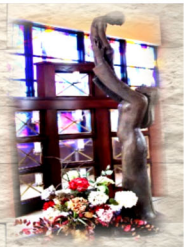
Our Lady of the Presentation Catholic Church



Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time - February 11, 2018

KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION EVENING

Tuesday, February 20, 2018
4:00 - 5:30 PM -*or*- 6:00 - 7:30 PM
Mulligan Room

Inspiring Spiritual and Academic Growth

Our Lady of the Presentation School is an Elementary School, Kindergarten through 8th grade, serving Lee's Summit and surrounding areas. We are committed to a faith based education, academic excellence, and fostering good values.

If you have a child who is ready to begin Kindergarten in the fall, please plan to us for this informal meeting about Kindergarten at OLP School. Ask questions and discover the benefits of a Catholic education.

- We believe in a commitment to service.
- We develop the whole person by creating a bond among parents, students, home, school and church, so that all share a strong sense of community.
- We combine academic excellence with a committed staff and many activities for students and families to become involved.

Visit the school website at olplsschool.org, and browse the Parents Tab and Registration Link for more information.

RSVP to Mary Kay at the school office, mkay@olpls.org

HOPE IN MOTION

FAITH + FAMILY + FITNESS

Our Lady of the Presentation February 11 - March 4
Supporting Catholic Charities of Kansas City-St. Joseph

Our chuch community will spend time connecting faith, family, and fitness through healthy choices. Remember in your prayers those who go without the food they need, choose healthy meals for your family, and cultivate a healthy spirit through family fitness and community connections.

HERE'S HOW IT WORKS:

- Have each family member make a commitment to connect faith, family, and fitness from **February 11 - March 4**
- Log on every day to **ccharitieshopeinmotion.org** to report your activity
- Encourage donations from friends, family and others at **ccharitieshopeinmotion.org**

EVERY DAY, COMMIT TO FAITH, FAMILY AND FITNESS BY:

- Eating five servings of fruits and vegetables
- Exercising or playing for at least 30 minutes a day
- Making a family connection:
  - Eating dinner as a family
  - Sharing something about your day with a family member
  - Doing a family activity
- Saying a gratitude prayer

Remember those who do not have supportive families, access to nutritious food, or struggle with their health. Consider a donation to Catholic Charities to help meet their needs and give hope to those who hunger.

Log activities and donate at ccharitieshopeinmotion.org

Fr. Tom's thoughts

In the Gospel we hear of a leper coming to Jesus and saying: **If you wish, you can make me clean.** Already the man trusts the healing Jesus can give. Jesus touches him and says: **I do will it. Be made clean.** This Gospel again illustrates the lines Jesus will cross to minister to those in need and the levels of healing he provides to those who trust in him. The man is not only physically healed, but he experiences the healing that comes from sharing life again with the community. Although Jesus says to the man to tell no one about what has happened, the man disobeys and publicizes the whole matter. By sharing the good news of his healing, the man also brings healing to others who may have hardened their hearts to those considered outcasts. In order to properly welcome the man back to the community, they also needed healing. What healing are we in need of? Do we trust that Jesus can give it to us?

The deadline for returning your **Crazy Cash Raffle** tickets is this **Monday, February 12**. The winning tickets will be drawn later in the week. Proceeds from the Crazy Cash Raffle will support our Future Projects Fund and Catholic Charities. Thank you for supporting this fundraiser by purchasing or selling your tickets.

Our Parish School and Early Childhood Center will begin registering students soon for next year. **Kindergarten Information Night** will also take place on **Tuesday, February 20**. We encourage all parish families with children to consider our School and Early Childhood Center. We strive to make Catholic education accessible to our parish families. We invite you to set up a tour or call with any questions. Please share the good news of our school with your family and friends.

The **season of Lent** begins this **Wednesday, February 14.** And yes, it is also St. Valentine's Day! How fitting that this day devoted to love is also the beginning of Lent, when we focus on the depth of Christ's love for us. Please join us on Ash Wednesday for Mass and distribution of ashes. We have four Masses on Wednesday: **6:30 a.m., 8:15 a.m., 5:30 p.m., & 7:00 p.m.** The 8:15 a.m. Mass will include the school children. Please join us as we begin this holy season.

