

Outreach Opportunities

- **St. Thomas Hosts Interfaith Events in Spring!**
Led by St. Thomas Faith Club—Join us for an Iftar dinner (breaks a Muslim’s Ramadan fast), and for a Seder meal (Jewish meal that remembers the exodus from Egypt). Families welcome!

Ramadan Dinner: March 16, 6:30pm, Parish Hall

With Muslim members of the Dialogue Institute, will include teachings, prayer, and a meal provided by St. Thomas members and our Muslim friends.



Click right QR to bring a salad or vegetarian dish:



Ramadan RSVP

Ramadan Dish

Seder Supper: April 27, 6:30pm, in Parish Hall

Led by Jewish friends from the Faith Club community

Remembering the story of hardship and freedom during the exodus. Free will offering and suggested amount is \$18/person (The # 18 in Hebrew signifies life!).



Click right QR to volunteer to help.
Click left QR to RSVP the supper.



Seder RSVP

Seder Help

- **Food Pantry Volunteers Needed**

2nd Saturday—April 13, 11:30am

Comanche Elementary, 8200 Grant Ave, OPKS

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



- **2024 K2K Community Mission Team**

Invitation to Join—June 6-19, 2024

...An unforgettable experience in Kenya with the 2024 K2K Community Team this summer! Learn more in your “Connecting” email. Contact Joe Bob Lake jlake10@kc.rr.com

Music Events Coming in April

- **April 21, 8:45 service:** Praise Band presents “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat” with St. Thomas Kids’ Choir.
- **Youth Musicians Wanted:** Singers/instrumentalists needed for service Preludes & Postludes. Also join “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat”.on April 21! Rehearse Thurs, 6:30-7:45. ** Sign up by contacting Julieanne Stapleton, Director of Music—jstapleton@stthomasop.org **
- **April 28, 11am service:** Chancel Choir will present “The Messiah” by Handel.

Children & Youth

- **Thrift Market on April 13 & 14!**

St. Thomas Youth will host a BIG thrift market fundraiser for our summer mission trip to Chicago. Will take items such as furniture, housewares, books, etc. No adult clothing but will take kids clothes and all outerwear (coats, hats, etc.). More details to follow but *start thinking now about what you want to purge!* Items accepted starting April 7.

- **SUMMER@St. Thomas Camp Enrollment is NOW!** Click on the QR code for more information and links to forms!

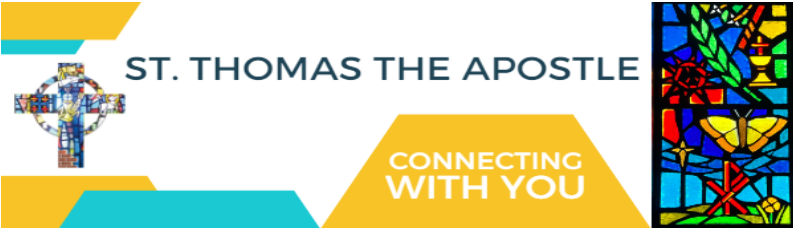


Easter Offerings

Your gifts will help provide special music and beautiful flowers at the altar during Easter. If you wish to have your name included in the Easter bulletins, please return the envelope in your bulletin in the offering or to the church office by **Monday, March 25**. On the envelope



write the names of those you wish honored or the blessing(s) you wish to name, along with your donation inside (any amount). You may also submit and donate using the QR code.



Worship Services March 9 & 10

Saturday, 5:30pm
2nd Saturday reception following in Parish Hall
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 & www.facebook.com/stthomasop

Lenten Offerings

- **“Almost Daily Meditations”**
Weekday mornings on St. Thomas Facebook page & YouTube Channel
Fr. Gar will share reflections on the season in his series, “Almost Daily Meditations.”

- **Lenten Word Study Series + Lunch**
Wednesdays at Noon on March 13 and 20
Signup to bring soups/crackers/help with QR code! Speakers will be Dr. Richard Liantonio on Mercy, and Pastor Alice Piggee-Wallack on Forgiveness.



- **Palm Sunday Evening “Soup & Stations”**
Sunday, March 24 from 5-7pm, Parish Hall



ALL AGES WELCOME to the "Agape" Supper, or LOVE FEAST. Share prayers, a meal, and stations to connect with the stories of Jesus's final days in Jerusalem.

Calendar for March 8-16

Fri, Mar 8: Thom's Helpers, 10:30am-1:30pm, PH 1/Kitchen/Sacristy

Sat, Mar 9: Prayer Shawl Sm Grp, 10am-12pm, Asbly or Narthex; Mobile Food Pantry, Comanche Elem, 11:30am-1:30pm; PH 2 reserved for Bday party, 1-3pm; Holy Communion, 5:30pm, Nave; 2nd Sat Reception, PH 1, 6:30pm

Sun, Mar 10: Nursery 8:15-12:15; Holy Communion at 8:45 and 11:00am, Nave; Children & Youth Sun School, 9:45am, Educ Wing & Youth Rm; Adult Forum, 10am, PH 2; Coffee Hour 10-11am, PH 1, 2; Immigration Ministries Dinner, PH 1, 6-7pm; No Youth Grp—Spring Break!

