



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.

Mass Schedule

Weekday (M-F): 8:15am Weekend: Saturday: 4:30pm

Livestreamed - Parish YouTube Channel Sunday: 8am, 10am, 12pm,

2pm (Spanish)

Reconciliation

Saturdays, 3:30-4:15pm Sundays, 1:15-1:45pm Or by appointment.

Adoration:

Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays 9am to 8pm, St. Ann Chapel

Parish Office Hours:

Monday-Friday 8:15am to 4:45pm 816-251-1100 ● Fax: 816-251-1199

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December 24, 2023

Christ is Born



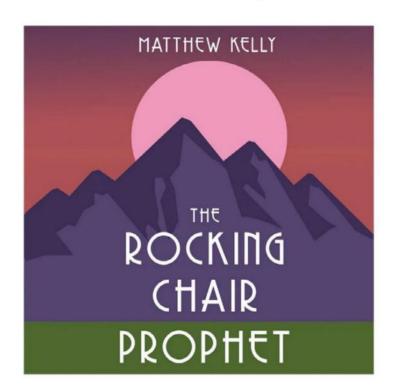
For a child is born to us, a son is given to us; upon his shoulder dominion rests.

They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero,

Father-Forever, Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9:5





Read the book, and then join us to discuss
January 25 and February 1
9:30-10:30 a.m.

OR

7:00-8:00 p.m.





Thoughts from Fr. Tom

Happy Fourth Sunday of Advent and MERRY CHRISTMAS! This year December 24 is the Fourth Sunday of Advent and Christmas Eve, which makes the Advent season the shortest it can be with the fourth week of Advent lasting less than one day. So, whether you are reading this bulletin after the Advent Mass or after one of our Christmas Masses (or at one of those Masses – just hopefully not during the homily!), this is a time for all of us to reioice. The Gospel that ends Advent tells us of the visit by the angel Gabriel to Mary as she is told: you will conceive and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. And the Gospel for Christmas continues the story by having another angel say: behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born who is Christ and Lord. This good news of God taking on our human flesh through Jesus changed the world and continues to change our lives. May we live the spirit of Christmas throughout the year by joyfully proclaiming the good news of Jesus through our words and actions.

We extend **a special welcome** to all visitors joining us this time of year. If you are visiting family and friends or home from college we hope you enjoy your time with loved ones. If you are a visitor from the area and are looking for a church home, we invite you to share the gift of faith with us by becoming part of our parish family. We have a vibrant, faith-filled community with a variety of ministries and programs and you are always welcome to join us.

Remember that Christmas is not just a day, we make a whole season of it. The Christmas season lasts until the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord on Monday, January 8. The Feast of the Holy Family is next weekend, December 30-31. We will offer a special blessing for families at all the Masses. We will usher in the new year and celebrate the Feast of Mary, the Mother of God on Monday, January 1, at a special 9:00 a.m. Mass. The January 1 feast is not a holy day of obligation this year, but we hope you will join us. And the weekend of January 6-7 we will gather for the Epiphany of our Lord. Be sure to celebrate the fullness of Christmas by joining us for worship throughout this holy season.

Thank you to everyone who shared the light of Christ this Advent season through our various **service projects**. Your generosity helped us collect over 1000 gifts for those in need through our Advent Giving Tree. The gifts were distributed to several of our service partners, residents of area nursing homes, and our homebound parishioners. Let's keep the spirit of service alive throughout the year by supporting our ongoing service efforts.

Many blessings to you and your families this Christmas and always!

Events This Week

Monday, December 25 (Christmas Day)

Parish Office Closed. No Eucharistic Adoration. Christmas Day Mass: 10am

Church

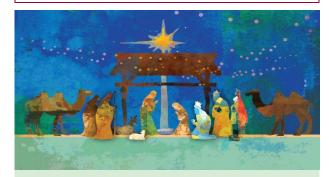
Christmas	Church				
Tuesday, December 26					
Parish Office 8:15am	ce Closed. Mass	Church			
Wednesday, December 27					
8:15am 9am-8pm	Mass Eucharistic Adoration	Church St. Ann Chapel			
Thursday, December 28					
8:15am 6:30pm 6:30pm	Mass Choir Rehearsal Young Adult City On A Hill	Church Music Room Log House			
	Friday, December 2	9			
8:15am 9am-8pm	Mass Eucharistic Adoration	Church St. Ann Chapel			
Saturday, December 30					
4:30pm	Mass	Church			
Sunday, December 31					
8am 10am 12pm 2pm	Mass Mass Mass Mass in Spanish	Church Church Church Church			

Monday, January 1 (New Year's Day)

Parish Office Closed. No Eucharistic Adoration.

9am Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Mass (Not a Holy Day of Obligation)

Church



The Parish Office will be closed: Monday & Tuesday, Dec. 25 & 26, Friday, Dec. 29 (Closing at Noon), Monday, Jan. 1.

Have a blessed Christmas and joyous New Year!



