From the Desk of Ms. Miller:

Please keep our 8th graders and the chaperones in your thoughts and prayers as they travel to Washington D.C. this Thursday through Saturday. They have worked hard to fundraise and earn this informational and fun-filled trip.

Mark your calendars:
Mass with special intentions for Academic Teams, Saturday, May 18th, 5:30pm, with reception to follow.
Our Talent Show is scheduled to follow Mass on Friday, May 24th.

Next Monday is the Graduate Liturgy at St. Matthew’s Cathedral for our 8th graders. Please keep them in your prayers and special intentions as they finish their last month at Queen of Peace. Seating is limited, not open to the public.

Our PeaceFest Team is implementing a “Design the 2019 PeaceFest T-shirt Contest.” Please see the details below for entry information.

Who is eligible: All current Queen of Peace students from preschool through eighth grade.
Theme: “Come and See” on the front. “PeaceFest” on the back. Use your imaginations when including these two themes!
Due date: Monday May 13th.
Winner will receive a free T-shirt and an age appropriate gift certificate.

Our 4th graders are going on their Conner Prairie field trip a week from today. Join me in praying for a safe and fun trip for them.

Our 5th graders will be practicing their Spanish speaking skills by attending a Spanish Mass at Our Lady of Hungary Parish in South Bend followed by lunch at a Mexican restaurant where they will be expected to order in Spanish. A special thanks goes out to Mr. Tom Dixon for volunteering his time to help arrange this trip as well as preparing the students to participate in the Spanish Mass.

Our next Spirit Day is next Thursday, May 23rd. Student Government is asking that all participants dress in all black as a BLACK OUT Spirit Day. This is a fun way to make one of our last spirit days just a little different. So, please send your children to school that day in as much black as they have.

Change of date for our HASA meeting it will take place on Thursday, May 23rd at 6:30 Please plan on joining us.
FINE ARTS EXHIBIT
Please join us on Thursday, May 23rd from 2:00-3:30 to view your students amazing art on display in the Commons.

SAVE THE DATE FOR QP TALENT SHOW
ON MAY 24th at 9:30 AM

BUSINESS OFFICE NEWS
As we are preparing for the 2019-2020 school year, please make note of the following:

Financial aid award letters will be distributed soon. Depending on the type of aid you receive, your signature may be required on necessary documents. Please be prompt in returning all documents that need to be signed to the business office directly or via the communication envelope.

Please review the financial account information that you have assigned to both your FACTS tuition and incidental accounts. We will use the information that we have on file for next year's billing unless you log on to FACTS to update with new information at least five business days before the scheduled withdrawal.

Please feel free to contact the business office at 255-9674 or via email at business office@queenofpeace.cc should you have any questions or require assistance.

Job Opportunities at Queen of Peace Catholic Church and School
we are currently hiring for the following positions:

* Director of Religious Education/Evangelization
* Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry
* Custodian/Groundskeeper
* Educational Assistant (2 positions)

Queen of Peace Church and School is an equal opportunity employer. If you are interested in joining our team, please review the job descriptions for these positions on our website and submit a job application. A cover letter and resume are required for Director and Educational Assistant positions. Please submit application materials to Laurie Haverty, Parish Administrator by May 21st via email at lhaverty@queenofpeace.cc.

DESIGN THE 2019 PEACEFEST T-SHIRT CONTEST
Who is eligible: All current Queen of Peace students from preschool through eighth grade.

Theme: “Come and See” on the front. “Peacefest” on the back. Use your imaginations when including these two themes!

Design your T-Shirt on paper with markers. Submit your artwork to the school office no later than May 13th.

Due date: Monday May 13th.
Winner will receive a free T-shirt and Scrip of Choice.

PAPA VINO DINNER
The adult and youth choirs is sponsoring a Papa Vino Spaghetti Dinner tomorrow. Tickets are still available in the Parish office.

SAVE THE DATE
Vacation Bible School is July 22-26!
Registration is open now! Go to our website to register.

