

TOWER TALK

October 1 and 2, 2011

UPCOMING EVENTS AT ST. THOMAS

SUNDAY SCHOOL & ADULT FORUM

Sunday School - 9:45 am in classrooms end of hall
Adult Forum - 9:50 am in the Assembly Room

During Adult Forum, please join the youth and adults that participated in our Youth Summer Mission Trip to Puerto Rico for a presentation of our trip. We will provide photos and details of what we accomplished, and our experiences. We will also provide donuts!

ALL PARISH HAYRIDE!

This Sunday, September 25, 5:15-7:30 pm
Shawnee Mission Park, 7900 Renner Road

Tickets for the hayride are \$7 per person and Ann Clements will be collecting the money at the park. We will provide hot dogs, s'mores, and drinks. Please bring a side dish that serves 10 people. Hope to see you!

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

October 1, 6-11 pm

This is a monthly fundraiser for our youth to earn funds for their youth events and camps. Take advantage of the wonderful opportunity for your child to have a night of fun, and for you to have a worry-free night out.

CEREMONIAL GROUNDBREAKING

with Bishop Wolfe
October 16, 5:30 pm

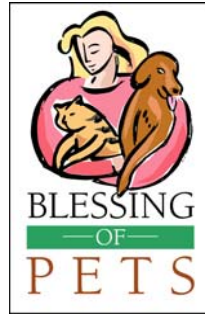
CONSECRATION WEEKEND

October 22, 23

BOO BASH!

October 30, 4-6 pm

Put on your costumes and come see what a spooky good time the youth have cooked up for you this Halloween.
For all ages.



BLESSING OF PETS Sunday, October 2 4:00 pm

Every animal—cats, dogs, llamas, goats, geese, sheep, parakeets, iguanas, goldfish, geckos, turtles, horses, doves, snakes—are welcome for a special ceremony called the Blessing of Pets. Invite your friends and neighbors!

Capital Campaign Thank You Gifts in the Narthex

Each family or individual making a commitment to the Capital Campaign receives a keepsake gift. This gift recognizes the importance of their contribution to do the work God has given us to do. An expanded building will allow us to offer opportunities for spiritual growth, expand our Christian education programs, provide space for outreach ministries, additional office space for new ministries, an office for an associate rector and room for fellowship gatherings. Every gift, no matter the size, will help make this possible.

If you have not picked up your gift, please stop by the Capital Campaign table in the Narthex this weekend.

Save the Date: October 22 and 23rd!

Mark your calendars for our annual Consecration Weekend, a special time of prayer and fellowship as our parish family reflects on its abundant blessings. We will have two services on this weekend, 5:30 pm Saturday and 10:00 am Sunday morning. Each service will be followed by a catered meal with opportunity to get better acquainted with fellow St. Thomas family members.

Make plans to join us as we celebrate our past, our present and our future blessings.



Flowers on the Altar have been given to the Glory of God and

♦ in thanksgiving for Rachel's 18th birthday
(Sept. 22) - Michael & Maria Myers



To express a celebration, thanksgiving, special event, or remembrance, sign up on the bulletin board in the main hallway, contact the church office (913-451-0512) or email mrisebig@stthomasop.org.



We are a welcoming church, and would like to know your name. Please pick up your nametag on the way to worship! If you do not have a nametag and would like one, please write your name on the list to the left of the tag display.

Outreach at St. Thomas

HOST Update

**(Hospitality Outreach of St. Thomas)
Part of JoCo Interfaith Hospitality Network-
a ministry to homeless families**

Have you seen these notices and Tower Talk articles before and wondered about our “homeless” ministry in Johnson Co? Check out the St. Thomas bulletin board beside the office. There’s an article about a family that recently graduated from our IHN program.

Want to know more about “situationally” homeless families in our community? Want to help us make a difference? Plan to attend the next IHN training session on Saturday, Oct. 1, 9:30-12 at Overland Park Christian Church, 7600 W. 75th Street, OP. New volunteers are needed and always welcome. Pre-Registration is not required.

EPISCOPAL HUNGER RELIEF NETWORK A Ministry of Episcopal Community Services

St. Paul's Food Pantry

The pantry is in desperate need of toilet paper and soups. The pantry can also use canned fruit, canned meals (like chili, ravioli, stew, spaghetti O's), spaghetti sauce (in cans) and we have lots of empty bottles that need to be filled with cooking oil, shampoo, dish soap (not dishwasher soap), laundry soap and bar bath soap or liquid bath soap. Please NO perishable items including fresh produce unless brought to the church early Wed. morning or brought to the pantry when you volunteer.