There will be many opportunities to gather as a community during the season of Lent. Please check the bulletin and our website regularly for all that is happening. We have daily and weekend Masses, Stations of the Cross, Fish Fries, Book Discussions, Reflection Evenings, Reconciliation services, and our Hope In Motion service project.

As I have mentioned previously, our parish will be undertaking a **Planning Study** to look at projects for the next phase of our **Parish Master Plan**. All parishioners will receive a mailing and be invited to give input through interviews or surveys. The Planning Study will formally begin the week of February 19. We appreciate your participation. ***Many Blessings!***

Parish Events

Monday, February 12

Eucharistic Adoration, 9am to 8pm, St. Ann Chapel
Chair Yoga, 9am, Etue
Widows Committee Meeting, 10:15am, Etue
BeFriender Meeting, 3:45pm, Log House
Uplift Volunteers, 4pm, Offsite
Young Missionaries, 6pm, Classroom #123
Boy Scout Troop 391 Meeting, 6:45pm, Yellow House

Tuesday, February 13

Holy Donuts, 9am, Mulligan
Rosary, 5pm, St. Ann Chapel
Cantor Practice, 6pm, Cooper
Hispanic Worship of Prayer & Life, 6pm, Yellow House
BeFriender Meeting, 6:30pm, Log House
Pastoral Council Meeting, 6:30pm, Mulligan
Young Adults Last Call, 6:30pm, Offsite
Youth Mission Trip Meeting, 7:30pm, Yellow House

Ash Wednesday, February 14

Ash Wednesday Masses: 6:30am, 8:15 w/School Community, 5:30pm, 7pm, Church
Eucharistic Adoration, 9am to 8pm, St. Ann Chapel
Separated/Divorced Support Group, 6:45pm, Log House

Thursday, February 15

Widows Group Valentines Lunch, 11:30am, Mulligan
Hispanic Prayer Group, 6:00pm, Auditorium

Friday, February 16

OLP School Closed.
Eucharistic Adoration, 9am to 8pm, St. Ann Chapel
Parish Fish Fry, 5-7:30pm, Auditorium
Stations of the Cross, 7pm, Church

Saturday, February 17

Ensemble Practice, 3:30pm, Cooper
Rosary, 4pm, St. Ann Chapel
RCIA Rite of Sending, 4pm, Etue
Stewardship Weekend, after Mass, Mulligan

Sunday, February 18

Stewardship Weekend, after Masses, Mulligan
Choir Practice, 7am, Cooper
Sunday School, 10am, Classrooms
Sunday Bunco, 2pm, Cooper Room (*rescheduled from Feb. 4*)
Adult Volleyball, 5:30pm, Gym
Men's Basketball, 8pm, Gym

Weekly Mass Intentions

Monday, February 12
8:15am, **Robert McCauley** by Andy & Jim Harrington

Tuesday, February 13
8:15am, **Dorothy Clayton** by Carol Borys

Ash Wednesday, February 14
6:30am, **Mary Ruck** by Wea Knights of Columbus
8:15am, **Catherine McDaniel** by OLP School Staff
5:30pm,**Tom Hogan** by Patrick & Bridgena Cahill
7:00pm,**Special Intention for Chastain & Cross Families** by Gayle & Deon Cross

Thursday, February 15
8:15am, **Margaret Cunningham** by Greg & Mary Yates

Friday, February 16
6:30am, **The People of Presentation**
8:15am, **Rosemarie St. Germain** by Family

Saturday, February 17
4:30pm, **Brent Crane** by the McNamara Family

Sunday, February 18
7:00am, **Joe Burke** by Dave Bruns
8:30am, **Jerry Meiners** by the Wheeler Family
10:00am, **Donna Davis** by Presentation Stewardship Committee
12:00pm, **Mary Weeks** by Children's Faith Formation
5:00pm (Spanish), **The People of Presentation**

Prayer Request

To add or remove a name from the bulletin prayer list, contact the Pastoral Care Office, 251-1102. To request daily prayer, call Darlene, Prayer Chain Coordinator, 994-0256.

