



# Our Lady OF THE Presentation

CATHOLIC CHURCH

FALL NEWSLETTER 2025

## Our New Parish Theme Focuses on Service

As the summer months come to a close and we enter into fall, this is also a time when our parish is filled with renewed and increased activity. We are blessed to be part of a vibrant, faith-filled parish that offers numerous ministries and groups for all ages. This newsletter highlights our education ministries, which includes our parish Grade School and Early Childhood Center, our Children's Faith Formation offerings, our Youth and Young Adult ministries, and all of our Adult Faith Formation offerings. The best way to feel a deeper sense of belonging and commitment in the parish is to get involved in our ministries and activities. Please take time to look through the information in this newsletter and pray about ways God might be calling you to share your gifts or deepen your faith.

I am excited to introduce our new parish theme for the year – **SIMPLY SERVE!** As our staff reflected on a new theme, the idea of focusing on simple, everyday ways we can serve God and others kept coming up. In our parish, we do a great job of supporting our service partners throughout the year and participating in other charitable activities. These are great ways we put our faith into action as a community, but we also want to focus on seeing service as a way of life that informs our daily interactions and activities. Hence, the everyday ways we can *Simply Serve*. There is a concept that comes from the Catechism of the Catholic Church called "disinterested service." Although it sounds strange, it refers to developing an attitude of service where we become disinterested in any benefit or expectation we might attach to serving. We simply serve because it is the right thing to do. We'll be talking more about that as we expand on the theme.

Please plan to join us on **Thursday, October 16, at 6:30 p.m.** for our Parish Reflection Evening focused on our *Simply Serve* theme. Many of our staff will be involved in the evening so we hope you will take time to join us.

Thank you for all the ways you contribute to making our parish an amazing community. We are grateful for your generosity throughout the year. Let's continue to hold one another in prayer.

**Many Blessings!**  
**Father Tom**



Saint Mother Teresa

### Presentation Parish Service Partners

#### Bishop Sullivan Center:

One City Café Monthly Volunteers (1st Thursday & 3rd Tuesday)  
Red Bag Food Pantry Drive - August  
Winter Coat Drive - November

#### Catholic Charities

CCEAF Collection - February/March  
Serve & Lift Pantry Food Drive - February

#### Lee's Summit Social Services

Monthly Food Drive  
School Supply Drive - July  
Advent Giving Tree

#### Operation Breakthrough

Detergent & Diaper Drive - May

#### San Rafael Cedros, El Salvador

Second Collection: September  
Lenten Blessing Boxes  
Fund scholarships for 32 students

#### Uplift, Inc.

Monthly Volunteers (2nd Monday)  
Casserole Meal Outreach (2nd Monday)  
Underwear & Sock Drive: October  
Advent Giving Tree

Learn more: <https://olpls.org/mission-outreach>

## Presentation School

As a proud ministry of Presentation Parish, OLP School is a cornerstone of our community. Our K-8 school is bustling this year with an enrollment of 543 students, each grade benefiting from three dedicated classrooms. We're thrilled to welcome over 60 new kindergartners, alongside 11 new students in other grades, and extend a warm greeting to the talented new teachers joining our team.

OLP's mission is deeply rooted in our commitment to families: to provide a comprehensive Catholic education that not only shapes young minds but also grounds students firmly in the traditions and values of our faith. We are immensely grateful for the parish's steadfast support, which empowers our school ministry. This year, our unified school and parish theme, "Simply Serve," encourages every student to embrace small, impactful acts of service in their daily lives.

With a history we cherish, OLP School holds accreditation from the Missouri Nonpublic School Accrediting Association. We are excited for the continued evolution of Catholic education, fostering an environment where spiritual and academic potential can truly flourish.

For weekly updates, consult the parish bulletin. To witness the lively experiences of our students throughout the year, follow OLP School on social media: [facebook.com/OurLadyOfPresentation/](https://facebook.com/OurLadyOfPresentation/) and [instagram.com/presentationolp](https://instagram.com/presentationolp)

## Early Childhood Center

Presentation ECC is proud to be a ministry of Presentation Parish. Our program continues to grow and improve every year serving ages 1-5. The ECC is committed to providing high quality education rooted in our Catholic faith. We are blessed to serve 160 families with 190 early childhood students. We are also excited to welcome several new teachers to our staff. This year, along with the school and parish, we will be following the theme of "Simply Serve!" We will be finding ways to simply serve in our daily interactions with students and families. We strive to help our students understand what it means to simply serve by offering ourselves in whatever way we can to serve others.

