



Our Lady OF THE Presentation

CATHOLIC CHURCH



This past year we embraced **JUST PRAY** as our parish-wide theme. I have heard many great stories about how the theme made a difference in the lives of our parishioners and also the broader community. Some of you have mentioned that when you wore your **JUST PRAY** t-shirt out in the community you were asked what it meant or the person asked where they could get one. Many of you mentioned stories of just taking the time to stop and pray with someone. All in all, I think the theme made a difference and produced some good fruit.

So, we want to keep the energy going. Our theme for this year is **JUST DISCIPLE (and Pray)**. Since we can never exhaust the importance of prayer, we wanted to continue using it as part of the theme. But prayer should lead us to a deeper relationship with Christ so that we can go forth and be his disciples in the world. We know that the word “disciple” can conjure up different meanings and even be a little intimidating at times. We may think of it in reference to the people who were the first disciples of Jesus or in the broader sense of all of us being called to be disciples. It can also be an action that leads us to share our faith in Christ with others. Our goal this year is to spend some time reflecting on what it means to be a disciple so that all of us can be more comfortable applying the word to ourselves and seeing the need to disciple as part of our daily life.

In Latin, the word disciple means “*one who learns.*” On our faith journey, we are all learners and there is always something new to learn. Let’s approach this year with an attitude of learning together. I also read that those who commit themselves to being disciples are about the work of making other disciples. This is part of what it means to participate in the mission of Jesus – *we do what he did!* We all have been given unique gifts to share as disciples so let’s make this another fruitful year by remembering to **JUST DISCIPLE** every day.

As we did last year, we have already done retreats for our parish, school, and ECC staffs as well as some of the catechists in our Children’s Faith Formation programs. Our next step is to have a **JUST DISCIPLE** retreat for the whole parish. Please mark your calendars for **Tuesday, September 27, at 6:30 p.m.** in the church. The evening will include time for reflection, discussion, prayer and fellowship. We hope you will join us as we continue to grow together and deepen our faith.

And please take time to look through all the articles in this newsletter which focus on our education ministries and the various opportunities we provide for faith formation.

Many Blessings! Father Tom



Just Pray Reflection Evening

Presentation School



OLP School is proud to be a ministry of Presentation Parish! This year's enrollment of 540 students includes 69 kindergartners and 29 new students in 1st through 8th grades. We are blessed to partner with so many families who choose Catholic education for their children and are grateful for the parish's continued support of our school ministry. Our school theme this year is "Just Disciple." The focus of students and staff this school year will be centered around this theme, the importance of being a follower of Jesus.

OLP School is accredited by both the National Federation of Nonpublic School State Accrediting Association and the Missouri Nonpublic School Accrediting Association. In addition, OLP is consistently recognized as one of the Kansas City area's top private schools by the *Kansas City Business Journal*. OLP is proud of its history and excited about the future of Catholic education as we continue to inspire students' spiritual and academic growth.

OLP School updates are published weekly in the parish bulletin and we invite you to follow OLP School on social media to see all of the adventures of our students this year. [facebook.com/OurLadyOfPresentation/](https://www.facebook.com/OurLadyOfPresentation/) and [instagram.com/presentationolp](https://www.instagram.com/presentationolp)

Early Childhood Center



Presentation ECC is proud to be a ministry of Our Lady of the Presentation Parish. Our program continues to grow and improve every year. Presentation ECC is committed to providing high quality education rooted in our Catholic faith. We are blessed to serve 188 families which is 217 early childhood students. This year, along with the school and parish, we will be following the theme of "Just Disciple" to guide our interactions with families and our staff will help our students understand what it means to be a follower of Jesus.

Presentation ECC is accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). One of the ways we provide and maintain such high standards is by making sure we hire the best teachers and staff. Our teaching staff are passionate about the quality of care and education we provide. Not only do we strive to provide a high level of early childhood education, we also want to make sure we are models of our Catholic Christian faith to everyone we meet either here at Presentation or out in our community.

We look forward to sharing another year full of learning and fun with our parish family! Make sure to check out our updates in the weekly bulletin or for more information visit our website, www.olpecc.org and our Facebook page: [facebook.com/OLPECC/](https://www.facebook.com/OLPECC/). We also invite all parishioners to stop by for a visit.

Children's Faith Formation

Looking For An At-Home Option?



