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| Sun., Aug. 6 | 10:00am | Blessing of the Backpacks with a special blessing for everyone working in and for schools. First day of public school: August 10. | |
| Sat., Sept. 9 | 9:30-11:00am | SkyZone outing; Little Leapers (ages 7 and under) | |
|  | 11:00am-12:30pm | SkyZone outing; Open Jump for all ages | |
|  | 1:30-3:30pm | Behind the Scenes at St. Thomas. This program is designed to introduce kids and parents to all the work that goes into worship. All ages welcome. Session #1: the acolyte guild led by David Gould, Canterbury Chaplain. |
| Sun., Sept. 10 | 9:00-9:50am | St. Thomas’ Truthseekers, a new class for students in grades 6-12, will meet in the Founder’s Room between the 8 and 10am services. In the fall, Gina and Mike White will talk about the Bible as a unified story. The class will do a community service activity monthly. | |
|  | 10:00-10:35am | Sunday school resumes with *Feasting on the Word*, a course that focuses on the day’s gospel reading for grades 1-5 in the Library. Kids will rejoin their parents in the service before communion. This year’s teachers are Jenny Brouillet, Pat McKibben, and Elise Whitley. See schedule on next page. | |
| Sat., Sept. 16 | 5-7:30pm | Take a night off from cooking and come eat tacos in the parish hall. | |
| Sun., Sept. 22-24 |  | New Beginnings, Episcopal Youth Corps of SWFL Middle School Retreat at Dayspring conference center. Sign up under Retreats at eycofswfl.org. | |
| Sun., Sept. 24 | 9:00 & 10:00 | First Harry Potter lesson (9am for grades 6-12, 10am for grades 1-5). | |
| Sun., Oct. 1 | 10:00am | Blessing of the Pets service. Bring your pets to church for a blessing, then stay for the Animal Fair. | |
|  | 11:30am-1:00pm | St. Thomas’ Animal Fair in the parish hall and Canterbury courtyard. This year will feature a petting zoo, wildlife and police K9 demonstrations, crafts, lunch and sweet treats. | |
| Sun., Oct. 8 | After 10am  service | Behind the Scenes #2: come swing a thurible, a metal container for incense, and learn about the role of the thurifer. Taught by Fr. Ryan. | |
| Wed., Oct. 25 | 5:00-6:00pm | Trunk or Treat in St. Thomas’ parking lot | |
| Sun., Oct. 29 | 9:00 & 10:00 | Second Harry Potter lesson (9am for grades 6-12, 10am for grades 1-5) | |
| Fri., Nov. 3 | 4:00-7:00pm | Movie/dinner night for all ages; watching Coco for All Soul’s Day. | |
| Sun., Nov. 5 | After 10am  service | Behind the Scenes #3: learn how the St. Thomas’ technology guild livestreams services. Great for high schoolers. Taught by Russ Martin. | |
| Fri., Nov. 10-Sat., Nov. 11 |  | Leaving after school Friday, staying overnight in Orlando, then spending the day at Universal’s Wizarding World of Harry Potter; returning Saturday night (deadline for reserving spot: Sept. 10). | |

**Feasting on the Word** is a class designed for children in grades 1-5 using a curriculum that is linked to the weekly service readings. This class meets in the Library at 10:00 and return to church before Communion.

Sept. 10 – Feasting on the Word, *Proper 18*, Matthew 18:15-20. Making Things Right. Children will consider Jesus’ teachings about getting along with others. Teacher: Pat McKibben

Sept. 17 – Feasting on the Word, *Proper 19,* Matthew 18:21-35. Forgive Again and Again.Children will recognize the value that Jesus places on forgiveness.Teacher: Jenny Brouillet

Sept. 24 – Harry Potter lesson #1 by Mother Anne

Oct. 1 – Blessing of the Pets and Animal Fair (no Sunday School)

Oct. 8 – Feasting on the Word, *Proper 22*, Matthew 21:33-46. Serving God. Children will explore ways to serve God after engaging the parable of the wicked tenants. Teacher: Pat McKibben

Oct. 15 – Feasting on the Word, *Proper 23*, Matthew 22:1-14. Come to the Party. Children will be invited to God’s party and respond with joy. Teacher: Jenny Brouillet

Oct. 22 – Feasting on the Word, *Proper 24,* 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10. Paul Gives Thanks. Children, following Paul’s example, will thank God for their congregation. Teacher: Elise Whitley

Oct. 29 – Harry Potter lesson #2 by Mother Anne

Nov. 5 – All Saint’s Day. Feasting on the Word, *Proper 26*, Matthew 23:1-12. Serving in Word and Deed. Children will hear Jesus’ words to the religious leaders and interpret from them how to serve God. Teacher: Jenny Brouillet

Nov. 12 – Feasting on the Word, *Proper 27,* Matthew 25:1-13. Get Ready. Children will ponder how to prepare faithfully for Christ as did the wise bridesmaids for the groom. Teacher: Pat McKibben

Nov. 19 – Feasting on the Word, *Proper 28, Matthew 25:14-30.* Bold Acts. Children will discover in the parable of the talents that they are to act boldly as God’s children. Teacher: Elise Whitley

Nov. 26 – Feasting on the Word, *Reign of Christ Sunday*. Matthew 25:31-46. The Good Shepherd. In hearing the parable of the sheep and the goats, children will explore ways to love God through serving others. Teacher: Pat McKibben

**God Help Me: A Parents Group**- Kayla and Jonathan Mitchell invite parents of nursery & school-aged kids to an informal, layperson-led group. The idea is to share their highs and lows of the week, and then discuss the gospel for the day - all while the nursery takes care of the kids. They will meet at 9am, between the 8am and 10am services, in the Guild Room (take a left after you enter the parish hall) on Sept. 10, Sept. 17, Sept. 24, and Oct. 1. Coffee will be provided.