

## 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!

- **Music Update**  
from Julieanne Stapleton, Director of Music  
Youth Band musicians wanted—grades 10-12  
and Children’s Choir coming soon!

- **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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- **Gratitude from Martha Lamoy**

*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*

- **Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God**

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



## 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](mailto: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 26**  
Holy Communion, 5:30pm
- **Sunday, August 27**  
9:00am: Coffee Hour in Parish Hall 1  
10:00am: Holy Communion  
11:00am: Parish Brunch
- **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](https://www.youtube.com/c/stthomasop) and [www.facebook.com/stthomasop](https://www.facebook.com/stthomasop)

## Sunday Christian Education resumes September 10

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.\*\*

## Outreach

- **Immigration Ministries**

- **Last Sunday of Immigration Speaker Series**

- August 27 after the 10am service in Parish Hall 2  
Grab some food from Parish Hall 1 on the way!

- Catherine Anderson from Jewish Vocational Services will be speaking on English as a Second Language. Catherine is the Manager of Language and Cultural Services at Jewish Vocational Services, offering interpreter training and cultural competency. She currently manages an English Language Learning Program to prepare immigrants for the citizenship test.

- **Action: Refugees Need Our Support!**

- We will be collecting donations of personal hygiene items through Sept 17. To sign up to bring items and for more info, go to the signup sheet in the Narthex or click on the QR code.



- On 9/17 after the 11:00 service we'll meet in the Parish Hall to assemble the donated items into kits for KC for Refugees to distribute to those most in need. We'll also discuss more opportunities to serve and you can sign up at that time.

- **Food Pantry Volunteers will be 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.



- **HOST WEEK THANK YOU**

- Thank you to all the Host Week Volunteers who helped and the church members who provided food and supplies for the August Host week at St. Thomas the Apostle Episcopal. The current guests, mother and her teenage daughter and a single woman, were very appreciative of St. Thomas and the kindness of the volunteers. They continue to work hard to reach their goal of independent living.*

- Please pray for the work that IHN does in our community and for all the current and past guests served.*

## This Week's Calendar

**Saturday, Aug 26:** Godly Play Core Training, through 5pm Sunday, Education Wing; Prayer Shawl Sm Grp, 10am, PH 1; Holy Communion, 5:30pm, Nave

**Sunday, Aug 27:** Godly Play Core Training, to 5pm, Education Wing; Coffee Hour, 9-10am in PH 1; Holy Communion, 10am in Nave; 11am: Parish Brunch, outside & PH 1; Immigration Ministry Series, PH 2; Faith Club Gathering, 5-7:30pm, Shawnee Msn Park Shelter #6

**Monday, August 28:** Thom's Helpers, 10:30am-1:30pm PH 1 & Kitchen; Finance Committee, 5:45-6:30pm, PH 1 or online; Vestry mtg, 6:45pm, PH 1 and/or Zoom

**Tuesday, Aug 29:** Sword Guild practice, 7pm PH 2

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

**Thursday, Aug 31:** Music Lesson, 4-5pm, Nave; Sword Guild practice, 7pm, PH 2

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

**Saturday, Sept 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](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.



## Join a Small Group at St. Thomas

- **Faith Club Gathering**—This Sunday, Aug 27, 5-7:30pm, Shawnee Msn Park, Shelter #6—Bring a labeled dish to share (nuts, dairy, gluten free, vanilla, etc). Everything else provided.

- **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)

- **Explorers Small Group**—Explores the Scripture and the World around us  
Starts Sept 7, 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7pm, PH 2  
Contact: John McNown [johnmcnown44@gmail.com](mailto:johnmcnown44@gmail.com)

- **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)

- **Middlemen's Small Group**—for men balancing work, family & faith in the "middle" of life (~30s-50s) Kickoff in September 2023!  
Contact: John McCall [jmccall07@gmail.com](mailto:jmccall07@gmail.com)

- **Mom's Small Group**—For moms with kids of all ages; nursery provided. Next Meeting Sept. 12, 5-6:30pm  
Contact: Katie Birchfield [katie.birchfield87@gmail.com](mailto:katie.birchfield87@gmail.com), Liz Knights [elizabethknights523@gmail.com](mailto:elizabethknights523@gmail.com)

- **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 Group**  
3rd Saturdays, 9-10:30am, Assembly Rm  
Contact: Emily Wilson [ewilso28@gmail.com](mailto:ewilso28@gmail.com)

- **Young Adult Small Group**  
2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7pm, in PH 1  
Contact: Tim Pullin [pullin.tim.a@gmail.com](mailto:pullin.tim.a@gmail.com)