NOW HIRING

HASA
This week's HASA update is going to touch on many aspects of the human condition. It is a tale with some sadness, regret, an apology, and finally a sunny helping of hope. It is with such sadness and regret that I must inform you that this year's Daddy-Daughter Dance will be cancelled. We have suffered a number of setbacks with losing multiple volunteers to coordinate and produce this event and I cannot pull this one off alone. I have spoken to many parents and parishioners who were looking forward to this event, and I personally feel ashamed and sorry that as HASA President; I have failed all of you in my leadership duties to get this event done. I will not be hiding in witness protection so please feel free to discuss concerns or complaints that you may have when you see me next. Now because life is not static, we must move on. Please consider donating to our Teacher Appreciation Gift drive as we have extended the contribution deadline to Friday 5/10. If you’re sensing a theme here, we keep pushing dates because of the low-response rate to requests for help. You can return the flyer that was sent home last week or the new one that is in today’s envelope or email HASA@queenofpeace.cc with your family name and amount that you would like to donate. Lastly I would like to leave you with a hopeful challenge; if you have concerns, compliments, or ideas about the direction of anything school related at Queen of Peace please plan on attending our last HASA meeting of the year. It will be Thursday 5/23 @ 6:30pm in the commons. We are still looking to fill the Secretary and Vice-President positions on our 2019-2020 board at that meeting. We will also be having a great meal and reviewing our current year, planning next year, and getting a report from Principal Jill Miller on the result of the mid-year survey. Please prayerfully consider attending; you input, ideas, and opinions good or bad are most welcome.
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FIELD DAY

Friday, June 7th

It's time to celebrate a year of hard work by students and staff. Along with traditional Field Day activities the festivities begin with a picnic style lunch served outside, followed by students rotating to various stations of games, activities, and competitions. HASA will be providing a special treat. Please sign up to make the day a success!

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!!

Return your volunteer form by Thursday, May 23rd. This is a great way to earn your remaining balance of service points.

Name: ___________________________ Phone: ___________________________

Email: ___________________________

_______ 10:00-11:30 Set-up/Lunch Preparations
_______ 11:30-12:15 Serving Lunch/Clean-Up
_______ 12:15-2:45 Game/Activity Stations/Clean Up

_____ Will you be joining your student(s) for lunch.

_____ Number of Parents attending. (this event is for QP students only)
Queen of Peace Talent Show

Sign up to share your talents with the Queen of Peace community!
Date: Friday May 24, 2019
Time: 9:30am in the gym
Practice on Monday, May 20 and/or Tuesday, May 21 after school until 4PM
Return to the school office by Friday, May 17
Questions? Email: zokello@queenofpeace.cc

NAME: ________________________________

GRADE: ______________

TALENT: ________________________________
*LAST CALL FOR 2019 Teacher Appreciation Week*

We have extended this for one more day!

The parents of the Queen of Peace Home and School Association are once again planning our annual Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week.

Every year HASA takes the lead in honoring our schools hard working, dedicated teachers and their outstanding support staff with a week of service, food, and a gift. We depend greatly on the parents of our families to donate generously of their time, talent, and treasure during this important week. Our “Where dreams come true, because of you!” celebration starts Monday, May 6th and last all week. Let's treat our teachers and staff to some fabulous food, treats and a break from morning car and/or recess duty.

As a parent I feel that Queen of Peace is very blessed to have such a wonderful group of teachers. Every teacher and staff member is an asset to our school and the parents and students are privileged to be a part of this.

Will you join our HASA parent members, student council representatives and principal, Jill Miller in giving our teachers a big Thank You! We are asking parents to volunteer using the SignUp Genius link on the parish website to help provide meal and snack items or to volunteer for car duty, recess monitoring, and lunch room duty so that our dedicated staff can enjoy all that we have planned for them. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at HASA@queenofpeace.cc.

Each year we solicit donations from families to be used to award each of our teachers and staff members SCRIP of Choice. Please complete the section below and return it with your envelope or snap a photo and email it to HASA if you would like to donate more anonymously. Or lastly, you can skip the form and just email us a short note with the family name on your FACTS account and amount to donate by Friday, May 10th. All donations will be deducted from your FACTS account on May 31st. Thank you,

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Thoughtful Moments

St. John Baptist de Rossi
Born in Voltaggio, Italy, St. John Baptist de Rossi was born to devout, middle-class parents. An excellent student, he was invited to join the Roman College. Ten years later, John was ordained a priest. He spent his days serving the sick and his nights ministering to the poor people of the street. He was especially moved by the suffering of homeless women and bought a house as a hospice for them to stay in.

Make peace
No one wants to be bullied. As Christians, however, we have to be the ones to attempt peace. "Do not repay anyone evil for evil ... If possible, on your part, live at peace with all" (Romans 12:17-18). Our solutions must be biblical, not societal.

"Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband, too, praises her: "Many are the women of proven worth, but you have excelled them all" (Proverbs 31:28-29).

