

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 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 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.



- **Notes of Thanks**

*Dear Folks of St. Thomas,
Thank you so very much for the generous retirement gift. Your thoughtfulness is appreciated. Making music with the people of St. Thomas has been one of the great joys of my life.
Always, Beth Elswick*

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*Dear People of St. Thomas,
Thank you for all the prayers, cards, and hugs. The service was beautiful and I received many compliments on how personal it was.*

Thank you for all you did to provide a lovely reception after. It was really nice to have a place to gather and connect with friends & family from Tim's past. I feel blessed to be a part of this parish.

Joyce O'Hara

- **Flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and . . .**

In celebration of Breanna Elman's Golden Birthday—19 on the 19th. We are truly blessed—from Lynn and Dan Elman



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.



This Weekend

- **Saturday, June 17**

Holy Communion, 5:30pm

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

- **Sunday, June 18**

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)

- **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 starts THIS SUNDAY!**
Volunteers & Donors of Food/Supplies Still 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 dolamcnown49@gmail.com 913 526 3573 or 913-541-9226; or Margaret Walkenshaw mwalkenshaw@kc.surewest.net 913-302-2018 or 913-897-4766.

- **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.



Next Week

Sunday, June 18: IHN Host Week begins in evening in Educ Wing; Coffee Hour, 9-10am in PH 1, 2; Kids' Summer Sunday Stories, 9am in Asbly Rm; Holy Communion 10am in Nave; Parish Brunch, 11am-12pm in PH 1, 2

Monday, June 19: IHN Host Week—early morning and evening in Educ Wing; High School ROTC, 9am-3pm, PH 2; Thom's Helpers, 10:30am-1:30pm PH 1 & Kitchen; Outreach Committee, 6:30pm, PH 2; Westmont Brd mtg, 6:30pm, PH 3; Stonehaven HOA mtg, 6:30pm, Asbly Rm

Tuesday, June 20: IHN Host Week—early morning and evening in Educ Wing; High School ROTC, 9am-3pm, PH 2; Music lessons (Risebig), 4-5pm in Nave; Mom's Sm Grp, 5-6pm, Asbly Rm; Sword Guild practice, 7pm PH 2; Contemplative Prayer Sm Grp, 7pm, Nave

Wednesday, June 21: IHN Host Week—early morning and evening in Educ Wing; High School ROTC, 9am-3pm, PH 2; PEO Mtg, 9:30-11:30am in Asbly Rm; Thom's Helpers, 10:30am-1:30pm PH 1 & Kitchen; Wednesday Study Grp, 10:30am Asbly Rm; Staff mtg, 1:30pm in Lobby; Pinehurst HOA mtg, 6-8pm, PH 1

Thursday, June 22: IHN Host Week—early morning and evening in Educ Wing; High School ROTC, 9am-3pm, PH 2; Music lessons (Washington), 4-7pm in Nave; Young Adult Sm Grp, 7pm, PH 1; Classics Men's Sm Grp, 7pm, PH 3; Sword Guild practice, 7pm PH 2; Mental Health Awareness mtg, 7pm, PH 1 or Rm 137; Online Sm Grp, 7pm on Zoom

Friday, June 23: IHN Host Week—early morning and evening in Educ Wing; High School ROTC, 9am-3pm, PH 2; Thom's Helpers, 10:30am-1:30pm in PH 1 & Kitchen

Saturday, June 24: IHN Host Week—early morning and evening in Educ Wing; 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.

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.



Small Groups meeting

- **Mom's Small Group**
Tuesday, June 20 at 5pm in Asbly Rm
The theme will be "GO!"

We pray. Reconnect. Discuss. Share thoughts. On July 8, the theme will be **Rest**; on Aug. 8 the theme is **Living the Way of Love**. Nursery is provided.

Contact: Kate Birchfield katie.birchfield87@gmail.com or Liz Knights elizabethknights523@gmail.com

- **Groups meeting on Thursday, June 22, 7pm**
Young Adult Small Grp—in PH 1
(Tim Pullen—pullin.tim.a@gmail.com)
Classics Men's Small Grp—PH 3
(Tom Meyers—tmeyers922@gmail.com)
Online Small Grp—Zoom
(Clare Stern Burbano—stern.clare92@gmail.com)

- **Women's Small Group**
Next meeting Saturday, July 8, 9:00am

The main demographic of this group is women in their 30s, 40s and 50s. Expect to grow closer to each other as we explore our 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

Meetings are held monthly at 7pm at St. Thomas on the first Monday of the month. (July 3 rescheduled due to holiday weekend.)

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, supporting a family member or friend, or just want to learn more and be a better ally.

Contact: John Pfannes john.pfannes@att.net