Monday, December 25 (Christmas Day)

10:00am, Lucille & Harold Braden by Melissa & Brett Frerking

Tuesday, December 26

8:15am, Abbey Kornis by George Hackman

Wednesday, December 27

8:15am, Harold & Marion Lankford by the Fahlstrom Family;

Stella Henry by Rose Marie McColpin

Thursday, December 28

8:15am, Jean Carroll by Dixie & Randy Nichols

Friday, December 29

8:15am, Kathy Kraft by Rose Marie McColpin; Virginia Corn by Bonnie Heimes

Saturday, December 30

4:30pm, Jeannine King by Barb Flowers

Sunday, December 31

8:00am, Gladys & Chip Hennequin by the Hennequin Family

10:00am, Alfred Blixt by Julie & Mike Casey 12:00pm, JoAnn Sage by the LeNeave Family 2:00pm (Spanish), People of Presentation



Prayer Requests

To add or remove a name from the bulletin prayer list, contact the Pastoral Care Office, 816-251-1102.

Justin Andrews Michelle Arrequin Mary Beretta Jackie Biondo Louis Bosso Marilyn Bosso Margie Buckman Pat Burke Bridgena Cahill Patrick Cahill Teresa Calia Greg Campbell John Condra Ron Cotter Barry Degges Linda DeMoss Frank Emma

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George Joseph Dansby *Parents: Abbigail & Ryan Dansby*

Benjamin Mathis *Parents: Chris & Colleen Mathis*

Noah Daniel Rohan Parents: Maggie & Kurt Rohan

Liturgical Ministers: December 30-31

Mass Times	4:30pm	8:00am	10:00am	12:00pm
Lector	Justin Bolton Beth Boerger	Judy Daughterty Daniel Appelbaum	Hugh Marshall Jen Burns	Roger Tilling Gail Allen
Eucharistic Ministers	Leonard Boerger Pamela Bolton Shannon Bolton Liz Frey Jean Hill Judith Maude Rose Marie McColpin	Roberta Adkins Mary Bachkora Rebecca Bertrand Barb Flowers Mike Meyers Diane Shireman	Kevin Emmendorfer Kim Emmendorfer Brian Munson Rick Pycior Dolores Suenram Beth Turner Steve White	Linda Lancaster Debbie Mahoney Jim Monteil Katie Self Beth Tilling Scott Ventimiglia
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Usher	Andy Fenstermann Liz Hartenstein Janet Lumby	Mike Chamberlain Tim Clifford John Voss	Steve Marsh Frank Migliazzo Randy Rotert	Stacie Ventimiglia

Scripture Readings For the Week of December 24

For today in the city of David

a savior has been born

for you who is

CHRIST

AND LORE

Fourth Sunday of Advent

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Eve)

Vigil Mass: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 Mass During the night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14

Monday: Christmas Day

Mass during the Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18

Tuesday: Feast of Saint Stephen, First Martyr Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 & 8ab, 16bc & 17; Mt 10:17-22

Wednesday: Feast of Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist

1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a & 2-8

Thursday: Feast of Holy Innocents, Martyrs
1 Jn 1:5—2:2: Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8: Mt 2:13-18

Friday: Memorial of Saint Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr

1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35

Saturday

1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Lk 2:36-40

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6, 21:1-3; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40



Sheryl White, December 7, sister of Mike (Robin) Perusich

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Stewardship



The shepherds who heard the joyous news from the angels on that first Christmas night and then hurried to find the infant Savior must surely have been changed by that experience. How has His coming changed my life?

- Stewardship by the Book

Stewardship Giving: 12/4-12/10/23

Envelopes: \$19,800
Online Giving: \$13,987
Plate: \$1,983
IRA Contributions: \$3,800
Donor Advised Contributions: \$200
Future Projects Fund: \$2,490
Religious Retirement: \$5,907
Immaculate Conception HD: \$1,937

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Prayerfully Consider A Year End Gift



All Year End Gifts will go towards our

Future Projects Fund.

We continually identify necessary projects that will enhance and maintain our parish facilities. Your Year End Gift allows us to accomplish these projects throughout the

year. **Year End Gift** envelopes are available in the Gathering Space or you can make a donation through Online Giving at www.olpls.org.

Thank you to everyone who supported our parish Advent Giving Tree Service Project.

Your donations benefited LS Social Services, Uplift, homebound parishioners and area Care Center residents! A special thanks to the volunteers who helped sort and deliver the donations!



The Spirit of Civing!





Homebound parishioners receiving their gift bags.



CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION







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Early Childhood Center



The teachers and staff at the ECC wish all of our parish families a very Merry Christmas!









ADULT FAITH FORMATION



Embrace the Gift of the Eucharist

Bishop Andrew Cozzens presents the incredible reality of the Real Presence, unpacks *The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church* and invites you to respond to this radical gift in an online course. Discover practical ways to spread a love for the Eucharist in your community! Go to: https://reviveparishes.com/eucharist-course/

Scripture Study

Save the date: *John 1-10: The Bread of Life* Mondays January 22, 29, and February 5 7-8:15 p.m.

