

Newcomer/Visitor Lunch

■ NEWCOMER/VISITOR LUNCH

Sunday, August 4, 11:15am in Parish Hall 3

All new members and visitors are invited to the Newcomer lunch August 4. If you have any questions or if you can attend, please contact Jean Adam 913-530-9097 or jeanadam13@gmail.com.

small groups/study groups

If you'd like to inquire or join a group, please contact Mthr Kelly (kdemo@stthomasop.org) or leaders below.

■ PRAYER SHAWL SMALL GROUP

Every Saturday, 10am-12, Narthex
1st Monday, 7:30pm, PH 1 or Narthex

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

■ EXPLORERS SMALL GROUP

Thursday, July 18, 7-8pm, in PH 2 (1st & 3rd Thurs)

Explores the Scripture and the World around us. Contact: John McNown johnmcnown44@gmail.com

LOOKING AHEAD

■ WOMEN'S GROUP STARTS NEW SERIES

A new series based on *The Red Tent* by Anita Diamant, will begin **July 27 at 10am** at Pilgrim Coffee 12643 Metcalf, OP, KS 66213. This group offers fellowship and connection with women from St. Thomas and the community.

■ MOM'S GROUP WILL START AGAIN IN AUGUST

Stay tuned for more info!

children & youth

■ ELEMENTARY KIDS...IT'S YOUR TIME! ONLY TWO SUMMER CAMPS REMAIN AND THEY ARE JUST FOR YOU!

* Elementary Reaching Out to the Community" (ROTC) for Rising 3-5 Graders

July 22-26, 9am-3pm

\$175 per camper (Scholarships Available)

Register by clicking on the QR code on right.

* Arts Camp "The Castaways" Musical! for Rising Kindergartners - 6th Graders

July 29-August 2 from 9am-3pm daily!

\$175 per camper (Scholarships Available)

Register with the QR code on right.

Arts Camp SHOWCASE!

Friday, August 2, 2pm at St. Thomas

Arts Campers will present their artwork along with their presentation of the musical, "The Castaways."



ARTS CAMP needs your donations for the musical!

- * Cardboard shipping boxes in various sizes (think Amazon-type)
- * LARGE Appliance Boxes...we'd love to find 3, if we can!
- * BIG old t-shirts (Size Adult XL or larger!)
- * Newsboy style caps
- * Old Newspapers
- * Plastic "t-shirt" style bags (the kind you get in the checkout line)

A collection bin is stationed in the Narthex. THANK YOU!!

■ SUMMER SUNDAYS IN CHILDREN'S CHURCH...

Each Sunday during the 10am Worship!

During the Sunday service, children are welcome to join us (if they wish) to learn about the children of the Bible!



Worship with us this weekend!

Saturday, July 13 – 5:30pm

Join us afterwards for our monthly 2nd Saturday Reception in the Parish Hall!

Sunday, July 14 – 10:00am

This summer the St. Thomas Vestry is providing brunch in the Parish Hall after the 10am services. The menu this Sunday is choice of soups plus salad & bread (Guest Chef!). All are welcome!

Children's Corner activities will be available in the Parish Hall following the 10am worship.

Sundays: Coffee Hour from 9-10am in Parish Hall 1.

Children's Church (geared toward ages 3-10) is during the service.
Nursery care (6 mos thru 4 yrs), 9:30-11:30am (or end of service).

Services are live-streamed and available afterward on www.youtube.com/c/stthomasop & www.facebook.com/stthomasop

Summer Sunday brunches

■ VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SUNDAY BRUNCHES

After the 10am Sunday service in the Parish Hall

Please consider helping with setup, serving, or cleanup for one or two weeks this summer on Sundays. The QR code will take you to the signup.

