

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!"**

HELP WANTED!

Sunday, June 25 -Thursday, June 29

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!



- **Celebrating Our Children & Youth!**

Congratulations to Micah Geary—we wish him good luck in the Kansas Shrine Bowl East on July 15.

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 or Kelly—kdemo@stthomasop.org so that we may add it to our newsletters!

Baptisms this Sunday

- **Welcome through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism!**

These children will be baptized during the 10:00am service this Sunday

Danielle Laurene Gerlach. Parents are Kellie Moulin & Dustin Gerlach

Liam and Adelina Munden. Parents are Amanda & Matthew Munden



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 Weekend

- **Saturday, June 3**

Holy Communion, 5:30pm

- **Sunday, June 4**

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

10:00am: Holy Communion

11:00am: Parish Brunch, Parish Hall 1, 2

2:00 pm: Transgender Forum, 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

- **Adult Conversation**

9:00am in Parish Hall 2

- **Children's Summer Sunday Stories**

9:00am—Education Wing (Rm 133-134)

This Week: Join us as we learn about and celebrate Trinity Sunday and the sacrament of Baptism with Godly Play and Watercolors! ** Please note: this week we will gather in room 133-134 (right at the end of the office hallway) due to an event in the Assembly Room.

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.



Next Week

Sunday, June 4: Coffee Hour, 9-10am PH 1; Children's Summer Sunday Stories, 9:00am Educ Wing; Adult Faith Conversation, 9:00am PH 2; Holy Communion 10:00am in Nave; Parish Brunch, 11am-12pm, PH 1, 2; Transgender Forum, 2-3pm PH 1, 2

Monday, June 5: Thom's Helpers, 10:30am-1:30pm PH 1 & Kitchen; LGBTQIA+ Alliance Mtg, 7pm PH 2; Prayer Shawl Sm Grp, 7:30pm PH 1 or Narthex

Tuesday, June 6: Music lessons, 4-5pm Nave; Contemplative Prayer Sm Grp, 7pm Nave; Sword Guild practice, 7pm PH 2

Wednesday, June 7: Thom's Helpers, 10:30am-1:30pm PH 1 & Kitchen; Wednesday Study Grp, 10:30am Asbly Rm; Staff mtg, 1:30pm PH1 or Lobby

Thursday, June 8: Music lessons, 4-7pm Nave; Young Adult Sm Grp, 7pm PH 1; Classics Men's Sm Grp, 7pm PH 3; Sword Guild practice, 7pm PH 2

Friday, June 9: Thom's Helpers, 10:30am-1:30pm PH 1 & Kitchen

Saturday, June 10: 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 or 913-451-0512.

Save this Date!

• **LGBTQ+ Forum this Sunday**

An opportunity to learn more and ask questions
June 4, 2pm, in Parish Hall 1, 2

Please join us for a panel discussion focused on the transgender and non-binary communities. The panel is comprised of people from the LGBTQ+ community and their allies who will welcome all your questions!

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

June 10, 11am—March with us at the KC Pride Parade & PrideFest

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

- Also, monthly meetings for the LGBTQ+ Alliance are held 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.

• **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

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

In loving memory of James Stines on his birthday—from Jo Linda Stines

In joyful thanksgiving for our granddaughter, Danielle Laurene Gerlach, on the Celebration of her baptism—with love, John & Dola McNown



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!

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR WHO DOESN'T:

 **LOOK LIKE YOU**

 **THINK LIKE YOU**

 **LOVE LIKE YOU**

 **SPEAK LIKE YOU**

 **PRAY LIKE YOU**

 **VOTE LIKE YOU**

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR

NO EXCEPTIONS

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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.

