

Our Lady Queen of Peace School  
Parent Letter  
March 5, 2025

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

March 5th- Ash Wednesday  
March 7th- Fish Fry  
March 10th- Father/Daughter Dance Meeting  
March 12th- Papa John's Fundraiser  
Yearbook Orders Due  
8th Grade Night Volleyball  
March 13th- First Reconciliation for 2nd grade  
Space Camp Lunch Orders Due  
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, Mother/son night, Fish Fry  
Flyer , Father/Daughter Dance, Field Day Order Form

**OPEN FISH FRY SHIFTS THIS FRIDAY, 3/7/25**

Grades- **PK3, 1st, 4th, & 7th** grade families are assigned to help during the Fish Fry  
this week. This applies only if your oldest child at the school falls in one of these  
classes. However, if your family still needs service hours we will gladly take the help.

3:45PM-5PM- 2 More Line Servers  
1 Drink Station Person  
1 Soda Seller Person

5PM-6PM- 2 More Line Servers  
1 Raffle Basket Ticket Seller Person  
1 Soda Seller Person

6PM-7:00PM- 4 More Line Servers

1 Cut, Plate, Refill Dessert Person

1 Raffle Basket Ticket Seller Person

1 Drink Station Person

1 Soda Seller Person

CLEANUP- Grades ***PK4, 2nd, 5th, & 8th***

5 more people

Please use the sign up link in this parent letter if you are able to help so we know we have the shifts covered.

### **AFTER CARE PICK UP ON FRIDAY DURING LENT**

Due to the fish fry being held in the gym, after care on Fridays during Lent will be held in the PreK 3 year old classroom. Please knock on the Preschool door (on St. Mary's Street) and Mrs. Beth will let you in. We are doing this to ensure the safety of our students and to alleviate congestion in the gym lobby.

### **TUITION ASSISTANCE**

If you are a church family and will need financial assistance for tuition next school year (2025/2026), please follow the link below to apply. Applications for financial assistance for next school year are due on Tuesday, 4/15/25.

<https://online.factsmgt.com/grant-aid/inst/3GLYJ/landing-page>

### **UNIFORM SHORTS**

Daylight Savings Time begins this Sunday, 3/9/25. Uniform shorts may be worn again starting Monday, 3/10/25.

### **EASTER EGG CONTEST**

Please vote starting on Friday, 4/7/25 for your favorite eggs. Eggs will be posted on Facebook and the egg with the most reactions in each grade category will win a Dairy Queen Gift Card.

### **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.

### **SPRING FLING CHAIR**

The Spring Fling will be held on Sunday, 5/4/25. This is a fundraiser that goes directly to the school. Please contact the school office if you would like to chair this event and earn all of your service hours for the 2025-2026 school year! We will assist in the planning.

### **VOLLEYBALL WORK SCHEDULE**

We still have a couple of shifts open for this weekend. We still need help with admission and concession this Thursday 3/6. 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 a couple of weeks ago. 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 were sent home. 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.

### **FIELD DAY SHIRTS**

Field Day shirt order forms were sent home this week. The PSA has agreed to pay half the cost of the shirts. Parents will owe \$6.00/shirt. Students will be able to wear this during Field Day on Monday, 5/19/25. Order forms are due back by Thursday, 4/10/25.

### **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 7-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 7th-April 11th.)

**MADISON COUNTY GREEN SCHOOLS**

Continue sending in plastic for our recycling project. We collected 279.5 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 3/10 - 3/14 are due Thursday, 3/6/25 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. The April menu went home this week.

### **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)

### **SERVERS**

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

Saturday 3/15- 4:30PM- Levi and Abe Woodiel

Sunday 3/16- 8:30AM- Logan and Conner Stutz

10:30AM- Ryder and Reid Bouillon

### **CHURCH NEWS**

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

EVENINGS OF REFLECTION- Every Monday from 7pm-8pm during Lent, we will have an "Evening of Reflection", to include prayer time, Adoration, and Benediction. Father Tom will be leading the first evening on March 10th.

SEDER MEAL- On Sunday, 3/23, everyone is invited to this Seder Meal, which commemorates the Israelites' journey from slavery to Egypt to freedom. More info to come.

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION- Throughout the season of Lent, Father Tom is available for Confession, beginning 45 minutes before every Mass, every day, except for 10:30AM Sunday Mass.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS- On all Fridays of Lent at 2:15PM & 6:30PM.

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!

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.

COMMUNITY 55- The next meeting is Thursday, 3/13/25 at 11:30AM at the Eagles Nest in Bethalto. Call Kris Magee to sign up.

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**

"By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return." ~Genesis 3:19