

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.

Worship:

All are invited to a meaningful and engaging experience of Worship that inspires a deepened relationship with Christ.

Service:

All are invited to put faith into action by sharing our gifts, serving others and embracing Catholic Social Teaching.

Education:

All are invited to a relationship with Christ that inspires life-long faith learning and witness within the parish, community and world.

Community:

All are invited to enhance welcoming throughout our faith community, encouraging all to active participation.

All are invited to share gifts in support of Parish Vision *by Jane Krawczyk*

This past May, parish leaders gathered to conclude our year-long visioning process that began last summer. Four Visioning Statements were introduced that will help us to become more intentional about living out our parish vision for generations to come.

“All are invited” are words that begin each of our visioning statements. A reminder that each of us is invited to share in the life of our faith community. Throughout this coming year you will hear an invitation to support our faith community through Worship, Service, Education and Community.

A few months ago I was meeting with Fr. Tom and he posed the question, “So what do you think our parish would look like if every member were involved in one aspect of ministry?” That question has stayed with me, so in turn I pose this question to you, “What aspect of ministry are you involved in through the sharing of your gifts?”

This year, through our Annual Stewardship Renewal we ask that you choose one aspect of ministry and be faithful in your commitment. You could commit to teaching our youth in order to support our vision of Education or volunteer in an area of social justice and support our vision of Service. Perhaps this coming year you will attend a parish event you have never attended and invite a fellow parishioner to join you in support of

Community or commit to an hour of Adoration each week in support of our vision of Worship. Through your faithful commitment to be involved in one aspect of ministry you will strengthen the vision of our faith community.

We acknowledge and are grateful for those of you who are involved in many aspects of ministry in our parish. Your participation brings God’s grace and spirit to life in many and amazing ways throughout our faith community. This year we invite you to reach out and invite someone you know – or may not know – to share their gifts in the life of our parish.

“So...what would our parish look like if every member were involved in one aspect of ministry?”

May God give each of us the grace to experience the answer through our faithful commitment and active participation in Worship, Service, Education and Community, right here in our parish.



We Give Because We Are Blessed

November 7-8

Stewardship Renewal Kick-off

November 14-15

Lay Witness Speaker at Masses

November 21-22

Commitment Weekend

Children's Faith Formation

Did You Know?



- We have programs for children ages 3 thru 8th Grade?
- We have a program that does not require registration?
Children's Liturgy of the Word is for children K-3 and is offered during the 8:30 Mass weekly and the 4:30, 10:00, and 5:00 Masses on the 2nd and 4th weekends.
- We have bulletins for children?
Children's bulletins are available in the gathering space for ages 3-12 that reinforce the Sunday gospel message with pictures, puzzles, word games, etc.
- We have programs for OLP school students, public school students, and homeschoolers?
Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) is a Montessori-based Christian formation program that helps children ages 3-6 to grow in their relationship with God through engagement in scripture and liturgy.
- We have a home study program?
The home study program is for children who are unable to attend Wednesday night CFF classes.
- All of our parish children in 2nd Grade and older prepare together for the sacraments of *First Reconciliation* and *First Holy Communion*.
Contact Jo Engert in 251-1135 or jengert@olpls.org



Youth Ministry - Confirmation

Did you know that our Confirmation ministry team last year consisted of 40 team members from our parish?

Group Leaders who...

- welcome small groups of confirmation candidates into their homes and provide a loving and comfortable place for confirmation meetings.
- build relationships with our teens, lead them in service opportunities and share the confirmation retreat experience with them.

Friendly Co-catechists who...

- help lead our discussions and lessons and share their faith with our teens.

Student peer ministers who...

- assist with the small group meetings, support their peers as well as lead our January confirmation Retreat.

Ask any one of our former or current Confirmation Team and they will tell you it is rewarding to work with our parish teens; a wonderful opportunity to share prayer, stories of faith and help prepare them to receive this beautiful sacrament of initiation.

