

# community outreach

- **RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE** • Tues, Sept 10, 10am-2pm—more info on display in narthex and weekly email!
- **COMANCHE COOKOUT/CARNIVAL** • Fri, Sept 13, 5-7pm, Comanche Elementary School—Volunteers are needed for various shifts between 3:30-7:30pm. Click QR for more info and signup!



- **FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

2nd Saturday—Sept 14 • 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 always need volunteers!

- **COMANCHE ELEMENTARY OUTREACH RESPONSE**

Thanks to those who previously made unrestricted financial gifts to the Outreach Fund we were able to help Comanche purchase a washer/dryer. *To donate toward this Fund see the box below.* Contact Deacon Fran or George Phillips ([fwheeler@stthomasop.org](mailto:fwheeler@stthomasop.org) or [hawkdocmba@gmail.com](mailto:hawkdocmba@gmail.com)) to learn about our outreach ministries or serving on our Com-

- **IMMIGRATION MINISTRY SEEKS HELP**

Support is still needed in many ways for our immigration families. **Please consider making a monetary donation—see donation info box below.**

In-kind donation needed: Reliable car (Contact Fr. Gar to learn how to make an in-kind charitable donation.)

If you or someone you know has a **4-bedroom property for rent**, contact Steve or Tracie Glasscock ([sglasscock@everestkc.net](mailto:sglasscock@everestkc.net) or [tglasscock26@gmail.com](mailto:tglasscock26@gmail.com)) *More info can be found in your weekly "Connecting" email!*

*To support one of the above ministries, you can send a check to St. Thomas (or drop in collection plate or mail) noting "Outreach" or "Immigration" in the memo line. Or donate online (QR) and select "Outreach Fund" or "Immigration Ministry." For donation questions contact the church office ([jsmith@stthomasop.org](mailto:jsmith@stthomasop.org)).*



# outreach, continued

- **K2K GOLF TOURNAMENT** • Sun, Sept 29, 3:30-6pm at Falcon Valley Golf Club—Proceeds go to a women's abuse shelter in Kenya. See info on display board in the narthex. QR code to follow. Contact: Joe Bob Lake 913-530-6366, [jlkake10@kc.rr.com](mailto:jlkake10@kc.rr.com).

## save these dates!

- **PRAISE BAND & CHOIR REHEARSALS BEGIN SEPT 3/4**

- \* Praise Band: Tues, Sept 3, 6:30-8pm
- \* Chancel Choir: Wed, Sept 4, 7-8:30pm

- **YOUTH GROUP TUTORING BEGINS SUN, SEPT 8**

5:00PM, PARISH HALL 3

- **PHOTO SHOTS FOR THE NEW DIRECTORY!**

SEPT 7 & 8 AND SEPT 14 & 15  
BEFORE & AFTER SERVICES IN PARISH HALL 3

Come have your picture taken for our new photo directory! Sign up in the Narthex then follow signs to photo taking.

- **SECOND SATURDAY RECEPTION**

SEPT 14 AFTER THE 5:30 SERVICE IN PARISH HALL

- **KIDS AND YOUTH CHOIR BEGIN SEPT 15**

- \* Kids Choir (K-5th grade): 5-5:30pm
- \* Youth Choir (6th-12th grade): 5:30-6pm

- **ROTC 4 ALL** • SAT, SEPT 21, 8AM-1PM,

STARTING IN PARISH HALL—A morning of service & fellowship for ALL AGES plus lunch, learning, and a fun afternoon. Questions? Mthr Kelly Demo ([kdemo@stthomasop.org](mailto:kdemo@stthomasop.org)) or Barbara McCall ([bmccall@stthomasop.org](mailto:bmccall@stthomasop.org))



- **WOMEN'S RETREAT!**

SATURDAY, OCT 5 • more info opposite page

- **THANKSGIVING DINNER AT ST THOMAS**

NOVEMBER 28, 2024, 12-3PM IN THE PARISH HALL



## Worship with us this weekend!

**Saturday, Aug 31 – 5:30pm**

**Sunday, Sept 1 – 10:00am**

*The Vestry will prepare and serve their final summer brunch in the Parish Hall after the service. The menu will be smoked meat. Cost: \$5/person, kids under 6 free.*

*Children's Corner activities in Parish Hall following service.*

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

Children's Church (geared toward ages 3-10) during the 10am service.

Nursery care (6 mons thru 4 yrs), 9:30-11:30am (or end of service).

## next weekend

**SERVICE TIMES STARTING SEPTEMBER 7 AND 8**

**SATURDAY: 5:30PM**

**SUNDAY: 8:45 AND 11:00AM**

**SEPTEMBER 8: CHRISTIAN FORMATION KICK-OFF**

**Children preschool thru grade 5** • 9:45am—Kickoff Day in Godly Play! Education Wing (north end of church).

\*Check your August Children & Families Newsletter for DETAILS! Click QR to provide updates for your children.



