

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

## Thanksgiving in Action:

- Provide a Thanksgiving Meal with a box of groceries Pick up a
- Box and Shop: Oct. 21 - Nov. 13
- Dropoff Location: 1st Christian Church 200 E. Loula St. Olathe
- Drop off Dates: Nov. 13, 14, & 15 (9:00am-1:00pm)
- For more details please see the email version of “Connecting”.
- Dcn. Fran at 913-226-0540 or [fwheeler@stthomasop.org](mailto:fwheeler@stthomasop.org)

## HELP WANTED

### • Nursery Caregiver (18+)

Seeking caregiver for members ages 6 months through 4 years on Sunday mornings & occasional other hours. \$15- 20 per hour + paid training. If you know someone who may be interested, please contact Barbara McCall, at [bmccall@stthomasop.org](mailto:bmccall@stthomasop.org) or 913-909-7318.

*\*Position is also advertised on Care.com, Indeed.com, Nextdoor.com and through Jo Co Comm College. If you know of other outlets (neighborhood social media or places to post community boards), please reach out to Barbara.\**

## Join a Music Team!

- Chancel Choir, Wed, 7-8pm
- Praise Band, Thurs, 6:30-7:30pm
- St. Thomas Children’s Choir, Thurs, 5:15-6pm
- Youth Team, Sunday nights at Youth Group, 6-8pm

Questions? Contact Julieanne Stapleton, Director of Music—[jestapleton@stthomasop.org](mailto: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:

- \* Preschool-Kindergarten: Rm 143/144 (across from Nursery)
- \* 1st/2nd/3rd Grades: Rm 133/134 (where ofc & educ 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)

## Stewardship Sunday

### November 4 & 5—Stewardship Weekend

Saturday, 5:30pm

Sunday, 10:00am (one service only)

A chili dinner will follow the Saturday service, and after the 10:00 Sunday service we will have balloon twisting for kids..

ALL ARE WELCOME

## Altar Flowers



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

*in thanksgiving for David Farkes Birthday-given by Holly & Jason Perez.*



Sign up via the QR code or by entering your name on the flower chart outside the church office.



## This Weekend

- **Saturday, October 21**  
Holy Communion, 5:30pm
- **Sunday, October 22**  
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](https://www.youtube.com/c/stthomasop) and [www.facebook.com/stthomasop](https://www.facebook.com/stthomasop)

- Acolyte Training: 12:00pm-3:00pm In the Nave and Parish Hall.

## Welcome/Connect Events—Coming Soon!

- **Nov. 11 & 12 - Ministry Fair, Halls 1, 2, 3**  
Be sure to attend to see all the ministries we offer at St. Thomas and how we serve our parish members as well as our community.
- **Nov. 12 - Newcomer Lunch in Asmby Room**  
All new members and visitors are invited to attend a lunch to learn *more about St. Thomas and we can learn more about you.*

## Save these Dates!

- **Food Pantry at Comanche**  
2nd Saturdays—Nov 11, 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.



## Special Event

- **No Place Like Home screening**  
Thursday, Oct 26, 7pm, Parish Hall 2

St Thomas will host a screening of this film about the challenges for acceptance & compassion that LGBTQ people face. Creators of the film will be there also to answer questions. Please join us!

- **Fall Women's Retreat**  
Oct 28, 9am-4pm, at Tall Oaks Conf Ctr

Register via the QR code or with a link found in your weekly emails. Questions? Mthr. Kelly Demo—[kdemo@stthomasop.org](mailto:kdemo@stthomasop.org)



- Interfaith Hospitality Network of Johnson County (IHN)  
**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 913-526-3573/[dolamcnown49@gmail.com](mailto:dolamcnown49@gmail.com);  
or Margaret 913-302-2018/[mwalkenshaw@kc.surewest.net](mailto:mwalkenshaw@kc.surewest.net)

- **Trunk or Treat**  
Sunday, October 29, 2-4pm

Join St Thomas youth to pass out treats (1:45) to the little ones. Bring a friend for goodies and fun!



- **Parish Hayride**  
Sunday, November 5, 5-8pm  
Sharpe's in Bucyrus KS. Register Now!