We ask a freewill contribution of \$5/person, or Season Pass for 15 weeks of \$50. Join us for food and fellowship!



calendar for July 12-20

Friday, July 12: Mission Trip (Chicago); Thom's Helpers, 10:30am-1:30pm, PH 1/Kitchen/Sacristy

Saturday, July 13: Prayer Shawl Sm Grp, 10am, Narthex; Mobile Food Pantry, 11:30-1:30, Comanche Elementary; Ernie Lowden Funeral, 2-3pm, Nave, PH 1, 2; Holy Communion 5:30pm, Nave; 2nd Saturday Reception, 6:30pm, PH 1

Sunday, July 14: Nursery open 9:30-11:30; Coffee Hour, 9-10am, PH 1; Choir Practice, 9-9:45am, Nave; Holy Communion, 10:00am, Nave; Parish Brunch, 11am-12, PH 1, 2

Monday, July 15: Thom's Helpers, 10:30am-1:30pm, PH 1/Kitchen/Sacristy; Finance Committee mtg, 6-6:45pm, Asbly Rm; Vestry mtg, 6:45pm, Asbly Rm; Westmont Board mtg, 6:30pm, PH 1; Stonehaven HOA mtg, 6:30pm, PH 2

Tuesday, July 16: Blood Drive, 10am-3pm, PH 1-3; Organ reh, 10-12, Nave; Sue Elliott Birthday Party, 5-8pm, Eagles Landing, Olathe; Sword Guild practice, 7-9pm, PH 1

Wednesday, July 17: Staff mtg, 10am, Rm 137; Thom's Helpers, 10:30am-1:30pm, PH 1/Kitchen/Sacristy, Voice lessons, 2-4pm, Asbly Rm

Thursday, July 18: Music Lesson, 4-5pm, Nave; Explorers Sm Grp, 7pm, PH 2; Sword Guild practice, 7-9pm, PH 1

Friday, July 19: Thom's Helpers, 10:30am-1:30pm, PH 1/Kitchen/Sacristy; SCA, 7pm, PH 1

Saturday, July 20: Prayer Shawl Sm Grp, 10am, Narthex; Holy Communion 5:30pm, Nave

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

LOOKING AHEAD

August 4-25: Children's Ministry Summer Break

Sunday, August 18: Back to School Blessings & Bash/Picnic

Saturday, August 24: Celebration of Life of Susan Miller, 2pm

Sunday, Sept 8: Back to 2 services on Sunday—8:45 and 11:00am. Christian Education Kick-Off, 9:45-10:45am.

Sunday brunch signup:



Sue Elliott celebration

■ **ALL ARE INVITED TO REMEMBER THE LEGACY OF SUE ELLIOTT**
July 16, 5-8pm at Eagles Landing in Olathe
475 S Wardcliff Dr, Olathe, KS 66061

Hope you can make it to this celebration! Can you help with foods & drink? (Pulled Pork & Lil' Smokies provided.) Click on the QR code to sign up. More info is included in your weekly "Connecting" email. If questions, contact Sabrina Walker (517-462-5238) or breewalkersm@gmail.com



Flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God

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Altar Flowers are a beautiful way to remember a loved one, special occasion, anniversary, or birthday. 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.



community outreach

■ **COMANCHE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SUPPLY COLLECTION**
NEW COLLECTION: scissors, headphones, earbuds
Bring backpacks and above items by Sun, July 28

If you didn't get a backpack you can still help by bringing 4" scissors, earbuds and headphones. Separate collection boxes provided in Narthex for these items. For specific info on these items see QR codes on the display board and on flyers OR use links in your "Connecting" email. Questions to Deacon Fran: fwheeler@stthomasop.org.

■ **DONATIONS FOR KC PET PROJECT STILL NEEDED**

In July, our Elementary ROTC group will volunteer with KC Pet Project, a KC based no-kill animal shelter, and they are still in need of donations! All monetary and item donations are appreciated but they really need the items on the Amazon wishlist (on QR). Please place donations in box in Narthex.



■ **AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE**

Tuesday, July 16, 10am-2pm, in the Parish Hall

More information and a link to sign up can be found in your weekly "Connecting with You" email!

■ **FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED IN AUGUST**

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

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



■ **IMMIGRATION MINISTRY SEEKS RENTAL HOUSE**

One of our immigrant families will need a rental house in the Shawnee Mission area by November, with monthly rent not over \$2300. They qualify for the JOCO Voucher Program. If you know of someone who would consider renting a home that meets their criteria (see info in weekly email), please contact Steve Glasscock at 913-221-7200 or sglasscock@everestkc.com.