

Lenten Programs Coming Soon

- **Braiding Sweetgrass:** Call to Ecological Attention Tuesdays, 7pm on Feb 20, 27; March 5, 12, 19, 26 on Google Meet. Facilitator Riley Demo

Register now with the QR code. Upon confirmation you will receive info about purchasing the accompanying book and receive the link. If questions, contact kdemo@stthomasop.org



- **Lenten Word Study Series + Lunch**

Wednesdays, Noon on Feb. 21 and 28; March 6, 13, and 20
Sign up to bring soups/crackers/help with QR code!

Forgiveness, Mercy, Discipline, Lament, and Charity. Speakers will be Rev. Brittany Sparrow Savage, Rev. Robert Phillips, Rev. Don Compier, Dr. Richard Liantonio, Pastor Alice Piggee-Wallack.



Children & Youth

- **Youth Group**

Sunday, Feb 18, 12:30pm. No evening Youth Group!

****Please note**** On Super Bowl Sunday we will NOT have youth group in the evening. Instead, Mthr. Kelly is going to be at Planet Sub, 12571 Antioch Rd, at 12:30 on Sunday. Lunch is on the youth, dessert is on Mthr. Kelly! Parents, we will be there from 12:30-1:45 just having some fun together before the big game!

- **SUMMER @ St. Thomas 2024: Register Today!**

St. Thomas Summer Camp Registration has begun!

Our camp dates are:

- * **Diocesan Mega Camp:** June 2-8
- * **Middle School "Reaching Out to the Community":** June 10-14
- * **High School "Reaching Out to the Community":** June 17-21
- * **Vacation Bible Camp:** June 23-27 (EVENINGS with Dinner)
- * **Mission Trip:** July 7-13
- * **3rd-6th grades "Reaching Out to the Community":** July 22-26
- * **Arts Camp:** July 29-August 2



Outreach Opportunity

- **Backpacks for Refugees**

We are collecting new or gently used backpacks to donate to Catholic Charities Refugee Resettlement Program for families arriving this spring. Backpacks are needed for all ages (K - 12). Please leave backpacks in the box in the Narthex. They can be dropped off anytime through 2/18.

- **Caring for Kids – Comanche Elementary**

Contributions needed by Thurs, Feb. 8

St. Thomas will host a Potato Bar dinner for teachers and staff at Comanche Elem. during their Feb Parent/Teacher Conference night.

Anyone able to help by bringing potato toppings and desserts and with setup and cleanup may sign up on the bulletin board in the Narthex or by clicking the QR code.



- **Food Pantry Volunteers Needed**

Next 2nd Saturday—Feb 10, 11:30am
Comanche Elementary, 8200 Grant Ave, OPKS

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



Upcoming Music Events

- **Children's Choir** will sing on Feb 11 at the 8:45am service
Apr 21, 8:45am: Your opportunity to sing "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" musical!
- **Chancel Choir** will sing "The Messiah" on Palm Sunday, Mar 24, 11am service. Rehearsals begin Feb. 7, 6:30-8:30pm.
- **Youth Musicians Wanted:** Youth singers/instrumentalists for church service Preludes **starting Feb 11.** Perform your festival or contest pieces! **

Coming April 21: "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat". Rehearsals start Thurs, Feb 22 at 6:30-7:45. **

** Sign up Now by contacting Julieanne Stapleton, Director of Music—jstapleton@stthomasop.org **



Worship Services Feb 3 & 4

Saturday, 5:30pm

Sunday, 8:45 and 11:00am

Join us for Coffee Hour in Parish Hall 1 after both services.

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

Nursery care is available on Sunday for children ages 6 months thru 4 yrs from 8:15am -12:15 (or conclusion of the 11am service).

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

Save these Dates!

- **2nd Saturday Reception**
February 10 following the 5:30 service in Parish Hall 1
A chance to connect and reconnect with fellow parishioners. You may bring a snack to share. Beverages provided.
- **Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper**
Tuesday, February 13, 5-7pm
A FUN parish wide event hosted by the Youth Community. \$6 a person or \$25 for a family of 5 or more!
- **Ash Wednesday services**
Wednesday, February 14, 7am, Noon, 6pm—Family Service, and 7pm
- **The Lenten program schedule** can be found under "Lenten Programs Coming Soon."

