

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!

Thanksgiving in Action

• Provide a Thanksgiving Meal box of groceries and help feed Olathe families!

- * Pick up a Box in the lobby and shop through Nov. 13
- * Dropoff at 1st Christian Church, 200 E. Loula St., Olathe
- * Drop off Dates: Nov. 13, 14, & 15 (9am-1pm)

More details are in the “Connecting” email or contact *Deacon Fran* at 913-226-0540 / 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 or 913-909-7318.

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—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:

- * 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)

On Nov. 5: PreK thru 5th—make Thanksgiving placemats & Crafts; 6th thru 8th—meet with Deacon Fran

• 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 the birthday of Holly’s dad, David Farkes—from Holly and Jason Perez*

* *In honor of our 32nd wedding anniversary—Stacie & Peter Gram*

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



This Weekend

• Saturday, October 28

Holy Communion, 5:30pm

• Sunday, October 29

8:45 & 11:00am: Holy Communion
Coffee Hour after both services, PH 1

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

2-4pm: Trunk or Treat

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

November 4 & 5—Stewardship Weekend

Saturday, 5:30pm

Sunday, 10:00am (one service only)

A Chili Feed will follow each service, and after the 10:00 Sunday service we will have a Balloon Artist for the young ones.

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WELCOME

Outreach at St. Thomas

- Interfaith Hospitality Network of Johnson County (IHN)

IHN Host Week begins this Sunday

Please pray for the continued work of JoCo IHN and all the guests and volunteers.

This Sunday we begin our IHN Host Week serving situationally homeless people in our community—infants, children, and single women. Classrooms are converted to sleeping rooms and we'll provide meals and food for lunches.

- **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.



Save these Dates!

- **This Sunday: Trunk or Treat!**

2-4pm in the St. Thomas parking lot

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!



Nov. 11 & 12 - Ministry Fair, Halls 1, 2, 3

Between and after services

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 Assembly Rm**

After the 11:00 service

All new members and visitors are invited to attend a lunch to learn *more about St. Thomas and we can learn more about you.*

This Week's Calendar

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

Sun, Oct 29: Holy Communion, 8:45am 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; Trunk or Treat, 2-4pm; Youth Group, 6-8pm, Nave, PH, Narthex; IHN Host Week begins

Mon, Oct 30: IHN Host Week, Educ Wing; Thom's Helpers, 10:30am-1:30pm PH 1 & Kitchen

Tues, Oct 31: IHN Host Week, Educ Wing; Organ reserved, 10am-12, Nave; Voice Lessons, 1-4pm, Asbly Rm; Walking the Mourner's Path, 6:30-8pm, Narthex; Sword Guild, 7pm PH 2

Wed, Nov 1: IHN Host Week, Educ Wing; Staff meeting, 10am, Lobby; Thom's Helpers, 10:30am-1:30pm, PH 1 + Kitchen; Wed. Study Grp, 10:30-12, Asbly Rm; Chancel Choir, 7-8pm, Nave

Thurs, Nov 2: IHN Host Week, Educ Wing; New Testament Bible Study, 10:30am, Asbly Rm; Music lesson, 4-4:45pm, Nave; Children's Choir, 5:15-6pm, Nave; Praise Band, 6:30pm, Nave; Explorers Sm Grp, 7pm, PH 2; Sword Guild, 7pm, PH 3

Fri, Nov 3: IHN Host Week, Educ Wing; Thom's Helpers, 10:30am-1:30pm in PH 1 & Kitchen; SCA, 7pm, PH 1

Sat, Nov 4: IHN Host Week, Educ Wing; Women's Grp, 9-10am, Asbly Rm; Prayer Shawl Sm Grp, 10am-12, PH 1; Holy Communion, 5:30pm, Nave; Chili Dinner—Stewardship Event

Meetings, activities, and events must be cleared with Justin Smith in the church office. 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

- **Prayer Shawl Small Group**

Saturdays, 10am-12pm, PH 1; 1st Mondays, 7:30-9pm

This group knits prayer shawls together which are blessed during special services and given to those who are ill or have lost a loved one. Contact: Sue Strom susanstrom15@gmail.com

- **Explorers Small Group**

Thursday, Nov 2, 7-8pm, in PH 2

This group explores the Scripture and the World around them, and are involved with emergency relief bag + they take day trips. Contact: John McNow johnmnown44@gmail.com

- **Women's Group**

Saturday, Nov 4, 9-10:00am, Asbly Rm (1st & 3rd Sats)

Contact: Emily Wilson ewilso28@gmail.com

- **LGBTQIA+ Small Group**—For members of the LGBTQ+ community and allies.

Nov 6, 7pm, in Asbly Rm

Contact: John Pfannes john.pfannes@att.net

- **Contemplative Prayer Small Group**—Prayer and meditation.

1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7pm, in Sanctuary

Contact: Lynn Powell lynne@thechildrensclinic.net

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.



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