

## Save these Dates!



- **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 [djfyee@gmail.com](mailto:djfyee@gmail.com)

- **Annual Cookie Sale**

Saturday, December 2 in the Parish Hall

**FIRE UP THOSE OVENS NOW for the ANNUAL COOKIE SALE!** For MANY years St. Thomas has hosted a community bake sale for the holidays and it has become one of the youth group's major fundraisers. Sign up to bake with the QR!



## Special Advent Programs

- **Advent Candlelight Luncheons**

December 6, 13, and 20 from 12-1pm

Did you know each candle of an Advent wreath represents a different aspect of our faith journey? Join Mother Kelly every Wednesday of Advent at noon for a light lunch and a deep dive into the meaning of Advent. We will use a short video series and have time for good conversation. Sign up for the lunch with the QR code on right.



## Sunday Morning Christian Education

- **Adult Forum**

9:45am in Parish Hall 1

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

- **Christian Education for Children & Youth**

- \* 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)

## Altar Flowers

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



\* *In thanksgiving for the supportive and loving community of St. Thomas—Ted & Linda Bemis*

\* *In remembrance of our loving mother, Catherine Allen. We remember her joy for life—John & Sharen Robinson*

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



## Worship on November 11 & 12

Saturday, 5:30pm

Sunday, 8:45 and 11:00am

There will be a Ministry Fair after each church service in the Parish Hall. Check out all the ministries offered at St. Thomas and how you can get involved to help serve.

*\*\* The Newcomer Lunch will be rescheduled to a later date. \*\**

- Also on Saturday:  
2nd Saturday Reception, 6:30pm, Parish Hall 1
- Also on Sunday:  
9:45am: Adult Forum, Children/Youth Sun School  
6-8pm: Youth Group

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

Nursery Care: Nursery care is available on Sunday for children ages 6 months thru 4 yrs from 9am-11am (conclusion of the 10am service).

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)



## Advent begins on Dec 2 & 3

Advent: a time of joy-filled, anticipatory celebration of the arrival of Jesus Christ.

Stay tuned for more information about "Advent-ure"—the annual All Parish Advent Wreath Making! Sunday, December 3, following each service

## Outreach Opportunities

### • Coats for Refugees

The Catholic Charities Refugee Learning Center reached out to us because they are badly in need of winter coats, especially for adults, as it gets colder. They can use coats in all sizes for adults and children.

If you have any gently used coats you would like to donate, you can drop them off in the box marked “Coats for Refugees” in the narthex any time this month.

### • Thanksgiving in Action—It’s

not too late to provide a Thanksgiving Meal with a box of groceries and help feed Olathe families!



\* **Pick up a Box and Shop:** It’s not too late—this is the last week to pick up a box. Boxes are available through 11am, Wednesday, 11/15.

\* **Dropoff Location:** 1st Christian Church, 200 E. Loula St, Olathe

\* **Drop off Dates:** Nov. 13, 14, & 15 (9am-1pm)

*We thank you for helping us make a difference!*

### • Next Red Cross Blood Drive

Tuesday, November 21, at St. Thomas

Everyone who donates will get a pair of ELF socks! Sign up by using the QR code on the right!



### • Food Pantry at Comanche

2nd Saturdays—Dec 9, Dec. 2, 10:30am  
Comanche Elementary, 8200 Grant Ave, OPKS

Scan the QR for more info and volunteer signups. A link is also found in your weekly email.



## This Week’s Calendar

**Sat, Nov 11:** Ministry Fair setup in PH; Prayer Shawl Sm Grp, 10am, PH 1; Mobile Food Pantry, 10:30am, Comanche Elementary; Holy Communion, 5:30pm, Nave; 2nd Saturday Reception, 6:30pm, PH 1; Ministry Fair, 6:30-7:30pm, PH 1, 2, 3

**Sun, Nov 12:** Holy Communion, 8:45 in Nave; Adult Forum, 9:45am, PH 1; 9:45am: Ministry Fair, PH 1, 2, 3; Children/Youth Sunday School; Coffee Hour, PH 1; Holy Communion, 11am, Nave; Ministry Fair, 12pm, PH 1, 2, 3; Youth Group with dinner, 6-8pm, Nave, PH, Kitchen

**Mon, Nov 13:** Thom’s Helpers, 10:30am-1:30pm, PH 1 & Kitchen,

**Tues, Nov 14:** PEO mtg, 9-11:30am, Asbly Rm; Organ reserved, 10am-12, Nave; Voice Lessons, 1-4pm, Asbly Rm; Mom’s Group, 5-6pm, at the Knight’s home; Walking the Mourner’s Path, 6:30-8pm, Narthex; Sword Guild, 7pm PH 2

**Wed, Nov 15:** Staff meeting, 10am, Rm 137; Thom’s Helpers, 10:30am-1:30pm, PH 1 + Kitchen; Wed. Study Grp, 10:30-12, Asbly Rm; Pinehurst HOA mtg, 6pm, Asbly Rm; Chancel Choir, 7-8pm, Nave

**Thurs, Nov 16:** New Testament Bible Study, 10:30am, Asbly Rm; PEO mtg, 12:30-3pm, PH 2; Music lesson, 4:30-5pmpm, Nave; Children’s Choir, 5:15-6pm, Nave; Praise Band, 6:30pm, Nave; PEO mtg, 6:30pm, Asbly Rm; Explorers Sm Grp, 7pm, PH 2; Sword Guild, 7pm, PH 1 or 3

**Fri, Nov 17:** Organ reserved, 10-11am; Thom’s Helpers, 10:30am-1:30pm in PH 1 & Kitchen; SCA, 7pm, PH 1

*Please contact Justin Smith to schedule your meeting or event — [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.



## Small Groups meeting next week

### • Prayer Shawl Small Group

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

Knit prayer shawls together for those who are ill or have lost a loved one. Contact: Sue Strom [susanstrom15@gmail.com](mailto:susanstrom15@gmail.com)

### • Mom’s Small Group

Tues, Nov 14, 5-6:00pm, at the Knight’s home

For moms with kids of all ages; nursery provided. Contact: Katie Birchfield [katie.birchfield87@gmail.com](mailto:katie.birchfield87@gmail.com), Liz Knights [elizabethknights523@gmail.com](mailto:elizabethknights523@gmail.com)

### • Explorers Small Group

Nov 16, 7pm, in PH 2 (1st & 3rd Thursdays)

Explores the Scripture and the World around us. Contact: John McNown [johnmcnown44@gmail.com](mailto:johnmcnown44@gmail.com)

### • Women’s Group

Sat, Nov 18, 9-10am, Assembly Rm  
(1st & 3rd Saturdays)

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

## Celebrating Our Children & Youth

*\*\* Jacob and Josh McCall made KCMEA District Choir.  
For Josh, it is the 4th straight year! \*\**

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!