

## Outreach Opportunities

### ■ K2K Community Team Fundraiser

Saturday, May 4, 2024—6-9pm at St. Thomas  
Silent Auction—6pm, Dinner & Live Auction to follow

Kansas to Kenya is an African ministry that serves survivors of domestic violence—African food and entertainment! Tickets \$75/person or \$500/table—purchase via the QR or contact Deacon Fran—[fwheeler@stthomasop.org](mailto:fwheeler@stthomasop.org) or (913) 226-0540. Donated items for auction welcome. Contact Joe Bob Lake [jlake10@kc.rr.com](mailto:jlake10@kc.rr.com) or (913) 530-6366.



### ■ Immigration Ministry Expanding

Training Sunday, May 5, 2-4:30—Assembly Rm

We mentor families from various countries, offer support in cultural orientation and English language learning; transport to appts. and assist with communication.

Training is required to directly work with families, as well as completion of six on-line modules in the Episcopal Church's "Safe Church" Program. If you'd like to attend the May 5th training or have questions about the ministry, contact Tracie Glasscock, 913.275.9291 or [tglasscock26@gmail.com](mailto:tglasscock26@gmail.com)

### ■ Food Pantry Volunteers Needed

2nd Saturday—May 11, 11:30am



Comanche Elementary, 8200 Grant Ave, OPKS

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

### ■ Red Cross Blood Drive at St. Thomas

Monday, May 13, 10am-3pm

A sign up link can be found in your weekly "Connecting with You" email.

## Children & Youth

### ■ Parents of Seniors—Sunday, May 5, is Senior Sunday Celebration!

Do you have a graduating senior (either from high school, technical school, college, or grad school)? Send a picture and their info so we can celebrate them during each service! Email to [kdemo@stthomasop.org](mailto:kdemo@stthomasop.org)

### ■ St. Thomas Children's Choir—Join Us!

Rehearsals on Thursdays, 5-6pm

Contact: Ms. Julieanne Stapleton, Director of Music ([jestapleton@stthomasop.org](mailto:jestapleton@stthomasop.org))

### ■ Youth Musicians Needed

Singers and Instrumentalists for service Preludes & Postludes. \*\* Sign up by contacting Julieanne Stapleton.

### ■ SUMMER@St. Thomas Camp

**Enrollment is NOW!** Click on the QR code below for more information including camp dates and links to forms!



### ■ Celebrating Our Children & Youth!

We know your kiddos are up to GREAT THINGS! Let us hear from you and celebrate with them! 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 newsletters!



#### • How do I use a QR code?

Courtesy of Life Skills from Teens at St. Thomas

1. Open your phone's camera.
2. Point the camera at the QR code like you are going to take a picture (but don't take a picture). Either a yellow link or just

a web address block will pop up.

3. Touch that link and it should magically take you to the page you are looking for!

Try it out with this QR to see a short video! A link is also included in your weekly "Connecting with You."



## Worship Services - April 27 & 28

Saturday – 5:30pm

Sunday – 8:45 and 11:00am

Confirmation will take place during the 11:00 service with Bishop Cathleen Chittenden Bascom presiding. You will also hear selections from "The Messiah" presented by the Chancel Choir, soloists, and orchestra.

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

Children's Chapel (geared toward ages 3-10) during 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 afterward on [www.youtube.com/c/stthomasop](http://www.youtube.com/c/stthomasop) & [www.facebook.com/stthomasop](http://www.facebook.com/stthomasop)

## This Sunday during Formation Hour

### ■ Children & Youth Formation Groups—9:45am

#### Children's Christian Formation

Education Wing—Someone will greet you and show you the way! Children's Godly Play Circles resume.

#### Youth Christian Formation

\* Middle School - "Path to Confirmation" in Assembly Room (East end of the Educ. Hall).