Are you looking for ways to put God first in your family's life? Have you been looking for ways to share our faith with your children that fit into your schedule? Then try our AT HOME option. We have At Home options for **PreK through 8th Grade!** When

you enroll in our **At Home** program, you will receive materials and access to online, interactive eLearning lessons for your child to use at home for grades 1-5. Each lesson is just 20 minutes in length! Parents love this self-directed experience for their kids or the opportunity to work together as a family. Children dive into Scripture in each lesson and are encouraged to consider how they might put their faith into action. Sign up now on the Children's Faith Formation webpage, www.olpls.org, for At Home or in-person. For more information contact Jo Engert, CFF Director, jengert@olpls.org.

Middle School Youth Grades 6-8



Exciting new things are happening in Middle School Youth Ministry. We kicked the year off with 45 youth attending our Bowling Event on August 28. Join us on the **4th Sundays** at 11:45am to 2:30pm (includes Mass) for small disciple groups. Enjoy a variety of **Service Saints** and **social activities** throughout the year with your friends to share your gifts, build community, and have fun.

Register online on our parish website or contact Jo Engert at jengert@olpls.org. Adult volunteers are always appreciated and needed.

Youth & Young Adult Ministries

We offer a wide variety of ways to help youth and young adults grow in faith. All of these events, experiences and worship opportunities are in response to needs of our young Church, a way to build lasting relationships with one another and ultimately, a deep connection with Jesus Christ. Please consider sharing your gifts in these ministries so we may support the hundreds of young men and women in our parish. Contact Christy Gruenbaum, cgruenbaum@olpls.org.

High School Youth Ministry

High School teens are invited to spiritual, social and service opportunities every month. High School Nights are held every Third Sunday night (6-8pm). All are welcome to participate in Contemporary Mass every Fourth Sunday at the 12 Noon Mass with other middle and high school youth. Teens are invited to share their gifts on the High School Youth Ministry Leadership team. Leaders help plan and facilitate High School Nights, Confirmation small groups and Middle School activities. Team meetings are every Second Sunday, 6:00 to 7:30pm. Other opportunities for high school youth include discipleship groups, service mission trip, Service Saints service opportunities, national and local conferences and social community building events. Adult leaders (including parents) are welcome too. Build life-long, meaningful friendships rooted in Christ!



Young Adults Brunch After Mass (B.A.M.)

Young Adult Ministry

All young adults in their 20's and 30's are invited to engage in our active **Young Adults on the Summit**. Dive deeper into your faith, while creating solid friendships. Enjoy **Last Call for the Gospel** social nights each month; Praise, Worship & Adoration Nights; **Agape Latte** every Third Thursday at 6:30pm; service opportunities; **B.A.M.** – Brunch After Mass; the annual Young Adults Progressive Dinner and many more social and spiritual encounters. Follow our **Young Adults on the Summit** Instagram and Facebook - OLP Young Adult Ministry. To be included in our text reminders, please Email: YoungAdultsOnTheSummit@olpls.org

Our Lady of the Presentation Youth & Young Adult Ministry invites you to share your gifts and participate in Mass!

Fourth Sundays Contemporary Mass @ 12 Noon



You are invited to participate in Mass, grow in faith & service and connect with others in our faith community!

Mentors will help guide you!

We look forward to worshipping with you!

Arrival times for some of the ways you can participate. There's a role for everyone!

11:10am Choir, singers, musicians practice

11:30 am Greeters, hand out bulletins, collection, altar servers, trained lectors, supplement collectors. When you arrive, check in with the Adult Team or Mass Coordinators.

Sign up **ONLINE** using our QR code or Sign Up Genius link: <https://bit.ly/ContemporaryMass>



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WOMEN'S RETREAT SATURDAY OCTOBER 8, 2022	MEN'S RETREAT SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2022
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Mutual Help Grief Support Group

Thursdays,
September 29–November 3
9:30am – Holy Spirit Parish
7:00pm – Presentation Parish

For information or to register,
contact:
Shelli Lange, 816-251-1102
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or
Deacon Tyrone, 816-537-6990
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*Trained facilitators will guide the group for
six sessions focused on grief coping skills.
Participants are asked to commit to the
entire six weeks. Pre-registration is required.*

BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO MOURN, FOR THEY WILL BE COMFORTED.
MATTHEW 5:4



Join us for our Parish Reflection Evening

*Prayer, discussion, and learning as we build
on our parish focus of prayer and discipleship.*

Tuesday, September 27, 6:30 p.m. in the Church

*So that we are prepared for you,
kindly RSVP to 816-251-1100
or jackland@olpls.org by September 24*