Mike Bell
Louis Bosso
Susan Carey
Rita Flanders
Bill Foster
Brian Galves
Rosalia Gonzalez
Chip Hennequin
Jim Hennessey
Shirley Hirning
Diana Kennedy
Jackson Kozisek
Phillip Kozisek
Carrie Landtiser
Lillian Jade Lohmeyer
Todd Long
Lukas Nedelco
John Palmer
Mateo Rizzi
Chad Shaffer
John Sidoti
Howard Stayton
Audrey Stramara

Recently Baptized

Francesca Rose Valladolid
Parents: Douglas & Anna Valladolid

LITURGICAL MINISTERS: First Sunday of Lent - February 17-18, 2018

Date / Time	4:30PM	7:00AM	8:30AM	10:00AM	12:00PM	5:00PM (Spanish)
Eucharistic Ministers	Frank Bailey Betsy Dodson Pam Jameson Carol Jones Cathy Lynch Mary Mahoney Kay Morrissey Sue Munsterman Jim Park Lisa Park Monica Rieger	Roberta Adkins Missy Evard David Ewigman Joy McKee Shane Stufflebean	Harold Albin Mike Chamberlain Tim Clifford Eric Farrow Angie Gonzalez Brigid Oberkrom Debbie Ripper Richard Ripper Diane Shireman Robin Wankum Tom Wankum	Kensey DeMoss Michelle Kirse Matthew Malott Olivia Matlock Paul Matlock Mary Lou Meyer Helen Meysenburg Christy Myers Dennis O'Hagan Janet O'Hagan Robin Todd	Gail Allen Katie Allen Kathy Boas Len Danaher Lisa Hanley Kay King Frank LaPietra Janet Sanchez Mike Sanchez Beth Tilling Roger Tilling	Padre John J. Alejandra J. Rebecca Martha G. Esmeralda
Lectors	Russ Melchert Denise Brage	Andy Hank Jo Engert	John Tyler Matt Jonas	Amy Matlock Randy Rotert	Kent Noel Grace Quinlan	Johanna Camila C.
Greeters	Patti Bartlett Janie Daniel Patty Denny The Vestal Family Paul Winkeler Margaret Winkeler	JoAnn Cook	Jack Greenwell Travis Greenwell Helen Kent Pat Plante Janice Shuck	Mike Schoeppner Sandy Schoeppner Dolie Toczek John Toczek	The Baldwin Family Machelle Seiler Melanie Sydnor	Luz Elena Enrique Juanita Elvira G.
Servers	Colin F. (S) Dulce A. Katie K.	Reed E. (S) Meadow V.	Haley N. (S) Clara S. Sam T.	Luke D. (S) Morgan H. Andrew M.	Quint R. (S) Robby G. Eddie H.	Oscar Juan Luis Carmen Allison

STEWARDSHIP

We Give Because We Are Blessed

In today's second reading, St. Paul urges the Corinthians to "do all for the glory of God." If we follow that advice in everything we do, we cannot help but be good stewards!

- Stewardship By The Book

Stewardship Giving
1/29/18 - 2/4/18

Envelopes:	$26,301
Online Giving:	$12,003
Plate:	$ 976
IRA Contributions:	$10,673
Future Projects:	$ 4,841

Online Giving

Our Lady of the Presentation offers an "Online Giving" option for parishioners. This is an easy, safe and secure way to make contributions online and to update your contact information.

To Register:

- Go to the parish website, **www.olpls.org**
- Click **"Online Giving" button** at the top right
- Click **Online Giving Link** to complete registration form

For assistance in using the updated Online Giving portal, contact Carolyn or Karen, 251-1100.

FINANCIAL REPORT
6 Months ending December 31, 2017

	Actual December	Actual YTD Thru 12/31/17	Budget YTD Thru 12/31/17
Operating Receipts	$ 627,764	$ 3,055,032	$ 3,062,073
Operating Expenses	$ (480,192)	$ (3,006,384)	$ (2,997,041)
Net Operating Profit (Loss)	$ 147,572	$ 48,648	$ 65,032
Future Projects Receipts	$ 17,591	$ 64,537	$ 67,589
Year-End Giving	$ 41,995	$ 42,025	$ 29,504
Net Profit (Loss)	$ 207,158	$ 155,210	$ 162,125

We are grateful for the generosity of our parishioners.

Women's Lenten Retreat

The Power of Love

Presented by Amy Johnson

Register after Masses the weekend of February 17-18

Registration form available online at www.olpls.org.

Registration deadline is Monday, February 26

Friday, March 2
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.

CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION

Prayer Partners

Sign up to pray for our children preparing to receive Eucharist for the first time. Pictures of our Parish children who are preparing for First Eucharist are posted in the hallway adjacent to the church. Simply write your name by their picture and pray for them during this time of preparation.

