

Presentation Press



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, is our mission.

Presentation Looks To The Future

by Father Tom Holder

Over the past several months, our parish conducted a Planning Study which helped us gather information about support for some proposed projects and how best to move forward as we look to the future of Presentation. Thanks again to all who participated. We had a great response to the Planning Study through interviews and surveys – over 600 people. There was also a high percentage who responded they would financially support a Capital Campaign to address the proposed needs – 85%. A few other things we learned from the Planning Study:

- There is a strong sense of community at Presentation
- Parishioners feel we have a large number of ministries that support people of all ages on their faith journey
- Parishioners feel strongest about projects that will address space, entrance and security issues for the school and gathering space flow, church seating and meeting space in the parish
- Over 60% of those who participated in the Planning Study indicated a willingness to also support a Campaign by serving on a Committee or other volunteer role
- The consulting group who conducted the Planning Study estimated a reachable Campaign goal of \$4 - 5 million dollars over the next three years

With this information and the overall strong support of our parishioners, we will be moving into the initial



phase of a Capital Improvements Campaign in the coming weeks. There is still much work to be done, so this summer will be a time for us to finalize proposed designs, choose priorities based on the projected amount we can raise, and form committees to help with the effort. Although we will not be able to complete all the projects we proposed through the Planning Study, we will try to address those that most benefit the current daily and weekly life of our parish. With that said, we plan to keep all the projects in front of people, including a future Parish Hall, even though they may not be completed in this phase.

Of course, what we are able to do depends on the support and on-going stewardship of our parishioners. I hope you will help us move this vision forward as we look to the future of our vibrant and active parish. Please keep our parish in your prayers as we journey together to build up God's kingdom. May God's many blessings bear fruit in our lives.

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KEY STATISTICAL FINDINGS





Causes We Support

Presentation Parish partners with the following agencies through various service projects during the year:

Bishop Sullivan Center, 39th & Troost Kitchen

Every 1st Thursday & 3rd Tuesday, 10 volunteers (ages 13 & Up) are needed to serve prepared meals to the homeless and working poor. Meet at Presentation to carpool at 3:30 p.m. and return by 7:00 p.m.

Contact Christy Gruenbaum, 816-251-1107.

Heart & Sole Shoe Drive

In November, our parish collects donations of new, athletic shoes for students in the KCMO school district. Volunteers are needed to assist with shoe fittings at various times during the year.

Catholic Charities

In the Spring, our parish participates in "Hope In Motion" to bring hope to those who hunger. We invite parishioners to join together with a focus on family, faith and fitness to help others in need.

Lee's Summit Social Services

Monthly Food Drive

The first full weekend of the month, donations are collected for the LS Social Services Food Pantry. A list of items needed is published in the bulletin one week before the collection.

Giving Baskets

In July, we collect school supplies for LSSS and our parish ministries.

Advent Giving Tree

This is our parish-wide service project to benefit children in need and senior adults in area Care Centers.

Operation Breakthrough

A Detergent & Diaper Drive is held the second weekend of June to benefit families served by Operation Breakthrough.

San Rafael Cedros, El Salvador

For the past 10 years, our parish has partnered with the Center for Exchange in support of a Scholarship Program for 20 High School Students at \$300 each and 12 University Students at \$1,000 each.

This Fall, we hope to bring two to four scholarship students to visit our parish. We are seeking donations to cover the cost of their trip to the U.S. and are in need of housing and transportation for the students during their stay. For more information contact Jo Engert, 816-251-1135.

Uplift Organization, Inc.

We serve every 2nd Monday of the month, taking care and compassion to Kansas City's homeless by loading vans with supplies at the Uplift warehouse and delivering to homeless "camps."

Eight volunteers (ages 15 & Up) are needed and depart from Presentation at 4:00 p.m. and return by 10:30 p.m. Contact Christy Gruenbaum, 816-251-1107.

Volunteers are needed to cook for Uplift on the 2nd Saturday of the month. This could be an activity for a group or family. Contact Andy Harrington for details, almh@swbell.net

Advent Underwear for Uplift Drive

A collection for underwear is held in December to benefit those served by the Uplift Organization.



Summertime Opportunities to Share Our Gifts and Encounter Christ in Others

by Christy Gruenbaum, Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministry

I have always loved summer. Warmer temperatures, outdoor activities and sports, lightning bugs (or do you call them fireflies?), and longer days. When I became the Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministries here at Our Lady of the Presentation, summer became even more special because it is a time when our teens are more available to gather for activities. One of the highlights during summer is our summer service mission trip. I love the opportunity to see our young adults grow in faith, experience the joy in giving and encounter Christ in those they meet.

