

# Our Lady OF THE Presentation

CATHOLIC CHURCH



## Third Sunday of Advent - December 14, 2025

### Vision Statement:

Our Lady of the Presentation is a vibrant, Eucharist-centered community offering all Catholics participation in sacrament, 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



## Wait for the Lord

Christ's salvation brings joy to the world. Let that light shine through your actions. This week, prepare for Reconciliation by pondering how you recognize Jesus as the Savior of the world.

### Parish Office Hours

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

### Fr. Thomas Holder, Pastor

Email: [frtom@olpls.org](mailto:frtom@olpls.org)

### Fr. Pius Wesonga, AJ

Associate Pastor,

Email: [frwesonga@olpls.org](mailto:frwesonga@olpls.org)

### Dcn. Keith Hoffman

Dcn. Dave Talken

Dcn. Mike Peterson (retired)



## Join us for our Advent Reconciliation Service

Monday, December 15, 6 p.m. in the Church.

Several priests will be available for individual confessions.

*Merry Christmas!*

*¡Feliz Navidad!*

**May the joy of Christ's birth bring you and your family the gift of peace and hope throughout the year.**

*Father Tom Holder, Father Pius Wesonga, AJ and the Staff of Presentation Parish invite you to join us for Christmas Masses.*



*Artwork design by Ali Biernbaum, OLP 8th Grade Student.*

**Wednesday, December 24  
Christmas Eve:**

**2:00 p.m., 4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m.,  
7:30 p.m. - Spanish, 10:00.p.m.**

**Thursday, December 25  
Christmas Day:**

**10:00 a.m.**

*JKV Bus transportation provided for the 10am Mass.  
Residents must call ahead, 816-347-2178.*

**The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Holy Day Masses:**

**Wednesday December 31 - 5:00 p.m. (Vigil)**

**Thursday, January 1 - 9:00 a.m.**

*JKV Bus transportation provided for the 9am Mass. Residents must call ahead to schedule, 816-347-2178.*



# Thoughts from Fr. Tom

**Are you the one who is to come or should we look for another?** John the Baptist, while waiting for his execution in prison, sends his disciples to ask Jesus this question. The response Jesus gives is to: **Go and tell John what you hear and see.** While John was originally expecting a different kind of Messiah, we know through our faith that Jesus is the One and we are called to open our eyes and ears to all the ways he is present to us. This **Third Sunday of Advent** is called **Gaudete Sunday**. Gaudete means **Rejoice**. We shift our focus to rejoice that Jesus is the One. He is near to us. He is the Savior we await. There are signs all around us that point to the presence of Jesus – lives transformed by the gift of faith, people responding with love and goodness in the face of evil and hate, and the power of our Sacraments. We surely have reason to rejoice.

One of the ways we experience the joy Christ brings to our lives is through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The Advent season is one of the penitential seasons of the church year when we are encouraged to acknowledge our sins and seek the forgiveness of God. Our **Parish Advent Reconciliation Service** is this **Monday, December 15, beginning at 6:00 p.m.** in the church. We are called to prepare the way of the Lord in our lives by being cleansed of our sins and entering into the light of Christ's birth. There will be several priests from the area with us to hear individual confessions. Please take time to join us.

In this season of gift giving, we encourage you to prayerfully consider a **Year-End Gift** to the parish. As has been shared in the bulletin and my column, all Year-End Gifts this year will support the **Bell tower** project to house the original bell from the first parish in Lee's Summit. You can donate by check designating your contribution for Year-End giving or by choosing the appropriate drop-down tab through Online Giving. Thanks for your support.

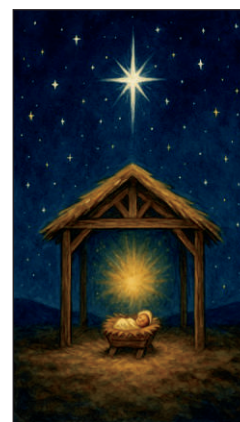
Please help us beautify the church for Christmas by making a contribution for **Christmas flowers** anytime during the month of December.

There is still a week and a half left in the Advent season. **What are you doing to highlight the spirit of Advent in your life?** While the coming days may be filled with activity to get ready for Christmas, take some time each day to prepare your heart for the coming of Christ. These can be stressful days, so it is important to live the beauty of Advent. Designate some sacred space into your day to focus on prayer and reflection. Take some time to ponder your hopes and dreams for your life, your family, and the world. Put your faith into action especially through service to others and including the less fortunate on your gift list. May these remaining days of Advent fill us with joy, hope, and peace.