Mary gives us her Mother's heart
In the month of May, we honor Mary who was dedicated to bringing the Savior to humanity. Now that she is in Heaven, she continues to bring our concerns to her Son. Praying the "Hail Mary" honors our Heavenly Mother as our mother, too.

Hail Mary, full of grace. Conceived without Original Sin, Mary was predisposed to holiness. Grace helped her to live a difficult life sinless.

The Lord is with thee. Blessed are thou among women: Mary was honored to be chosen as Jesus' mother.

Blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Mary knew that her Son was divine but she also knew what the prophets wrote about how he would suffer and die. As his mother, she shared his joys and his suffering.

Holy Mary, Mother of God. Mary loved her child even more than the rest of us because he was her Lord and Savior, too.

Pray for us sinners. When Jesus took his last breaths on the Cross, Mary's job of being Mother of the Savior broadened to becoming Mother of the world. Now she cares for us.

Now and at the hour of death. On Earth, Mary brought her Son to us. Now she brings us to the heart of her Son. She prays for us always because that's what a mother does. Amen.

Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics call Mary "the Mother of the Church"?

Before he died, Jesus gave us his mother to be our mother. Looking down from the cross, Jesus saw Mary and St. John, and said, "Woman, behold, your son..." and to John, "Behold your mother" (John 19:26-27).

Mary's motherhood for us is spiritual, yet very real. From the birth of the Church at Pentecost until her Assumption into Heaven, Mary nurtured and accompanied the early Church. She continues to support us today from her place in Heaven by her prayers.
Build up your child's conscience

Temptations come at our children from all directions. A strong conscience is a surefire way to help fight temptation. Here are some suggestions:

Obedience before understanding. Expect youngsters to do what is right as young an age as possible, instead of waiting until they can understand why. Then good behavior is a habit that will be hard to break.

Right and wrong are not negotiable. Peers can devise clever arguments to justify sinful behavior, but right and wrong are absolutes. As Catholics we know that “right” is anything God has told us to do, and we have Scripture, the Catechism, and other reliable sources from which to draw. Anything counter to this is wrong.

Repent and repair. If a child does something wrong, he needs to make amends. This means to ask forgiveness of the person hurt, repair the damage, and make things right with God through Confession. When wronged, he must forgive and move on.

Demonstrate love. When youngsters feel loved, they are more receptive to our guidance.

Scripture Lesson

John 14:23-29, “I will come back to you.”

This Gospel reading comes from Jesus’ Farewell Speech at the Last Supper. After spending three years together, he had to prepare the close-knit group for his departure. He was going to suffer, die, and rise again. After that night, everything would be different: they would not see him in the same way again.

Yet he promised he would not leave them orphans. He wouldn’t abandon them. He assured them that he would remain with them if they loved him and kept his word. Jesus would send the Holy Spirit to guide, comfort, teach, and remind them of all he had taught them. Lastly, he promised them—and us—that he would return.

What can a parent do? Remind children Jesus is still present among us today in the Church. Tell them that we meet him in prayer, encounter him in the sacraments, hear him in the Scriptures, and receive him in the Eucharist at Mass. Encourage them to pray to him whenever they want. He loves them always and is never too busy or too far away to help them.

Parent Talk

May Crowning has always been one of my favorite parish events and I look forward to it every year. Last year, we were out of town and missed it for the first time in years. To make me feel better, my girls decided to do our own May Crowning in our backyard.

First, they brought out the largest statue of Mary we have. We placed her in our garden and planted some colorful flowers around her to surround her with color.

After doing some research, they put together a service, complete with programs. We sang some of our favorite Marian hymns, like Ave Maria, and Hail Holy Queen Enthroned Above. After reciting the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we placed a crown of flowers on the statue’s head and recited the Rosary.

While it was no substitute for the parish celebration, I loved honoring our Mother in this special way.

Feasts & Celebrations

May 1 – St. Joseph the Worker (1st century). Entrusted with the care of the Blessed Mother and Jesus, Joseph was a humble carpenter who was dedicated to his family and obedient to God.

May 14 – St. Maria Dominic Mazzarello (1881). Born near Genoa, Italy, she and a friend worked as dressmakers and started a boarding school for girls. Inspired by a vision, she worked with St. John Bosco to found the Salesian Sisters, and became its mother superior. She founded several houses in Italy and France.

May 21 – St. Christopher Magallanes and Companions (1937). Fr. Christopher Magallanes was part of the Catholic Action Movement in Mexico, resisting the anti-Catholic Mexican government. Despite great persecution, he established a seminary at Totauiche. Eventually, he was arrested, tortured, and martyred.

