



# Our Lady OF THE Presentation

CATHOLIC CHURCH

I hope you have had an amazing summer filled with lots of opportunities to renew, refresh, and connect with God and others. As we enter fall, this is always a busy time in the life of our parish. In addition to all our ministries, we are blessed with a parish grade school and Early Childhood Center. This fall edition of our Parish Newsletter highlights the various education ministries of our parish. Please take time to look through all the information in this newsletter as we offer education and faith formation ministries for all ages. Presentation is a vibrant, faith-filled, and growing parish, so take advantage of all we have available.

Once again this year we will be using a parish-wide theme to focus our efforts as a faith community. Our theme for the year is **“CULTIVATE HOPE”**. Pope Francis has announced that the coming Jubilee Year will be focused on Hope, so this will give us an opportunity to cultivate, nurture, and grow this virtue in our parish community. Pope Francis is also preparing a reflection for the world on the Sacred Heart of Jesus, as he feels the world has “lost its heart” and needs to be rededicated to the Sacred Heart. This is why the “O” in HOPE is in the shape of the Sacred Heart. You will be hearing more about our theme as the year progresses and we will be offering a parish retreat on the theme in October.



The new addition to our north parking lot is complete and being utilized in the daily life of our parish and school. There are about 60 additional spaces. This was the major project of the summer. The parking lot addition as well as several other summer projects were made possible through your regular stewardship to the parish and your support of the monthly Future Projects Fund collection.

Thank you for your generosity!

***Many Blessings!***

***Father Tom***



## Adult Faith Formation

### Come & See

Come to the Etue Room on Monday, August 26, from 6 to 8 p.m. to learn more about becoming Catholic or sponsoring candidates or catechumens.

### Discipleship Groups

Would you be interested in joining one of our small group faith discussions? Contact Mary Pat at [mstorms@olpls.org](mailto:mstorms@olpls.org) to join a group or start your own!

## Presentation School



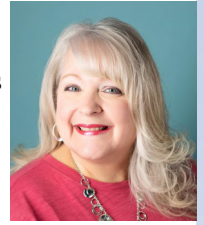
OLP School is proud to be a ministry of Presentation Parish! Our grade school serves students in Kindergarten through 8th grade and we are blessed this year with an enrollment of 554 students with three classrooms in every grade. In addition to welcoming over 60 new kindergartners we also have 19 new students joining us in other grades. We are also excited to welcome several new teachers to our staff. OLP is dedicated to the mission of partnering with families to provide a Catholic education for their children and help form our students in the rich tradition and values of our Catholic faith. We are grateful for the parish's continued support of our school ministry. Our school and parish theme this year is "Cultivate Hope." As a school, we will be focusing on ways to grow and nurture the virtue of hope and bring the hope of Christ to others.

OLP School is accredited by the Missouri Nonpublic School Accrediting Association. 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

Hello! I'm Teresa Button, the new Director of Presentation ECC. I taught middle school/high school for 25 years and have spent the last 14 years in early childhood, with eight years as the assistant director at OLP ECC. I reside in Higginsville with my husband, Larry, and my twin sons, William and Jackson, who will be seniors in high school this year. I look forward to continuing to serve the students and families at the ECC.



Presentation ECC is proud to be a ministry of Our Lady of the Presentation Parish. Our program continues to grow and improve every year. The ECC is committed to providing high quality education rooted in our Catholic faith. We are blessed to serve 170 families with over 200 early childhood students. This year, along with the school and parish, we will be following the theme of "Cultivate Hope!" We will be cultivating hope in our daily interactions with students and families. We strive to help our students understand what it means to cultivate hope by being signs of hope for others.

Presentation ECC is accredited by Missouri Non-public Accreditation. 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.olplsecc.org](http://www.olplsecc.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



Are you looking for joy in your life? Then join our Children's Faith Formation Ministry or enroll your children in our programs. In CFF, we use an "approach that excites kids, delights parents and energizes" our teachers. We joyfully lead children to discover their faith.

**For ages 3 ½ - 6**, we have two programs: *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd* on Tuesday mornings and *Sunday School* on Sundays during the 10:00 a.m. Mass.