Has faith made a difference in your life? Grow in your faith by sharing your faith in this rewarding ministry! Authentic, loving, faith-filled adults needed!

Call Christy Gruenbaum, 251-1107.

EDUCATION MINISTRIES

OLP School: Did You Know?

- 469 students were welcomed on August 19th including 45 kindergartners and 23 transfer students.
- Our staff includes 38 dedicated members who provide a strong education in a faith-based learning environment.
- Recipient of two prestigious awards last year on local and national levels. The Lee's Summit Chamber of Commerce awarded OLP "Business of the Year" in the *Magnus Category* for commitment to service in the community. The U.S. Department of Education awarded OLP the National Blue Ribbon School Award for academic achievement and school climate. OLP was the only Catholic School in Missouri and one of two schools in the Kansas City area to be recognized.
- Is a pioneer in technology integration, reaching a new level with the utilization of Google Education and the Bring Your Own Device Initiative, for students in 5th-8th grades, thus allowing additional technology for students in lower grades.
- OLP receives a F.I.R.E. (Foundation for Inclusive Religious Education) grant to provide an Inclusion Specialist and four para-educators to aid teachers in meeting the individual learning needs of all students.

At OLP, we are proud to *Say Yes to Jesus* and strive to live the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy on a daily basis. We use our Disciple Powers to *Do the Right Thing and Treat People Right.*



Our Lady of the Presentation ECC offers more than just a place for your child to learn about letters and numbers. OLP ECC continues to grow and improve every year. Here are a few fun facts about our program that you might not know.

Did you know?

- ◆ We have been NAEYC accredited for 10 years
- ◆ We serve 192 families which equates to 223 students
- ◆ We have 20 early childhood classrooms ranging in ages from toddlers to Pre-K
- ◆ We have 30 full-time and 15 part-time teachers and staff
- ◆ Combined years of service of our teachers is 107 years with average service of 5 years
- ◆ Over the last 5 years we have graduated 431 Pre-K students
- ◆ This year we have 8 sets of twins at our preschool
- ◆ We serve about 180 lunches every day
- ◆ We served over 500 family members at our Thanksgiving Feast last year

This is just a little glimpse into what makes OLP ECC such a special place! We are proud to be a ministry of Presentation Parish and encourage any of our parishioners to stop by throughout the year. We love to show visitors around and are always looking for ways to get involved in our parish community!



Introducing Fr. Andrés Moreno

Our new Associate Pastor, Fr. Andrés Moreno, arrived at Presentation in July and our parish officially welcomed him at Divine Donuts in August.

Hello! I am Father Andrés Moreno. I was born and raised in Colombia, South America in a town called Neiva. My family includes my father Jorge Moreno, my mother Roselia and two siblings, a brother Marcelo and a sister Maria del Pilar.

My call to the priesthood started when I was six years old when I invited my mom to go to Mass with me. Her answer was “we don’t go to Mass on Mondays” but I really wanted to go and I grabbed her hand and went with her to Mass. Once Mass was over, I told her that I wanted to be like that person at the altar. I was very active in the parish life as an altar server, reading at Mass, leading the rosary and attending the Eucharist daily. When I finished high school, I decided to enter the seminary but my mother was opposed because she wanted me to become a medical doctor.

At the age of 16, I entered the religious community, Missionaries Contemplatives Ad-Gentes. I completed postulancy, novitiate and made temporary vows for three years. During this time, I studied philosophy and theology at National Seminary of Christ the High Priest in Colombia. As a missionary, I went to Ecuador, Bolivia, Argentina, Panama, Chile and finally Peru, where I stayed for one year doing pastoral work among the Aymara Indians in the mountains of Moquegua.