This summer, we will be serving with Catholic Heart Workcamp in July in Hartford, CT. Our teens will learn about various organizations and the ways they meet the needs of the poor. We will serve at senior centers, family shelters, food kitchens and with Catholic Charities. Our young parishioners will be reminded throughout the week that every person is made in the image and likeness of God and every person deserves dignity and respect; and how we are all called to love and to share our gifts.

Pope Francis has said, "a life that takes possession of itself, losing itself in love, imitates Christ."

We are blessed to have opportunities at Our Lady of the Presentation to live out our faith in service to others all year long. Serving others might be as simple as a kind gesture or praying for someone. In this newsletter, you will find many ways to serve others on behalf of our parish. However we choose to share our God-given gifts, may our service help us encounter the love of Jesus and may we love and serve Him whole-heartedly.



JUNE SERVICE

June 7 & 8

Summer Service Days

Teens in Grades 7 thru Adults are invited to serve during the daytime hours together. Pick one or both of the days. Permission forms required. Call the Youth Ministry Office for details, 816-251-1107.

June 9 & 10

Operation Breakthrough Detergent & Diaper Drive

Bring donations of laundry detergent & diapers (size 5 & 6 needed most) to Masses this weekend only.

June 18 - 22

Vacation Bible School

Volunteers ages 14 thru adult Crew Leaders are needed to lead groups of children to activities. Training begins soon, contact Jo Engert, 816-251-1135, ASAP!



JULY SERVICE

July 1

Giving Baskets - School Supplies Drive for LS Social Services & Parish Ministries

Pick up a tag in the church gathering space or choose from the list published in the bulletin. Donations are due by July 21.

July 6 - 15

Summer Service Mission Trip

High School Youth Ministry serves with Catholic Heart Workcamp.

July 25

Summer Service Day

Teens in Grades 7 thru Adults are invited to serve. Contact the Youth Ministry Office or see the bulletin for details.



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JUNE

- 2-3: Spaghetti Dinner & Variety Show
Free Blood Pressure Checks
LSSS Food Drive
- 5: Blood Drive, 2-6pm, Auditorium
- 6: Senior Saints Picnic, 5pm, Auditorium
- 7: YM Summer Service Day, 12-4:30pm
Bishop Sullivan Center-Troost
Kitchen Volunteers, 3:30pm
- 8: YM Summer Service Day, 12-4:30pm
- 9-10: Operation Breakthrough Detergent &
Diaper Drive
- 11: Uplift Volunteers, 4pm
- 12: Young Adult Last Call, 6:30pm
- 14: Widows Group Retreat, 10am, Mulligan
Summer Saints, 7pm, Mulligan
- 17: Third Sunday@ Noon Mass
- 18-22: Vacation Bible School, 9am, Auditorium
- 19: Bishop Sullivan Center-Troost
Kitchen Volunteers, 3:30pm
- 12: Young Adult Bible Study, 6:30pm
- 29: YM Event - Comedy City, 5:45pm

JULY

- 4: 4th of July Mass, 9am
- 5: Bishop Sullivan Center-Troost
Kitchen Volunteers, 3:30pm
- 6-15: Youth Service Mission Trip
- 7-8: LSSS Food Drive
Free Blood Pressure Checks
- 9: Uplift Volunteers, 4pm
- 15: Third Sunday @Noon Mass
- 17: Bishop Sullivan Center-Troost
Kitchen Volunteers, 3:30pm
- 19: Widows Group Gathering, 11:30am
- 20: New Lectionary Readings, 7pm
- 23: Young Adult Bible Study, 6:30pm

AUGUST

- 2: Bishop Sullivan Center-Troost Kitchen
Volunteers, 3:30pm
- 4-5: LSSS Food Drive
Free Blood Pressure Checks
K of C Ladies Auxiliary Baby Bottle
Campaign Kick Off
- 13: Uplift Volunteers, 4pm
- 15: Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Holy Day Masses: 6:30am, 8:15am,
6pm
Assumption Fest, after 6pm Mass
- 16: Widow Group Gathering
- 18-19: Celebrating Stewardship Weekend
Third Sunday @Noon Mass
- 21: Bishop Sullivan Center-Troost Kitchen
Volunteers, 3:30pm
- 25-26: K of C Ladies Auxiliary Baby Bottle
Collection
K of C Breakfast, 7:30-11:30am
- 28: Young Adult Bible Study, 6:30pm

