

## 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—There is still time to register for Arts Camp!**

\*\* 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!



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

*In memory of Mary, Don, and Elizabeth Woerner.*

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.



## Sunday Christian Education

- **Kids’ Summer Sunday Stories:**

11:00am in Parish Hall

Children may grab their goodies from the Brunch, then join Ms. Barbara and Ms. Addy at designated tables in PH 2 for a fun activity or step outside to play while parents either join us (you are more than welcome) or enjoy fellowship with other adults in the parish 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.

## Theological Program starts in Sept

- **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](mailto:ray.wheeler60@gmail.com)



## This Weekend

- **Saturday, July 15**

Parish Directory Photos, 4:30-5:30, Narthex

Holy Communion, 5:30pm

Parish Directory Photos, 6:30-7:30pm, Narthex

- **Sunday, July 16**

9:00am: Coffee Hour in Parish Hall 1, Parish Directory Photos, Narthex

10:00am: Holy Communion

11:00am: Parish Brunch / Kids’ Summer Sunday Stories—Parish Hall 1, 2; Parish Directory Photos, Narthex

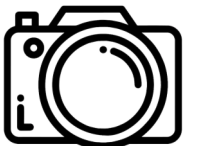
Children’s Chapel (program geared toward ages 3-10) is available during the Sunday service.

Nursery care is available on Sunday for children ages 6 months 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](https://www.youtube.com/c/stthomasop) and [www.facebook.com/stthomasop](https://www.facebook.com/stthomasop)

## Parish Directory Photoshoots this Weekend

The Parish Directory in our Breeze system contains some profiles that do not have photos. Please come and participate in photoshoot this weekend at the times listed above. This is greatly appreciated and is important to achieve our goal of a printed directory!



## Outreach

- **Comanche Elementary School Supply Drive**

School Supplies collected through 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](mailto:fwheeler@stthomasop.org)

- **Red Cross Blood Drive comes to St. Thomas**

Tuesday, July 18

10am to 3pm in the Parish Hall

Call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://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.**



- **Mobile Food Pantry Volunteers Needed**

August 12, 11:30am—2pm

Comanche Elementary, 8200 Grant Ave, OPKS

Scan the QR for more info and volunteer signups. A link is also found in your weekly email.



- **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.



## This Week's Calendar

**Saturday, July 15:** Prayer Shawl Sm Grp, 10am PH 1; Parish Directory Photos, 4:30pm, Narthex; Holy Communion, 5:30pm Nave; Parish Directory Photos, 6:30pm, Narthex

**Sunday, July 16:** Parish Directory Photos, 9-10am, Narthex; Coffee Hour, 9-10am in PH 1, 2; Holy Communion 10am in Nave; 11am: Parish Directory Photos, Narthex; Parish Brunch in PH 1; Kids' Summer Sunday Stories, Parish Hall 2

**\*\* School Supply Drive through July 30—boxes in Narthex**

**\*\* Youth Mission Trip to Kentucky July 15-22**

**Monday, July 17:** Thom's Helpers, 10:30am-1:30pm PH 1 & Kitchen; Outreach Committee Mtg, 6:30-7:30pm PH 1; Westmont Board Mtg, 6:30pm Asbly Rm

**Tuesday, July 18:** PEO mtg, 9-11:30am, PH 2; Music Lessons, 4-6pm, Sanctuary; Contemplative Prayer Sm Grp, 7pm, Nave; Sword Guild practice, 7pm PH 2

**Wednesday, July 19:** Staff meeting, 9:30am, Lobby; Thom's Helpers, 10:30am-1:30pm PH 1 & Kitchen; Wednesday Study Grp, 10:30am-12, Asbly Rm; Faith Club, 11am, PH 1-2; Voice Lessons, 2-3:30pm, Asbly Rm; Pinehurst HOA Mtg, 6-8pm, PH 1

**Thursday, July 20:** PEO Mtg, 7pm, Asbly Rm; Sword Guild, 7-9pm, PH 2

**Friday, July 21:** Thom's Helpers, 10:30am-1:30pm in PH 1 & Kitchen; SCA, 7pm, 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.*

## 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 18, 7pm in the Sanctuary

Contact: Steve Connelly [stevencps12@gmail.com](mailto:stevencps12@gmail.com)

- **Prayer Shawl Small Group**

Saturday, July 22, 10-11am in Asbly Rm

This group meets at the parish and knits prayer shawls together. The shawls are blessed during special services at St. Thomas and are given to those who are ill or have lost a loved one. Contact: Sue Strom [susanstrom15@gmail.com](mailto:susanstrom15@gmail.com)

- **Groups meeting on Thursday, July 27**

**Online Small Group**

7pm, Zoom

This group seeks to enrich and deepen connection the St. Thomas community and the Episcopal Church. This year it is my hope that each member of the group sees how God is moving not only in their individual lives but also the broader community. I also hope members of this group come to know how their gifts and graces in life contribute to the flourishing of the Church and proclamation of the Gospel. Monthly on the 4th Thursday. Contact: Clare Stern Burbano - [stern.clare92@gmail.com](mailto:stern.clare92@gmail.com)

**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](mailto: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](mailto:tmeyers922@gmail.com)

- **Women's Small Group**

Saturday, July 29, 9am

Starbucks, 127th & Antioch