Children's Faith Formation

NO CFF CLASSES FEBRUARY 14

Ash Wednesday

Mass Times:

6:30 and 8:15 a.m.

5:30 and 7:00 p.m.

Attend Mass with your family,
It's a wonderful way to begin Lent.

Early Registration begins March 1.
Don't miss the early bird discount!
Information available after
all Masses February 17 and 18.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Confirmation 2018

Small Groups meet next week on Mondays or Wednesdays. Check your group's Fish Fry schedule. Upcoming meetings: small group Feb. 19/21; large Group Feb. 25; small group March 5/7; large Group April 4 with sponsors; small group April 9/11 & April 16/18
Check your schedule and email regularly.

Do something FISHY during Lent!

Serve others at one of the best Fish Fries in Kansas City! Help make one of our most favorite community gatherings successful! Support our teens and their opportunity to serve and connect with Christ on the service mission trip in July!
Love people? Enjoy food? Available Fridays? We invite you to join our Fish Fry Core Team!!

February 16, 23, March 2, 9, 16 & 23!

Donate dessert!

Donate a dessert for our Fish Fry! You can drop off desserts in the Cooper or Etue Room on Fridays!

Be a potato wrapper & help set up

Volunteers welcome to wrap potatoes and set up 1:30 –3:00pm on Fridays. LOTS of ways you can help—call to learn more!

Youth Ministry Office 251-1103 or 251-1107

Youth Group News

MIDDLE SCHOOL LOCK IN MARCH 3 @ LEGACY PARK!

All nighter of sports and fun with other parishes beginning with mass at St. Margarets. Open to grades 7 & 8.
Registrations at www.OLPLS.org.
ADULT TEAM REQUIRED to make this event happen! Call 816-251-1103 and share your time to support our teens!
Let's show our middle schoolers WE ARE THERE for them!

Share your gifts with others and change your life!

Apply to be on the youth service mission trip team this July!

Space is limited·

www·OLPLS·org

Look for this packet···

OLP SCHOOL

Fat Tuesday and Lent plans. Plan to join OLP families for dinner on Fat Tuesday to kick off Lent! PTO is sponsoring a fundraising night at Culver's Restaurant, located at 1701 NE Douglas, in Lee's Summit, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m., on Tuesday, February 13. During those hours, 10% of the proceeds from ALL food sold will be donated back to OLP. Teachers will be serving that evening, and will also give 100% of their tips to OLP!

On Fridays during Lent, when school is in session, students will present Stations of the Cross. This year, the 5th Grade Class will begin the tradition on February 23, by presenting the Stations to students and parents during the school day, and again in the evening for parishioners. All are welcome to attend OLP's upcoming presentations, listed below.

- ✞ Friday, February 23: The 5th Grade Class presents at 2:30 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.
- ✞ Friday, March 2: The Kindergarten Class presents at 2:30 p.m.
- ✞ Friday, 23: The 7th Grade Class presents at 2:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

ECC

Catholic Schools Week was last week and we would like to thank all of our staff and families for participating and making it such a special celebration! We had a very successful service project for Operation Breakthrough, Superhero Day, Family Appreciation breakfast, Teacher/Staff Appreciation Day, a wonderful visit from Bishop Johnston and we ended the week with an awesome dance party! We are proud to be a part of Presentation Parish and to be able to celebrate being a Catholic School! Please be on the lookout for our Open House postcards which will go out soon. Our Open House kicks off open enrollment for new families and will take place on Thursday, March 8 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Adult Faith Formation

Wednesday February 14

Ash Wednesday Masses at 6:30 a.m. 8:15 a.m. (with school) 5:30 and 7 p.m.

Saturday, February 17

Rite of Sending for those becoming Catholic at the 4:30 p.m. Mass

You are invited to pick up a card with the name of one of our candidates or catechumens in the gathering spaces, and pray for him/her throughout Lent.

Perfectly Yourself discussions

Tuesday, 2.20
9:30 a.m.
Thursday, 3.15
6:30 p.m.

Lenten Reflection Evenings

Tuesdays, February 27 & March 6 at 6:30 p.m.

Adult Confirmation

21 or older and never confirmed? Contact Mary Pat about our Adult Confirmation classes - beginning soon! mstorms@olpls.org

Best Lent Ever

Daily reflections from Dynamic Catholic.

