

# welcome to St. Thomas!

## ■ NEWCOMER/VISITOR LUNCH

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

All new members and visitors are invited to the Newcomer lunch following the 10am worship service. Come learn more about St. Thomas and meet other new members. Please contact Jean Adam 913-530-9097 or [jeanadam13@gmail.com](mailto:jeanadam13@gmail.com) if you can join us on August 4.



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

*In Thanksgiving for  
Natalie Taylor  
Fleischaker's birthday—  
Love, Ashley, Steve, Jack  
and Emily*



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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.

# 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-4pm  
\$175 per camper (Scholarships Available)

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

July 29 – Aug 2 • 9am-3pm daily!  
\$175 per camper (Scholarships Available)

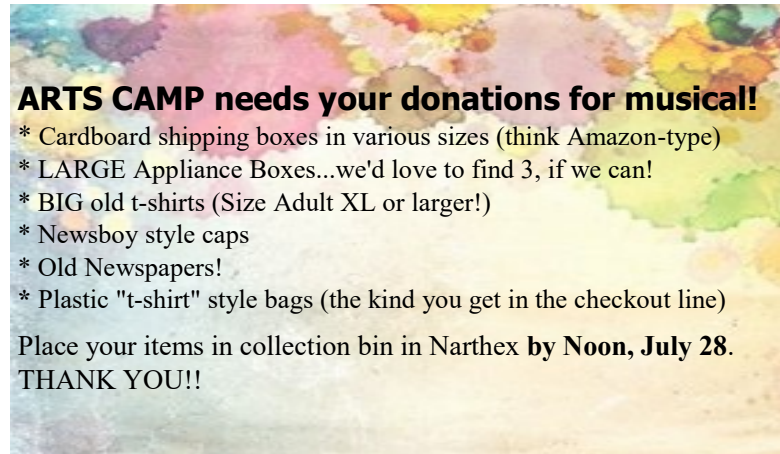


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CAMPS WITH QR

## ■ ARTS CAMP SHOWCASE!

Friday, August 2 • 3pm at St. Thomas

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



## ARTS CAMP needs your donations for 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)

Place your items in collection bin in Narthex **by Noon, July 28.**  
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 20 – 5:30pm**

**Sunday, July 21 – 10:00am**

*This summer the St. Thomas Vestry is providing brunch in the Parish Hall after the 10am services. The menu this Sunday will be determined by our 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](https://www.youtube.com/c/stthomasop) & [www.facebook.com/stthomasop](https://www.facebook.com/stthomasop)

**Please pray for those who will be going through Happening 98 this weekend in Lawrence. Our own Joshua McCall will be the Rector!**

## Summer Sunday brunches

### ■ VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SUNDAY BRUNCHES

Please consider helping out one or two weeks this summer on Sundays. The QR code will take you to the signup.

If you haven't paid the season pass already, the cost for the brunch is \$5 per person, with kids under 6 free. Join us for food and fellowship!



## calendar for July 19-27

**Friday, July 19:** Thom's Helpers, 10:30am-1:30pm, PH 1/Kitchen/Sacristy SCA, 7-8pm, PH 1

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

**Sunday, July 21:** Nursery open 9:30-11:30; Coffee Hour, 9-10am, PH 1; Praise Band rehearsal, 9-9:45am, Nave; Holy Communion, 10:00am, Nave; Parish Brunch, 11am-12, PH 1, 2

**\*\* Mon-Fri: Elementary ROTC, 9am-4pm. Offsite and PH 2**

**Monday, July 22:** Thom's Helpers, 10:30am-1:30pm, PH 1/Kitchen/Sacristy; Outreach Committee mtg, 6:30pm, PH 1

**Tuesday, July 23:** Organ reh, 10-12, Nave; PEO mtg, 12:30-3pm, Asbly Rm; Sword Guild practice, 7-9pm, PH 1

**Wednesday, July 24:** Staff mtg, 10am, Rm 137; Thom's Helpers, 10:30am-1:30pm, PH 1/Kitchen/Sacristy, Voice lessons, 2-4pm, Asbly Rm

**Thursday, July 25:** Classics Men's Sm Grp, 7pm, PH 3; Sword Guild practice, 7-9pm, PH 1; Mental Health & Wellness mtg, 7:15pm on Zoom

**Friday, July 26:** Thom's Helpers, 10:30am-1:30pm, PH 1/Kitchen/Sacristy; SCA Event Setup, 6-11pm, all church

**Saturday, July 27:** SCA Event, 8am-10pm, all church; Women's Group, 9am, Pilgrim Coffee Co; Middle Men's Group Bkfst, 9am, The Big Biscuit; Prayer Shawl Sm Grp, 10am-12, Narthex; Holy Communion 5:30pm, Nave

*Please contact Justin Smith to schedule your meeting or event — [jsmith@stthomasop.org](mailto:jsmith@stthomasop.org) or 913-451-0512.*

### LOOKING AHEAD

**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.

## small groups/study groups

If you'd like to inquire or join a group, please contact Mthr Kelly ([kdemo@stthomasop.org](mailto: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](mailto:susanstrom15@gmail.com) or 913-244-6402.

### ■ CLASSICS MEN'S SMALL GROUP

Thurs, July 25 • 7-8pm, in PH 3 (2nd & 4th Thurs)

For retired and semi-retired men. Contact: Tom Meyers [tmeyers922@gmail.com](mailto:tmeyers922@gmail.com)

### ■ Middle Men's Group Breakfast

Sat, July 27 • 9am (4th Saturday)  
The Big Biscuit—8520 W 135th St

For men navigating faith, work, and family in Middle Life (~30s-50s). Dads - come enjoy breakfast and conversation! Contact: John McCall [jmccall07@gmail.com](mailto:jmccall07@gmail.com)

### ■ WOMEN'S GROUP

Sat, July 27 • 10am at Pilgrim Coffee, 12643 Metcalf

We'll begin a new series based on *The Red Tent* by Anita Diamant. This group offers fellowship and connection with women from St. Thomas and the community. Contact: Mother Kelly Demo, [kdemo@stthomasop.org](mailto:kdemo@stthomasop.org).

### IN AUGUST...

### ■ MOM'S GROUP WILL START AGAIN IN AUGUST

Stay tuned for more info!

## community outreach

### ■ COMANCHE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SUPPLY COLLECTION

Collection ends on Sunday, 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](mailto:fwheeler@stthomasop.org).

### ■ 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](mailto:sglasscock@everestkc.com).

### ■ 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 "Connecting with You" email. We need volunteers!



### ■ ST. THOMAS BLOOD DRIVE A SUCCESS!

The blood drive on July 16 raised 19 units, surpassing our goal of 15! YES!!!