

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 or Kelly—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...**

Celebrating 55 years of marriage, a wonderful life together, and so many, many blessings... Looking forward to the next 55! - Geoff & Nancy Williams.

In loving memory of Nancy Beeler—from her family.

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.**

Programs starting in Sept.

- **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. There is also a sign up on the display board in the lobby.

- **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 19**
Holy Communion, 5:30pm
- **Sunday, August 20**
9:00am: Coffee Hour in Parish Hall 1
10:00am: Holy Communion
11:00am: Parish Brunch
Menu for this Sunday: lasagne, salad, fresh fruit
- **Regular service times will resume on September 2 & 3—Saturday at 5:30pm, Sunday at 8:45 and 11:00am**

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 and www.facebook.com/stthomasop

Brunch Help Welcome on Sundays!

Brunch is offered each Sunday in August after the 10am service.

Can you help with hospitality? We need help with setup, serving, and cleanup. You can sign up with the QR code below or in your weekly "Connecting with You" email.



Outreach

- **Immigration Ministries Speaker Series**

August Sundays after the 10am service in Parish Hall 2
Grab some food from Parish Hall 1 on the way!

This Sunday we'll hear from the Immigration Ministries Leadership Team with reflections on and blessings received 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-3pm in Parish Halls 1, 2, 3

Give blood in August and receive a \$10 e-gift card to a movie merchant of your choice. Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: StThomasEpiscopal to schedule an appointment.

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Dear Friends,

As many of you may have heard I have accepted a call as Vicar of three small churches in southeast Kansas, and will eventually be moving to the rectory at Epiphany in Independence. My last weekend as deacon will be Aug 26-27.

My gratitude goes to Fr. Gar, Mthr. Kelly, Deacon Fran, and all people of St. Thomas who have supported me these past 5 years during my formal discernment and education process, and especially through the events of the past year that make this exciting yet bittersweet new path in my journey possible. Your prayers, hugs, words of encouragement, and blessings have meant the word and I thank you all from the bottom of my heart.

Martha Lamoy

This Week's Calendar

Saturday, Aug 19: Women's Group, 9-10am, Asbly Rm; Prayer Shawl Sm Grp, 10am, PH 1; Holy Communion, 5:30pm, Nave

**** IHN Hosting—Education Wing/Parish Hall/Kitchen Aug 19 in evening and Aug 20 morning****

Sunday, Aug 20: Coffee Hour, 9-10am in PH 1, 2; Holy Communion, 10am in Nave; 11am: Parish Brunch in PH 1; Immigration Ministry Series, PH 21

Monday, August 21: Thom's Helpers, 10:30am-1:30pm PH 1 & Kitchen; Outreach Committee mtg, 6:30pm, PH 1; Stonehaven HOA mtg, 6:30pm, PH 2; Westmont Board mtg, 6:30pm, Asbly Rm

Tuesday, Aug 22: Red Cross Blood Drive, 10am-3pm, PH 1, 2, 3; Music Lessons, 4-5pm, Sanctuary; Sword Guild, 7pm PH 2

Wednesday, Aug 23: Staff meeting, 9:30am, Lobby; Thom's Helpers, 10:30am-1:30pm, PH 1 + Kitchen; Voice Lessons, 2-3:30pm, Asbly Rm

Thursday, Aug 24: Young Adult Sm Grp, 7pm, PH 1; Classics Men's Sm Grp, 7pm, PH 3; Sword Guild practice, 7pm, PH 2

Friday, Aug 25: Godly Play Core Training, Noon—5pm Sunday, Education Wing; Thom's Helpers, 10:30am-1:30pm in PH 1 & Kitchen

Saturday, Aug 26: Godly Play Core Training, Noon—5pm Sunday, Education Wing; Chad Senuta Music Grp, 10am-4pm, Nave & PH 2; 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.

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—keep in?**

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. (Including Eyyup Essen's Noah's Pudding.)

- **Classics Men's Small Group**

For retired and semi-retired men
2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7pm, in PH 3

Contact: Tom Meyers tmeyers922@gmail.com

- **Contemplative Prayer Small Group**

Prayer and meditation
1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7pm, in Sanctuary

Contact: Lynn Powell 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

- **Prayer Shawl Small Group**

Every Saturday, 10-11am, PH 1
1st Mondays, 7:30-9pm, in PH 1

Contact: Sue Strom susanstrom15@gmail.com

- **Women's Group**

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

Contact: Emily Wilson ewilso28@gmail.com

- **Young Adult Small Group**

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

Contact: Tim Pullin pullin.tim.a@gmail.com