**Youth 6th-8th grade** • 10am—Path to Confirmation, Asbly Rm

**Youth 9th-12th grade** • 10am—"Giving Project" in "Mark Ash" Youth room (Basement)

**Adult Formation** • 10am in Parish Hall 2

## calendar for Aug 30-Sept 8

**Friday, Aug 30:** Thom's Helpers, 10:30am-1:30pm, PH 1, Kitchen

**Saturday, Aug 31:** Prayer Shawl Sm Grp, 10am-12, Narthex; Funeral and Reception (Hunt), 2-4pm, Nave/Parish Hall; Holy Communion 5:30pm, Nave

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

**Monday, Sept 2: Labor Day—Church Office closed.**

**Tuesday, Sept 3:** Organ practice, 10am-12, Nave loft; PEO mtg, 12-3pm, PH 1; Capital Camp Mgt Team, 1:30-2:30pm, Asbly Rm; Praise Band Practice, 6:30-8pm, Nave; Sword Guild practice, 7-9pm, PH 1

**Wednesday, Sept 4:** Thom's Helpers, 10:30am-1:30pm, PH 1, Kitchen; Voice lessons, 2-4pm, Asbly Rm; Chancel Choir Practice, 7-8:30pm, Nave; Young Adult Sm Grp, 7pm, PH 1; LGBTQIA+ mtg, 7-8pm, PH 2

**Thursday, Sept 5:** Music lesson, 4-5pm, Nave; Explorers Sm Grp, 7-9pm, Asbly Rm; Sword Guild, 7-9pm, PH 1

**Friday, Sept 6:** Thom's Helpers, 10:30am-1:30pm, PH 1, Kitchen; SCA, 7-8pm, PH 1

**Saturday, Sept 7:** Prayer Shawl Sm Grp, 10am-12, Narthex; Directory Photos, 4:30-7:30pm, PH 3; Holy Communion 5:30pm, Nave

**Sunday, Sept 8:** Holy Communion, 8:45 and 11am; Christian Formation Kickoff, 9:45-10:45, Educ Wing /PH 2; Gaston Thanks team, 10-11am, PH 1; Newell Event team, 10-11am, Narthex; Directory Photos, 10am-1pm, PH 3; Youth Tutoring, 5pm, PH 3; Youth Group, 6-8pm, PH 1, 2, Nave

*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.



## 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**  
Saturdays, 10am-12, Narthex  
1st Mondays (not Sept 2), 7:30pm, Narthex

Knit, crochet, or weave prayer shawls, hats, and 8" squares. Free lessons! Contact Sue Strom for details and about giving a prayer shawl. [susanstrom15@gmail.com](mailto:susanstrom15@gmail.com) or 913-244-6402.

- **LGBTQIA+ Meeting**  
Wed, Sept 4, 7pm, Parish Hall 2

For any member of the parish (all ages) + members of the LGBTQ+ community and (friends, relatives, supporters). Contact: John Pfannes [john.pfannes@att.net](mailto:john.pfannes@att.net)

- **Young Adult Small Group**  
Wed, Sept 4, 7pm, Parish Hall 1 (1st & 3rd Wed)  
Contact: Tim Pullin [pullin.tim.a@gmail.com](mailto:pullin.tim.a@gmail.com)

- **Explorers Small Group**  
Thurs, Sept 5, 7pm, Asbly Rm (1st & 3rd Thursdays)  
Explores the Scripture and the World around us. Contact: John McNow [johnmnown44@gmail.com](mailto:johnmnown44@gmail.com)

### LOOKING AHEAD:

- **WEDNESDAY STUDY GROUP** • SEPT 11, 10:30-NOON.  
New 8-week study of God, Theology and Science. Contact Suzie at 785-979-0606 if interested in joining.

- **MOM'S GROUP IS STARTING AGAIN!** • THURS, SEPT 19, 5-6:30PM, RM 137

For more info on how YOU can be part of this fun and supportive group of friends contact Katie Birchfield ([katie.birchfield87@gmail.com](mailto:katie.birchfield87@gmail.com)) or Liz Knights ([elizabethknights523@gmail.com](mailto:elizabethknights523@gmail.com)).

## women's retreat

### ■ ST. THOMAS WOMEN'S RETREAT

Featuring Nancy Stone

Saturday, Oct 5, 9am-3pm, at St. Thomas

Nancy Stone has many years experience in health & wellness, with degrees in Exercise Science and Certification as a Health & Wellness Coach. Cost is \$60 (includes supplies & lunch). *Discern what's next in your story!* Register with the QR code!



## capital campaign update

The six Capital Campaign teams are off to a great start. However, we welcome others to serve as volunteers. Remember serving on a team is a short-term commitment. If you are interested in serving on a team, please contact Justin Smith at the church office ([jsmith@stthomasop.org](mailto:jsmith@stthomasop.org) or (913) 451-0512) or Darryl Prater, our campaign consultant ([dprater@churchdevelopment.com](mailto:dprater@churchdevelopment.com) or 913.850.8874). We will be happy to connect you with a team for a meaningful experience.

All services are live-streamed and available to watch afterward on [www.youtube.com/c/stthomasop](https://www.youtube.com/c/stthomasop) & [www.facebook.com/stthomasop](https://www.facebook.com/stthomasop)