

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, 6:30-8pm

- Praise Band meets on Thurs, 6:30-7:30pm
Youth musical coming soon!!

- 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 Band members wanted!
We will play every Sunday night for youth group!

Questions? Contact Julieanne Stapleton, Director of Music—jstapleton@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)

Coming up in October

• Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, October 1, 4:00pm on West Lawn

Bring your four-legged friends for a brief prayer service and individual blessing, plus a medal for your pet(s). All Animals are welcome!

• October 7 & 8

The Rt. Rev. Cathleen Bascom

Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Kansas visits St. Thomas and will be preaching & presiding.



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.



This Weekend

• Saturday, September 23

Holy Communion, 5:30pm

• Sunday, September 24

8:45 & 11:00am: Holy Communion

Coffee Hour after both services, PH 1

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

4:00pm: Inquirer's Class (Confirmation), Asbly Rm

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

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

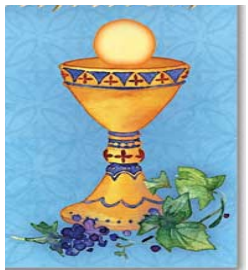
Nursery Care: It is our goal to offer Nursery care on Sundays to children ages 6 mon. thru 4 years, as desired by our families. However, during this time of staffing transition, this service may be unavailable. Please see the nursery door or bulletin board for information about Nursery availability, 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

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Please join all of us this SATURDAY as we celebrate The Rev. Canon David Kent's 60th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood!

Sept 23, 5:30pm Eucharist Reception following in the Parish Hall



Outreach

- **Thank You From Immigration Ministries**

A heartfelt thanks to all who donated items and assisted with assembly of the personal hygiene kits last Sunday!! With your help, we exceeded our goal of 50 kits—sending 76 kits to KC for Refugees for distribution to needing refugees. We are also excited to have new volunteers who signed up to participate in our ongoing efforts. Thanks again for your generous outpouring of support and engagement!

- **Food Pantry Volunteers will be needed**

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.



Altar Flowers

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

In thanksgiving by The Rev. Canon David Kent and Olean Kent on the 60th anniversary of his ordination as priest.

Wishing a Happy Birthday to the most loving, gracious, wisest person, Leila Potts! Our Mom! - from Susan Strom, John Potts, all the grands and great-grands. Love you, Mom! ♥



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 Week's Calendar

Saturday, Sept 23: Women's Grp, 9am, Asbly Rm; Prayer Shawl Sm Grp, 10am, PH 1; Holy Communion, 5:30pm, Nave; Rev. David Kent Ordination Anniversary reception, 6:30-7:30pm, PH 1, 2

Sunday, Sept 24: Holy Communion, 8:45 and 11:00 in Nave; Coffee Hours after each service, PH 1; Adult Forum, 9:45am, PH 2; Children/ Youth Sunday School 9:45am, Educ Wing; Youth Group, 6-8pm, Nave, PH, Narthex

Monday, Sept 25: Thom's Helpers, 10:30am-1:30pm PH 1 & Kitchen; Finance Committee, 5:45pm, PH 1 or Online; Vestry mtg, 6:45pm PH 1 and/or Zoom

Tuesday, Sept 26: Walking the Mourner's Path, 6:30pm; Sword Guild practice, 7pm PH 2

Wednesday, Sept 27: 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; Chancel Choir practice, 6:30-8pm, Nave

Thursday, Sept 28: Oboe Lesson, 4-4:30pm, Nave or PH; Children's Choir Practice, 5:15-6pm, Nave; Praise Band practice, 6:30pm, Nave; Young Adult Sm Grp, 7pm, PH 1; Classics Men's Sm Grp, 7pm, PH 3; Sword Guild practice, 7pm, PH 2

Friday, Sept 29: Thom's Helpers, 10:30am-1:30pm in PH 1 & Kitchen

Saturday, Sept 30: 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.

Grief Support Program

- **Walking the Mourner's Path**

Sessions begin Tuesday, September 26, 6:30pm

Walking the Mourner's Path is a faith-based grief support program. Over eight sessions individuals can 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. If interested in participating, sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex or email Fr. Gar at

gdemo@stthomasop.org.

Small Groups meeting next week

- **Classics Men's Small Group**

Thursday, Sept 28, 7-8pm, in PH 3

This group is open to retired and semi-retired men, and meets at the parish for monthly conversation and Bible Study.

Conversations range over many topics. Contact: Tom Meyers tmeyers922@gmail.com

- **Young Adult Small Group**

Thursday, Sept 28, 7pm, in PH 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

- **Prayer Shawl Small Group**

Saturday, Sept 30, 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

Save These Dates!

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

Begins Thursday, October 12, 10:30-12
Assembly Room

More info can be found in your Connecting with you weekly email. Contact: Sheryl Roller sljroller@gmail.com or Susan Strom susanstrom15@gmail.com

- **Women's Retreat**

October 28, 9am-4pm

Tall Oaks Conference Center in Linwood, KS

The retreat will be led by The Rev. Lisa Senuta, Canon for Spiritual Life and Clergy Care of the Episcopal Diocese of Kansas. More information will be forthcoming. If you have any questions, please contact Mthr. Kelly Demo—

kdemo@stthomasop.org