May 30 – Ascension of the Lord (1st century). This solemnity marks the completion of Jesus’ mission of salvation and his triumphant entry into Heaven. Note: In many dioceses, observance of Ascension has been moved to the following Sunday.

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Keep your brain in gear

When the school year ends, the learning doesn’t have to. Keep your tween’s mind active all summer long with ideas like these.

Take up a hobby
A hobby gives your child a meaningful way to spend time while she practices various skills. For example, knitting requires math and attention to detail. And chess promotes strategic thinking and patience. She could take a community center class or watch how-to videos. Then, suggest that she set a goal like knitting a scarf or beating you at chess before summer ends!

Explore the community
Visiting new places will build your tween’s general knowledge. You might tour a museum or hike in a state park, for instance. During your adventures, encourage her to ask a docent or ranger questions or to read signs to learn about the exhibits or wildlife.

Look ahead to fall
Your child can get a head start on a subject she’ll study in school next year. For example, if she’ll take Spanish, she could download a free app to begin learning greetings and other phrases. Or if she signed up for engineering, she might look online for projects to try like designing a water bottle rocket or a solar panel.

Summer routines
Setting up a routine can add structure to your child’s summer on days when he’s home. Try these tips.

■ Eating. Plan regular family meals to stay connected with your middle grader. Also, have him help you stock healthy snacks and lunches he can prepare on his own if you’re not home.

■ Sleeping. Getting enough sleep is important for good health year-round. Set a reasonable bedtime, and have your tween get up by a set time. This is especially important toward the end of summer so he’ll be ready to return to his school schedule.

■ Chores. Keep your child in the routine of having regular responsibilities. You might give him a list of jobs for the week (laundry, vacuuming) and let him decide which day he’ll do each task.
Ways to handle peer pressure

Peer pressure can be positive when friends motivate your middle grader to read a good book or work out. But when he's pressured to do things that aren't good for him, he needs to be able to resist. Share these strategies.

Listen to instincts. If your tween is pressured to do something he knows isn't right (shoplifting, bullying), suggest that he ask himself, “Would I want my parents to know?” or “Is this safe (legal, kind)?” If the answer is no, he should listen to his instincts.

Break into coding

Learning to code will make your child a better logical thinker and problem solver. It could even lead to a career one day. Spark her interest with these suggestions:

- Can your tween and a friend draw identical pictures without seeing each other's papers? First, each person draws a 10-by-10 grid on her own paper. One person secretly chooses a crayon and draws a shape in any box on her grid. Then, she writes code telling the other person how to copy her drawing (starting in the bottom left-hand corner of her paper). Example: R3 U2 BT = move right three boxes, move up two, draw a blue triangle. Now it's the other person's turn to draw a shape and write code. After a few rounds, they can see if their drawings match.

- Help your middle grader find a computer class or club at school or the public library. Maybe she'll create a mobile app or build a Lego robot. Or she might use coding to make online games at a site like code.org.

Q & A

Building sibling bonds

Q My daughters are busy with their own friends and don't spend a lot of time together. How can I help them be closer?

A Suggest that your girls set aside “sister time” on a regular basis. They could take turns deciding what to do. Maybe your older daughter will teach her little sister to bake. Or perhaps your younger one will show her big sister a science project she did in school. They might even find ways to combine their talents or interests—say, by doing food-related science experiments.

Encouraging your daughters to support each other will also strengthen their relationship. Say your younger one is disappointed about not getting invited to a sleepover. Quietly suggest to your older daughter that it would mean a lot if she comforted her little sister. She might show her funny videos or write a note about why she's a great sister, for instance.

Parent to Parent

'Zines by tweens

My son Brian recently submitted a short story about pet adoption to a teen magazine. That gave him the idea to publish his own 'zine, which he explained is a mini print magazine. He decided to focus on animal welfare and call his 'zine Paws and Claws.

In each issue, he highlights an animal in need of adoption. He prints a photo and description from our local shelter's website and pastes them into his 'zine. The 'zine also features the adventures of his rescue hedgehog. He takes pictures of Hedgie curled into a ball or snuggled up in a blanket and writes funny captions.

Now each month, Brian makes photocopies of his 'zine and mails them to friends and relatives. Sometimes he even gets “fan mail,” which motivates him to keep writing.