**Many Blessings!**

## Events This Week

Monday, December 15		
9am-8pm	Eucharistic Adoration	St. Ann Chapel
9:30am	Chair Yoga	Etue
11am	Widows Committee Meeting	Mary Room
6pm	Advent Reconciliation Service	Church
6:30pm	Divorce Support	Scheer/Stayton
6:30pm	YM High School Group	Yellow House
7pm	Hispanic Choir Practice	Music Room
Tuesday, December 16		
8:15am	Mass	Church
9am	Holy Donuts	Mulligan
3:30pm	One City Café Volunteers	Offsite
7pm	Ladies Auxiliary Meeting	Cooper
Wednesday, December 17		
8:15am	Mass	Church
9am-8pm	Eucharistic Adoration	St. Ann Chapel
9am	Discipleship Group	Cooper
5:30pm	CFF Catechist In-service	Mulligan
6pm	Hispanic Ministry Leaders Meeting	Scheer/Stayton
6:30pm	YM Middle School Group	Auditorium
7pm	Hispanic Choir Practice	Music Room
Thursday, December 18		
8:15am	Mass	Church
11:30am	Widows Group Luncheon	Mulligan
6pm	Young Adult Guys Night	Offsite
6:30pm	Choir Rehearsal	Music Room
6:30pm	Men's Discipleship Group	Cooper
Friday, December 19		
8:15am	Mass	Church
9am-8pm	Eucharistic Adoration	St. Ann Chapel
Saturday, December 20		
4:30pm	Mass	Church
Sunday, December 21		
8am	Mass	Church
8am	Children's Liturgy of the Word	Mulligan
10am	Mass	Church
10am	Children's Liturgy of the Word	Mulligan
12pm	Mass	Church
2pm	Mass in Spanish	Church



### Parish Office Closing:

**Wednesday - Friday,  
December 24, 25, 26  
and  
Thursday, January 1**

*Have a  
Blessed Christmas  
and  
Joyous New Year!*



## Mass Intentions

### Monday, December 15

8:15am, George Aretakis by Anita Tucker

### Tuesday, December 16

8:15am, Kathy Smith by Carol & John Ulett;  
Ray Dockweiler by Lyda & Bob Steiert

### Wednesday, December 17

8:15 a.m., Jorge Jalomo by Doris McGhie & Emilio Granja;

Mary Ann Gardner by the Flowers Family

### Thursday, December 18

8:15am, Harold Ewing by Terry Ewing;  
Kathy Smith by Barbara Clark

### Friday, December 19

8:15am, Special Intention: Natalie Tucker by  
Danny L. Tucker

### Saturday, December 20

4:30pm, Ken Kisner by Maureen Legleiter;  
Robert Minor by Cathy Dunn

### Sunday, December 21

8:00am, Nick Newhouse by Ro & Mike Meyers;  
Peter Garcia by the Garcia Family  
10:00am, Dorothy Duncan by Cathy & Joe Liccar;  
Tim Kalwei by the Kalwei Family  
12:00pm, Jack Laposha by Dan Laposha  
2:00pm, People of Presentation

## Liturgical Ministers: December 20-21

Mass Times	4:30pm	8:00am	10:00am	12:00pm
<b>Lector</b>	Beth Boerger Janet Mitchelson	Paul Carollo Kim Placke	Linda Clifford Cody Eaves	Michael McGrew Gail Allen
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Betsy Dodson Judith Maude Sherri Morehead Chad Morehead Kay Morrissey Paul Winkeler	Rebecca Bertrand Mike Chamberlain Eric Farrow Barb Flowers Tagen Placke Diane Shireman	Len Danaher Teresa Dustin Lavon Kimminau Bill Massop Janet O'Hagan Dennis O'Hagan Beth Turner	Carla Ciaccio Pam Jameson Jennifer LePage Jess Lindsey Deb Sheppard Anita Tucker
<b>Mass Coordinator</b>	Frank Bolton	Mike Kirse Ron Smith	Charlene White Steve White	Jason Rush Mike Sanchez
<b>Server</b>	Truxton M. Alex H. Everett H.	Addison V. Bennett P. Olivia R.	Jackson S. Josiah A. Caroline B.	Dominic S. Andres C. Emerson L.
<b>Greeter</b>	Rose Marie McColpin Sherri Staub Margaret Winkeler	June Doty Rosemary Meyers Kym Wareham	Ryan Gibson Chris Jochems Jeff Kudlacik Mary Jane Muehlebach	John Cooper Carol Cooper Diane Russell
<b>Usher</b>	Patti Bartlett Janet Lumby Mary Roach	Phillip Garcia Mike Meyers Dave Rebori John Voss	Steve Marsh Dave McVey Frank Miglizzo Katie Murdock	Bryan Woolworth

