



CHURCH OF THE
PRESENTATION
of the Blessed Virgin Mary

How can I help my home parish, Presentation of Blessed Virgin Mary?

Dear Parishioners and Alumni of Presentation;

Welcome Home! With hearts full of gratitude and great excitement, we celebrate the homecoming and 70th Anniversary of Presentation Parish and School. Thanks for being encouraging and supportive to our wonderful parish and school community. Now, here are a few ways you can help your home parish, Presentation of Blessed Virgin Mary to continue its life changing ministries and thrive for another seventy or more years.

For our church:

- ❖ Help evangelize about our wonderful faith and parish! Bringing more families both old and new into the parish helps us to strengthen our community.
 - Invite a family that you know who left our parish during our troubled times to come back and experience Presentation today.
 - If you know a family or individual who has been looking but hasn't found their spiritual home yet, invite them to join you for a Sunday at Presentation.
 - Invite a new family to join you for some of the Homecoming festivities.
 - Bringing in even 100 more families can help to make a huge difference in the future of our parish.
 - Consider joining the evangelization efforts of the parish to be involved in any of the several activities of the evangelization team.
- ❖ Help us focus on building sustainable giving for the weekly collections. This will help us stabilize our present and future operations, replenish our Renew fund, and begin to pay down our debt.
- ❖ Examine your weekly contribution commitment. As the gospels say, "For where you treasure is, there will your heart be also."
- ❖ Consider your estate plan. In many cases, lifetime gifts to charities can help streamline the administration of an estate, and can avoid some tax consequences
- ❖ If cash contributions pose a possible difficulty, consider gifts of stocks or securities. Often, these types of gifts can be structured so as to avoid tax liabilities that might otherwise arise when you cash them out.
- ❖ Consider the online giving options available through Presentation's website. Did you know you can make a one-time credit card payment (if you happen to miss Mass some weekend) or even set up automatic deductions from your checking account so you don't need to bring an envelope every week?

Visit: <https://www.presentationofmary.org/> and click on the Online Giving button or scan the QR code.





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For our school:

- ❖ Do you shop on Amazon? Do you use Amazon Smile? If not, all you need to do is go to smile.amazon.com (instead of the regular Amazon site), and select Presentation of Mary School (in Maplewood) as your charity of choice. You pay the same prices, but Amazon contributes a portion of your purchase to the school. It works just like the Target Red Card used to, but you don't even have to leave home!
- ❖ Help to Support Presentation School's STREM Program. Your purchases of Omaha Steaks will support this important priority!
Visit <http://www.steaksforgood.com/fundraising/support>.
- ❖ Check with your employer to see if they match contributions to non-profits like schools. Many (like 3M, US Bank, Wells Fargo, and Thomson Reuters) will match dollar-for-dollar up to a certain threshold.
- ❖ Some employers will also award grants to organizations where their employees volunteer. Two families recently received a combined \$1,500 for the school just for reporting their volunteer hours for the school.
- ❖ Employers may also make it possible to do automatic deductions from your paycheck on a pre-set schedule to make it easier for you to support our school. Most of the time, these are matched!
- ❖ Just like the church, the school can accept online donations through the website.
- ❖ Consider a gift to the Angel Program. Many of our students need assistance to attend, and the Angel Program is a wonderful way to ensure that your contributions go directly to ensuring that these children can continue to enjoy the experience at Presentation that they love so much.
- ❖ Sponsor a student at Presentation to have the benefit of sound Catholic education.
- ❖ Attend the Panther Pride Auction in November. This annual event provides many fun ways to help support the school including games, raffles, and a silent and live auction. If you've attended in the past, you know how much fun it is, and a few new features this year promise to make it even more enjoyable!

And most importantly,

- ❖ Tell people about our amazing little school! Faith-centered education with small class sizes, amazing faculty, and a sense of community that is unmatched in any other area school are all great reasons families should consider Presentation, regardless of the age of their students.
 - We are building on a strong foundation for enrollment in our younger grades, but there is always room for more wonderful students to become part of our Presentation family!
 - Even 10 more students can go a long way to securing a brighter future for our school.

Fr. Benny, Staff and Parish Leadership Team.