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Summer learning traditions

Your child has spent the entire school year learning new things. Help him hang onto that knowledge, and learn even more, by starting summer traditions like these.

**STEM Olympics**

Boost your youngster’s STEM skills with a series of household engineering competitions. For the first contest, each person could build a catapult with craft sticks and rubber bands. See whose catapult can launch a ball the farthest. Next, maybe family members will compete to engineer a boat that carries the most pennies without sinking.

**Family celebrations**

Have your child use math to plan special events, such as an Independence Day cookout. Give him a budget, and let him look through grocery and dollar store flyers for the best prices on ingredients and supplies. He should list items and prices, and add up the total. Next, perhaps he’ll host a National Ice Cream Day party on July 21 or a back-to-school celebration the last weekend of summer break.

**Reading pals**

For a fun way to stay in touch—and practice reading—help your youngster find a relative to be his reading pal. Maybe he and his grandfather will take turns reading chapters of a novel via video chat. Or record a video of your younger reading a book to send to a younger cousin. The little one can do the same to show her big cousin how she’s learning to read.

Let’s limit screen time

For a healthier body and mind, your youngster needs to fill her days with something other than screen time. Here’s how to encourage physical activity and real-life interactions:

- Decide on a daily screen time limit that is right for your family. Then, create rules to enforce the limit, such as “Play outside every day” and “Screen time ends at least one hour before bedtime.”
- Be a role model by putting away devices yourself. For example, avoid using your phone when you’re talking to or playing with your youngster. Or turn off the TV, and announce that it’s time for a walk together.
Beyond please and thank you

Whether your child is at home, in public, or at someone else’s house, using good manners shows respect for others. Consider these tips.

**Acknowledge visitors.** Explain how to welcome guests. If your youngster is playing a game and people visit, she should stop and chat.

**What’s in the newspaper?**

A newspaper brings plenty of learning opportunities to your youngster’s doorstep. Take advantage of the paper with these activities.

**Alphabet grab bag**

Let your child cut out individual letters from headlines and use them to spell as many words as possible. He might also make sentences using uppercase and lowercase letters.

**Comic relief**

Your youngster can put events in a logical sequence with this idea. Cut out comic strip panels, mix them up, and ask him to arrange them in the right order. For a bigger challenge, mix up panels from several comic strips for him to sort and put in order.

**Picture this**

Have your child practice critical thinking. Cut out a newspaper photograph and show it to him without the caption or article. Can he figure out what the article is about? He could create a caption for the photo, then read the article to see if his caption makes sense.

Likewise, let her know to acknowledge when they leave by walking them to the door and saying goodbye.

**Share public spaces.**

When you use an escalator, you might say to your child, “We’re standing on the right side. The left side is for walking.” Or while waiting for the elevator, you could tell her, “Let’s step back so people can get off before we get on.”

**Answer politely.** “Would you like pretzels or grapes?” When your child is offered options at someone else’s home, she may think it’s good manners to reply, “Either one.” Point out that it’s more helpful for the host if she says what she wants. (“I’d like grapes, thank you.”)

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**Musical experiences**

**Q:** My daughter loves music class in school. She said she’ll miss it this summer. Any ideas for “music class” at home?

**A:** It’s great that your child likes music. In addition to bringing lifelong enjoyment, music can improve math and language skills by helping her recognize patterns and build vocabulary.

Luckily, music is everywhere. Explore styles by listening to different radio stations in the car. Or let her ask your smart speaker to play everything from rock and jazz to classical and bluegrass. Encourage your daughter to discover favorite genres and songs and to sing and clap along.

If your community has a summer concert series, plan to attend a few shows together. She’ll get to see and hear a variety of instruments—not only guitars and drums, but perhaps banjos, bagpipes, or accordions. Also, check the parks and recreation department for low-cost music classes. Maybe she’ll learn to read music, sing harmonies, or even play the ukulele.

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**Parent to Parent**

During a recent PTA meeting, parents were brainstorming low-cost gift ideas for Teacher Appreciation Week May 6–10. I wanted my son Aiden to recognize what his teachers do for him, so I wrote down the suggestions for him to choose from.

My son decided to put candy, pencils, and sticky notes into a jar for his classroom teacher. On the pad’s top note, he wrote, “Thank you for teaching me to write!” Since his art teacher’s favorite color is yellow, he’s making her a yellow-themed goody bag with dollar store items—including highlighters with a note saying, “You shine bright!”

Aiden is enjoying putting together the gifts. He can’t wait to hand them out and express his appreciation.