

Children & Youth

• 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!

HELP WANTED

• Nursery Caregiver (18+)

Seeking caregiver for our youngest members (ages 6 months through 4 years) on Sunday mornings from 8:30am -12:30pm, with occasional other hours. From \$15-20 per hour, and paid training is available. If you know someone who may be interested, please contact Barbara McCall, Director of Children and Families, at bmccall@stthomasop.org or 913-909-7318.

This position is currently being advertised on Care.com, Indeed.com, Nextdoor.com and through Jo Co Comm College. If you know of other outlets (i.e. neighborhood social media pages) or places to post (community boards), please reach out to Barbara.

Join a Music Team!

- (Adult) Choir meets on Wed, 7-8pm

- Praise Band meets on Thurs, 6:30-7:30pm

- St. Thomas Children's Choir on Thurs, 5:15-6pm
We hope to sing once a month in the services and prepare for our new Christmas Nativity Musical!!!

- Youth Music
Seeking youth musical singers and instrumentalists!

Questions? Contact Julieanne Stapleton, Director of Music—jestapleton@stthomasop.org



Sunday Morning Christian Education

• Adult Forum

9:45am in Parish Hall 2

Grab a cookie and beverage from Coffee hour and join in on some interesting topics.

• Godly Play—Preschool thru Elementary:

This week, we are returning to our circles during the Education Hour!

* Preschool-Kindergarten: Rm 143/144 (across from Nursery)

* 1st/2nd/3rd Grades: Rm 133/134 (where the office and education halls meet)

* 4th/5th Grades: Rm 137 (on left from the "T" intersection)

• Youth Christian Formation Groups:

* Middle School - "Path to Confirmation" in Assembly Room (East end of the Educ. Hall).

* High School - "The Giving Project": "Mark Ash" Youth room (Basement - east end of Ed. Hall)

Altar Flowers

• Flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God and . . .

*In celebration of Matt Lang's 34th birthday (Sept 22) and Matt and Jamie's 5th wedding anniversary.
We love you, Mom and Dad*

In remembrance of Mary E. Dunn Daley and Philip J. Peters—from Ellen & Denis Peters



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



This Weekend

• Saturday, September 30

Holy Communion, 5:30pm

• Sunday, October 1

8:45 & 11:00am: Holy Communion

Coffee Hour after both services, PH 1

9:45am: Adult Forum, Children/Youth Sun School

6-8pm: Youth Group in Nave, Parish Hall, Narthex

Children's Chapel: (geared toward ages 3-10) is available during the Sunday services.

Nursery Care: for children ages 6 mon. thru 4 years on Sundays. However, we are experiencing a staffing transition, so this service may be unavailable. Please see the nursery door or bulletin board for information about Nursery availability, and remember, *all of God's Children at any age are welcome in our worship services!*

All services are live-streamed and available to watch afterward on www.youtube.com/c/stthomasop and www.facebook.com/stthomasop

This Sunday, October 1

- Mental Health & Wellness presents:

A Focus on Therapy Dogs

9am and after 11am service—Parish Hall

Come meet Merrily Shultz and her dog Andrew. Learn about what therapy dogs do and how they positively impact the lives of others.

• **Blessing of the Animals**

4:00pm on West Lawn

All Animals are welcome! And if you don't have a pet, this event is always fun to watch!

October Dates to Remember

- **Bishop Bascom to Visit St Thomas**
October 7 & 8

The Rt. Rev. Cathleen Bascom, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Kansas, will visit St. Thomas and will be preaching & presiding at all services.



- **The New Testament You Never Knew – New Bible Study**

Begins Thursday, October 12, 10:30-12, Asbly Rm

More info is included in your weekly email. Contact: Sheryl Roller sljroller@gmail.com or Susan Strom susanstrom15@gmail.com

- **Food Pantry at Comanche**

2nd Saturdays—October 14, 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.



- Kansas to Kenya Ministry (K2K) / Global Partner of the Diocese of KS
K2K Charity Golf Tournament

Sunday, Oct 15, 4:00pm
Falcon Valley Golf Course, Lenexa KS

Fundraiser for the Agatha Amani House in Kenya, a safe home for abused women. View flyer/registration with the QR code or in your weekly email.