Sign up at dynamiccatholic.com/bestlentever

Christ Renews His Parish Men's Weekend

February 24-25
Sign up today at www.olpls.org

Christ Renews His Parish Women's Weekend

March 10-11
Sign up today at www.olpls.org

Baptism Class

Tuesday, March 20
6:30 p.m. in the Church

for new and expecting parents.

Find Your Greatness Seminar @ Holy Spirit Church

Get tickets at dynamiccatholic.com

April 13.
6:30 - 10:30 p.m.

Pick up your booklet: Daily Reflections for Lent 2019 after Masses February 10-11

Daily Mass Readings

Sunday, February 11
SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45

Monday, February 12
Weekday green
Jas 1:1-11/Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday, February 13
Jas 1:12-18/Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday, February 14
Ash Wednesday violet
Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday, February 15
Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25

Friday, February 16
Is 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15

Saturday, February 17
Is 58:9b-14/Lk 5:27-32

Did you know that you can read the full text of Daily Readings on your Apple or Android phone with myParishApp? Download and enter 64081 to find Our Lady of the Presentation's App.

PASTORAL CARE

Mass & Anointing February 13

Mass & Anointing will be at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 13, at Wilshire at Lakewood. All are welcome to attend.

Our Lady of the Presentation Ladies Knights Auxiliary #6819

Start the year by joining the Ladies Knight Auxiliary. Members no longer need to have an affiliation to a Knights of Columbus member. Any woman may now become a member of the Ladies Knight Auxiliary. We meet the third Tuesday of each month. Please visit our table during Stewardship Weekend, February 17-18, after Mass to learn more about the Auxiliary. We look forward to meeting you and letting you know more about us.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank everyone who attended the Las Vegas Night on January 27. Also a special thanks to those who donated prizes and certificates to help make our event a success! The K of C and the charities we support thank you! The winner of the $1,000 grand prize was Scott Lutz of Lee's Summit.

Join us for a Valentine's Day Party!

Thursday, February 15

11:30 a.m.

in the Mulligan Room

Lunch includes pizza, salad and a Valentine's dessert.

Cost is $5.

We will also pray the Rosary and watch a movie.

Don't miss the food, fellowship and fun!

February First Sunday bunco has been rescheduled for next Sunday, February 18. Join us from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. in the Cooper Room. The cost is $5 and includes dessert.

Sexto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Queridos hermanos y hermanas, el evangelio de San Marcos nos muestra a Jesús que enseña y cura con poder. En este caso, cura a un leproso.

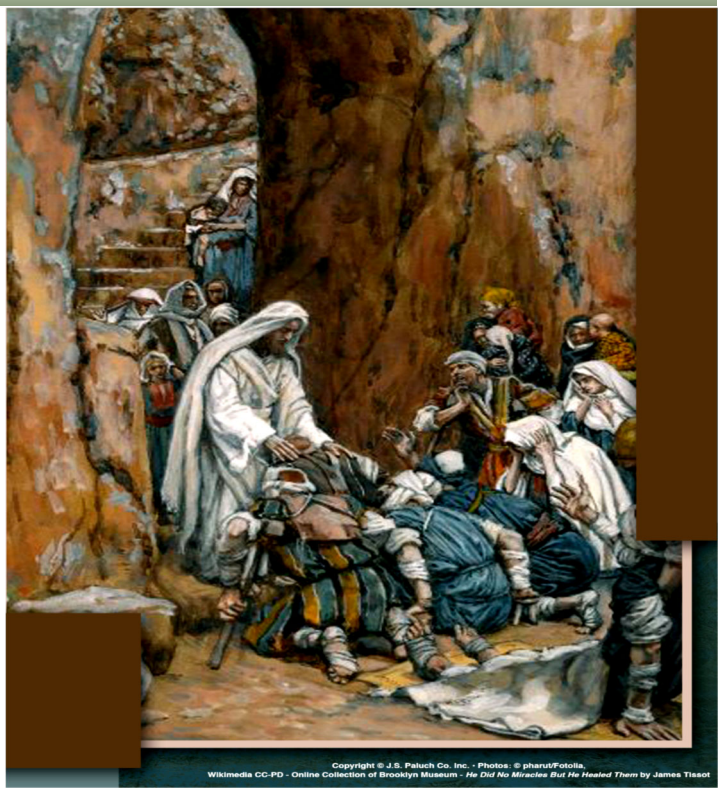
El leproso era considerado un impuro, es decir, un excluido de la comunidad de vecinos por temor al contagio. Los leprosos tenían que vivir solos o en grupos en lugares deshabitados, a merced de la limosna y la generosidad de sus parientes y conocidos. Jesús, al curar a este enfermo de lepra no sólo le devuelve la salud y el bienestar, sino que, además, lo capacita para reintegrarse entre los suyos y poder rehacer la familia y el trabajo.

