

SPRING 2017

# 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.*

## Lenten Almsgiving Focuses on Mission & Outreach Efforts

The US Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) reminds us that during Lent, we are asked to focus more intently on “almsgiving” which means donating money or goods to the poor and performing other acts of charity. As one of the three pillars of Lenten practice, almsgiving is a “witness to fraternal charity” and “a work of justice pleasing to God.” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 2462*).

Our Lady of the Presentation Parish will focus its Lenten almsgiving in several ways. Our parish-wide Lenten service project, the **Blessing Box**, supports our sister community San Rafael Cedros, El Salvador by providing students with high school and college scholarships.

Each week during Lent, there is a special calendar page in the bulletin that talks about the need in El Salvador and invites parishioners to pray daily for those in need and to give “alms” by dropping a suggested monetary amount in their Blessing Box each day. The Blessing Box serves as a visual reminder in the home to help keep the focus on Lenten almsgiving.



Another way our parish focuses on Lenten almsgiving is through the Lenten Fish Fries hosted by our parish Youth Ministry. For six consecutive Fridays in Lent, adult and youth volunteers prepare, cook and serve a buffet-style dinner. Your support of our parish Lenten Fish Fries allows us to be in community with not only our parish faith community, but many guests.

The proceeds from our parish Fish Fries support our teens as they serve with **Catholic Heart Workcamp** whose mission is to share the love of Christ with the neglected, broken-hearted and marginalized in any way needed. It is also CHW’s mission to inspire participants to live as disciples of Christ through serving others as a way of life; and to foster the Catholic faith of each participant through sacraments, prayer and involvement in social service. Our Mission Team will travel to Muskegon, Michigan in July.

Your support makes a difference by transforming the lives of our teens and those we serve.


**Bring your family and friends to the Lenten Fish Fries on March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 and April 7!**

**FOCUS**  
your Lenten journey by using your *Blessing Box* as a centerpiece on your table.

**PRAY**  
for our sister community using the Lenten Calendar in the Parish Bulletin each week.

**GIVE**  
to the poor & vulnerable of our sister community, supporting the education and formation of 30 youth each year.

**What you give up for Lent changes lives!"**



**Lenten Blessing Box**  
Your donations support our *Scholarship & Formation Program* for our Sister Community, San Rafael Cedros, El Salvador





**69%**  
choose between  
food and **utilities**



**40%**  
**water down**  
food and beverages

# HOPE IN FAITH + FAMILY + FITNESS MOTION



**31%**  
choose between  
food and **education**



**66%**  
choose between  
food and **medical care**

## March 26 - April 2

Our parish will participate in a new almsgiving activity this Lent. We will partner with Catholic Charities in a week-long event

### “Hope In Motion - Bringing Hope To Those Who Hunger.”

All parishioners are invited to participate in this activity that promotes faith, family and fitness while reaching out in support to those who hunger. The event will kick-off at Masses the weekend of March 25-26 and will conclude the weekend of April 1-2. Specific details about this event and how you and your family can participate will be available in upcoming bulletins and the parish website.



Members of the parish staff have fun with hula hoops to promote “Hope In Motion.”



### March 1 Masses:

**6:30am, 8:15am (with school community)**

**5:30pm, 7:00pm**

**JKV bus transportation is available for the 5:30 pm Mass. Residents must call ahead, 347-2178.**

#### Church Laws on Fasting and Abstinence

*The Church’s laws on fasting and abstinence are observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Fasting applies to anyone between the ages of 18 and 59, who are allowed one full meal on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Two light meals sufficient to maintain strength may be consumed, but together should not equal a full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids are allowed. Anyone over the age of 14 should abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all Fridays of Lent.*



# who is my Neighbor?

## Lent offers time for reflection, conversion *by Mary Pat Storms, Director of Adult Faith Formation*

Our Lent begins with a three-day Parish Mission, brought to us by Father Tom Allender, SJ, and Don Fisher. Fr. Allender and Don presented a mission at Our Lady of the Presentation more than a decade ago and are excited to visit here again. Their storytelling approach can inspire and motivate us to use the season of Lent profitably, with prayer, reflection and actions.