## This Week's Calendar

**Sat, Oct 21.** Prayer Shawl Sm Grp, 10am, PH 1; Holy Communion, 5:30pm, Nave

**Sun, Oct 22.** Holy Communion – Nave, 8:45 – 9:45am; Adult Forum PH1-9:45 – 10:45am; Sun. School -Ed Wing-9:45 – 10:45am; Coffee Hour -PH 1-2-10 – 11am; Holy Communion-Nave-11am – 12pm; Acolyte Training—Nave & PH, 12pm-3pm; Snider Grp 12:30pm-1:30pm Mission Farms; Youth Group - Nave, PH, Narth-6 – 8pm

**Mon, Oct 23.** Thom's Helpers, 10:30am – 1:30pm PH1; Fin Com-PH 1 or Online- 5:45 – 6:30pm; Dutra Grp -Tanners- 6pm; Stnhvn HOA PH2- 6:30 – 7:30pm; Vestry Mtg-PH 1 or Zoom- 6:45 – 9:45pm

**Tue, Oct 24.** Tzang Organist -Nave-10am – 12pm; Wlking the Mourn Path-Narth- 6:30 – 8pm; Sword Guild PH2- 7 – 9pm

**Wed, Oct 25.** Staff-PH 1 or Lobby - 10 – 11am; Thom's-10:30am – 1:30pm; Wed Study Group 10:30am – 12pm; PEO Rowland PH 1&2 - 2pm – 8:30pm; Rudzinski Lessons Asmbly Rm- 2pm – 3:30pm; Chancel Choir -Nave, 7 – 8pm

**Thur, Oct 26.** New Testament - PH2- 10:30am – 12pm; PEO PH2- 12:30 – 3pm; Lesson (Risebig) Nave -4 – 5pm; Children's Choir - Nave - 5:15 – 6pm; Praise Band -Nave -6 – 8pm; No Place Like Home Screening PH2- 7 – 9pm; Classics Men's Grp-PH 3-7 – 8pm; Young Adult Grp-PH 1-7 – 8pm

**Fri, Oct 27.** Thom's-PH, K-10:30am – 1:30pm

**Sat, Oct 28.** Women's Retreat-9am – 4pm-Tall Oaks; Prayer Shawl Grp - PH 1-10am – 12pm; Holy Communion-Nave- 5:30 – 6:30pm

*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.*

## Donating to St. Thomas

Give online securely via the QR code or visit the St. Thomas website—<https://stthomasop.org> and click on the "Donate" tab.



**Paper Recycling at St. Thomas:** We are requesting donations for paper grocery bags with handles, preferably strong like HyVee bags.

## Small Groups meeting next week

- **Contemplative Prayer Small Group**

Tuesday, Oct 24, 7pm, in Sanctuary

This group meets to delve deeper into different forms of prayer and meditation. We meet the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month in the sanctuary of St. Thomas at 7pm. Contact: Lynn Powell [lynn@thechildrensclinic.net](mailto:lynn@thechildrensclinic.net)

- **Explorers Small Group**

Thursday, Oct 26, 7-8pm, in PH 2

This group meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 [johnmknown44@gmail.com](mailto:johnmknown44@gmail.com)

- **Women's Group**

Meets 9-10am, Assembly Rm (3rd Saturdays)

Contact: Emily Wilson [ewilso28@gmail.com](mailto:ewilso28@gmail.com)

- **Prayer Shawl Small Group**

Saturdays, 10am-12pm, PH 1

Every Saturday this group knits prayer shawls together which 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](mailto:susanstrom15@gmail.com)

## Thanksgiving Dinner returns!

- **November 23, 12-3pm at St. Thomas**

No need to cook! Come and enjoy food and fellowship. We will be serving a traditional meal with all the trimmings in our Parish Hall. Come alone or with the whole family. We will also offer our meal to the community. We can use some help all day or for a couple of hours with cooking, serving or clean up.—just sign up with the QR code. No need to RSVP to eat—there will be plenty of food.

Contact: Donna Fye 913-963-5815

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