

August 25, 2019

St. Thomas's Episcopal Parish
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weekly newsletter

The Carpenter's Helper

This Week...

Brownsville Love

Humanitarian
assistance for
asylum seekers

Novel Theology

The 2019-20
schedule of readings
and meetings

Sunday School is starting!

REGISTRATION:
September 8th
9:30am

Parish Calendar

Add your event
to the calendar:
stthomassooffice
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"Kindness is the language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see".

-Mark Twain

Dear Saint Thomas's Family,

We have been made aware of an opportunity to help asylum seekers who are legally seeking asylum in the US. Father Lane from St. Nicholas Episcopal Church in Newark, has been in touch with the Church of the Advent in Brownsville, TX, where he has found out that Team Brownsville is currently managing 3 different programs:

Breakfast at the Bridge

Dinner at the Bridge

Assistance at the Bus Station

This is a humanitarian mission, working with people who are working through the system legally and are camped out at the bridge between Brownsville and Matamoros, Mexico. Once they get to enter the US, they are processed and sent to their sponsors or relatives in the US (usually from the bus station).

The #TeamBrownsville mission is two-fold. The first goal is to help the asylum seekers at the bus station. When asylum seekers are released from the detention centers, they are taken directly to the bus station. Most have nothing but the clothes on their backs. TeamBrownsville volunteers assist them by providing a meal, shoelaces, bags, toiletries, clothing, snacks, and water. Volunteers also provide the asylum seekers with a map and explain the journey and bus changes. Other legal information is also provided. The second part of the mission is to assist the people living on the Gateway International Bridge. TeamBrownsville volunteers are providing breakfast and dinner to about 70 people daily. The volunteers also assist with clothing, tents, mats, shoes, toiletries and other items as needed. Legal advice is also provided at times when volunteer lawyers are available. Medical care is sometimes provided when volunteer doctors are available as well.

We are sending an "advance team" on Oct 17, to scope out the situation and come back with more specific ideas on how we can help. Mark Burchess from St. Thomas is going along on this trip. On their website, Team Brownsville has this quote from Mark Twain, which sums it all up: "Kindness is the language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see". For more information on this project you can look at TeamBrownsville.org

If you would like more information on our efforts - which we have named "**Brownsville Love**", we are meeting again at St. Thomas on Saturday, September 21 at 10 AM. If you feel a call to this effort, PLEASE come!

Novel Theology

Novel Theology is a lively discussion group that meets at 9:15am in the Deacon's office. Meetings are the 2nd Sunday of September through May.

(April's date falls on Easter and May's date falls on Mother's Day so those two months will meet on the 3rd Sunday.)

The reading list for the coming year is:

Sept. 8th The Chilbury Ladies Choir by Jennifer Ryan
Oct. 13 Love Heals by Becca Stevens
Nov. 10 The Walk by Richard Paul Evans
Dec. 8 Gabriel's Angel by Nora Roberts
Jan. 12 An Irish Country Love Story by Patrick Taylor
Feb. 9 Miles to Go by Richard Paul Evans
March 8 Miracle at St Andrews by James Patterson & Peter de Jonge
April 19, Third Sunday Lamb by Christopher Moore
May 17, Third Sunday Orphan Train by Christina Bakeskline

Please come and see if you like it! Reading the book is not a requirement. For more information, contact Susan Hechter at susanahechter@gmail.com.



I take the kids to church and Sunday school. They love it. I really think it's important for a child to feel that there are things that are bigger than your life out there.

— Reese Witherspoon —

Sunday School 2019-20

Registration for the new Sunday School year is right around the corner! PARENTS and GRANDS, please join us on September 8th at 9:30 in the great hall to sign up your child(ren) for this wonderful experience, and to hear about the NEW *Breakfast Club*

- 1. Learn About God** When your little ones go to Sunday school, they will find the age-appropriate Bible teaching their young minds are so eager to absorb. The lessons meet the comprehension level and interest of any age. Our Sunday school instructors incorporate fun activities, like crafts and skits, into the lesson so your children will be able to remember them.
- 2. Find Mentors** Parenting is tough, but when you have Sunday school teachers working to mentor your children, they can provide another source of guidance. The church is a community where everyone helps their neighbors. When you take your children to Sunday school, you can rest assured you have qualified help with their spiritual education.
- 3. Make Friends** Sunday school is a great place to find new friends. As they learn and play together on Sunday mornings, the children will be able to form healthy friendships with others whose parents have the same priorities as you.
- 4. Form Good Habits** If you start consistently taking your kiddos to church when they're young, they will forever learn the good habits of church attendance. For the rest of their lives, they'll benefit from the knowledge they gained in Sunday school.
- 5. Have Fun** Don't forget the importance of play and fun. With talented volunteers, great activities, and friends they enjoy, your little ones will love going to Sunday school every week. This is a great way to show your kids learning about God can be really cool.

Even if you do not have a child in our parish, consider volunteering in this ministry. It can be one time only, once a month, or as frequent as you'd like. You'll find you can learn as much from our bright youth, as they learn from you.

For more info, contact Belinda:
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PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, August 25

8:00am (N) Holy Eucharist Rite I
 blessing of the grove
10:30am (U) Nursery
10:30am (GH) Children's Worship
10:30am (N) Holy Eucharist Rite II
 blessing of the grove
11:45am (GH) Coffee and Fellowship
6:00pm (GH) UD Ballroom Dance

Monday, August 26

6:00am (C) Sunrise Serenity AA
7:30pm (GH) Scottish Dance

Tuesday, August 27

6:00am (C) Sunrise Serenity AA
5:00pm (CO) AIDS Delaware
6:00pm (GH) UD Ballroom Dance
8:00pm (U) KIS AA meeting

Wednesday, August 28

6:00am (C) Sunrise Serenity AA
10:30am (C) Bible Study Group
4:00pm (C) Blue Hen Bounty
5:30pm (P) Centering Prayer
8:00pm (GH) S. College Speakers AA

Thursday, August 29

6:00am (C) Sunrise Serenity AA
3:00pm (C) Blue Hen Bounty
6:00pm (P) St Thomas Bazaar mtg.

Friday, August 30

6:00am (C) Sunrise Serenity AA
12:00pm (C) Al-Anon
6:30pm (P) Women's AA

Saturday, August 31

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Sunday, September 1

8:00am (N) Holy Eucharist Rite 1
9:15am (DO) Coping with Grief
10:30am (U) Nursery
10:30am (GH) Children's Worship
10:30am (N) Holy Eucharist Rite II
11:45am (GH) Coffee and Fellowship
6:00pm (GH) UD Ballroom Dance

location key:

(C) Classroom	(MR) Music Room
(GH) Great Hall	(U) Undercroft
(N) Nave	(DO) Deacon's Office
(P) Parlor	(RO) Rector's Office