- **Fall Women's Retreat**

October 28, 9am-4pm
Tall Oaks Conference Center in Linwood, KS

Led by the Rev. Lisa Senuta or the Diocese of KS. Register by using the QR code or with a link found in your weekly emails. Questions? Mthr. Kelly Demo—kdemo@stthomasop.org



- **Trunk or Treat!**

October 29, 2-4pm

This Week's Calendar

Saturday, Sept 30: Prayer Shawl Sm Grp, 10am, PH 1; Holy Communion, 5:30pm, Nave

Sunday, Oct 1: Holy Communion, 8:45 and 11:00 in Nave; Coffee Hours after each service, PH 1; Therapy Dog Presentation, 9am and 12pm, PH 1; Adult Forum, 9:45am, PH 2; Children/Youth Sunday School 9:45am, Educ Wing; Blessing of Animals, 4pm, West Lawn, Youth Group, 6-8pm, Nave, PH, Narthex

Monday, Oct 2: Thom's Helpers, 10:30am-1:30pm PH 1 & Kitchen; Prayer Shawl Sm Grp, 7:30pm, PH 1

Tuesday, Oct 3: Contemplative Prayer Sm Grp, 7pm, Nave; Walking the Mourner's Path, 6:30-8pm, Narthex; Sword Guild practice, 7pm PH 2

Wednesday, Oct 4: Staff meeting, 9:30am, Lobby; Thom's Helpers, 10:30am-1:30pm, PH 1 + Kitchen; Wednesday Study Grp, 10:30-12, Asbly Rm; Voice Lessons, 2-3:30pm, Asbly Rm; Pinehurst HOA mtg, 6-9pm, PH 2; Chancel Choir practice, 7-8pm, Nave

Thursday, Oct 5: Music Lesson, 4-4:45pm, Nave or PH; Children's Choir Practice, 5:15-6pm, Nave; Praise Band practice, 6:30pm, Nave; Explorers Sm Grp, 7pm, PH 2; Sword Guild, 7pm, PH 3

Friday, Oct 6: Thom's Helpers, 10:30am-1:30pm in PH 1 & Kitchen; SCA, 7pm, PH 1

Saturday, Oct 7: Prayer Shawl Sm Grp, 10am, PH 1; Asbly Rm reserved for Welsh Society mtg, 1:30-3:30pm, Asbly Rm; Holy Communion/Confirmation with Bishop Bascom, 5:30pm, Nave

Meetings, activities, and events must be cleared with Justin Smith in the church office. jsmith@stthomasop.org or 913-451-0512.

St Thomas to Host IHN Guests

- Interfaith Hospitality Network of Johnson County (IHN)
Serving situationally homeless families and single women

Volunteers Needed for IHN Host Week

October 29 through November 5

Trained volunteers can sign up for positions via the QR code or with the link in your weekly email. Questions? Dola McNown 913-526-3573/
dolamcnown49@gmail.com; or Margaret Walkenshaw 913-302-2018/
mwalkenshaw@kc.surewest.net



Small Groups meeting next week

- **Prayer Shawl Small Group**

Monday, Oct 2, 7:30-9pm, PH 1
Saturday, Oct 7, 10am-12pm, PH 1

This group meets at the parish and knits prayer shawls together. These 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

- **Contemplative Prayer Small Group**

Tuesday, Oct 3, 7pm, in Sanctuary

This group meets to delve deeper into different forms of prayer and meditation. We meet the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month in the sanctuary of St. Thomas at 7pm. Contact: Lynn Powell lynne@thechildrensclinic.net

- **Explorers Small Group**

Thursday, Oct 5, 7pm, PH 2

This group meets on the 1st & 3rd Thursday at St. Thomas, and also takes day trips. They are interested in exploring the Scripture and the World around them, and are involved with emergency relief bags. Contact: John McNown johnmcnown44@gmail.com

- **LGBTQIA+ Alliance** will not hold an October meeting on the regular scheduled date.

Instead they will be representing St. Thomas at a booth at the Johnson County Pride in the Park event on Oct. 8, 10am-1pm. It will be held at Sar-Ko-Par Trails Park, 87th St Pkwy & Lackman Rd in Lenexa. Please come join us!

Donating 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.

