

We are raising money to help pay for this year's mission trip to Irvine, Kentucky. Our youth will learn the realities of poverty in rural America. They will be doing construction and rebuilding after the many floods and tornadoes that have hit that area. Please share the following link and send it to family and friends who might be interested in donating. Your contribution will help us get there!



- **Brunch Help Welcome on Sundays**

Brunch will be offered each Sunday after the 10am services.

Can you help?

We need 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.



NEW YARD SIGNS are available in the lobby at church—they are for anyone.

There is no charge, but consider a \$10 donation per sign to cover costs!



This Weekend

- **Saturday, June 10**

Holy Communion, 5:30pm

** Next 2nd Saturday Reception, July 8, 6:30pm PH 1

- **Sunday, June 11**

9:00am: Coffee Hour, Kids' Summer Sunday Stories in Asbly Rm

10:00am: Holy Communion

11:00am: Parish Brunch, 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

- **Children's Summer Sunday Stories**

9:00am—Education Wing (Asbly Rm)

This Week: Join Ms. Addy for a "Creation Celebration!" We'll enjoy the story "All Things Bright and Beautiful", go on a nature hunt and create with watercolors!

- **Adult Forum will resume in September**

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

Outreach



- **St. Thomas HOST Week coming Soon!**
Volunteers & Donors of Food/Supplies Needed

St. Thomas Host week serving situationally homeless families and single women IS June 18-25. As an IHN Host congregation, St. Thomas will convert our classrooms to guest sleeping rooms. The QR codes below will link you to signups and for additional information (including food & supplies needed).



Untrained volunteers are needed for setup, take down of classrooms, and for food and supplies needed.

Trained IHN volunteers who have attended the 2-hour IHN training will be present with the guests providing support and meals.



For Questions: Dola McNown
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Margaret Walkenshaw mwalkenshaw@kc.surewest.net 913-302-2018 or 913-897-4766.

- **Mobile Food Pantry Volunteers Needed**
June 10—August 12, 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, June 11: Coffee Hour, 9-10am in PH 1; Kids' Summer Sunday Stories, 9am in Educ Wing; Holy Communion 10am in Nave; Parish Brunch, 11am-12pm in PH 1, 2; Newcomer Lunch, 11:15am in PH 3

Monday, June 12: Middle School ROTC, 8am-4pm, PH 2; Thom's Helpers, 10:30am-1:30pm PH 1 & Kitchen; Dutra Neighborhood Grp, 6-7pm Nick & Jake's; IHN Coordination Mtg, 7pm PH 1

Tuesday, June 13: Middle School ROTC, 8am-4pm, PH 2; PEO Mtg (Roller), 9-11:30am in PH 2; Music lessons (Risebig), 4-5pm in Nave; Sword Guild practice, 7pm PH 2

Wednesday, June 14: Middle School ROTC, 8am-4pm, PH 2; PEO Mtg, 9:30-11:30am in Asbly Rm; Thom's Helpers, 10:30am-1:30pm PH 1 & Kitchen; Wednesday Study & Fellowship, 10:30am Lower Level Asbly; Staff mtg, 1:30pm in Lobby; Music lessons (Rudzinski), 2-4pm in Nave

Thursday, June 15: Middle School ROTC, 8am-4pm, PH 2; PEO (Searce), 12:15-3:15pm in Asbly Rm; Music lessons (Washington), 4-7pm in Nave; PEO Mtg (B McCall), 7pm in Asbly; Sword Guild practice, 7pm PH 2

Friday, June 16: Middle School ROTC, 8am-4pm, PH 2; Thom's Helpers, 10:30am-1:30pm in PH 1 & Kitchen; SCA Mtg 7pm, PH 1;

Saturday, June 17: Ultreya Quarterly (M Wiggins), 9am-1pm in PH 2; Prayer Shawl Sm Grp, 10am PH 1; Holy Communion, 5:30pm Nave; KC Pride Event—"Disney in Concert", 7:30 Kauffman Theater (signup in Lobby)

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

Give 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.



Save these Dates!

- **Newcomer Lunch THIS SUNDAY**
June 11 at 11:15am in Parish Hall 3

If you are a new members or visitor, we invite you to attend the lunch after the 10:00 service and learn more about St. Thomas and meet other new members.

- **Neighborhood Group**
The Dutra Group will meet on Monday, June 12, 6:00pm, at Nick and Jake's, 6:00pm

- **LGBTQ+ Alliance Small Group**
Next meeting July 3, 7pm at St. Thomas

Meetings are held monthly at 7pm at St. Thomas on the first Monday of the month.

Small Group goals: 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.

KC Pride 2023 this Month! To participate in the events below, sign up at the booth this weekend in the lobby at church. (You can also contact John Pfannes if you're unable to be here—john.pfannes@att.net)

** June 10, 10am—Pride Mass, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 40th & Main, KCMO. Join many clergy and people from across the states as we pray for and celebrate the gifts of the LGBTQ+ community.

** June 10, Pride Parade in Midtown KCMO—after the Pride Mass at St. Paul's

** June 17, 7:30pm—Come hear the Heartland Men's Chorus "Disney Pride in Concert"