**For Grades K-5**, join us on Wednesday nights from 5:30-6:45 p.m.

**Children's Liturgy of the Word**, is for children in Kindergarten through 3rd grade and no registration is required. We meet on the second and fourth Sundays at the 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. (Spanish) Masses. Children meet during the Liturgy of the Word and then return to Mass.

Sign up now on our parish website, [www.olpls.org](http://www.olpls.org), for our Children's Faith Formation programs or to volunteer. For more information contact Karena Coatney, Director, at [kcoatney@olpls.org](mailto:kcoatney@olpls.org).



## Youth Ministry

We are looking forward to walking in relationship with our youth this year. There will be time for youth to form their faith, live in fellowship, and live out their faith. We are looking forward to aiding in the beautiful work you are already doing as families to steward the faith of our youth.

### Middle School High School

- Small Group nights
- Summer Camps
- Regional/Local Youth events
- Social fun events
- Service Opportunities
- Confirmation preparation
- HS Leadership Team
- Formation Nights
- Discipleship Groups
- Mission Trips
- HS Youth Conferences
- Regional/Local Youth events
- Social fun events



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join!

Mission  
Trips



### Service Opportunities



### Social Youth Group Events



### Camp Savio



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## Young Adult Ministry

If you are in your 20's & 30's please join us at these events:

1. BAM: Attend Mass as Young Adults and go to Martin City Brewery for Brunch on the second Sunday of every other Month; Mass at 10am with brunch to follow.
2. Last Call 4 the Gospel: Reflect on the past Sunday's Gospel during Adoration of Christ and then enjoy Trivia Night at Konrad's on the last Tuesday of every other month from 6-8 pm.
3. Catholic Connections: Catholic & Single? Join other Catholic Singles to grow in fellowship on the Second Saturday of every other month.
4. God's Guys/Gals: Visit and grow in faith with other Catholic Men or Women.

## Introducing Our New Parish Staff!

**Karen Coatney**

*Director of  
Children's Faith Formation*



Hi, my name is Karena Coatney and I am the new Director of Children's Faith Formation. I have been married to my husband Joe for 13 years and we have two beautiful daughters Gabrielle (11) and Colette (5). We have lived in the Lee's summit area for the last 17 years (minus the 3 ½ years we lived in Australia) and have been OLP parishioners for over a decade. My background is in Education, having taught in a Montessori school and I have been a CFF Catechist for the past three years. I find so much joy in watching children grow in their faith and friendship with God!

**Becky Burns**

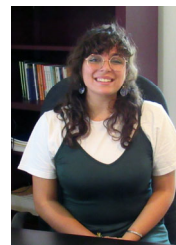
*CFF Assistant  
Sunday School Coordinator*



Hi, my name is Becky Burns and I am the new Children's Faith Formation Assistant and Sunday School Coordinator. My daughter is in 7th grade and attends OLP school and we have been members of OLP since 2018. You may recognize me as a former substitute teacher and Sunday School Catechist here at OLP!

**Mary Grace Madrid**

*Director of Stewardship*



Hi, my name is Mary Grace Madrid, and I am excited to begin my journey as the new Stewardship Director. I am from New York and moved halfway across the country to attend Benedictine College where I served on the executive team of Ravens Respect Life, and Vice President of the Student Government Association. I graduated in 2022 and moved to Indianapolis where I taught Social Studies and Music for the past two years. My husband and I got married in December 2023 and soon after we felt God calling us back to the Kansas City area. I am so blessed to be a part of this amazing parish!

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Hosted by Presentation Parish Hispanic Ministry

# Fiesta!

Enjoy Latin American Food & Live Entertainment!



**Saturday, September 14 - 5:30pm**  
**North Parking Lot**

## Menu Items

#1 Taco Plate - \$15

#2 Enchilada Plate - \$15

#3 Pupusa Plate - \$15

#4 Tamale Plate - \$15

#5 A la carte-\$5 each (taco, enchilada, pupusa, tamale)

#6 Dessert - \$2

#7 Horchata - \$3

#8 Margarita or Rusa Drink - \$5

*Each plate comes with your preferred drink of soda or water. Plates do not include side items. A self-serve side item bar with salad, rice and beans will be available.*

**Tickets on sale after Masses August 31-September 1 & September 7-8 or at the Parish Office and the Fiesta.**