

Our Lady Queen of Peace School  
Parent Letter  
February 26, 2025

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

February 27- Pep Rally

March Hot Lunch Orders Due

February 28th-PSA Family Fun Night

March 4th- Mardi Gras Pancake Breakfast

March 5th- Ash Wednesday

March 7th- Fish Fry

March 10th- Father/Daughter Dance Meeting

March 12th- Papa John's Fundraiser

Yearbook Orders Due

March 13th- First Reconciliation for 2nd grade

March 14th- End of 3rd Quarter

Fish Fry

March 17th-PK 3 Donuts With Dad

Girl Scouts

March 19th- Report Cards

March 21st- No School Day- School Improvement Day

Fish Fry

March 28th- Fish Fry

Attachments: March Lunch Calendar, Summer Camp, VBS, Family Night, Mother/son night, Fish Fry Flyer, Bethalto community night, Egg Contest template/instructions CM Clinic, Father/Daughter Dance

**THANK YOU**

Thank you to Bethalto KC members Mike Graf, Luke Kistner, and Blake Marth for the donation of their time and skills in installing a new electric service so that the KC food trailer can now be hooked up and positioned behind the gym during fish fry season. This will greatly improve the efficiency of many different aspects of the event. The fish fry committee appreciates your dedication and involvement.

**EASTER EGG CONTEST**

Students will be bringing home an egg to decorate for Easter for the school contest this week. All contest entries must be turned in by Wednesday, 3/5. They will be posted to

the school Facebook page and the egg in each category with the most reactions by Friday, 4/7 at 7pm will win a gift card. The eggs will be displayed in the gym foyer starting Friday 3/7. We will have a QR code displayed for Fish Fry and Volleyball visitors to vote as well. See attachment for more information. We are hoping that a lot of school kids will enter so we can decorate our hall for all the visitors to see our wonderful school.

### **PSA FAMILY FUN NIGHT**

Our next and last PSA Family Fun Night of the year (b/c of Lent being so late) is next Friday, 2/28 from 6pm-7:30PM in the school gym. It will be filled with all things Mardi Gras. This is a free event. Please RSVP to the school office ([cwoodiel@olqpbethalto.org](mailto:cwoodiel@olqpbethalto.org)) if your family plans on attending so we have enough food & supplies.

### **SCHOOL GROUNDS BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT**

We will have a meeting at 5:30 PM on Wednesday, March 5th in Mrs. Waldo's classroom to discuss some landscaping work for the school. (That date is Ash Wednesday, so we will be sure to end before Mass!) Our submission for the Madison County Green Schools 2025 Green Seed grant was recently approved, so we have an opportunity to make some cost-free improvements that will add beauty to our school and provide stewardship learning opportunities for the students. Please call Sam Waldo at 618-580-8725 if you are interested in helping with the planning, even if you are unable to attend the meeting.

### **AUCTION PROFIT UPDATE**

Thank you to all who made this year's auction a success, especially our school chair Augie & Alissa Diericx. The school made \$32,979 and Family Life made \$29,379.

### **PEP RALLY**

We have rescheduled the Catholic Schools Week pep rally for tomorrow Thursday, February 27th at 1:15. Students have a free dress day with blue/gold/spirit wear.

### **MARDI GRAS PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

We will be hosting a pancake breakfast on Tuesday, March 4, 2025 for the students. We will serve pancakes, sausage, bacon, milk, and orange juice. Students may dress in Mardi Gras colors this day.

### **VOLLEYBALL WORK SCHEDULE**

We still have a couple of shifts open for this weekend. Also, the Athletic Director had to reschedule a bunch of missed games for next week. The dates of 3/3, 3/4, and 3/6

have been added to the volunteer list. Please consider volunteering for a shift or two. Our Athletic Directors are just volunteers and appreciate your help. If your child plays volleyball, please sign up to help work. Service hours will be earned. Family Service hours are due for the year on 4/30/25.

Follow the link below to sign up.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0944A5AC2EA5F49-54430382-volleyball>

### **OLQP SUMMER CAMP**

OLQP is excited to announce we will be offering Summer Camp from Wednesday, 5/21/25- Friday, 5/30/25 for grades Pk4-6th (Fall of 2025). Camp is \$35/day from 8:30-3pm. We will offer a before and after care option. You must enroll in at least 3 days to attend but you can pick the days you would like your child to attend. Flyers are coming home this week. More information is posted on our website along with the electronic form to fill out to enroll. The link to the website is below. Please share the word that we are offering this on social media. Call the school office if you have any questions.

