

## 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](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 Julia "Cookie" Lake—from Joe Bob and Nyakio Lake*

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 8**

Holy Communion, 5:30pm

2nd Saturday Reception after the service

- **Sunday, July 9**

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](https://www.youtube.com/c/stthomasop) and [www.facebook.com/stthomasop](https://www.facebook.com/stthomasop)

## Small Group brings Guest Speaker

- **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](mailto:jhdutra2002@att.net) or 913-851-8217.

## 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](mailto:fwheeler@stthomasop.org)

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

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](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**

July 8 & 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.



## Next Week

**Sunday, July 9:** 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 through July 30—boxes in Narthex**

**\*\* Elementary ROTC, 8am-4pm, Mon-Fri, Parish Halls 1-3**

**Monday, July 10:** Thom's Helpers, 10:30am-1:30pm PH 1 & Kitchen; LGBTQIA+Alliance mtg, 7pm, PH 2

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

**Wednesday, July 12:** Staff meeting, 9:30am, Lobby; Thom's Helpers, 10:30am-1:30pm PH 1 & Kitchen; Wednesday Study Grp, 10:30am-12, Asbly Rm; Voice Lessons, 2-3:30pm, Asbly Rm

**Thursday, July 13:** PEO mtg, 12-3pm, PH 2; Classics Men's Sm Grp, 7pm, PH 3; Young Adult Sm Grp, 7pm, PH 1; Sword Guild, 7-9pm, PH 2

**Friday, July 14:** Thom's Helpers, 10:30am-1:30pm in PH 1 & Kitchen

**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

*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.*

## Parish Photo Directory in the Works

"Greetings Everyone!

We have been looking through our Breeze system and have noticed there are several profiles that we do not have photos for. Photos are a great way to put a face with a name that identifies and unites us as a community, and they help the staff connect with all of you in the parish.

Please come and participate in a parish directory photoshoot on **July 15 & 16**. Be prepared to have your picture taken by one of our talented parishioners either before or after one of the services. This is greatly appreciated and is important to achieve our goal of a printed directory.

Thank you so very much! We look forward to seeing all of your bright smiling faces!

## Small Groups meeting

- **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](mailto: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](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)

- **Contemplative Prayer Small Group**

Tuesday, July 18, 7pm in the Sanctuary

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

## 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.