Presentation ECC is accredited by Missouri Nonpublic 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://facebook.com/OLPECC/). We also invite all parishioners to stop by for a visit.

## Children's Faith Formation

Are you looking for more 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.

There is no greater joy than teaching children about God and helping them discover their faith.

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

**For Grades K-5**, join us on Wednesday nights for **CFF religion class** from 5:30-6:45 p.m. (Registration Required)



**For K-3**, you are invited to **Children's Liturgy of the Word**. We meet weekly on Sundays during the 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., and 2:00 p.m. (Spanish) Masses. Children gather during the Liturgy of the Word and then return to Mass. (No Registration Required)

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



# EDUCATION ministries

## Youth Ministry

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

### 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



Scan to  
join!

#### Service Opportunities



#### Social Youth Group Events



#### Mission Trips



#### Camp Savio



## El Salvador 2026 Delegation Trip



**Who:** Any pilgrim over the age of 14 with a guardian or Adults who want to travel

**What:** Pilgrimage to our Sister Community

**When:** July 23-29, 2026

**How Much:** approx. cost of \$1500/person

**What will we do:** tour various sites, COMPLETE A SOCIAL PROJECT, and visit w/scholarship families.



Register now



## Young Adult Ministry

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

- **Meet and Greet:** Join other Young Adults for a donut gathering to see what Young Adult Ministry has to offer.
- **Pres. Ladies/God's Guys:** Visit and grow in faith with other Catholic Men or Women. Ladies Nights: First Tuesday of every month. Guys Nights: Third Thursday of every month
- **Last Call 4 the Gospel:** Reflect on the past Sunday's Gospel during Adoration of Christ and then enjoy Trivia Night at Brick's. Certain last Thursday of the month
- **BAM:** Attend Mass as Young Adults and go to Martin City Brewery for Brunch. Certain first Sunday of the month.
- **Catholic Connections:** Join other Catholic Singles to grow in fellowship. Certain Saturday of the month

#### NEW ADDITIONS:

- **You Are Created By God Series:** Learn that you are created as a Child of God and what does that mean. - Nov. 12, Jan. 14, Mar. 11
- **Seek Conference:** Join other Young Adult leaders in growing YA Ministry at OLP. - Jan. 1 - 5, 2026 in Fort Worth, TX



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## Salvation Fulfilled: The Gospel of Luke

**In Luke: The Story of Salvation Fulfilled**, you will study key moments in salvation history, including the Annunciation, the Nativity, his public ministry, and Jesus' suffering, death, and glorious Resurrection. Video lectures by Jeff Cavins followed by in-class discussions.

**2 meetings**  
**Saturdays, November 8 and**  
**December 6**  
**8:30 to 11:30 a.m**

A reading plan, 51 podcasts, and a workbook are included with the video presentations.

\$10 donation for materials suggested.

Contact Mary Pat to sign up!

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**St. Francis Pet Blessing**  
**Saturday, October 4**  
**3 p.m.**  
**All pets welcome!**



**Hosted by Presentation Parish Hispanic Ministry**



# Fiesta!

**Enjoy Latin American Food & Live Entertainment!**



**Saturday, September 13 - 5:30pm**

**North Parking Lot**

*Outdoor seating - please bring a lawn chair*

## Menu Items

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|---------------------------|--|
| #1 Taco Plate - \$15      | #5 A la carte \$5 each (Taco, Enchilada, Pupusa, Tamale) |
| #2 Enchilada Plate - \$15 | #6 Dessert/Water/Soda - \$2                              |
| #3 Pupusa Plate - \$15    | #7 Horchata/Shave Ice Treat - \$5                        |
| #4 Tamale Plate - \$15    | #8 Margarita - \$7                                       |

*Each plate comes with your preferred drink of soda or water. Rice & Beans upon request.*

**Tickets on sale after Masses August 23-24, 30-31 &  
September 6-7 or at the Parish Office and at the Fiesta.**

Join us for the

# WOMEN'S Retreat

**Tuesday, September 16<sup>th</sup>**

**Check in begins at 6:00PM**

**Retreat 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM**



To sign up, scan the  
QR Code or Register  
at the Parish Office  
Cost is \$20 per person

**THE STANLEY | ASPEN ROOM**  
**308 SE Douglas St, Lee's Summit**

Let us gather together as women to  
embrace the shift of the seasons and  
consider the ways we are called to  
serve others. Joined by Holly Hoffman,  
we will enjoy fellowship, prayer, and  
the beauty of service.