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PRESENTATION PRESS

Vision Statement

Our Lady of the Presentation is a vibrant, Eucharist-centered community offering all Catholics participation in sacraments, social action and Christian education.

Mission Statement

To share our gifts by providing opportunities for spiritual growth in worship, service, education and community activities, is our mission.

Introducing Our Parish Pastoral Council *by Fr. Tom Holder*



Pictured front row from left:
John Tyler, Karen Davis, Julie Banderas, Karen Norton, Jean Hill, Joe Herrera.
Second row from left: Dave Kimminau, Mike Chamberlain, Regina Hogan, Fr. Tom Holder, Mary Rose Marquart, Russ Melchert, Doug Coleman.

On September 15, 2015, the newly-formed **Pastoral Council** of Our Lady of the Presentation Parish met for the first time. During our Visioning process over the last year, the need for a leadership group focused on visioning was discussed. The Pastoral Council will help move our parish vision forward as they continue to meet and reflect. In the document from the diocese on “**Guidelines for Pastoral Councils**”, it states: *The Church as an ordered communion needs structures that provide for advisement, visioning, and consultation for pastors. Since Vatican II various documents have designated the Pastoral Council for this task at the parish level. Pastoral Councils are consultative in nature, and assist the pastor as a medium of communication, an effective advisory body, and a model of effective cooperation and collaboration.*

The Pastoral Council will meet monthly, and for these first few months, will be focusing on building relationships with one another and learning about our various ministry areas. The group will also be identifying qualities and values that define our parish community which will lead into telling our story and creating a parish plan. We are grateful to those who have agreed to share their gifts as members of our Pastoral Council. Please keep them in your prayers as we continue this important work.



We gather as a people each week to collectively participate in the worship of God. As Catholics, we gather to hear God's Word proclaimed and to receive His Holy Eucharist so that we are sustained for the next week. All too soon, we will begin a new Liturgical Year and the Season of Advent.

The Advent season contains many different ways to express your faith and involvement. As a parish, we will begin the Year of Mercy with a week of activities. One special worship event during this week will be the Lessons & Carols presented by the Music Ministries of Presentation and St. John LaLande parishes on Thursday, December 10. This presentation of carols, both ancient and new, will remind us of the prophecies fulfilled by our Savior. Invite your family and friends to experience the start of the Year of Mercy by being a part of the activities planned for this special year.

For more information about Worship Ministry contact David Armstrong, 251-1110.

Annual Advent Giving Tree Parish Wide Service Project



The Advent Giving Tree will be displayed in the Mulligan Room beginning the weekend of **November 21-22**. You and your family are invited to take a gift tag from the giving tree and donate the item listed. The white tags are gifts for senior adults and the star-shaped tags are gifts for children and teens.

Return the item with the gift tag attached and place it back under the giving tree.

ALL GIFTS SHOULD BE RETURNED NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13

This will allow volunteers to deliver the items in time for Christmas.

Please DO NOT wrap the gifts. Gift bags are acceptable.

This is a great way for the whole family to share the spirit of Christmas and give hope to those in need!

Last year, 1,000 gift tags were taken from the tree.

Your donations will help benefit Lee's Summit area Care Center residents and Lee's Summit Social Services.

Join us for Christmas Mass at Presentation

ALL MASSES WILL BE IN THE CHURCH

Thursday, December 24 - Christmas Eve Masses:

2:00 p.m. - Mass with Choristers

4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m.,

7:30 p.m. (Spanish), 10:00 p.m.

A Carol Sing-a-long will be 30 minutes before the 2pm & 10pm Masses

Friday, December 25-Christmas Day Mass: 10:00 a.m.

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Holy Day of Obligation

Thursday, December 31, 5:00 p.m.

Friday, January 1, 10:00 a.m.

JKV Bus transportation provided for the 4:00pm & 10:00am Christmas Masses & the 5:00pm & 10:00am Solemnity of Mary Holy Day Masses. Residents must call ahead, 347-2178.

Jubilee of Mercy Begins December 8

by Mary Pat Storms

Tuesday, December 8, Pope Francis will formally open the Holy Door, marking the start of an Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy. While a jubilee is ordinarily announced every 25 years, Pope Francis is declaring an Extraordinary Jubilee. The Holy Door at the Basilica of St. Peter in Rome will be opened to evoke the concept of forgiveness.

Holy Doors are likely rooted in the ancient Christian practice of public penitence when sinners were given public penances to perform before receiving absolution. The penitents were not allowed to enter a church before completing the penance, but they were solemnly welcomed back in when their penance was fulfilled. Still today, Holy Year pilgrims enter the basilica through the Holy Door as a sign of their repentance and re-commitment to a life of faith. Each diocese has designated Holy Doors for the Year of Mercy for those who cannot make the pilgrimage to Rome. Each of these local pilgrimage sites will have a Holy Door.