This experience helped me to mature in my vocation to the priesthood because I realized that the joy of the gospel is to preach not only with words but with actions. After seven and half years, I was invited to be a missionary as a diocesan priest for the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph by a priest from Colombia who worked here. I didn't speak any English before my arrival and was sent to Conception Seminary College to learn the language and after one and a half years, was transferred to Holy Apostles College and Seminary in Connecticut. I was at Holy Apostles for two and a half years before I was ordained as a deacon on May 17, 2014 at the Co-cathedral of Saint Joseph. I was ordained a priest on May 23rd and was assigned to this parish. I am so grateful to God who has chosen me to be His servant and minister to His people with love and compassion.

I have seen the hand of God in all my life, but especially in this path to the priesthood of Jesus Christ. My blessing to you all, your family and children. Please pray for me as I will do for all of you.

Adult Faith Formation

Did you know that during 2014:

- More than 1,200 adults participated in at least one of our 60+ adult programs **and** 57 adults participated in Sacramental preparation through our RCIA.
- Childcare is available during any Adult Faith programs, just ask!
- In September, OLP begins *Christ Renews His Parish*, an adult retreat-renewal.
- For those who cannot attend on-site programs, we offer 24.7 online faith formation!
- Your ideas and suggestions for adult offerings are always welcome!

Contact Mary Pat at mstorms@olpls.org or 251-1113



*Presentation Parish
Quarter Raffle*

Saturday, October 3

Advance Tickets: \$10

**On sale at the Parish Office
September 18 and after Masses
September 19-20 & 26-27.**

*Hors d'oeuvres and cash bar.
Lots of great raffle prizes and a
Silent Auction!*

**Doors open at 7pm and
raffle begins at 7:30pm.**

*Proceeds benefit Future Projects &
Parish Emergency Assistance Fund
10% tithe of proceeds to benefit
Operation Breakthrough*

FIESTA HISPANA



**Saturday, SEPTEMBER 19
6:00 to 9:00PM
In the Gym**

FOOD-MUSIC-DANCE

Food Ticket \$2.00 Drink Ticket \$1.00



*You do not have to journey
alone in your grief.*

**Presentation Parish
Mutual-Help Grief Support Group**

*A six-week group experience for those
grieving the loss of a loved one.*

**Thursdays: 9:00am or 7:00pm
September 24 &
October: 1, 8, 15, 22, 29**

**Register by calling the
Pastoral Care Office, 251-1102.**



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Opportunities for Worship, Service, Education and Community

September

- 5-6: Free Blood Pressure Checks
- 12-13: Nametag Weekend
LSSS Food Drive
Sunday School - "Meet the Teacher"
- 16: Children's Faith Formation Classes Begin
- 19: Fiesta Hispana
- 20: *Catechetical Sunday*
Divine Donuts
(Info Tables: NCYC Stock In Youth; El Salvador Committee; Adult Faith; Quarter Raffle Tickets)
- 25: OLP PTO Golf Tournament
- 26-27: CRHP Retreat for Men
Liturgical Minister Appreciation
- 30: Community Blood Drive

October

- 3: Quarter Raffle
- 3-4: LSSS Food Drive
Free Blood Pressure Checks
- 4: K of C Parish Breakfast
- 8: Women's Retreat
- 15: Respect Life Evening
- 17-18: Divine Donuts
(Info Tables: Pastoral Care)
- 23: OLP School Trunk-or-Treat
- 24-25: CRHP Retreat—Women
- 29: First Reconciliation Parent Child Meeting
- 31: First Reconciliation Parent Child Meeting

November

- 1: Mass of Remembrance: 8:30am & 10am
K of C Parish Breakfast
- 7: OLP Turkey Trot 5K Run/Walk
- 7-8: LSSS Food Drive
Free Blood Pressure Checks
Stewardship Renewal Kick-off
- 14-15: Stewardship Lay Speaker
- 17: First Reconciliation
- 21: Presentation Feast Day
- 21-22: Stewardship Renewal Commitment Weekend
Divine Donuts & Parish Feast Day Celebration
(Info Tables: Adult Faith, Advent Resources)
- 26: Thanksgiving Day Mass
- 28-29: *First Sunday of Advent*