A Jesús le mueve la compasión; a él le duele la enfermedad y la exclusión social de las personas. Pero nos desconcierta con la prohibición de comunicar a nadie la curación del enfermo: ¿cómo no hacerlo saber a los demás, especialmente a sus propios parientes, amigos y vecinos? De hecho, la persona curada es incapaz de callar, y ¡lo proclama por todas partes! Con esta imposición de silencio Jesús pretende que su mesianismo no sea malinterpretado en una sociedad excesivamente crédula: Jesús no es un mesías espectacular que pretende arrastrar masas o convencer a base de signos maravillosos. Lo que Él quiere es mostrarse pobre y humilde, sin imponerse por los hechos o las palabras: quiere pasar por la cruz antes de entrar en la resurrección

La lepra era una enfermedad espeluznante en aquel tiempo en que no había posibilidad de cuidarla, y además todos creían que era muy contagiosa. Por eso los leprosos tenían que vivir a las afueras de los pueblos, apartados de sus familias. Además, el leproso era considerado "impuro", es decir, alejado de Dios; Dios lo castigaba de esta manera por sus culpas.

Temerariamente el leproso se acerca a Jesús desafiando las normas legales. Y, ya que no podía acercarse al templo, se arrodilla delante de Jesús para dirigirle una súplica. No le pide que le cure de la lepra, sino que lo "limpie", que le levante la impureza ante Dios. Sabe que Jesús puede liberarlo de este estado desgraciado que le obliga a vivir apartado de los hombres y, supuestamente, también de Dios.

Jesús se compadece. Tiene el leproso tan cerca, que Jesús se emociona: se hace cargo de su situación y al mismo tiempo se indigna por cómo es tratado por la sociedad, y por la idea de Dios a la que se había llegado. Dios no es así. Su Padre no excluye a nadie de su compañía, ni está esperando una fechoría de los hombres para castigarlos con la lepra o con cualquier otra desgracia. Jesús se conmueve hasta las entrañas. Y le sale a flor de piel esta mezcla de ternura y de indignación. Por eso, no tiene inconveniente en tocar sus llagas, aquella piel menospreciada por los "puros". Extender la mano y tocarlo es uno de los signos que Jesús practica para transmitir consuelo y



calor humano. En este gesto humano Dios interviene para realizar la purificación interior y la transformación total de la persona.

Jesús muestra su voluntad ante el requerimiento del leproso: "Quiero". Jesús transgrede la norma para atender al leproso. No quiere hacerlo a distancia, fríamente. No es ésta la manera que tiene Dios de acoger a la persona. Y a continuación, dice el texto, "la lepra se le quitó". Dios no tolera la dureza de la legislación contra las personas, y especialmente contra los débiles. Todos son hijos suyos. Para que eso quede claro, el mal externo, la lepra, se le quita. En el mismo momento en que Jesús, conmovido, le ha tocado, Dios le ha levantado la barrera de la exclusión.

La carne del leproso se vuelve sana. Pero Jesús, no sólo lo ha curado, sino que ha reintegrado al leproso en su círculo social. Se convierte en un hombre como los demás; ya no se le tiene que rehuir. La ley de los hombres reconocerá su dignidad. El Dios de la Alianza, de la amistad, nunca había dejado de considerarlo un humano hijo suyo. Jesús no se limita tan sólo a pronunciar palabras, sino que su Buena Noticia produce cambios profundos.

Ya se comienza a saber que Jesús se pone del lado de los impuros, que se mezcla con personas de dudosa moralidad. Seguramente que algunos debían considerarlo también a Él un impuro. Esta conducta no ha sido ni será nunca bien comprendida por los bienpensantes. Quizá porque todavía la sociedad no está preparada para digerir esta Buena Noticia de Dios, advierte al leproso: "No se lo digas a nadie". Jesús no quería confusiones sobre su identidad y sobre la misión que Él estaba llamado a llevar a cabo.
¡Muchas bendiciones!