Calendar for February 2—10

Fri, Feb 2: Thom's Helpers, 10:30am-1:30pm, PH 1/Kitchen/Sacristy; Organ Practice, 10:30-12, Nave; SCA, 7pm, PH 1

Sat, Feb 3: Women's Grp, 9-10am, Asbly Rm; Prayer Shawl Sm Grp, 10am, Asbly or Narthex; Funeral (Nancy Johnson), 2-4pm, Nave; Reception, 3-5pm, PH 1, 2; Holy Communion, 5:30pm, Nave

Sun, Feb 4: Nursery 8:15-12:15; Holy Communion at 8:45 and 11:00am, Nave; 9:45am: Sun School, Educ Wing; Coffee Hour; 10:00am: Adult Forum, PH 2; Tour of Save Inc, 1-3pm (LGBTQIA+ Small Group); Youth Grp, 6-8pm, Nave/PH/Narthex

Mon, Feb 5: Thom's Helpers, 10:30am-1:30pm, PH 1/Kitchen/Sacristy; Prayer Shawl Sm Grp, 7:30pm, Narthex or PH 1

Tues, Feb 6: Organ practice, 10am-12; Sword Guild, 7pm, PH 2

Wed, Feb 7: Staff Mtg, 10am, Narthex; Thom's Helpers, 10:30am-1:30pm, PH 1/Kitchen/Sacristy; Wednesday Study Grp, 10:30am-12, Asbly Rm; Voice lessons, 2-4pm, Asbly Rm; Messiah Soloists mtg, 6:30pm; Chancel Choir, 7pm, Nave

Thurs, Feb 8: Bible Study: "Grace in Rearview Mirror", 10:30-12, Asbly Rm; PEO mtg, 12:30-3pm, PH 2; Music lesson, 4:00-4:45pm, Asbly Rm; Children's Choir, 5-6pm, Nave; Praise Band, 6:30-7:30pm, Nave; Classics Men's Sm Grp, 7pm, PH 3; Young Adult Sm Grp, 7pm, PH 1; Sword Guild, 7-9pm, PH 2

Fri, Feb 9: Thom's Helpers, 10:30am-1:30pm, PH 1/Kitchen/Sacristy; Organ Practice, 10:30am-12pm, Nave

Sat, Feb 10: Prayer Shawl Sm Grp, 10am-12pm, Asbly or Narthex; Holy Communion, 5:30pm, Nave; 2nd Saturday reception, 6:30, PH 1

Please contact Justin Smith to schedule your meeting or event — jsmith@stthomasop.org or 913-451-0512.

Sunday Christian Education

- **Adult Forum**
Parish Hall 2, 10:00am

Join us in the journey of the book, "The Creative Act: A Way of Being" by Rick Rubin. We will connect it with scripture and the unique calls in our lives.

- **Christian Ed for Children & Youth—9:45am**
 - * 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" in the "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 memory of Nancy Beeler and her birthday on January 20—from the Beeler family.*

** In thanksgiving for our birthdays Feb 7 and Mar 30—Linda & Ted Bemis*



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Altar flowers are a lovely way to remember a special occasion, anniversary, birthday, or memorial. You may sign up via the QR code or by entering your name on the flower chart outside the office.



Newcomers Lunch March 3!

- Invite Welcome Connect (IWC) is for ALL! **Newcomer Lunch** for Visitors and New Members Sunday, March 3, at 12pm

Invitation—We all like to be invited to something special. St. Thomas is that special place where we can all "Come, Grow, Serve: Make a Difference." **Ways to Invite:**

"I love our church home. Have I told you about St. Thomas? Maybe you'd like to join me next Saturday or Sunday for worship service"

IWC Team

Small Groups meeting Feb 2-10

- **Women's Group**
Saturday, Feb 3, 9-10am, Asbly Room (1st & 3rd Sats)
Women 30s-50s interested in developing relationships and connecting with other women in the church and communities. Contact: Emily Wilson ewilso28@gmail.com
- **Prayer Shawl Small Group**
Sat, Feb 3 & 10, 10am-12, Asbly/Narthex
Mon, Feb 5, 7:30pm, PH 1/Narthex (Meets Sats, 10am-12; 1st Mon, 7:30-9pm)
Knit, crochet, or weave prayer shawls, hats, and 8" squares. Free knitting & crochet lessons. Contact Sue Strom, and on giving a prayer shawl. (913) 244-6402 or susanstrom15@gmail.com
- **LGBTQIA+ Small Group**
Sun, Feb 4, 1-3pm—to Save Inc Shelter for Homeless LGBT+ Youth. If interested, contact John Pfannes john.pfannes@att.net
- **Young Adult Small Group**
Thurs, Feb 8, 7pm in PH 1 (Meets 2nd & 4th Thurs)
Contact: Tim Pullin pullin.tim.a@gmail.com
- **Classics Men's Small Group**
Thurs, Feb 8, 7pm, PH 3 (Meets 2nd & 4th Thurs)
For retired and semi-retired men. Contact: Tom Meyers tmeyers922@gmail.com