

## Children & Youth

- **Regular Youth Group starts Sept 10, 6-8pm** in Sanctuary, Parish Hall, and Narthex

Dinner is included and all 6-12th graders are welcome!

- **Celebrating Our Children & Youth!**

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](mailto:bmccall@stthomasop.org) or Kelly—[kdemo@stthomasop.org](mailto:kdemo@stthomasop.org) so that we may add it to our news!

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

*In thanksgiving for 51 years of marriage, wonderful children, and precious grandchildren. We have been truly blessed by our heavenly Father—Wally & Joyce Moriarty*

*In thanksgiving for family and friends and in celebration of our 67th wedding anniversary—Lea & Marianne Rowland*



To schedule your commemoration, sign up by using the QR code or by entering your name on the flower chart outside the church office.

## Sunday Christian Education

Our Sunday Christian Education for children through adults is now on their August break to allow our leaders time to train and prepare for **our fall kickoff on Sunday, September 10!**

\*\* Children's Chapel WILL remain available during Sunday Services throughout August.\*\*

### Brunch Help Welcome on Sundays!

Brunch is offered each Sunday after the 10am service.

Can you help with hospitality for Brunch on Sundays?

We need help with setup, serving, and cleanup. You can sign up with the QR code on right or in your weekly "Connecting with You" email.



## Programs starting in Sept.

- **New Bible Study Planning Meeting**

Thursday, Aug 17, 10:30am, Room #137

Sheryl Roller and Susan Strom invite you to join them to review and choose their small group study for the coming year. They will typically meet Thursday mornings in the Asbly Rm for interesting and thoughtful discussions.

- **Education for Ministry (EfM)**

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 or 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)

- **Walking the Mourner's Path**

Sessions to begin late September

Walking the Mourner's Path is a faith-based grief support program. Over eight sessions individuals have the opportunity to share stories of their loved one(s) and their grief in a confidential and supportive environment. Trained facilitators and clergy listen, pray, and guide discussions on given topics.



## This Weekend

- **Saturday, August 12**

Holy Communion, 5:30pm

After the service our 2nd Saturday reception will take place in the Parish Hall. All are welcome!

- **Sunday, August 13**

9:00am: Coffee Hour in Parish Hall 1

10:00am: Holy Communion & Baptism

11:00am: Parish Brunch

This week: Breakfast Burritos and Fruit

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)

- **Back to School Bash & Backpack Blessings This Sunday**

Students and Educators at all ages and stages will be welcomed forward during the 10am service for a special blessing and small gift from our church to support them as they begin a new academic year!

After the service...

\* Enjoy brunch in the Parish Hall followed by our Immigration Speaker

\* The FOAM PARTY for children and youth will take place on the North Lawn (outside the Sanctuary) from 11:30am-12:15pm.

## Outreach

- **St Thomas Hosts Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN) August 13—Aug. 20**

*Please pray for IHN guests and graduated guests and for all volunteers and IHN staff.*

Those who have attended a training session are needed at dinner and serving meals, after-dinner, and overnight. Sign up with the QR code or use the link in your weekly email.



Food Donations/supplies are also needed—sign up on the list in the Narthex. Items needed by Noon, Aug 13.

Setup volunteers—be here Aug 13 at 9am

Take down & reset—be here Aug 20, 8:30am

Questions? Contact Dola McNown 913 526 3573

- **Immigration Ministries Speaker Series**

August Sundays after the 10am service in Parish Hall 2

This Sunday we'll hear from Roger McCrummen, JD, M.Div. Roger, an immigration lawyer with broad experience in family and humanitarian-based immigration law as well as employment based immigration law. Roger will provide an overview of U.S. immigration laws. Grab some food in Parish Hall 1, then join us in PH 2!

**August 20:** Immigration Ministries Leadership Team—Reflections and blessings from our year+ of walking beside our Afghan families

**August 27:** Catherine Anderson, JVS Language and Cultural Services Manager—English language learning for immigrants and refugees

- **Food Pantry Volunteers Needed**

September 9, 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.



- **Red Cross Blood Drive**

Tuesday, Aug 22, 10am-2pm in Parish Halls 1, 2, 3

## This Week's Calendar

**Saturday, Aug 12:** Mobile Food Pantry @ Comanche, 10:30-11:30am; Prayer Shawl Sm Grp, 10am, PH 1; Holy Communion, 5:30pm, Nave; 2nd Saturday Reception, 6:30-7:30pm, PH 1

**\*\* IHN Host Week—Education Wing/PH/Kitchen  
Aug 13—Aug 20 \*\***

**Sunday, Aug 13:** Coffee Hour, 9-10am in PH 1, 2; Holy Communion & Back to School Blessings, 10am in Nave; Back to School Foam Party, 8:45-12:15pm, North lawn; 11am: Parish Brunch in PH 1; Immigration Ministry Series, 11am, PH 2

**Monday, August 14:** Thom's Helpers, 10:30am-1:30pm PH 1 & Kitchen

**Tuesday, Aug 15:** Music Lessons, 4-5pm, Sanctuary; Contemplative Prayer Sm Grp, 7pm, Nave; Sword Guild, 7pm PH 2

**Wednesday, Aug 16:** 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; Pinehurst HOA mtg, 6-8pm, PH 1

**Thursday, Aug 17:** Bible Study mtg, 10:30am, Rm 137; PEO mtg, 6:30-9pm, Asbly Rm; Sword Guild practice, 7pm, PH 2

**Friday, Aug 18:** Thom's Helpers, 10:30am-1:30pm in PH 1 & Kitchen; SCA (Society of Creative Anachronism), 7pm, PH 1

**Saturday, Aug 19:** 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](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

- **Faith Club Gathering**

Sunday, Aug 27, 5-7:30pm, Shawnee Mission Park, Shelter #6

Bring a labeled dish to share (nuts, dairy, gluten free, vanilla, etc). Everything else provided. (Eyyup Essen will bring Noah's Pudding.) Please RSVP to Kelly Demo—[kdemo@stthomasop.org](mailto:kdemo@stthomasop.org) before **August 18**.

- **Classics Men's Small Group**

For retired and semi-retired men

2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7pm, in PH 3

Contact: Tom Meyers [tmeyers922@gmail.com](mailto:tmeyers922@gmail.com)

- **Contemplative Prayer Small Group**

Prayer and meditation

1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7pm, in Sanctuary

Contact: Lynn Powell [lynne@thechildrensclinic.net](mailto:lynne@thechildrensclinic.net)

- **LGBTQIA+ Small Group**

For members of the LGBTQ+ community and allies  
September 11, 7pm, in PH 2 (changed from Sept 4)

Contact: John Pfannes [john.pfannes@att.net](mailto:john.pfannes@att.net)

- **Prayer Shawl Small Group**

Every Saturday, 10-11am, PH 1

1st Mondays, 7:30-9pm, in PH 1

Contact: Sue Strom [susanstrom15@gmail.com](mailto:susanstrom15@gmail.com)

- **Women's Small Group**

3rd Saturdays, 9-10:30am, Assembly Rm

Contact: Clare Stern Burbano [stern.clare92@gmail.com](mailto:stern.clare92@gmail.com)

- **Young Adult Small Group**

For young adults

2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7pm, in PH 1

Contact: Tim Pullin [pullin.tim.a@gmail.com](mailto:pullin.tim.a@gmail.com)