Causes We Support

Presentation Parish partners with the following agencies through various service projects during the year:

Bishop Sullivan Center • Catholic Charities
Lee's Summit Social Services • Operation Breakthrough
San Rafael Cedros, El Salvador • Uplift Organization, Inc.

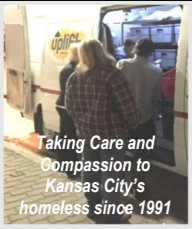
Bishop Sullivan Center

Help serve the homeless and working poor on behalf of our parish

Meet at the Parish Office by 3:30 p.m. or meet at Bishop Sullivan Center Troost Kitchen by 4:00 p.m. Serve an already prepared meal to the homeless and working poor, help with clean up and return to Presentation by 7:00 p.m. Carpooling preferred due to limited parking. Volunteer minimum age is 12. Sign up in advance by contacting Christy Gruenbaum, 251-1107 or e-mail cgruenbaum@olpls.org. Thank you for your service!

Tuesday, February 20	**OPEN**	**Need 2 volunteers**
Thursday, March 1	**FULL**	**Thank you parishioners!**
Tuesday, March 20	**OPEN**	**Need 1 volunteer**
Thursday, April 5	**OPEN**	**Need 8 volunteers**

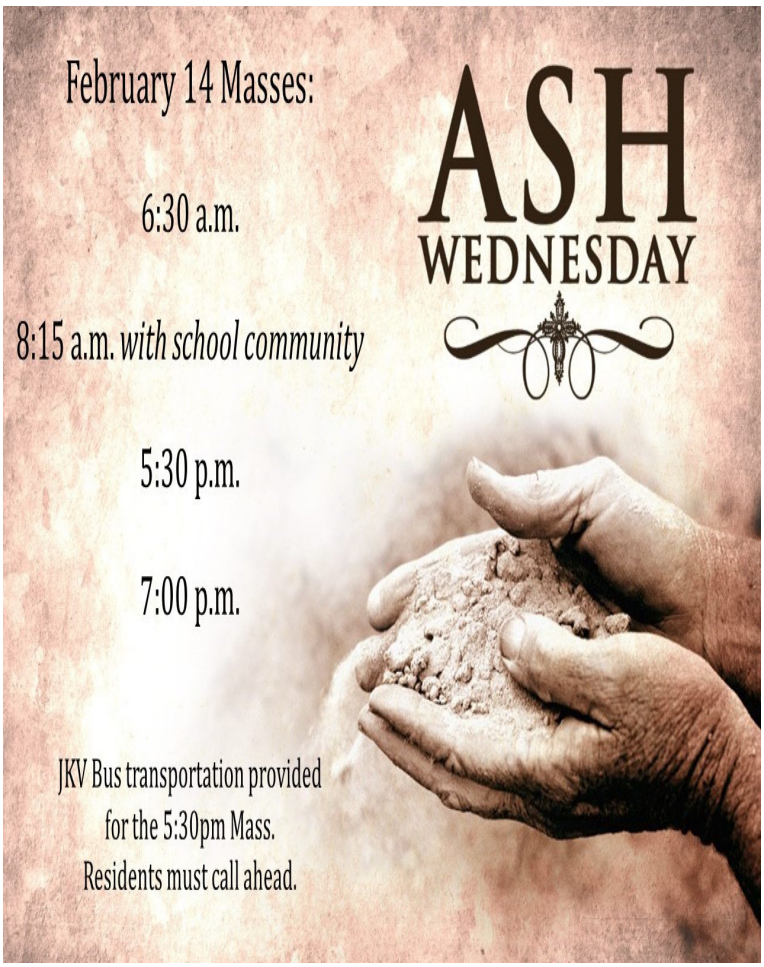
Uplift Organization, Inc.



Share your gift of time & compassion with the homeless

Volunteers meet at Presentation at 4:00 p.m., carpool to the Uplift Warehouse at 16th & Prospect in KCMO, help load trucks, serve the homeless near their "camps", unload, restock bins and clean up. Approximate time: 4:30 to 10:30 p.m. Volunteers should age 15 and older. To volunteer contact Christy Gruenbaum, 251-1107 or e-mail cgruenbaum@olpls.org.