Baptism Class

New and expecting parents: our next Baptism Preparation Class is Sunday, January 21 after the 10 a.m. Mass. Register at olpls.org/baptism

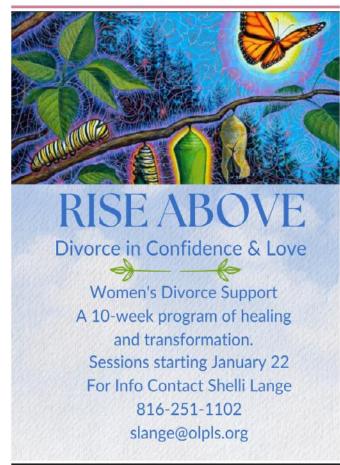
Adult Confirmation

College students and adults who would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this spring can contact Mary Pat Storms for more information and to sign up. mstorms@olpls.org

Life & Justice Ministry

Join us on Monday, January 8 for our next Life & Justice meeting. 7-8 p.m.

Pastoral Care



Young Adult Ministry



DON'T MISS ANY EVENTS: SCAN THE QR CODE TO JOIN OUR EMAIL LIST





Save the Date

Join us on Jan. 14th for Sunday Mass @ 10 am and Martin City Brewery to follow.



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Guys-Mark your calendars for February 6th for the next Guys Night Out! More details will come in the new year. Receive emails for Updates.



Roses For Life Weekend January 6-7



The Knights of Columbus will distribute and collect paper roses before and after all Masses January 6-7 as part of the annual "Roses for Life" weekend. The roses have name and address spaces to be completed by parishioners who support this effort. The roses will be sent to our political leaders to encourage them to stand up for the lives of the unborn and all human beings. Donations are accepted to help support the Pro Life effort.

News From El Salvador: Meet Michael

Michael is 20 years old and is in his first year at the University. He has been one of our Scholarship and Formation Students since 2020. When asked "what have been your greatest obstacles to continuing your education" he replied:

"Since I was little, I dreamed about studying at the university and being a professional. It was my dream until, just before entering ninth grade, a problem arose. My mother got very sick, to the point of needing an operation. Being in that situation made it impossible for her to work, and my brothers and I also couldn't count on our father. I decided to go to work. My contributions weren't much, but it allowed my younger brothers to continue studying. For that situation, I stopped studying for a year. The following year, I was given the opportunity to return to my studies.



I graduated from ninth grade, and it was then that they spoke to me about the program. Thanks to the person who supported me in joining the program, I'm where I am now, always fighting for my goals. I ask God to help me achieve my goal of being a good doctor. I know it's a long and difficult road, but with His help, I'll be able to achieve it. When that happens, I hope to be able to exercise my profession. Later, after some time, I would like to specialize in order to be able to help my family and the community. For the moment, I'm only thinking about giving my studies my best effort, learning a lot and later being able to put all my knowledge into practice."

Thank you for your generous support.

Your donations support our 32 Scholarship and Formation Students in San Rafael Cedros, El Salvador



Volunteers are needed to help our Parish serve the homeless and working poor on 1st Thursdays & 3rd Tuesdays of each month.

Sign up online to serve! http://tiny.cc/OLP-OneCityCafe



Or contact Janice Drake, 816-251-1103 ymassistant@olpls.org

Details are on the Sign Up.







Volunteers are needed to help Uplift serve the homeless on the 2nd Mondays of each month. Volunteers meet at the Uplift warehouse by 4:30pm.



Get more details and sign up online at: http://tiny.cc/OLP-UPLIFT

or contact Janice Drake, 816-251-1103, ymassistant@olpls.org

Do you like to cook? Join the Uplift Meal Outreach Team! Contact: Julie Ungashick, julieungashick@gmail.com

uplift.org

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FOR I WAS HUNGRY AND YOU GAVE ME FOOD, I WAS THIRSTY AND YOU GAVE ME DRINK. **MATTHEW 25:31**

Do you like to cook?

We invite YOU to be part of a team of volunteers who prepare a casserole each month to feed Kansas City's homeless served by Uplift.

On Second Mondays, the Meal Outreach volunteers will drop off a prepared casserole (13x9) at the Parish before 2pm. Casserole recipe is provided.







Contact: Julie Ungashick - julieungashick@gmail.com - 816.809.6045

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Report Abuse

The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combatting sexual abuse in the Church. If you are a victim of sexual abuse, or if you observe or suspect sexual abuse:

- 1. Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline, 1-800-392-3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18), and
- 2. Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911, and
- 3. After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult to the Diocesan Ombudsman, Joe Crayon, 816-812-2500, or crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org, if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph.

The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact Whitney True-Francis, Victim Assistance Coordinator, 816-392-0011 or true.francis@diocesekcsj.org for more information.

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