## Scripture Readings For the Week of December 14

### Third Sunday of Advent

Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10; Jas 5:7-10;  
Mt 11:2-11

### Monday

Num 24: 2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab; 6 and 7bc,  
8-9; Mt 21:23-27

### Tuesday

Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23;  
Mt 21:28-32

### Wednesday

Gen 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17

### Thursday

Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25

### Friday

Jdg 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25

### Saturday

Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38

### Fourth Sunday of Advent

Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Rm 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24



## Prayer Requests

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

Michelle Arreguin  
Bill Berberich  
Mary Beretta  
Phil Beretta  
Jackie Biondo  
Margie Buckman  
Bridgena Cahill  
Patrick Cahill  
Greg Campbell  
Bruce Chambers  
Karen Cleaver  
Bruce Cohoon  
Jane Condra  
John Condra  
Susan Connor  
Barry Degges  
Brenda Dwyer  
Carmen Garcia  
Margie German

Benjamin Gibson  
Rosalia Gonzalez  
Mary Gowen  
Leo Gusman  
Bev Hernandez  
Erin Hunt  
Emily James  
Hudson Joseph  
Betty Kaiser  
Diana Kennedy  
Michael Klein  
Braden Langwith  
Nichole Reynolds  
Lawson  
Dorothy Lintz  
Jill Long  
Kent Long  
Lori Long  
Todd Long

Thomas Lukowski  
Karen Massop  
Sharon Maude  
Wanda McCartney  
Joy McKee  
Amy Munsterman  
Jennifer Pepple  
Mike Peterson  
Lisa Plante  
Helen Priestly  
Beth Quinlan  
Anthony Romano  
Carolyn Sahl  
Chad Shaffer  
Siercks Family  
Roger Tilling  
Christopher Urban  
Mary Zubeck

## We Remember In Prayer The Family Of



Gordon Denno, November 9,  
*Brother-in-law of Velda Tilling*

William West, December 2

Donna Sellinger, December 4  
*Mother of David Sellinger*

Michael Ryan, December 7



In the event of inclement  
weather, we will announce  
closings and cancelations  
on our website,  
Constant Contact email  
communication and on  
Facebook & Instagram.

# Stewardship



Each of us has his or her own role to play in the coming of the kingdom of God. John the Baptist was called to be the herald of the Messiah, preparing the way of the Lord. To what is the Lord calling me?  
- Stewardship by the Book

## Stewardship Giving: 11/24 - 11/30/25

Envelopes:	\$21,875
Online Giving:	\$13,301
Plate:	\$ 1,888
Future Projects:	\$ 743
IRA Contribution:	\$ 8,170
Donor Advised Contributions:	\$ 1,200
Thanksgiving Collection:	\$ 2,352

We encourage you to use Online Giving:  
Scan QR code

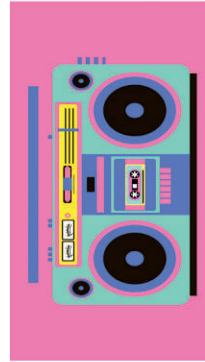
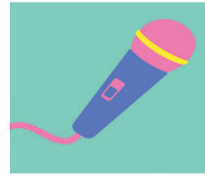


Or Text To Give:  
text OLPLS & amount you want to give to 5777

### Second Collection This Weekend



Across the United States, hundreds of religious communities lack financial resources sufficient to meet the retirement and healthcare needs of aging members. Please be generous. Thank you!