Monday, March 12	**OPEN**	**Need 1 adult driver**
Monday, April 9	**OPEN**	**Need 5 volunteers**
Monday, May 14	**OPEN**	**Need 8 volunteers**
Monday, June 11	**OPEN**	**Young Adult Ministry (8)**



Crazy Cash Giveaway

Three Grand Prizes:$300 HyVee Grocery Gift Cards

Additional Prizes:

3 - $50 Gas Cards • 3 - $50 Longhorn Steakhouse Gift Cards
3 - $50 Target Gift Cards • One jar of Crazy Cash

$5 per ticket or 5 tickets for $20

More tickets available at the Parish Office!

Return tickets to the Parish Office or place in an envelope marked "Crazy Cash" and drop in the weekend collection.

Deadline to return tickets is February 12, 2018.

Drawing will be February 15.

Winners will be announced in the bulletin.

Proceeds from the Crazy Cash Giveaway will benefit the Future Projects Fund & a 10% tithe will benefit Catholic Charities.

Confirmation 2018 Retreat

The Confirmation 2018 candidates, peer ministers and group leaders attended a retreat at Conception Abbey in January. The weekend offered opportunities for prayer, faith sharing, listening to speakers and recreational time.

Lenten Calendar Guide

Are you ready to change lives with what you give up this Lent? Let our Parish ***Lenten Blessing Box Program*** be your guide along this 40-day journey.

What is the Lenten Blessing Box Program? The ***Lenten Blessing Box Program*** is our Parish Lenten faith-in-action program for our parish. The program invites you to live in solidarity with our brothers and sisters in our sister community, San Rafael Cedros, El Salvador through the three Lenten practices of praying, fasting and almsgiving.

Journey through the forty days of Lent with the Lenten Calendar. Learn more about our sister community by reading stories about individuals whose lives have been changed by our commitment and support to the Scholarship and Formation program for the youth of San Rafael Cedros. These stories are written by our very own parishioners who traveled with Father Tom to San Rafael Cedros last October. Read about how the experience impacted their lives.

Select a special container or envelope at home to collect your change during Lent. Or simply keep track of the amount given according to the suggestions on the calendar. Then, at the end of Lent, write a check to ***Our Lady of Presentation,*** **place it in an envelope marked** ***Blessing Box*** and place it in the collection basket at Mass. The children in our Parish Programs will receive a Lenten Blessing Box and their own reflection calendar.

How to use the Lenten Calendar. The calendar is designed to enrich your Lenten journey through activities and reflections. Set aside some time to read the daily calendar during the season of Lent. Read the personal stories of the people of San Rafael Cedros and discover how your prayer, fasting, learning, and giving makes a positive difference in the lives of others. Give sacrificial contributions as suggested throughout the calendar, or set your own goals for your personal Lenten sacrifices.

Practicing Love

February 14 ***Ash Wednesday***	**February 15**	**February 16**	**February 17**
Read and reflect on Joel 2:12-13 As we receive ashes on our forehead today we hear "turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel." What words do the Gospels hold for us to help us to better love our neighbors? What do we need to let go of so others may live better? **Write** your Lenten goals on your Blessing Box today.	Read and reflect on Luke 9:23 Perhaps nothing in our lives provides more opportunity to practice denying ourselves, taking up our cross and following Christ than our daily interactions we have with one another in our homes. Whether we're on the giving or receiving end of commentary on meals served, the chores assigned, or favors requested, we find a never-ending supply of chances to follow Jesus' commandment to love.* **Learn** about our brothers and sisters in El Salvador by using the weekly Lenten calendar in the bulletin.	Read and reflect on Isaiah 58:6-7 Fasting means that we do not get something. Often times, it is something that we like or want. God does not ask us to simply give up something we like or want – or even need. He asks us to do so for a reason – to give, what we give up, to someone else. **Fast** in solidarity with the more than 780 thousand in El Salvador and 840 million people worldwide who live in hunger. **Give** 50¢ to your **Blessing Box** for each snack you have today.	Read and reflect on Luke 5:29 "Families should not be themselves as a refuge from society, but instead go forth from their homes in a spirit of solidarity with others." * *-Pope Francis* **Pray** for the people of El Salvador and around the world, whose lives are affected by poverty. **Give** 25¢ to your **Blessing Box** in thanksgiving for the people you love.

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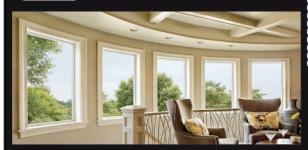

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