

## save these dates!

### ■ WOMEN'S RETREAT!

SATURDAY, OCT 5 • more info opposite page

- **BLESSING OF ANIMALS** • SUN, OCT 6, 4PM, ON THE LAWN. STUFFED ANIMALS BLESSED DURING SERVICES (see "children & youth" section)



### ■ "GATHERED AT THE TABLE":

\* A "FIRST INFORMED COMMUNION" FAMILY EVENT • SAT, OCTOBER 12, 11AM

Explore the meaning & symbols of Episcopal Holy Communion through stories, shared feast (lunch), a special ceramic painting project through Ceramic Cafe and more!  
**Cost:** \$20 per child participant

\* INSTRUCTED EUCHARIST & COMMUNION CELEBRATION  
SUN, OCTOBER 13, 8:45AM SERVICE

- THE LGBTQIA+ ALLIANCE AT ST. THOMAS INVITES YOU TO JOHNSON COUNTY PRIDE ASSOCIATION'S FIFTH ANNUAL

**PRIDE IN THE PARK** • SAT, OCT 12, 10AM-1PM

We will have a booth representing our parish—Sar-Ko-Par Trails Park in Lenexa.

- **CURSILLO GRAND ULTREYA EVENT**

SAT, OCT 12, 9AM-3PM, GRACE & HOLY TRINITY, KCMO



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

*In loving memory of Mary Birkhead—from her family*



**Remember** a special occasion, anniversary, birthday, or memorial. Sign up with QR code or by clearly writing your name on the flower chart outside the church office.

## children & youth

- **BLESSING OF ANIMALS—STUFFED TOO!**

SUNDAY, OCT 6, DURING SERVICES AND 4PM

Bring ONE Stuffed Animal to church for a special blessing! For those with "live" pets at home, ALL ARE WELCOME to Blessing of the Pets at 4pm by the Outdoor Altar/Fire Pit.

- **KIDS AND YOUTH CHOIR** • SUNDAYS IN THE ASBLY RM

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

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

- **YOUTH GROUP WEEKLY TUTORING** • SUNDAYS at 5PM, PARISH HALL 3

- **YOUTH GROUP** • SUNDAYS, 6-8PM, PARISH HALL 1-2, NAVE • On Sept 29 a Capital Campaign presentation will take place in the Assembly Rm. Parents may attend from 6-7pm while Youth have dinner & games. At 7pm, youth will get to hear about the campaign as well!

- **SUNDAY MORNING GODLY PLAY** • Click QR to update information for your child/children.



## community outreach

- **FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

2nd Saturday—October 12 • 11:30am

Comanche Elementary, 8200 Grant Ave, OPKS



Scan QR for more info and volunteer signups. A link is also included in your weekly "Connecting" email. We always need volunteers!

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



## Worship with us this weekend!

**Saturday Sept 28 — 5:30pm**

**Sunday, Sept 29 — 8:45 and 11:00am**

*Photos for the New Directory will be taken this weekend, before & after services. Sign up in Parish Hall 3!*

**Sundays:** Coffee Hours after both services in Parish Hall 1. Children's Church (geared toward ages 3-10) takes place during both services.

Nursery care (6 mos thru 4 yrs), 8:15am-12:15pm (or end of 11am service).

## Sunday christian formation

**\*\* CHRISTIAN FORMATION \*\***

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

Featuring "Sacred Earth Sacred Soul" by Phillip Newell—"Self-awareness, self-growth, dare we call it "spiritual growth." You do not need to read the book before class each week, but are welcome to. Please join us!

**Children's Godly Play-preschool thru grade 5** • 9:45am—in the Education Wing (north end of church).

**Youth 6th-8th grade** • 10am—Path to Confirmation, Asbly Rm  
**Youth 9th-12th grade** • 10am—"Giving Project" in "Mark Ash" Youth room (Basement)

# calendar for Sept 27-Oct 5

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

**Friday, Sept 27:** Thom's Helpers, 10:30am-1:30pm, PH 1, Kitch

**Saturday, Sept 28:** Middle Men's Grp Breakfast, 9am, The Big Biscuit; Prayer Shawl Sm Grp, 10am-12, Narthex; Cancer Support Grp, 11am-1pm, PH 3; Directory Photos, 4:30-7:30pm, PH 3; Holy Communion 5:30pm, Nave