Fr. Allender plans to preach at all Masses March 4 and 5, with the Mission officially beginning Monday, March 6. **One-hour talks will be offered at 9:00 a.m. and again at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, March 6-7-8.** Father Allender also will be available for confessions on Thursday, March 9.

Childcare is offered for the evening sessions; please contact Mary Pat Storms to reserve a place for your child: [mstorm@olpls.org](mailto:mstorm@olpls.org) or 251-1113.

**Thursday, March 16** we will offer a Movie Night, beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Mulligan Room. We will view *Loving*, a 2016 film telling the story of Richard and Mildred Loving, the plaintiffs in the 1967 U.S. Supreme Court decision *Loving v. Virginia*, which invalidated state laws prohibiting interracial marriage.

Pope Francis, in his Lenten message, prays that the Holy Spirit lead us on a true journey of conversion, so that we can rediscover the gift of God's word, be purified of the sin that blinds us, and serve Christ present in our brothers and sisters in need.

To assist us with our journey of conversion, on **Thursday, March 23, at 6:30 p.m. in the Church**, we will host a Lenten Reflection Evening. Through prayer, information and action, we will focus on the ways we can love our neighbors, here in Lee's Summit, and throughout the world.

## Women's Lenten Retreat

"Come Out Into the Light  
and  
Set Each Other Free"

Denise Simeone - Presenter



Register after Masses  
the weekend of  
March 25 & 26.

Registration form available  
online at [www.olpls.org](http://www.olpls.org).

Registration deadline is  
Monday, March 27.

Thursday, March 30  
7:00 - 9:00 p.m. in the Mulligan Room

Check-in: 6:30-7:00 p.m.

Cost: \$10

Beverages & light appetizers will be served.

Please join us for  
Our Lady of the Presentation Catholic Church's Annual Lenten

# FISH FRY

March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31  
April 7, 2017

5:00pm—7:30pm  
Parish Auditorium



Enjoy a delicious buffet of:

- Baked Fish (Cod)
- Fried Fish (Tilapia)
- Butterfly Fried Shrimp
- Baked Potato Bar
- Salad Bar
- Golden Buttery Corn
- Homemade Coleslaw
- Garlic Bread
- Fresh Broccoli with Cheese Sauce
- Gourmet Macaroni & Cheese
- Lemonade, Tea or Coffee

Menu subject to change\*



Children's Lenten  
Activity Area

KC SYMPHONY  
STRING QUARTET  
MARCH 31

A variety of desserts available for  
donation at our Dessert Buffet.

Fish Fries are sponsored by the  
Youth Ministry Office.

Our Lady of the Presentation  
130 NW Murray Road - Lee's Summit  
(816) 251-1100

### 2017 Ticket Prices

Ages 12 thru Adults	\$12.00
*2nd trip plate available for free will donation	
Ages 4-11	\$5.00
Children up to 3 years	Free
Ages 90 & above	Free

Bring Your Friends & Family! We look forward to serving you!



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**Holy Thursday,  
April 13**

**Mass of the  
Lord's Supper  
7:00 p.m.**

Eucharistic Adoration  
until Midnight  
in the St. Ann Chapel.

**Good Friday,  
April 14**

**Stations of the Cross  
3:00 p.m.**

**Veneration Service  
with Communion  
7:00 p.m.**

*JVK bus transportation will be provided for the Holy Thursday and  
Good Friday Services. Residents must call ahead to schedule, 347-2178.*

**Holy Saturday,  
April 15**

*No Confessions or 4:30pm Mass*

**Mass: 7:30 pm**

*RCIA reception following Mass.*

**Easter Sunday,  
April 16**

**Masses: 7:00 a.m., 8:30 a.m.**

**10:00 a.m. (Church & Gym)**

*JVK bus transportation provided for 10am Mass.  
Residents must call ahead to schedule, 347-2178.*

**12:00 p.m.**

**Mass in English: Church**

**Mass in Spanish: Gym**

*No 5pm Mass.*