\* High School - "Giving Project"

## Calendar for April 26—May 4

**Fri, Apr 26:** Seder Prep (Faith Club), 8am-3pm, PH 1-3, Kitchen; Thom's Helpers, 10:30am-1:30pm, PH 1/Kitchen/Sacrist

**Sat, Apr 27:** Faith Club Seder Prep, 8am-6:30pm, PH 1-3, Kitchen; Middlemen's Grp Breakfast, 9am, The Big Biscuit; Prayer Shawl Sm Grp, 10am, Narthex; Messiah Choir/Orchestra Rehearsal, 1-3pm, Nave; Holy Communion 5:30pm, Nave; Faith Club Seder dinner, 6:30-8pm, PH 1-3, Kitchen

**Sun, Apr 28:** Nursery 8:15-12:15; Holy Communion at 8:45 and 11:00am, Nave; Children & Youth Formation, 9:45am, Educ Wing; Coffee Hours 10am and 12, PH 1; Youth Group, 6-8pm, Nave/PH/Narthex

**Mon, Apr 29:** Thom's Helpers, 10:30am-1:30pm, PH 1/Kitchen/Sacristy

**Tues, Apr 30:** Organ practice, 10am-12; Sword Guild practice, 7-9pm, PH 2

**Wed, May 1:** Staff mtg, 10am, Rm 137; Thom's Helpers, 10:30am-1:30pm, PH 1/Kitchen/Sacristy; Power of Myth Study, 10:30-11:40, Asbly Rm; Voice Lessons, 2-4pm, Asbly Rm; Chancel Choir, 6:30-9pm, Nave

**Thurs, May 2:** Friendship of Women Study, 10:30am, Asbly Rm; Music Lesson, 4pm, Asbly Rm; Children's Choir, 5pm, Nave; Praise Band, 6:30pm; Explorers Sm Grp, 7m, PH 2; Sword Guild, 7pm, PH 1

**Fri, May 3:** Thom's Helpers, 10:30am-1:30pm, PH 1/Kitchen/Sacristy; SCA, 7pm, PH 1

**Sat, May 4:** Women's Group, 9am, Asbly Rm; Prayer Shawl Sm Grp, 10am, Narthex; PEO mtg, 11am-2pm, Asbly Rm; K2K Auction setup, 12-6pm, PH 1-3; Holy Communion 5:30pm, Nave; K2K Auction, 6:30-9:30pm, PH 1-3, Narthex

*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.



## Brick Memorials

### ■ Apostle's Garden **BRICK MEMORIALS**

Personalize a 5" X 8" brick paver in honor of a special person(s) or event in your life. Bricks are \$40, payable to St. Thomas Church. You may pay by using the form via the QR code or by check with a memo of "Apostle's Garden Brick". More info is included on the form.



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

*In celebration of our  
beautiful granddaughter,  
Brooklynn's first birth-  
day! We love you—Tim  
and Debbie Lang*

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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 link in your weekly "Connecting with You" email, or write your name on the flower chart outside the church office.



## Next Week: Small Grps & Study Grps

Small Groups and Study Groups are a great way to connect with people at St. Thomas and to deepen your relationship with Jesus Christ. Several groups focus on particular interests and hobbies. Contact Mthr Kelly Demo ([kdemo@stthomasop.org](mailto:kdemo@stthomasop.org)) or group leaders below.

### ■ **Middlemen's Small Group Breakfast**

Saturday, April 27 - 9am

The Big Biscuit—8520 W 135th St, OP, KS 66223

For men navigating Middle Life (~30s-50s). 4th Sat. each month for breakfast. Dads - come enjoy breakfast and conversation! Contact: John McCall [jmccall07@gmail.com](mailto:jmccall07@gmail.com)

### ■ **Prayer Shawl Small Grp**

Every Saturday, 10am-12, Asbly Rm or Narthex (also meets on the 1st Mon, 7:30-9pm)

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

### ■ **Wednesday Study—"The Power of Myth"**

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

A study of Joseph Campbell's "The Power of Myth" through May 15, then break for summer. Contact: Jan at 913-522-7938 [janws1244@gmail.com](mailto:janws1244@gmail.com) or Suzie at 785-979-0606 [suzietm@yahoo.com](mailto:suzietm@yahoo.com).

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

Every Thursday, 10:30am, Asbly Rm (meets weekly)

Contacts: Sheryl [sljroller@gmail.com](mailto:sljroller@gmail.com) or 913-908-4130 or Susan [susanstrom15@gmail.com](mailto:susanstrom15@gmail.com) or 913-244-6402.

### ● **Explorers Small Group**

Thurs, May 2, 7pm, 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, May 4, 9am, Rm 137 (1st & 3rd Saturdays)

Join in reading Chapter 3, authored by Samantha Vincent-Alexander. Fellowship & connection with women from St. Thomas & community. Contact: Linda Pickett [mcpicketts2@gmail.com](mailto:mcpicketts2@gmail.com)