<https://www.olqpbethalto.org/student-life/summer-camp-2025.cfm>

VBS is going to be offered the week of 7/21/25-7/25/25. VBS is free. Like past years, we will offer before/after care for a minimal fee.

### **MOTHER/SON NIGHT**

Invites for the fun evening went home last week. Please send your reservations in along with food choice as soon as possible so we can get an idea of how many are attending this year and can purchase supplies.

There is also an Amazon wish list link posted below if anyone would like to donate an item for the evening to keep costs down for attendees.

[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1LSEA8SDGKFN3?ref=cm\\_sw\\_em\\_r\\_un\\_un\\_xssEVPzR53kYw](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1LSEA8SDGKFN3?ref=cm_sw_em_r_un_un_xssEVPzR53kYw)

### **FATHER/DAUGHTER NIGHT**

Invites for the Father/Daughter night are being sent home this week. Please send in your reservation and money in an envelope marked "Father/Daughter Night" into the school office.

The next planning meeting for the fun evening will be March 10th in the Enrichment Room at 6PM. All are welcome to attend.

### **SERVICE HOUR OPPORTUNITY**

We are going to put together a gift card raffle basket for the fish fry. Tickets will be sold during all 6 weeks of the fish fry season. The last evening at 7pm the winner will be drawn. We are asking for families to donate \$10 (and we will purchase SCRIP Cards from the church office) or a \$10 gift card to the school office. You will earn 1 service hour for your donation. Tickets will be sold for \$5 an entry or 5 entries for \$20. KEEP THE DONATIONS COMING!!!! We are up to \$210 collected.

## **FISH FRY INFO**

We need all hands on deck. This is one of our biggest fundraisers of the year. Last year in the 6 weeks we were open, we made over \$21,000 in profit. Like previous years.....we will rotate weekly jobs. You will follow the oldest child of the family's class assignment. The Fish Fry is open from 4-7pm on Fridays during Lent (March 5-April 11th). We are excited for some updates this year. We will now accept cards, cash, or checks. We also have an online To-Go order system up and working for this year. We are adding soda to the menu for \$1.00. Fruit punch, water, & tea is included with your meal as in years past.

If it is your class's week to work, please utilize Signup Genius to fill an open position. Students in grades 4th-8th can earn student service hours helping to clean-up, take out trash, and to wipe tables and trays. Please also utilize the sign up if your child plans to help. If it is your assignment to help serve, please look for Beth Bequette or Chrissy Woodiel when you arrive. If it is your turn to cleanup, please look for Kyle Hagaman when you arrive to help for instructions. If you are helping with dessert/soda stations or in the kitchen, please see Lyndsey Perez for instructions when you arrive. When it is your class's turn to donate soda and dessert, you can earn 2 service hours from your donation of both items on your class's week. Please drop off items at Thursday pickup or Friday morning drop off. Earn service hours from as many shifts you would like to sign up to help. Each family in PK4-8th is required to earn 20 family service hours a year and PK3 only families are required to obtain 10 service hours a year. Service hours are due by 4/30/25. Follow the links below to sign up yourself or your child. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