# Q.2. SINGO BINGO



## JAN 30 7PM

**SCAN THE QR CODE FOR TICKETS!**  
JOIN US IN THE AUDITORIUM FOR A NIGHT OF FRIENDS, MUSIC, & SINGO!  
BRING FOOD & DRINK FOR YOUR TABLE!  
**OPEN TO ALL PARISHIONERS AGES 21 - 49**



QUESTIONS? EMAIL MARY GRACE MADRID: MMADRID@OLPLS.ORG



## Year-End Giving



### Prayerfully consider a Year-End Gift!

All Year-End Gifts will go towards the Presentation Bell Tower project. The project includes construction of a bell tower to house the original St. Mary's church bell and four planters by the north entrance of the church. **Year-End Gift** envelopes are available in the Gathering Space or you can make a donation through **Online Giving at [www.olpls.org](http://www.olpls.org)**.

# Children's Faith Formation

## DECEMBER IMPORTANT DATES

### CFF WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

Dec 17th: NO CLASS - TEACHER IN-SERVICE  
 Dec 24th: NO CLASS - CHRISTMAS BREAK  
 Dec 31st: NO CLASS - CHRISTMAS BREAK  
 Jan 7th: CLASS RESUMES

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Dec 14th (At 8am, 10am, & 2pm Masses): CLW  
 Dec 21st (At 8am, 10am, & 2pm Masses): CLW  
 Dec 28th (At 8am, 10am, & 2pm Masses): NO CLW  
 Jan 4th (At 8am, 10am, & 2pm Masses): NO CLW  
 Jan 11th (At 8am, 10am, & 2pm Masses): CLW RESUMES

### 1<sup>ST</sup> RECONCILIATION & 1<sup>ST</sup> COMMUNION

First Reconciliation Service: Tuesday, Jan 13th

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Dec 14th (During 10am Mass): Class  
 Dec 21st (During 10am Mass): NO CLASS  
 Dec 28th (During 10am Mass): NO CLASS  
 Jan 4th (During 10am Mass): NO CLASS  
 Jan 11th (During 10am Mass): CLASS RESUMES

### CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Tuesday & Thursdays 9am - 10am

Dec 16th (Tues): Class	Dec 18th (Thur): NO CLASS
Dec 23rd (Tues): NO CLASS	Dec 25th (Thur): NO CLASS
Dec 30th (Tues): NO CLASS	Jan 1st (Thur): NO CLASS
Jan 6th (Tues): NO CLASS	Jan 8th (Thur): NO CLASS
Jan 13th (Tues): CLASS	Jan 15th (Tues): CLASS

More Info/Questions:

Karena Coatney - [kcoatney@olpls.org](mailto:kcoatney@olpls.org)

## Youth Ministry



### 6th Grade Confirmation

COMING UP AND REMINDERS

\*\*Candidate/Sponsor: Schedule your gatherings\*\*

Dec. 17th: Christmas Party in the Yellow House

Dec. 18th-Jan. 6th: Christmas Break

Jan. 7th: Small Group

### MS Live Life Night!

Save the Date!  
 Friday 1/9/2025  
 7-9 PM



PLEASE RSVP

HAVE YOUR FRIENDS JOIN US FOR A FUN FELLOWSHIP EVENING!



El Salvador 2026 Delegation Trip



If you are still interested we have a couple of spots available, but contact Michael quickly or register using the QR code.



Register now w/link



### HS Live Life Night! Andretti go-kart racing

Bring your friends!



Scan QR to sign up!

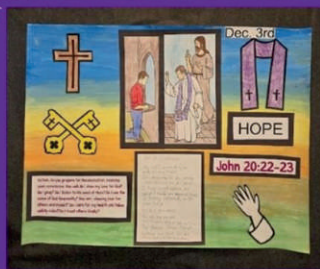
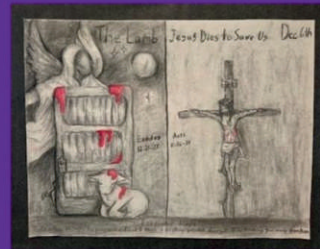
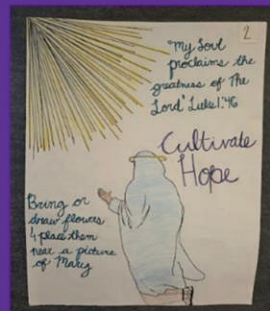
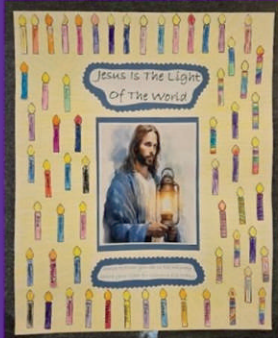
Gather with other High Schoolers to live life!