Mon, Mar 11: Thom's Helpers, 10:30am-1:30pm, PH 1/Kitchen/Sacristy

Tues, Mar 12: PEO mtg, Asbly Rm, 9-11:30; Organ practice, 10am-12; Sword Guild practice, 7-9pm, PH 2

Wed, Mar 13: Staff mtg, 10am, PH 1 or lobby; PEO mtg, PH 1, 10am-12:30; Thom's Helpers, 10:30am-1:30pm, PH 1/Kitchen/Sacristy; Wed Study "History of Islam", 10:30-11:40, Asbly Rm; Lenten Word Study/Lunch, 12pm, PH 2; Chancel Choir, 6:30-8:30pm, Nave

Thurs, Mar 14: Thurs Study "The Friendship of Women", 10:30-12, Asbly Rm; PEO mtg, PH 2, 12:30-3pm; Music lesson, 4:00-4:45pm, PH 1 or Asbly Rm; Children's Choir, 5-6pm, Nave; Praise Band, 6:30pm, Nave; Classics Men's Sm Grp, 7pm, PH 3; Young Adult Sm Grp, 7pm, PH 1; Sword Guild, 7pm, PH 1

Fri, Mar 15: Thom's Helpers, 10:30am-1:30pm, PH 1/Kitchen/Sacristy; SCA, 7pm, PH 1

Sat, Mar 16: Women's Group, 9-10am, Asbly Rm; Prayer Shawl Sm Grp, 10am-12pm, Asbly or Narthex; Holy Communion, 5:30pm, Nave; Prayer Rooms—Iftar, 6:30-9pm, Rm 133/134; Ramadan Dinner, 6:30-9pm, PH 1, 2

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



Holy Week & Easter Services

Palm Sunday, Mar. 23 & 24

Holy Communion on Saturday at 5:30pm, and Sunday, 8:45 & 11am

"Agape" Soup Supper & Stations, 5-7pm, PH 1&2



Maundy Thursday, Mar. 28, 7pm

Footwashing and Holy Communion

Good Friday Stations of the Cross—Noon

Good Friday Solemn Liturgy—7pm

Easter Vigil with Holy Communion—5:30pm

Easter Sunday Holy Communion—6:30am
Sunrise (Apostle's Garden); 8:45 and 11:00am

Nursery care for children ages 6 months through age 4 will be available during Palm Sunday 8:45 & 11, Maundy Thursday, and Easter 8:45 & 11. Children's Chapel is available during Sunday 8:45 & 11 services, Maundy Thurs, and Good Friday.



Good Friday

Volunteers needed to read parts in the Passion Gospel during services on Palm Sunday weekend and Good Friday.



Palm Services

Sunday Christian Education

■ Adult Formation—10:00am—Parish Hall 2

Join us in the journey of the book, "The Creative Act: A Way of Being" by Rick Rubin.

■ Christian Education for Children—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—9:45am

- * 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)

Diocese of KS Women's Retreat

■ "STAND IN YOUR OWN SPACE" Retreat—4pm

April 5 to 1pm April 7

Marillac Retreat Center - Leavenworth, KS

Please refer to your weekly "Connecting with You" email for more information!

Small Grps/Study Grps this week

■ Prayer Shawl Small Grp

Sat, March 9 & 16, 10am-12, Asbly Rm or Narthex
(Meets Sats, 10am-12; 1st Mon, 7:30-9pm)

Knit, crochet, weave prayer shawls, hats, and 8" squares. Free lessons—contact Susan Strom susanstrom15@gmail.com or 913-244-6402

■ Wednesday Study—"The History of Islam"

Wed, 10:30-11:40am, Asbly Rm (meets weekly)

Contact: Jan at 913-522-7938 or Suzie at 785-979-0606.

■ Thursday Study—"The Friendship of Women: The Hidden Tradition of the Bible"

Thurs, 10:30am, Asbly Rm (meets weekly)

Contacts: Sheryl sljroller@gmail.com or 913-908-4130 or Susan susanstrom15@gmail.com or 913-244-6402.

■ Classics Men's Small Group

Thurs, March 14, 7pm, PH 3 (1st & 3rd Thursdays)

For retired and semi-retired men. Contact: Tom Meyers tmeyers922@gmail.com

■ Young Adult Small Group

Thurs, March 14, 7pm, PH 1 (1st & 3rd Thursdays)

Support and friendship to see where God is leading them in life.
Contact: Tim Pullin pullin.tim.a@gmail.com

■ Women's Group

Sat, March 16, 9-10am, Asbly Rm (1st & 3rd Saturdays)

Develop relationships & connect with other women in the church and community. Contact: Linda Pickett mcpicketts2@gmail.com