

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.

Annual Leadership Dinner Focuses on Parish Master Planning

By Fr. Tom Holder

On Tuesday, May 2, approximately 100 Presentation parishioners involved in the various ministries and leadership groups of our parish gathered for the annual Leadership Dinner. This gathering is an opportunity to thank those who provide leadership and support throughout the year. We also take time to focus on important issues that affect the vision and direction of the parish.

For the past year, the Pastoral Council has been studying the Master Plan for our parish that was put together about eight years ago. It is suggested that a healthy, growing parish like Presentation revisit and update their Master Plan every 3-5 years. This summer will mark the 5-year Anniversary of the completion of Phase 1 of the Master Plan which included the renovation of our church worship space and the new addition to our school.

Some of the projects suggested for Phase 2 of the Plan are: a dedicated Parish Hall with meeting spaces, new Parish Offices, additional kitchen facilities, and additional spaces for our school and education ministries. The Pastoral Council along with the parish staff have spent time discussing whether our current physical spaces best serve our growing congregation while also looking at the Master Plan to set priorities for future needs.

The Leadership Dinner this year provided an opportunity to further this discussion and get some input from some of our leaders. The evening included a video presentation of all the buildings and meeting spaces on our campus and how these spaces are used by our parish ministries and groups. The video highlighted that Presentation has a large campus with a number of buildings of



The Leadership Dinner was co-hosted by the Stewardship Committee and the Pastoral Council. Among the presenters were Council members Karen Norton, John Tyler and Russ Melchert.



a variety of ages that are well used from early morning to late in the evening. The meeting concluded with some next steps for continuing the process. The parish will be working with some design architects this summer to look at possible options for the items mentioned in Phase 2 of the Master Plan.

As the process progresses, all parishioners will be invited to give input and help decide the direction we take. Stay tuned for more information about this exciting time in our parish.

Sharing Our Faith Through Community *By Jane Krawczyk*

Participation in the life of our faith community can enhance our lives in many different ways. Being in community gives us the chance to be around people at different stages of their faith journey, to learn from each other and grow in our own faith and to foster friendships through shared common interests.

Community invites us to share in each other's joys and celebrate God's gifts in our lives and also allows us to embrace others during times of sorrow and lift them up during their time of need.

On June 3, we celebrated our 11th Annual Spaghetti Dinner and Variety Show. Every year I am amazed by the support of our Stewardship & Event Committee, Knights of Columbus, St. Joseph Guild, our performers and many others who volunteer to fill in the gaps where needed to make this a fun parish-wide community event.

Every year it is a blessing to witness how many of our parishioners come together for this special evening. The event began as an effort to create awareness and funds for our debt reduction effort and provided funds to retire our loan renovation balance. For the past few years, proceeds have benefitted our Future Projects Fund that allows us to address current needs within our parish.

Each year, those who come forward in support of this parish-wide event always display a spirit of commitment and joy. They reflect what happens in community when everyone comes together to do God's work.

Throughout our faith community you will find many who reflect God's spirit through their commitment and joy as they gather and volunteer in support of the many ministries throughout our parish. When we grow in relationship with others through community we grow in relationship with God.

During these summer months take time to reflect on your gifts and the ways you might be called to grow in relationship with God through your participation in community.





Thank you to all the entertainers and volunteers who helped make the Spaghetti Dinner & Variety Show a success!



LS Social Services “Back to School” Giving Baskets Kick Off Weekend July 8-9



Lee’s Summit Social Services assists hundreds of children to get ready to go back to school. You can help by participating in Presentation’s “Giving Basket” project. To participate, pick up a tag with a suggested donation of school and office supplies. **Baskets with the tags will be located at the church entrances beginning July 8-9.** All donations will benefit Lee’s Summit Social Services and Presentation Parish Ministries. Please place all donations in the blue bins located at the south church entrance by **Sunday, July 23.** **A complete list of school supplies needed will be in upcoming parish bulletins.** For more information, contact the Children’s Faith Formation Office, 251-1146.

SAVE THE DATE!

SECOND ANNUAL ASSUMPTION FEST

**TUESDAY,
AUGUST 15**

Mass at 6 pm followed by prayer and blessings for our local firefighters, police officers, sheriff deputies and Highway Patrol Troopers.



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Opportunities for Worship, Service, Education and Community

SUMMER

June

- 15: Widows Group Picnic
- 17: Hispanic Ministry Children's Day
- 19-23: Vacation Bible School
- 20: Bishop Sullivan Center Food Kitchen
- 28: Catholic Lutheran Study
- 25: Last Day of Church Directory Photos

July

- 4: 4th of July Mass, 9am
- 6: Bishop Sullivan Center Food Kitchen
- 9-10: LSSS Food Drive
Backpack School Supplies Kickoff
Free Blood Pressure Checks
- 10: Uplift Organization
- 11-12: Youth Group Summer Service Days at
Harvesters and Sisters of St. Francis
- 18: Bishop Sullivan Center Food Kitchen
- 20: Widows Group Retreat
- 22-30: Youth Service Mission Trip

August

- 3: Bishop Sullivan Center Food Kitchen
- 5-6: LSSS Food Drive
Free Blood Pressure Checks
- 11: AFF Movie Night "Luther"
- 15: Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Holy Day Masses: 6:30am, 8:15am, 6pm
Assumption Fest, after 6pm Mass
- 15: Bishop Sullivan Center Food Kitchen
- 19-20: Divine Donuts & Welcome Reception
for Fr. Olvin Giron
- 30: Catholic Lutheran Study