Dec. 14th 4-7 pm

# Advent



While we wait in JOYFUL hope during this Advent season, our students are revealing a new piece of art each school day as part of our school-wide Advent calendar. It is so special to count down to the celebration of the coming of our Lord together as a school family.



## Early Childhood Center

Lots of fun activities at the ECC!



# Adult Faith Formation

Now at [formed.org](http://formed.org)



Brother Francis leads us on a daily journey in this special seasonal celebration of the coming of the Lord! Featuring meditations, prayers, and suggested activities to keep our focus on Christ this Christmas.

## Light the Way

Check out the Advent Resource page: [www.olpls.org/advent](http://www.olpls.org/advent)  
You'll find a variety of resources, updated each week of Advent, for all members of the family.



## O Antiphons

The Roman Church has been singing the "O" Antiphons since at least the eighth century. They are the antiphons that accompany the Magnificat canticle of Evening Prayer from December 17-23. Find the history and prayers at [www.usccb.org/prayers/o-antiphons-advent](http://www.usccb.org/prayers/o-antiphons-advent)

## Pastoral Care

**Widows Group  
Christmas Luncheon**

**Thursday, December 18**  
**11:30 a.m. - Mulligan Room**

Bring a \$5 Gift for the Gift Exchange.  
We will Pray the Rosary.

RSVP to Shelli Lange  
816-251-1102, [slange@olpls.org](mailto:slange@olpls.org)

**JOURNEY TO HOPE**

Recovering from Divorce  
(for Men & Women)  
A 13-week program of healing and transformation.

Sessions starting Monday, January 26th  
at Our Lady of the Presentation  
For Info Contact Shelli Lange  
816-251-1102  
[slange@olpls.org](mailto:slange@olpls.org)



# Ministerio Hispano



## Alégrese

Alégrese, queridos hermanos y hermanas, resuena en nuestras lecturas de este tercer Domingo de Adviento, tomadas del profeta Isaías 35:1-6.10; Santiago 5:7-10 y el Evangelio según Mateo 11:2-11. Este domingo también se llama Domingo Gaudete, que significa domingo de regocijo, porque nos recuerda la alegría que rodeó el nacimiento de Jesús.

Al dirigirse a los exiliados, el profeta Isaías insta a los israelitas a florecer y regocijarse porque pronto regresarán a su patria. Sus vidas serán restauradas porque los ciegos verán de nuevo, los oídos de los sordos se abrirán para poder oír, los cojos saltarán y las lenguas de los mudos cantarán.

El nacimiento de Jesús es revolucionario para sus seguidores. Es un nacimiento que restaura a quienes esperaban con esperanza su estado de vida original, tal como Dios los creyó. Una vida llena de alegría porque han experimentado la acción de Dios en sus vidas y en las de otras personas.

El Papa Francisco dijo que un cristiano que vive sin alegría no es cristiano, porque la alegría es la característica de Dios. La buena noticia es: que Jesús, es quien nos trae alegría al transformar nuestros sufrimientos dia-

rios en alegría. Llevar alegría a los demás es hacerles experimentar a Dios como la alegría de su alma.

Esta semana, estamos todos invitados a ser embajadores de alegría para el mundo. Piensen en cómo podemos llevar alegría a otros en su familia y en la comunidad. Estas son algunas actividades que traen alegría al mundo: alimentar al hambriento, trabajar por la promoción de la justicia, defender a los oprimidos, ayudar a los necesitados, visitar a los enfermos entre otras. Estas son actividades que marcan el Reino de Dios para el cual nació Jesús.

Comenzaremos nuestras posadas en los hogares esta semana en preparación para la Navidad. El 16 de diciembre en hogar de Juanita Chaves, el 17 de diciembre, hogar de Lilian González, el 18 de diciembre en hogar de Yarly Gamboa, el 19 de diciembre, hogar de Elda Peña, el 20 de diciembre, hogar de Anabel Cardoza, el 21 de diciembre, hogar de Basilia Hernández, el 22 de diciembre, hogar de Rosa García y el 23 de diciembre, en el Templo Parroquial.

Muchas gracias a ellos que nos recibirán en sus hogares en estos días.

Seamos hermanos y amigos eternos en Cristo y en la Santísima Virgen María.