### **ADULT HELP SIGN UPLINK**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0944A5AC2EA5F49-55121141-fish>

### **STUDENT HELP SIGN UP LINK**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0944A5AC2EA5F49-55197244-fish>

## **Assignments:**

### **Week 1 (3/7)-**

**Help Serve-** *PK3, 1st, 4th, 7th*

**Help Cleanup-** *PK4, 2nd, 5th, 8th*

**Donate 1 pack of (12 sodas) Soda & 1 Non- Refrigerated Dessert to feed 20-24 people-** *K, 3rd, 6th*

**Week 2 (3/14)-**

**Help Serve-** *PK4, 2nd, 5th, 8th*

**Help Cleanup-** *K, 3rd, 6th*

**Donate 1 pack of (12 sodas) Soda & 1 Non- Refrigerated Dessert to feed 20-24 people-** *PK3, 1st, 4th, 7th*

**Week 3 (3/21)-**

**Help Serve-** *K, 3rd, 6th*

**Help Cleanup-** *PK3, 1st, 4th, 7th*

**Donate 1 pack of (12 sodas) Soda & 1 Non- Refrigerated Dessert to feed 20-24 people-** *PK4, 2nd, 5th, 8th*

**Week 4 (3/28)-**

**Help Serve-** *PK3, 1st, 4th, 7th*

**Help Cleanup-** *PK4, 2nd, 5th, 8th*

**Donate 1 pack of (12 sodas) Soda & 1 Non- Refrigerated Dessert to feed 20-24 people-** *K, 3rd, 6th*

**Week 5 (4/4)-**

**Help Serve-** *PK4, 2nd, 5th, 8th*

**Help Cleanup-** *K, 3rd, 6th*

**Donate 1 pack of (12 sodas) Soda & 1 Non- Refrigerated Dessert to feed 20-24 people-** *PK3, 1st, 4th, 7th*

## **Week 6 (4/11)-**

**Help Serve-** *K, 3rd, 6th*

**Help Cleanup-** *PK3, 1st, 4th, 7th*

**Donate 1 pack of (12 sodas) Soda & 1 Non- Refrigerated Dessert to feed 20-24 people-***PK4, 2nd, 5th, 8th*

### **FISH FRY TO-GO ORDERS**

Follow the link below to place a to-go fish fry order every Friday.

<https://olqp-fish-fry.weebly.com/#/>

### **FISH FRY DINE-IN**

Dine-In will be all you can eat. Adults cost \$15/person and kids cost \$6/person. The fish fry is open from 4pm-7pm the first 6 Fridays of lent ( March 5th-April 11th.)

### **MADISON COUNTY GREEN SCHOOLS**

Continue sending in plastic for our recycling project. We collected 248 pounds of plastic so far! We are falling behind in the plastic collection. Please send in any plastic you might have at home: grocery bags, toilet paper/paper towel wrappings, Amazon packages...

### **HOT LUNCH**

Weekly orders for the week of 3/3 - 3/7 are due Thursday, 2/27/25 by 9AM. Lunch is \$3.50 and includes milk. Send lunch order/money in an envelope marked "Hot Lunch" with days your child would like to order into the school office by the deadline. The March menu went home last week. **March monthly orders are due by Thursday 2/27/25 by 9AM.**

### **MADISON COMMUNICATIONS TEACHER OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS**

From March 1st-March 31st you may nominate a teacher who has made a difference for you or your child. Follow the link below starting on Saturday, March 1st to nominate a teacher. Once nominations are over, you may begin to vote for your favorite from the list. Voting is from 4/1/25-4/30/25. You may vote once per day. The top 5 teachers will win \$500 for their classrooms and a classroom pizza party for their students.

<https://gomadison.com/teacher-of-the-year/>

## **YEARBOOKS**

Use the link below to order this year's yearbook. Use code 92475W for our school.  
Orders are due by Wednesday, 3/12/25

[www.inter-state.com/order](http://www.inter-state.com/order)

## **SPORTS OPPORTUNITIES**

Attached you will see a basketball clinic being offered by CM.

## **SERVERS**

Saturday 3/1- 4:30PM- Clayton Pritchett and Camryn Friedel

Sunday 3/2- 8:30AM- Adult servers

10:30AM- Ellie Waldo and William Wolff

Saturday 3/8- 4:30PM- Josie Hagaman and Hudson Hall

Sunday 3/9- 8:30AM- Ryder Williams and Abe Diericx

10:30AM- Ben Cripps and Layne Frisch

## **CHURCH NEWS**

\*If you have any questions about the following, please contact the church office for more info.

LADIES GROUP- Our gatherings are changing! We will begin meeting again on Wednesday, March 12, at 9:30 am, and we will begin a Bible Study. Our meetings will be held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month. We are excited for these changes, and we hope many of you will join us!

PRAYER GROUP-We will meet February 25, 6 pm, in church. Everyone welcome!!!

40 Days For Life- You are invited to join other Christians for 40 Days For Life. 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. Stand and peacefully pray outside the Hope Clinic in Granite City. Visit [www.40daysgc.com](http://www.40daysgc.com) for more info. Our parish has adopted Wednesday, March 12th. We need 2 people per hour to pray outside of the clinic from 7AM-7PM. We need a total of 24 people to each take 1 hour. The deadline to register is March 8th. Contact Jim Albarado to register.

Sunday Offerings- **Weekends of 2/15/25-2/16/25**

Loose \$342.00

Envelopes \$9,328.20

Online Giving \$2,664.20

Young People (Offering Envelopes) \$1.00

**TOTAL COLLECTED-** \$12,335.40

- **Operating Budget \$15,391.25**

- Tithe to Diocese \$1,500

**Difference=-\$4,555.85**

**Total Envelopes received- 99**

**Online Donations- 44**

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. ~Galatians 5:22-23