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

October 6, 9:30 am

Our 1st study will be on the Old Testament books of AMOS & HOSEA, two of the minor prophets. There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board along with a brief sketch of these writings. Everyone will have a resource book from Kerygma Studies which are very informative. This study will conclude the Thursday before Thanksgiving. We will take part in Advent studies and do another study beginning in January, 2012. Any questions, call Marge 492-3305.

St. Thomas Nursery Now Offering Wed. Night Hours

We are now offering childcare in our Nursery on Wednesday evenings from 7-9 pm for those attending music rehearsals!



The Nursery is available for all children birth through 3 years of age. It is open every Sunday from 8:30-12, and for most all-parish events.

Financial Peace University— Last Chance!

This Sunday, September 25th, is your last chance to join our fall session of Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University! The class is held in the Assembly Room from 3-5 pm on Sundays. Please consider joining our community in learning about God's way of managing our money. Contact Jessica Green to sign up—913-406-1086 or jgreen62010@gmail.com.

Youth & Children to Host Capital Campaign

The youth and children of St. Thomas will be hosting a capital campaign fundraiser on October 8 and 9 during services. Please come with checks in hand to make our church beautiful for the Bishop's visit. Watch your email for more details!



at St. Thomas

Sunday, 09/25/2011

Apostle Article Deadline!

Refreshments served by Pastoral Care Team

8:00 AM Praise Band Practice-nave
8:45 AM Holy Communion
9:45 AM Choir Practice-nave loft
Sunday School-all classrooms
Youth Confirmation-Rm 137

9:50 AM Adult Forum-Assembly Rm

10:45 AM Holy Communion

3:00 PM Financial Peace Univ-Asbly Rm

5:15 PM All-parish Hayride-Shawnee Mission Park-Site A

6:30 PM AA—Asbly Rm

Monday, 09/26/2011

9:00 AM Parent's Day Out-Nursery/Rm 143

5:30 PM Yoga—Asbly Rm

6:30 PM AA-Women's Grp-LL

8:00 PM AA-OP Fellowship-LL

Tuesday, 09/27/2011

9:00 AM Parent's Day Out-Nursery/Rm 143

1:30 PM Staff Meeting-Asbly Rm

Wednesday, 09/28/2011

9:00 AM Coffee w/hint of Christ small grp-Asbly Rm (J. Adam)

4:00 PM Childrens' Choir-Asbly Rm

5:30 PM Yoga—Asbly Rm

6:30 PM AA-Women's Grp-LL

6:45 PM Tweens small grp-Asbly Rm

7:00 PM Praise Band Practice-nave

7:45 PM Adult Choir-nave loft

8:00 PM AA-OP Fellowship-LL

Thursday, 09/29/2011

7:00 PM Semi Retired Men's small group-Asbly Rm (F. Roberts)

AI-Anon Family Grp-LL

Friday, 09/30/2011

Rector's Day Off

Women's Retreat—Heartland Center in Parkville, MO

8:00 PM AA-OP Fellowship-LL

Saturday, 10/01/2011

Women's Retreat—Heartland Center in Parkville, MO

10:30 AM AA-Women's Grp-LL

5:30 PM Holy Communion

6:00 PM Parents' Night Out-6-11 pm, classrooms/kitchen/Asbly Rm

8:00 PM AA-OP Fellowship-LL

Church Calendar

To view more events on our calendar, go online to the website (www.stthomasop.org) and click on "Calendar." To add a meeting or event to the calendar, contact Meribeth in the church office, 913-451-0512 or calendar@stthomasop.org.

Articles for "Tower Talk" are due by NOON

EVERY MONDAY. Articles will only run for a duration of two weeks unless notified otherwise. Send info and articles to Meribeth by e-mail—mrisebig@stthomasop.org, put a note in her box in the Communication Room, call her at 913-451-0512, or hand it to her directly.

Change of Address & Phone

Joseph & Isabel Rodriguez—6741 W 138th Ter, #1417, Overland Park, KS 66223

Tracie & Steve Glasscock—11652 S. Carriage St, Olathe, KS 66062; new home phone: 913-888-1244 (Tracie's maiden name was Hume)



**This Sunday,
September 25**

Please send your article for the late Fall issue of "The Apostle" to Rosemary Abbott, Editor, at her email

address—rnse71@kc.rr.com. This issue should arrive in mailboxes about October 14.

Asbly Rm =
Assembly Room
LL = Lower Level

Childcare provided
7-9pm during
music rehearsals.