**-Padre Pius Wesonga, AJ**

Our Lady of the Presentation Young Adult Ministry

## Young Adults on the Summit

Connect with Catholic Young Adults in their 20's and 30's

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




**BRUNCH AFTER MASS** Join us Sunday Jan. 4<sup>th</sup> Meet and Greet in the Mulligan Room after 10 am Mass.

**LAST CALL 4 THE GOSPEL** JOIN US FEB. 25TH @ 7PM IN THE CHAPEL WITH SUPPER & TRIVIA TO FOLLOW AT BRICK'S PUB AND GRUB

**CONNECT ON JAN. 10TH! LOOK FOR DETAILS IN FUTURE BULLETINS AND REGISTER WITH THE QR CODE ABOVE.**

**LADIES JOIN US ON JAN. 6<sup>TH</sup> (6-8PM) TO GROW IN CHRIST!**



**GUYS JOIN US DEC. 18<sup>TH</sup> (6-8PM) TO GROW IN CHRIST!**




During the Christmas season we decorate the altar areas with poinsettias. If you would like to purchase a poinsettia in memory of a loved one or to commemorate a special occasion, complete the form below and return to the Parish Office by Monday, December 22. Cost is \$25.

Please print:

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory Of: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Occasion: \_\_\_\_\_

Total: \_\_\_\_\_

Or use Online Giving at [www.olpls.org](http://www.olpls.org).

**ONE CITY CAFÉ**  
 AT BISHOP SULLIVAN CENTER  
 3936 Troost Kansas City, MO

**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

**Celebrating and Honoring Our School's Teachers!  
 The 2026 Sisters of Charity Excellence in Education Award**

Join us in celebrating the 17th year of honoring a teacher at Our Lady of the Presentation School for excellence in Catholic education. Here is a way for you to let a teacher know that they are making a significant difference in the life of a child.

*Why is this program called The Sisters of Charity Award?*  
 The Sisters of Charity were instrumental in founding our school in 1939. Members of the Sisters of Charity taught our first students and with the help of Father F. E. Hagedorn, Pastor, helped create the amazing school we have become today. The Sisters of Charity Award for excellence in Catholic Education bridges the accomplishments of our past and the promise of our future by recognizing outstanding performance by one of our talented teachers. This honor is awarded annually.

*Previous Year's Recipients (not eligible to receive award again for 5 years)*

2021 Mrs. Bader

2022 Miss Russell

2023 Mrs. Walker

2024 Mrs. Sonderman

2025 Mrs. Connors

Scan Me  
 2026 Teacher of the Year

Anyone may submit a nominee to receive this award. In order to nominate a teacher, please visit our school website [www.olplsschool.org](http://www.olplsschool.org) for a link to the nomination form or scan the QR code and submit the nomination prior to the deadline of January 9, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. Although you must include your name and contact information with your nomination, this information will be kept confidential throughout the process.

Once collected, nomination forms are submitted to a Review Panel consisting of professionals with no direct connection to our Presentation School or parish. The recipient is announced during the Catholic Schools Week spirit assembly scheduled for Friday, January 30, 2026. In addition to the recognition, the PTO also awards \$1,000 to the teacher.

Thank you for taking this opportunity to express your appreciation to the teachers at Our Lady of the Presentation School.

**Nominations Deadline is 5:00pm on Friday, January 9, 2026**  
 Sponsored by Our Lady of the Presentation Parent Teacher Organization

**Our Lady of the Presentation Parish Staff**

- Joannie Ackland..... Parish Secretary  
816-251-1100 jackland@olpls.org
- Becky Burns.....CFF Assistant/Sunday School  
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- Teresa Button.....Director of Early Childhood Center  
816-251-1140 tbutton@olpls.org
- Karena Coatney.....Director of Children's Faith Formation  
816-251-1135 kcoatney@olpls.org
- Fernando Delgado.....Hispanic Ministry  
816-679-0491 delgadogf@umkc.edu
- Janice Drake.....Youth Ministry Assistant  
816-251-1103 ymassistant@olpls.org
- Jade Echevery.....Middle School Youth Ministry Coordinator  
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- Michele Hughes.....Pastoral Care Assistant  
816-251-1134 mhughes@olpls.org
- Shelli Lange.....Director of Pastoral Care  
816-251-1102 slange@olpls.org
- Carolyn Christianson Lauderdale.....Parish Administrator  
816-251-1108 clauderdale@olpls.org
- Mary Grace Madrid.....Director of Stewardship  
816-251-1119 mgmadrid@olpls.org
- Anna Mitchell.....Director of Communications  
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