**Sunday, Sept 29:** Praise Band, 8-8:30am, Nave; Holy Communion, 8:45 and 11am; Christian Formation, 9:45-10:45 (see front panel for locations); Coffee Hours after each service; Directory Photos, 10am-1pm, Parish Hall 3; Chancel Choir, 10-10:45, Loft; K2K Golf, 3:30-6pm, Falcon Valley; Kids Choir, 5pm, Asbly Rm; Youth Choir, 5:30pm, Asbly Rm; Youth Tutoring, 5-6pm, PH 3; Capital Camp Event, 6-8pm, Asbly Rm; Cap Camp Events Team Presentation, 6-8pm, PH 1-2; Youth Group, 6-8pm, PH 1/2, Nave

**Monday, Sept 30:** Thom's Helpers, 10:30am-1:30pm, PH 1, Kitch

**Tuesday, Oct 1:** *Deadline to register for Women's Retreat!* Organ practice, 10am-12, Nave loft; PEO mtg, 12-3pm, PH 1; Cap Camp Mgt Team, 1:30-2:30pm, Asbly Rm; Voice Lesson, 5:30-6:15pm, Nave; Praise Band Practice, 6:30-8pm, Nave; Walking Mourners Path, 6:30-8pm, Rm 137; Sword Guild, 7-9pm, PH 1

**Wednesday, Oct 2:** Staff mtg, 10-11am, Rm 137; Thom's Helpers, 10:30am-1:30pm, PH 1, Kitch; Study Group, 10:30am-12, Asbly Rm; Voice lessons, 2-4pm, Asbly Rm; Voice Lesson, 6-6:45pm, Nave; Chancel Choir, 7-8:30pm, Nave; Young Adult Sm Grp, 7pm, PH 1

**Thursday, Oct 3:** Oboe lesson, 4-5pm, Nave or Asbly; Wedding, 6-7pm, Nave; Cap Camp Prayer Team, 7-8pm, Asbly Rm

**Friday, Oct 4:** Thom's Helpers, 10:30am-1:30pm, PH 1, Kitch; SCA, 7pm, PH 1

**Saturday, Oct 5:** Women's Retreat, 9am-3pm, PH 1-3; Prayer Shawl Sm Grp, 10am-12, Narthex; Holy Communion 5:30pm, Nave

**Sunday, Oct 6:** Blessing of Animals, 4pm on the Lawn; Blessing of Stuffed Animals during both morning services.



# 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.

## ● MIDDLE MEN'S GROUP BREAKFAST

Saturday, Sept 28, 9am (4th Saturdays)  
The Big Biscuit—8520 W 135th St, Overland Park

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

## ■ PRAYER SHAWL SMALL GROUP

Saturdays, 10am-12, Narthex  
1st Mondays, 7:30pm, Narthex (Oct. 7)

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.

## ■ WEDNESDAY STUDY GROUP

WEDNESDAYS, 10:30-NOON in the Assembly Room

8-week study of God, Theology and Science. Contact Suzie at 785-979-0606 or [suzietm@yahoo.com](mailto:suzietm@yahoo.com).

## ■ YOUNG ADULT SMALL GROUP

Wed, Oct 2, 7pm, Parish Hall 1 (1st & 3rd Wed)

Young adults meet for support and friendship to see where God is leading them in life. Contact: Tim Pullin [pullin.tim.a@gmail.com](mailto:pullin.tim.a@gmail.com)

## From the Church Office...

*We need more paper grocery bags for recycling—please bring your extra bags and drop off in the church office!*

*There are lots of items in the Lost & Found area in the coat room—check it out if you're missing something!*

# women's retreat

## ■ ST. THOMAS WOMEN'S RETREAT— DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS TUES, OCTOBER 1!

Featuring Nancy Stone, Health & Wellness coach  
Saturday, Oct 5, 9am-3pm, at St. Thomas

Cost: \$60 (includes supplies & lunch). *Discern what's next in your story!* Register with the QR code or sign up on display board in lobby!



# capital campaign events

Every household is encouraged to attend a 1-hour presentation about paying off our mortgage + other capital projects. Questions/answers welcome including refreshments! RSVPs encouraged. Scan QR or call the office 913-451-0512.



Sun, 9/29, Asbly Rm—Adults: 6-7pm; Youth, 7-8pm  
Sat, 10/12, 6:30pm, PH 1 (Parish Hall)  
Sun, 10/13, 8:45am (with childcare)  
Mon, 10/14, 6:30pm, PH 1 (childcare + live streaming available)  
Sun, 10/20, 10am, PH 3

# Walking the Mourner's Path

SESSIONS ON TUESDAYS, 6:30-8PM, ROOM 137

A faith-based grief support program for individuals to share stories of their loved one(s) and their grief in a confidential and supportive environment. If you'd like to participate send an email to Fr. Gar at [gdemo@stthomasop.org](mailto:gdemo@stthomasop.org) or sign up on the display board in lobby.