- ▶ Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 416 West 12th Street, Kansas City, 64105.
- ▶ Co-Cathedral of St. Joseph, 519 North 10th Street, St. Joseph, 64501.
- ▶ The Minor Basilica of the Immaculate Conception at Conception Abbey.
- ▶ Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish, the diocesan shrine of Divine Mercy, 3934 Washington Street, Kansas City, 64111.
- ▶ Sacred Heart/Guadalupe Parish, 2544 Madison Avenue, Kansas City, 64108.
- ▶ Sacred Heart Parish, 300 South Ridgeview Drive, Warrensburg, 64093.
- ▶ Holy Rosary Parish, 610 South 4th Street, Clinton, 64735.

In keeping with the spirit of this Jubilee year, Our Lady of the Presentation Parish will designate the four doors that lead into the church near the baptismal font as ceremonial doors for the Jubilee of Mercy. At Masses the weekend of December 5 and 6, we will bless the doors and invite everyone to process ceremonially through the doors at the beginning of Mass. Additionally, to launch the year, we are offering a Mercy Marathon. During the Second Week of Advent, we invite every parishioner to dedicate him/herself to a year of prayerful activities, works of mercy and opportunities to grow in our faith and understanding of God's deep love for each of us.



Mercy Marathon

DECEMBER 5 & 6

**BLESSING OF CEREMONIAL DOORS
AT ALL MASSES**

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7

ADVENT REFLECTION EVENING

Simple dinner at 6 p.m. in the Auditorium
Sister Berta Sailer, BVM will speak at 6:30 p.m.
Childcare available; RSVP to mstorms@olpls.org by December 5

*You are invited to bring paper goods,
soaps & diapers for Operation Breakthrough*

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Following 8:15 a.m. Mass until 10:30 a.m.
Before 6 p.m. Mass—from 4:15 until 5:30 p.m.

In the Mulligan Room

*You are invited to make greeting cards for
homebound parishioners and our sister
community in El Salvador.*

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9

*School children and Children's Faith Formation will
bring Spanish language children's books
for our Sister Community.*

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10

LESSONS & CAROLS

*7 p.m. in the church with reception
following in the Mulligan Room*

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11

FAMILY NIGHT

*Watch the bulletin for suggestions on
celebrating the Year of Mercy in your home.*

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

*Mananitas at 4 a.m. with Mass at 5 a.m.
Re-enactment at 6 p.m. in the Auditorium*

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE

*Prayer Service at 7 p.m. in the Church
Priests will be available for individual confessions.
You are invited to bring men's socks, gloves and
underwear for Project Uplift.*

*During the Mercy Marathon, Confirmation candidates and
Early Childhood Center students will prepare and decorate
cookies for St. James Place and Project Uplift.*



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Opportunities for Worship, Service, Education and Community

December

- 5-6: *Second Sunday of Advent*
 Mercy Marathon Begins
 Free Blood Pressure Checks
 LSSS Food Drive
 K of C Parish Breakfast
- 7: Advent Reflection Evening
- 8: Immaculate Conception Holy Day
 Masses: 6:30am, 8:15am & 6pm
- 10: Lessons & Carols
- 12: Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration
- 13: *Third Sunday of Advent*
 Advent Reconciliation Service
- 20: Fourth Sunday of Advent
- 24: Christmas Eve Masses: 2pm, 4pm,
 6pm, 7:30pm, 10pm
- 25: Christmas Day Mass: 10am
- 31: Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
 Holy Day Vigil Mass: 5pm

January

- 1: Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
 Holy Day Mass, 10am
- 2-3: K of C Parish Breakfast
 LSSS Food Drive
 Free Blood Pressure Checks
- 9: RCIA Rite of Acceptance at
 4:30pm Mass
- 16-17: Ministry Celebration & Divine
 Donuts
- 19: Confirmation "Walk Through
 the Mass"
- 29: Family Game Night
- 30: First Eucharist Retreat
- 30-31: Catholic School Week
 Reception after Masses

February

- 6-7: K of C Vegas Night
 LSSS Food Drive
 Free Blood Pressure Checks
 K of C Parish Breakfast
 First Eucharist Retreat
- 10: *Lent Begins*
 Ash Wednesday Masses:
 6:30am, 8:15am, 5:30pm, 7pm
- 12: Parish Fish Fry
 Stations of the Cross
- 13: K of C Women's Auxiliary
 Valentine's Dance
- 14: *First Sunday of Lent*
- 19: Parish Fish Fry
 Stations of the Cross
- 20: YM Middle School Lock-in
- 21: *Second Sunday of Lent*
- 25: Lenten Reflection Evening
- 28: *Third Sunday of Lent*
 First Eucharist Parent Meeting